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Aurora: 1

I was humming in front of the mirror while getting ready. This morning, Sebastian tortured me a lot with his tongue and fingers.

Why?

Because he wanted me to move in with him. I watched my reflection in the mirror, and the odd thing was, I could no longer see those holes.

Today, I could only see the beauty Sebastian saw in me.

Urgh!

I placed the hairbrush down and ran a hand through my hair. At breakfast, I told him that I was planning to get a haircut, and he took a long sniff before asking me to let it grow.

"Anything for you, prince!" I muttered, looking at myself.

Sebastian had to leave this morning for some fu*ckinh meeting. He didn't want to let me go, but I think that was for the best, or people in the palace might think we weren't planning to come out of the room.

Very slowly, without thinking, I was falling for

the man. He was making me feel like he was blind to everything else when I was there.

A soft knock pulled me back from my thoughts, "Breakfast, miss," Emily's voice drifted in before she entered with a tray.

I turned and tried to cover my face with the mask, "Thank you, Emily."

She gave me a small nod and stepped back; her hands were folded in front of her. Her gaze lingered on me for a beat too long, but she said nothing.

I was not able to make eye contact with her. As a maid, she knew I hadn't come out of my room for the last two days, and the king was here.

She was supposed to place our meal trays outside the door and then collect them later from there.

Maybe there were questions racing in her mind, but as a Beta's daughter, I knew how to treat servants.

We couldn't involve them in our private matters, nor were we allowed to gossip with them.

I sat down, and unexpectedly, my hands reached for the cup of coffee first. My lips twitched into a smile before I tasted the rich liquid.

"Mmm," I closed my eyes for a moment, savoring

the taste, and tried not to remember how Sebastian warned me not to make such sounds.

Emily shifted slightly, and that was when I realized that I wasn't alone. I glanced up and caught the faintest flicker of something I couldn't name.

However, she hid it quickly, dipping her head as though it wasn't there at all.

"You don't like this juice?" she asked quietly,
"Should I bring a fresh glass?"

"No," I straightened, shaking my head, "I just feel like having coffee... You bring perfect juices, Emily."

And then the word 'juices' reminded me of Sebastian... how he licked...

Behave yourself, Aurora!

I gasped internally, my coffee cup frozen near my lips.

D...did... I... did I just call myself Aurora?

Spending two days with Sebastian had made me remember my identity?

"Ma'am?" Emily's uncertain voice reached my ears, "Should I bring you another cup?"

In my haste, I took a big chug of hot coffee and regretted it.

"Be careful, Miss Phoenix," she quickly offered me the chilled juice to cool my tongue. And for some reason, I didn't like the name a bit. 2

The name Phoenix Black provided me shelter for two years, and here I was ready to ditch it.

"That's because of Sebastian," My wolf stretched in my head with a sly grin. She had a good time with Sebastian's Lycan last night, and I could feel that they were connected now.

"I don't know how I will face the warriors," I thought in nervousness. As a head warrior, I was supposed to be with them and train alongside... Instead of fu*cking their king. Ha-ha.

I rolled my lips between my teeth and thanked Moon Goddess silently for the mask I was wearing, or Emily, after seeing me smiling like a silly ape, might have thought that I had gone crazy.

"Ask the cleaning lady to change the sheets," I instructed her, and took a bite of my crispy toast.

"I'll do it myself, ma'am," she offered me a formal smile, but I shook my head.

"And why would you do that?" I eyed her in



curiosity, "Just ask the lady and get done..."

Wait. Why was she blushing?

"Ma'am... the bathroom bins... there was a discarded condom... so we don't need anyone talking in the palace. Rumors spread fast," she was kind of reciting it all this quite mechanically with her eyes cast down.

Thank Goddess I didn't choke at this.

That was the only time Sebastian used the sock; otherwise, I didn't let him go whenever he...

I cleared my throat and finished my toast in one go, "Okay," I cleared my throat awkwardly, "Do that."

After dressing up in my uniform, I checked the mask on my face and went out.

While going to the ground, my heart was sinking.

"Come on. What are you so scared of?" Aria sounded irritated, "Who the fu*ck are they to ask you such questions?"

"Don't be a bitch, Aria," I walked through the quiet hallway, noticing that there weren't any maids working there, "If I tell them that I had a fever, what impression will they get? A head warrior couldn't join the drills because she was too weak to attend them."

"You're getting worried for nothing," she waved her hand casually.

Yeah. She could say that. After all, she was hidden inside while I was the one facing them.

The moment I stepped on the ground, all the warriors rushed towards me.

Oh, Goddess. Please save me. I made a silent prayer and tried to smile.

"Hey, Phoenix. Why was your phone off? We were trying to contact you?" Gavin asked me in concern.

What? My phone was off?

"Of course," Aria shrugged, and I could detect mischief in her voice, "Usually gadgets stop working when you don't charge them on time."

Shit!

"Yeah. Thanks to Beta Hunter, who was keeping us updated about the contract signing," Peter nodded at me. 1

I was about to tell them how I was so weak that I couldn't walk. Which was true, by the way.

Wait. What? Contract signing?

My head snapped up in shock, but they didn't seem to notice it.

"Yeah. He informed us that you and his Highness left early morning and returned last night," Bill added somberly, "So how did it go?" They were waiting for my answer.

And all I could do was blink at their expectant faces in confusion.

How could I answer them when I was as clueless as they were?

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