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Raya's house?

I looked around and found people throwing curious glances at me.

"Umm... Amora... you there?" I kept walking slowly without making eye contact with anyone.

"Yeah. I'm here. Do remember about the locket. Okay? Now, keep walking straight. You're already doing an amazing job."

I kept doing my breathing exercises to keep myself calm. Yes, I know I was a warrior.

But right now, I couldn't feel any strength left in my body. I felt weak.

"Amora," I said, passing through another hallway where maids were busy chatting with each other. They didn't even look my way.

"Why do I feel weak?" I asked her, "Does time travel make you weak?"

"No, love," there was amusement in her voice, "This isn't due to the time travel. You weren't a warrior back then ... so be ready. You might not be able to fight them. That's why I gave you the locket."

What?

I gulped hard.

What if someone wants to attack me? I can't even use my warrior ability to fight him?

"Who are you?" Someone grabbed my arm, and before I could even breathe, I was shoved back hard.

My body hit the ground with a dull thud. The stone was cold against my palms as I quickly got up, catching my breath in panic.

That got the attention of nearby maids. They were now looking at me with knitted brows.

Goodness! My mask!

I had forgotten it back home.

"Who is she?" Someone whispered, and then the other one answered, "Not from here. Her face is too beautiful to forget."

I didn't pay much attention to their words and tried to control my trembling legs.

Run... run before they figure out you're not from their pack.

I turned, ready to bolt, but a maid caught my arm. Her fingers dug in as she shook me a little. "Don't you dare try to run..." She then turned to another maid, "We can't take her to Alpha. He

has a meeting with Blood Stone Alpha and Beta."

That made me dead in my tracks. Blood Stone?

Did she just...

"Yeah. And a se*xy doctor is also accompanying them," they all started laughing, and I didn't take time to figure out that they must be talking about Jai.

"Aurora... where are you? I'm getting worried," Amora's voice brought relief to my heart. And then I remembered.

They could see me but not hear me.

"Amora. They have caught me and I now I don't know..."

"Okay, okay... I can see you..." she spoke, "Just push them hard and run to your left. There you will find a room. Emerald is hidden there."

I pursed my lips and looked at the woman who was grabbing my arm. She was looking at my face carefully, "Tsk. Such a pretty face, but alas! She is mute."

I scrunched my nose at her. Another one chimed in, "Yeah. Look at the way she is moving her mouth, but no voice is coming out."

That was the chance I needed. They were busy

discussing that I was mute. I took them by surprise by tearing my arm free and sprinted off.

I was blindly running to my left and could hear footsteps echoing behind me. Goddess. They were chasing me.

Ignoring the cold sweat running down my back, I kept running until I crashed into a door. I yanked the handle with shaking hands, praying it wasn't locked.

It gave way with a slight creak. Relief surged through me, and I slipped inside, pulling the door shut behind me.

Darkness wrapped around me. I pressed my back against the door, my heart was still hammering.

I squinted in the dark, my eyes straining to make sense of my surroundings. That was when I heard a soft sound.

Then another sound.

Uh huh. Someone was crying.

With a frown, I started searching for the switches. Once I found them, I flicked all of them. The room lit up, and I saw a girl lying on her stomach. Her shoulders were shaking with her sobs muffled into the sheets. She seemed to freeze when she realized that she was no longer in darkness and had company.

Before I could say anything, she suddenly turned over, her face was blotchy and streaked with tears.

I gasped, "Raya!"

"Who are you?" Her eyes suddenly locked onto mine, "And how are you in my room?"

I gulped and then let out a nervous chuckle, "I'm... I'm sorry, Raya... I..."

"I can't even hear you? How did you even manage to get to my bedroom?" She then got up and moved to the door, "Where are the guards?"

"Raya... Raya, please..." I held her arms. She looked into my eyes, and then tears started streaming down her face.

"Did... did he send you? Dr. Jai sent you?" She shook her head and rolled up her eyes, "After rejecting me last night, he sends a woman to my room? Why?"

Jai rejected her last night?

Oh! My friend Jai!

His name reminded me of the Emerald I needed to find.

I walked starlight to her closet, "What are you doing?" She came after me, "Are you a thief?"

There was no use in explaining it to her when

she couldn't hear me.

"Aurora. Search through the top most drawer," Amora spoke in my head. I opened the drawer and saw the small glass case that had the Emerald.

I picked it up carefully and held it against my chest.

"I think I should call my pack guards and ask them to arrest you," Raya threatened. I didn't try to stop her, and placed the box inside my pants pocket.

"I've got the Emerald!" I told Amora, barely able to control my excitement.

"That's great. Now get out of there. Go back to the first spot where you stepped into the house.

"I can't," I placed my fingers in my ears.

Urgh. Raya was screaming at the top of her lungs.

She was always like that.

"Amora. The pack is after me. I can't walk back!"

Raya had opened the door and was now calling the guards.

"Then hold the necklace, dummy, and make them freeze," Amora snapped.

Yeah. Necklace. How could I forget that? 2

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I raised my hand to hold the locket and... it wasn't there.

"Am...Amora... the locket... Oh, Goddess! I think I dropped it somewhere," I told her in panic because now the guards were making their way towards me.

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