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Third person pov: 1

"Hey," Lucien kissed her cheek, brushing his thumb over her palm, "It's me, love," He forced a small smile, "You scared me half to death, you know that?"

Doctors had just checked her and asked him not to talk much about the past

She didn't blink, didn't even flinch. Her eyes just moved slightly, following a patch of light on the ceiling. They were empty. Distant.

Jai stood at the foot of the bed, waiting for Giana to look at him and recognize his face.

Lucien was now brushing his hand over her hair, "You're safe now, Giana. I'm here... we all are..."

Still nothing.

Lucien wanted to shake her when a nurse appeared at the door, "Sir. The doctor would like to see you. Both of you."

Lucien hesitated, but the nurse assured him with a smile, "I'll stay with her."

He looked back one last time before following Jai out of the room.



"I'll be direct with you both," The doctor folded his hand on the desk, "Her condition might seem stable, but..." He paused, maybe because he wanted to choose his words wisely. He saw how Lucien behaved one month ago, "Most of her bones were fractured. She'll need months for physical recovery."

Lucien clenched his fists, but stayed quiet.

He had promised himself that all those who harmed Giana, he would take revenge from them. No matter where they hide, or how many guards they post.

He would not spare any of them.

"Her internal organs," The doctor continued, "Some of them aren't functioning properly... yet. Her body is trying to recover, but it's slow. Her head injuries..." He exhaled deeply. As a doctor, he knew that the head injury was due to the continuous force that was inflicted upon her for hours.

"What about her head injuries?" Jai asked him.

"Those are most concerning, Jai," He looks at Jai, "We don't know how long it'll take for her to fully respond or recognize people."

Jai leaned forward, "But she will recover. Right?"

The doctor hesitated, and Lucien felt his heart



sinking, "We hope so. We have a few doubts about her scan. Once we receive the reports, we'll confirm them."

Lucien, who was sitting there quietly, gave the doctor a worried look, "What kind of doubts, doctor?"

The doctor shook his head with a small smile, "Let us receive the reports. Without them, we can't say much."

"What are you saying?" Jai was taken aback by Lucien's suggestion, "As a peace treaty holder, we can't take revenge. The council will never approve of it. We can get the criminals punished, but..."

"Do you think they will get punished? How will you prove to the council that they were the ones? And why do you want that fu*cking council's approval?"

Jai didn't know how to tackle this. The senior Alpha and Beta were dead, and the pack was without a beta.

After Giana's accident, Brian had changed. However, he was still not willing to step up as a beta. Like Lucien, Jai also wanted revenge.

"He is right," Blake came out of the tree and

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dashed to them, "I'm with Lucien on this."

Lucien nodded at them, "About the council? Council works on packs. Not rogues."

His statement stunned Jai and Blake, "Rogues?"

"Yeah. Once I turn into a rogue, I can easily take all the blame on myself. The pack will remain clear of any blame. We will take revenge, but we need to do it smartly."

"How will we find our attackers?" Jai asked him when another voice joined them.

"I can help to locate them. I've got friends in other packs," Jai spun around and saw Brian heading to them.

Four of them stood there, watching each other, measuring one another.

None of them were friends, but were standing there because of one woman they loved in ways only they understood.

"Jai," Lucien eyed him sharply, "You are in the medical field. Bring it to some use. Befriend other pack doctors...and nurses too. Listen to their gossip..." He then turned to Brian.

"You! Become a beta and be useful."

Brian wanted to shake his head, but Lucien pinned him with a cold glare, "You need to be a



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beta, or we won't be able to know what council is talking about. By any chance, if Blake isn't available, we can rely on you."

For a moment, Jai felt as if Lucien were the pack Alpha. The way he was commanding around, giving orders so effortlessly, was simply awe-inspiring.

Lucien felt his eyes on him, but didn't look back. Maybe his Glana was right. Jai was a good and innocent man.

And maybe he should let the pain go and trust him.

If he wanted to take revenge, Jai could be his most helpful weapon.

Later in the evening, when the scans arrived, the results left everyone shattered.

Glana would never be able to lead a normal life. She would always struggle with her speech, with her thoughts, with her movements.

The only thing she could survive on would be soft food and liquids.

According to the tests, she was pregnant, and the reports said the baby in her womb was not Lucien's. 1



That day, they all cried.

Sitting on the hospital floor, Lucien screamed, cursing all the attackers who had turned his life upside down.

He cursed himself for leaving her behind.

That day, he wept brokenly like a baby, hitting the tiled floor with his fists. No one dared to tell him that he wasn't allowed to do it in the hospital.

No one dared to stop him.

No one could.

Jai had always seen Lucien as a strong and fearless man who never gave a shit what others would think about him. Here he was, wailing for the love of his life.

He loved Giana. Had a soft spot for her brother Jai.

Poor Lucien.

He was willing to trust Jai.

But didn't know that the same innocent Jai would soon betray him in the worst possible way.