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Aurora: 1

While trying to heal Giana, I kept getting those disturbing flashes from her past in my head. The way she screamed, the way my father laughed at her, the way she lay there on the ground, silently, waiting for someone to come and save her.

She kept waiting, but nobody came.

Nobody took mercy on her.

It was too hard to heal a person who had gone through a mental trauma. Physical injuries were somehow easier to treat.

She was given heavy sedatives to keep her in a deep sleep, and still her body was jerking whenever I placed my hand on her body.

"It's okay, Giana," I told her unconscious body, "The bad things are no more there. You're not alone. You have got Lucien... Jia."

Her eyes fluttered for a little while, and then calmness took over her face. I raised my face to look at the ceiling and said a silent prayer to the Moon Goddess..

Moon Goddess. They all suffered so much

because of my father. Please make her healthy again. Make her the way she used to be.

"Then try to take her pain for a little while!"
Someone whispered in my ear.

I drew in a sharp breath and removed my hands from Giana's body, looking around in bewilderment, "Who... who's there?"

"It's me, Aurora!" A woman appeared before my eyes in the corner of the room. Her feet were not on the floor, but she was just floating there.

"M...Moon Goddess!" The words slipped out before I could stop them.

"Yes, my child!"

I quickly got out of bed and kneeled before her.

"Rise, my child," She gestured for me to get up, and then her eyes moved to Giana, "You need to take her pain for a little while."

I looked at the Moon Goddess in confusion. Why did she want me to take her pain?

"Don't worry, child," She smiled softly, "She is in so much pain that she can't heal properly in its presence. Once you pull the pain out of her body, it will give her time to heal her body and her nervous system."

I was already in pain due to her condition. How



would I endure her agony?

Moon Goddess seemed to understand whatever was going on in my head, "Don't worry, Aurora. You'll handle it well, my child. You are such a brave soul. You'll ace this, too."

For a moment, I wanted to race to her and hug her tight. Her presence felt like that of a mother who couldn't stand to see her child in pain, but also waited for him to rise again.

My mother abandoned me, but Moon Goddess... she stood by me.

She stayed with me. Right?

"Yes, Aurora. I was there with you at each step. When your family sold you, what those Lycan women did to you. How unfairly you were treated at the Blood Stone pack. I was watching you, my child. That's why I sent Jai to help you."

His name brought back not only old memories but also old wounds and a different kind of pain.

"Yeah," She nodded, "He requested me to send him into the past to help you. When you saved him by healing him, he had already visited the past to save you. He knew what you would do in the future. He always knew that one day you would come to know that he was the one who..." She trailed off.



Maybe she also didn't have enough courage to say the words.

"He knew everything, my child. Still, he chose to stay with you; he fought for you. He even fought *me* for you..."

Uninvited tears welled up in my eyes.

Jai Chris.

This name would always leave a bittersweet ache in my heart.

"Right now?" Moon Goddess tilted her chin towards Giana, who was sleeping peacefully in bed, "To heal her, you need to draw her pain into your body. Once her defense system activates, she might survive."

I kneeled again and bowed my head, "Thank you, Moon Goddess," I tried to hold back the tears, threatening to fall.

I felt her moving closer to me until she placed her hands on my shoulders and forced me to rise, "I love you, Aurora Stone. No matter what your mother did to you. I was always there to keep an eye on you. Not everyone's life is picture perfect. To achieve something big, one has to go through a series of tests..."

She moved closer, kissing my forehead, causing a warm feeling spreading through me, "You were



always destined to be a queen. And you've come a long way, my child."

I wanted to cry.

She gave me a tight-lipped smile and wiped my cheek, "Now go and heal her. Just take the pain for a full minute."

"And then she will be healthy. Right?"

Moon Goddess shook her head and stepped back, "No. After that, you'll have an idea how she can lead a normal life."

I nodded at her and smiled through tears, "Thank you, Moon Goddess... for watching over me."

She chuckled softly, "No need to thank me. Thank the one who made it all possible. The one you forbade from visiting you after he died."

After that, she slowly turned into smoke and vanished, leaving me there with a sleeping Giana.

The one you forbade from visiting you after he died.

She was talking about Jai.

I turned and looked at Giana, "Let's get back to work! Should we?"

I went to sit close to her and placed my palm on her chest and the other palm on he head, "O



Pain! I command you to leave her body for a little while and come to me..."

I closed my eyes and focused on my breathing.

"O pain. Leave her body and come to me. I offer you my body for a little while. Stay here until I send you back..."

I felt the wind against my face, which made me open my eyes. I was in a closed room, and it was next to impossible to feel the wind here.

I watched Giana, whose face color was changing rapidly.

Her skin color changed to grey and then turned dark green. Was I doing something wrong?

That was when I felt a shooting pain in my back and then in my head; my shoulders felt the heaviest.

Goddess. This girl has been enduring such kind of pain for so long.

Tears streamed down my cheeks as I closed my eyes.