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Aurora: 1

I clenched my jaw and gritted my teeth to stop the screams coming out of my mouth.

One minute.

I just had to endure the pain for one minute, and this will be over. This will all be over.

"After that, you'll have an idea how she can lead a normal life."

Moon Goddess's words played in my mind. Maybe I just got an intuition.

After one minute, at last, I felt the pain slowly leaving my body and going back to Giana. Her face color started getting normal.

I wanted to gag. The pain had made my body numb. I doubled over and cried.

"Giana!" I shook her shoulder a little, "Wake up."

She didn't even move.

"Giana. Don't you want lollipops and crackers?" She didn't respond. How could she when I knew that she was under heavy sedatives?

Something inside me kept asking me to keep talking to her.



"Giana. Lucien is waiting for you. Jia wants to play with you."

She stayed still.

I swallowed hard and then leaned in a little closer, taking my mouth near her ear, "Giana. Don't you want to go out of this palace? I'll take you wherever you want. I will..."

Before I could continue, Giana's eyes shot up with a gasp. She looked at me with wide eyes, and suddenly her hands were on my collar, "Aurora?"

I was taken aback by the way she called my name. There was something unusual in her wide blue eyes.

"Aurora. Take me *there*," she screamed, "Take me *there*, Aurora!"

Sebastian:

We were standing in front of a palace that was made up of red bricks. I heard the whispers of my men and asked Hunter to call Lucien out.

He resided there. I could feel it. I could smell him.

The strange stench... that was part of a rogue wolf.



Hunter stepped ahead and announced loudly, "Lucien. The King of Velmora Kingdom is here. You are ordered to come out and present yourself before the king."

Nobody came out. There were not even any guards standing there.

"If he doesn't come out, what should we do? Barge in or burn down this castle?" Hunter asked me, his eyes still on the red-bricked beauty.

"We can decide that later. Call him out. He needs to assure me first that Aurora is alright."

Hunter made the announcement again.

"Lucien. You'd better come out. His Highness wants to see you right now!"

After a while, we heard voices coming from inside the palace

The iron gates opened, and a group of men walked out, and behind them, a tall, distinguished-looking man stepped out of the gates.

Lucien.

He had to be Lucien.

Before he could say something, I reached him with lightning speed and held his shirt, giving his body a little shove.



"You have my queen. I want her back, or be ready to die!" My Lycan surfaced in my eyes, but Lucien stayed silent like he was the least bit scared.

"She'll come out at her own will," He said, looking into my eyes bravely, "She's not a prisoner here."

"Then bring her here!" I roared and punched his face brutally, making his nose bleed. Within seconds, his nose started healing.

All this time, I had been silently praying to the Moon Goddess to keep her alive and in one piece. If anything happened to her, I would never be able to forgive myself.

"Send a mindlink to your men. Or a maid. Ask her to bring..."

"Sebastian!"

I was about to punch him again when Aurora's voice reached my ear. My fist stopped mid-air.

Aurora?

My eyes moved when I saw her coming out of the gates. Her face was red, wet with tears. Before I could react, she raced towards me, and I was quick to push away Lucien. I not only wanted to hold her but also to clench her to my chest.

Her body was shivering in my arms.



"Aurora!" I watched Hunter, who handed over a blanket to me.

"Arrest him!" I hissed, looking at Lucien, "What did you do to her?"

He raised his hands in confusion and opened his mouth, maybe to defend himself. However, Aurora didn't let him, "He... he didn't harm me, Sebastian... he..." She was choking on her tears.

"Love... Easy!" I cupped her cheek and kissed her head, placing my cheek on it, but she was quick to push me.

"I ... I need to go somewhere... Sebastian... will you..." She sobbed, "Will you take me?"

"Aurora. Honey. Where do you want to go?" I was now getting worried. She was continuously crying, and I didn't know why she said that Lucien didn't hurt her.

Was she scared of him?

"We ... we need to take her with us... Sebastian..." Aurora said brokenly.

"Take who?" I asked her softly, wiping her face.

"Giana!"

The name made Lucien gasp, "Where do you want to take her?" He asked Aurora.

"Who is Giana?" I asked her in confusion.



"She... she is..."

"She is my mate," The response came from Lucien instead of her.

Lucien's mate?

Where did Aurora want to take Lucien's mate?

What was going on?

"Is she under some spell?" I snarled at Lucien. The rumors were that he had several witches living inside his palace.

"No, Sebastian. I'm not under any spell," she cupped my cheek, and looked into my eyes, "Just trust me on this. Please..." She pleaded, and my heart went out to her.

"Okay," I nodded at her and held her hand, bringing it to my lips, "Anything for my queen. Anything else you want to say, Spitfire?"

She nodded at me with tear-filled eyes, "Yes," Her voice shook a little, "I could never tell you this but... But I love you... I love you, Sebastian King, with all my heart," She sobbed, but her words made me freeze in shock.

Was I dreaming?

"Wh... what are you... saying... I mean... you..." Random words were coming out in fragments as if I were in denial.



"Yes. There was no one I ever loved, and there won't be any man after you. You are my first and the last..."

Goddess. I wasn't able to see her face. It blurred due to those stupid teats. I quickly wiped my face with the back of my hand, not caring that she expressed her love in front of the whole army and the rogue king.

Before I could even think, I cupped the back of her neck as I pulled her closer until our foreheads almost touched.

"Sebastian.... I ..."

"Don't!" I whispered, "Don't say another word."

Before she could answer, my mouth crashed against hers... hard, desperate, like I had been starving for that taste all my life.