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Today I felt different. After spending my nights with him, something inside me had started cracking.

I didn't know how long he would keep visiting me at night because by the end of the day, he was just a male and needed s\*ex.

*You will look funny, having sex with a mask on your face.* Someone spoke in my head.

The thought twisted my guts. I was walking down the hall of the packhouse when a few warriors passed by me and jogged ahead.

"Where are you all going?" I asked one of them.

"As our head warrior, Kiara has a fair chance to get chosen as a Royal warrior. The council voting will start in a few days. Alpha Blake has called us to the ground to make an official announcement."

The warriors had left for the ground, leaving me behind to think.

*So the baby girl will be participating in the final competition. Okay. Let's see.*

My lips curled into a sarcastic smirk.

Kiara became head warrior because I let her. I never spoke for my right because I thought not having a wolf was a flaw.

Not anymore.

*Ha-ha. I know.*

*Lately, I've been using these two words a lot.*

*Not anymore.*

*Well. I guess it's my new mantra now, and I need to repeat it again and again in my head.*

**NOT ANYMORE!**

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**Alpha Blake was making the announcement with Kiara standing just one step back. I was standing right behind the crowd, seeing Kiara, standing there with a somber expression on her face.**

**"We all know Kiara is an asset to our pack, just like the rest of you. We are here today to wish her luck for the upcoming competition.**

**Becoming a royal warrior from the Blood Stone pack would bring our pack the recognition it truly deserves.**

**Next week, before the competition, an announcement will be made for anyone who wishes to raise any objection to her being a**

candidate."

Kiara was trying so hard to look humble. The bandage on her nose had gotten off, but I was sure she could still feel the sting there.

"She's not even the best fighter," Jack muttered beside me.

I didn't reply. It was not wise to share my thoughts with anyone. Because when the time came, they would be standing on one side, leaving me all alone.

As always.

On the stage, Kiara stepped forward, "Thank you, Alpha. I'll try my best to make our pack proud."

I raised an eyebrow when everyone started clapping. I raised my hands and slapped them twice or thrice.

Alpha Blake was smiling at the crowd, his gaze shifted, and I had a weird feeling that he was looking right at me for a second.

If Kiara saw King Sebastian climbing to my room, then she must have shared this with Luna Raya and Alpha Blake, too.

Of course, she would not let a single chance slip by to insult me or talk behind my back.



"Phoenix," I was about to walk away when Jack held my arm, "Alpha Blake wants you in his office right after this."

"Ok!" I turned to leave, but his hand shot out to stop me, "What's the matter. Lately, they have been calling you in the office a lot."

I looked up with a frown and shrugged, "Maybe they like me a lot," I muttered drily, "Maybe Alpha Blake is falling in love with me..."

"Geez, Phoenix. Get lost!" he gave a nudge on my shoulder and walked off, leaving me laughing behind him.

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"You wanted to see me, Alpha?" I walked inside his office and found Kiara and Luna Raya sitting there.

Kiara got up and rounded the table to stand beside me, "Ask her, Alpha Blake. I saw King Sebastian sneaking into her bedroom. Shouldn't we be careful not to let anyone tarnish the decorum of our pack?"

I made a face and gave my full attention to Alpha Blake. Just yesterday, he hugged me for treating his son, and now...

"Is it true, Phoenix?" he asked me.

"True what, Alpha?" I asked him in a sweet voice,

stretching my lips into a smile.

Alpha Blake's jaw tightened as his brows pulled together. He had that *don't-push-me* look again.

"You heard Kiara, " he reminded me patiently,  
"King Sebastian creeping into your..."

"For how long will you keep blaming me for  
things others do, Alpha?"

Alpha Blake tilted his head with a frown, "What..."

I cut him off, "Kiara saw King Sebastian creeping into my room, and here you are calling *me*.  
Shouldn't you have asked King Sebastian why he was hovering outside my window?"

Alpha gave me a look that said *Are you out of your fu\*cking mind?*

"But you won't call him to your room. Right, Alpha? Because he is powerful, and you don't have enough courage to fight a man who has a fancy title. Pretty easy to pin anything on a she-wolf who hasn't got a wolf."

Even Kiara had bewilderment on her face.

"If you people don't have anything better to do than to bully me, then better make me an Alpha for one day. Maybe I can teach you how to run a pack."

Not waiting for anyone's reaction, I turned on my heels and left the room.

"Pricks! They are nothing but a bunch of pricks."

The only thing that kept me going was my thirst for revenge.

It would start with the smallest pawn. Kiara.

Then it will be Luna Raya.

Tina.

Tamia.

Sebastian? Nah! Let's see how long he lasts before trying to get me into bed. No man can survive without se\*x forever. I wanted to see how long he could keep up his little act.

After that, it would be my family's turn. Yeah. I would never forgive them for what they did to me.

And in the end?

The last ones would be the worst ones. The men who destroyed me on my engagement night and pushed me towards a fate I never asked for.

They had to be influential people... because no ordinary man would dare crash an Alpha's engagement party.

*But I'll find them... One by one.*

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*And when I do, even the Moon Goddess won't be able to save them.*

While making this promise to myself, I wasn't aware that fate had already started pushing me towards those monsters who barged into my engagement venue. 1

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