

Sofia's P.O.V.

I slowly become aware of my surroundings and then I feel the pain in my body. For the past few days, I have been beaten on a regular basis and I know Camden is responsible for that.

Suddenly I realize that the pain I feel is unlike anything I have felt, slowly the memories come back and I start to scream on the top of my lungs. "Finally waking up, Sofia." I hear him say and I look around to find Kijani standing outside my cage.

"I hate you and my Son will make you pay." I whisper and he just smiles at me. "Even if your Son believes you, there is nothing he can do to me, your Brother hasn't done already.

I am a dead man walking, ever since the day he let his Wolf attack and rape Amyah. I took her to the one person who might have been able to save her and he did everything he could for her.

After seven weeks of fighting her body and her Wolf finally caved in, she died in my arms. The only reason I am still alive is because I wanted revenge and I am going to get it." He says, while he is looking at Roger and I can see that he is telling the truth.

"Every Guard in the Palace knows that there was one thing you were never willing to give your Mate, because Duncan complained about it whole heartedly. So I took it, knowing that your Brother would lose it as you can see."

I see my Brother's Wolf and he is snapping at Kijani, I don't think I have ever seen him this mad at someone. Tears are rolling down my face as I try to chance my position and Kijani chuckles as I whimper.

Roger releases an ear-deafening roar and he jumps up against the bars. Talon tries to reason with him, but we both know that it will do no good. Roger and his Wolf are furious and when they are like that there is nothing anyone can do to calm them down.

Kijani looks at me and says "No one will pity you, Sofia. They all know you deserve this and much more. Until next time." After that he walks away, back up to the boardwalk and suddenly the other Guards re-appear.

One Guard walks past my cage and whispers "I hope you enjoyed it." Roger's Wolf jumps up against the bars again. The Guard turns to him, taking a step closer to his cage and says "I might join him next time." Before he walks off.

Taliyah's P.O.V.

The drive to the Council doesn't take long and as I look up at the building, I remember the first time I saw it. I still feel like an ant in front of that building, but this time I walk in there with my Family and my Mates.

As we walk in to the foyer, everyone bows their heads and for a moment I want to tell them to go take a hike, but then I feel Eamon slide his arm around my waist. He pulls me in to his side and kisses the top of my head.

*"Just breath, Princess. Smile and keep walking."* Malachay says in my head and I am grateful for the fact that I have my Mates with me. As we continue walking, Kaelan looks over his shoulder and wiggles his eyes.

I giggle until I realize he did it because we are nearing the elevators and he knows how much I love those damn things. I growl as I realize that I will have to get on them a few times, until these trials are over.

Ward explained in the car that the Council would decide whether or not they would be trailed together and if they get separated trails, I will have to attend all of them. Not something I am looking forward to, but it is my duty as a Royal and as a victim.

*"You will be fine, just hold on to us."* Ward says in my head and I know that he felt my anxiety. In the elevator Ward moves behind me, putting his arms around me and Malachay stands to my other side with his arm around my waist.

Even though the butterflies return as the elevator raises up, my uneasiness from the first ride up doesn't feel as bad as the first two times. I feel a lot safer knowing that they have my back and I can rely on them to be there whenever I need them.

The elevator stops somewhere in the middle of the building and I don't know where to look first. I had read up on the building, while driving down here and I knew the Courthouse was located on what was once known as the highest private club in the world.

The main floor of the club now contained smaller rooms for more private legal matters, but the second and third floor had been altered to accommodate a huge audience to a public trial. The area we would be going to today as everyone would be informed on the Council's decision, which charges were brought against each individual and which investigations would be conducted.

Grandfather told us that Ayden was held on a different location than the others and I asked him why. He told me that the Council had been informed of his Mate and his change after that, they wanted to know if he could be saved.

I didn't say anything, but I know that Ayden is beyond saving and I know that I have to come to terms with whatever the Council uncovers.

Aurora is holding on to Xandros, telling him that she will be right there for him and he kisses her temple after he says "Thank you." Every other male would have growled, but not Barin, he just smiles.

Xandros looks at me over his shoulder and I smile back at him, glad to have my Brother back. The door of the elevator opens and Council-member Armas walks out with a few other members of the Council.

I know that I saw them last time I was here, but I cannot recall their names and I apologize to them for that fact. I introduce Xandros, my Mates and my Parents in law to them.

Council-member Armas introduces them, one by one and

this time I hope I will be able to remember who is who. There are two males, Atlas and Finlay, both Werewolves and there are three females, Dayanah, Kaysley and Vivyanna.

Vivyanna is the only Werewolf among the females, the other two are Lycans and so is Armas. Dividing the Council between the two species, represented by males and females.

"Vivyanna, I was not here the last time you saw the Royal Family." My Grandfather says and she is looking a bit confused at him. "That means that I never got the chance to say Thank you for making that call.

Thank you for making sure my Mate was here to bring her home. None of you will ever know how grateful I am that Taliyah crossed your paths."

And

he bows his head at the Councilmembers



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