

Taliyah's P.O.V.

"Well, my Brother Ayden was putting up a fight. Yelling at one of my Guards that he is the Son of Princess Izabella. I believe Eva was walking right behind him.

Prince Dante and Princess Maleah both called him their Grandson, while Eva was sitting on Talon's lap. One of the Squad Captains called my other Brother Prince Xandros and he used his title himself as he stripped Talon of his title as Alpha.

And Eva was there during all of it, so I think it is safe to say that she did know that I am a Royal." I say in the sweetest voice I can muster up under the circumstances.

I hear a lot of giggles and chuckles from the public and if Anwir were a kettle, he would be whistling right now. He walks back to his desk and starts going through his papers.

I believe it is a tactic in the hope that I will lose my patience, but I just concentrate on the four Lycans having fun in my head. After a few minutes it is Council-member Kaysley who has had enough "Representative Anwir, do you have any other questions for Princess Taliyah? Or can we continue with this trial?" She asks him.

He turns to look at me, but I hardly notice as I am busy watching those Lycans reenact Anwir's face. I hear him say that he has no further questions for me and then I get excused from the stand by Armas.

As soon as I sit down, I feel six hands on me and I sigh in

relief at the feeling of their hands. Ward and Eamon lean towards me and Malachay puts his forehead against my shoulder.

Anwir puts Eva on the stand in hopes to discredit me, she tells him she can't re-call anything of what I said was mentioned during that day. My Mates are getting angry, but I remain calm as she denies every word I said.

When he is finished, he turns to Fabian and turns the questioning over to him. Fabian gets up and walks towards Eva "Eva, if I were to call the witnesses back we already heard testimony from this morning, will they back up your story of the events?" He asks and I see her eyes fly towards Anwir.

It is then that it hits me, Fabian avoided certain questions on purpose and Anwir was made to believe that this was an easy win for him. But it had all been a part of Fabian's strategy and the trap just closed around Eva.

Eva knows that she lost and says "Don't bother. I knew she was a Royal, Talon told me as soon as he found out himself. I planned my attack carefully, knowing that she had had no training what so ever.

Being a Lycan makes me unbeatable, but she managed to dodge my attack. I was supposed to be the faster and stronger one, but somehow she mislead everyone. I gambled and lost."

The Courthouse is completely quiet, I feel the anger radiating from my Mates and for some reason I can't help myself as I start laughing out loud. Everyone stares

at me and I know I have to calm myself down, but I can't. Eamon pulls me on to his lap and puts my face in the crook of his neck.

As soon as I am calmed down, I get up and turn towards the Council. "My deepest apologies, Council-members for my outburst. I was just caught off guard by her words that as a Lycan she is unbeatable. Every Pup is taught the same thing about Werewolves and Lycans, that the higher their rank is, the stronger and faster they are.

Even if Eva's Father were an Alpha, she would never be stronger than a Royal. And seeing the fact that she knew I was a Royal, she could have known that her plan was doomed from the start.

I have demonstrated over the past few days to my Family and Mates that I am a force to be reckoned with." I say with a wide smirk on my face.

She looks at me with so much rage in her eyes and for the life of me, I don't understand what I ever did to her and I ask her that exact question, because I need to know why.

"You and your Family never saw it and everyone else was smart enough not to talk about it. Every man, Pack-member or visitor, could see the beauty in you and many unmated men wanted you.

However they never mentioned it to you or your Family, but I had to listen to it every single day. How lucky your Mate would be, that no woman could compare to your beauty. It was sickening and the more I heard it, the more

I hated you.

I was happy when I got from your Father what you never had, his love and affection. I hoped that he and Roger would succeed in their plan, because it would keep you out of my life." She is staring daggers at me and I am flabbergasted at her admission.

Fabian acts quick and asks her when she heard about the plan and she tells him that she found out the first night she spend with my Father. The day that Sofia attacked me and Anayah.

"And you didn't think about reporting it to the Council?" Fabian asks her and that is when she digs her own grave "You think I would tell anyone, it would solve my problems at once. I got the Alpha and the Bitch would be out of my life for good."

The public has started muttering and the sound becomes louder and louder, soon they are shouting for justice. Armas gets up and gesture the public to quiet down, it takes a while but he succeeds.

"Eva, with the testimony you just gave, we have everything we need for your conviction. In addition we will also convict you for knowledge on the forceful marking of a Royal.

For attacking a Royal, this Council finds you guilty. For knowledge on the forceful marking of a Royal, this Council finds you guilty. Your sentencing will be three weeks of breaking bones, after which you will be put to death."

Anwir gets up and the room goes quiet as he holds up a piece of paper. "Council, you cannot put her to death. She is pregnant." The public starts muttering again and this time I am the one to get them to quiet down.

"Representative Anwir, you have only bought her time in jail. As soon as the Pup is born, her sentence will be carried out." I say as I look at Eva. Her eyes widen and she starts saying "No. No."

Armas looks at me with confusion and I feel that I have to explain myself to the Council and to the public.

"Lycans and Werewolves. In the Law it states that a female while carrying a Pup cannot be put to death. Reason for that has to do with the fact that the child is innocent and can't be held accountable for its Mother's crime.

However a sentence has to be carried out once it has been handed down and for that reason the Law states that the female will be put in prison to carry her Pup to term. Once the Pup is born, the sentence will be carried out and the Pup will be put up for adoption.

The adoptive parents will be informed about the Mother, but they are not allowed to reveal this to the world and the Pup's former Family will never know where the Pup ended up."

Council-member Nakoa gets up and confirms my explanation of the Law. Eva's Mother starts yelling at Anwir for deceiving them, for lying to them and Eva just sits there staring ahead with tears rolling down her face.