

## CHAPTER 28: MASTER OF DECEPTION

After snarling at Diana, Devin took a quick glance at Eunice to see if she was okay. His heart skipped a beat when he saw her looking at him, her eyes brimming with tears. She had refused to shed tears in front of Diana, who would have enjoyed it like the sadistic bitch she was. But seeing Devin who stood there, his eyes full of indignation for her, she lost her battle finally as a few drops of tears cascaded down her cheeks.

Devin's eyes hardened as he watched those precious tear drops, his heart clenching painfully at the look of agony in Eunice's face. He gritted his teeth as rage and pain warred inside him, watching her cheeks turning purple right in front of his eyes. Eunice let out a painful groan, her left eye swollen shut by now.

Seeing the situation, Devin could guess Diana had beaten her before he arrived and if the state of his mate's face was any indication, the damned bitch had used all her power to make his mate hurt.

As Eunice let out a sob and her hands flew to her mouth to muffle it, Devin lost it. His head snapped to Diana, who stood there, her head raised proudly, no hint of remorse in her face. She had lost her initial fear knowing she was in her territory while the alphas were just visitors and couldn't harm her without repercussions. And why would they take such risks for a lowly scum like Eunice?

Devin glared at Diana, murderous rage filling his body as he saw the cocky look of the woman who dared to harm his mate. His wolf rose to the surface, howling and demanding her blood, and Devin agreed

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wholeheartedly with him. 'That crazy bitch will pay for hitting our mate!'

Devin wanted to maim and kill the woman and if he was in his pack, he would have killed her a million times already. But this was not his territory, and he was just a guest here. He had to restrain himself from killing the bloody woman. Because if he did, it would cause a war between the packs since the woman was a high-ranking wolf. But his wolf didn't care about war or deaths as long as he avenged their mate and, to the most part, he agreed. But he was an alpha responsible for the wellbeing of an entire pack, and he had to act after thinking a hundred times.

Devin closed his eyes with a growl, his wolf raging inside for control so he could attack the woman. Seeing that Devin was not in the mood to talk, Sebastian took a step forward.

"Care to explain what is going on here? This wasn't just for fun, was it?" Sebastian asked, his voice deceptively calm.

Hearing the noise outside her room, Claire walked towards the door. When she saw Diana, Eunice, Devin and Sebastian all standing there, tension oozing off their bodies, Claire knew something big had happened. Her eyes fell on an angry Devin who positively looked murderous and wondered what Diana had done to piss him off. However, she got the answer the next moment when she noticed Eunice's puffy face that now had a black eye. Realising what had happened, Claire felt rage filling her veins. How dare that bitch hurt her friend?! No wonder Devin looked apoplectic. Even Claire wanted to tear that damn witch's hair off her head!

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Claire shook off her rage and pasted a calm expression on her face as she stepped outside. Seeing her, Diana straightened up, her entire demeanor changing in the matter of a moment as she adapted to her angelic persona. She blinked her eyes innocently while pouting her lips slightly, a wronged look in her eyes. This look always worked at making people feel pity for her and this time will be no different. She will make them believe Eunice was the villain who harassed her, and she just hit her on defense. This was just child's play for her, a master of deception.

"I had just come here to meet Claire. I d-don't know what this woman's problem is, b-but I promise I did nothing to provoke her. I was friendly and just asked her where Claire was," Diana said, her voice breaking as her shoulders shook, sobs wracking her body. Big fat tears rolled down her cheeks as she gazed at the men with a pitiful look that will make people want to comfort her. Worked like a charm every time.

Devin just stood there with a blank face seeing the woman's theatrics while Sebastian raised his brows.

"So what happened, then?" He asked, and Diana perked up, thinking he believed her act. Then she let out a wail that could rival a banshee.

Eunice was the one who was hurt and even she didn't cry this pitifully while this loser was wailing like a baby. How pathetic!

"She... she started teasing me for no reason, even though she is a wolfless omega while I am a trained warrior. She taunted me and called me names, laughing at me and accusing me of things I have never even thought of in my dreams." Diana began her sob story

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while looking at the men for their reactions. When no one interrupted her, she continued.

"I don't know why she did it. I have never even hurt a fly in my entire life. Claire knows me well. You can ask her if you don't trust me," Diana declared, making everyone look at Claire, who just stood there silently.

Diana wiped her crocodile tears and glared at Eunice.

"She is just a wolfless omega, and she must be jealous of me. That's why that useless creature taunted me like that. The stupid thing didn't know what she was doing by provoking a superior wolf. The bitch should have just shut her mouth when she had the chance," Diana cursed Eunice, forgetting her innocent act for a moment as her frustration at Eunice took over.

Diana shook her head to clear it and put on a sad face again.

"There is only so much one could take before snapping. Eunice was the one who attacked first! I am a warrior and my wolf wouldn't let me take me shit from anyone. When she had enough of Eunice's antics, she took control and slapped Eunice. I couldn't do anything to stop her."

Hearing Diana blame Eunice after attacking her, Claire wanted to pull her poisonous tongue out of her mouth. But she couldn't let her know that she saw through her act. At least not yet. She had to let Diana think she was still the old Claire who stupidly adored her. <sup>1</sup>

Controlling her rage, Claire nodded at Diana as if agreeing to her.

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As Claire walked towards them, a victorious glint flashed through Diana's eyes before she schooled her face into a sad expression.

"I didn't do anything, Claire. It just happened because she attacked me first. I was only defending myself. You know I would never harm anyone if I had a choice, don't you? You know how kind I am to everyone," Diana cooed at Claire, who gritted her teeth hearing the lies she spouted.

Eunice, a wolfless omega, attacked a warrior wolf like her first? Was it even possible?

Hiding her reaction, Claire smiled at Diana.

"Of course I know you." I know you really well indeed.

In response, Diana covered her mouth with her hand as if covering a sob, but her eyes were glinting victoriously as she made the move. Feeling smug, huh?

Claire turned to Eunice and anger coursed through her veins at seeing the pitiful state she was in. But she controlled her rage and looked at Eunice with a blank look, lacking sympathy.

"Eunice, you can leave now. I will call for you later. Just tend to your injuries for now," Claire said, her tone booking no questions.

Eunice blinked at Claire in a daze, but then she looked at Diana and a flash of understanding passed through her eyes. With a wince, she straightened up from her slumped position and nodded at Claire in agreement. Then she turned to Devin and gave him a small nod to

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signify that she was fine. With that, Eunice walked away without a backward glance.

Once Eunice was out of sight, Claire turned to Diana with a smile.

"I will punish her later for causing you trouble like this. Don't worry, Diana."

Diana perked up at her words and smiled at Claire.

"Now that I know you trust me, I am not worried. I know you will always have my back, girl."

Right...

Devin and Sebastian, who watched their exchange, just stared at Claire with identical, flabbergasted expressions. As far as they knew, Claire got along really well with Eunice. She had always been so nice to her. So why was she so casual after seeing her hurt, and why was she comforting the witch who hurt her? This was so confusing. What was Claire doing?!

Then Devin shook off any thoughts of Claire and her confusing reaction. He had no idea why she acted like that, but it didn't matter now. Nothing mattered but avenging Eunice. That wretched woman had slapped his mate, and she was going to walk away free after such a heinous act? The hell she will! Devin couldn't let her go just like that. He had to make her pay. She will never even look at his mate, let alone lift her hands to hurt her!

As he stared at her with his eyes full of hatred, a sudden idea occurred to Devin. He smirked devilishly and snapped his finger to

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get the women's attention.

As Claire and Diana turned towards Devin, Sebastian stood near his friend, offering his silent support.

"So I heard you are a great fighter?" Devin asked Diana with a calm smile.

Diana thought she had already gotten away with what she did to Eunice. Hence hearing Devin's 'compliment', she smiled shyly.

"I am a good fighter. I won't say I am great though," she replied modestly, while Claire discreetly rolled her eyes.

"Awesome. If it's okay with you, I want to have a fight with you and learn some skills from you," Devin declared with a wicked grin, making Diana's eyes go wide. Got you, bitch!

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