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Claire watched Liam, who was pacing back and forth inside her room, looking much like a man waiting for his wife to deliver their first child. Wasn't he being a bit too anxious for his wife's best friend? Claire was gullible in her past life, but even then, she would have thought he was acting odd if he behaved like this.

"How could you let that man beat Diana like that?" Liam snarled at her, his eyes full of anger and pain at Diana's condition.

"What option did I have, darling? He is an alpha and a guest, and when he demands something, how could I say no?"

"Of course you could have said no. He is just a guest, not a god!"

"But it will affect our pack alliance and we need to build it strong when you become the alpha, don't we?" She pulled up the alpha card, which always made him pause.

"That's true, but did Diana really have to suffer for that?" He asked, his tone lighter now that she mentioned him being the alpha. How predictable!

Claire pouted at him, her eyes full of grievance as she stared at him.

"Do you think I wanted him to hurt Diana? She is my best friend who is more like a sister to me. Seeing her in pain hurts me even if I don't feel the physical pain," Claire said and paused before continuing. "I care for her more than you, who is just an acquaintance to her. Alpha Devin is a superior and when he demanded a fight with Diana, I had

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no say in the matter. And I had thought it would be just a friendly match. Why would you think I had let her suffer?" She said the words in a casual manner but it was a reminder that he shouldn't be this concerned for Diana, who was supposed to be a mere acquaintance.

Liam straightened up, trying to mask his anxiousness.

"Of course I know you are worried about Diana. I know you would have tried your best to prevent her from getting hurt. It is all that Devin's fault. Who even asks a woman for a fight and then beats her this mercilessly?"

Claire, who remembered Diana getting her ass handed to her, let out a chuckle before she could stop it and then started coughing to cover it up. Liam, who was worried about Diana, didn't notice what had happened.

Liam was anxious about Diana, and he just wanted to see her. Liam looked at Claire with a smile.

"It's alright babe. We will take care of Diana and everything will be fine," he said.

Oh? We will take care of her or you will?

"Okay, darling," she replied with a saccharine grin.

Liam looked at his watch and frowned.

"Shit! I have to attend a meeting now. I will see you later, babe," he said anxiously.

'A meeting with Diana, you mean?'

Claire knew very well that he was worried about Diana and wanted to check on her. The so-called meeting was just a ploy to go to his beloved.

"Okay, babe. See you later," Claire said and watched as Liam rushed out, almost looking as if his ass was on fire. So eager to reach his mate. What a loving mate!

Liam rushed into Diana's room, opening the door slowly and poking his head in. Diana, who was drowsily laying in her bed, spotted Liam and perked up.

"How are you, babe? It started healing?"

Diana grimaced, trying to open her eye, which was swollen shut.

"Even with wolf healing, it will take days since that damned alpha did quite some damage with his punches. I may as well heal like a human," she groaned.

"Why would that jerk even fight you like that?" Liam asked with a puzzled frown.

"The only reason I can think of is that I slapped Eunice," Diana replied.

"So?" Liam asked, wondering why it would even matter. A lowly wolfless omega getting a slap was no big deal.

"I think Alpha Devin cares for Eunice. He was really pissed to see her hurt and then he invited me to a fight saying he wanted to learn techniques from me, only to pummel me like that. He certainly held a grudge with the way he punched me mercilessly!"

Liam looked at Claire with a thoughtful look. 2

"This is frustrating," he said, and Diana sighed.

"Since Devin seems to care for Eunice, he may be a hindrance to our plans. We need to get rid of Eunice in case she will be connected to him later. We can't let Devin become a supporter of Claire because of Eunice," Diana said, her one open eye narrowing viciously.

"Hmm. We need to get rid of that girl then. Nipping it in the bud will be better," Liam agreed.

Too bad, Eunice. You gotta die...

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Claire stood in front of Eunice's room with an anxious look. She had sent Eunice away without even sparing her injury a second glance and wondered what she thought of Claire now. But she had no choice. She had to act as if she still adored Diana and that she chose her over Eunice. She couldn't have let Diana discover she knew her real face. All her carefully laden plans for revenge would have gone to waste if she did. She could only hope Eunice could forgive her. Because she was someone who was betrayed in the worst way possible by who she thought was a real friend. Hence, she knew how rare it was to get a loyal friend who really has your best interests in your heart. Eunice was such a gem, and she couldn't imagine losing her. If Eunice hates her, Claire couldn't bear it.

Taking a deep breath, Claire knocked on the door.

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"Come in," Eunice called out groggily from inside, and Claire slowly opened the door.

Seeing Eunice sit on the bed, her eyes still puffy and blacker than when she saw her last, Claire felt a pang of guilt in her chest. She didn't deserve this!

Claire hesitated to enter, lingering in the doorway, wondering how Eunice felt about her. Seeing it was Claire, Eunice smiled, but then grimaced as the movement hurt her injured face. She looked at Claire, who was still standing there awkwardly, and tried to roll her eyes, only to groan painfully.

"Jeez, do you need a written invitation to enter the room, woman?" Eunice called out, and that was all the incentive Claire needed. She sprang into action, rushing towards Eunice, her eyes full of worry.

"Does it hurt too much? Is there anything I can do to help? Should I go get the doctor?" Claire shot question after question at Eunice, who watched her with amusement.

"Relax, girl. It's just a black eye. I will live," she joked to ease Claire's worry.

Claire let out a sob while clutching Eunice's hands, making her stare at Claire in confusion.

"What happened?" Eunice asked worriedly, and Claire shook her head.

"You are the one who is injured, and you are worried about me?" She asked incredulously, wondering how she got lucky to have such a

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loving friend.

"That doesn't answer my question," Eunice replied sassily, and Claire let out a chuckle before sighing.

"I am sorry. I really am."

"For what?" Eunice asked with a puzzled frown. Seeing Claire stare at her face with sad eyes, Eunice smiled. Or tried to at least.

"You were not the one who gave this awesome design to my face, were you? Then what are you sorry for?"

"You are such a wonderful friend, Eunice. But look at me. I am such a crappy friend." Claire sighed and Eunice laughed.

"Why do you think you are a crappy friend?" She asked, her voice laced with amusement.

"Don't you hate me for what I did?" Claire asked, her voice breaking at the end as a drop of tear slid down her cheeks. Even she hated herself for standing there idly after seeing that the monster Diana had injured the helpless Eunice.

"What you did? What did you do?"

Claire let out a heavy sigh before speaking.

"I did nothing. That's it." Claire shook her head. "If you were in my place, you would have cursed and attacked her for hurting me. But I just stood there and let her curse and blame you for what she did. I just sent you away like a naughty child getting sent to their room when I should have taken care of your injuries and avenged you. I

suck as a friend.”

Eunice just stared at Claire with a small smile on her bruised lips.

“I will never hate you, Claire. And I don’t blame you for not trying to avenge me. I know there is something going on that you are not ready to tell me yet. And I know you are a really great friend. You must have a reason for your actions, and I wouldn’t begrudge you for it when I know you always mean well.”

Claire just stared at Eunice silently. Even though she couldn’t tell her everything that had happened to her, Eunice still realised that something was happening, and she was ready to forgive her just like that. There were people like Diana who only knew to betray, and then there were people like Eunice.

“I have reasons for what I did, like you said. I can’t tell you anything about that yet, but I will tell you one thing. Everyone who hurts you will pay for it. This is a promise.”

Eunice smiled at Claire.

“I will never blame you, Claire. I trust you with all my heart.”

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