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Lily's pov

Betrayal.

All I could feel was betrayal as I watch her back as she leaves out the door. I didn't want to feel the burning rage coursing through me. Not when I thought she was my friend. I didn't want to hate her.

But as my eyes left the door and settle on my brother, all I could feel was hatred. I lost everyone, I didn't want to lose him too. He was the only family I have left and no matter how annoying he was, I loved him dearly.

For a girl who I thought was so innocent yet different from everyone to cause this much harm to my brother. Was nothing but a monster.

The word felt bitter and unjustified. She didn't look like a monster, and didn't act like one either. And maybe she wasn't.

But in the moment, she was to me.

Xavier groans, his forehead beading with sweat. My most feared brother was now like a dead weight. He looked like death.

"You shouldn't have Lily."

I lift my head to Rodrick, keeping my true emotions at bay.

"How should I treat someone who basically almost murdered my brother because she was selfish and didn't tell anyone what she can really do?" I spat lowly, angered that he was taking her side in this.

Yes, I didn't want Aurora dead or punished severely but if I were to even let her stay in my brother's room or the one he previously let her stay in, then our people would be in an uproar.

They wouldn't be pleased I was letting this slide, and I was certain they would have many assassination attempts.

Even though Aurora had betrayed me, I was not going to betray my brother's trust. He'd want me to protect his mate, no matter what.

And if she has to stay in a dirty dungeon until he wakes up, so be it.

I just only hope he'd wake up before our people take matters into their own hands. With our alpha down at the moment, Goddess only knew what could happen with a Beta like Samuel.

Rodrick shook his head slightly, his face tight in disappointment. "You must understand Lily. There's a high chance she didn't even know what she was or what she was capable of. The girl may very well be innocent."

I press my lips together, contemplating his words. He may be right but Aurora had the chance to clear up her name. She hadn't.

"She could have cleared up her name the moment you said what she is and mentioned wolfsbane. She hadn't. Only looked shocked to be caught." I huffed out.

Rodrick made a clicking sound when his tongue hit the roof of his mouth.

"Or she looked rather scared and terrified of what would happen to her because she knew that no one would believe her if she said she hadn't known this would've happened. The girl was terrified Lily, not only was Samuel chewing her up, you shunned her like she was truly a monster. I expected this from Samuel, but not from you." He shook his head in disappointment again, as if still recalling what happened over and over in his head.

I tore my gaze from him, my eyes falling on my brother. "If you must know, I did not just send her to the dungeon because I see her as a monster. But truly only because she would be safer there than inside the packhouse. I'm only doing this for my brother. "

I watch the rise and fall of his chest and prayed he'd wake up soon. I don't think anyone can handle our people any more than he can. We need him. Our people need him. I need him and the one who needs him more right now, even though it pained me to admit was Aurora.

As my gaze still remained on Xavier, Rodrick spoke up softly. "I was going to wait until Xavier wakes up to let you know of this Lily. But you must know the girl is but a blessing for you despite what has happened."

I lift my gaze from Xavier's still body and looked over at Rodrick in confusion. "What do you mean a blessing? How can she be a blessing for me Rodrick?"

From what I've seen Aurora is not the definition of a blessing if she can manage to put down the most powerful alpha. Perhaps for others who would gain great pleasure to kill us but not for our kind. She was basically our enemy.

Rodrick sighs, his gaze dropping down to stare at Xavier. I could hear his heart thump under his flesh and bones, I knew he was recovering but it still felt weird to look at him this way.

In fact, I have never seen him injured or have ever seen him in a position like this before.

Lifting up his eyes to my face, he breathes out. "Because her blood is the answer to the cure for your poisoning." 1

Chris's pov

I was never a fan of the weird girl but I did feel that tiny snap of pity for her when Eli set the locks on the cell.

Her terrified gaze stayed on our backs the entire time we walked away.

"Think she meant to hurt him?" Eli suddenly asked.

The dungeon was a place where we put rogues or other creatures we needed answers from. Currently, there were only five here, the rest had been torn apart by Xavier. He can sometimes be very impatient. Scratch that, he was impatient.

I looked at a snarling rogue whose dirty hands curl around the steel bars. Its nasty yellow teeth looked rather disgusting and on the verge of rotting.

Now that's what you call a threat.

Not Aurora.

Maybe the girl was the cause for Alpha to be in this position right now, but I was certain that she hadn't done it on purpose.

So I shook my head to answer my brother. "Nah man. Her eyes said it all, she loves Xavier. She wouldn't hurt him intentionally."

Eli nods and hit the steel bars with his foot as the rogue reaches out and tries to grab a hold of us. Of course, the bars were strong enough to hold against a rogue or any wolf so there was nothing to fret about, Eli was just being troublesome. His usual honestly.

"That's what I thought too. Poor girl looks like she had been through a lot the moment she stepped foot on the territory.

We had been a little too harsh on her at first." Eli murmurs.

My heart throbbed knowing I was the one who was the harshest with her. I said some things I now regret, things that shouldn't have come out of my mouth in the first place. I bet she resented me for them and there was nothing I could do.

But then as my mind drifted to that day, I remember why I was in an awful mood. It had something to do with Lily refusing to take her medication that day. The girl would give me a heart attack someday, I swear.

But then I remember something else, something none of us actually realized before.

My brows drew together as I thought. "We never quite asked her where she came from did we? We only knew a rogue was running after her but we never asked the important questions. Where she was coming from and where she had been. No homeless person would have a bag filled with things. "

Eli takes a few seconds to think about my words and then answers. "You're right. We never asked. And I don't think Xavier asked either. If he had he would've told us. He must've been too occupied with her being his mate to even ask her important questions like that. To think that we never asked her is kind of embarrassing." Eli said sheepishly. 1

We always knew the right questions to ask when we captured someone, but somehow we hadn't asked Aurora

before bringing her to Alpha Xavier. Maybe this was fated, maybe we weren't supposed to ask her.

Perhaps her answer would be something we would not have liked. And knowing Samuel he would've killed her before we got to Xavier. Perhaps this was how the moon goddess planned this out.

Just like she fated me to a girl that may never even know I was her destiny.

My heart pains at the very thought. 1

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"You must be joking Rodrick! Did you see what her blood has done to my brother? He's an alpha and she has managed to very well nearly have him at death's door!"

Lily's voice is like a screech of disbelief, hitting the walls of the room by the loudness. Eli stayed back to guard the door leading to the dungeon so it was only just me going back to the infirmary.

I didn't know how to deal with a girl like Lily especially when she was like this. I contemplated if to switch places with Eli but then her scent hit me and all I wanted to do was be as close to her as possible.

You heard right.

Lily Knight is my mate. 4

She may feel something faint from the bond, but she won't know as yet until she has turned eighteen. I was willing to wait for her, as long as it took, I would wait for her.

"What's going on here?" I asked while entering the room.

On their own, my eyes lands on her, and my wolf howled happily. I try to tell him that she was still a child for now to calm him down. It took much effort to pull my gaze from her pretty amber eyes.

"Rodrick is telling me nonsense. " She stretched on Rodrick's name.

I turn my attention to Rodrick to see him shake his head slightly. "I'm not speaking nonsense Lily dear. Her blood is the answer to curing your poisoning. "

I stiffen, my mind going to Aurora but I didn't want to make assumptions before knowing the truth. "Whose blood?" I asked tightly.

I didn't like to be reminded that my mate's chance of actually turning the age of eighteen was very slim.

"Aurora's blood. The plant we needed to complete the tonic that would fight off the poisoning is wolfsbane." He says, slightly tensed.

He had every right to be because I did not like this one bit. Not after seeing how Xavier succumbed to it. I would not make that plant or her blood go anywhere near Lily.

"The fuck you mean?" I grit out very annoyed. This man better be joking. How can something so toxic help fight against poison when it was poison itself?

Rodrick shook his head slightly. "I am afraid I am not Christopher. It's supposed to counter the poisoning of silver powder. "

I felt my jaw snap at the pressure. "Xavier won't allow you to put that thing anywhere near his sister. It's poison itself for fuck sake Rodrick. Are you mad?!"


Rodrick flinches slightly but still spoke up. "Xavier knows about the wolfsbane being the only ingredient missing to make the tonic. That's why he had many people searching the entire earth hoping there would at least be one plant left. Aurora is truly a blessing."

I ponder on his words, my eyes drifting over to Xavier's body. He decided to keep that kind of information to himself. I couldn't be mad about it, seeing that he was only doing this to save his sister.

I only wished that he had let everyone know about the wolfsbane. 1

Lily shook her head, her legs finding her beside me in seconds. I froze up, unable to stop the itching in my palms to reach out for her. I had to remind myself that she was still too young to start anything with her.

"I can't stay here any longer and listen to this." Turning to

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me I held my breath when her amber eyes peered into mine.

"If he wakes up let me know."

I nod, honestly unable to speak at the moment. I watch her leave, her arms crossed over her chest tightly.

I walked in further and sat down on a chair in the further corner of the room. As much as I craved to go after Lily and see if she was alright, I knew she'd rather me stay with her brother so she could take a breather. So much has happened in the span of only a few hours that she did need some space.



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I know I've been missing a few updates for a couple of days now and I'm so sorry. Things have been hectic in my life right now but I will try my best to update as frequently as I can.
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