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Ava blinked her eyes a few times when she heard Cora. She turned her head and said,

"W-What?"

The other women burst into laughter. Cora laughed and shook her head.

"Just kidding. Everyone in our pack likes him. I wondered if you right choose to remain in this pack so you could see him often."

Ava stared at Cora, not knowing what to reply. Cora was the assistant general manager. She had a solid reputation within the company.

Selena, another woman, cleared her throat. She managed advertising. She said,

"By the way, I have Heard that Alpha Dane has a favorite woman. He is very fond of her."

Crystal, the brand promotion department's head, nodded her head to agree with it. "I bet it's Freya," she muttered.

Ava returned her gaze out of the window while listening to the women's gossip.

Freya has been a popular model in recent years. She used to work as an exclusive model for this pack company. However, for unknown reasons, Alpha Dane Erickson terminated her contract six months ago. Everyone assumed that he gave her the freedom to work as an independent model.

"Ava, I noticed you went to Alpha Dane's office a few times after our head meeting."

Ava furrowed her brow as she turned around and leaned against the window frame.

"Me?"

"Yeah," Selena replied.

Cora reached out to grab Ava's arm and wiggled her brows.

"Tell us something. Does he always speak so coldly? Can you please tell me before you go there? Next time, if you have any work, I can go on your behalf."

Ava almost rolled her eyes and let out a chuckle.

"You women! Don't you have any other work than talking about Alpha Dane?" She asked.

"We are your seniors. You can't stop us from gossiping, okay?" Crystal said with a serious tone. But all of them knew she was just joking.

Ava shook her head and started to speak.

"I don't know. He..."

She paused as she thought about something, then said,

"He is not that type of man as others say."

The women's eyes widened.

"Come on. You went to his office only a few times."

"Exactly."

"That's why you are saying this."

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As the employees were coming to the floor one by one, Ava told the women that she had work to do. She did not continue the topic anymore.

Ava went to her office and started to work. She had some important projects in her hands, which she had to work on.

When she came to this pack, she was a dropped-out student who had left her studies without any certificates. She had to finish her studies here. She graduated from Thunder Howl University about six months ago.

She then started to apply for jobs and got a chance at the pack company. For others, working at Erickson Industries was a dream, but for her, it was just a job.

She did not have many dreams. She was simply living her life as other people did. After working until late hours, Ava left the company and went to a nightclub.

She went there to meet one of her closest friends, Rina. She was a friend from university. She was a witch-

After entering the club, Ava took a seat on the couch and looked around the people.

Boys were looking at her, eyeing her perfect body.

-a powerful one.

It was true that Ava had changed a lot. She was not the shy girl who felt embarrassed to wear revealing dresses or had low self-

esteem.

It was a new version of her. She was no longer a girl but rather a woman. Now she had a body that made the models envious of her. She had transformed into a fierce woman who was young, beautiful, and hot. 1

She noticed a young man winking at her. She raised her hand, signaling him to approach her.

The man turned to his friends and said something to them. Then he started walking toward Ava.

He sat next to her, leaning close.

Ava smirked at him and moved closer to his ear. She asked,

"Wanna sleep with me?"

The boy nodded as he looked at her. "Yes, baby." 1

She whispered in his ear, "Not interested."

He was stunned. "But why? I have the size to give you pleasure all night long."

Ava's gaze shifted from his face to his pants. She frowned at it and mumbled, "But you are so small!"

"What the hell!"

He yelled as he got up from the couch.

Ava gave him an innocent look. "What? Do you want me to yell at you too?"

"How can you say it's small? You haven't seen it yet."

Ava rolled her eyes and looked away from him. Gulping her drink, she answered,

"Even if I had seen it, I would have said the same. I heard you slept with one of the waitresses here. She mentioned how small you are."

The man's eyes widened. He glanced around him at the other men who started to

laugh at him. He felt so embarrassed that he left the club.

A young woman who was watching everything behind the couch let out a loud laugh.

She walked toward Ava and patted her shoulders.

Ava, this is the ninth time you made these men embarrassed."

"Rina, they deserved what I did."

"You heard about these men from Fancy, didn't you?" Rina asked,

Fancy was one of Rina's friends and a waitress at this club as well. Every time Ava came here, she had to wait for Rina to finish her work. Since it was Fancy's free hour, she spoke with Ava at that time.

"Oh my god! You talked to them like you were an expert in bed. Sizes and all, huh? But in reality, you never had se

"Sssh"

Ava stopped her. Rina shut her mouth.

"That's why I am being strict with them. If they get to know about it, they will come after me," Ava said, sipping her drink carelessly.

But then the drink caught her throat, and she began coughing because Rina whispered to her,

"If they come after you, I will contact the most powerful man in this pack to rescue you."

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After wiping her mouth with a tissue, Ava turned her attention to Bina. Rine gave her a sly grin before grabbing a drink from a waiter.

Rina gave the waiter a friendly smile as he focused his attention on her.

Ava noticed that and said,

"Most importantly, you have to save yourself first. I can see what going on between you and Simon."

Ava was familiar with the majority of the waiters and waitresses working at this club. Because she used to do a job in a restaurant when she was a student. These people were with her in that job.

Later on, they joined this club as part-timers and began to search for a job that would be ideal for them during the day. To find the job before them, Ava was fortunate enough to find it. She could say it was a miracle

"You called me. Something must be going through your head right now. Tell me," Ava said,

Rina paused for a brief moment before taking Ava's hand in hers.

"I need your help, Ava."

"What in help?"

"My little brother is sick. I need to take a leave and go to him. Can you give me a proxy here in my absence?"

Ava's brows rose up. "Why me? You can-

Rina held her hands tightly. "Pretty please? I am really helpless right now. Since I was unable to inform him earlier, the boss is extremely angry with me. Help me out with this one if you can make some time for two nights, please. I will return in two days, I promise."

Ava rubbed her head. It was not like she had any problem with being a waitress again. But she had never worked in a nightclub. The place and the people were different.

'It's okay. I can do that. All I would have to do is serve the people drinks. That's it.' Ava thought.

Rina stared at her with worried eyes. But when she saw Ava smile at her, she breathed a sigh of relief.

Rina hugged Ava and said,

"Thanks a lot, baby."

Rina always reminded her of Abigail and Debra.

Ava was in contact with them. Sometimes they told her how they were doing in their pack. Ava also lied about her pack. She just did not want anyone from that pack to know where she was.

When Ava was conversing with Rina, she got a message on her phone.

She was so engrossed in talking with Rina that she did not notice the message until someone called.

She noticed her phone light up. She quickly grabbed the phone and took note of the person who had called her.

"Excuse me."

"Who is calling, huh?" Rina said while casting a quick glance at Ava's phone.

In response, Ava moved the phone and said,

"Someone from the office."

Seeing her mysterious behavior, Rina chuckled and let her go to talk.

Ava went out of the club and received the call

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"ela Brimo, what's up?"

Where are your

As soon as Ava heard his question, she looked at the entrance to the clubs and then mumbled,

"I don't think I need to answer this. It is not the office furs at this time.

"Alpha wishes to meet you.

Upon hearing him. Ava took a momentary pause. She was quiet for long time, not answering anything

She and Beta Bruno did not have a good relationship. There was something in her that he did not like. Ava did not know what. He always gave her the cold shoulder.

Sometimes Ava wondered if it was because of Freya. Because Bruro was her brother.

Ava could not get a chance to work with Freya since Freya's contract was terminated six months ago before Ava could get the job.

When she first met Freya, she was good with her. However, later, Freya started to ignore her, showing a neglected behavior toward her.

Beta Bruno let out a deep breath after a while and then said,

"If you don't want to meet him, then I can tell him that—"

Ava cut him off as she asked,

"Right now?"

"Yes."

Ava looked down at her wrist to check the time on her watch. It was 9 p.m. She was thinking about how she would go at this time as she tapped her feet on the ground.

"Well, I am currently at a nightclub and..."

"Alpha's driver will pick you up."

"Okay."

She cut the call, not waiting to hear anything more from Beta Bruno.

She then went inside the club and informed Rina that she was leaving. Rina reminded her to come to the club tomorrow night. Ava gave her the assurance that she would definitely show up.

At the time that Ava returned to the outside, she noticed a shining blue car waiting for her.

She glanced around. When she saw no one there, she quickly got in the car.

The driver took her to a villa that was located close to the pack house. He got out of the car and opened the door for her.

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"Miss, we have arrived at Alpha Dane's private villa."

Ava stepped out of the car and looked at the villa.

This was not the first time that she had visited this place.

She knew every detail of this villa.

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Slowly, she made her way toward the entrance gate of the villa. One of the guards opened the door and uttered,

Alpha is at the basketball court."

She gave him a nod and entered the villa. As she made her way toward the location where an open basketball court was located, she walked in that direction.

As she walked into the court, she was greeted by the resounding sounds of a ball hitting the ground.

Her steps came to a halt when she saw a young man playing basketball alone. Because of his brown hoodie, his eyes were covered, and only his nose and lips were visible.

The sleeveless hoodie he was wearing revealed his hands, which were covered in tattoos, and he appeared alluring.

Ava stood there silently, watching him play.

All of a sudden, the ball began to roll down toward her. She used her leg to stop

the ball and then turned her attention back to

him.

He raised his hand and removed his hoodie from his head. It was then that his brown eyes met hers.

A smile began to form on Ava's lips as she gazed into his eyes. She asked in a

low tone,

"What made you want to see me at this hour, Alpha Dane?"

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Dear readers, feel free to express your thoughts and feelings about this book in

the review. Love you all.

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Ava **waited for** Dane's reply as she stared at him. He was quiet and serene, not how people portrayed him.

She did not wonder **if** they were lying about his cold personality. Because she had witnessed it herself four years **ago**.

It was the time when he stopped her from leaving this pack. She was confused and startled. She felt like he was caging **her** here.

However, over time, she realized where she belonged. She realized how far she was from the truth.

Her mother was wrong when she told her that this pack was unsafe for her. **The** truth was that she believed this was the safest pack for herself.

Or perhaps the Alpha of this pack made her feel that way.

Ava could see his brown eyes focused on hers. He seemed to say nothing.

Ava lowered her tone a little more as she asked,

"What happened?"

Dane was once the most feared man in the werewolf community. He was the biggest bad boy she had ever met in the past. She was well aware of his brutality and cruelty toward his enemies.

Dane's eyes shifted from her eyes and moved down. She felt his gaze sweep over her body before settling on the ball she **was** stopping with her leg. He let out a deep tone, clearly audible to her

"Wanna play?"

Ava's smile froze.

She lowered her gaze and looked down at the ball. His question was very familiar to her. It made her think of someone from her past. It was the same question he had once asked her when he taught her to play basketball for the first time.

“Ava Adler, where are you lost?”

Dane’s voice pulled her back to present; she bent down and grabbed the ball, then tossed it to him.

With one hand raised, he grabbed the ball.

“Do all the bad boys like to play basketball?” she mumbled, looking at him.

He frowned a little, but then his frown eased as a smirk lifted the corner of his lip.

“Maybe.”

Ava let out a sigh. She walked toward him as if she agreed to accompany him in playing.

The sounds of the ball hitting the ground started to resound. Ava’s face had a bright smile while she was playing basketball.

She became a pro. Maybe it was because she had been playing with him many times. He had won a basketball championship. As Ava watched him play, she could only feel awe.

When she snatched the ball away from him and threw it to the basket from a far distance, it went smoothly inside.

Dane turned to look at her and asked,

“Where did you learn it? Only well-practiced players can achieve their goal like that.”

Ava looked away from him, remembering where she had learned it from.

Her eyes closed for a moment, but then a face appeared in front of her, prompting her to open them.

Where did she learn that? From a person. She did not want to remember him. Not after so many years, she had successfully

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“Just someone. I **can’t** remember,” she replied.

Dane nodded his head, approaching her with slow steps.

She raised her head to look at him. She calmed herself from the dismay of the past and tried to smile at him.

Dane stopped in front of her, looking at her carefully.

“What happened? I think you want to say something. Otherwise, you have never called me so urgently before,” Ava said, waiting for his response.

He stared at her for a while, then averted his gaze and replied,

“I caught a traitor today. I tried to kill the man.”

Ava’s smile faded when she heard him. She blinked her eyes and lowered her head.

She almost took a step back when he spoke again.

“But I didn’t kill him because I remembered my promise to you.”

the most catchy feature in his face. She raised her gaze to look at him again. He was a really handsome man. His eyes were There were many things that had happened in the last four years. Everything had changed gradually as well as this man. The man who was once referred to as the biggest bad boy has begun to show mercy toward others. Though he was unable to change his cold demeanor toward others, his behavior did change significantly.

All because he made a promise to a woman.

Ava felt warm feelings in her heart.

Who knew that a simple promise could make such a big difference for the bad boy?

“Are you pleased?” he asked.

Other women in the pack might be shocked by his gentle tone, but not Ava. She had gotten used to it over the last six months. Something happened six months ago, which caused her to change her perception toward him.

She nodded her head and replied,

“Yes, I am.”

Dane stared at her smile silently. Ava turned around and found a towel on a bench. She hurriedly grabbed it and passed it to him. After removing the towel from her hand and beginning to wipe his sweat, he inquired, "Have you eaten your dinner yet?"

"No, I will. I have to leave now. When I return home, I will have dinner."

He started to walk ahead while saying,

"Have dinner with me, then leave."

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It was clear that he did not want to hear no. She sighed and agreed with him.

Later, she had dinner with him and left the villa, His driver dropped her at her house.

After changing her clothes to a set of pajamas, she lay on her bed.

She was scrolling through the recent articles that surrounded all the packs. They all were important news. She **was** checking if she could find something related to fashion designing.

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However, her thumb froze on an article.

With hesitation, she clicked on it. Her eyes grew cold as she saw a man's name in bold letters.

But inside the coldness, there was sorrow that began to spread. She blinked her eyes and calmed herself, then started to read the

headline.

"Alpha Ian Dawson is rumored to be visiting the Thunder Howl Park."

Her hands started to tremble. But she kept them under control and continued reading the article.

It is not unknown to anyone how powerful the Mystic Shadow Pack is right now. **It** is because of Alpha Ian. When he sat on the

throne, he altered the perception of the business world. He has taken over the title of the biggest bad boy and is now the most successful Alpha that anyone is afraid to mess with.

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The sunlight fell on the room, dimming it. The man's face was illuminated as the ray slowly descended onto the bed.

It **did not** bother him at all. He continued to sleep, although the sunlight was all over his face.

However, a knock on the door caused his brows to twitch. His brows arched as he could hear the people outside. "Alpha"

"Alpha, wake up. It's time for lunch."

There were two maids outside the door, giggling as they were arguing who would call him first.

"Alpha"

The man's eyes flung open. His cold eyes gaze at the ceiling. He frowned and turned his head to the door.

He heard giggling again. Then a maid spoke again.

"Alpha-

He cut her off as he let out an angry yell.

"Fuck off!"

The loud, angry tone echoed throughout the room, making the maids shudder inside. Their bodies began **to** shake with fear. They hurriedly left, terrified that their Alpha would lash out at them.

Inside the room,

The man stared at the ceiling for a while. His eyes had the coldness of ice. Even waking up from slumber could not alleviate the chill inside them.

He sat up on the bed and grabbed his phone from the nightstand.

He checked the message from his assistant. He had sent him all the articles that were told about his departure to another pack. "Alpha Ian is going to visit the Thunder Howl Pack."

He read one of the articles and scoffed at it. People had no other work except stalking his schedule. It might be those stalker girls who always appeared in front of him out of nowhere, just to see him for once.

He tossed the phone onto the bed.

He was shirtless. So when he moved his hands, his muscles, which were full of tattoos moved as well.

He rose from the bed, and the ray shone down on his abs, glowing them.

He looked like a Greek god coming out of mythology. If the women had seen him in this state, they would have passed out.

But he did not give them the opportunity. He was Ian Dawson, the man that every woman desired but could not have.

As he approached the closet, he hissed, causing him to stop.

He moved his hands, trying to avoid a pain.

A disappointment shone in his cold eyes as he turned his way and walked toward the mirror.

He turned around and glanced at his upper back through the mirror.

He looked at the wounds that resembled tree branches. It looked like art on his bare back.

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It almost **reached** the waistband of his black sweatpants.

His black eyes turned red as he gritted his teeth and muttered,

“Not again.”

It had been years since these wounds appeared out of nowhere in his back. It was quite painful. It looked like tree branches that kept moving while turning red in color, as if ripping his skin while moving.

His **fists** tightened as it reminded him of someone he did not want to remember.

His face turned fierce **as** he stared at his wounds in the mirror.

Four years was a very long time to forget about someone.

People even forget about the people who had died years ago, so forgetting about the people who did not exist in your presence **was** easier.

But these wounds were the only thing that made him remember about the person most of the night. It was as if he wanted to forget about her, but something inside him refused to let him forget the betrayal.

He looked away from his wounds and went to the bathroom to take **a** shower.

After putting on a black suit, he left his bedroom.

When he went downstairs, his mother approached him and asked,

“Did you scold the maids again? What’s wrong with you, Ian? Why are you so cold toward women? They will die in fear.”

Ian did not look at her and replied,

“Then tell them not to approach me. I am their Alpha, not their favorite hero from any movie they want to draw my attention

to.”

His words were not only directed to the maids of his house but also every woman who wanted to approach him.

Before Carolina could say anything, Alpha Martin entered the living room.

He noticed his son, who stood near the staircase with a powerful appearance. He used to think in the past that Ian was a careless boy who could not handle his pack.

Who would have expected his son to become the most powerful Alpha? He did not only own a few pack companies under his name but also won a war a few years ago. Everyone was surprised that at such a young age, he had a pack under his command.. But he then demonstrated his business skills. He possessed a miraculous presence.

Alpha Martin started to approach Ian and said, “I heard you are leaving for the Thunder Howl Pack.”

“Mmm”

Ian let out a small tone, not showing any interest in talking about it.

“What about your officials? They are currently on leave.”

“No need to bother them. It’s not about the pack but the pack business. My assistant will go with me.”

After saying that, Ian started to walk toward the front gate.

Carolina’s voice came from behind. “You drank a lot last night and didn’t have your dinner. At least have lunch with us.”

Ian did not stop his steps as he replied,

“Not interested.”

Alpha Martin and Carolina stared at their son’s back and let out a long breath. Their son did not like to have meals with his

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family.

When Ian walked out of the house, he noticed his assistant, Neon, was waiting for him inside his car. Seeing him coming out, Neon hurriedly got out of the car and opened the back door for him

Ian got in the car. The driver glanced at the rear mirror and asked,

“Alpha, where to?”

Ian gazed at his expensive watch to check the time, then replied in cold tone,

“Airport.”

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Ava **woke** up early as usual. She went to the company. She started new project, which was for an annual ball. She was **designing the** costumes for the young models. After the showcase, people would start to buy clothes from the company.

Ava suddenly thought of opening her own brand. She chuckled and shook the thought away.

Opening **a** brand meant investing millions to make it successful. Since she was under Erickson Industries, people liked **her** designs. It had brand value, and she got exposure in just a few months.

Without this company, she would be nothing.

From looking for the best quality clothes to designing them aesthetically, Ava liked to do everything on her own. Though she had many employees under her and an assistant as well, it did not lessen the pressure of her work.

When it was break time, Ava went to the cafeteria and sat at the table with the familiar ladies.

“I heard Freya is back.”

Ava started to eat while listening to the gossip girls.

“She was out of the pack for a long time. Do you think something happened between her and Alpha Dane?”

“Wait, now it makes sense. He terminated the contract, and she left the pack.”

“Guys, relax. She did not leave. She sometimes goes overseas for vacation. Her assistant and my assistant are friends on social media. She said Freya was outside for a trip. Now she is back.”

“Oh.”

“Though they never revealed their relationship to others. What do you think? Can we see her and Alpha together?”

Ava stopped eating when she heard the woman who had just spoken up.

The woman noticed her momentarily pause. She asked her,

“What are your thoughts, Ava?”

Ava sat up straight and shrugged her shoulders.

“Who knows?”

“Don’t you think in the last few years Alpha has changed a lot? Even someone else snatched his badboy title. Alpha Dane should cover this up as soon as possible.”

Ava frowned at her. “How? By showing a merciless attitude? He is fine how he is right now. The title is not even a title but a negative reputation. Why is everyone so obsessed with it?”

The women around the table looked shocked by her angry tone. **It** was the first time Ava talked so angrily to them.

One of them smiled at Ava politely and said,

“Let’s change the topic. Ava, did you hear the news of our rival Alpha?”

Ava looked away from her and shook her head. She lied, although she had read the news.

“Ava, you don’t know how dangerous Alpha Ian is, He is our rival Alpha. Everyone used to say there was a rivalry between Apa Dane and him. But recently he decided to come to our pack. I wonder what his purpose is. Alpha Dane never felt the **need** to go to his pack. Then why does he suddenly want to come here?”

Cora’s lips curled into a smirk. “We are lucky to **see** him. We had only heard of him, just as his pack members had only heard of Alpha Dane. I doubt he is as attractive as our Alpha. But we can still give it a shot.”

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The women laughed. But Ava’s face turned solemn, which they did not notice.

She put the spoonful of food into her mouth and said angrily,

“He **can** never beat Alpha Dane. He does not have that ability, which Alpha Dane has. He is just...”

She paused and mumbled, “Just too arrogant and prideful matt.”

The woman heard her clearly, despite the fact that she was eating

They felt confused as to why she was talking about Alpha Ian and pha Dane as if she knew them very closely.

One of them was about to ask her about it. But she froze when she goticed who was standing behind Ava’s seat.

Everyone noticed that except Ava. They gulped and immediately lowered their heads.

Alpha Dane was standing behind Ava, looking at her.

Cora, who **was** sitting beside Ava, glanced at Alpha Dane and then at her. She cleared her throat and asked a question as if she had not yet noticed Alpha Dane.

“You seem very fond of Alpha Dane. Are you one of his fangirls? **Tell** us. Are you stalking him?”

Ava stopped chewing when she realized that she had spoken more than she should.

She swallowed her food and replied,

“No, I am not his fangirl. But in my opinion, he is a good man. If he trusts someone, he believes in them no matter what the situation is.”

All the women thought she was talking about the business. However, Alpha Dane knew what she was talking about. She was talking about an incident from six months ago.

His brown eyes looked away from her as he walked past the table. The women hurriedly got up

“Alpha”

Ava froze in her seat when she noticed him.

‘He was here all the time?’ she thought, gulping a glass of water.

After office hours,

Ava left the company. She did not work for late hours because she had to go to the nightclub.

As she entered the club, Fancy handed her the uniform that waitresses wore there.

Ava quickly changed her clothes and looked at her dress.

and bowed to him.

It was a dress that stopped in her mid-thighs. It was tight enough to highlight her body's curves. She wondered why they all wore these clothes. They could wear whatever dress made them feel comfortable because it was only about serving drinks.

Ava dismissed the thought and pulled her hair back into a high ponytail. She stepped out of the dressing room and approached

the manager.

When the manager saw her, he appeared stunned.

"Never seen such a hot waitress before?" Ava asked sarcastically.

But the man took it seriously and shook his head, murmuring, "**No**"

Ava sneered at him and said,

"Don't waste my time. I am here for Rina. Now tell me what to do.

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The man composed himself and nodded his head. He pointed his finger to the second floor and stated,

"Some VIP guests have arrived from outside the pack. You need to serve them."

He gave her a shoulder pat to boost her confidence and handed her tray of drinks.

Ava headed upstairs with her head held high. She entered the VIP room. Suddenly she felt strange, as if a dark gaze were on her. She ignored it and placed the tray on the table.

However, as soon as she looked at the men with confidence, her gaze shifted to the man sitting on a single couch.

Her whole body froze inside, causing all of the color to drain from her face.

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Tan's dark eyes were cold as they gazed at her. But his face was indferent as if he did not know her.

The tray shook a little, nearly spilling the drinks on it. However, she immediately composed herself and tightened her grip.

Since it was on the table, she let go of the grip and stood straight.

She looked away from Ian and glanced at the tray

Though Ava composed herself, she could not control

her heart. Itarted to beat so fast that she almost felt difficulty breathing

Her wolf began to whine. She had never done this in these four years.

Was it the impact of her old memories or the powerful aura of the person in front of her?

The manager of the club came to the cabin and bowed to everyones a polite greeting. His eyes went to Ian directly, and he said,

"Alpha Ian, if you need anything, you can tell our

The manager glanced at Ava. He signaled her to serve the drink to others.

Ava was in a daze as her eyes were on the table. She could not describe her feelings.

This was the reason she avoided going to the Mystic Shadow Pack. Now the reason had come to her pack.

"Sure."

She heard a cold tone that sent shivers down her spine. She slowly lifted her gaze and looked at Ian.

Luckily, he was not looking at her.

Her eyes paused on him for a moment to check on him.

He was no longer the careless boy with a wrecked lifestyle. He transformed into a strong man. His black suit emanated a dark aura all around him. He did not have any piercings in his ears. But he did not take out his one brow piercing. It appeared that he kept it with him to remind himself of who he really was.

Ava was surprised to see that he did not look the same. He appeared both mature and cold. He was once a good-looking boy. But now he was handsome with a dominant aura. Indeed, people would be hesitant to approach him. It was due to his calm yet cold

eyes.

“Why not serve us some drinks?” A man said with a chuckle.

All of the men there were young and looked like businessmen. It was like a meeting to discuss something.

Ava turned to the manager and mumbled in a low tone,

“Sir, is there another place I could serve?”

After hearing her, the manager shook his head. Then he spoke to her in a whisper,

“Don’t make us look foolish in front of the man sitting there. He is our rival Alpha. If he gets offended, I will have to apologize to Alpha Dane as well.”

Hearing about Dane, Ava’s heartbeat calmed down. She seemed to have realized who she was and where she was.

She had to face her past. She would have to face the man who she did not like at all. She was no longer in love with this man. T

If it had been the old Ian she knew, she might have considered thinking about him, but this man was not the Ian she remembered.

This man had all the records of all cruelty. There were a bunch of rumors that he never thought of before killing.

He used to beat people in the past, but now he does not hesitate to kill them.

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There was some news where he stated **if** he wanted something, he could snatch it away, and that was his style. He did not care what belonged to whom; he wanted it so he would get it.

Thinking about all the news that she had learned all these years about him, she took a deep breath.

She nodded her head and glanced at the manager.

“Okay.”

The manager gave her a relaxing smile before he left the cabin.

There were eight men in the private cabin, and she was the only woman.

She hesitated when a man raised his empty glass and asked her to pour him a drink.

‘It is not something I will have to do every day. I can do it,’ Ava said to herself.

She bent down again to pick up the bottle of wine. She could feel the men’s eyes were on her. She hurriedly stood up and checked to see if her dress was fixed.

“Come on, darling. Hurry up,” the man said to her, patting his **next seat**.

Ava almost rolled her eyes but controlled herself. She was working in Rina’s place. She could not make her lose this job.

So she walked up to the man and sat next to him. She faked a smile as she poured wine into his glass. The man smirked at her while gazing at her.

“Alpha Ian, it is a pleasure to have you here.”

“What about staying here for a while? Our pack is not that bad.”

As the men attempted to initiate a conversation with him, they began buttering him.

When Ava noticed the man beside her moving closer to her, she frowned. She raised her brow, wondering if he thought of her as

an escort.

She was about to stand up, but the man wrapped his hand around her waist, which shocked her in her place. She tried to push him, but he just chuckled and tightened his grip.

She clenched her fists in anger. But her gaze shifted to Ian, who was staring at the man's hand.

Ava paused, almost expecting him to react to this. But the next moment, he looked **away**.

Ava felt a pang in her heart for some unknown reason.

Did she just expect him to pull the man away from her?

She could see his indifferent **face** as if he did not care about how the man was making her feel uncomfortable.

The men around him glanced at Ian's empty glass and looked at Ava.

"Serve Alpha Ian."

Ava snapped out of her reverie when she heard them. She nodded and stood up, holding the bottle.

She walked toward Jan with slow steps, preventing herself from looking at him.

However, right as she was getting closer to him, her heels tripped over something, and she ended up falling right onto his lap.

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Ava was too shocked to react. Her eyes widened when her eyes met Jan's cold gaze.

Her heart raced like a marathon, which startled her.

Why was she feeling like that? It was clear to her that she did not have any feelings for this man right now.

Then why?

It was her wolf who wanted him.

Ian's eyes moved from her face and lowered to her hand, which was holding the bottle against his chest.

She followed his gaze and looked at his shirt.

She gasped as she noticed the wine had spilled on his shirt, soaking it. Since the shirt was black in color, nobody could see it. However, she could see the shirt damped against his chest.

"I-I am so sorry."

She quickly started to wipe his shirt with the white napkin she had with her uniform.

She was so eager to wipe her mistake that she forgot she was still on his lap.

Everyone in the cabin turned silent, watching them quietly. They were too afraid to let out a noise. So it was a pin-drop silence there.

Ava wiped his shirt, failing to notice his dark gaze on her.

Before she could apologize again, a hand gripped her arm tightly.

She raised her gaze to look at him, realizing that she had not moved from his lap yet.

But the next moment, Ian pushed her away from his lap.

It was such a hard push that she had no chance of standing up and ended up falling to the floor.

Everyone looked at Ava before returning their attention to Ian.

Ian got up from the couch and strode to the door, indicating that he was leaving. The men got up and slightly bowed to him.

Secretary Neon rushed to Ian, trying to follow him behind.

"Come one, Alpha Ian. She was a pretty woman. You should not have been so harsh on her." The man who was holding Ava's waist a while ago said with a chuckle.

Ian's steps came to a halt at the door. He turned his head to the side and said in a cold tone,

"I hate it when dirty women like her dare to touch me. There is nothing pretty about her. Whores like her are available in my pack. You can come visit someday."

After throwing those cruel words, Ian left. His assistant glanced at Ava for the last time and left behind Ian.

Ava's eyes were on the floor until Ian left the private cabin. Tears welled in her eyes, but she did not show them to him.

She was not the old Ava anymore. She was a headstrong woman who had her own independent life. But why did she suddenly have to face him and get humiliated?

She did nothing in the past. But she still had to get the punishment that she did not deserve. Wasn't it enough humiliation?

'Dirty woman?'

'Whore?'

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Those words reflected her past in her mind. His words caused an old wound in her heart to reopen.

By his ignorant attitude, she thought he had let go of the past and behaved like a stranger. But he did not let go of an opportunity to **embarrass** her.

"Don't mind him. He is not someone you can seduce. He is Ian Dawson. Many Alphas' daughters are in line to meet him, and you are just a waitress, you know."

One of the men's voices reached her ears.

They all took their seats once more, disregarding the fact that she was still on the floor.

She tightened her fists and grabbed the couch Ian had been sitting on a while ago. With its support, she tried to stand up.

When she got to her feet, she noticed that her ankle had sprained slightly.

She could feel difficulty walking. When she applied pressure to her right foot, she felt pain.

"Where are you going? Serving Alpha Ian was not your only job," Anan said, eyeing her body.

She turned her head and glared at him.

The man was astounded by her sudden angry expression. There was something in her eyes that caused him to stop reacting

The man who had been touching her stood up and came over to her.

“Come here. Accompany me.”

Ava pushed his hand when he touched her hand,

“I am not the type of woman who can accompany you in bed. So don’t waste your time.”

The man was surprised. Ava was talking directly. He tightened his grip on her hand and began to pull her.

She became so enraged that she raised her hand and struck his forehead with her one finger.

Within a second, the man’s eyes widened as he felt a shock deep within his bones. He released her hand and asked,

“W-Who are you?”

Ava glared at all of the men and muttered,

“Your death. I have come across many businessmen like you. Next time, don’t dare to mess with me.”

Ava exited the private cabin, leaving the men stunned.

Ava rushed downstairs, making her way to leave the club as soon as possible. It made her ankle hurt even more.

As she walked closer to the entrance, the loud music of the club faded.

“Have you seen Alpha Ian?”

“Why does he have to be so handsome?”

“He is so hot! How can a man in a suit look this hot?”

“Why did he leave? He should have stayed here for a while.”

“He looks so dangerous. I am terrified to think about getting close to him.”

“My dad mentioned once that he is trying to work with him on a deal. I hope I can see him again.”

Ava heard the girls talking about Ian.

She clenched her jaw and left the club without notifying the manager.

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She noticed the road was empty. She did not wait to hail a cab and started to walk ahead.

Tears streamed down her cheeks as she could not believe that after all these years, she was still bothered by his insults.

What made her strong, then? That man still had the power to break her again.

She was lost in her thoughts.

At that time, a car came to a stop next to her side.

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“Alpha, **Isn’t** it Miss Taylor?”

The driver said to Alpha Dane as he glanced at the woman beside the road.

Dane **was** using his phone. But when he heard his driver, his eyes moved from the phone and shifted on the road.

“**It** looks like **she** is hurt,” the driver said, slowing down the speed little.

Dane’s eyes darkened when he noticed what his driver was saying was right.

It was indeed Ava. She was limping. She was hurt. But she looked lost.

Just as the driver tried to drive past her, he suddenly spoke up.

“Stop the car.”

The driver hurriedly stopped the car after hearing him.

Dane did not wait for his driver to open the door for him. He got out of the car and walked around the car to approach Ava.

His eyes paused at her dress up. His eyes, which were dark, turned chilly as he grabbed her arm and turned her to him. “What the hell is wrong with you?”

Ava was flinched by his cold tone. His yell pulled her back to reality

Tears rolled down her cheeks, which he had not noticed yet. His eyes were on her uniform, which was not appropriate for her.

“Did you start working in a nightclub as a waitress? What did you do-”

He paused as his eyes shifted on her **face**.

His brows furrowed as a glint of anger rose in his

“Why are you crying?”

Ava raised her head to look at Dane.

In the blurry world, she only found him close.

With a loud sob, she hugged him.

eyes.

Dane’s hands froze in the air. The darkness in his gaze faded slowly.

He gradually wrapped his arms around her waist to hug her back.

In his embrace, Ava cried in silence.

She had no idea why she was crying. Was she crying because Ian brutally insulted her in front of other men?

Or she was crying because of the past that suddenly came across her after four years?

After crying for a while, she felt Dane's scent on her nostrils, which caused her to feel warmth. It calmed her down.

When she realized that she was embracing him, she quickly broke the hug.

She tried to take a step back, but his hands stopped her. He raised his hands and cupped her face.

He raised her head to make her look at him and asked,

"Who dares to make you cry?"

Rage was clearly audible in his tone.

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She exhaled deeply and looked away from his brown eyes.

She pushed his hands lightly and wiped her cheeks.

"I-I fell..."

She lied to him. She did not want to bring up Ian to make him angrier. He was not fond of him at all.

The rivalry was real, and it was neck to neck. So she did not want to fuel the fire.

Dane stared at her as though he did not believe her.

He was not a fool. He had been a head Alpha from a very young age; his experience and perceived ability were far greater than others thought.

He could read her face and tell that she was hiding something. She was hurt not only physically but also mentally.

He took off his suit jacket and wrapped it around her shoulders.

Ava was stunned by his action. She glanced at his jacket and mumbled,

"I don't need it."

"No, you do."

He said, pulling the jacket over her dress to hide it. It was his jacket, so it was long, covering her body.

It reminded her of the moment when Ian was watching the other man touching her. But he did not even react.

Ava shook her thoughts, trying to forget this night like a nightmare.

“I can go back home. Don’t be concerned for me.”

As soon as she finished saying that, her body lifted up in the air.

With wide eyes, she hugged his neck.

“I am going to drop you home,” he said.

He walked to the back seat and opened the car door. He put her inside the car and sat next to her.

A blush appeared on her cheeks when she realized that he could have just told her to sit in the car. His car was only two feet away

from them.

The driver started the car. Dane ordered him to take them to her house, which was far away from this road.

Ava leaned her back against the seat, holding the jacket tightly.

She slowly turned her head to look at Dane.

A smile spread on her lips when she thought about how they started to become close.<

They had not had a good relationship in the first two years. He was the arrogant man everyone used to call. He was actually a badass who everyone wanted to avoid in fear. However, as time passed, she came across the bad boy.

She had a thought to change him into a good boy. He was not a school kid whose success was determined by exam results. He was a hellra angry man who did not listen to anyone. He had some past, and he wanted to dominate others as well.

She tried a little to make him understand that being dominant was not the only way to live. Sometimes he would have to love the people around him.

They were not friends, nor did they have any relationship. Until one night, an incident changed everything.

She was on the verge of losing everything, and that time he came and saved her from the situation. He showed his trust in her,

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which her **ex**-boyfriend failed to do four years ago.

From then on, she fell for Dane Erickson.

She decided to stay beside him in his good and bad times.

The **way** he cared for her, she could never get a man to do that for her. He had once told her she was different from others in his eyes. That day, she thought that something was possible between them.

Just when her gaze met with Dane, her smile, faded.

Meeting the brown eyes, her mind reflected a pair of black, cold eyes.

She looked away from Dane and thought,

‘Just when I thought I could move on in my life, why did you have to show up to ruin my happiness, Ian Dawson?’

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“I can walk.”

Ava said when Dane picked her up in his arms and walked into her house.

He stood near the couch in the living room. Ava’s cheeks flushed when she noticed how messy the couch was. She wanted to slap herself for not cleaning it before leaving her house.

Who thought the head Alpha of the pack would come to visit her house?

Dane glanced at her red face, then grinned. He did not put her down on the couch. He made his way to the door of her bedroom.

He put her on the bed and said,

“Let me see your leg.”

She blinked her eyes, staring at him without any reply.

He looked into her eyes, which he found really innocent. His eyes then moved down to her body, which was wrapped around with his suit jacket.

He grabbed the stool near the bed and sat on it.

Ava gasped when he grabbed his ankle.

She shook her head and mumbled,

“W-What are you doing?”

He did not listen to her. He took off her high heel and placed her leg on his thigh. When he moved her leg, the suit jacket slipped down from her thighs.

She parted her lips when she felt his fingers run around her ankle.

His eyes were focused on her ankle, where he could see red skin. However, his gaze moved slightly and drew to her exposed thighs.

She froze when she noticed his gaze. She lowered her lashes, biting her lower lip. She shifted the jacket from her shoulder and moved it over her thighs.

Dane quickly shifted his gaze and took a deep breath. He started to move her ankle again.

“Aouch!”

She let out a moan in pain. It caused him to pause.

He looked at her. “Here?”

She nodded her head as she could feel the pain.

“Look at me,” he said.

“What?” she asked as she looked at him.

With a quick move, he twisted her ankle.

Her eyes widened as she felt a sharp ache in her leg.

“Aahh!”

Dane stared at her until she calmed herself.

“Y-You! You want to break my leg!” she said, trying to move her leg.

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He gripped her ankle tightly and said,

‘Move.’

“What?”

“Try it. Move it in a circle.”

She frowned at him and moved her ankle.

She was shocked. She felt no pain in her leg.

Did he just remove the pain from her leg?

Seeing her reaction, he smirked and asked,

“No pain?”

She nodded her head frequently. “Are you a doctor?”

He chuckled and slowly moved down her leg to the floor.

“No, I am your Alpha,” he replied calmly.

Ava averted her gaze when he called himself ‘your Alpha’. Though it was normal to call himself that because he was the whole pack’s Alpha. But there was something in his tone that caused her heart to move a little.

She knew she liked this man. He won her heart. 1

People used to call him cruel, but he was always soft with her.

As she was observing him, a ringtone began to ring in the room. It was his phone.

He pulled out his phone from his pants pocket.

Ava glanced at the screen. Her gaze paused when she noticed the caller's name.

"Freya"

She looked away and mumbled,

"Your favorite woman is calling."

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He looked at her and asked,

"Favorite woman?"

"Hmm."

He did not receive the call and muted his phone to ignore it.

"Who said she is my favorite woman?" he asked.

She avoided his gaze and replied,

"Everyone knows about it, Alpha Dane. It's nothing new."

He was quiet for a while. But his eyes were on her

She moved her gaze to look at him and found him staring at her.

"What? Did I say something wrong?"

"She is no longer my favorite woman."

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She gave him a small smile and said,

'But she used to...'

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She paused when his phone's screen lit up once again, indicating that Freya was calling him again.

"Receive her call. It must be urgent. After all, is your girl-

He corrected her by saying,

"Ex-girlfriend."

"Yeah, ex-girlfriend."

Dane sighed and glanced at his phone. His eyes shone with a little hesitation. He waited for a moment so that Freya could cut the call. But she called him again and again. Lately, he received the call

"What?"

Ava was stunned when she heard his chilly tone. He was not this cold while talking to her.

"Why would I come? Am I your servant, Miss Harrison?"

Ava rubbed her palms against each other, not knowing how to handle this angry man later.

"Stop crying over a pity thing. I am not going to cancel anyone just because he offended you."

Except for Dane's angry tone, there was silence around the room.

Ava could hear Freya complaining about a boy offending her. She seemed to have a really serious problem. She wanted him to go to her and solve the situation.

When Dane hung up, his eyes met hers.

Ava gulped, thinking about how to speak to him to make him calm.

"Alpha."

Her sweet tone almost faded the darkness in his eyes. His gaze softened toward her.

"Don't get mad."

"I can't be mad at you."

His simple answer caused her to blush. She lowered her head, blushing red from the gentle treatment.

“I think it’s urgent. You should go to her.”

“No need. His brother can handle it by himself. She intentionally called me instead of calling him.”

Ava raised her gaze and said,

“You are the head Alpha. She is your beta’s sister. Don’t be mad at her. If she were in trouble, Beta Bruno would be upset with you.”

Dane did not agree at first, but then he nodded his head and got up from the stool.

He touched her head and stroked her hair. She closed her eyes as soon as she felt his touch on her head.

“Be a good girl and take some rest. You don’t need to come to the office tomorrow.”

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Standing on the balcony, a man was gazing at the moon, which was shining, so brightly that it was almost blinding. In one hand, he was holding a cigarette, and in the other, he was holding a glass of wine.

His gaze was fixed on the moon, and his eyes were sharp as he continued to stare at it. He was challenging his light to shake his gaze.

A few light footsteps came from behind as Assistant Neon entered the balcony.

He looked at his Alpha, who was looking at the moon. His black attire glowing in the moonlight almost stunned Neon.

He had been working with him for three years. All these years, he had never seen him smile brightly. He always looked at others coldly, as if he were not pleased with anyone. He had seen the growing success that he had achieved with the passing years. “Alpha.”

Ian did not turn around when he heard his assistant, Neon’s **voice**.

He raised his hand, which was holding the glass, indicating him to continue.

“Alpha, Gamma Stephen is calling you.”

Ian moved his eyes away from the moon. He placed the glass on the frame of the railing and asked,

“Why is he calling?”

His voice caused Neon to lower his gaze. He replied,

“He was asking if he could go to the City Moon Pack.”

Ian’s eyes darkened. With a low tone, he muttered,

“City Moon Pack...”

Neon glanced at his back and cleared his throat.

“Alpha, tonight... wasn’t that Gamma Stephen’s sister in that club?”

Ian’s eyes did not move after hearing his question. Since he was quiet, Neon continued to speak.

“Why is she here? Didn’t Gamma Harper mention that she lived in the City Moon Pack? It looks like she has been lying to her whole family while living here in the Thunder Howl Pack. What could be the reason?”

Ian took a long, deep puff in, held the smoke in his mouth for a few seconds, and then exhaled deeply to release the smoke from

his nose.

Neon did not dare to move forward. He stared at his head Alpha.

He was two years younger than Ian.

When Ian became the pack’s Alpha, Neon had just graduated from Mystic Shadow University.

So he knew Ava, but at the same time, he was not aware of the rumors of her and Ian’s breakup years ago.

In his three years of work, he had never heard or seen Ian talking about Ava.

Hence, when Neon saw Ava after so many years, he was curious about Ian's reaction. But Ian showed no mercy toward club, proving that he hated her.

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"I don't remember Stephen setting you up for spying on his sister.

Ian's voice sounded indifferent. But his remarks were sharp enough to make Neon realize that he did not care.

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"S-Sorry, Alpha."

"Pay all of your attention to the work, not the people around your work."

"Y-Yes, Alpha."

Ian raised his hand and signaled him to leave without looking at lin.

Neon bowed to him before quietly leaving the balcony and oom.

The balcony turned silent again.

In front of Ian's sight, it was the nightlife of the Thunder Howl Pack.

His eyes scrutinized the lights of the buildings under the sky.

He gulped on his drink, thinking about something. If people who knew him saw him right now, they could say that he was dazing out.

The next day Ian went to meet the men who were important for his business. They looked impressed that Alpha Ian wanted to work with them.

Ian Dawson wished to merge a few companies and wanted them to work under him. He preferred to invest in companies that were in bankruptcy.

When it was business, his mind was sharper than the edge of a knife.

After the meeting with the other businessman in a private restaurant, Ian went to roam around the pack.

He wanted to see how people were living here. What was the main source of their living and how was it different from his own pack?

He noticed that this pack's people were more hardworking than his own pack members. It seemed their head Alpha was way more strict than him to keep his pack members busy with work and make more money for themselves as well as the pack.

When it was evening, Assistant Neon thought Ian would go back to the hotel.

However, Ian said,

"I am going to the club. You can go back to the hotel."

Neon recalled what had happened to the club last night. He gulped, thinking what if Ian ran into Ava again? What would he do? What if she would offend him once again?

"Alpha, if you don't mind, I can accompany yo-"

Ian's single glance made Neon eat his words. He lowered his head and nodded at him.

"I think you are right. I should go back to the hotel, Alpha."

Ian went to the club and didn't go to any private cabin. In fact, he sat in the lounge area. Girls were glancing at him while giggling.

Most of them did not know him. They knew his name but not his appearance. Only those who were connected to him through business knew him, as did their families.

It was the Thunder Howl Pack where the pack members only liked to focus their attention on their head Alpha only, just people of the Mystic Shadow Pack.

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When the manager of the club noticed that Alpha Ian was there, he rushed to him and asked politely,

"Alpha Ian, would you like me to get you a private cabin?"

Ian sipped his drink and replied without looking at him,

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“A private room.”

The manager was not stunned. Many Alphas came here only to spend their nights here with beauties. So it was not surprising to

him.

“Sure.”

He smiled and looked around to signal his men. Two of them came to him. The manager handed them a key to a room and then

said,

“Take Alpha Ian to the presidential suite on the third floor.”

The men nodded their heads and motioned for Ian to follow them.

Ian did not move, which caused the manager to frown.

“Alpha Ian, you can go and rest. I am sending you the best beauties who are available right now. You can choose whoever you want from them.”

Ian clagged down the whole glass of drink. He looked at the manager and said,

“Not anyone else. I want the waitress from last night.”

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Ava did not go to the company today. It was because Alpha Dane had given her a day off.

The whole day she stayed at her home. She cleaned her house, thinking about last night. She scolded herself countless times for being so untidy.

When she was with her family, she was really caring about these things. But when she left her pack, she felt that she had left herself there. This was a new Ava with a bunch of new habits.

She was getting bored in the evening. So she left the house to go to the mall.

She was a workaholic. So she did not want to waste her day and went to review different types of fabrics.

The mall was full of new collections of fabrics, which came from different packs. The Thunder Howl Pack was doing well in the import-export business.

This mall was not like other malls. The entire intention of the shops was to check which products people like to buy and use; after the review, they selected the products of the import business. This pack's exported products were equivalent to its imported products.

"Miss Taylor, nice to meet you."

Ava turned to her side and found the owner of a showroom, greeting her.

The owner was a young woman, and she had known Ava for a long time. When Ava was in university, this woman used to come to lecture in her classes once a year. Since she was a young businesswoman, she was a motivational speaker for the students.

"Miss Swift"

Ava greeted her back and hugged her.

"Ava, it's been a while."

Ava broke the embrace and replied,

"I usually come to your showroom a lot. But I suppose you are always busy."

"Actually, you are right. Currently, I am looking for a model for my brand."

Her eyes scanned Ava from head to toe, and her eyes lit up.

"I wish I could get a woman with such a perfect body like yours. You are perfect to be a model, do you know that?"

Ava blinked her eyes. "What are you saying? You know I am a designer, not a model."

She chuckled a little after saying that. Evana Swift shook her head as she locked her arms with Ava.

“Come on. I am jealous of your body and beauty. Can you consider it?”

Ava sweetly declined her offer again. She only had interests in designing clothes for models, not in modeling.

“Okay, fine. What fabric would you like to choose? Let’s go to explore my showroom.”

They had known each other for six months since Ava joined the pack company.

When Ava selected some fabrics and ordered them, she told them to send them to the pack company tomorrow.

After taking her leave from Evana, Ava left the mall at night.

Just as she was about to hail a cab to return to her house, she got a call from an unknown number.

She received the call.

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“Hello?”

‘Miss Taylor?’

“Yes, who’s speaking?” She inquired, as she did not recognize the voice.

“I am the manager of the nightclub that you left without working

Ava paused her steps. Just hearing about the club, the memories of last night came to her mind and hit hard.

They were bad memories she did not want to remember.

“What do you want?” she asked.

“You need to come to the club right now.”

“Why?”

“You are working in the absence of Rina, remember? I have no time for explanation. You need to come right now.”

Ava froze when she remembered that Rina told her about two nights and that she had promised her to work in her absence. She could not even call Rina now because she tried to contact her to ask her about her brother in the morning, but Rina did not receive the call.

“Sir, can I take a leave from Rina’s side? I am not feeling we—”

“No, you can’t. That’s why Rina told you to work as her substitute. Now hurry up and come to the club **if** you don’t want her to lose the job.”

Ava was about to request him again, but he cut the call. Ava tightened her fists, thinking that the manager was too strict.

‘I feel bad for Rina. She has to do such a tough job. I wish she could get another job soon.’

She thought for a moment then came to the conclusion that last night was worse because of Ian. But tonight she could easily do her job and go back home.

She hailed a cab and went to the nightclub.

She hurriedly went to the changing room and put on a new uniform since the dress from last night was in her house.

She went to the manager, thinking that she would ask him not to send her to any private cabin.

As she approached him, he looked at her and smiled.

She frowned, as she did not understand the reason behind his bright smile.

“Sir, can I ask for a request?”

“What?”

“Don’t send me to a private cabin today. I can serve the people here,” she replied, glancing at the men and women who were enjoying their time.

The manager shook his head and said,

“No, you don’t need to go to **a** private cabin.”

Ava let out a sigh of relief after hearing him. But her breath caught when she heard his next sentence.

“You have to go to a private room to accompany the VIP customer.

She got mad at him and said,

“Excuse me? Do you think I am a prostitute? I don’t want to go to any private room.

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The manager glared at her and replied,

“You have no choice. If Rina were there–

“She would have done the same thing I have just said,” she retorted back.

“But she would have no other option but to go to that room.”

She gritted her teeth and asked,

“Why?”

The manager looked around and then said it in a low tone.

“The VIP customer is none other than Alpha fan himself. Offending him would be disastrous for us.”

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Ava was in a daze. She felt her patience level was getting lower.

“**Alpha Jan? Is he here** again?” she asked.

“What do you mean? This is the best nightclub in the whole pack. Of course, he would come here,” the manager said, sounding a little offended by her question.

Ava shook her head and said,

“I can’t go.”

“What do you mean? It’s Alpha fan. It’s your time to shine in your life. If you can impress him, you know your life can change. A rich man can give anything for pleasure, you know.”

Ava glared at him. “You would have done the same with Rina?”

“Of course. I don’t think she would be this stupid to **reject** the marvelous offer. And why are **you** even hesitating? It’s not like you never hook up with other guys. It’s just for one time. I am not hiring you forever.”

Was the man persuading her to sell her body to a rival Alpha so that his club would get closer to the other Alphas out of the pack? She felt it was disgusting.

She turned around to go back to the changing room. While going inside, she said,

“I am not going to do this. Do whatever you want. I will get Rina a secure job. She doesn’t deserve all of this.”

As she shut the door, she heard the manager’s loud voice from outside.

“Alpha Ian told me specifically about you going to his room. If you don’t **go**, I will have to force you.” ‘Specifically for me?’ she thought.

Ava tightened his fists in anger. She had the urge to open the door and teach the manager a good lesson.

However, every time he spoke about Ian, she felt her breath slower

‘You want to humiliate me again, don’t you, Ian Dawson? Otherwise, why did you ask for me?’ she thought.

Anger rose in her eyes as they turned into glowing emeralds.

“If you want everything like this, then let’s do it this way,” she muttered to herself after taking a deep breath.

When she calmed herself, her eyes turned back to black.

She opened the door and came out of the changing room.

It looked like the manager was about to knock on the door again. Because he was standing outside while raising his fist.

Seeing that she had not changed the dress, he was relieved.

“You agreed?” he asked calmly.

“Hmm,” Ava replied and walked past him.

He followed her behind with a grin and said,

“Room No. 304.”

She did not respond as she heard him. She kept walking toward the corner of private rooms.

“Not there,” the manager said to stop her.

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She turned around and looked at him.

“**What?**”

“**He is in the** presidential suite. **3rd** floor, right corner, last room.

Ava **rolled** her eyes and went to the elevator. As she entered the elevator, she saw an old man with a young woman.

She did not believe how the women were selling their bodies for money. There were a bunch **of** jobs to do, but they chose to do **that**.

They stepped out of the elevator on the second floor. Aya waited for the elevator to reach the third **floor**.

As soon as the elevator’s door opened, she met an empty and silent floor.

On the whole floor, there were only four doors, two on the left and two on the right.

Ava remembered the manager telling her the direction; she went to the right corner and glanced at **the** last door.

She took light steps. Nonetheless, her heels knocking on the floor made a loud noise in the empty hallway.

She raised her hand to knock on the door before taking a deep breath.

She knocked on the door and stood outside with an angry face. She did not know what she would tell him.

Last night there were so many men around them, but tonight they would be all alone in the room.

She had the wish to scold him for asking for her to the manager. Did he think she was actually a whore who always slept with other men in the club?

“Come in.”

She heard a cold voice from inside the room.

Just hearing his voice caused her to stand there straight. She moved her hand to grab the doorknob. With a slow move, she twisted the knob and opened the door.

She looked inside the suite, which was three times the **size** of the regular room downstairs. The lights here were dimmed.

She stepped into the room and closed the door behind her.

As soon as she turned around, her gaze drew on the man sitting on the black couch, smoking.

She froze when she saw him.

All the anger in her face vanished. Her eyes could not just move from him.

There he was, Alpha Ian Dawson.

He was smoking while sitting on the couch, with one leg folded over the other. His focus was on his phone, and he looked really

attentive to it.

He did not look at her as if he were not the one who asked for her or permitted her to come in.

Her breath hitched when she stared at him.

But when he raised his gaze to look at her, she almost took a step back.

Her heart started to beat uncontrollably.

She wanted to turn and ran out **of** the room.

Everything from her past came flooding back to her with just his one glance.

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four years...

Four years were not a joke. It took her three and a half years to get

She could not forget how many nights she had cried for him, nor he about their sweet times.

She could not forget the pure love she once felt for him.

But what did he do? He just threw her away from his life like dust. humiliated her like she was nothing to him.

She did not know when she moved her hand back to the doorknob

Just when she was about to open the door, he spoke out,

“Where are you going?”

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Ava froze when she realized her heart was not ready to confront him.

However, she eventually came to the realization that she was not the one who could be blamed for anything that had happened in the past.

Then why would she run away fro

She should stand still and look into his

face him.

She took a long breath and lowly turned around.

She looked at him and tightened her fists.

Ian’s eyes were cold, and his face was indifferent.

When she saw him moving his gaze from her face to her body, she clenched her jaw.

She felt lowly to herself because his gaze was scanning her body in the same way that other men did with prostitutes.

But she did not move an inch. She stood there still, staring at him.

When his gaze returned to her eyes, she spoke out,

“I-Ian-”

“Alpha,” he corrected her.

“W-What?”

He took a whiff of smoke and exhaled it out of his mouth a few seconds later. Then he muttered,

“Bow down to your Alpha.”

His voice was dominant. Her wolf inside almost submitted to him. But in order to avoid making a mistake, she caged her wolf

inside.

Ava did not move even after hearing him.

Ian raised a brow and said,

“It seems this pack only lives a developed life, but they forget to develop their manners.”

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“This pack’s people know how to show manners. But they only bow down to their head Alpha, not just any Alpha that came from another pack,” she replied bluntly.

It was the first time she spoke to him like that after four years.

There was no way Ava would show him how he could affect her. She would give him the answers he deserved.

Ian’s eyes darkened as he asked,

“What did you just say?”

“This pack’s people only bow their heads to their Alpha.”

“And who is your Alpha?” he asked, smashing the cigarette butt on the ashtray.

She took a step back, thinking that he would get up from the couch

“Alpha Dane.”

She replied with a clear voice without stuttering.

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As if he did not like her answer, his hand paused on the ashtray.

He let go of the cigarette and looked at her.

“I think you forgot who you are talking with, Waitress. Not only you, but I can make your whole family bow down before me.”

Ava flinched upon hearing him.

How could she forget that her brother Stephen was his gamma? Her parents were also staying in his pack.

Ava loosened her fists and slowly bowed her head, pushing her self-esteem away from her heart.

He did not say anything as he stared at her.

Finding him silent, she slowly stood straight and looked at him..

She gritted her teeth and asked,

“You wanted me here, Alpha Ian. May I know the **reason**?”

He did not respond to her as if he were thinking about something. She waited for him to reply.

After a few seconds, he spoke,

“You are aware of the reason. You know, that’s why you came here.”

She averted her gaze away from him.

She knew? What did she know? That he intended to use her as if she were a prostitute?

She was about to tell him that she did not work here, but before she could, he said,

“You look like an expert. I have no wonder you have been working here for years. You must be really happy that you caught a very big client tonight.”

Ava felt a pang in her chest.

If she had already let go of him from her heart, then why was she getting too affected by this man's words? She should ignore his bitter words, right? Then why was she unable to do that?

She kept quiet, not in the state to let out anything. She was hurt by his words.

She had been living in this pack like a dignified woman, but this man came here to break her dignity again.

After a few minutes of silence, he signaled her with his hand to the couch where he was sitting,

"Pour a drink for me."

Ava's gaze shifted to the coffee table, where the bucket of ice and a bottle of wine were set up inside. There were two glasses beside the bucket.

She wanted to leave the room but she did not want to run away from him again. So she walked toward the couch and sat beside

him.

When she moved to grab the bottle, her dress moved a little up from her thighs since it was a short and tight dress.

She looked at the bottle carefully. She had no idea how to open it. It looked like it was locked.

She was so focused on the bottle that she did not notice how the man beside her was looking at her. His eyes began to shift back and forth between black and red.

His jaws were clenched.

His fists were firmly balled.

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Ava wanted to put the bottle back on the table. However, a memory came to her mind.

She recalled a night a few months ago when she won a project and Alpha Dane threw a party to the entire department.

Nobody expected him to attend the party because he disliked socializing with his employees. However, he did come and congratulate Ava.

Ava remembered him opening the bottle of champagne for her.

The memory made her smile. She started to do what she could remember to open the bottle.

Her smile caught Ian's attention. His brow furrowed.

She started to apply pressure to twist the corkscrew until the screw was fully embedded in the cork. So, as she was ready to open the bottle, she heard him.

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Tan scoffed at her words. It was clear to Ava that he did not believe her.

"Such an innocent woman you are! You work as a waitress, but you don't even know how to open a bottle of *wine*?"

His mocking remarks hurt her. However, she was adamant to show it through her face.

She slowly raised her gaze to look at him. Her gaze jolted with his

She gazed into his icy eyes, which had once seemed gentle toward her. She could not believe how much he hated her.

It was about two and a half years ago when she almost decided to go back to the Mystic Shadow Pack

It was a night when she was in heat. She wanted to be close to someone, But she did not want to give herself to anyone else. Because she and her wolf both desired him.

That night, she was not in her right mind. The emotion inside her was too difficult for her to handle. Even though she knew she could not be with him, she wanted to hear his voice once,

Despite changing her phone and SIM card, she could not forget his number. It was as if the numbers were embedded in her heart.

The phone kept ringing until it connected and a girl's voice came to her ears.

"Hello?" the girl said.

Ava was silent.

She did not know who the girl was. Her heart raced as if she did not want to know who she was and what she was doing **with** Ian at this time.

“Are you deaf? Why did you call this number?” the girl spoke again.

“I–Is Ian–”

“Ian? How dare you? Who gave you the audacity to call Alpha by his name?”

The girl’s slender voice ranged in Ava’s ear. She put the phone on the loudspeaker and placed it on the bed.

She hugged her legs close to her chest and said,

“W–Where is he? C–Could you please tell him that A–Ava wants to talk to him?”

The girl was quiet for a while, then she burst into laughter.

“Ava? Seriously? Who the hell are you? Many girls come and go in Alpha’s life. How do you think he would talk to you? Right now I am with him. Don’t disturb us.”

Since the phone was on loudspeaker, Ava could hear the sound of a door closing as if someone came inside the room.

The girl did not cut the call.

Ava could hear everything.

She heard the girl saying,

“Alpha, do you know any girl named Ava?”

Ava yearned to hear his voice. Her wolf was whining inside.

“Ava?”

Hearing his voice, she let out a moan. Fisting on the bed sheets, she shut her eyes to calm herself.

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Ava abruptly ended the call before he could finish his sentence the wayward to je tursker

She cried that whole night. It was a heart that was way more pindala on

who did not love her anymore. But her heart was foolish to keep re

As the past reflected in her mind,

Ava blinked her eyes and stopped thinking about it. Ian's cold eyes stared her back to the yes, they the yen ada She lowered her gaze for a while, then her lips curled a little, she shook her head and laughed

Ian's eyebrows shot up when he saw her laughing

Within a moment, his hand grabbed Ava's jaw, making her look at him.

"How dare you laugh? Is this the way you play and seduce other men?"

Ava felt pain in her jaw since he grabbed it tightly. It reminded her of the day he had wontenativer 20kets

She got mad, but her eyes glinted in amazement, She smiled at him and grabbed his wrist, working some time. That day she did not know what power she had; she was not an ordinary omega-beant.

That day, because of her pressure and anger, he felt burns in his hand; it was her rage that came from Robiect's side "What's with that look, huh? Feel proud to be a whore?" he asked in a whisper.

His voice was more chilly than his gaze.

It could not dim Ava's smile. It seemed like she did not care anymore.

Ava tried to push his hand away while saying,

"You are right, Alpha Ian. This is how I act innocent around the other men..."

She paused speaking. Her smile turned into a smirk, then she continued,

"Do you want me to show you how I seduce them?"

Ian's eyes could not be more fierce. But she decided to face him today.

He pushed her jaw, causing her to move a little back.

He muttered in an angry tone,

“A dirty whore will always be a dirty whore.”

She chuckled and came back to her position. She grabbed a napkin that was in the pocket of her **uniform** and turned to face him again.

She looked at his chest and started to move her hands toward him.

He grabbed her wrist and asked,

“What are you doing?”

“Can’t you see? I am trying to show how I seduce other men.”

After saying that, she pushed his hand and moved closer to him. It caused her legs to brush against his.

She started to wipe his chest with the napkin. Her gaze moved to his **eyes**.

“Men most of the time like my touch. Don’t you feel this is how a whore should respond, Alpha Ian?”

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The smile on her face never faded, but her words were sharp.

It made Ian so angry that he grabbed her hair and pulled her to his face.

Her smile faded when he said,

“I have never seen a bitch like you. How can a woman be so shameless? You are not cut out for waitressing. What will you do after a few years? Let me guess. Join as a prostitute?”

His gaze swept across her face for a second before returning to her eyes.

“I think that will suit you.”

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Ava stared into **lan's** eyes. Tears filled her eyes, yet she was stubborn not to reveal her emotions to him.

This man was not the lan who she had known. He had become a whole different man. She felt like this man was someone really cruel. His words were brutal, and they almost ripped her heart.

When lan noticed the tears in the corner of her eyes, his grip did not loosen a little bit. Her tears enraged him more.

Did she think that he would sleep with her like other men did?

He let go of her hair and saki,

“What did you think? I call you here to warm my bed?”

Her heart ached as she lowered her lashes and moved back.

He shook his head and grabbed the packet of cigarettes from the table.

He pulled out one and lit it. His moves were quick as if only the smoke could ease his anger.

After taking a long smoke inside, he looked at her.

She had already gotten off the couch.

She glanced at him. After examining her from head to toe, he sneered.

“I can never desire something like...”

He pointed at her body with the fingers that held the cigarettes and then said,

“This.”

She clenched her jaw as she had reached the highest level of tolerance. She nodded her head and replied,

“You better stay away from this woman then.”

After saying that, she headed toward the door.

“Where are you going? Did I permit you to leave?”

His furious voice rang throughout the room. Tears streamed out of her eyes. Because he was facing her back, he could not see it.

She did not stop her steps and walked toward the door.

When she stopped at the door, Ian glared at her for not listening to him.

“You are fortunate to have a brother like my Gamma. Otherwise, I would have reached you and punished you for what you had done years ago.”

There was something in his voice that she could not understand. But it was surely rage.

She blinked her eyes, and more tears fell down on her cheeks.

She opened the door to leave. But her steps paused.

She did not turn to him, but there was something inside her heart that she wanted to tell him.

She took a long breath and mumbled,

“I will wait for the day when you realize that I was not your criminal, but I had to receive the full punishment for something I never did.” \$1

She left the door and did not forget to close it behind her.

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The room turned completely silent.

Tan’s eyes were fixed on the door for a long time.

He did not know how long his gaze lingered on it while smoking. He looked away when he got a call.

He glanced at his phone and saw Stephen was calling him.

He glanced at the closed door again.

The ring did not stop.

He grabbed the phone and switched it off.

He was fuming inside, but his facial features were calm.

He just kept smoking. One, two, three... so many cigarettes were extinguished within minutes.

There were a lot of cigarette butts on the floor around the **couch**. He did not even bother moving them or smashing them on the ashtray.

His focus was on the door. Ava's words kept repeating themselves in his mind.

He recalled what had happened in the past.

It was three months after his accident when he started to look for Robin everywhere in the pack. He discovered that the boy had flown away from the pack after learning that he had caught Ava in his room.

For once, he questioned himself whether he had mistook Ava.

Stephen was the one who tried his best to reach the truth because he did not see what Ian had seen. So he could believe in Ian.

A few weeks later, they located Robin. He started to live overseas. Ian told his men to take him back to the pack.

Robin was afraid when the men brought him to Han.

The first thing Ian did was punch him so hard that it broke his nose

He beat him mercilessly while yelling at him,

"Tell me that you were the one who plotted all of this. She is not a cheater. Tell me that I misunderstood her. Tell me you were the one who did all of this."

His friends thought Ian had gone insane in Ava's love once again. They tried to hold him to stop beating Robin. But Ian got into a fight with them.

"What do you think? Even if it were her fault, I would let this boy go? He dared to touch what was mine. I will kill him today." Robin could not take his beat, as he was nearly dead. He kept screaming in pain and saying that,

"I did not do anything. She was the one who seduced me. I was afraid **of** you. But she is the one who said you would return to the pack after three days." 1

Ian stopped beating him. He remembered telling only Ava about the day of his return.

“She wanted to sleep with Luke as well. But you had caught them together. So she could not do that. The truth is that she was sleeping around with other boys outside the campus. You couldn’t understand-”

Ian did not let him speak as he began to kick him on his stomach. Robin spilled blood and was almost killed by Ian.

At that time, Ian’s father came there with his officials and stopped him.

Ian or Stephen did not tell any of them about Ava. Ian’s father sent Robin to the hospital and said that Robin’s father was a respected pack’fighter, so he would not let Ian do anything wrong with him.

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The men around Ian said that a boy who was on the verge of death could never lie.

It was obvious to Ian’s friends that Robin was not lying. Because none of them could save him from getting beaten. He still said what he was saying from the start.

It broke Stephen’s trust in Ava entirely.

However, Ian got his clarification that night.

Ian still remembered everything very clearly.

While letting out a ring of smoke out of his mouth, he sneered.

“Punishment? When it comes to cheating, no punishment is enough.”

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Ava came out of the club. She sobbed while hailing a cab,

She **got** into the cab. When the cab driver asked for the address, she told him the location.

During the ride, she tried to keep herself from crying more.

She was living a happy life before Jan Dawson arrived and Ained Why could he just not let her go?

Every time tears rolled down her cheeks, she wiped them.

Jan's furious face and hateful eyes started to hunt her inside. She was not used to getting such hatred.

'What was my fault?'

She did not even cheat on him,

Why was she getting such punishments?

The cab came to a halt. The driver turned to her and said,

"Miss, we are here."

Ava wiped her eyes and inhaled. She opened the door and stepped out of the cab.

However, she froze when she realized where she had come.

She turned to the driver and asked,

"Y-You brought me to..."

"Miss, I asked you twice. You clearly said this address."

Ava paid the driver, and he drove away from the area.

She turned around and looked at the villa in front of her.

She was so distraught that she did not realize that she had given the cabbie Alpha Dane's private residence address.

Perhaps she wanted to come here when she was feeling down.

He was the one who always gave her strength.

She approached the villa and paused at the gate, which was royally designed.

She glanced at the guards. They looked shocked to see her in the uniform of a waitress.

She looked away from them and asked,

“Is Alpha at home?”

“No, he is not back,” one of them replied.

She nodded her head. The guards opened the gate for her since she had full access to the house. It was permitted from the Alpha that whenever she came, they would not question her and let her go inside. So no guards dared to stop her from entering.

Ava entered the villa and went to the living room

She sat on a couch and rested her head against it. She curled into the couch. She felt helpless in this situation.

She had no one to go to except for Dane. He understood her the most.

He never called her with those dirty names, even after the incident that had happened six months ago,

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After **half** an hour, her eyes drew to the ceiling mirror. She was stunned when she noticed how her makeup was ruined. Her mascara was shredded.

She sat up and wiped her eyes. She went to a guest room and opened the closet.

She did not find any clothes to change. She wanted to take a shower and change her clothes. But she could not do it.

She only washed her face and hands, then she left the room.

She did not want Dane to look at her in this dress again. It would make him angry once again. But she had no other choice but to keep wearing them. There were no ladies' clothes in the house. How would she change her clothes?

While roaming around the villa, she thought about something and went to the kitchen.

She opened the freezer and found no food inside.

She gave it some thought and smiled.

She wore an apron and started preparing dinner. Dane always helped her in everything. She could at least cook for him tonight.

Because she lived alone, she always cooked for herself.

While cooking, her mind kept returning to what had happened an hour ago.

Fate left her as if she had turned into glass. Ian could come anytime and break it as he pleased.

How could she let him do that to her?

She needed to protest. She would have to treat him back how he treated her.

She promised herself that she would not cry for him again.

After preparing what Dane liked the most, she set the table.

She walked around and stopped in front of the wall mirror beside a beautiful flower vase.

She gazed at the mirror and picked up a rose from the vase.

She looked into her eyes and tried to summon all her strength. Her eyes immediately changed color to emerald.

She shifted her gaze to the rose in the mirror and sharpened her gaze.

In a matter of seconds, the rose began to burn.

She hurriedly grasped the rose around her palm and blew out the fire. The fire did not hurt her a little bit.

She returned her gaze back to the mirror.

Though the fire had been extinguished, it continued to burn within her emerald eyes.

It was because she was not only an Omega but also a witch.

She was a fire witch, the most powerful one.

She was so strong with her powers that she could compare with an Alpha. It took her four years to reach this level. She had put in a lot of effort to become a successful witch capable of controlling **her** strength at any time.

She enjoyed using her power to assist others. Though the person never asked for her assistance, she was eager to help D ever needed it.

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The sound of a car scratching outside the villa reached her ears.

Her eyes turned back to black. She placed the rose back in the vase and turned around to look at the front door.

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The door opened, and Dane entered the villa.

She rushed to him with a smile on her *face*.

“You are back?”

She expected Dane to be pleased to see her here. However, his brow furrowed at her.

She then noticed he was looking at her dress.

“Again?”

He sounded disappointed. She approached him and grabbed his su jacket.

“Let me help you.”

She helped him take it off. But it did not ease his anger. He stared at her with dark eyes.

“Who made you work there? Rina? She will have **to** pay for it.”

“No, please don’t,” she said immediately with a begging tone.

“Change your clothes right now.”

She lowered her head and mumbled,

“I could not find anything to wear...”

He glanced at his bedroom and then said,

“Go to my room and find something from my closet.”

She raised her head to look at him with a pair of shocked eyes.

His eyes softened as he looked at her.

“What? I have no other intentions. Just change these clothes already before I teach your friend a lesson.”

She immediately rushed toward his bedroom.

“I am coming right away.”

She could hear him chuckling from behind. She blushed when she heard him muttering,

“Cute.”

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Ava changed into Dane’s clothes. The white shirt and black trousers were bigger in size for her body. She managed to wear them by folding the sleeves of the shirt and rolling the waistband of the trousers.

When she came back to the living room, she found him leaning against the couch.

She cleared her throat. He turned his head and paused his gaze on her.

“You look good and cute in my clothes,” he remarked with a smirk

Her cheeks flushed. She did not respond and walked toward the dining table.

“Come to have dinner.”

In the middle of the way, she paused to see if he was following her or not.

Seeing that he was approaching her from behind, she continued to walk. She stood beside the table and gestured for him to sit.

He smiled at her and stood next to her. She turned to look at him.

“I talked to Rina a few minutes ago,” he said.

Ava was surprised to hear that. “I told you not to...”

He rubbed his forehead and muttered,

“I almost thought about killing her brother so that she would never have to leave her job for a night.”

Her eyes widened as she fisted on the shirt.

“But then once again I remembered about my good boy image before you and canceled my thoughts.”

Ava let out a sigh of relief.

Alpha Dane was not a joke. If he said those things, he had the ability to do that as well.

She was fortunate that he listened to her and began to be less harsh on others. Otherwise, she had not forgotten how he was when she first met him four years ago.

“Thanks,” she mumbled.

“For what?”

“For listening to me.”

“Anything for you.”

His simple words made her smile. She felt that she started to like him even more.

In her sorrowful life, did she not have a right to choose to move on? Why would she live a painful life when someone else was making an effort and giving her equal respect?

‘I wish I could show you what betrayal means in love, Ian. Then you would have realized how wrong you were before,’ she thought. 1

Dane waved his hand in front of her face.

“Are you lost in the thoughts of any other man?”

“Huh?”

She came out of her thoughts and looked at him. She shook her head immediately and said,

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“No.”

He nodded his head and said,

“Then it’s good. Otherwise, I am not particularly fond of rivals.”

She saw him sitting on a chair. His words sounded strange to her. It seemed like he had just talked about Ian. Because his biggest rival was Ian right now.

When Ian was not the head Alpha of the Mystic Shadow Pack, Alpha Martin still tried to keep a good relationship with the Thunder Howl Pack and with Alpha Dane.

However, Ian sat on the throne and changed every single thing. His actions were openly challenging Dane and this pack, creating the biggest rivalry ever.

Ava shoved her thoughts aside and began serving food on Dane’s plate.

As he moved to grab a spoon, Ava noticed something on his neck.

He noticed her gaze and touched his neck.

“What?”

Ava did not respond as her eyes were on a love bite on his neck.

When she fell silent, he turned to the glass window beside the table, which turned into a mirror at night. He glanced at his neck and realized what she was looking at.

He turned his head back at her and said,

“That’s-“

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“It’s okay,” she mumbled and faked a smile.

“Where are you going?” he asked when he saw her turning around.

“I think I should leave now.”

Dane got up from his chair and grabbed her wrist to stop her from leaving.

“Are you leaving for this hickey?”

“L-Leave my hand. It’s okay, you don’t need to explain anything.”

He pulled her toward him, causing her body to be pressed against his.

She looked at him with a stunned face.

He lowered his head and said,

“You have the right to listen to my explanation.”

She lowered her gaze, not knowing what to say. She liked a man, and maybe he had spent a night with someone else.

“Last night you told me to go to Freya. I solved her problem and thought of giving her a lift to her house. She was drunk and acted wild in the car. But I pushed her right away. Nothing had happened between us.”

Ava did not let out anything. He raised her chin to look at her face.

“Don’t you trust me?”

His one question shook her heart.

Did she really trust him?

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Trust...

It **was** the only reason she liked him. When no one else trusted her he was the one who did.

she remembered how Ian abandoned her just because he had seen hickeys on her neck. She would never do the same.

She nodded her head and replied,

“Yes, I trust you.”

Dane smiled at her and pulled out a chair next to his chair.

“I always have my dinner outside. But when the guards called to tell me you had arrived home, I changed my mind and returned without dinner. Sit down.”

She heard his soft tone. She sat on the chair. He served food on her plate, then sat back to his chair.

They had dinner in silence like other times.

He liked to talk less while eating. She knew his habits because she wanted to cherish this man’s habit.

She glanced at him, watching him eat with perfect etiquette.

Who would say he used to be the biggest bad boy? He was getting calmer by the day.

After dinner, he praised her food. He said he wished to eat them every day. She knew he was just overhyping it to make her happy.

She laughed and took the dishes to wash.

He followed her and asked to lend a hand. She pushed him, saying that she had a habit of doing chores at home.

When Ava was done washing, she wiped her hands with a towel.

As she was about to turn, she felt a hand wrapped around her waist, causing her to be stunned.

Dane lowered his head, resting it on her shoulder.

“Ava, it’s been a while; we are together yet not together.”

She gulped as she listened to him until his next words caused her heart to race.

“Don’t leave. Stay here with me. Be mine; be my girlfriend, Ava.”

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Ava froze in her state. Her heart was not racing for her happiness, but she was scared.

She was afraid of what had happened to her in the past.

Just thinking about a relationship, she remembered how her last relationship ended up.

She turned around and looked at Dane.

“D-Dane.”

His face was closer to hers. He stared at her, waiting for her response.

But when he noticed her hesitation, he moved a step back and said,

“Is it no? Because I can clearly see the hesitation. Can’t I reach the level you wanted me to?”

She immediately shook her head.

“It’s not like that.”

“Then?”

He asked, looking at her carefully.

Ava could feel his impatience. She had been seeing him trying to change himself for her. He once told her that he wanted to be a better man and asked if she would like to help him to become one. From then on, they started to get closer and came to this point.

“I-I need some time.”

Her voice shook, afraid that she would hurt him.

But his face calmed down as he grinned at her.

“I am happy. The answer is not no. I can wait for your answer. You can take your time.”

Ava felt relieved that he did not mind.

If he had asked her about it a few days ago, she would have happily accepted him, but right now, she was mentally depressed by her past. She wanted to get rid of all those past memories first before getting into a new relationship.

She had not told him about her past yet. She believed if she took some time, she would be ready to be with him entirely.

He moved away from her and said,

“Stay here tonight.”

She looked at him with shocked eyes. “H-Here?”

“Why? Do you think I will lose my control?”

She looked away and mumbled,

“Your driver can drop me at my house.”

He turned around and started to walk away.

“It’s very late. You can choose any of the guest rooms and stay here tonight. I won’t come, I promise.”

She stared at his back until he stopped and turned to her.

“Good night,” he said with a smile.

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She blushed and averted her gaze away, “Good night.”

Everything had now changed between them. Because he had asked her to be with him.

He wanted to tell him about her encounter with fan. But she was afraid that he would get mad. He would get into a fight with lan, and it would cause great chaos to the whole pack.

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So she chose to refrain herself from-telling him.

For Ava, the night went by as she twisted on the bed from left to right.

She did not know why, but she could sleep the whole night. Because every time she wanted to sleep, a pair of furious eyes started to hunt her.

Ava glanced at the window and noticed the sunlight coming through the open blinds.

She freshened up and left the guest room.

She went to the living room and found the maids had returned to work.

The maids looked stunned, not because she was there but to see the clothes she was wearing

She scratched her head and greeted an old maid.

The maid chuckled and told her to have breakfast.

She was about to ask the maid if Dane had woken up. But before that, the front door opened. She turned to see who had come to

the house.

She saw it was Freya.

Freya was a very gorgeous young woman who liked to wear designer clothes all the time with perfect makeup. She was a model; it suited her.

Freya's steps paused when she noticed Ava. Her eyes moved to Ava's clothes, and she frowned at her.

"Miss Taylor, why are you here?"

Ava felt that she had no answer to that question.

"Why can't she be here?"

Dane's voice came from the other side.

Both Ava and Freya turned to look at him.

He made his way into the living room. Rushing to him, Freya gave him a hug.

"Good morning, Dane."

After glancing at them, Ava turned her head away. She was used to it.

Freya had been with Dane for a very long time. She was the former beta's daughter. When Freya's father was on the edge of death, he handed her to Dane to look after her.

Dane always took care of her and lived his own life. Once Freya asked him to be his boyfriend, he agreed with her, and they became a couple. But after three and a half years, they broke up.

Ava once asked him the reason behind their breakup. Dane replied that Freya was out of love, so he did not want to **cage** with

him.

When Ava heard Dane, she turned around and headed for the door.

“Where are you leaving? Will you not wish me good morning? Or did you not like that last night?”

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Ava froze in her steps. She slowly turned around and looked at him

He raised a brow, giving her a very serious look.

Though his words sounded something else, she understood that he was talking about the proposal.

“I liked it,” she replied with a smile.

He grinned at her and said,

“Morning.”

Freya appeared to be shocked by Dane’s words. She looked at Dane then moved her gaze to Ava.

“Wait a minute. What’s going on? Are you both talking about some projects or what?”

Dane nodded his head and replied,

“A very personal project.”

Ava flushed red. Freya noticed it and turned back to Dane. She smirked and spoke while glancing at Ava.

“I see you still have my hickey, Dane.”

Dane gazed at her and replied,

“Miss Harrison, you should control yourself when you are drunk. Not everyone is Alpha Dane who will send a woman home without taking advantage of her drunken state.”

Like that, Dane made Ava realize that he was not lying to her.

Freya rolled her eyes and went to sit on the couch.

“I have some papers. I need your sign. I am going out of the pack.”

Dane ignored her and approached Ava.

“Have breakfast with me.”

She shook her head with a small smile.

“Please let me go home right now. Another day, okay?”

He sighed and said okay. He said his driver would send her home.

“Not your private car,” she reminded him.

“Okay, another car,” he assured her.

Ava left the villa with a cheerful face. Dane’s driver dropped her off with another car so it would not attract attention from her neighbors.

Ava opened the door of her house and closed it with sleepy eyes.

Without looking anywhere, she began walking towards her room while rubbing her eyes. She wanted to get some sleep in her

bedroom.

“Had a great night?”

Her legs froze and her sleepy eyes cleared instantly upon hearing a cold voice.

She immediately turned around and found Ian sitting on the couch, staring at her with dark eyes.

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“You!”

Ava was shocked to see Ian in her house. She could not believe her eyes.

Was she dreaming?

He was staring at her with his cold eyes. His gaze was so sharp that it could cut her throat out.

“W-What are you doing in my home?”

“That was not my question,” he muttered.

She gulped and tried to compose herself. Then she asked,

“H-How did you get my address?”

She glanced at the front door to see if the lock was broken. She was surprised to find everything was okay.

“Again wrong answer,” he muttered without looking away from her.

“How did you get into my home?”

She asked another question. There was no way she could understand how he had gotten in.

He had just broken into her house!

As if her continued questioning were irritating him, he got up from the couch and moved toward her.

Ava took a step back as she saw him approach her.

He came to a stop in front of her and lowered his gaze. She followed his gaze and found him staring at her clothes.

These were Dane’s clothes.

She looked away. She became enraged because he had come to her house. She could not forget how he humiliated her last night “I am asking you again, what are you doing here?” She asked in a calm voice.

His gaze moved to her face. But then they started to find something on her neck.

She hurriedly buttoned the shirt's upper button, assuming he could see inside.

He scoffed at her when he saw her doing that.

"What are you hiding? As if other men haven't seen anything about your body yet. Stop acting like you are an innocent woman." She bit her tongue to control herself. She refrained from slapping him. How could he keep talking nonsense about her?

Did he even know what he was saying?

"It looks like you haven't slept the whole night," he muttered, glaring at her.

Ava looked into his eyes and nodded her head in response.

She then smiled at him and replied,

"You are right. I couldn't sleep the whole night. My eyes are sleepy. Can't you see the proof?"

Ian tightened his jaw and gave her a scowl.

She folded her arms and gave him a careless look.

"Alpha Ian has come to my house. I think I am really fortunate about it. But I can't welcome him. So he can leave now."

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After saying that, she turned around to move away from him.

But **he** grabbed her arm and pulled her back.

He pressed against the wall behind her and asked,

"City Moon Pack, huh?"

The smile on her face washed away as soon as she heard him.

He noticed her reaction. He smirked at her and said in a low tone,

“I wonder how your family will react when they learn what their faithful daughter is doing in another pack. They are so foolish to believe that she lives in the City Moon Pack. But the truth is...”

Ava shook her head immediately.

“Don’t tell them.”

He raised a brow and asked,

“Why? Are you afraid that they will get to know what a slut their so-called innocent daughter has become?”

Ava tightened her fists.

Slut, whore, bitch... he could only call her with those names. She couldn’t take it anymore.

“Stop calling me by these....”

His eyes moved down to the shirt again. He grabbed her collar and pulled her close to his face.

“Stop calling you slut? How? You did not return home the whole night. You came home wearing another man’s clothes and are now telling me not to call you that?”

He paused for a moment then asked,

“Tell me how many men have seen your body after you came to this pack.”

Tears scrambled in her eyes. She felt startled by his words.

‘No one...‘

She said that in her head but did not speak out loudly.

“What happened? Cat caught your tongue?”

He tilted his head and moved his mouth toward her ear.

She closed her eyes when his nose touched her ear. She felt her wolf leap inside her. She felt shocked.

It was because she started to feel the same sensation that she used to feel by his touch.

“Perhaps so many men that you can’t even count, whore.”

Her eyes flung open. She gave his chest a firm shove.

Her strength was so much that it caused him to take a step backward.

Her sudden strength took him off guard. But then he shook his head and let out a chuckle.

“Four years... you got some strength. Was that because of too much practice?”

She wanted to scream at him to stop saying those dirty things to her.

She was not like that.

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Why did he not leave her alone in her life?

She decided to give him back. So she took a deep breath and said,

“You should not care about me. Think about yourself. Don’t forget that you are in your rival pack

He smirked at her. “Do you think Alpha Ian is afraid of anyone?”

“Who knows?”

Her mocking tone made him mad at her more. He nodded his head and stepped back.

“Your mouth is running very well. I hope your brain will do the same.”

She frowned at him. “What do you mean?”

He turned around and went to the couch. She watched him grab his black suit jacket that was lying on it.

He rested it on his arm and said it without looking at her.

“You are going back to the Mystic Shadow Pack.” (1)

Her eyes widened. “What? Why?”

He turned his head to her and asked,

“Why? You don’t know?”

He gritted his teeth and replied,

“I cannot allow you and your action to cause my Gamma’s family to feel ashamed.”

She stepped toward him and said,

“But I am an independent person. I am not bothering them.”

She paused a few feet away from him. Looking away, she mumbled,

“I want to stay in his pack.”

“What you want doesn’t matter.”

“You can not make decisions for my life like this. You are no one to me.”

As it caused his blood to boil, he strode toward her.

She raised her head to look at him with angry eyes.

“You are no one,” she mumbled again.

“No one? You are still bonded with my pack. Have you forgotten it? So never forget that I am your head Alpha.”

She froze when she realized that she was still pack bonded with the Mystic Shadow Pack.

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Tan laughed at her reaction. He could not believe kuwa had forgotten that due belonged pack

“Book a ticket and return to the pack you belong to. I am giving you some time to flick. Take

I will not only banish you but also banish your mother from my pay

She glared at him. “No! You can’t do this to my mom. Banish me, do and banish me from your pack because my mom is your former Gamma’s wife; how can you even say that?”

Ian’s eyes darkened. “Say? Learn to do that too. Try me.”

After warning her, he turned around and left the house.

Ava looked at the door. She rushed to the door and slammed it loudly so that he could hear her. She was so frustrated that she could not express it.

What would she do now?

How could he blackmail her like that?

She did not want to go back to that pack.

Did he not know what was the reason behind her leaving the pack? It was **him**; he was the reason

Ava started to think of the solution to this.

Suddenly her eyes drew to the corner of the couch. She was stunned when she saw there were so many cigarette butts lying on the floor. (1

It did not look like he had just come to her house before she arrived. By all the cigarette butts, it seemed he had been there for a long time.

“Did he come to my house at night?”

She was surprised. She recalled him saying that she did not return home at night.

“But why? Just to blackmail me?”

“What does he want? Revenge? By how? By humiliating me in his pack?”

She kept mumbling things as if she had lost her mind.

Her life had settled in this pack. She was established here; she had a secure job and a well-dignified life.

But more than that...

Dane was here. She wanted to be with him. She did not want to leave him. He was not like Ian that she would have to escape his pack.

She ran her fingers through her hair while thinking about all of these.

Later, she could sleep. She went to the pack company and continued her day.

She heard the news that Alpha Ian had gone back to his pack.

She felt relieved. She thought Ian would forget about it.

The next few days went normally.

Ava also forgot about Ian's warning. But she could not forget the three encounters with him.

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It was a very cold day.

Ava was sitting in the cafe, reading a fashion magazine.

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Suddenly her eyes fell on a page of the brands belonging to Miller Industries. The head designer of their pack company had an interview where she said very soon they would launch a grand party where Alpha Ian's fiancée would wear her designed dress.

“Alpha Ian's fiancée”

Ava's eyes fixed on there.

It was not hidden from anyone that Alpha Jan had already chosen his Luna for himself.

It was about eight months ago when Alpha Martin Miller declared that his son had selected a Luna for their pack. Ava still had not moved on at that time, so it was very painful for her.

Her eyes turned cold as she remembered how much she cried that night when she read the news.

She did not want to hear this news or see him with another woman that was why she left the pack. But when the entire world turned against her and forced her to accept it, she was lost.

Even though she was in another pack, she had to hear about him a lot. He had grown into a formidable Alpha, making her life more difficult. She could not ignore it; whenever she went to another pack, she only heard gossip about him.

The first two months after learning about him getting his Luna were like a punishment to her.

But then,

Something happened, and everything changed.

Dane changed her perception about himself and entered her life. She could forget what he had done for her. She owed him.

Since Ian had totally moved on with his life, she had to force herself to do the same at that point.

“Ava?”

She blinked her eyes, shoving the past from her mind.

She turned her head to Rina, who was sitting beside her.

“Where are you lost?” she asked.

“Nowhere,” Ava replied after shaking her head lightly.

Ava did not tell anyone about her past in this pack, not even to Rina

She kept it a secret, thinking that it would never open.

Since she was meeting Rina after almost a week, she asked,

“How is your brother doing now?”

Rina held her hands and replied,

“He is okay now. Thanks to Alpha Dane. He saved him by admitting him to the best hospital in our pack. He even said I no longer needed to take a leave of absence from work.”

Ava smiled as she realized Dane had done that for her. But then her expression turned dull.

“Rina, you need to leave the job. It’s really dangerous. Your boss can make you sleep with anyone he wants. So pleas Job.”

Rina gave her a sad smile. “You know I am trying. Once I get a high-paid job, I will leave it.”

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Ava started to wonder if she could help Rina because she was also from the fashion design department.

Just then, her phone started to ring.

She noticed it was her mother's call.

She glanced at Rina; she nodded her head.

"You can take the call. I'm going to order a cup of coffee."

Rina left her side, giving her privacy to talk to her mother.

Ava received her mother's call and spoke out,

"Mom, how are you?"

But her mother's voice came out depressed.

"Ava? Where are you, my child?"

"Mom, what happened? I am fine. I am in the City Moon..." she paused for a second, suspecting if lan had told her, but then continued,

"I am in the City Moon Pack."

Her mother did not calm down as she spoke again.

"Ava, please come back to our pack. It's urgen

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Ava went back home and packed her luggage after talking to her mother.

All the time her mother was saying one thing,

“Come to the pack immediately.”

When she asked what had happened, her mother said,

“I am not feeling well. I want to see you.”

Ava felt really stressed. She loved her mother the most. She could not lose her. Since she was unwell, she wanted to go and meet

her.

She really hoped her mother would be fine.

She glanced at her phone, staring at a number.

It was Stephen’s number.

He had never called her after she left the pack.

She missed her bonding with him. She really accepted him as his brother. So thinking about the past, she felt hurt.

He also misunderstood me and never called me for once,’ she thought.

Though she tried a lot to convince herself to call him, she always stopped herself from doing that. It was before he was her brother, he was Ian’s close friend. She knew he would never believe her over him.

Ava left her house and went to the pack company right away.

She had called Dane to meet him, and he said he was in his office.

Since the office hour was over, all the employees had left the company.

Ava made her way to Dane’s office on the upper floor.

She knocked on the door, awaiting his response.

Dane was swamped with work. So when he heard the knock, he stopped for a while then said,

“Come in.”

He was aware who had arrived. He closed the folder he was holding and placed it on the table.

Ava entered the room. Her eyes met his brown eyes.

He raised an eyebrow when he noticed how worried she appeared.

She walked inside and stood near the desk.

“What happened? Why do you look so worried?” he asked.

She did not respond, as she was staring at him as if she were lost in something.

He stood up from his chair and moved toward her. He pulled out a chair and signaled her.

“Sit.”

She blinked and shook her head. She looked at him carefully and mumbled,

“Dane, I have to go back.”

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Dane’s hand paused on the chair. He shifted his gaze from the chat and gazed at her.

“What?”

She took a deep breath, recalling their conversation four years ago

FLASHBACK

The blue eyed boy grabbed Ava’s arm and started to pull her in the other direction.

Ava tried to break free while looking at the people who were heading toward the aircraft.

“I will miss the flight. Leave me.”

“You can’t leave. My Alpha wants to talk to you.”

She was feeling depressed. Her mother's words returned to her mind. Her eyes widened when she realized that her mother might be right.

Did the head Alpha of this pack get to know the truth? Was he going to kill her?

The other people in the airport were looking at her. The boy looked annoyed. He stopped his steps and looked at her.

"If you don't come with me nicely, I have other ways too."

"What will you do? Kill me?" Ava asked.

Then she let out a laugh. "Actually, you know what? Kill me. I was dying in my pack daily. So it's better to be killed at once."

The blue eyes of the boy glowed as he looked at her intensely. She almost tried to step back.

She remembered how he once touched the middle of her forehead, and she felt a shock run through her body.

"Don't be scared. I am not harmful. I can never harm you."

She frowned at him. "But you tried once."

He shook his head and replied something, which really shocked Ava.

"You are my cousin. How can I hurt my uncle's daughter?"

"W-What?"

Ava could not believe her ears. Was he her relative? Was he really her father's brother's son?

"It's true. I am Griffin Adler. You are my uncle, Hector's daughter. You are my sister."

Ava glanced at the flight boards, which showed that the plane had taken off. So basically, she had missed the fight.

Even if she now fought against this man, she could not go back. This pack was their pack. She was helpless here. She did not know if what he was saying was true. She could not help but agree to go with him.

When Griffin took her to a small launch area for VIPS where all the businessmen were sitting and talking, everyone turned to

look at her.

Ava's gaze was drawn to the young man she had recently encountered. He was sitting on the couch. He could easily catch any girl's attention.

Ava felt a powerful aura coming from him. His sharp gaze moved at her when Griffin spoke out.

"Alpha, I brought her here."

Ava recalled what her seatmate was saying to her about him. He was none other than the head Alpha of **the** Thunder Howl Pack, Alpha Dane.

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Alpha Dane looked at the men and said,

"You all can go and wait in the local area."

All the businessmen looked wealthy and respected people. They were stunned to hear him.

"But Alpha—"

He interrupted them by saying,

"Do you want me to kill a few of you to question me back?"

Ava looked at the man with frowning eyes. She thought he was just saying those to create an intimidating impression.

Because she had seen Alpha Martin as the head Alpha, she knew this man could not kill his pack member.

However, she was shocked when the man sitting beside Alpha Dane, who looked like his beta, moved his jacket and took out a gun from his waistband.

Ava took a few steps back when the beta handed the gun to Alpha Dane.

All the businessmen quickly got up from the couches and bowed to Alpha Dane.

"Please forgive us. We never wanted to obey you or not leave the area. We were just curious to know who the girl is."

Alpha Dane turned his head to look at Ava and replied to the man,

“She is someone very important to your pack. A girl who can change the predictions with her powers and abilities.”

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Ava did not know what Alpha Dane was talking about. She noticed the men were leaving the area quietly. She felt their **gaze at her** while whispering to **each** other, “Important to our pack? Never seen her around Alpha before.”

Everyone left, except for Ava and three men in the area.

Ava looked directly into Alpha's eyes and asked,

“What do you want from me?”

Griffin's grip loosened around my hand. He rushed over to the beta, who had just gotten up after grabbing the gun from his Alpha.

Ava was too shocked to **react** because everything happened so quickly.

“Beta Bruno, don't shoot,” Griffin said, holding Bruno's hand, which was pointing the gun at Ava.

Ava's breath hitched, feeling a fear of death.

Alpha Dane was sitting on the couch, calmly and composed as if he were watching a show.

“How dare she speak to him in such a manner? Does she have any idea who is seated in front of her?”

Ava listened to Beta Bruno, but her eyes were on Alpha Dane.

For some reason, she began to feel hatred for him.

She knew he was the Alpha of this pack. But wasn't it his father who destroyed her pack? Wasn't it his father's men who attacked her father and killed him?

Now did he plan to kill her?

She still could not forget how helpless her father was. She wanted to save him, but neither she nor her mother could help.

"I know who he is," she muttered.

Dane could see the hatred in her eyes. He shifted his gaze from her and looked at his beta.

"Bruno, calm down."

"But Alpha, look at this girl's audacity. After fleeing away from this pack, she still had the courage to look directly into your eyes.

Griffin lowered his head as if what Bruno was saying was right.

Ava was confused about the whole situation.

"Why wouldn't I flee? I was a kid at the time. My mother took me **away** to protect me. In a deadly situation in a war, even an Alpha can run away to save his own life, then can't I? It's not a crime."

Her loud voice made Alpha Dane's eyes darken. Both Bruno and Griffin glanced at him as if trying to see if he would take a step against her.

"Ava, don't speak like that. Bow your head and say sorry to him," Griffin said to her.

Ava shook her head. "Never. I will never bow to him. He is not my Alpha. I am not his pack member."

Griffin walked toward her and said,

"He is our Alpha. He is the head Alpha of this pack. We have to bow to him. You have no choice. He will kill you if you don't do that."

His tone was persuasive, but Ava was stubborn. She would not bow to him.

Beta Bruno handed the gun **to** Alpha Dane and dashed towards Ava He grabbed her arm and pulled her toward the couches.

LEAVE ME.”

Ava screamed when she felt the tight grip.

Beta Bruno kicked her one leg from behind, causing her to fall to her knees.

With a scream of pain, she fell on her knees in front of Alpha Dane.

Ava realized how cruel this Alpha and his men were. If his Beta was doing this to her, what would this Alpha do to **her**?

She was startled from inside.

She had heard about his ruthlessness from others before. Now she knew why Ian and his friends hated this man. He deserved their hatred.

“Your father destroyed my pack and killed my dad,” she mumbled

“You canceled your flight hearing her nonsense? Really?” Beta Bruno said to Dane with a disappointed voice

Ava lowered her head, tears streaming out of her eyes. She felt that she did wrong to escape from the Mystic Shadow Pack.

Dane looked at Bruno and Griffin and then said,

“Leave,”

Ava immediately raised her head to look at Alpha Dane. She thought he was talking to her. But when she saw Bruno and Griffin leaving, she felt her heart start to beat faster in fear.

“W-Where are you going? Didn’t you say I am your sister?” Ava said to Griffin while looking at him leaving:

She tried to stand up and run away because she was afraid to be alone with Alpha.

But she fell on the floor once again. Her leg was hurt. She hissed in pain.

She glanced at Alpha Dane, who was staring at her without saying anything.

His dark gaze started to make her feel frightened of him.

She lowered her head, considering how to get away from this pack.

After a few minutes of silence,

Alpha Dane spoke up,

“You were right when you said my father destroyed your pack.”

Ava tightened her fists, recalling a nightmare in which she saw her father die.

“But you were wrong when you said my father killed your dad.”

She slowly raised her head to gaze at him. He looked into her eyes directly.

“I guess your mom never told you the truth. You still belong to this pack. You don’t have to fear that anyone will cage you.”

She was perplexed after hearing him.

What truth **was** he talking about? She thought he was lying. She got mad at him.

“You want to lock me here. I know your intentions. You are not a good person. I know what people call you outside. The biggest bad boy, it’s because you are a cruel and—”

Ava paused when she noticed his brown eyes turning red. It made Ava clench her dress in fear.

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She realized what she had just said.

On the other hand,

Alpha Dane glared at her.

Where did this girl get the courage to talk to him like that?

Nobody had ever spoken to him like that.

He glanced at the small table near him. There was a glass of water placed there. He grabbed the glass and poured water onto his palm.

Ava’s eyes widened when he noticed his palm was burning from the water.

“What are you doing!”

As the smoke started coming out of his swollen palm, she could not tear her eyes away in shock.

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Silver water,” Alpha Dane muttered and stopped pouring it.

There was no pain visible in his eyes, making him appear very strong.

Ava gulped, trying to calm herself.

But then he grabbed her hand. He smirked and asked,

“What about pouring it on your hand, Ava Adler?”

“No, no. Please!”

She tried to stop him but he had already poured it on her hand.

She thought her hand would burn totally. She was about to scream when her hand started feeling a little burning.

But she was shocked when the burning stopped a few seconds later

“Not burning anymore?” he asked, pushing her hand away.

She stared at her hand with a pair of surprised eyes.

How did the silver water not hurt her too much?

Silver was something that werewolves’ bodies could not withstand It Scorched their skin. It took some time to heal. Because of this, silver stakes were used in the wars to kill them. If it pierced or came close to a person’s heart, there was no way to heal it and save them.

“How?” she murmured.

Then Alpha Dane told her who she actually was. She was a werewolf who was a witch as well. She could push the effects of silver, unlike the other werewolves who felt hurt by it.

Ava recalled the day when this pack's people got into a fight with Stephen. They used ropes to tie him and it was dumped with silver water. It hurt Stephen and he could not untie it until she went and helped him with untying it.

She was not hurt much by the silver water that night, and her wounds healed so quickly that she could not focus on them.

So did that mean there were many hints for her that she could not grab?

"There are many more things you need to learn about yourself."

She heard Alpha Dane and returned her attention to him.

"Welcome to the pack you belong to. Live here and explore your abilities. This pack was always yours. You don't stay outside."

"But your father-"

He interrupted her and said with a cold voice.

"Don't be surprised if I say your mom is a very selfish woman."

She glared at him, shoving her fear aside. She could not hear anything wrong about her mother. She said,

"Excuse me?"

Alpha Dane saw her look and asked,

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"What if I say your father was the one who approached my father years ago and proposed for the war against his own head Alpha?"

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Ava's eyes widened in shock. "W-What are you saying?"

“The men who were killing your father were not my father’s men ut the former Alpha’s men. Your father and my father were Triends. This pack’s former Alphaia was not a good Alpha for the whole pack. So your father was the one who approached my father as the royal wizard of this pack to help him and his pack. My father just accepted his proposal and the war broke out. When I said destroy this pack, I meant destroy and kill those associated with the former Alpha.”

That time Ava realized why her mother always told her to stay away from this pack’s people. She might be aware that this pack would want her back because of the bloodline that ran on her body. She was a hybrid who could help this pack in many ways.

Ava did not want to go back to the Mystic Shadow Pack anyway. So she decided to stay in this pack. If her father wanted to help these people rule this pack, then why not?

She then saw Alpha Dane getting up from the couch. His wound looked serious. He rolled up the sleeve of his shirt and shook his hand slightly.

She could tell he was hurt, but he never showed it.

“What will I do here?”

Without looking at her, he replied,

“I will make your cousin, Griffin, the pack’s royal wizard. You can stay with him and discover who you are. You can lend a hand when this pack requires it. After all, as a member of the hybrid family, **it** is your responsibility to help others. That is why you are one of the few people who were born as both a werewolf and witch.

“How long can I stay in this pack?” she murmured.

He looked down at her and replied,

“Forever.”

END OF FLASHBACK

Ava gave Dane a cautious look. She knew he wanted her to stay here. But she believed if she wanted to leave for some time he would not mind. He never caged her here. She herself chose to stay here.

“Dane, I need to go back to the Mystic Shadow Pack.”

Her tone was soft, trying to calm this man.

He let go of the chair and looked at her.

“You have to? Or do you need to?”

She gulped, hearing his direct question. So she replied truthfully,

“I need to. My mom is not well. She wants to see me. I really love my mom.”

He fixed his gaze on her for a moment **then** said,

“Ask your mom to come here. I will not harm her. She is also a part of your family. It’s a different thing that after finding her mate in another pack, she changed her mind and did not return..” he murmured.

Ava lowered her head and mumbled,

“Please let me go.”

He lifted his hand to raise her chin. He looked at her and asked,

“From the last two years, I never stopped you from going anywhere. Why do you need my permission this time?”

She looked into his eyes, finding a glint of amazement in them.

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“Because I want you to say that. I don’t want to switch your mood and leave the pack.”

“Don’t say leave. Say you are going out of the pack,” he said.

She nodded and let out a sigh. “I am going out of the pack. I am not leaving. I will be back here very soon”

He gave a nod and let go of her chin. He picked up his suit jacket, which was resting on his chair. He made his way to the door while saying,

“Let’s have dinner together. I will book your ticket for tomorrow.

A smile spread on her lips as she looked at his back.

“Really?”

“Hmm, let’s go.”

She followed him with a happy face. This man always made her smile. That was why she liked him.

After having a great time at dinner, he drove her home.

“After coming back, I will answer your question,” she said shyly before opening the car door.

He smiled at her and replied,

“Don’t worry. I will come to your pack to hear your answer.”

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Ava kept checking her watch as **she** sat in the airport terminal, watching people come and go.

Ava was waiting for her flight, which had been delayed for an hour. Her eyes kept drifting over the departure board. She tapped her foot, waiting for the flight for what felt like forever.

She was worried for her mother. She had promised her mother that she would go back to the pack.

Just like how Dane said to her, he booked a ticket for her. She would leave the Thunder Howl Pack in some time.

When the time came, she boarded the plane and settled into her seat. She recalled the day when she had come to this pack.

During the flight, she thought about her family. Would they be happy after seeing her?

When the plane landed, Ava took her time getting off.

As soon as she stepped out of the airport and stood outside, the breeze touched her body, making her shiver.

She closed her eyes and took in the smell of the air. It was the smell of the ground of this pack.

Suddenly she started to feel nervous in her heart.

This pack, this pack's people...

Everything was making her remember her past.

Her mind drifted back to the past. She recalled the day she had left the pack.

"Alpha has returned to the pack!"

She heard some people's voices.

She turned around and found some reporters coming in her direction. Many girls were also with them, though they did not look

like reporters.

She was startled by the rush. She moved aside when she noticed they almost pushed her for walking past her.

She turned her head to see where they were going.

Her heart skipped a beat when she saw a man in a black suit coming out of the airport.

He was wearing black sunglasses so no one could see his cold eyes.

There was an aura around him alarming others not to mess with him.

Everyone could feel the tension around the air in his presence.

Behind him were five men. Ava recognized one of their faces. It was his assistant that she had seen in the club. But the other four men were his bodyguards.

"It's hard to follow Alpha Ian. May we have some time? We won't take more than five minutes," a reporter said.

Ava realized that the reporters were not from this pack. They had come from other packs just to see him.

“I am not a celebrity who you should follow. Tell your Alphas to do something so that my reporters can go to follow them as well,

Jan said with a chilly tone.

The reporters were stunned. They were aware of his cold nature. They looked frightened too. After all, they were in front of the Alpha whom their head Alphas were also afraid of.

“We only wanted to ask if you have time to visit our pack for once

Assistant Neon stopped them by saying,

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“Alpha doesn’t have time for this.”

The guards pushed the reporters aside, leading Ian to head to his car.

Ava stared at the man. He looked very strong and arrogant.

He was always like that—a famous bad boy with high authority. Now he turned into a famous Alpha with dominance. There was an undeniable power about him that made others feel fear around him.

Ian halted in the middle of his way to his car.,

Ava quickly looked away from him and hailed a cab for herself. She did not look around to look at him. She got in the cab and left for Gamma Harper’s house.

She glanced at the side mirror and noticed that Ian was getting in his car.

She stared at the mirror for a while until the car turned to the left and the view changed.

The bitter words that Ian had said to her in the Thunder Howl Pack still echoed in her head. He had broken her heart countless times Now she would not let him do that again. Because she had gotten over him now. She did not care who he was or what he thought about her.

She came here not for his warning, but for her mother’s health.

She called her mother to find out where she was.

She kept her arrival a secret in order to surprise her.

Her mother said she was at home.

Ava arrived at the house. She paid the cab driver and took out her luggage.

As she walked toward the main door, memories of the past began to overwhelm her.

She looked at the cars that were parked there. She had many memories there. She shoved the memories of the past aside and went to knock on the door.

She knocked twice, and a maid opened the door.

The maids were surprised to see her after four years.

“Young miss, you are back!”

Ava was impatient to meet her mother. She smiled as she noticed the maid was happy to see her.

“Yeah, I am back.”

She looked inside. Nothing had changed in the house.

She gazed at the maid and asked,

“Where is Mom? How is she right now?”

The maid gave her a puzzled expression. Ava failed to notice it.

“Don’t worry, Mom will be fine because I’m back,” she said to the maid with an assuring tone.

She rushed inside, dashing towards her mother’s bedroom.

“Mom...”

She opened the door and found her mother talking to her phone. So she paused.

She stopped there and looked at her mother carefully.

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“Yeah, right. I know she must be worried. But I had no way except calling her urgently.”

Ava was shocked. Her mother looked totally fine. She did not look sick in any way. By the way, she **was** talking, it looked like she was talking to one of her friends.

“Ava will be back very soon.”

Her mother laughed a little. But when she turned to the door, she froze.

She could not believe her eyes. Her daughter was back.

“AVA!”

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Ava thought she would feel excited to meet her mother after a long time. But after hearing her tricks to make her return to this pack, she was very disappointed.

“Av-”

Ava did not listen to her as she moved back and left the room.

“Ava, listen to me.”

Ava felt like crying. She was so scared about her mother's health. But she was actually fine? She was only trying to fool her!

“Ava“.

Her mother grabbed her hand and turned her around. Ava looked at her and said,

“Mom, you lied to me!”

“I am sorry, Ava.”

Ava shook her head and uttered,

“I didn’t expect this from you, Mom. You lied to me about your health to make me return to this pack?”

Ava’s mother pulled her into a hug and started to cry.

“My daughter, how long will you stay away from me? You left me four years ago without any explanation. Why are you doing this to your mother?”

Ava paused when she heard that. Her mother was right. She left her mother without any excuse. Despite meeting her in the City Moon Pack three years ago, she did not give any explanations.

She was not a good daughter. She was selfish.

She hugged her mother back.

A tear escaped from her eyes. She realized that she did really badly with her family.

“I am sorry, Mom. I am sorry for being so selfish to you.” 1

Her mother shook her head and broke the hug. She cupped her cheeks with her hands and said,

“Your birthday is coming. So I wanted you to be here this year.”

Her birthday?

Ava realized that her birthday was coming in two weeks. She let out a sigh when she realized that she had forgotten how to celebrate birthdays.

“I love you, Mom.”

“Hove you, too, my child.”

Ava talked to her mother for a long time. Her mother asked how the City Moon Pack was going.

Ava was hesitant to speak about it. It was because she did not want to talk about it. She recalled that Ian had already known about

her living in the Thunder Howl Pack. She wondered if he had told that to Stephen yet.

“Where are Dad and Stephen?”

“Stephen is out of the pack. He will be back soon.”

“Where has he gone?”

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“I think he went to the City Moon Pack. He wanted to go there last week. But Alpha stopped him for some reason. But this time he himself sent him there.”

Ava furrowed her brows.

‘I bet he sent Stephen there to find out about my lie,’ Ava thought.

Ava learned many things that had happened in this pack from her mother. It seemed that Ian had entirely changed the rules and terms to stay here. He was quite strict about everything.

Ava was surprised when her mother could not stop praising him.

Who had thought that bad boy would turn out to be a successful leader of a pack?

Ava went to her bedroom.

Her steps paused at the door. She looked around the room.

She realized that the room was still the same.

Memories reflected in her mind. She remembered how she cried while leaving this room last time.

When she left, her life was different. Now when she came back, her life had changed into something else.

In the evening,

She got a call from her best friend.

“I can’t believe my baby is back!”

Abigail’s voice was high. She could not control herself from screaming in happiness.

She and Debra were planning to meet Ava. They had been waiting long to see her again.

The day had finally come.

“Let’s meet,” Abigail said.

“Why don’t you come to my house? No one is here except Mom.”

“Why don’t you come out of the house? I can tour you around.”

Ava laughed at her words. “Babe, I haven’t forgotten the routes yet.”

“But our pack has developed a lot. You can see new changes.”

“Okay, okay. Fine. I am coming.”

Abigail was thrilled that Ava was going. Ava smiled when she heard Abigail was coming to pick her up.

Ava opened her luggage and began to arrange her clothes neatly inside the closet.

Suddenly her eyes fell on a box beside the white scarf.

Her hands moved slowly toward the scarf. She unwrapped the box and opened it.

Inside the box, there was a ring with a small shining diamond.

She stared at it for a while.

That was the ring lan put on her when he proposed to her to be his girlfriend.

“The time was different; the person was different. I can never hate you. But I can never let myself become weak in front of you

again. The day I left this pack, I left everything behind,” she mumbled while staring at the ring.

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It was true that she did not hate lan.

Though in that love, she also felt betrayed by him. If he really loved her, he could have shown a little trust in her; he could have let her explain her side.

But just like others said, he only had infatuation with her. He made her his girlfriend, and the next moment he threw her out of his life.

Ava took the ring out of the box and gripped it in her palm.

Her eyes turned emerald.

When she opened her hand, the ring began to burn with a fiery glow.

The fire was on her palm, but it did not burn her.

Because she was a fire witch. A witch who had the ability to create fire. It was her anger and strength that combined and turned

into fire.

She tightened her fist, blowing out the blaze.

It was her hundredth attempt in the past four years to burn the ring, but she was unable to do so. She did not know why.

She ignored the emotion that started to bulge in her heart. She shoved them away and put the box and the ring inside the closet.

Her eyes drew to Ian's jacket in the closet, which she could not return four years ago.

She ignored the jacket and grabbed a dress for herself.

She hurriedly got ready and left the house after saying bye to her mother.

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Abigail rushed out of the car and hugged Ava.

"Oh my god!"

“How are you, Abi?”

“I still can’t believe you are back!”

Abigail almost cried, seeing Ava.

Ava hugged her tightly. “I am sorry that I left without telling you all”

“Please don’t leave us again,” Abigail murmured while hugging her.

Ava gave her a small smile after breaking the hug.

She held Abigail’s hands and looked at her.

“Abigail, this is not my place. This is not where I belong.”

Abigail was upset. “I know you want to go back to the City Moon Pack.”

Ava lowered her head when she realized she had been lying to her friends as well.

Abigail opened the car door for her.

“Get in. Let’s go to a club and have fun tonight. Debra is coming.”

“Okay.”

Abigail took Ava to the biggest club in the Mystic Shadow Pack.

Ava was stunned to see how big the club was. It was the newest club that opened last year. All the important outdoor meetings are held here. All the hangouts or parties of big shots were arranged here.

“It’s a famous club for the wealthy people.”

Abigail’s voice came to Ava’s ear as she glanced around the club in awe.

“AVA!”

Ava turned around and was immediately enveloped in a warm hug

Debra hugged her tightly.

“Finally we got you.”

Ava smiled and nodded at her. Abigail and Debra both told her how their lives were going.

Debra's eyes examined Ava as she muttered,

"Holy moly! How did you make this goddess figure?"

That was when Abigail noticed Ava's body and dress. She was so engrossed in Ava's arrival that she forgot to notice how much Ava had changed.

"Yeah, she is right."

"It looks like our nerd has turned into a goddess of hotness," Debra said with a wink.

Ava let out a chuckle. Her friends had not changed a little bit.

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"You chose the right thing. This orange dress perfectly fits your body. Look at these curves, Abi. They even look better than yours," Debra said.

Abigail was really attractive when it was about a perfect body. She could not help but agree with Debra that Ava had the perfect body.

"So true," Abigail said.

"You two! Stop it," Ava said and laughed.

They then ordered drinks for themselves.

"Do you drink? I thought you didn't," Abigail said to Ava, recalling their past times.

Ava grabbed the glass of wine and replied,

"There has been a change in everything, and I have also changed."

"Right choice. We should change and see the world around us. So just enjoy ourselves," Debra said, raising her glass.

Both Ava and Abigail cheered and took a sip.

They walked toward the lounge area.

As they took seats on a big couch, Abigail and Debra turned their heads at Ava.

"Now tell us how life was there," Debra asked.

Ava gulped her drink while looking at others. Boys were glancing at her.

Young men stared at her without moving their eyes. Some of them even winked at her. She rolled her eyes and turned her attention to her friends, who were observing her silently.

“What is there to say? I was good there.”

Her friends stared at her. Abigail cleared her throat and said,

“Many things happened when you left. Do you have any idea how much we try to reach you? Even after Ian’s acci-”

Ava turned her head to Abigail, and she paused speaking. There was something in Ava’s gaze that stopped her.

She felt that Ava did not look like before. Her personality had changed. There was some aura coming from her that was different.

“I am not here with you both to listen to the past stories. So just let it go, okay?”

Her voice was friendly yet cold. Somehow it made Abigail feel awkward inside. Debra could feel that too.

But they thought it was because they had met Ava after many years

“Tell me about yourselves. How are you doing?” Ava said, trying to ease the atmosphere.

“I am working in the pack company as the head of the management department,” Abigail said.

“Wow! That’s a big catch!” Ava said with a bright smile.

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Abigail smiled and nodded her head. “It took time, but I succeeded. The general manager was old, and I had been working with him for two years beside the studies. He saw potential in me and told the HRM department about me. He said I could do this job properly.”

Nice.”

“I am working as a model,” Debra said, showing Ava some modeling poses while sitting.

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Ava's eyes lit up. "That's great, I can design dresses for you."

Debra and Abigail were surprised to hear her. "Design her dress? Have you become a fashion designer?" Abigail asked with surprise.

Ava was about to tell them where she worked but stopped when she realized she could not tell them about the Thunder Howl Pack. She wanted to keep it confidential.

"Well, I am working as a fashion designer."

Debra looked happy to hear that. "Sure. I will ask my company to approach you."

Debra rested her chin on her palm and murmured,

"Nowadays models' values depend on which branded clothes they wear."

"Our pack company's fashion designer is the best. No comparison Abigail said proudly.

Debra shook her head. "I like the dresses of Florence."

Abigail frowned at her. "Florence? Isn't she the fashion designer of the Thunder Howl Pack company?"

"Yeah. I have seen many pictures of her designed dresses in fashion magazines. She is very famous overseas. Why doesn't our pack company ever reach her?" Debra asked, looking at Abigail since she was working in the pack company.

Abigail scoffed at her. "Have you lost your mind? She is from the Thunder Howl Pack. Do you think it's even possible for us to think about approaching any of them? It's prohibited for us by the CEO."

Ava was listening to them quietly.

The smile on her face never faded.

The person they were talking about was actually her.

She was Florence.

People around the world knew about her with that name. They did not know her but her work.

Ava thought she should not hide these things from her friends.

As she was about to think how to tell them about her identity, her eyes drew to the man who had just entered the club.

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The loud music was pounding. The thick air was filled with smoke and the smell of sweat was near the dance floor.

The bar and the lounge area were close to the dance floor. The second floor was for VIPs, but anyone could see them through the glass wall from downstairs.

Suddenly, there was a shift in the energy as all the eyes were on the entrance of the club.

Walking through the smoke, a handsome man walked inside the club.

His eyes held the smoldering intensity that cut right through the lighting.

Anyone could feel the temperature rise a few degrees as he moved through the crowd.

Ava averted her gaze away from him when a few young men approached him.

She noticed three well-known faces beside him. They were beta Ronald, Delta Paul, and Theta Cyrus.

"Looks like there is an important meeting today," Debra whispered to Abigail.

Her whisper reached Ava's ear. She could feel Abigail's hesitation when she replied,

"I didn't know about it."

Abigail sounded upset. It was as though if she were aware of their coming, she would not have taken Ava here.

"I am sorry, Ava. I didn't know Ian..." Abigail paused when she realized whom she was talking about. Then she corrected her words and continued,

"I didn't know Alpha would be here."

Ava glanced at Ian for the last time as he made his way upstairs with his friends.

She looked away from him and let out a shaky breath. She did not know how many more times she would have to see him. But if she kept living in the past, she could never move on.

She gazed at her friends. They looked sorry.

She smiled at them and said,

“Chill, guys. I don’t have any problem if he is here. I let go of my past.”

Debra let out a deep breath and nodded her head.

“It seems she has become a free spirit.”

Abigail still looked apologetic. Ava could feel how much her friends cared for her. She remembered how Abigail took care of her when she went to her house four years ago. She trusted her when her ex-boyfriend refused to trust her.

Debra had a question in her mind for a long time. So she decided to ask Ava about it.

“Why did you decide to leave the pack, Ava? You could have...”

Debra paused, as she did not know if she should say that at this moment.

“Debra, let’s not talk about it. I told what had happened, right?” Abigail scolded her.

Ava sipped her drink, quietly enjoying her drink. She gave them a reaction that she did not care about her past.

“It’s okay. I don’t think about that much. I would have returned if I hadn’t had a good life in another pack. The pack I am living in right now is a safe place for me.”

Both Debra and Abigail chose to ignore the past and enjoy their times.

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Debra got up and pulled them toward the dance floor.

“Let’s dance.”

Ava and Abigail agreed. They followed the beat and started to dance

The three friends enjoyed their dance to the loud music. The heat was getting higher as their energy was boosted by the people around them. They forgot about everything and jumped with the beats.

After dancing like crazy for half an hour, they went to the bar.

“Give me a shot. Hurry!”

Abigail chugged down the drink. Ava and Debra chuckled at her actions.

As Ava sipped on her drink, her eyes unwillingly moved around until they shifted upstairs.

Her eyes stopped on Ian. He was sitting on the couch. His one leg crossed over the other. He was talking to some men while handing a file to one of them.

Since they were near the glass door, she could see them clearly.

“What are you looking at so carefully?” Abigail asked as she came to stand next to her.

Abigail was stunned when she followed Ava’s gaze. Her gaze returned to Ava.

“Do you want to talk to him?” she whispered to her.

Ava blinked her eyes and looked away. She did not know why her eyes always found their way to look at him.

“Why would I talk to him?” she asked.

“I know you have moved on. I know you don’t care about your past anymore. But Ava, I know there is something that is eating you inside. You also want to talk to him and clear the misunderstanding so that you can be free from the accusations.”

Ava was silent. Her eyes were on the floor. Abigail glanced at Debra Debra signaled her not to talk about it again.

Abigail sighed and hugged Ava’s arm.

“I am sorry, babe. When I saw you looking at him, I thought you wanted to

Ava raised her head and turned to look at Abigail.

She smiled at her and then replied,

“There is no misunderstanding between us. Everything is crystal clear.”

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She recalled how many times she told him that day about her not knowing anything. She was trapped in a conspiracy. If he wanted, he could make everything right. But he decided on another option and ended their relationship.

Debra observed her for a while when she was talking to Abigail. She suddenly asked,

“Aya, are you really happy?”

Ava’s brows lifted. “Of course, I am. Can’t you see how much I am enjoying my life?”

“You never told us about your personal life. It’s been four years. Do you have someone in your life right now?”

Abigail frowned at Debra. It was as though she knew the answer, and it could hurt Ava.

However, she was shocked when Ava replied with a warm grin.

“I do have someone in my life.”

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It was not wrong to move in lite. But Abigail had witnessed how much Ava used to love lan. So it was quite unbelievable that she had fallen in love again.

She thought she was lying to them. But as she was about to go deep in the discussion with her, she noticed Ava’s phone rang

She glanced at the screen, displaying a letter,

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Ava quickly glanced at them and said,

“Excuse me, guys.”

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Debra and Abigail stared at Ava as they saw her walking to the corner to talk on her phone.

“Do you really think she has someone?” Abigail asked.

“It looks like so,” Debra said, sipping the drink.

Abigail looked away and nodded her head. “Then it’s good. She also has the right to live her life with someone who loves her.”

On the other hand,

Ava walked toward the corner where the washrooms were.

She went inside the lady’s washroom. Her phone started to ring again.

She received the phone call and placed the phone against her ear.

“Hello?”

The other side was silent. Ava felt nervous when she found the person quiet.

“Dane?”

Her soft voice caused the man to speak, even though he did not want to speak earlier.

“Where are you?”

“I am with my friends right now. What’s wrong with you? Are you mad at me?”

“When did you reach that pack?”

“At noon.”

“Why didn’t you call me to inform me? Or will your mom change your mind?”

She let out a sigh, glancing at her face in the mirror. Her hair looked messy because of dancing.

“Dane, please. Mom didn’t say anything.”

“It’s because you didn’t tell her anything yet.”

“I am sorry, okay? I... I thought you might be busy, or you would call me.”

Dane went quiet again.

Ava combed her hair with her fingers and murmured,

“You didn’t call me either.”

“My bad.”

She chuckled at his sarcastic tone. But his next question made her freeze.

“How is your mom? I thought you would be with her since she is unwell.”

Ava gulped, thinking how she would say that her mother had tricked her.

But she decided to tell him the truth. She did not want to hide anything from him.

“Dane...”

“What? She trapped you, didn’t she?”

Ava was shocked. “Y-You knew?”

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Dane scoffed when she heard her question. “What do you think of the? I am aware of people and their actions.”

Ava lowered her head. She did not like it whenever Dane mocked her mother. It was true that he did not like her mother because she decided to stay in his rival pack. But because of her, she never talked badly about her mother.

“She wants me to stay here to celebrate my birthday.”

“Still two weeks left.”

“You know my birth date?”

Ava’s eyes lit up when she asked that. She thought he did not know

“Of course, I know.”

“Not bad.”

“What do you want for your birthday?” he asked.

Ava thought for a moment and then replied cunningly,

“What about behaving a little friendlier with your employees? They always talked about how cold you treat them.”

Dane could not help but laugh. “You make me want to be a better man. Is this what you have in your life now? Or can I say **you** don’t have anything else to think about except thinking about me?”

Ava bit her bottom lip as she did not know what to answer.

“Today my friends were asking if I had someone in my life.”

“What did you say?”

Ava smirked while looking at the mirror as she murmured,

“I said not yet.”

After a brief silence, Dane spoke,

“Does that mean other men still have chances?”

Ava laughed and decided to go back to the club.

“Of course. I am not bound to any man right now, you know.”

She chuckled while shaking her head.

But as soon as she stepped out of the washroom, she froze.

Ian was standing next to the door, outside the gent’s washroom.

“Let’s see what you will do when I am there next to you,” Dane said on the phone.

Ava could not reply to him since her eyes were fixed on the man a few feet away.

Ian was smoking. The smoke circled around him. She gulped and looked away from him.

“I am going back to my friends,” she muttered to Dane.

“Sure. Take your time in your pack.”

Ava said goodbye to him in a low tone and hung up the phone.

She saw Ian was smoking without looking at her. So she decided to ignore him. If she wanted to go back, she would have to walk past him.

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When she walked past him, she felt relief that he did not stop her.

However, when she took two steps forward, she heard him from behind.

“I see you are busy with other men.”

She paused her steps.

Other men? What other men? She was busy with only one man who was different from the others.

But she did not say anything.

“That doesn’t matter to you,” she said and started to walk again.

She gasped when a hand grabbed her wrist and pulled her back.

She glanced at Ian’s hand, which was holding hers, and turned her to him.

“Leave my hand.”

He blew out smoke and turned his head to look at her.

“It’s good that you took my warning seriously and came back. Otherwise, I had ways to make you do so.”

She stared at him. He was looking at her with a pair of cold eyes.

From far away, he looked stranger to her. From this close, he reminded her of her painful past.

Seeing her silence, Ian smirked at her and asked,

“Do you want a job here? What about being a stripper in this club? can talk to the manager for you. This pack has a bunch of rich men who can give you more tips than how you used to earn by sleeping around in that Thunder Howl Pack.”

His bitter words shook her heart.

She was surprised by his every word. Did he know how much those words hurt her?

She got mad at him.

She yanked her hand away from his grip and glared at him.

“Listen, Alpha Ian. I don’t care what you think about me. If my being with other men bothers you, then that’s not my problem. This is my life, and I can be with any man I want to be with. You are not my dad. You should be aware of your limits *if* you consider yourself to be a head Alpha.” 2

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After grabbing her hand once again, Ian tightened his grip and pulled her hand closer, causing her to move toward him. “You never stop surprising me. After all the things you have done, you still have the courage to talk to me like this.” Ava looked into his angry eyes. Her eyes turned calm.

The two pairs of eyes were looking at each other with different emotions. One of them was enraged, and the other one was sad. But the anger was so intense that he was unable to notice the sadness within the soft eyes.

Ava gulped when she stared at Ian. The closeness between them sent shivers inside her. It was as if there was something in the closeness that made her feel strange. No matter how

tight his grip was, his one touch made every emotion in her heart change. However, Ava did not show him how she was experiencing it inside

She forced herself to think that all of these were an illusion.

After like forever, she composed herself and spoke,

“Since you hate me so much, I better keep my distance from you. Is that okay, Alpha Ian?”

Ian did not reply, but his eyes were still fixed on hers, and his hands were still wrapped around her wrist.

She tried to break free her hand but failed to do **so**.

“What do you want?” she asked, feeling defeated.

“What do I want?” he spoke out.

It was a question for himself too. Ian had no answer for it.

His brows arched as he could not reply. He heard a hiss escaping out of her mouth. That was when he realized that his grip tightened more than he thought about it.

He noticed her face; she looked in pain.

His hand almost immediately loosened its grip.

She pulled her wrist back, glaring at him.

“I know what you want. You want to take revenge on me, right? How will you do it?”

He frowned a little. Was there any way to take revenge for betrayal?

He smirked at her and said,

“You are giving me ideas, whore.”

Her brows shot up as if she was surprised by his reply. She took a step back while nodding her head.

“Whore, bitch, slut... I see. If that’s what you think about me, then let’s be it.”

After saying that, she turned around and headed out of the corner.

He stared at her back without stopping her from leaving.

His smirk faded as the distance between them increased.

When he saw her in the Thunder Howl Pack a week ago, he thought she would ask for forgiveness, begging him to forgive her.

But she turned out to be proud of her wrongdoings.

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There was a glint of blaze visible in his eyes. He became angry unwillingly.

He could not just let go of her so easily after what she had done to him.

Ava came out of the corner and went back to her friends. They looked at her closely.

“What?” she asked, grabbing a drink for herself.

“Babe, you looked happy when you left.”

“Did you have a fight with the person?”

Hearing their questions, she shook her head.

It was not that person; she had a fight with their so-called head Alpha.

“I thought you would-”

Abigail paused when she noticed Ian coming out of the corner where Ava had gone to talk a while ago.

She realized what could have happened. Debra also noticed it and understood the situation.

“Did he approach you?” Debra asked.

Ava did not glance at Ian but rolled her eyes.

“Approach? He just wants me to die, I guess,” she muttered.

Debra exchanged a glance with Abigail. Before they could calm Ava or cheer her mood, a boy approached Ava.

“Hey! Beauty. May I dance with you?”

Debra and Abigail thought Ava would refuse. But surprisingly, Ava glanced in Ian's direction, who had just sat on the couch with his friends in the lounge area.

"Sure," Ava replied.

"But Ava..."

Ava turned to give a look at Abigail. "What? Do you know what your head Alpha calls me?"

She moved toward her and mumbled,

"A whore."

Abigail's eyes widened in shock. Seeing the reaction, Ava gave her a small smirk.

"Since he thinks like that, why would I waste my time being an innocent girl? I will enjoy other men's company as long as I am

in front of his eyes." 1

Debra heard everything but said nothing.

Ava reached out to take the boy's hand, which he extended to her. Then she went to the dance floor with him.

Ava came to a halt on the dance floor. The boy wrapped his hand around her waist and pulled her closer. She was not expecting him to do that. But she did not care.

She started to dance with him.

In truth, there was anger that filled her mind.

She could not take more stress about it. She did not care about Ian and his silly beliefs.

"Are you enjoying it?" the boy asked.

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She turned her back to him and rested her head against his chest.

"Hmm."

Due to the loud music, the boy could not hear it. So he moved his car close to her lips, and then she replied again.

The boy nodded proudly and chuckled.

From a little distance,

Ian was watching Ava dancing. His eyes pierced on how her body was brushing against the other boy.

The orange dress looked better on her body, which grabbed every man's attention in the club. The flickering lights on the orange color made others look at her more.

His eyes darkened when he saw the boy leaning down to her mouth. It looked like she planted a kiss on his ear.

The grip on the glass tightened as his eyes lingered on her.

From next to him, he heard his best friend, Ronald Solace's voice with a mocking tone.

"Looking at the same woman who broke your heart and claiming that you hate her, it doesn't match your statement, you know."

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Jan looked away from Ava and turned to Ronald.

Ronald shut his mouth for a moment when he saw his dark gaze. But later, he let out a laugh to ease the heated atmosphere.

It was true that in the past four years, Ian had changed a lot. He was no longer his friend, who always listened to him or argued with him. He had become his head Alpha, who only

liked to order and wanted the work done in time. He did not like any excuses or do any kind of actions that included emotions.

“What were you saying?” Ian asked.

The darkness in his eyes faded as if they listened to his mind.

Paul and Cyrus glanced at the dance floor. They did not let out any words.

“I didn’t say anything. But do you know how long you were staring at her?” Ronald said.

Ian returned his gaze to Ava and muttered,

“If it were you, would you let go of your culprit that easily, Beta Ronald?”

Ronald was stunned by the question.

Would he let go?

He did not know the answer because he was not in his shoes.

“Since she is here, why don’t you inform Stephen about her? He went to the City Moon Pack for nothing,” Ronald said, ignoring Ian’s question.

Ian swirled the glass and rested his back against the couch.

Without moving his gaze from Ava, he replied,

“He should learn how his sister was living in that pack.”

When Ava ignored Ian’s warning and did not come back to the pack, he sent Stephen to the City Moon Pack. He knew Stephen would go to look for Ava without letting him know.

Since she neglected his words, why would he care about her secret? So he decided to let her brother know that she had been lying to them.

“He will come back soon anyway,” he reminded his friends.

“How was she living there?” Ronald asked, sipping his drink.

“A very interesting waitress,” Ian muttered.

Ronald paused for a drink and turned to Ian.

“Ian, you are not that boy anymore who can go and fall for anyone and then roam around the whole pack heartbroken.”

It reminded Ian of the past.

He was really mad at Ava when he found Ava cheating on him. The whole week went depressingly for him. As days passed, his father noticed his behavior and mocked him about ruling his pack

At that time, he believed that he hated Ava, so he said to his father that whoever his father wanted, he would marry her.

When he returned to his pack, he went for a car race. Monica asked him if he had been in a bad mood since he had returned. He said he only wanted to ease his anger a little.

He went to the car race. He sped up so high that it became difficult to control in the middle of the way. His mind was somewhere

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else. So when the other took over him, he could not handle it.

He slammed the brake instead of the accelerator. In just one move the car twisted on the ground. It started to roll and hit the tree near the road.

He was in pain, but before he blanked out, he could only think of one person who had cheated on him and who he loved the most.

When he opened his eyes in the hospital bed, he was very close to death. But he only wanted to see her.

He decided to forgive her and requested her not to do it again. He expected his love to change her into the Ava he thought she

was.

However, when Stephen told him that she had left the pack, he was shocked.

Stephen said he tried to reach her a lot; he kept sending her texts, telling her about his accident, and asking her to come back and meet him. But she did not reply to him.

It was like she left him even after learning that he was dying.

His love was pure, but she turned out to be a cheater who had no heart.

He still wanted her to return. But after finding out new things from Robin, the way he had told him how Ava used to do the same with other boys and how she wanted to use him for the position, his love turned into dust. 1

Staring at Ava, Ian muttered,

“I know.”

He saw how careless she looked.

There was no sense of guilt in her, no emotions, no shame.

Her smiling face ached his eyes, causing his eyes to darken once again. He did not want to see her happy. He yearned to punish

her till the end.

The pain he felt in his heart was unmatched to any pain he would give her.

When he saw Ava leaving the dance floor, he chugged down his drink and got up from the couch.

“I am leaving.”

Ronald wanted to stop him, but before he could say anything, Ian started to head to the entrance.

Ava was also leaving with her friends.

On the way, they ran into each other.

He slowed his steps, letting them walk ahead.

“Ava, you danced really well,” Debra said to Ava.

Ian frowned when he heard it.

As Abigail noticed him behind, she hushed Debra and whispered something.

Ava stopped and turned around suddenly. It made Ian stop his steps.

Abigail and Debra did not expect her to stop in front of Ian. But they did not stop walking and walked out of the club.

Ian looked at Ava.

She folded her hands against her chest and asked,

“Did you watch me dance with the boy?”

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Ian raised a brow and asked,

“Why would I?”

She chuckled at him. His eyes moved to her lips, which part while she was laughing.

“Didn’t you say I like other men’s company?”

She moved toward him and raised on the tip of her toe.

She moved to his ear and whispered,

“You are right. I like their companies. I enjoy it. I will keep enjoying it. After all, this is how a whore feels.”

He clenched his jaw when he heard her. His eyes were on the doorway, not looking at her.

She moved back and said,

“Goodbye, Alpha Ian. I hope we won’t cross paths again.”

She then stormed out of the club, leaving him fuming with rage.