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Wearing a peach-colored dress that fit her body perfectly, Ava walled into the meeting room

She wore her hair down, and her makeup was absolutely stimmings she made her way toward the table, her long sleeves Nowed freely.

Holding an expensive bag that was dangling from her hand, she stood close to the table, looked around at the other people, and then said in a courteous manner,

“Take my apology, everyone. I could not make it on time. I had to join the project hurriedly and had to set up all the details early in the morning

The people at the table were astounded to see her. It appeared as though the other Alphas were taken aback by her beauty. They did not know that this pretty woman was behind the beautiful dresses

With a sense of insecurity, the models scrutinized her flawless physique. It was hand for Freya to believe what she was seeing. and she frowned at her.

How could she be Florence? Though she had never worked with Florence, she knew Florence was better than their past designers.

On the other hand,

Ava’s friends and her brother were shocked. They were completely unaware of the fact that Ava was actually Frolence!

Ava pave them an apologetic smile and went to sit on the empty set beside Danie.

Everyone’s response was very different from one another.

But there was a man who was staring at Ava intently.

His eyes were scrutinizing her

The look of disbelief was clearly visible on his face.

“She was Florence? How could it be possible? I thought she was a waitress who worked at a nightclub.” he thought.

Dane’s voice broke the silence in the room.

“You don’t need to apologize, Miss Taylor. They can wait a few minutes to have important people present,” Dane said, leaning

back in his chair.

Jan was unable to take his gaze away from Ava. So he did not hear Dane. He was in a trance.

However, Ava did not give a glance at him, ignoring his presence

The meeting began.

One by one, Alpha designers discussed their projects, declaring their territories of products.

When it **was Ava’s** turn, she stood up and moved closer to the projector.

“So, basically, we do not want to use the products that you are **going** to use, nor do we **want to** use brands that could cause problems for collaborative business.”

The screen changed, **and** she continued to tell them about the theme of her dress,

Everyone had a unique theme that **no** other company would adopt This was the only reason for holding the meeting here.

So this is our

our theme: Reflection.”

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raised her hand and asked,

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“So are you planning to make a design will mirrors?”

AvT’s eyes sparkled upon hearing the woman. She smiled at her and answered,

“**Oh!** You **are** giving me ideas!”

Others chuckled when they heard Awa. The woman tightened her together, feeling embarrassed. Nobody would divulge to others the components they would use in their designs.

To clear the embarrassment for the woman, Ava said,

“Our brand had a lot of ways to reflect. I will do my best to convey throughout my design. I hope you all like it.”

Alpha’s eyes were on her. They were looking at her in amazement. Their gaze was drawn to the manner in which the

le gesturing with her hands, she kept telling everyone what was on her mind.

When she finished with her details, she asked,

“Are there still any questions?”

The table was silent. She explained everything so well that there were no more questions to ask

Just as she **was** about to approach her chair, **a** cold voice echoed through the silent room.

“Reflection of what? Betrayal of the past?”

Ava froze when she heard that. Everyone turned their attention to lan, who had just spoken up

Tan’s eyes were on Ava, digging on hers. He looked mad. His aloofness alarmed the other Alphas around the table.

Ava turned around and looked at Lan. This was the first time their eyes had met since entering the meeting room.

Another voice was heard in the room.

It was Dane.

“Maybe a transformation of love?”

Awa heard Dane, causing her to break eye contact with Lan. She gave Dane a quick glance and smiled.

Jan’s brows narrowed when he noticed it. Suddenly the scene in front of him pierced his eyes. He did not

However, he ignored it because she had been working for Dane.

In truth, he did not like that fact either.

“The question **was** intended for Designer Florence, but Alpha Dane interrupted in the middle. Perhaps he is very fond of his designer,” Freya said, staring at Dane.

She did not look pleased at all. Her mood was ruined when she discovered Ava was Florence. She used to believe that Ava was just another employee at her **pack** company, but the truth was quite different 1

She remembered seeing Ava with Dane two times. The first time **was** terrible, and the second was ridiculous. She remembered her wearing Dane’s shirt, and roaming around his house.

“Very land of her,” Dane replied to Freya

Lan observed Dane’s gaze at Freya. He scoffed at him and said,

“My fiancée is impressed by your admiration for your designer.”

When lan mentioned “designer“, I

“Fiancée?”

his gaze turned to **Ava**.

Dane’s beta’s question was the same question that came to other people’s minds. They were shocked that Freya was the girl **who**

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was going to be the Lima of this pack. Their attention quickly shifted to her.

Fröta’s eyes widened as it she had not expected fan to say that in the meeting

She swallowed as she looked at her brother. He was glaring at her asking through his eyes about what was going on.

She looked over at Dane, who was frowning at her. She took a quick glance at Ava before returning her gaze to him.

Dane **was** not aware of it. Because she never came to the public with the title. She did not want Dane and her brother to find out about it so quickly. She felt awkward under Dane’s gaze.

But it was her decision, and she would not back down. She smiled while looking around at everyone and said,

“Yeah, I am his fiancée. We love each other and want to be together”

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Avensed the tension in the meeting room. She was aware of it had never told Dane about it. She did not know why she

Was it because Dane was Freya's ex-boyfriend and she **did** not want him to think about her anymore?

She recalled what **lan** had told her on the night of their family get together. He snatched Freya away from Dane.

She cast **a** glance at tan, who was looking at Dane with amusement. He seemed to be looking forward to seeing his reaction. The same girl who had previously chosen Dane has now chosen lan over him

Ava closed her **eyes** and returned to her chair. She looked at Dane, who was staring at Freya

Did he look confused? No, he was not. But he **appeared** enraged.

Ava realized Freya still held **a** special place in Dane's heart. She lowered her head, completely ignoring the situation.

"It is great that we got to meet Alpha lan's fiancée during the meeting "We are fortunate," an Alpha exclaimed.

Ava was relieved that someone had broken the silence in the room.

At that time, Dane spoke out with a chilly **tone**,

"We are not here to discuss **anyone's** personal relationships. If the meeting is over, we can leave."

After saying that, Dane got up from the chair. Following him, Beta Bruno also stood up. He appeared deeply disappointed in his sister. He shook his head while looking at **Freya**.

Ava was still sitting in **her** chair, perplexed about what to do.

Dane was about to walk, but paused to say,

"Very soon, you will get to know about mine too."

Everyone was floored. During the same meeting, two Alphas admitted to being in a relationship. One had already been introduced, while the other would do so soon

The colors in Freya's face washed away. She could not hold her tongue when she asked,

“Are you sure what you are saying?”

Everyone was aware of Freya’s identity. She was not only Dane’s pack’s former beta’s daughter but also his current beta’s sister. **They** had a good relationship, and Freya used to be an exclusive model in the company. Many people suspected Freya **had a** relationship with Dane. However, they were completely surprised to learn that she was with his **rival**, Jan.

Ignoring her question, Dane looked at Ava and asked,

“Are you not coming?”

Ava hurriedly stood up and nodded her head.

“Yeah”

She grabbed her files in her hands, which Dane grabbed **from** her hand and handed to Beta Bruno.

“Let’s go,” Dane said to Ava

Ava was the first person to leave the meeting. Behind her, Dane and Beta Bruno left.

Everyone was taken aback by it. They turned to Ian, who had his gaze fixed on the door.

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Meanwhile, he sneered and med

seems Alpha Dane is attended by something”

Abigail and Debra were both

aring at Ian. They were

had no idea Ava was living in the Thunder Hood Park

Stephen turned to face Debra, who met his gaze.

“What?” she asked him in a whisper since they www.besexs.co

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“Were you aware that she red in that park?

Stephen looked awory and did not respond to her. It was clear

They looked over at far to see if | “Wet aware of the situation

Debra let out a sigh and stood up from her chain

Alpha, since the meeting is over. Can we leave?” Debra asked.

fan looked at them. He understood why they wanted to go out

“Leave,” he said to everyone.

wanted to meet and ta

Before leaving, everyone took a look at fan. They knew it was a win for Ian. In did not only match the title of the “Bad Boy Alpha

from Dane but also his model

At the time that everyone left the meeting room, the only people who remained were Ava’s Inends, Freya’s trends, and lan’s

friends.

Everyone stood up, but Lan remained seated on the chair as if he were contemplating something. He named calm, realizing that Dane was affected just like what he had thought.

Debra headed toward the door while Abigail was staring at lan

“Abigail, let’s **go**,” Debra said as she stopped at the door to look at Abigail.

Abigail looked at lan as she thought about something. She was mad at him for what he had done to her best friend. So disturbing his calmness, Abigail said,

“I think Alpha Dane and Florence are quate close to each other.”

After that, she turned her attention to Freya and inquired,

“What are

re your thoughts, Miss Freya? You are from that **pack**, right?”

Freya’s **mood was** off. She rolled her eyes and murmured,

“Yeah, very close.”

Freya then glanced at Ian and asked,

“I am leaving. I have a shoot today.”

Ian nodded at her, and then she left. Abigail shrugged her shoulders and made her way to Debra. With a raised **eyebrow**, Debra inquired as to what she was doing.

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“Not interested,” ten said, t

from the desk

“Way, Alghia Weyerding the projects, Teamed the Florence-In, Miss Taylor-will be working there. It seemed Alpha Dane bought the company for her so that she could be here and work for the deal

Ian’s eyes darkened when he heard Neon. Unknowingly, his eyes moved slightly. He gritted his teeth and muttered,

I am going to visit the company tomorrow.”

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When Ava got in the car with Dane, she did not have a chance to wait and talk to her friends. Her inner thoughts caught her, asking her to run toward them and explain everything.

However, when Dane's driver opened the back door and Dane signaled her **to** enter his car, she had no other option but to follow him.

The way back to the new office was not long. Dane selected the new office a few blocks away from Ian's company. As she was sitting silently on the seat, she felt Dane's gaze on her.

She did not dare to move to look at him. She knew what he was thinking.

"Did you know about Freya's silly decision?"

She heard Beta Bruno's voice. She looked over at Bruno in the front passenger seat. He had his head turned to her and was looking at her.

Ava was not sure if she should say yes or no.

Bruno narrowed his brows before saying,

"You were aware, but you chose not to inform us. Nice!"

There was an anger she could feel in his voice. Bruno clearly did not like Ian because he was his Alpha's rival.

More importantly, she understood that Bruno did not want his sister to be a pawn in their rivalry.

Ava turned her head to cast a glance at Dane. He was staring at her. Perhaps he was also waiting for her response.

"Dane, I..."

She was at a loss for words.

“Did you know?” he asked with a cold tone.

His tone made her shiver. He did not usually talk in a cold tone toward her. Last night, they had a little argument because of her mother; now it was because of Freya.

She took a deep breath and tried to explain.

“I got to know about it a few days ago. Alpha Martin invited my entire family to a family gathering. That night Ian introduced his fiancée to everyone. I was shocked to see her.”

Dane looked away from her and turned to look outside the window.

“Did she look forced to do anything?”

Ava shook her head. “No. In fact, I had a conversation with her.”

“What did she say?” Beta Bruno asked.

Ava remembered her conversation with Freya. They only talked about the two Alphas. Their relationship with both men was the same. They were their ex-boyfriend’s girlfriends.

“She told me not to tell you anything,” she muttered to Dane.

She was not lying. It was the reason why Freya did not tell anyone about Ava’s secret because she was keeping her secret from Dane and her brother.

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Ava observed Dane **carefully**. **His angry expression** was gradually becoming calmer. In the darkness, **his** dark eyes dimmed.

If that is what she wants, there is no reason to fear me.”

Ava was shocked by his words. She expected him to say that he would talk to her or something.

She **was** well aware of Dane’s animosity toward Ian. There was no way he could accept Freya’s relationship with him. It was not true that she was a free woman. Her whole responsibility was under Dane’s control. Her father gave control to him before leaving this world.

“Alpha!”

Beta Bruno complained as he turned to look at him. Dane ignored his groan and focused on the landscape.

The whole day Ava passed in the new office. Dane gave her a new cabin to work. The important employees were there to help her.

He was adamant about winning the competition. He did not like to lose any deal.

Ava did not talk to him about last night. She remembered both the confession and her response. Since Dane did not talk about it again, she chose to ignore it for today.

It was late in the night.

Ava thought to go back home. When she came out of her cabin, she noticed Dane was also leaving.

He offered to drop her off at home. She accepted his offer.

When they arrived at her house, the car remained silent.

Ava turned to face Dane. She had so many questions in her head. She was confused.

However, she did not forget what her mother had told her yesterday. Her father wished for her to wed Dane.

She did not feel burdened after hearing that last night. But tonight, she felt a little insecure in her heart.

Did he let go of Freya, or did he still think about her?

“Want to ask something?” he inquired, turning his gaze to her.

She nodded her head and asked,

“Do you still love Freya?”

Her question took him off guard. Later, his expression changed, and he frowned at her.

“Why did you ask me that?”

She turned away and murmured,

“Just asked.”

She could feel him getting closer to her. When she felt his breath against her cheek, she gulped.

“The answer is, I like you now.”

Her voice caused tingling in her ear. She blushed hard.

A smile appeared on her lips when she realized that he was clearing it to her that she was the only one in his life

now.

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But the next moment his question took her by surprise..

“Are you still in love with your ex-boyfriend?”

She blinked her eyes. He had never questioned him about her ex-boyfriend before. In fact, she always chose to avoid Ian’s topic.

She never told him that her ex-boyfriend’s name was Ian. She had only told him about her ex-boyfriend, who had rejected her as his mate before, then later deciding not to trust her and breaking her heart.

So why did he suddenly ask her that question? Did Freya say something to him?

He backed away while muttering,

“Still love him.”

She immediately shook her head and answered,

“No, no way. I don’t love him.”

There was a fear in her heart that he would misunderstand her. She was afraid of misunderstanding.

Dane looked into her eyes and moved closer to her

once more.

The driver was outside the car, as he had instructed him to do so in order to have a private conversation with her.

“Are you sure?”

She wrapped her arms around his neck and hugged him. She rested her head on his shoulder and replied,

“Dane, right now, you are the only man in my life. I will always choose you over anyone else. You gave me a new life.”

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When she **broke** the hug, he stared at her. **His** eyes conveyed something she could not read. On the other hand, she made an effort **to** comprehend that.

“Dane, I-”

Ava was unable **to** continue her conversation because someone opened the door.

As she turned around, she made eye contact with her brother, Stephen.

“Steph?” she asked with a voice that was completely

After a moment, Stephen’s gaze shifted away met Stephen’s gaze.

her and toward Dane. Dane’s eyes lost their softness as they

“Alpha Ian’s Gamma does not have manners. He thinks he can open any door whenever he wants.”

Stephen did not get angry. But he did not seem pleased either.

Ava recalled how Stephen used to speak cruelly about Dane. He did not like Dane at all.

So she hurriedly stepped out of the car and turned to Dane.

“See you tomorrow at the office.”

Dane looked away from Stephen and nodded to Ava.

“See you.”

He raised his hand to signal his driver to get into the car. When the driver entered the car, Stephen closed the back door loudly of the car.

Ava was surprised by his actions. Dane turned to look at her. She pleaded with her eyes not to become angry.

As the car drove away, Stephen turned to face Ava.

“What were you doing in his car?”

Ava blinked while looking away. “W–We were just talking,” she replied while thinking that Stephen had seen them close.

Her cheeks turned red with embarrassment. She wanted to pat them.

“Yeah, I see how you were talking with him in the car while the driver was outside the car.”

After saying that, Stephen started to walk toward the front door of their house.

Ava slapped on her forehead as she got caught. She dashed after him, matching his pace.

“Bro, come on.”

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He paused and turned to her. “I will not say I do not like how you have changed yourself. But you should know what is right for you.”

She looked at him with a frown. “What is not good for me? Are you not pleased that I have become a famous designer?”

“I never said that.”

She rubbed her forehead and mumbled,

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“**You know what? Dane is** right. I should not have come to this pack. No one is happy in my **presence**.”

Stephen looked **at** her while folding his arms. Ava rolled her eyes in response to his silence.

“Why do I **expect** anything from anyone?”

She began to walk away, ignoring him in anger.

After a few seconds, a hand wrapped around her shoulder. She looked over her shoulder **to see** him walking beside

her.

“So you and Alpha Dane, huh?”

Ava bit her bottom lip and avoided his question. “What do you want to know?” she questioned.

“Everything.”

“Everything?” she asked, looking confused.

They entered the home together. They noticed their parents sitting in the living room, waiting for them.

Gamma Harper and Angela appeared stunned when they saw the siblings together.

“You two patch up?” Angela asked.

“I never fought with him, Mom. It was him who misunderstood me always,” Ava said, pushing Stephen’s hand away from her shoulder.

Gamma Harper stood up and came to Ava. He placed his hand on her head and said,

“My daughter, I am sorry about what happened to you. I could not keep you safe. Ian rejected you.”

Ava was shocked. She glanced at her mother right away to check if she had spoken to him.

Angela gave her a head nod. “Your dad should know everything.”

Stephen lowered his head and listened to them. Gamma Harper noticed this and asked him,

“Were you aware of this rejection?”

Stephen gave him a glance and a nod. “I was aware of this.”

Angela and Harper exchanged a look of surprise. Ava did not want any arguments in her family.

“I came here to be with all of you. Please don’t fight for me. It’s not the time. Stephen remained silent because I did not want Mom to know anything. That was not his fault

She turned to Gamma Harper and said, “Dad, it happened even before your wedding. So you didn’t fail to protect me. You made me feel safe at all times.”

Gamma Harper drew her into an embrace. Angela stroked Ava’s hair.

She looked at Stephen, who seemed upset. She had not told Stephen about Ava’s identity. She thought it was time when Ava would tell him on her own. But right now, what mattered was telling him about Alpha Dane.

“Stephen, Alpha Dane came to our house last night,” Angela told him.

Stephen heard her but made no reaction. His eyes were lowered to avoid his parents’ gazes. He felt guilty about not trusting or protecting his sister.

Ava noticed that Gamma Harper did not say anything, as if Angela had already informed him.

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“Mom, I will be happy if she finds the man she wants. There is nothing in my heart. Rivalry is a different thing. I can not give you that assurance.”

It was clear from his side that, if the opposite person attacked his pack, he would not choose his sister’s man but his own Alpha and his own pack.

“He is not going to attack this

Ava stated.

anyway. You have so many misconceptions about him. “He is a genuine guy,”

“Then why not ask him to come and meet us? How about inviting him?” Gamma Harper asked.

She inquired with a sense of curiosity, “Dad, have you ever met him?”

Gamma Harper’s gaze moved as he recalled the past days.

“He used to come here with his parents. That time Alpha Martin used to appreciate him a lot. We saw the potential in him. He was cold from childhood because he had witnessed war at a young age.”

Stephen heard his father while recalling the days. He had also met Dane a few times as a child. It was because he had been friends with Ian since his childhood.

“He was always an arrogant boy. A selfish and bad boy who wants to see himself on top and others in a low position,” Stephen muttered.

Ava shook her head and said,

“Steph, he has changed himself. He is not that bad boy anymore.”

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Jan was anxious when he woke up in the early morning. All night long, he was unable to sleep.

First of all, the thoughts of Ava kept moving around in his head, and secondly, the pain in his back!

He took a quick look at his back as he stood in front of the mirror. For a few days, the wounds began to fade. But from the night before yesterday, it started to appear more. The red lines pierced his skin, causing excruciating pain.

He hissed as he saw the branches continue to spread across his broad back. It nearly reached his shoulders. He tilted his head left and right. He moved his shoulders in an attempt to avoid the pain.

He took a quick shower and changed into a black suit. His back ached while he tried to put on the suit jacket.

He considered not wearing it today. He threw it onto the couch and left the room.

Seeing him in a white shirt and black pants, his parents were surprised.

“Are you going somewhere?” his father, Alpha Martin, asked.

“Why?” he asked sharply.

“Can’t I ask you something now?”

“No,” he replied, heading toward the door.

His mother, Carolina, motioned to Alpha Martin not to speak to Ian right now. Martin did not say anything else.

Martin looked at Carolina and said,

“He is a very successful man, I know. But he should not forget that I am his father.”

Ian could hear his voice clearly. He slowed his pace. Turning his head to the side, he looked at his father and asked,

“Did you say something?”

Alpha Martin looked at his son and replied,

“You know everything but manners. You can not have this bad-boy attitude around your parents. Each Alpha has a unique personality, but they do not treat their parents as outsiders.”

Ian slipped his hands into his pockets and turned to face him fully.

His brows raised slightly, as if he were taken aback by Alpha Martin’s words.

He walked back to his parents, which surprised both of them.

Carolina stepped between him and Martin, fearing that they would fight.

Ian had been ignoring his parents for the past four years. He always avoided answering their questions because he was too busy building his own empire.

He paused in front of them, staring directly into his father’s eyes.

“How is it possible for the person who never treated his son like other Alphas to expect his son to treat him like others?”

Ian’s words caused Alpha Martin’s eyes to widen. Touching his son’s arm, Carolina shook her head.

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“He just always corrects you, my son. You tell me, did he ever interfere with your decisions all these **years**? If he wants some attention from his son at this age, is it not wrong to expect?”

Ian’s eyes were expressionless. He turned his gaze to his mother.

“When I expected my dad to be like others’ dads, what did he do? Beat me in front of his rival when I was a child? Made me apologize in front of others? Told them how weak was and how powerful their child was?”

Carolina’s grip shook on his arm. She recalled the incident that happened many years ago.

She used to think Ian had forgotten that. But it was the time when the distance started between the son and the father.

“You were a kid at that time. I only did what I was supposed to do,” Alpha Martin said.

“But I am not a kid anymore, Dad. Your kid has grown up. If he wants, he can give you a bunch of kids.”

His sharp and blunt words took them aback.

It was their son, Ian Dawson.

The unavoidable anger that never left his face was accompanied by a chilly voice, a sharp tongue, and a voice that was cold.

“You need someone who will tell you how to behave with everyone. You can be successful, but you can’t get your parents’ blessings like that. This pack was mine when I ruled this; now you are ruling this as your own. That doesn’t mean you can throw us away.”

Alpha Martin expressed rage. It was as if four years of rage had erupted all at once.

Ian was staring at his father. He clenched his jaw. He nodded and took a step backward.

“You don’t have to give me blessings. I am a bad guy, and I will get what I deserve. My life is not a piece of cake. The way I am living my life... Tell one of your favorite Alphas to come and live it like me. I am already living in hell,

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Both of his parents were puzzled. They watched as he turned around and left the house.

“Hell? Who is he joking with? He lives his life to the fullest. He has his own packs. He has the girl he wants from his childhood. He has surpassed his rival in business. Is he still claiming to live in hell? Your son is really ungrateful, Carolina.”

Carolina kept her gaze fixed on the door. Her eyes welled up with tears. As a mother, she sensed that her son was unhappy. That was something she had always felt.

When her son decided to make Freya his fiancée, she was overjoyed and hopeful that he would change. B. that day, he has become colder than before.

Outside the pack house,

Ian got into his car and told his driver to go to Dane's office

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The driver was unaware of the address. Ian called Neon and instructed him to forward the address to his driver.

When Neon asked if he could join him, he said he could go directly to the company.

Soon after Neon sent the address to Ian's driver, he started the car.

Ian rested his back against the backseat. His upper back was painful to move. He knew it would fade soon. It only appeared at night and faded during the day.

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After an hour,

The car came to a stop in front of a building.

The driver quickly got out of the car and opened the door for him.

Putting on his black sunglasses, Ian stepped out of the car.

The people around the building came to a halt when they noticed the head Alpha of the pack had come there.

The women covered their mouths when they realized they got an opportunity to see Ian Dawson **in** person.

Wearing all black and white, he looked like a hero straight out of a fantasy novel.

He paid no attention to the people around him. Putting his hands into his pockets, he walked into the building.

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The **news** that Alpha Ian had arrived to pay a visit to the office prompted Beta Bruno to make his way down to the lobby. **He** came to the company for some pack-related work. But when the receptionist informed Dane that Alpha Ian had come, he told him to receive Ian by saying,

“Your sister’s fiancé is downstairs. Go and receive him with respect.”

Bruno had no other option but to carry out the instructions that were given to him. Because he did not have a favorable relationship with Ian, he was dissatisfied with the choice that his sister had made.

Who would want his sister to break up with the head Alpha and get involved with the rival Alpha?

His gaze landed on the man standing near the reception area...

Women in the lobby were whispering as they stared at him. Some of them giggling, some of them clicking photos of him.

However, no one dared to approach him.

There was a power that ignited from him that caused others to avoid approaching him.

Though his black glasses concealed his dark gaze, he appeared aloof from a distance.

Beta Bruno walked toward him and greeted him politely.

“Alpha Ian, welcome to our office.”

Ian was looking around the area as if his eyes were searching for someone. Without looking at him, he nodded his head.

Beta Bruno felt offended. He gave him a disappointed expression and said,

“Didn’t know Alpha Ian was like that to his familiar people. Didn’t he decide to marry my sister? Is this how he will impress her only family?”

Ian raised an eyebrow when he heard Bruno. He turned his head to look at him.

Beta Bruno was taken aback. Even though he could not see the man's eyes, he could feel his glare on him.

"Alpha Ian doesn't need to impress anyone. Your sister was the one who came to me."

Beta Bruno felt embarrassed. Did Ian try to put all of the blame on Freya? Did his sister choose this type of man for herself?

As he was about to respond, a voice spoke up from behind.

"I have heard Beta Bruno is a friendly guy. I had no idea he could be so cold to his sister's man."

Beta Bruno turned around and saw Ronald Solace. He turned away and said,

"Beta Ronald."

With a cheeky smile on his face, Ronald approached them. Today, when Ian left his house in a bad mood, Carolina called Roland to take care of him.

After that, Ronald called Neon to ask Ian's whereabouts. Neon informed Ian that he was going to Alpha Dane's office. So Ronald decided to join him here. He told Neon not **to** come since he knew why Ian chose to come here.

Ronald came to a stop beside Ian and extended his hand to Bruno.

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Bruno was surprised by his polite demeanor. He shook his hand with Ronald and said,

"**Maybe** we have some misunderstandings about your pack Except **for** the head Alpha, everyone is extremely courteous."

Ian did not say anything as he walked ahead.

Bruno observed him. When Ian walked past him, he noticed his tall and muscular frame. It was **as** if a gust of wind blew past him, almost shaking him with its power.

Except for his own Alpha, he had never felt this level of power.

"In the left way," Bruno said to Ian from behind.

Ronald was walking alongside Bruno. He

spered in a low voice,

“Look at my Alpha. Doesn’t he look like a handsome and strong hero?”

Bruno glanced at Ronald. He did not know *how*

Dawson’s best friend?

this man could become so friendly toward him. Wasn’t he Ian

“He is indeed handsome. However, not a hero, but a villain.

They arrived in front of the elevator.

Ronald laughed as he muttered,

“He is going to engage with your sister. Are you saying this to your sister’s man?”

“I would love to break their relationship.”

Ronald’s eyes darkened suddenly. His eyes narrowed as he warned,

“Don’t you even dare.”

Beta Bruno was taken aback by his unexpected change **in** expression. He let out a sigh and shook his head.

“Just when I thought I could change my perspective...”

The door of the elevator opened. Ian was the first one to enter.

The people who were exiting looked at him with shock. They could not believe their eyes.

Ian ignored them, leaning against the elevator’s wall.

The elevator door closed as only three people were inside. Bruno pressed on the top floor and waited for the floor

to arrive.

Ronald suddenly spoke up with an enthusiastic tone.

“Ian, let’s kill the man. Still so many floors to come!”

Ian turned his head to look at Ronald.

Beta Bruno's eyes widened. Were they even real?

Ronald gazed at Bruno and laughed. "Remember, Ian, when we killed Alpha Marco's beta simply because he did not greet you with the respect we expect from them? Killing is not something new for us."

Beta Bruno had no fear of dying. But hearing Ronald's words with that evil expression, he was taken aback.

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He tightened his **fists** and **asked** Ronald,

"Do you think you can kill me just because you are this pack's beta and I am **in** this pack?"

"**Well**, maybe I can't since you think you are stronger than the. But.."

He turned to Ian and patted his shoulder before saying,

"You can't beat my best friend. Look at his hands. Sort

scratch and you are dead."

Ronald gave Beta Bruno a wiggle of his eyebrows.

they are in his pockets. It's okay. Let me tell you, his one

He seemed serious to Beta Bruno. This pack might be so evil that they intend to murder them.

Beta Bruno looked away and tilted his head, almost ready to shift and fight.

Ronald burst out laughing when he saw this.

"Look at his face! He really thought we would kill him!"

Beta Bruno stopped himself and looked at them in confusion. He did not know what this duo was thinking in their minds.

“Bro, chill out. What’s so hurried about fighting? I was just kidding,” Ronald said, chuckling.

Beta Bruno cast a glance at Ian.

Ian scoffed at him and shook his head.

At that time the door of the elevator opened. Before stepping out, Ian said,

“It is said that people prefer attractive villains to kind heroes.”

Beta Bruno was stunned that he claimed himself as a villain instead of a hero.

‘What is this man?’ he thought.

Ian came out of the elevator. Beta Bruno remained silent as he made his way to the Alpha’s office.

Ian was trailing him.

But all of a sudden, he came to a complete halt when his eyes caught sight of someone.

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Ava was talking to an employee. A woman stood beside her

Ian was staring at Ava.

His eyes observed her from afar.

an expensive gauge of fabric.

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Her hair was pulled back into a high bun. Her delicate features were being gently caressed
y the strands of loose

hair.

She pushed a strand of hair behind her ear, thereby removing it from direct contact with her face.

She was dressed in a green dress that reached just below her knees along with a cream-colored coat that she wore over it.

She had a light smile on her face while speaking, but it did not reach her eyes. She looked like a professional

woman.

As Alpha Dane's assistant approached Ian, he cast a glance in the direction of our Beta Bruno. He said to Bruno,

"Alpha is in a meeting. Alpha Ian can wait in his cabin."

"Meeting?" Beta Bruno frowned as if he was not aware of it.

Ronald sneered at him. "Your Alpha is too afraid to be all alone with him."

Beta Bruno gave him a poker look. Ronald rolled his eyes and nodded his head.

They were both in the same profession. How could they hear anything about their own Alpha?

Bruno looked at Ian. At that time he realized that he was lost somewhere, focusing his gaze not on the conversation but on somewhere else.

He followed his gaze. When he noticed Ian was staring at Ava, a smirk formed on his face.

"That is our designer, Florence. I hope you saw her yesterday. She is the best designer, and she works for us. Unfortunately, no one has a chance to win this time except us."

The assistant was shocked to hear Beta Bruno. He had never heard him speak positively about Ava. They did not get along well. That was what others believed.

Ian looked away from Ava when he heard Beta Bruno. Ronald glanced at Ava. He was amazed at how she was talking with an employee with such superiority as if she knew how to do that. She still managed to smile as a leader should do.

Ava did not notice them as they were far from her. She walked toward a cabin with two other women. She looked tired and busy.

Ronald murmured, "Of course, we saw her yesterday."

Bruno gazed at Ronald, confused by his tone. He wondered if Ronald was interested in Ava.

So he warned him in advance.

“She is not reserved.”

Ian raised an eyebrow and turned his gaze to Beta Bruno.

“Not reserved? What do you mean?”

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Beta Bruno looked at the door where Ava had just gone inside, and said,

“If you like my sister, then pay attention to her. Stop staring at other women.” Ian rolled his eyes behind his glasses. He turned to Dane’s assistant and asked, “Which way?”

The assistant quickly motioned with his hand to lead the way. Beta Bruno did not accompany them. The assistant led them to a large cabin.

Ian examined the whole cabin while moving toward the couches. He sat on a couch, leaning his back against it, sitting like the boss of the office.

Ronald sat next to him. He also glanced about, taking in the room’s newly designed interior.

His gaze shifted to the glass window directly across from the desk.

“Whese cabin is that?” Ronald said.

Ian looked at him, not understanding why he was asking about it while they were sitting in Dane’s cabin.

Ronald then signaled him to the glass window. Since the couch was on the other wall, Ian did not notice it until Ronald told him.

“Who cares?” Ian muttered.

He moved his hands to reach into his pockets only to realize he had forgotten to bring a cigarette packet with him. Ronald noticed it and pulled out his packet. He gave him a cigarette.

Ian grabbed it and held it between his lips. Ronald raised his hand to light his cigarette.

Just as Ronald was lighting Ian's cigarette, he noticed someone enter the cabin.

"Oh, someone is here! Who can it be? Dane's personal assistant?" Ronald said with a chuckle.

Ian turned his gaze to the glass window. He saw someone open that cabin's door to walk inside. However, she was speaking with someone, so she had not entered yet. But it was a woman.

The next moment she entered the room and closed the door

Ian's eyes paused on her. He took off his glasses as he frowned at her.

Ronald blinked, then glanced at Ian.

"Oh, that is Ava's cabin! Why did Dane fix her cabin this close? What could be the reason?"

His words enraged Ian. Ian stared at Ava, watching what she was doing.

Ava approached the desk, holding a few folders. She set them down and poured a glass of water for herself.

After drinking the water, she put the glass down on the desk and walked around to sit on her chair.

She then started to take off her coat.

Ian's grip on his cigarette tightened as he looked at her. His gaze moved to her bare arms. She leaned against her chair, resting her head and closing her eyes.

Her sleeveless dress became visible to the two men behind the glass door.

Ian turned his head to Ronald.

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Ronald's eyes widened as he noticed Ian's dark gaze. He swallowed and laughed.

“No, no, I am not watching anything. How can I look at my best friend’s ex with evil eyes? By the way, I am coming back in a few minutes.”

After saying that, he got up and walked toward the door.

Before opening the door, he cast a glance at his best friend. His cheeky grin vanished as he concentrated on him. He observed how his best friend was looking at Ava.

A fear rose in his heart that he could not describe to him. He turned and exited the cabin, leaving him alone.

Meanwhile,

Ian was sitting calmly, one leg folded over the other. While smoking, he kept his gaze fixed on Ava.

It appeared that she was unable to see what was happening behind the glass; only he could see her.. Thinking that another man could have seen the view, his eyes covered in shadow.

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Ava was feeling exhausted. She just wanted to relax for a while. She came early in the morning and started to work. She did not even have breakfast. The stress of work continued to weigh on her mind. She was unsure whether she could finish her work before the deadline.

She looked at the meeting room after discussing her work with one of her employees.

“Alpha is in the meeting,” an employee announced,

Ava thought about returning to her cabin since Dane was busy.

She came to sit on her chair, resting for a little. She removed her coat because she felt hot inside.

As her eyes closed, she heard a ringtone. She pulled her phone from her bag and saw it was Abigail.

She received the call.

She spoke with Abigail and Debra on a group call last night. She explained everything to them. **It** was **quite** surprising to them that she was with Dane now. However, **it** was the truth.

“Hello?”

“Ava, have you spoken to him about the reunion? Will he come?” Abigail asked.

Ava pressed her hand to her forehead and rubbed it. “No, I couldn’t. But I promise I will talk to him.

“What do you think? Will he come?”

Her question caused Ava to think about it. Would he agree **to** go? Wasn’t it her reunion? But at the same time, everyone would go with their lovers.

“I don’t know. He does not enjoy socializing. I can try, though.”

“Take him along with you. We would like to see how much he likes you. Being with someone is a big deal. And we need to thank him that he takes care of our Ava all these times.”

Ava chuckled as she nodded her head. “Okay, I got it.”

“By the way, Miss Florence, will you be with us in this project?”

“Ahhm hmm.”

Ava cleared her throat.

“Okay, okay. Not asking for any spoilers.”

“I was just kidding. But...”

She paused and turned her head to the black glass window from where she could not see anything.

“I want to beat you this time. So maybe...”

Abigail wished her the best of luck and then hung up since she knew Ava was a busy person.

Though the phone was hung up, Ava could not move her gaze from the glass.

She felt as if someone was looking at her.

But Dane was inside his meeting room. His assistant would let her know when he would return. So why did she feel a dark gaze under her?

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Her wolf became curious as well.

For once, she wanted to burn the glass and see who was inside.

But then, she controlled herself and let out a deep breath.

“No one is there,” she told herself and grabbed a file.

She spent ten minutes reading the file. As she just put it on the desk, someone knocked on the door.

“Miss Taylor, the meeting is over. Alpha is free right now.”

She heard Dane’s assistant’s voice. She quickly rose from the chair and put on her coat.

She left the room, only to see Dane emerge from the meeting room.

When he noticed her, he paused in his steps. She walked toward him. The other businessmen who were coming out of the room noticed her.

Dane glanced at them, and they immediately lowered their heads.

Dane put his hand around her shoulder and asked,

“Do you have something to talk about?”

Ava nodded as they both walked to Dane’s cabin.

“What?” he asked.

Ava thought for a moment. She glanced around and realized that everyone was looking at them in shock. They were too close to be considered professional today.

“Everyone’s watching,” she murmured.

“So?” he asked out loud, causing her eyes to widen.

She pushed his hand away from her shoulder and said,

“Come on, do not make me embarrassed.”

Dane chuckled as he observed her expression. “Okay, fine.”

They walked towards the door. A thought crossed her mind as she asked,

“Is there anyone in your cabin?”

Dane looked at her and arched an eyebrow. “You don’t know?”

She shook her head. “No, I don’t. I am not sure. I was busy with my own work.”

“It’s okay. When you enter, you will see. A very special guest has come to visit our new office.”

“Visit our office?” she mumbled in confusion.

Dane grabbed the doorknob and walked into the office. Ava followed in his footsteps.

But as soon as she stepped inside, her legs froze.

Her gaze was drawn directly to the man sitting on the couch.

“Alpha Ian, you had to wait for me,” Dane said, moving closer to the couches.

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Ian gave him a look but did not respond. There were a few cigarette butts lying in the ashtray on the coffee table

near the couches.

His eyes moved from Dane and shifted to Ava.

Ava did not move from the door for a while.

Dane noticed Ian looking at Ava. He tilted his head and said to Ava,

“What are you doing there? Didn’t I tell you an important guest has come? Come, join us. He is the head Alpha of this pack.”

Ian’s cold eyes were fixed on Ava.

She averted her gaze and gathered her thoughts. She did not care who he was. She was now with Dane. She should only focus on him.

After closing the door behind her, Ava approached Dane.

“Yeah, I know him. Alpha Ian is really good at business,” she said, standing next to Dane.

Ian’s gaze moved away from her and back to Dane.

“Alpha Dane must be very busy. I wonder if he is so busy that his receptionist said he is free today.”

Ava cast a quick glance at Dane. Free? He was the most hard-working man she had ever seen. He enjoyed working more than anyone else. She was aware that his schedule for today was unclear.

Dane moved toward his desk with a low chuckle.

“Perhaps the reason was to make Alpha Ian come to visit this office?”

Ava took a quick look at both men. She could feel the tension all around her. She never imagined they could be so calm in front of each other. She was always concerned that they would fight.

She saw Dane trying to remove his suit jacket. She recalled how he had been hurt this morning in his left arm. So she walked over to him and held his jacket.

Dane turned his head to look at her. She smiled at him and helped him in taking it off.

The room was silent as the two people were smiling at each other.

However, there was another man who was sitting on the couch, watching everything with his cold eyes.

His fists tightened as he noticed her taking off another man’s jacket in front of him.

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Ian stared at Ava and Dane. His blood began to boil, and it came dangerously close to bursting out of his veins. If he had punched a wall with the way he was clenching his fists, the wall would have been shattered.

It was clear to him that she was taking Dane's suit jacket off with great care as if she was very concerned that a movement could hurt him.

She looked concerned for Alpha Dane!

The smile that she gave him was very genuine, and it even made its way towards her eyes.

The anger that Ian felt for this woman grew stronger in his heart.

He could not wear his jacket because of his back wounds, and she was assisting another man in removing it. "Thank you, sweetheart," Dane said.

Ava was stunned by it. Her cheeks turned red. With a muffled voice, she lowered her head.

"You're welcome."

She felt a dark gaze on her.

As she cast a glance in his direction, she discovered that Ian was sitting there with an indifferent look. He had a serene expression in his eyes.

The fact that she was in the same room as Dane and him made her feel uncomfortable. Her memories of the times she had spent with Ian came flooding back to her, making her feel even more awkward.

She averted her gaze from him and turned her attention to Dane.

"Alpha."

Dane reached out to grab a file and handed it to her.

"This is the file I want you to check for a while. It is a key piece of information."

Ava opened the file while saying,

"What's inside?"

“Nothing much. All of the upcoming deals that Miss Harrison was about to take over for the next two years are included in this document. But since she chose to leave our company, we need to buckle up.”

Ava was taken aback. A look of shock appeared on her face as she looked at Dane.

By saying that, Dane meant he was snatching every company from Freya. The companies were impressed with Freya’s modeling abilities and desired for her to become the brand ambassador for their products. But Dane would not let that happen.

Ava noticed that Dane was very clear about it, as his eyes did not show any signs of emotion. She slowly shifted his gaze behind him at Ian.

The expression on his face shifted slightly. However, he did not appear to be surprised.

After she had cleared her throat, she replied,

“I am going back to my office. I will notify you about this file.”

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Dane shook his head. “Why don’t you join me and Alpha Ian?”

Tan remained silent as Ava cast a fleeting glance in his direction. It did not look like he cared.

“No, thank you.”

Ava then exited the cabin, carrying the file.

Ian’s gaze remained fixed on her until she left the room. His eyes shifted to the glass window as if they were waiting to see her again.

Dane approached a cabinet and retrieved two glasses and a bottle of wine. He approached the coffee table and set them down.

There was complete silence from both of the men.

At that time, they heard a knock on the door.

Ronald opened it and entered before Dane gave him permission to do so.

Dane's eyes drew to him, arching slightly. Then he averted his gaze and said,

"Beta Ronald."

Ronald shut the door and approached the couch. He stopped beside Dane and extended his hand.

"Alpha Dane."

Dane grinned a little when he noticed Ronald's action. He shook hands and motioned for him to sit on the couch.

Ronald took a seat near Ian, and Dane sat across from him.

Ian's focus was on the glass window. It was only after he realized that she would not enter the room that he turned his gaze away.

"It is a pleasure to have you both in my office," Dane said, pouring two glasses of wine and moving them toward

the two men.

Ian examined the wine glasses before shifting his gaze to Dane.

"Stop using Freya in your business," Ian said directly.

Dane raised his eyebrow and asked,

"When did I use her? Wasn't she the one who always wanted to be with me?"

Ian held the glass and took a sip of it.

"You are right. She now picked me over you. Are you upset about it?"

Looking at the two Alphas facing off after all these years, Ronald swallowed.

"Why would I be upset? She went to the man she wanted."

Neither Dane's tone nor his voice were harsh. This infuriated Ian because it indicated that Dane had either not been affected at all or was merely acting as if he had been.

"In the realm of pretending, Alpha Dane excels. I snatched his favorite woman," Ian said with a smirk.

For a moment, Dane's gaze was fixed on him. He appeared to be thinking about what he had just said.

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“Favorite woman?” he asked.

Ronald looked at him with a perplexed expression and asked,

“Isn’t Freya Harrison Alpha Dane’s favorite woman?”

When Dane heard him, he gave off the impression of being surprised. But then he let out a chuckle.

He then stopped chuckling and looked at Ronald coldly. “Your Alpha was weak years ago and he is still weak.”

Ronald was taken aback by his unexpected words. He frowned at him and asked,

“What do you mean?”

Dane gave him a grin while leaning his back against the couch and then turned his attention to Ian from there.

Ian did not look like he would lose his temper. He was only looking at his rival calmly. It was as if his words did not fuel his rage.

“Whatever happened years ago, he could not shake it off. He should heed his father’s advice; he only has the Alpha bloodline, not the potential.”

The left corner of Ian’s lips moved upward. He sipped on the drink and then sneered.

“Keep challenging me. Perhaps you want to recreate the past again...”

He paused for a moment before continuing,

“But wait a minute; your favorite woman is now mine. What are you planning to do about it? Because you have already ruined your reputation to show her your goody sides.”

Dane gave him a smug look and replied,

“I am not only older than you but also more experienced. You did try to get my favorite woman, but you picked the wrong one this time.”

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It came as a surprise to Ronald. When Ian heard Dane say that, he assumed that he was trying to avoid appearing vulnerable in front of him.

He was about to mock him, but before that, he noticed Dane turning his head and looking at the window glass. "My favorite woman is someone else," he muttered.

Ian followed his gaze and noticed Ava walking into her office. She hurriedly grabbed some papers from her desk and left the room.

Ian's jaw clenched.

It was as if all of the barriers holding him back had nearly crumbled. He was about to get up from the couch and rush to Dane, but Ronald grabbed his hand.

Ian's eyes grew darker as he stared at Dane. If looks could kill anyone, he would have killed Dane.

Ronald had no idea how to manage the situation. He wondered what might have happened if he had not come here. Ian turned his head at Ronald, who was shaking his head. He mind-linked him and said,

"Just take it easy, Ian."

At that time, Dane turned his attention back to Ian and said,

"Well-"

Ronald interrupted him and said,

"You called my Alpha here to visit your office."

"You are right. Considering that it is his pack, I believe that he ought to look around the organization. Despite the fact that we are competitors, we should have some sort of inner connection. At least, I believe so."

Ian rose up from the couch after putting the glass on the table.

His black eyes pierced Dane's brown eyes as he muttered,

"Let me look around your office; maybe I will get some inspiration from your old experience."

After that, he walked to the door. He did not even glance at Ronald or wait for him to follow him.

Immediately after Ian opened the door, he heard Dane's voice coming from behind him.

"I am not a villain. You are welcome to come and talk to me at any time. I will tell you about my experience like a hero."

Ian understood that Beta Bruno had told him what he had said to him.

Ronald could see that his best friend was losing control.

He got up and said,

"Do you still think he needs your experience after you lost a lot of deals for him?"

Dane rolled his eyes and crossed his legs before saying,

"He should know who is the real king of hearts, No matter how successful he becomes, the woman I want will always choose me over him."

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Ronald paid no attention to what he had to say and proceeded to approach Ian. He walked out of the room while holding Ian's hand and prevented Ian from exploding with rage at Dane. He did not want to break a war between the two rivals.

When Ronald drew him into a corner, Ian yanked his hand away from him.

"Did you not hear the way that he was speaking to me?"

Ronald heaved a sigh and shook his head in response. "I expected something like this to happen. He will provoke you, as he did years ago, and you will act foolishly."

Ian gritted his teeth in anger and muttered,

"What was he talking about? Experience? I will shove his experience into his ass-"

“Calm down, Alpha.” Ronald cut him off.

Ian shut his eyes, running his fingers through his hair.

It was not Dane’s provocation that made him angry. The things that Dane had said to him while he was looking at Ava had an effect on him.

From there on, his mind went insane.

Ava went through the file that Dane had provided for her to read. She was totally taken aback when she discovered that there were a large number of high-paid sponsors from a variety of packs who were interested in working with Freya.

Dane was cruel enough to cut all of her works, kind of boycotting her from everywhere. At this point, the only businesses that were able to negotiate with her were those that were affiliated with Ian’s company.

Ava tried to make herself understand that it was called exclusive deals. But she could not help but feel sorry for Freya. If she found out, she would come to Dane crying.

Twenty minutes later

Ava looked down at her watch. She thought she should go to the canteen and grab something for herself.

She went to the second floor and headed to the canteen.

As she made her way there, she went by a few rooms along the way.

Suddenly, a hand reached out and grabbed her hand, and it pulled her inside a room that was completely dark.

Without any idea what was going on, Ava let out a gasp.

When she realized the door was closed, she tried to break her hand free.

Her eyes widened when her back pressed against a wall.

“WHO THE HELL-”

She screamed in anger, but a hand came to the mouth to shut her mouth.

When she felt the familiar touch, she became completely silent. She realized that she was so shocked that she forgot to smell the familiar scent.

The scent hit her nostrils, causing her heart to slow down.

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In the dark room, the silence was eating her alive.

She knew who the person was.

“Mmmmm”

She attempted to speak up.

But the hand pressed firmly against her mouth, causing her to pause again.

A flashback of past memories reflected on her mind.

She was in a dark room and feeling afraid, but she was not allowed to leave. It was a dare that she wanted to fulfill. She was startled when she heard a sound and nearly fell to the ground after tripping on something on the floor. But a hand grabbed her waist and lit a lighter to show her the light.

Remembering that moment from four years ago, Ava blinked in the dark.

Inside the darkness, the closeness was too much for her, reminding her of the past that she had to let go of years

ago.

Unexpectedly, a flame appeared in front of her face, lighting up the surrounding area.

The man in front of her came into view. Her eyes paused when they locked with his dark gaze.

Looking into her eyes intently, he spoke,

“Are you still afraid of the darkness?”

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Ava blinked her eyes when she heard Ian. She realized that there were so many things about her that he did not know. Everything had changed in four years.

But she was surprised that he still remembered that she was afraid of darkness.

She remembered once he told her,

“Come to me whenever you feel afraid of the dark. I will always be there for you.”

Ava’s face turned cold as she shoved the old memories. He was the man who put her in the darkness, the darkness from where she needed three and half years to come out.

She gathered her strength and pushed his hand away from her mouth.

“Alpha Ian, what the hell are you doing?”

Because of her push, his other hand, which held a lighter, moved. The flame blew out.

The room returned to darkness and silence.

The man in the room expected her to ask him to light it again. However, she proved him wrong when she stated,

“No, I am not afraid of the darkness. Not anymore.”

His brows furrowed as he was not expecting this. He was mad at himself for why he came here. He should not have come here in the first place.

“Alpha Ian, you came to my workplace to disturb me, didn’t you? Or...”

She paused as a smile appeared on her face which he could not notice.

She moved aside and started to walk. He thought she would leave. But instead of leaving, she went to the window. She removed the blinds and opened the window.

The sunlight streaming in from outside illuminated the entire room.

Ian’s gaze rested on her face. He turned around and leaned his back against the wall.

“Or what? Miss Taylor?” he asked, raising a brow.

She could clearly see he looked mad. But he tried to pretend he was not.

She leaned against the window, folding her arms against her chest.

Both of them were too close a while ago, but they are now very far apart.

With a grin on her face, she replied,

“Or are you surprised to see me as a famous designer?”

The tone of her voice mocked him. His eyes grew sharper as they keened.

“So sorry! I could not let you enjoy your temporary pleasure. You must be really happy to see me as a waitress. Wait, let me guess, what did you think?”

She looked away from him, rolling her eyes, looking here and there as if she was thinking about something. “You may have believed that without me, this idiot could not move forward. How stupid did you think she was?”

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Without his knowledge, the darkness within his eyes began **to** fade. He was listening to her with his back against the wall.

“Keep dreaming about your company’s win. I will not allow you to steal any **of** this company’s deals as long **as** I am here.”

“Are you challenging me?” he asked with a deep voice.

She was taken aback to hear his voice after such a long time. She realized that the conversation she was having with him was unnecessary. She did not have to pay much attention to him.

“Consider it a challenge or an alarm for

your future. I am going to win this competition,” she declared confidently.

Her eyes were filled with passion, which sparkled. It was visible that she was very confident about her work.

“What if you won’t?”

“No chance.”

“Let’s see,” he said with a dark chuckle.

She blinked her eyes and rubbed her palm with her fingertips. She thought,

‘Was I overconfident when I said that?’

She shrugged her shoulders and walked toward the door, deciding to exit the room.

Ian noticed her movements and asked,

“How long have you been with this company?”

Her steps came to a stop. She turned to face him and asked,

“Why? Are you going to bankrupt this company because it gave me a job?”

Her tone was cold. She did not want him to engage in nonsense, but rather in direct conversation. She was not a friend with whom she could talk or gossip.

“So you know I have the ability to do so,” he muttered, placing a cigarette between his lips.

He bit the cigarette while smirking at her.

Ava froze for a brief moment. He looked like a mafia boss who came to kill his enemy. His maniacal appearance may appeal to other women, but to her, he was nothing more than an arrogant bad boy. He did not deserve her kind behavior.

After lighting the cigarette, he blew out a smoke. He removed it from her lips while holding it between his two fingers.

She kept her gaze on him. He had not changed in the slightest. He was still a chain smoker. He could not stay without smoking for a while.

There was no way she would let him try to blackmail her again. She would not fall into his trap again. She said, “This company is unbeatable, as everyone knows. My Alpha built this company with his own hands.”

The moment she mentioned Dane, she saw Ian’s eyes briefly turn red. She was internally stunned. Its blood red color demonstrated his wolf’s strength. For a moment, her wolf whined inside. But she did not express it in front of him.

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“How dare you **refer** to that man as your Alpha?” he groaned.

She showed no reaction. Instead, she approached him and halted in front of him.

He would have to face Ava today, who was not afraid of this bad boy.

He was surprised to see her get closer. He remained motionless as he stared at her.

“Dare? He is my Alpha.”

She spoke each word slowly and calmly, looking into his eyes.

His jaw clenched.

Ava chuckled as she noticed his aggressive expression.

“You have not talked to your gamma since last night, have you?”

He was silent, glaring at her. He assumed she was only trying to show him that she was with other men.

Without warning, he put his hand around her waist and asked,

“When are you going to stop whoring around, huh?”

She gave him a smile and answered,

“Whore, slut, bitch, prostitute... how many names you have given me. But there is a new title you need to add....”

She rose to her tiptoes and tilted her head to whisper in his ear.

“Your Rival’s Luna.”

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Jan’s hand had frozen around her waist. His muscles tensed as if someone had poured a bucket of ice water on him in the cold weather. That time the bone froze, and his hands also froze like that.

Ava moved back and stood on her feet. She saw how he was unmoved. She slowly unwrapped his hand from her waist. She brushed his shoulder as if removing invisible dust.

“It’s okay. That happens sometimes. Your reaction is so natural. But...”

She looked into his eyes and asked,

“Don’t you think you are overreacting? I mean I thought you would be happy after learning that. You hate him and he got a whore like me-”

She could not finish speaking as he grabbed her waist once again. This time, he spun her around and pressed her against the wall.

“What did you say?” he asked.

“Y-You heard me,” she responded, taken aback by his unexpected action.

She gasped when she saw how instantly his eyes turned red. She was not startled by looking at them. His red eyes were filled with something that looked like black smoke and gave him a menacing appearance.

“Say that again. I dare you.”

She took a deep breath, calming herself.

She turned her head away from him, pushing him with all of her strength. But he was like a stone.

For once, she wanted to show him who she was and what power she held. If she wanted, she could cause him pain he had never experienced before.

However, she refused to show it to him. She wanted to keep her identity hidden. Or she could say she did not think he deserved to know.

She controlled herself from turning her eyes from black to emerald.

“Look, I am running late. I have work to do. I am not-”

He interrupted her by grabbing her jaw. He turned her head, forcing her to look at him.

“You and him, that’s impossible,” he muttered.

It puzzled Ava as to why he said that. Why could Dane not be with her?

It enraged her. She gripped his wrist, which was holding her jaw.

Her fingers wrapped so tightly around his wrist that her nails pierced his skin. He felt that her nails were becoming sharper by the second. But he could take the pain.

He kept his gaze fixed and ignored the pain.

Suddenly his eyes turned black as he let go of her jaw when he felt a burning sensation in his wrist.

He stepped back, lowering his head to look at his hand.

She dug her nails so deep that blood was coming out of there. He looked at her with a pair of confused eyes. However, they returned to being fierce.

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“A man that already has a fiancée should not grab another woman’s jaw.”

He gritted his teeth and muttered,

“Now you will teach me how to be loyal?”

She nodded her head. “Yes, you are right. Now I will teach you how to be faithful to your partner, Ian Dawson. I will stay loyal to Alpha Dane until the end.”

He stared at her for a moment, frozen, as if everything was hitting him slowly.

He recalled what Dane had said. When he was in his office, he flanked Ava to be his favorite woman.

He remembered how Ava and Dane were smiling at each other, their interaction in the meeting room, everything came to his mind.

He moved slightly when he realized the call Ava used to receive was from Dane.

So that ‘D’ was Dane?

Ian could not just believe that.

How did that happen?

Wasn’t Freya Dane’s lover?

How did he end up meeting Ava? How did they first start talking? How did they become so close to one another? How did they become lovers?

Lovers?

Were they in love?

Ian's heart sank with a sharp pain.

"So he was the reason you chose not to return your pack? That night..."

She responded bluntly, with a cold expression on her face. Yes, you are right. I was with him that night. The shirt I was wearing was his. You wanted to know if I had fun, right? Yes, I had. Or what do you want to ask?"

Every word she said was making his blood boil. He was unable to recall that night again. Only he knew how he was controlling himself and his inner wolf, who was not pleased with what she had just said.

Ava glanced at the door when she heard the sounds of people's footsteps. She was taken aback that they would come to that room. So she pushed him and walked toward the door to leave.

Ian remained standing in his place. His eyes were fixed on the wall, processing everything.

Just as Ava reached for the doorknob to open it, he spoke up,

"Was it him who stopped you from returning to this pack when the news of the accident spread around?"

Ava's hand paused near the doorknob. She blinked her eyes, stopping herself from thinking back to the past. She took a deep breath and replied,

"No. I was the one who had never considered it."

He immediately turned around to look at her. His gaze rested on her back.

He wanted to rush up to her and ask why she did that to him. What did she gain from playing his heart? However,

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her next statement astounded him.

“The boy who crushed my spirit and destroyed all of my hope for survival... I had no desire to see him again. That time, I decided to move on with dignity, which he would never understand.”

Ava did not turn to look at him. But she thought today she should say what was in her heart. Even though he would not believe it, she needed to clear her side so that he would not create problems between her and Dane.

After a short pause to gather her thoughts, she said,

“In that pack, I met a man who showed me what the actual feeling is. I am with him right now. He is my man, I can be with him however I want. He never calls me whore, never accuses me of cheating on him even if I had to face the same situation. He believed in me and accepted me for who I am. He gave me the trust I desired in another person.”

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Avsaid whatever was on her mind and walked out of the room. She felt her cheeks getting wet **as** she made **her** way **to the** canteen. Realizing that she had nearly revealed her vulnerability to the **man**, she quickly wiped **away**

her tears.

Crying was not a sign of weakness. She was in anger and she did not want to burn everything around her. That was why her anger flowed down with tears.

She entered the canteen and took a seat at one of the tables.

She looked out the window from where she sat at the table,

She recalled the incident that happened many months ago.

It was a night when she was partying with her friends at a club. It was a birthday party, so they had their own spot in the corner to celebrate while cutting the cake.

She was drunk that night.

She was not aware that a man was following her. In the name of helping, he led her to a room and began to open the button on her shirt.

She was not in her right mind, but she understood that something was happening with her. She became traumatized as she recalled Robin's incident with her many years ago.

However, someone entered the room to rescue her. The man who was pulling her clothes was unable to remove anything because he had been beaten by her savior. The savior was none other than Alpha Dane.

The man who tried to harm her was his own Theta. He claimed she was the one who tried to seduce him. But Dane said she would never seduce a man like him.

That night Beta Bruno got mad at Ava because he trusted his friend who was their Theta.

Dane not only punished Theta but also threw him out of his position. Bruno blamed Ava for the entire situation. But Dane's actions really touched Ava's heart. That night, she felt that he was a very good man. She was indebted to him for saving her. She wanted to do something for him so she could repay him.

She wished to make him a good man who knew how to live a good life. She wanted him to be happy, just as he had made her life happy and safe in his pack.

"Where are you lost?"

Hearing a voice, Ava looked away from the window. She turned around to see her brother, Griffin, looking at her. He glanced at the empty table before her and asked,

"Not ordering anything?"

"I will," she said softly, exhaling.

Griffin took the chair and sat down across from her. He examined her closely and inquired,

"Who made my sister cry?"

She chuckled, thinking that he would use his power to kill someone.

"Nothing, bro."

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"Are you sure? Do you want to share?"

"Nothing. Something had been in my chest for a long time; spilled it a while back."

Griffin was confused as his brows wrinkled. "I don't understand. What are you saying?"

"I said nothing. Now let's have something to eat come on."

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Ian was in the room all alone. He remained motionless even after Ava left. His eyes were on the door, fixing his gaze.

Her words from before she left were embedded in his mind and echoed.

Thinking about her getting close to Dane, his fists tightened.

He could not describe what kind of feeling it was.

When he saw her with Robin four years ago, he could not have imagined her with him. The hickies and the shirt she was wearing were the only things that made him angry!

Today he realized that he could not see her with another man. Regardless of how many days, months, or years passed, he felt betrayed.

She claimed he met a man who trusted her in a similar situation. What exactly did she mean by that?

That man showed her what true feelings were?

Did she mean that his feelings were not true?

Was there another man who could love her like he used to?

Ian left the room with the intention of leaving the company

Ronald called, stating that he was near the canteen.

As soon as he arrived, his gaze was drawn to Ava and another man sitting alongside him.

His eyes dug on him, ignoring the fact that she was now with Dane.

“Who is he?” he asked.

Ronald’s attention was on Griffin as he responded to Ian.

“Remember when this boy came to our campus? He wanted to speak to Ava. I am curious what he wanted t

to her about. At the time, she did not even live in his pack. How did he know her?”

Ian’s eyes pierced on Griffin from afar. He took out his phone and dialed a number.

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“I am sending you a photo. Find out who this boy is and how he is connected to Ava Taylor. I want to know every detail and secret.”

After looking at Ava for the last time, Ian left the company.

He grabbed the car keys from the driver and told him to leave.

Ronald kept asking what had happened again, but Ian remained silent. But when he drove, his rage was evident. Ava’s words that she did not want to come to see him when he got into an ent kept replaying in his mind.

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What a fool he was to have been waiting for her in that dire situation?

When his phone rang, he slammed on the brake. Robin let out a sigh of relief. 3

Ian received the call and heard his men talking about Ava.

“Alpha, that person is Griffin Adler, Ava Taylor’s cousin.”

Ian was stunned when he heard that. “Isn’t that man a wizard?”

“Yes, he is a wizard. He is her uncle’s son. Ava Taylor is the daughter of Harold Adler.”

“And?”

“Harold Adler wanted his daughter to marry Alpha Dane when they were children. But Angela Taylor betrayed them by taking her daughter away during the war.”

Ian furrowed his brows. That piece of information was too much for him. He was not expecting these.

“How did you find out about all of this?”

“Alpha, it’s Alpha Dane’s old maid. She claims Ava Taylor visits Alpha Dane’s house and spends nights with him. She cares for him and even prepares his favorite foods like an ideal wife.”

Ian tightened his grip on his phone, causing the screen to crack in anger.

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Because the car was silent, Ronald heard everything. His eyes were on Jan.

Ian's eyes grew intense. His one hand, which was gripping the steering wheel, clenched tightly.

Ronald's gaze moved to his other hand. His fingers were bleeding. Because of his pressure, the glass broke, and the sharp edges cut his fingers.

"Ian!"

Ian removed the phone from his ear and threw it near the gearbox. Ronald gulped, not knowing how to calm his anger.

He was surprised to know that Ava was with Alpha Dane. Wasn't it something unbelievable? He could never have imagined thinking like this before.

Ian moved his leg away from the brake pedal and slammed on the accelerator.

On the busy road, the car moved like the wind. The speed of the vehicle astounded the people.

To get past every other vehicle on the road, the car swerved to the left and right.

It was obvious to Ronald that his best friend would not listen. He recalled Ian's accident. He hurriedly pressed the emergency button, letting other cars behind him know the car had no direction.

When the road was clear ahead of the car, Ian increased his speed even more.

"Ian, this is not a race where you have to cross the finish line. Calm down."

Ian ignored his words and kept driving. His thoughts were replaying what he had heard from his men.

He didn't know she was from the Thunder Howl Pack. It was not like he never wanted to know about her real pack. However, his parents lied to him by telling him the name of another pack. He wondered if it was because her mother had told them not to tell anyone about it.

How could her father have wanted her to marry Dane? Why? What could be the reason?

Did she know anything about it?

Was she aware of it four years ago?

His eyes froze as he had a horrible thought.

‘Did she purposefully break my heart four years ago? Did she get to know about Dane and then change her mind? Was that the reason she never came back?’ He thought and could not blink his eyes.

“Ian, watch out!”

Ronald yelled at him when he noticed a car coming in their direction. Ronald grabbed the steering wheel and turned it to the left to move the car.

Jan realized that he could not concentrate on driving. He controlled the steering and pressed the brake. He stopped the car and came out of the car.

Ronald breathed out a sigh. They almost got into an accident a while back. He was afraid that if he had not been with Ian at the time, Ian would have been involved in another accident.

Ronald came out of the car, angry, because he was worried about his best friend. He shut the car door and looked

at Ian.

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The bridge felt very familiar because it held so many past memories.

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How happy he was that day! He could still remember how they had spent the entire day together. He traveled a long distance to get here and then crossed the bridge to another town. He tried his hardest to make her feel safe with him. He wanted to be the most secure person for her.

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The night was completely dark. There was no moon to light up the ground. There was only darkness that was engulfing outside.

Ian was sitting on the floor, with his back against the bed.

There was an empty bottle lying on the floor. He held one bottle in his hand.

The redness surrounding his dark orbs was maniacal. He was going through an emotional breakdown. A cold man like him could not cry. But his emotions were visible in his eyes.

Bringing the bottle close to his mouth, he chugged a few more gulps. The bitter taste and the high level of alcohol burned his throat.

But he did not stop drinking.

In the last four years, Ian Dawson had made an image in the werewolf world. People knew the young man was cold and heartless. He showed no mercy and was ruthless toward others. He did not even let go of his own parents, mocking them if they opposed him.

If anyone saw him in this condition, they would be shocked.

He had the bottle in one hand and one hand that was resting on his knees. His other leg was resting straight on the ground.

His eyes were on the wall before him. With the help of the projector light, the pictures on it continued to change. His eyes were fixed on the photos.

They were the photos of Ava and him.

In one photo, Ava was sleeping in his arms.

It was a photo that he clicked when she was sick. Her body temperature was getting low, so he tried to heat her body while hugging her.

While focusing on the photo, he gulped the drink again and again.

The photo changed, and another one appeared in his sight, piercing his eyes.

It looked like he had watched all the photos of her and him from the past. The new photos that his men were able to get from the Thunder Howl Pack began to be displayed at this time.

It was a photo of Ava and Dane.

His hold on the wine bottle tightened. He was about to shatter the bottle but decided against it.

He wanted to see how long he could hold out.

It was a photo of Ava and Dane at a club. Ava was hugging Dane's neck. His jacket was wrapped around her. He was carrying her and going somewhere.

It looked like they were leaving the club to spend the night alone. Someone in the club recognized Dane a head Alpha and took advantage of the opportunity to photograph him.

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Ian remembered the night when he wanted to make love with Ava but she stopped him. She always stopped him from touching her body..

His eyes darkened as he suspected she was only pretending to be with him.

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He wondered how many nights she had spent with Dane. D she ever think of him while she was with him?

The photos changed, and some pictures of Ava and Dane in the **office** appeared. She looked professional **with** others, but with Dane, she looked soft.

Ian could not help but recall what she told him today.

Did she really love Dane?

How?

How could she love Dane when she never loved him?

Did she really plan with Dane and broke his heart years ago

Suddenly he started to feel pain in his back. He closed his eyes and leaned his head against the mattress while sitting.

Every moment was like a punishment for him. Time stopped, and everything around him became frozen.

Every night was like a thorn for him. The pain on the inside was not healing. The rage was the deepest pain in his heart, and it came out as anger.

He gazed at the photos again as his eyes stopped on Dane's face.

“What would I argue with others when I myself started to behave like a stranger?”

He closed his eyes again and chuckled.

His life had led him to a point where there was no way forward.

Even if he was furious and almost wanted to kill Ava for betraying him so deeply, he could not do so. He could not even consider the thought. Even thinking about her death made his heart shaky.

Did he really hate her?

As he burned under the influence of alcohol, the door to his bedroom flew open.

A woman entered the room and looked around before her gaze fell on him.

He looked at her with a frown.

“Freya?”

Freya closed the door and rushed toward him. She sat down on her knees and hugged his neck.

She started to cry.

“Ian.”

He was drunk, but not to the point where he could not control himself.

“What happened?”

His cold voice forced her to break the hug. She sobbed as she lowered her head.

He gripped her jaw and lifted her chin. His eyes fell on her tears.

“What’s wrong?” he asked, trying to be a little softer to the woman.

She wiped her tears and mumbled, not looking at him. “He He snatched all of my projects, Ian. I am doomed.”

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Ian was aware of this after hearing Dane discuss it earlier today. Tan had told him not to play with Freya. But it appeared Dane had made up his mind to make Freya suffer

“Stop crying. I am not good at calming women,” he said, letting go of her chin.

Freya looked at him, blinking her eyes. She bit her bottom lip as she recalled how another person calmed her every time she cried. He always treated her like a princess, but Ian was so cold he did not even care.

She shook her head, realizing she had started comparing Ian to Dane. She came this way knowing that Ian was not Dane. How could she have expected him to be another person?

“Don’t worry. Now your name is added with Ian Dawson. No one dares to offend me. You will get all of your projects back.”

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Hearing his assuring statements, Freya felt relieved. There was a grin on her face as she gazed at his handsome face.

She noticed him raising the bottle and swallowing the drink. The movement of his Adam’s apple caused her to move closer to him.

She put her hand on his chest and fiddled with the button of his shirt. He cocked his head to the side in order to look at her face.

While Freya was getting closer to his face, she began to unbutton his shirt.

She tilted her head and kissed him on the cheek. She moved her lips close to his mouth and whispered,

“It’s been six months since we decided to live our life together in the future. But you never tried to kiss me.”

She closed her eyes, knowing their lips were only a few inches apart.

As just her lips were about to touch his, he gripped her jaw, stopping her from kissing him.

She was shocked by his action as her eyes flung open. She was startled when her eyes met his dark orbs.

“It’s because I don’t like it.”

“D–Don’t like what?” she mumbled.

“Kissing on the lips.”

She rolled her eyes and pushed his hand away. “Come on, Ian. Don’t think that I am not aware of your past. You have slept with other women. It’s not new.”

“But I never kissed them on the lips,” he murmured.

It was true that after kissing Ava, he never kissed another woman.

Kissing someone and having sex were two different things. People had one-night stands when they had no one in their lives, but there was something they could not do that reminded them of the person they used to love.

Freya glanced at the wall where the projector was playing. When she saw pictures of Dane and Ava, she furrowed her brows.

“How did you get them?” she asked.

Ian glanced at the photo and replied,

“I have my own way.”

Suddenly Ian turned to look at her and grabbed the back of her neck.

He pulled her close to his face and looked into her eyes. She was terrified by his unexpected actions.

“You don’t look surprised at all. Why does it feel like you were aware of their closeness? You knew they were together, didn’t you?”

Freya lowered her gaze when she realized she had made him mad at her.

“I am sorry, Ian. I did not tell you about them. I saw Ava in Dane’s house. She usually goes to his house, spends the night with him, and leaves early in the morning.”

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Ian got confirmation from Freya about what his **men** had told her that day. He released her. His blood was **boiling** once again.

I guess they knew each other even four years ago.”

“Four years ago?” Freya muttered.

She recalled the day when Dane canceled his meeting in another pack and stayed in the airport for a long time without any reason. That was the first time she saw Ava with Dane in a photo. Some girls took pictures **of** them **at** the airport.

“You are right, Ian. They had known each other for a long time. I believe they set out to ruin you and were successful. I think she never loved you.”

Freya’s words drove a stake through Ian’s heart. He clenched his jaw while staring at her.

Her dark gaze caused her to lower her head even more. He was different from Dane. Dane was always gentle with her, treating her like a baby girl.

However, with Ian, she felt like a woman. He never treated her like a princess. But he exuded an allure that other women were drawn to.

“Ian...”

Freya paused, taking a deep breath. She recalled the conversation she had with Ava at the family get-together.

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Ian got confirmation from Freya about what his men had told her that day. He released her. His blood **was** boiling once again.

"I guess they knew each other even four years ago."

"Four years ago?" Freya muttered.

She recalled the day when Dane canceled his meeting in another pack and stayed in the airport for a long time without any reason. That was the first time she saw Ava with Dane in a photo. Some girls took pictures **of** them at the airport.

"You are right, Ian. They had known each other for a long time. I believe they set out to ruin you and were successful. I think she never loved you."

Freya's words drove a stake through Ian's heart. He clenched his jaw while staring at her.

Her dark gaze caused her to lower her head even more. He was different from Dane. Dane was always gentle with her, treating her like a baby girl.

However, with Ian, she felt like a woman. He never treated her like a princess. But he exuded an allure that other women were drawn to.

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“Who is your heart waiting for, Ian Dawson? After feeling nerd? The man who can kill his rivals in war, can’t he kill

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Days passed with Ava’s hard work on the project. Ava had been working at the new office. There was no time for her to go home early.

The relationship between her and Dane was improving, though. He looked after her at work. Always, he reminded her to eat regularly.

He even agreed to go with her to the reunion party. Ava was thrilled about it. She was grateful that he had agreed. Dane said it was nothing to be thankful about. Since everyone was going with their partner, she also had the right to go there with her partner.

Ava’s daily life was going well because she had not seen Ian again.

She felt relieved that Ian did not say anything to Dane about their past. But she made the decision to tell Dane everything. She was afraid that Dane would be mad if he got to know that she was with his rival in the past. It was the reason she always stopped herself from telling him about it. But she knew she could not hide it from him forever. Since she was not with Ian anymore, it did not matter at all.

It was noon.

Ava was inside a meeting room. Looking at the man who was talking about products, Ava rubbed her forehead. She was feeling tired. She had been working for a long time.

Hours could not be tracked. When her hand moved to rub them, a hand gripped her wrist.

She paused and turned her head to the person holding her hand.

Dane gave her a look before pulling her wrist. It caused her chair to move closer to him.

She blinked her eyes. “W-what?” she asked in a whisper.

She noticed others who were now looking at them. Dane turned his attention to the others and said,

“Turn your attention to the meeting.”

They gulped and returned their attention to the man who was talking earlier. Dane turned his head to Ava and asked,

“Why don’t you just take a one-day leave?”

Fixing her gaze on his hand, she shook her head. “No.”

“Why?”

“I still have a lot of work to do.”

“But you...”

His secretary interrupted him as he bent down and whispered close to his ears.

“Alpha, Miss Harrison has come to meet you.”

His eyes grew darker as he let go of Ava’s hand. Ava was taken aback by his sudden mood change. I She knew she could keep him calm. So she placed her palm on top of his at the table and rubbed it.

ked angry.

He looked at her hand, then muttered to his assistant,

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“Let her wait.”

The meeting went on for more than half an hour.

When the meeting was finally over, Ava rose from her seat. She realized that Dane’s suggestion was not bad. She should take a one-day leave. She was under too much stress at work.

She walked out of the meeting room. She walked to the elevator, which took her to the top floor of her office.

After setting up all the important files that she had to fix after the meeting, she placed them on her desk.

She then left her office room.

As soon as she stepped outside her office, she ran into a couple.

Freya and Ian were heading in her direction. She realized that Freya had come to the company **with** Ian. She understood that they were going to Dane's office.

Ava did not meet Ian's eyes as she avoided his gaze. She continued walking until she almost passed them.

"Miss Taylor."

When Freya called out, Ava came to a halt. She tightened her fists and stopped walking. She turned to Freya and gave her a professional smile.

"Miss Harrison"

"How are you doing?" Freya asked in a friendly tone.

Ava narrowed her eyes, suspecting her behavior.

"Just so-so. What about you?"

Freya chuckled as she moved her hand to hold Ian's arm.

"I am doing more than fine. Why would I not? Alpha Ian is with me. He is giving me all of his time."

Ava glanced at Freya's hand, which was holding Ian's hand, before moving her gaze to his face.

A dark set of eyes was staring at her. The moment her eyes met his, she was reminded of the day he came to the office.

She averted her gaze, realizing that she was clear from her side now.

With a small smile on her face, she returned her gaze to Freya,

"I hope you continue to be happy like this."

Ava walked past them after she finished speaking.

Freya's smile froze when she heard that. She turned her head to look at Ava's back.

"How about you and Dane?" she spoke out.

Ava's steps came to an abrupt halt. She spun around to face her again. Her small smile spread did not go unnoticed by Ian.

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“He takes care of me. He really spoils and pampers me. I am fortunate to have him in my life. I believe fate brought me to this point in my life so that I could meet him He is the best person I have ever met.”

Freya’s head slowly turned to the side to look at Ian. His eyes were cold, but he maintained a calm expression.

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Freya cleared her throat before saying,

“That is wonderful.”

Without looking back at Ian, Ava walked toward the staircase leading to the rooftop.

Freya and Ian were both looking at her but with different expressions.

“I think she is madly in love with Dane. Why won’t she? He is someone who really pampers the woman he is with, “Freya murmured while looking in another direction.

Ian followed her gaze and saw that Dane had come out of the elevator.

Freya stared at Dane, seeing if his eyes shifted to her. When her gaze met him, he ignored her completely, which stunned her.

“MISS TAYLOR!”

A female employee screamed, drawing everyone’s attention to Ava, who was on the stairs.

Ian and Dane both turned their heads to look at Ava.

Freya noticed Ava losing her balance on the stairs, as if there was something liquid on them, twisting her heels. In fact, she was about to fall.

Freya felt as if the man next to him yanked his hand from her grip and dashed toward Ava, like a gust of wind. When she turned around, she noticed Dane had also rushed toward Ava.

Freya’s eyes dimmed when she realized something.

“Both of my men are in love with her!”

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Ava had no idea how her heels twisted on the stairs. She reached for the stair railing, but her fingers slipped and she was on the verge of falling.

Her body was waiting to hit the stairs, so she closed her eyes tightly.

But before she could fall, a pair of strong arms encircled her waist.

She was holding the person's sleeves tightly with her eyes squeezed shut.

A familiar scent touched her nostrils, and she furrowed her brows. Her eyes sprang open in shock. She raised her head to look at the person. He held her in his arms and pressed her head against his chest as if to protect her.

Ava froze when she realized that it was Ian.

He slowly lowered his head to examine her face. Her brows shot up when she noticed a glint of softness in his eyes.

"Are you oka-"

His gentle tone nearly shook her heart. However, someone turned him around before he could finish his sentence.

It was Dane who reached her after Ian.

Dane grabbed Ava's waist and pulled her closer to him. He pushed Ian's chest, growling at him.

"Stay away from her."

Ian's gaze was focused on Ava. He could not react to Dane because he was only looking at her to see if she was right or had been hurt somewhere.

"D-Dane, it's fine," Ava mumbled, trying to stand straight.

Dane did not allow her to stand. He lifted her in his arms and said,

"You are going with me to my house."

He appeared to be both angry and worried. Ava gulped and nodded her head at him. She slowly wrapped her hands around his neck and rested her head against his chest.

Ian remained quiet as he watched everything. His jaw clenched as all the softness in his eyes washed away in a second.

Ava cast a glance at Ian. She was not sure why he had saved her.

Didn't he say he wanted to kill her?

"Thank you, Mr. Dawson," she murmured.

Ian raised an eyebrow as he heard her.

Mr. Dawson?

Was she trying to speak to him as if he were a stranger?

Ian became furious with her and tightened his fists.

He was fuming as he watched Dane holding her in his arms. His heart ached, and he wanted to beat this man to death.

He realized they had both played a trick on him. They both knew each other for a long time and tried to break him.

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"I wonder how long Alpha Dane has known Miss Taylor? It did not look like they just met each other and got into a relationship," Ian said loudly as Dane turned to leave.

Everyone around them was staring at them. They heard Ian and started to talk about Ava and Dane. They witnessed the interaction between their Alpha and Ava. But Alpha Ian had just confirmed that they were in a relationship.

Dane turned to Ian's side and answered,

"Before Alpha Ian could meet her."

Ava was dumbfounded. She gave Dane a puzzled expression

Dane walked toward the elevator without looking at Ava.

Ava was baffled. How did Dane come to know her before Ian? She grew up in the Mystic Shadow Pack. Then how?

She assumed he was referring to the time before the war.

When Dane stepped into the elevator, Freya was staring at him.

Her eyes were on him all the time, watching his every move and expression.

“What are you doing here?” she heard a familiar voice.

“Brother,” she mumbled without turning her head.

Beta Bruno had just come to the floor and witnessed everything that had just happened there.

“Your fiancée is after my Alpha’s interest. Can’t you see how cheap he is? Why don’t you leave him?” Bruno said.

Freya scoffed at him and turned to him.

“Leave him? Then what? Come back to your Alpha?”

Bruno glared at her and uttered,

“It’s all your fault. You were the person who approached Alpha Ian. You shouldn’t have done that. You could have chosen to stay with Alpha Dane. Everything would have been better than this. How did you decide to be someone else’s Luna when you already had Alpha Dane?”

Freya’s gaze shifted to Ian, who was staring at the elevator’s closed door.

“How do I express what is going on inside, brother? The two men who used to follow me and I were the center of attraction in their lives... Once again, they fell for the same woman. But this time it’s not me but someone else.”

Beta Bruno was astounded by her remarks. He turned his attention to Ian, observing him.

“What is it about that woman that appeals to everyone?”

Freya smirked and shook her head. “Something that piques both bad boys’ interest.”

“What are you going to do now? Who are you looking for?” Bruno asked her directly.

Freya fixed her gaze on Ian and replied to her brother,

“Of course the one who is more powerful and strong.”

Beta Bruno got mad at his sister. “What do you mean by that? Do you mean my Alpha is not more powerful and stronger than Ian Dawson?”

After donning purple sunglasses, Freya turned to face her brother.

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After giving him a shoulder pat, she answered,

“Beta Bruno, your Alpha had to witness war as a child, but a few years ago, my fiancé got into a fight and won a pack for himself. Without a doubt, he is the most powerful Alpha you have ever encountered. By the way, he is attractive and difficult to get.”

Bruno sneered at her, glancing at Ian. “He is a villain. I am telling you, Freya. You still have time. Watch out.”

Freya smiled at him and replied,

“I like this handsome villain then. There is no way I will let your Alpha win over him.”

Are you that mad at Alpha Dane that you chose his rival?”

Freya’s eyes grew cold behind her glasses. Her smirk disappeared as she murmured,

“He deserves it. Dad shouldn’t have given my responsibility to him. Dad should have known that this man would definitely find the woman with whom he was bound to be.”

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Freya walked toward Ian and held his arm. It caused Ian to look away from the elevator door.

“Let’s go.”

He began to walk and remarked,

“Never ask me to come here with you again.”

Freya frowned at him and asked,

“But you promised me that you would help me to get back my projects.”

“I don’t need to see your Alpha’s face again and again. I will speak with the sponsors directly.”

Freya knew she was not the reason why Ian was here. He came here because of Ava. She was not a foolish woman.

She kept quiet and decided to leave the company with him.

While exiting the building, their gaze was drawn back to Dane and Ava.

They had not left yet. Ava was sitting in the passenger seat inside Dane’s car. Dane was standing outside, conversing with Griffin.

Ian’s steps came to a halt in front of his own car. He turned his head to look at the woman in his rival’s car.

She appeared careless and delighted. How could she be happy after cheating on him years ago?

He got into his car and pulled out his phone.

Leaning against the back seat, he dialed a number.

Freya looked at Dane, taking note of his mood. The way he showed care toward Ava today, she did not like it at all.

The person on the other end of the line received the call. Ian glanced at Dane from inside the car.

“What is the next deal Alpha Dane is looking for?”

The man remained silent for a while as if working on it. After a few seconds, he answered,

“Livano Textile.”

Ian did not speak for a few minutes. The man did not hang up the call either.

“Send me the details and notify the owner that Alpha Ian wishes to collaborate with him.”

Freya's eyes widened as she heard Ian speak. She blinked, unsure if she should say anything.

Ian hung up the phone and gazed at his driver.

"Pack house."

Freya quickly spoke up,

"Drop me off at my house."

Ian remained quiet. It implied that he did not mind dropping her.

During the ride, Freya kept glancing at him. When the car arrived at her house, she did not get out.

Ian gave her a look.

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"Don't want to go?"

She chewed her lips in confusion, Ian sighed, not liking to waste time in silence.

"What happened?" he questioned.

She moved her hand to hold his and uttered,

"Don't eye that deal. He has been working on that deal for along **time**. It is Livano Textile, the main company behind the Livano Scarlet Pack."

Ian raised an eyebrow. "Why do you care?"

Freya lowered her head as she could not reply. He scoffed at her stillness.

He moved closer to her. Her heart skipped a beat at the closeness. But he did not touch her. Instead, he reached out his hand to open the door for her.

"I am getting late."

"But Ian..."

“You don’t have to worry about your ex-boyfriend. If he can plan to destroy you, **why** are you even thinking about him?”

She gazed at him, shaking her head. “Then why did you go first to save Ava today? You said you hate her. Is your hatred that weak?”

His eyes darkened at her words. His furious expression startled her.

“Just because I speak to you calmly does not mean you will question my actions.”

His icy tone caused her to shake from the inside out. She hurriedly got out of the car and shut the door behind her and stood outside.

While bending over, she spoke to the window.

“Tomorrow night I will accompany you to the reunion party.”

Ian averted his gaze from her and looked at the road.

“I am not sure about going.”

Freya’s gaze was fixed on Ian. She heaved a sigh and mumbled,

“It is entirely up to you. It’s not my reunion party anyway. But I heard Ava is going there with Dane.”

Ian’s eyes returned to her. “Why the fuck is he going to my reunion party?”

Freya rolled her eyes and muttered,

“Who knows? Maybe your ex-girlfriend managed to persuade my ex-boyfriend to go there with her.”

Ian got infuriated. He murmured,

“8 p.m.”

After saying that, he ordered the driver to start the car.

Freya stood straight when the driver started the **car**. She realized he had agreed to go to the reunion party.

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Folding her arms against her chest, Freya stared at the car leaving his house area.

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Ava was at Dane's rental house.

She assured him that she was fine. But that man did not listen to her as he said she would rest in this house today.

She had no choice but to obey his orders.

They had dinner together at night. When it was her time to leave, Dane said,

“Stay here tonight.”

Ava was stunned. On hearing his requests, she flushed. Every time she spent the night at his house in the Thunder Howl Pack, she stayed in the guest room.

But now, she had become his girlfriend. She accepted his confession and committed to **him**.

Dane sat next to her on the couch. Ava's cheeks reddened when his arms brushed against hers. She knew she would have to live her life with this man now. She was preparing herself to be with him.

Dane held her chin as he turned her to face him.

Caressing her chin with his thumb, he moved closer to her.

The closeness made her heart slow down. He came so close that his scent filled her nostrils.

The glowing white light of the chandelier fell on his face, glistening his brown eyes. With that pair of dark brown orbs, he observed her face.

“We have been really busy for the last few days. I couldn't even talk to you properly.”

She lowered her gaze, but he lifted her chin even further, which caused her to look at him. His face came close to hers. His lips brushed against hers, causing her to shut her eyes.

Seeing her soft reaction, he whispered against her lips,

“Do you mind spending the night with me?”

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Ava's eyes flung open when she heard his whisper. She blinked her eyes. "I-I..."

She started to feel nervous in her heart. She did not know what had happened to her suddenly. She was fine just a few seconds ago.

Her heart began to beat faster, making her feel restless inside.

A frown formed between Dane's brows. He realized she did not want it.

He tilted his head to kiss her lips. However, she turned her head, and his lips touched her cheek.

He did not mind kissing her cheek. His lips slid down her cheek to her neck. She closed her eyes as his lips ran over

her skin.

He grasped her hands and wrapped them around his neck. She used her fists to clench his shirt. He left butterfly kisses on her neck.

His hands began to run around her waist before moving to her breasts. Just as he touched one, a flashback occurred in her mind, causing her eyes to wide open.

She immediately held his hand to remove it from her bosom.

Dane was kissing her neck, so when she pushed his hand, he raised his head to look at her.

"What happened?"

Ava blinked several times to calm herself. He cupped her cheeks.

"Not liking my touch."

She hurriedly shook her head. "It's not like that."

"Then?"

"I-I think-"

She paused when her eyes fell on the window, which was next to the couch. Her eyes froze when she saw a black car outside the house.

From the window, the person inside the car could see them clearly. However, the black windshield prevented her from seeing inside the car. Smoke was coming out of the window next to the driver's seat.

She recognized the car.

She was too shocked to realize that he was there.

She gulped as her heart tightened. She did not understand why she was feeling that way.

She recalled how that man reacted four years ago when he saw her in Robin's room. Though now the situation was different and the person beside her was her man, still, she was not feeling well.

Dane moved his hand to her waist, bringing her closer to him again.

"What's wrong, Ava?"

She shook her head and got up from the couch.

"I-I think I should leave now," she stuttered.

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Dane appeared to be confused. "Are you okay?"

"Am fine, Dane. Mom must be waiting for me. I will be here for a few days only. I start working here again. So how I want to spend as much time with her as possible."

Dane let out a sigh and gave her a nod.

"Okay."

She was about to move toward the door. However, she paused and wrapped her arms around him to hug him.

"Thanks for understanding me."

Dane responded by nodding his head. While hugging, she looked out the window to see if the man was still

present.

She felt relieved when she saw there was no car outside.

Was what she saw an illusion?

She broke the hug. Dane said his driver would take her home. She denied, saying that she could go back home by herself. She got out of the house as quickly as possible.

She left the house area and walked down the street. Because it was not too late, she stood in a street corner, trying

to hail a cab.

But before the cab could approach her, another car pulled up next to her.

Ava was surprised when she saw the black car again.

The car door opened, and a man stepped out of it.

When the cabbie saw the man, he drove away without stopping.

Ava cast a cold look at the man.

“Mr. Dawson.”

Ian walked around the car to reach her. Just as she was about to speak again, he grabbed her neck and turned her around to press her against his car.

“You don’t have any shame, do you?” he said, gritting his teeth.

His eyes were bloodshot. His jaw was clenched. His grip was firm. He looked like he would kill her right now.

“I would have killed that bastard tonight if you had not left the house at the time.”

His tight grip almost made Ava gasp for air.

She grasped his wrist and pushed him away. He retreated a step back. She noticed that he seemed out of control. That was why she could shake him.

He grabbed her arms and glared at her.

“How long have you been planning all of this with him, huh? You both played with me, right? You knew him before you knew me. He admitted that himself.”

Hearing him, Ava was taken aback. She paused, gazing at him.

“I have never seen a man like you, Ian Dawson. You are a man who can only make assumptions. How ridiculous

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your accusations are!”

His grip tightened on her arms, causing her to hiss in pain.

He ignored her pain and asked,

“Why? You didn’t use to go to his house to please him? Your target was always him. You just wanted to catch his attention. It was the only way to reach him. After all, your father had already fixed him for you.”

Ava was shocked. How did he know that? How much more did he know? Did he know that she was a hybrid?

She pushed his hands away from her arms and replied,

“If you want to know the truth, then let me tell you. I am not sure what he said earlier today, but I did not know him before leaving this pack. Now, happy after getting your answer? Then just leave me alone.”

After saying that, she began walking past him.

He grabbed her wrist and pushed her back against his car once again.

His eyes desperately looked at her neck. He looked mad and restless.

“Have you gone insane? What’s wrong with you?” she asked.

“Yes, I have gone insane,” he yelled, slamming his fist against the door next to her.

Ava flinched and widened her eyes. She turned her head to look at the door. She saw the car door slightly creased.

She turned her head and glared at him.

“You madman! What do you want? Do you also need someone to do what I was doing with Dane? You were watching it, right? Why don’t you just go and have your fiancée rather than disturb us?”

Ian stared at her without replying to her. He balled his fists while moving backward.

“I am surprised! How easy it is for you to embrace another man!”

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Avicfolded her arms and rested her back against his car.

Surprised? Why? Didn't you see me In Robin's room? Did you try to buy me at that nightclub while calling me a whore and a slut? Now what happened? Isn't this who I ath in your eyes? That man is going to be my Alpha. Why should I be ashamed to embrace him? He has the right to do whatever he wants with me. He now owns me.”

Ian was fuming. Only he knew how he was feeling inside.

When Ava noticed Ian was silent, she took the opportunity to move aside. She wanted to rush to her home. She was not feeling well in front of him. She did not want to see this man anymore.

She was counting down the days until her birthday, when she would be able to go back to the Thunder Howl Pack She did not stay here any longer.

Ian tightened his fists as he controlled himself from stopping her. He knew that if he stopped her, he would lose his nitud.

Suddenly, he heard her faint voice behind him.

“I didn't lie when I said I didn't know about Dane four years ago. Get it on your **mind**. You just **need** another -reason to hate me.”

To his surprise, Ian believed her.

He was not sure why, but his heart wanted to put its trust in her just for this **moment**.

Perhaps it was because he did not want to be hurt by her again. This was why he had to believe her.

He turned around and saw her get into a cab. The image of her and Dane replayed in his mind.

In frustration, he kicked his car and growled.

He had no idea what he would do or what he wanted.

All he wanted to do was kill Dane.

The anger that ignited in his heart years ago for Dane kept blazing in his heart. He wanted to kill that man and snatch **Ava away** from him.

“I will kill you, Dane Ericksen,” he murmured under his breath.

It was finally time for the reunion party.

Everyone was busy today for this party. Ava’s friends arrived at her **house** in the morning. Ava’s mother, Angela, prepared food for them because they were going to spend the entire day at home.

When it was evening, Ava and her friends started to get ready.

“I still can not believe our friend is dating Alpha Dane,” Debra said, seated on the bed.

Abigail chuckled when she heard her. Ava shook her head as she heard her friends’ conversation

To be honest, she was surprised that fate had brought her to the point where she would settle her life with a formidable and powerful alpha.

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After breaking up with lan, she thought her life was over. When It was about love, she used to believe that **no** one could take lan’s place.

However, Dane appeared and altered her perception. He also changed her life.

All she wanted was to live a happy life with him.

Ava’s friends turned their heads to look at her. They paid close attention to her.

Abigail whispered, “**Debra.**”

“Huh?” Debra mumbled.

“Can you see what I see?”

“Ava is lost in Alpha Dane’s thoughts. Maybe she is daydreaming. Or is she thinking about how to introduce him to **Us?**”

“What if we play a game where they have to kiss each other?”

Both of them then burst out laughing. Ava was able to hear their laughter. She turned to them and asked,

“What are you both talking about?”

They gave her a sly smile and laughed again, not responding to her.

Later on, Ava wore a dress that was backless and black in color. It was a long mermaid dress. The dress’s sleeveless design allowed her beautiful back to be exposed.

Her gorgeous curves had the ability to captivate any man, and her brown hair was so shiny that other men yearned **to** play with it when they saw it. Overall, she appeared to be very attractive and hot.

The combination of her smokey eye makeup, her half-curled hair, and that perfect dress made her look like a

queen.

“No one can beat you in that dress,” Debra said, patting Ava’s shoulder as Ava was sitting in front of the mirror.

She looked around at her friends, who were getting ready to leave. She smiled and stood up from the stool. She slipped into black high heels and grabbed her black purse, which was embroidered with shiny black stones.

Ava leisurely unlocked her phone.

As soon as her eyes fell on the **screen**, her eyes widened. She noticed a message **appear** on the notification bar.

“I AM WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE.”

She stared at the message.

Her friends noticed her.

“What? He is not coming?” **Abigail** asked.

“He is outside,” Ava mumbled.

“WHAT!”

Debra dashed to the window and peered outside. She looked down and saw an expensive car parked outside the house.

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“Come on, babe. It’s her boyfriend, not yours,” Abigail said rolling her eyes as she noticed her excitement.

She glanced at Ava, who was gazing at the window. “Are you nervous, Ava?”

Ava’s cheeks turned red. She realized she **had** never worn this type of hot dress or applied hot makeup in front of

Dane.

“Let’s go,” **Ava** said.

Debra lifted her green-colored, flowing dress to look outside.

“Hey Deb, you are going to fall from there,” Ava **said**, walking towards her.

Abigail swing around in her mustard-colored dress, which looked similar to Debra’s.

“Maybe she wants to fall on your boyfriend’s lap.”

Abigail then laughed in response to her own words. Ava ignored her words and approached Debra.

“What are you looking at?” she inquired.

Debra smirked as she looked down. “I **can** see another attractive man with your new boyfriend.”

Ava turned her head to see who she **was** staring at.

Her eyes lit up when she saw Griffin downstairs.

“Brother Griffin.”

“Brother?”

Both of her friends turned to face her. She had already told them everything. But they had not yet met Griffin.

“Let’s go. I will introduce you two to him.”

Debra made her way to the **door** first.

“I am not going to the party with my ex-boyfriend. I am taking your new brother with me.”

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Ava went downstairs with her friends. She saw her mother talking with a mald. The moment she saw them approaching, she smiled at them.

“You three are going to kill it tonight.)

“Thank you, Mom,” Ava sald, kissing her cheek.

Angela praised both Abigail and Debra

“Aunt, we are taking our leave. Alpha Dane Is patiently awaiting Ava. We are also heading out.”

Angela gave Ava a nervous look after hearing Debra. Since Abigail and Debra both knew everything now, they understood why her mother was nervous.

“Mom”

“You should **have** asked him to come inside,” she told Ava

“It’s okay, Mom. We are getting late anyway,” Ava replied, hugging her mother.

When Ava and her friends came out of the house, they noticed three men. Another man was Beta Bruno.

As Ava approached Dane, she experienced a **sense** of nervousness. With a white shirt tucked inside, he was dressed in a black suit. As always, he appeared to be charming and handsome.

While Dane was having a conversation with Griffin and Bruno, his gaze landed on her. His eyes were fixed on her, and he ceased his conversation.

His gaze traveled from her head to her toes before finally settling on her face.

As Ava stood in front of him, she mumbled, “HL.”

Dane reached out his hand to her, and she **took** it over without hesitation,

He whispered, "You look pretty," as he pulled her closer to **him**.

She gasped and immediately placed her hands on his chest.

Abigail and Debra cleared their throats. Ava instantly pushed Dane's chest lightly to **move** him away a little.

She glanced at Bruno and Griffin, nodding her head to greet them. Then she turned to her best friends.

"Dane."

She stepped back and held both of her friends and said,

"She is Abigail, and she is Debra. They are my best friends.

Dane's eyes shifted to them and he gave them a nod.

"It's Alpha Dane. You both look familiar. Have we ever met before?"

Bruno moved to Dane's ear and said in a low voice,

"We saw them during the pack meeting."

"Oh, yes!"

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Dane shook her hands with them. Ava's friends were taken back by his courteous behavior. They realized that either he was only behaving well with them because they were Ava's friends, or he had completely changed from what they had heard about him.

Ava let go of their hands and moved to her brother. "Here my brother, Griffin"

"Are you a wizard?" Debra said with a grin.

He smirked at her and opposed, "A hybrid."

Griffin's words caused Bruno and Abigail to gasp. Ava gazed at them. She had not revealed to them that she was hybrid. She wondered how they would react if they found out she was not like them, but rather a very different kind. More than that, she **was** a witch. Would they begin to distance themselves?

"Wow! I like it!" Debra said with an excited tone.

She reached out her hand to him. Griffin chuckled as he shook hands.

At that time, another car came to a stop in front of Ava's house.

Stephen stepped out of the car. His eyes fell on Alpha Dane. He did not like him at all. So he decided not to greet him and went straight into his house.

But Ava motioned him to greet Dane.

He let out a sigh and walked over to them while rolling his eyes.

"Alpha Dane"

He greeted Dane. Dane's demeanor cooled, but he nodded in response to his greeting

Ian's gaze shifted to others before falling on Griffin. He disliked Griffin. It was because he was Ava's cousin. Stephen felt possessive of Ava and did not want to share his sister with anyone.

He noticed Griffin was holding Debra's hand. They were laughing like they had known each other for a long time.

He furrowed his **brow**, **not** liking it.

"Brother Stephen, have you met Ava's brother?" Debra spoke, turning to face Stephen.

Stephen's frown deepened as she called him brother.

"Will you call me brother, too?" Griffin asked with a chuckle.

"Of course not. How can I call **such** a handsome **man** 'brother'? 'That word is only used for people we are not interested in,'" Debra laughed as she murmured to Griffin.

Everyone heard her, including Stephen. He gave her an angry look. Ava coughed and cleared her throat.

"Brother, **you know** she likes to joke around," Ava told Stephen with a chuckle.

"Who cares? No one is interested in her either."

Stephen's words shocked everyone. Debra's laughter faded as she scowled at Stephen.

"What did you just say?"

"I said

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“Okay, okay. Calm down, you both. We are getting late,” Abigail interrupted.

“Stephen, are you not going?” Ava asked.

“Yeah, I came to get my bike’s keys.”

“What? Are you riding your bike?”

“Yeah...” Stephen replied.

“Okay, then I am leaving ” Ava informed him.

He gave her a nod before heading to his house.

Abigail’s **phone** rang right at that moment. When she received the call, her smile faded.

“It is **fine**,” she said as she ended the call.

“What happened?” Ava asked her.

Abigail looked around while thinking about it before replying, “My colleague can’t come tonight to accompany me as my partner. He got some work.”

Ava felt bad for Abigail. “It’s alright. You don’t need a partner.”

“How about him? Isn’t it Beta Bruno? Are you free tonight Debra asked Bruno.

Beta Bruno appeared surprised when he heard Debra. Abigail glanced at Bruno before shaking her head at Debra to avoid the thought.

“I am free tonight. “If you want, I can join you,” Bruno offered.

Abigail was stunned. “Are you sure?”

He gave her an assuring nod. His gaze moved to Ava, who blinked her eyes. She looked at Bruno, wondering if he would mistreat her best friend.

"I will take care of **her**," he stated.

It was a relief to Ava. She turned to Debra, who had already persuaded Griffin to go with her. After that, she smiled at them and then turned her attention back to Dane.

She noticed that Dane was looking at her intently

He opened the door for her and motioned her to get into the car. She blushed and got inside the car. Her friends winked at her before walking toward the other two cars.

Dane started the car and drove to the Mystic Shadow University.

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Avirbegan to get nervous for no apparent reason. She leaned back against the seat, staring ahead at the **road**. She could feel Dane's *eyes* on her. He kept glancing at her.

Suddenly she felt a hand on her thigh, causing her to gasp. he saw Dane place his hand on her covered thigh. She felt awkward. As she felt uncomfortable, she slowly held his wrist. He gave her a glance and asked,

"Don't you like my touch?"

She rested **his** hand on her palm and rubbed the back with her other hand.

"It is not like that," she murmured.

Dane kept his

eyes on the road and did not say anything else

As soon as they arrived on campus, Ava noticed the numerous lights that adorned her campus's main gate. She eagerly stepped out of the car and gazed around at the beauty.

As she turned to look at Dane's car, she noticed a group of girls gathered near it. She let **out a** sigh when she saw the girls were fangirling over him.

“Isn’t it Alpha Dane?”

“Oh my God! What is he doing here?”

“So handsome!”

“He looks really good in that suit!”

Ava folded her arms as she stared at the girls. They were not her classmates, so they did not recognize her. They were enrolled as regular students.

After parking, Dane got out of his car. He looked at the girls and ignored them before approaching Ava.

“Wherever we go, girls won’t stop following you,” she said with a chuckle.

He **grinned** at her and asked,

“Jealous?”

She scoffed at him. “Why would I? They should be jealous of me. I am holding your hand.”

She took his hand and they began walking ahead.

Bruno, Griffin, and her friends had already shown up. They accompanied Dane and Ava.

“So? Won’t you tour me around?” Dane asked.

“Yes! Of course!”

Ava let go of his hand, which caused him to frown. However, the next moment, she wrapped her arm around his arm and began dragging him inside the campus.

They wandered around the campus.

People around her kept looking at them. They were surprised to see Alpha Dane, as they recognized him.

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Ava showed Dane around and told him about the things she used to do there.

She paused when they arrived at the basketball court. Her gaze fell on the spot where fan had proposed to her in **Tront** of others.

She halted for a moment. Abigail and Debra cleared their throats, attempting to pull Ava out of her past memories. “Well, Alpha Dane, we have got a lot of memories here. Let as introduce you to Ava’s other close friend,” Abigail said, casting a glance at the young man conversing with another woman nearby.

“LUKE.”

Abigail waved her hand as she called out to him. Luke turned his head as he heard his name. He noticed his friends and waved at them back. But when his gaze fell on Alpha Dane, he stood up from leaning against a lamp.

He was not expecting to see him there.

“Isn’t that...” the young woman spoke out beside him.

The woman and Luke came over.

“Hey!”

Luke greeted his friends with a small smile. Ava smiled at him and then looked at the woman.

“Your girlfriend?”

Luke immediately nodded his head. He **introduced** his girlfriend to his friends and then turned his attention to the other three men standing there.

“Alpha Dane, it is **a** pleasure to meet you,” he said, holding out his hand.

There was an amazement that could be seen in Luke’s eyes. Ava realized Luke held a high regard for Dane. It could be because his girlfriend had previously interviewed him and told him Dane was a great man.

Dane took Luke’s hand and replied,

“Since you are my woman’s friend, nice to meet you too.”

Luke and his girlfriend were both shocked. Dane wrapped his hand around Ava’s waist and said,

“She is with **me**.”

Luke’s eyes widened with surprise. When Luke exchanged glances with Abigail and Debra, both nodded.

“Alpha Dane is **so** into **our** friend that he managed two partners for us,” Debra said, holding Griffin’s arm.

Griffin laughed because he thoroughly enjoyed Debra’s company.

Meanwhile, Abigail remained silent, standing there. Beta Bruno lowered his head and asked,

“Are you not feeling well?”

“No, no. I am fine.”

Abigail was hesitant to interact with Bruno. She did not know him, and they had never met before.

“Let’s go to the hall where the party is going on,” Luke said

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Dane agreed with him and looked at Ava to see what she wanted. Ava gave him a big smile. They all happily proceeded to the main hall room.

As soon as they entered the hall, she was greeted by the smile and the colorful fire that was scattered throughout the space.

A dark theme was used for the decoration of the hall. A large bar area was located in the left corner, with an enormous space in the center for dancing, and a lounge area on the right.

People were dancing on the dance floor and making the most of the night with drinks.

As they glanced at the entrance, they noticed Ava, Gamma Stephen’s sister. They locked their gaze on her. They also recognized her as Ian Dawson’s ex-girlfriend. They did not expect her to show up tonight. However, when they saw she was with Alpha Dane, they felt that this woman had some luck. The other women were envious of her.

Dan drew the entire party’s attention, so many men approached him. They greeted Ava politely because she was with him.

Ava laughed in her head, believing that these people were nothing more than pretenders.

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Luke said, gesturing to the right side. Since Alpha Dane was a powerful individual and the guest of his pack, he was offering him hospitality. He was no ordinary anyway.

As soon as they sat down on a large couch, they heard silencers from outside.

The girls began to scream as they gathered at the hall's entrance.

"They are here!"

They had been waiting for the five men for a very long time, and they were especially excited to see the man who was their leader. Their breath was caught by the sight of five bikes coming to a stop on the campus **close** to the

hall.

Someone screamed while saying,

"The Power Gang is finally here!"

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As everyone's attention was drawn to the five men, the music came to a grinding halt. The way they walked in, it "was like they were the main characters of tonight's party.

The air was filled with excitement and curiosity. Their clothes were different from others. The dark jeans, which had a slight rip in them, the inner t-**shirts**, and the jackets that appeared to be very hot gave them a daring

appearance.

Everyone wanted to be noticed by them.

They had got the bad-boy vibe **with** a hint of mystery. After all, they were the head Alpha and his **officials**.

They used to be the focus of everyone's attention at their university many years ago. **As** of right now, circumstances **have** remained **unchanged**.

Even though they did not try to be, it just happened like always.

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They stepped into the party like they owned the place. They **made** eye contact but with a slow and lazy expression. It indicated that they were under control.

Women crowded around them, attempting to get their attention.

The one who caught most of the attention was their leader, Ian Dawson, who had become their head Alpha.

His single glance seemed to shift the entire party into high gear. His carefree demeanor shook the men at the party.

The girls stared at him, their jaws dropped in amazement. They felt he was a movie star who played the role of a bad boy. However, he was not an actor, but rather a real-life bad boy.

They wanted to approach him and touch him, even though they knew they would be burned **in** the fire.

His single brow piercing made him appear more attractive. He raised his brow as he looked around the party as if looking for someone.

A hand came to wrap around his arm, and a sweet voice spoke out,

“Ian”

Everyone’s attention shifted to the gorgeous woman, Freya Harrison. They had heard rumors that Alpha Ian was getting engaged to this woman soon.

Jan turned his head to face Freya.

“Why didn’t you allow me to sit on your bike? You didn’t have to worry about me. I could have enjoyed the ride,” she whispered in his ear while smiling.

Others looked at them in **awe**. They thought they were a wonderful couple. She smiled as if she were saying something sweet to him.

Ian’s eyes were **cold**, but a grin formed on his lips.

“I don’t offer rides to women.”

“Really?” she mumbled, thinking he was very possessive of his bike. She wondered if he had **ever** let a woman ride

on his bike

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Tonight, Ian's friends decided to ride bikes. So, when Freya **asked** if she could accompany Ian to the party because she **was** his **partner**, Ian said **she** could come in his private car but he could not give her a ride on his bike.

think the bike is really special to you," she uttered, looking away.

As the party began once again, the people approached them to greet them.

Ava watched them from a distance.

Her breath was caught by the side of old Ian Dawson. She felt as if she had returned to four years ago, when he wore those clothes and mediated that aura throughout campus,

The memories of the past dug into her heart, prompting her to take deep breaths.

She felt her friend's gaze on her. She turned to look at them Abigail was sitting next to her, and Dane was on the other side.

"Are you okay?" Abigail whispered to her.

Ava frowned as she gave her a look. "Babe, of course, I am."

Abigail gave her an observing look, trying to understand her best friend.

Abigail returned her gaze to Ian and his friends. Suddenly her eyes met a pair of calm eyes, which made her eyes widen.

She quickly looked away and turned to Beta Bruno. She began speaking to him as if avoiding meeting that man's gaze again.

Ava noticed everything. Her gaze followed where Abigail was looking a while ago. She saw Ronald Solace, gazing at her best friend. He was calm, but his mood was kind of off.

Ava recalled that four years ago when she **was** in a relationship with Ian, she had a movie night with all of his friends. She did not forget how Abigail had been staring at Ronald the entire time. She still had no idea what was going on between them. In fact, no one had ever seen them speak to one another.

Her gaze wandered around the party unintentionally, eventually settling on someone.

She furrowed her **brows** and leaned toward Abigail.

"What is she doing **here**? Didn't you say she is out of the pack?"

Abigail turned her head to see who Ava was mentioning.

“Nova? I thought she wouldn’t attend the party.”

Debra overheard them. She looked at Nova and said to them

“She came back from overseas today. Maybe she heard Alpha Ian is attending the party. Otherwise, she has not shown up to the party for the past two years.”

Dane was sitting while speaking with Griffig. Debra’s loud words drew his attention.

“Who are you talking about?” he asked.

Debra signaled him toward **Nova**. “She is our Alpha’s ex-girlfriend.”

Debra gazed at Nova with keen eyes. His brown eyes were dark and indifferent.

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As if Nova felt a dark gaze on her, she turned in his direction. Her eyes widened in shock.

She walked up to the couch and said,

“Oh my gosh! Dane Erickson! How are you?”

She acted casually as if they were friends. Ava raised an eyebrow, not liking her voice at all. She knew her really well. She used to humiliate her a lot while she was with Ian

Dane sneered at Nova and replied,

“Don’t be so friendly just because we met in our childhood days. I am not your friend.”

“Oh,” Nova mumbled, feeling humiliated,

Other people were paying attention to her. She gulped, looking around at the other people on the couch,

When she noticed Ava next to Alpha Dane, she seemed surprised.

“You!”

Ava rolled her eyes, ignoring her completely. Nova pointed her finger at her and said,

“How dare you come here and seduce another Alpha? Do you still have the audacity to return to this pack after what you did years ago?”

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Nova's words left Ava speechless. Dane scowled and gave Nova a fierce look.

"What are you talking about? What had she done that she could not return?"

Ava tightened her jaw as she stared at Nova. She knew if Nova were there, she would do something to insult her. "She cheated-

Nova was about to explain things to Dane when he said,

"Shut the **fuck** up."

Nova flinched in response to his cold voice. She looked at Dane with shocked eyes. "I-I am saying-

"Didn't I say shut up? Do you want me to remind you who is in front of you? Do you really think I can't punish your silly mouth just because this is not my pack?"

Everyone around them stopped doing whatever they were doing and stared at them. They began to speak in whispers.

"Nova is a foolish woman. How can she dare to offend the Alpha of the Thunder Howl Pack?"

"That man will kill him."

"Of course he will. Who knows what drove him to come here? He is so calm before Alpha Ian. That is not what we have heard about their tales. They were adversaries of death"

"It's all Ava's **fault**. Why did she **show** up?"

"What about Nova? Ian had never loved her anyway."

“Guys! Did you see **how** Alpha Dane just took Ava’s stand? He is really into her.”

“He looks very protective of her.”

“Ava has a strong family background. She is a gamma’s daughter **and** our gamma’s sister. **Nova** should not mess with her.“!

“Exactly! Look at her and Alpha Dane.”

“They look good together.”

“You are right. They look made for each other.”

All of the whispers rang out into the air. They also made it to Ian’s ears. His eyes darkened as the crowd started to praise Dane. He did not like how they were saying Dane and Ava were meant for each other.

However, his **face** was calm. A smirk appeared on his lips when he turned to Stephen.

“Your sister is with a good man. He is protective of her. That is lovely.”

Stephen gave Ava a quick glance before lowering his head and not responding to Ian.

Freya was staring at Dane **as** she also heard everything. Her gaze remained fixed on him.

On the other hand, **Ava** was getting mad at **Nova**.

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She warfied Nova, “If you keep blabbering, I will not spare you the next time.”

Nova lost her cool. She believed Alpha Dane had scolded her **because** of her.

“What will you do? You can’t do anything until you cry to Alpha Dane for help,” Nova said, folding her arms.

Ava clenched her fists and felt pain in her palms. She realized that in anger her claws were coming out. However, a **hand** gripped her hand.

She glanced at **Dane**, who patted her hand and shook his head.

Ava shut her eyes, trying to control her rage. She almost forgot she was in front of other people. Her witchy side

urged her to teach Nova a good lesson.

Dane leaned toward her and tilted his head before murmuring in her ear,

“Don’t lose your patience and let them see who you are. “Keep your temper under **control**.”

Ava’s eyes flung open as she turned to him. Their noses brushed against each other, causing others to gasp. They were way too close.

“Control, baby,” Dane said with a sly grin.

He then held the back of her head and embraced her, burying her face in his **neck**.

While stroking her hair, he cast a glance at Nova.

“Get out of this party if you don’t want me to kill you. You have offended my woman enough to make me do that.”

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Nova blinked her eyes **in** surprise. She could not believe what was happening.

“I see, Alpha Dane is trying to show his rebellious side to my party.”

Tan’s voice echoed as he and his friends approached the couch.

Dane directed his gaze to **Ian**. “Why don’t you tell your guest to behave? They are teasing someone they can’t afford to please later.”

Ian shifted his gaze to Ava. His eyes grew darker as he watched **her** hugging Dane. His eyes sank when he noticed Dane stroking his fingers through her **hair**.

“Ian, I didn’t do anything. I was just telling him the truth about Ava. I was about to tell him how she broke

Jan turned his head to give Nova a glare. She shut her mouth and lowered her gaze in fear.

Jan took another look at Dane and Ava before scoffing at them. Sitting on a couch across from them, he shook his head and uttered,

“Why don’t you kill this woman then? Why create so much chaos?”

Hearing him, everyone was shocked. Ava broke the embrace by slowly moving her head. She turned to look at Ian, who was seated directly across from her.

“Oh, you are not in tears? I thought Alpha Dane was handling his crying baby,” Ian mocked her.

Ava glared at him and replied,

“With him, I am free to be myself. He knows what I can do if I get **mad**, so he was not handling me but protecting

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your ex-girlfriend.”

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Ian smirked while muttering, “**Yeah**, of course. Everyone trying to protect my ex-girlfriend. I don’t know ‘what’s so special about her.”

Though everyone assumed he was talking about Nova, Ava knew he was referring to her.

Nova began crying as she looked at Ian. “Ian, I still love you I have always loved you. Why do you treat me this way every time?” She spoke as she held Ian’s arm.

A hand reached out to grab Nova’s arm, pulling her away from Ian. The sudden pull caught Nova off guard.

As soon as she turned around to see who was pulling her, she felt a glass of cold wine splashed on her face.

“What the hell!”

Nova screamed and wiped her eyes before looking at the person. She came across Freya Harrison.

Freya was looking at her angrily. “Never try to touch my man again.”

Nova got to know about Nova and Ian’s relationship after coming back today. She thought it was just a rumor. But after Freya finished speaking, she confirmed that the rumors were correct.

Nova stomped her foot on the ground and walked out of the hall humiliated.

Freya looked **around** at everyone and smiled at them.

“Come on, guys. Continue the party. Some cheap girls came and tried to ruin it, but we showed them what they deserved.”

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No one dared to move because their gaze was fixed on a single person. It was none other than Ian Dawson. They were afraid to move or offend him.

A few minutes ago, the music was turned off, so Ronald signaled to the DJ to start playing it again.

With loud music, people hid their loud heartbeats. Ronald told them to continue enjoying the party.

Ian was sitting silently on the couch, his legs spread out leisurely. His sitting posture indicated to others that he was very calm today and in no mood to be angry about anything.

With a smile on her face, Freya walked over to him and sat next to him. She sat too close to him, locking her arms around his. She looked at Dane and Ava before resting her head on Ian's shoulder.

“Sorry, guys. Don't mind me. I am very protective of my Alpha, my man.”

Ava's eyes met Ian's gaze. Ava did not show any reaction, which enraged Ian inside. But he was determined to remain calm tonight, no matter **what**.

“Why don't we play a game? I think Alpha Dane is also bored,” Debra said, attempting to lift everyone's spirits. “What are you going to play? That truth and **dare** of yours?”

Stephen spoke out with a pissed-off voice. Ava looked at him and asked,

“Steph, what's wrong?”

Stephen looked away and muttered,

“Nothing.”

“It's okay. Maybe Brother Stephen's mood is off,” Debra said, calling him ‘brother’ again. Stephen clenched **his** jaw, furrowing his brows. “Stop talking to me. Focus on your game.”

Rolling her eyes, Debra turned at Griffin. She hugged his ann and said,

“You are so handsome. I have always wanted to date a wizard. I think I am fated to you, Griffin.”

Ava and Abigail let out a laugh. Debra winked at Griffin, indicating that she said that to make his sister laugh. Griffin understood that and played along with her by saying

“Why not? I am ready to ask you out.”

They heard ‘Ool’ **from** other sides..

Ava noticed Stephen was looking at them with a frown. Suddenly their eyes met, and Ava motioned him as if asking,

“What happened, Steph?”

He shook his **head** and focused on his friends.

Abigail got up and went somewhere. Then she returned with a bowl of chits. She set it on the center table and sat down beside Ava and Bruno.

“Oh, Beta Bruno is also here? I didn’t notice. I am surprised Who invited you?” Ronald spoke out.

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Beta Bruno gave **him a** look. Ronald chuckled as he said,

No, I mean, if I had known you were coming, I would have invited you personally.”

“Why are you so interested in me?

wanted me to be your pa

Bruno asked with a bored expression.

Ronald laughed as he shook his head. “Why so mad? I was just saying that only we are allowed to come without your partner. So if I had invited you you

could have a partner at **least**, you know,” he said and winked at him.

When Beta Bruno heard **him**, he wrapped his hand around Abigail's waist and smirked.

"It's okay. I have my partner with me. No need for your company."

He turned to face Abigail and muttered,

"Tell me, would you be able to find a more suitable partner than me?"

Abigail was stunned by his sudden action and words. She blinked and shook her head in response. "N-No."

As soon as Ronald saw Bruno with Abigail, his laugh began to fade. Ava observed Ronald's reaction. She returned her gaze to Ronald after briefly looking at Abigail.

"Let's play," a woman spoke up.

Ava recognized the woman. She was Paul's girlfriend, Lily. She remembered how upset she was with Ian because she thought he had started playing with girls again.

She glanced away and asked Dane,

"Are you getting bored? Do you want to go back home?"

Dane

d her which made her close her eyes. "Why? Don't you want to play?"

Ava glanced at her friends, who were giving her questioning gazes. She took a deep breath before smiling at him. "Yeah, let's play."

Freya grabbed the bowl and began passing it to the next person, and the game began.

Everyone kept looking at the two rivals seated across from each other. The atmosphere was tense.

Whenever their eyes met, they could hear crackling between them. Everyone was waiting for the drama, wondering what would happen if one of them offended the other.

When the bowl **was** in Debra's hand, the music came to a halt.

Debra picked up a chit **and** handed it to Lily.

Lily read the chit silently before asking,

"Do you have a crush on someone? If yes, then **give** us a hint "

Debra chuckled while mumbling,

“Crush is a silly thing. But I do have a crush on someone. But he should not know about it.”

“Come on. Give us some hints. Is he here?” Lily pressed her for an answer.

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Debra did not meet anyone’s gaze as she replied,

“have a crush on Ava’s brother.”

Everyone, including Ava, was surprised.

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Everyone thought she was talking about Griffin. However, Ava realized what she meant. She looked at Stephen, who was looking at Debra with an angry expression. He mistook her and failed to grasp it.

Ava **was** sure that Debra **was** actually talking about him.

She had a crush on her brother!

How long? Only she could answer that.

Ava gave Debra a cheeky smile and said,

“**Okay**, if everything works out, maybe I will call you sister-in-law one day.”

Griffin was dumbfounded. He asked Ava through the mind ink.

“Is she really talking about **me**?”

Ava shook her head and replied,

“Calm down, brother. Her eyes on my brother, Stephen.”

Griffin turned to look at Stephen, finding him glaring at him. Griffin found himself in a very awkward situation. He had not even done anything.

The game continued.

This time everyone caught their breath because the **music** stopped when the bowl was in Ian’s hand.

The bad boy was too lazy to move on the couch. Carelessly, he shuffled his fingers through the chits, pulled out one, and **gave** it to Freya.

Grinning, Freya opened the chit. But then, her grin turned into a smirk.

She glanced at Ava before returning her focus to Jan.

“Tell us a love story!”

Ian locked his gaze with Ava’s and muttered,

“A love story? Let me tell you all a story of betrayal in love.”

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Everyone’s attention was drawn to Ava as soon as Ian spoke. They realized he was going to tell others about the “story they had been wanting to hear for years.

No one knew what had happened between them to break them apart. They were going to find out the truth tonight. Ian’s eyes were on Ava. He smirked as he started to speak,

“Once upon a time, a bad boy held the belief that love was a futile endeavor. He did not like giving attention to a girl for a second time. But one day...”

He paused as his smirk faded, reflecting on the past.

Ava **avoided** his gaze. She lowered her gaze, staring at the center table. Her hands rubbed against each other, trying not to let out anything. She was upset as Ian reminded her of their past.

Ian chuckled as he **noticed** her avoiding his gaze and resumed speaking

“One day, something happened. He ran into a nerd and broke her heart. Later, he began to feel sorry for her. He realized he should not have done it. He had no **idea** he was falling in love with her while observing her everywhere. He started to make her believe that he was changing **himself** for her. He stopped hanging out with girls. He even let her choose a friend over him. He gave up the most important thing in his life—his dream.”

Luke, who was sitting on another couch, looked at Ian with a frown. He recalled how he had beaten him. He was also aware **that** he could not win the basketball championship unless Ian had lost the game on purpose.

Everyone’s expression became nervous as they kept looking at Ian and Ava. Only Dane **and** his two men were unaware of what Ian was talking about.

“Sounds really interesting. He was crazy in love with that nerd. What happened then, Ian? Did he get her love? Did she accept his love?” Freya asked in a curious tone.

Ava cast a glance at Freya. Freya grinned slyly, indicating that she was aware of everything. But all she wanted was to humiliate Ava in front of others.

Jan chuckled, shaking his head. “Accept his love? Yes, she did. They entered into a relationship. But that was one- sided...”

His eyes pierced on Ava. He gritted his teeth and continued,

“Every time he got **closer** to her, she stopped him and pretended to be innocent. However, when he had to leave her for a while, he discovered she was with another man. It appeared that she had been with other men and had cheated on him from the beginning. How cruelly she killed his love! How foolish that boy was!”

Ava’s heart trembled. She slowly met **Ian’s** gaze. She could see anger and hatred for her. Her face was pale, and she breathed slowly.

She felt a gaze on her from the side. She slowly turned her head and noticed Dane staring at her.

His gaze caused her heart to shiver.

He might have realized Ian was speaking about her.

Was he going to judge her? Would he believe what Ian had just said? Or would he trust her?

Dane suddenly moved his hand to hold hers. He rubbed the back of her hand and gently inquired,

“Want to have some drinks?”

She blinked at him. She felt relieved that he trusted her.

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Two pairs of eyes took note of his actions. Their gazes were focused on their hands.

Ian clenched his jaw when he noticed Dane caressing Ava’s hand. Meanwhile, Freya scoffed and rolled her eyes. Stephen stared at Ava from his seat, and Ava’s friends gave her an upset expression. They knew she was not to blame. The entire situation was a misunderstanding. Everything became so twisted that there was no way to solve

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It was impossible to prove that Ava was innocent.

“Let’s continue the game,” Freya said to everyone.

The game went on again. People passed the bowl from one person to the next. Some of them even tried to hold the bowl for a while so that the music stopped when they were holding it. However, the music came to a halt when Abigail had the bowl in her hand.

Lily smiled and instructed her to take out a chit. Abigail put her hand inside and took out a chit. Lily grabbed the chit from her and began to read aloud.

“Have you kissed anyone here?”

Ava turned to face Abigail when she noticed Debra smirking at her. Ava observed Abigail’s reaction. She was shocked. She was not expecting this question to come.

“Come on. Tell us!”

Everyone waited for her to respond.

Abigail gulped, raising her gaze. Her gaze moved to the people across from her before settling on someone. Ava’s **eyes** widened when she noticed Abigail looking at Ronald. She looked at Abigail for a moment before returning her gaze to Ronald

His gaze was keen, staring at Abigail.

Abigail averted her gaze **and** simply nodded. “Yes, I did.”

“Wow! Not bad! Who could it be?” Lily asked with a surprised tone.

Abigail did not respond to anyone else. With a sly smile, Beta Bruno wrapped his arm around her shoulder.

“I don’t know who it was. But I will undoubtedly be the one to give her her next kiss.”

Everyone gazed at them in wonder and laughed. Unaware of Bruno’s motivation, Abigail cast a quick glance at him. They had just met, and she was not even friendly with him.

“Bro, you can’t force my bestie, okay? But yes, if she wants it, then we don’t have a problem, though,” Luke remarked **and** laughed.

He then winked at both Ava and Debra. Debra joined him in laughter, causing Abigail’s cheeks to flush. But Ava’s focus was on Ronald Solace.

He did not seem pleased with the conversation going on around him. His eyes darkened as he stared at Abigail.

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“Beta Bruno seems very enthusiastic about kissing girls,” muttered.

Bruno sneered at him. “You can’t understand that. The woman next to me has really caught my attention; I think I “will try to pursue her if she does not mind.”

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It was a big statement by Bruno, Everyone was surprised, including Abigail.

She took his arm off her shoulder and leaned to whisper to him,

“Dude, calm down. **What** are you saying?”

Bruno looked at her and smirked. He moved her hair strands away from her face and whispered,

“Why not? You are beautiful and attractive. I will treat you well if you agree.”

Ronald could not hear what they were talking about, but his expression had changed as he turned to his best friend and asked for a cigarette.

Ian raised an eyebrow and then handed him the whole packet.

His sudden changing mood did **not** go unnoticed by Ian. He observed everything that was happening around him. After all, he was a successful Alpha.

The game resumed. This time, the music ceased as soon as Dane touched the bowl.

Dane remained silent throughout, so when it was his turn, he gave a bored expression.

He dipped his hand into the bowl to get a chit.

Ronald's mood was already off. So when he noticed it was Dane's turn, **he** glanced at Stephen. They had a little conversation in their mind link.

Stephen then rose from the couch and approached Dane.

"Why don't you just relax and let me pick a chit for you?"

Dane paused and cast a glance at Stephen. He let out a sigh and handed the bowl to Stephen.

"Why not?"

Stephen held the **bowl** and chose a chit for Dane. But he did not give it to Dane; instead, he unfolded **it** and read it.

"Tell us about your breakup experience."

The atmosphere was fraught with tension. Why did someone mention the breakup in the chits?

Ava turned to Dane and said,

"He does not have to talk about his breakup. I am here with him right now."

Stephen cast a quick glance at Freya, **who** appeared pale. He smirked before returning his attention to Dane.

Dane remained composed. It was as if he did not care or have any problem with answering any questions.

"It's okay; I can reply to the question."

Ava looked at him, wondering if he was mad. Dane gave her an assuring look, letting her know he was fine with

“I used to **have** someone in my life before her,” Dane admitted.

When he said “her,” he meant **Ava**,

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Ava lowered her head to continue listening to him.

“When I first encountered the girl, she was still a young child. Both of our fathers were close friends and held very close positions in our pack. We used to accompany our parents on visits to other packs. One day when I saw another boy have interest in her, I told my parents to separate them ”

It dawned on Ava that he was really talking about Ian. She turned her gaze to Ian, who was giving Dane a stern look. Freya looked upset.

Ava thought Ian and Freya really loved each other. That was why, after hearing that, they reacted this way.

She took a deep breath and exhaled slowly, ignoring the it that was occurring in her chest.

Dane’s eyes moved to Freya as he said,

“The girl stated **that** she desired to be with me because she believed that I possessed more power. I felt joy and pride in myself. We started to live like that. Later on, when her father was nearing the end of his life, he entrusted me with the responsibility of caring for her. I realized that was time to be with her properly. She accepted me, saying that she also loved me. She had been with me for years, but as soon as she saw another Alpha begin to rise higher, she had a sudden shift in her perception. She proved how greedy she was and started to roam around that man. She said she was out of love and started **dating** another **man**. I realized she was not meant to be with let her be free from my life.”

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The way Alpha Dane presented his perspective left everyone in awe. They began to speculate about the identity of the woman who had left Alpha Dane. Who could be the other man she had left with?

On the other hand, Freya’s eyes were frowning as she directed her gaze toward–Dane.

As if she were angry with him, **her** jaw was clenched tightly

“So you are saying that your ex-girlfriend is a gold digger?”

Dane let out a chuckle and replied calmly,

“Is it even a question? She is, without a doubt. Her current boyfriend is not a better man either.”

Freya turned to Ian with an angry look. Tan gazed at her.

“Did you see his look toward me? He even said I am a gold digger,” she whispered to him.

Ian rolled his eyes and replied,

“Where is the lie, though? Didn’t you choose him years ago because he was stronger than me? You did the same thing years later.”

Freya was surprised to hear him. “You are taking his support instead of mine?”

“If he is telling the truth, I can’t lie.”

Freya’s vision became blurry. She averted her gaze from Ian. **Her** gaze settled on Ava, who **was** staring at her. She blinked, turning away from Ava.

When the game started again, Freya intentionally held the bowl and did not pass it to her next person. At that point, the music stopped, and it was her turn.

She pulled out a **chit** and threw it **away**.

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Everyone was stunned by her action.

“you can ask me anything. I don’t need a chit,” she spoke with **an** angry tone while looking at the center table, Ronald was the one to **initiate** and ask her a question.

“Before fixing your eye on Ian, you were with another man. That’s for sure. But what made you leave that man? Were you greedy for Alpha **Ian**, or was there something you wanted to clarify about your previous relationship? What is your side of the story?”

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Freta looked at Dane. Her eyes were scornful toward him. It was as though she had irritation inside her

Ian leaned forward, his eyes brightening up. With a sly grin his face, he looked at Ava and muttered,

“I also want to know why you are with me rather than your ex-boyfriend. Why did you leave him.....!!

He then turned to the woman next to her and finished the sentence, “Freya”

Freya took a deep breath before starting to speak.

“I fell for him when I was a child,” she **paused**, looking away from Dare as if reflecting on the past.

“I thought he was powerful and could keep me safe forever. He even promised me once. He was a different person when we started dating. He used to say that his throne, money, and everything else were meaningless in front of me. He said he was my only guardian. Even though I had a big brother, he was always the one who made the most important decisions in my life. He was my family. I was so happy to be with him. Our lives were going smoothly until one day...”

She paused, lowering her gaze, then closed her eyes

Iani drew closer to her and patted her shoulder to calm her.

“It’s okay if you don’t want to continue.”

Freya shook her head as she looked at him. “No, I want to express it.”

She then gazed at Ava and started to speak again.

“One day, someone else caught his attention, and he changed his mind. He began to search for her and forced her to stay in his pack. As he focused all of her attention on her, began to feel cornered ”

Ava looked at **Freya** with a frown. She turned her head to look at Dane, who was staring at Freya with his brown

orbs

Ava was surprised to hear Freya.

Did she come between the two lovers?

Freya continued with a chuckle as she looked **away from** Ava. Her gaze fixed on **Dane**.

“I kept trying to hold him. But he had different plans from the start. He had his Luna fixed on his mind, who he wanted to find. So when he found her, he threw me out of his heart. *I* had no choice but to leave him. I was just a toy for him to play with, **and** once he found the real person, he easily released me **from** his life.”

Dane’s facial expression was impossible to read. Dane’s piercing gaze pushed Freya to delve deeper.

On the other **hand**, Beta Bruno **glared** at his sister for saying such things in front of others, despite the fact that no one here knew anything about her and Dane. His eyes, however, showed that he was also upset with his Alpha.

Freya lowered her gaze and did not let out anything else. Ava felt restless. She started to blame herself for coming into Dane’s life when **he was** already with Freya.

But didn’t he say Freya was out of **love**? Then, why was she saying that he was the **one** who cornered her first? “It seems the second woman in your lives is the **real** problem,” Ian muttered, smirking at Ava.

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She glanced over at Dane once more. This time, she

It broke Ava’s heart. She would have to talk to Dane about discovered Dane’s eyes softened toward Freya as she became emotional

Ava blinked, experiencing an emotion she was unable to explain.

Freya was the woman that both men loved and cared for.

Who was she who came among the three of them?

She was just an outsider.

It entirely depended on Freya who she would choose. Years ago, she chose to be with Dane; now, she wants to be with Ian. She was going to get the man she desired.

The game began, but the people around them were quiet.

Some people had to answer many things, while some of them told about their lives as what was inside the chit they had chosen.

After some time,

Ava wanted to leave the game. She did not want to be a part of it anymore.

Unexpectedly, the music ceased as soon as she touched the bowl.

Everyone there seemed eager to see what she would pick up, When Ava touched the chit, she had no idea what would be inside.

She picked up one. She tried to read it by herself. But Freya **stood** up and grabbed the chit out of her grasp

She smiled as she said, "I can do it for you."

Freya went to sit in her seat, which was next to Ian's. She unfolded the chit and turned her head toward Ian. Ian appeared disinterested, as though he did not want to play the game either.

In his assumption, Ava would get some questions related to her new boyfriend, and he did not want to hear about their love story at all.

"Oh! You got almost the same question as my fiancé," Frey spoke out with a laugh.

Ava frowned at her. "What?"

Freya cast another glance at the chit. Abigail suspected her, as she knew Freya was Dane's ex-girlfriend, and she could put Ava in an awkward position

"Can I see the chit?" Abigail **said**.

Freya shifted her gaze to her and asked,

"Excuse me? You don't trust me with this chit? How will you put your trust in me doubting my words?"

Abigail averted her gaze, refusing to look at the chit again.

Freya **grinned** and turned her attention back to Ava.

“So...”

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She paused and glanced at Jan for the last time, then said,

“Tell us about a love story of a nerd if you know one.”

Ava stared at Freya, knowing exactly what she was trying to do—humiliate her in front of everyone.

She was no longer a nerd who was in love with Ian Dawson

However, if she had the opportunity tonight, she wanted to clarify her side. She knew everyone around her was aware of who the nerd **was** and what story she would tell **them**.

With a slight smile on her face, Ava said,

“Why don’t I change the question, like your fiancé, and tell you the very same story with the other perception? A story of betrayal.”

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The atmosphere became heated. Everyone’s attention focused on Ava as they were desperately waiting for her side to hear. It was not unknown to them that she was going to talk about the relationship between her and Ian. The people around them were all her and Ian’s close friends, so they knew about their very secrets.

lan, on the other **hand**, narrowed his eyes.

A story of betrayal?

How would she say that? Wasn’t she the one who betrayed him?

Ava felt Dane's dark gaze on her. A nervous expression appeared on her face as she turned to face him. His eyes were sharp on her.

'I **am** sorry, Dane. I never **had** the opportunity to tell you that the ex-boyfriend I had mentioned to you was actually your **rival**, Ian Dawson I was afraid of making you angry and ruining our precious bonding,' she thought to herself in her head.

Ava turned her head with a trembling voice. She took a moment to gather her thoughts by closing her eyes, and then she opened them with confidence.

Her gaze was drawn to the **man** sitting across from her. His gaze was mocking her as if to say that you did not have anything to say with regard to the meaning of the term "betrayal." Because in his eyes, he was innocent and she was the culprit.

The moment Ava began to speak, she appeared to have a slight smile on her face, as if she had returned to those earlier times.

"There was a nerd who used to hide her looks because her mother was afraid of someone. **So** she used to tell her to hide herself and never get **too** close to any Alphas. Her mother was foolish to believe that. Because she was unaware of what was going through her daughter's mind."

Dane's eyes dimmed when he heard Ava. Her mother used to hide her because of her fear of him. Ava took a brief glance at him before continuing,

"The nerd **has** different plans in her heart. Unexpectedly she fell for a bad boy who was not easy to approach. Not for her actually. Because he was easygoing with all of the other girls with whom he spent the night."

Ava gazed at Ian when she said that. Everyone gulped as they **glanced** at Ian **to** see his reaction.

However, Ian was not mad. He seemed eager to hear more from her. He stared at her calmly, taking in everything she said.

"A bad boy who only believed in one-night **stands**, he was far too dangerous for a nerd like her. Whenever she was on the campus, her **eyes** always looked for him. She never considered being with him because she thought she was not on the same level as him. She did not **have** the confidence. But fate wanted to play with her. So one day, she found a **chance** where they could be together with each other. However, the bad boy demonstrated how cruel he **was** by rejecting her heart and humiliating her in front of the entire campus."

At that moment, everyone recalled the day that Ian had rejected her. For both her and his friends, the day was complete **and** utter chaos.

The memory of that day caused Ian's eyes to become darker

"On that day, she made a solemn vow to herself that she would never again look at him. She even tried her hardest

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to control her heart. But he was the one who began to approach her. He was the one who made her believe he had fallen for her. She was adamant about not letting him enter her heart again because she was afraid of the heartbreak. But the days and times changed as he began to express his love for her."

As her heartbeat slowed down, Ava lowered **her** head, indicating that she was not feeling the best on the inside. She couldn't understand why the mere thought of all these dogs was affecting her so deeply.

But she decided to let go of everything after tonight's confession. She would tell others that she was not at fault and clear the accusations of **betrayal** that her ex-boyfriend put on her.

"What a time that was! She made a fresh start and transformed herself. She came out of the title of nerd. She changed the perception of others as she tried to become confident. Her brother became her biggest support. She adored him, believing that there was someone who would always be there for her, no matter **what**. He had an argument with that boy as well because of her."

Stephen's lips parted, his eyes stinging. Ava involved him too, telling him that she had trusted him a lot in the past. He wished he had trusted his younger sister more.

"With the effort of the bad boy, the girl fell for him once again, or I could say her heart never forgot him."

The dark clouds that were beginning to form in Ian's **eyes** caused his expression to begin to shift.

'She was determined not to let that boy go again. He told her that she was the only one in his heart. He told her that he loved her and could not imagine his life without her. What was his attitude toward her at the time! She was mesmerized, convinced that she was the luckiest girl on the planet!"

Ava let out a chuckle. It was a laugh of a mock

She raised her **gaze** and looked straight into Ian's eyes.

She could not help but think, ‘Where are you lost, Ian Dawson? People here are surprised because they are unfamiliar with our story. But how could you forget your fake promises?’

A deep voice that was next to Ava spoke out, which caused her to break eye contact with Ian.

“What happened next?”

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person who spoke **was** Dane. She gave him a quick glance. He appeared to be in a rage. At her? Or Ian? She had **no** idea.

Ava turned away and replied coldly,

“Little did she know, all the promises that the boy had made to her were fake. He had never loved her in the first place.”

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