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I stood in the garden that once belonged to the love of my life and I fought to calm my breathing. If Emilia could see what I had become without her, she would have been so disappointed. I wouldn't have blamed her though, I had become the monster that people feared I was. It was only fitting since I was responsible for killing her. I had fought so hard for a child when she didn't want one and she got pregnant just to oblige me.

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my hands through my hair forgetting that they were streaked with blood. The blood wasn't mine, it belonged to one of the many rogues and traitors in my dungeons who became the object of my rage. It happened like that some days, I suddenly remembered Emilia and I was overcome with so much anger myself for allowing her die and for getting Megan pregnant. I wanted an heir, I wanted to fulfill the one wish that Emilia so badly wanted to fulfill for me but couldn't and yet it brought me so much pain.

I had never expected to be given another mate again. In fact, I thought the goddess hated me which was why she cursed me. I wasn't sure if the curse was real but I believed it. It had to be a curse because there was no way that someone who was completely healthy and had no complications during the pregnancy would suddenly die during childbirth. It was one of the reasons why I wanted to get someone else pregnant. I wanted to know if the curse was real. It was cruel but I didn't care.

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I had never found anyone worthy of carrying mine and Emilia's child until that day. I had gone to the pack to discuss peace treaties and the simple mention of Emilia's name was enough to piss me off. I would have burned the pack to the ground if it wasn't for Megan walking out. I was blinded by her for a second because I truly believed that she was Emilia. By the time the effects wore off and I realized who she was, I had already agreed to claim her. Her stupid Alpha was pissed and tried to refuse me but the moment I had him by his throat, he soon learned that I always got my way.

Megan had surprised me in a lot of ways because where Emilia was calm and collected, Megan was rash and sassy. Emilia never spoke out of turn and was like a gentle stream while Megan was a fiery inferno and although tried to keep her attitude locked tight, I could see through her façade and it turned me on much to my annoyance. I wasn't supposed to be attracted to any other woman. The sight of her in Emilia's garden was enough to undo me because she looked so perfect. I could not stop myself from snapping at her.

"If you stay like this then you are guaranteed to give people nightmares," I heard Landon drawl from behind me. "I am sure that kids could use with more scary tales to make them behave. Imagine this 'the man dripping blood. I think it is a very catchy title, what do you think?'"

"I am not in the mood," I muttered but in typical Landon fashion, he came closer instead of leaving me alone

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like I wanted. I turned to him with narrowed eyes. "Didn't you hear me?"

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"I did," he began slowly then paused for dramatic effect. "I didn't listen because I figured that the least! deserved was your gratitude for placating your mate. I don't think yelling at a woman is the right way to win her heart."

I should have known that it was about Megan. I finally looked at Landon and I hated the accusing look in his eyes. I had heard about their friendship, There was nothing in the palace that went on that I was unaware about. It annoyed me that they were getting along but there was nothing I could do about it. I had guards trailing them bth at all times and the moment I got a hint that their relationship was anything but platonic, I was going to pull the plug on it.

When he saw that I didn't respond, Landon sighed. "Is this how it is going to be? Are you going to treat her like sh it and make her live in Emilia's shadow?"

"I don't see how it concerns you," I made my tone as bored and disinterested as possible. This is between my mate and I. You can treat your mate however you wish and leave me to take care of mine."

"You refer to her as your breeder. Zade, you treat your ser vants better than you treat her," he sighed. "Listen, I know you loved Emilia. She was the love of your life but if you cannot get over her then leave Megan out of it. She is a good person and she deserves better than this."

I took a menacing step towards him. "You do not get to tell me what to do. I am Alpha here, not you. You might be my friend but remember that I am also your ruler. You do not get to question my motives."

"Or what?" he asked. "What will you do, Alpha? Will you strip me of my title? When you made me Beta, you said that it was because I always called you out on your bu llsh it, well here it is. Megan is carrying your child and it is about time that you start treating her like the mother of your child and not some hire surrogate."

"Emilia is the mother of my child."

"Emilia is dead," I growled at him and he sighed. "Megan is the one carrying your child. Megan is not Emilia. You cannot treat her as a substitute."

"That is what she was destined to be. She is meant to be my second chamce with Emilia."

"She is meant to be your second chance at love and life." I ignored him and Landon shook his head. "Goodnight Zade. I cannot deal with you while you are like this. This is not just sad, it is also embarrassing for you and for me."

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I watched him disappear from the garden but I made no move to follow him. I didn't care about Landon or his st upid temper tantrums. Emilia was my one and only mate and her untimely death was not going to stop me from having the family I deserved to have with

her. I didn't care who I had to step on in order to get it.

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I left the garden soon after because my memories there with Emilia were too strong. I washed off the traces of blood in the shower and watched as the water turned pink. I put on one of my faded shirts that Emilia loved. It was the only thing that didn't look like it was made by a professional and I wanted to throw it out a long time ago but she found it and fell in love with it. It always helped me feel closer to her. I tossed and turned in bed but sleep couldn't come and it was all because of one person-Megan.

I pulled myself out of bed and stormed over to her room in frustration. The guards steered clear of me as they saw me. It was obvious to anyone with eyes that I was infuriated and everyone knew that my anger was like a fuse ready to blow at every moment. I walked over to Emilia's room and banged on the door loudly. It was loud enough to wake everyone in the entire castle but it still took her five minutes to open the door.

As soon as the door was open, I grabbed her arm and began to drag her with me. I could hear her protesting but I didn't care. I didn't want her in Emilia's room anymore. Landon was right about one thing- she was not Emilia. She wished she was half the woman that Emilia was. I could hear footsteps behind me and I knew they belonged to Kaya but I didn't care about her. I was going to take Kaya off her guard duty soon because I knew her priorities were shifting.

Once I got to the guest room, I pulled it open and threw Megan inside. She struggled to regain her balance and when she did, she turned to me with anger in her eyes. Her look would have made lesser men pee their pants but I had seen the worst of the worst and there was nothing Megan could do to scare me especially when I knew I had the upper hand.

"What the fuck is wrong with you?" she spat. "I know you hate me but at least have a little dignity. I left your stupid garden when you asked me to. I don't want anything to do with you, Zade. You brought me here so why are you acting like I am a burden?"

"You are a burden," I spat and I saw my words land like a blow. "Bringing you here was the worst mistake I had ever made. I had you treated like royalty. You have been fed and clothed but it seems that wasn't enough because you still had to complain."

Her brows scrunched in confusion and when understanding settled on her features, she scoffed. "I don't have the time or energy to tell on you, Zade. Everyone can clearly see how you treat me. I just want to go back and sleep."

She tried to side step me but I stopped her. "You will not be staying in my mate's room any longer. You should be grateful that I am not putting you with the other slaves. Your things will be brought here tomorrow and you will

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be joining the maids to do chores around the palace. The least I can do is give you something real to complain about

"What?"

"Maybe if you are busy with work then you will spend less time gossiping about me to my pack members," I turned to Kaya who had been standing in a corner with an

impassive expression but listening in. "If you ever hesitate before complying with an order of mine or act out of character then you will lose this job and I promise that you will never work in this pack again. Am I clear?!"

"Yes, Alpha," her response was sharp and curt.

I turned back to Megan and she was in utter shock. I could see it clearly on her face. She didn't say anything and I turned to leave but when I got to the door, I heard her voice and it was tinged with hurt. "What did I ever do to you?"

"It's simple, you existed."

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I was certain that the goddess had a cruel sense of humor and was testing it out when she created me because I thought my life was horrible before but it had become a lot worse.

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After Zade left at night, Kaya muttered curses under her breath. I thought she was angry with me and I profusely apologized for putting her in that kind of situation with her Alpha but she told me that she was more upset with Zade than me. Regardless, she was in his pack and she had to abide by the rules. She helped me clean up room because it was covered with dust and it looked like it had never been lived in. We didn't fall asleep until around three in the morning and by six, I was woken up.

I had training with Landon once more but even he wasn't as invested as he was before. I knew without a doubt that Zade had spoken to him but I couldn't bring myself to ask what they spoke about and if I were being truly honest, I didn't want to know. I enjoyed spending time with Landon because he was funny and gentle. He was a good person and I knew that whoever ended up mated to him would be the luckiest girl on the planet. Training ended abruptly because some guards came in and told Landon that Zade was requesting for him. I went inside fully expecting to take a long shower and rest but I was met by Gladys. I hadn't seen her since my initial arrival and I could tell that she was not happy to see me.

"The Alpha said that you were to join the maids," she spoke the words with a frown on her face and at first, I thought that frown was directed at me but when she glanced at my stomach, I realized it was because of the situation.

I was not showing yet but my scent had changed slightly. Anyone with half a brain could tell that I was pregnant and I could tell that Gladys was not happy about putting a pregnant woman to work but unfortunately, there was not much that either of us could do. We were both under Zade and his word was law.

I followed her towards the kitchens where the maids were rushing around. I realized that I had never actually been in the kitchens before. It was large and could fit a tiny house. The scent of food was so overwhelming that I had to take a step back. Gladys balanced me with a hand on my back and I could see her watching me with concern.

"You won't be working here, don't worry," she assured me with a soft smile as she led

me towards an empty store. "The Alpha ordered that you don't have breakfast until you are done with your chores but judging by your condition, I am not sure if I can go along with that order and have a clean conscience." I watched as Gladys brought out a plate of sandwiches and handed them over to me. "Eat so that you can begin your work for the

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I had never expected that kind of response from anyone and it made my eyes water, I ate the sandwiches in a hurry because I didn't want anyone to realize she had broken the order. Once I was done, she took the plate back into the kitchen and returned to gesture for me to follow her. I could feel the eyes on me as I did but I tried to ignore them. Everyone already knew who I was so I wasn't surprised that they were staring Gladys led me up the stairs and towards Za de's room. My steps slowed the closer we got there because thing I wanted to do was to be forced to work with Zade around. He didn't like my presence and I was determined to avoid him but no one else seemed to get the memo. As we got closes, Inoticed there was a g it standing there. She looked to be about my age with short blond hair and blue eyes.

'Megan, this is Anna and she will be working with you in this portion of the palace. It is important to note that no one ever works alone here. You both are tasked with cleaning the Alpha's wing. Anna has been doing this for a while so she will put you through. Is there anything else?"

I nodded and pulled her aside slightly. Once we had a semblance of privacy, I dropped my voice to a whisper. "Do I have to work here? I am willing to do anything else."

"I'm sorry, Megan," she dropped her voice to a small whisper. "Everything else available is too strenuous for you This was the only opening, I am sorry." She gave me a soft smile and walked away.

I forced myself to go back to Anna who was standing there with her hand crossed over her chest and blowing on

a piece of gum. She had a judgmental look in her eyes as she took me in. I couldn't help but feel

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as I crossed my arms over my chest in an attempt to look smaller.

"I have seen many falls from grace in my lifetime but this has to take the cake," she drawled and heard the hist of an accent. "You had one job which was to f u ck the Alpha and you somehow screwed it up enough for him to send you to work as a maid. How bad do you need to be at that?"

"Excuse me?"

"We've all seen you around. You act like the perfect princess and everyone seems to love you oven kaya and she is a mean bi tch. You even have the Beta befriending you. I'm just glad the Alpha can see through you

"Do I know you from somewhere?" Lasked because it seemed foreign to me that she would be that mean unless we had met before and I had done something to upset me

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yet, the rest of yours. The way I see it, you have a few months left. I look forward to it.”

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Working with Anna was a complete nightmare. She spoke to me like I was a child and an inconvenience. It didn't matter how well I tried to do my work, she was always adamant that I didn't do it right and proceeded to berate me. For the first five minutes, I tried to defend myself. I spoke back to her and told her that she was being unreasonable but it only seemed to infuriate her more and I just got tired of trying so I allowed her do whatever she wanted.

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I never realized how large Za de's wing was until we had to clean it. There was a gym room, a living room, a room and his bedroom. We kept the bedroom for last and I noticed Anna taking her time as she moved around. I even caught her discreetly sniffing his pillow and I realized what her bad attitude was about- she liked Zade. The thought hit me so fast that I couldn't help but burst out laughing. She turned to me with a deep frown.

“What is so funny?” she sneered and I shrugged. “If you are going to be so loud about it then you might as well just start talking now.”

“It is amusing how obvious your crush is.”

I saw alarm flash across her face at being called out but she quickly schooled it into indifference. “I think your pregnancy brain is starting to hit. You're beginning to see things. Not all of us are desperate enough to want into the Alpha's bed.”

I just shrugged. “You can have him if you want him. You don't have to be rude to me about it. The goddess knows that whatever we have, faithfulness is not a part of it. If you can get him to you, then you can take him.”

“Shut up and don't speak about our Alpha like that,” she tried to feign disinterest but I could see the eagerness in her eyes.

Before I could respond to her, the door opened and Zade walked in. He looked shocked to see us and that made me sigh in relief because it meant that he hadn't heard our conversation. He was shirtless and his torso was gleaming with sweat. Despite not wanting to, my eyes ran down his body in appreciation and out of the corner of my eyes, I saw Anna do the same.

“What the f uck are you still doing in my room?” his voice was deceptively calm but I could hear the annoyance behind it.

I opened my mouth to speak but Anna beat me to it. She practically pushed to my front and stood directly opposite Zade. She took her time running her eyes down his body and she batted her lashes as she spoke.

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“It was Megan,” her voice was supposed to be a mix between soft and seductive but it only grated on my nerves. “She kept dragging her feet and doing things wrong. I tried to tell her the right way to do things but she just wouldn't listen. I understand if you want to send her away. I wouldn't mind doing it all by myself.”

Zade looked down at her blandly. "Get out."

She was shocked. It took her a few seconds to gather her bearings but once she did, she rushed off. I watched her disappear and I tried to make a quick escape but Zade grabbed my upper arm to keep me in place.

"What did you have to give for them to give you this job?" he asked. "How much did you have to beg? Isn't it enough to know that I don't want you around? Why did you have to secure this chore out of the many others in the palace?"

"I didn't ask for it, I was given it," I whisper yelled. "If you don't want me here then ask them to give me another."

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thought about it for a second then shook his head. "If you want to be around me so much then go ahead," he leaned down until his mouth was brushing the shell of my ear.

"This is what you wanted, wasn't it? You wanted to come in here and try to seduce me."

"That was not what I wanted," I tried to push him away but he grabbed my arms and trapped them behind my back.

"If you want to be f ucked like a w h ore then all you have to do is ask."

"F uck you," I spat.

"You already have," he let go of my hands but he didn't step back. "You will continue to work here but I will make it the most miserable experience of your life."

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I tried to ignore Z ade's words but when I woke up the next day, they were all I could think of. I went out excited for training only to find Landon sitting in the living room and biting down on an apple. He didn't notice my presence immediately and it wasn't until I was standing directly behind him that he turned to me.

"Are you okay?" I asked and he nodded. "Shouldn't we be getting ready for training?"

"Training was canceled," I was stunned by his words.

I never wanted to train in the first place but I had been looking forward to it with Landon.

He was fun and I enjoyed spending time with him. I had a feeling there was more to it but I didn't want to think about it too much. I was content with enjoying Landon's company as a friend because I knew that was all it was ever going to be.

"Did something happen?" I asked and he shook his head. "Please tell me if I did something wrong. I apologize if I did."

"This isn't about you," he cut me off as he stood to his feet. "Zade canceled it because he said your chores are enough of an exercise," he spoke the words as if they burned him. "I tried to discourage him but he is the Alpha after all, I'm sorry, Megan."

He placed a comforting hand on my shoulder and walked away leaving me standing there in complete shock and confusion. I realized that this was him making good on his promise. He must have noticed that I enjoyed training and it didn't bode well with his plans to make me suffer so he took that away from me. I felt tears burn the back of my eyes and I had to blink them away. I refused to cry over Zade, I refused to allow him break me.

I wiped at the stray tear that slipped down my face and squared my shoulder. I knew there was nothing I could do to get training back save for begging Zade and I remembered what happened the last time I tried to make a deal with him. It was impossible to beat Zade at his game so I needed to change up the rules a bit. I was going to find a way to ensure that I didn't lose this battle. I was already going to lose my life in the end, I didn't have to lose everywhere else too.

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my way over to his room expecting to see Anna but she was nowhere to be found. I began the chores without her and I was already halfway done when she finally arrived. She ignored me as if she were not late to doing her work and instead of helping me, she just crossed her legs and watched me. I didn't want to pick a fight with her so I just kept on doing what I was doing.

I ended up cleaning the entire wing by myself without any help from her. The only reason I didn't mind much

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was because I didn't see Zade once. It gave me an unspoken level of peace. I left to return the cleaning equipment and I was on my way back to my room when I realized I had left my handkerchief in the room. I reluctantly went back and when I got there, I felt him. His scent was strong and I knew he was in the room but that wasn't what had me stopping in my tracks- it was the anger in his voice as he spoke.

"What the f u c k are you doing?" he spat at Anna. I gently placed the bucket on the ground so I could get closer and see them.

When I rounded the door, I saw Anna with the first few buttons of her dress undone and standing directly in front. of Z ade's bed. It was clear that she had tried or was trying to seduce him but I couldn't tell. Zade had his back to me which I was grateful for but it also meant that I couldn't see whether or not he was contemplating her advances.

"I was just doing my chores, Alpha," her voice reeked of sultriness.

"Where is Megan?"

"I don't know, sir, she left me to do all the work by myself. I tried to call her but she just wouldn't listen to me," she pouted as she took a step closer to him making sure to push up on her toes in an attempt to get his attention on her cleavage.

Zade still didn't say a word and I could tell it annoyed her because she took another step closer. That proved to be too much into his space because he wrapped his hand around her neck. It was different from the way he did with me, this time, he was trying to choke the life out of her. She clawed at his hand but he didn't let go.

"If you ever come that close to me again then I will kill you, are we clear?" he asked and she nodded frantically and he finally released her.

She went into a coughing fit immediately and I almost felt bad for her. I would have if I still didn't see the want in her eyes as she looked at him. I couldn't help but wonder if she was crazy enough to still want a man who had tried to kill her.

"Pot calling the kettle black," my inner voice nagged as I remembered that Zade had also tried to choke me once and I was currently pregnant with his child and f u c k i n g him.

Anna started to walk away but Zade grabbed her arm. "If you ever try to seduce me like that again, I will make sure that you remember your place. I have no need for an extra whore, am I understood?"

"Yes, Alpha," she started to leave but she stopped and turned so she was looking at him over her shoulder. "If

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you do have need for an extra one, will you tell me?"

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I was shocked by her bravado. Never in my life would I have imagined speaking to anyone like that. It was demeaning and dehumanizing but Anna didn't seem to care. It was like she had a one-track mind and as long as she got what she wanted, she didn't care who she damned in the end.

"The day I have need for you, you will know," Zade said finally and that seemed to be enough for her because she walked away.

I wasn't able to move away from the door in time because she pushed it open and I fell flat on my ass. Her eyes narrowed at me when she realized that I probably overheard everything. There was anger and embarrassment in her gaze. She opened her mouth to speak but at the last minute, she changed her mind and closed it. She walked away without another word and I was so confused until I saw Zade walk out of the room and settle his eyes on me.

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"Are you going to sit there all day?" he asked and I immediately rushed to my feet.

"Come in, Megan."

"I was just leaving."

He leveled me with a hard look. "I didn't recall asking."

I reluctantly followed him into the room and I sighted my handkerchief on the table close to his bed. I wanted to rush over and pick it up but that would have meant walking past him and I was trying to keep as much distance between us as I could. It was hard considering how intensely he was staring at me.

"If this is because Anna said she did the chores alone then she is a liar," I said quickly wanting to get out of his room as quickly as possible. "I was the one who did it all so if anyone should be punished, it should be her."

He stayed quiet for a full minute and when I looked up, he was leaning against the wall with his hands crossed over his chest in amusement. "You were listening in, weren't you?" I didn't respond to him and he crossed the length of the room to grab my chin.

"When I ask a question, you are expected to answer."

"The door was open and your voices were loud," I lied. "I was just walking past and I heard you."

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He didn't believe me- that much was clear. He was staring down at me with a mix of intrigue and something else that I couldn't put my finger on- it was dark and dangerous and I knew that if I valued my life then I would put as much distance as I could between myself and him but his hand was still gripping my chin and I had nowhere to go.

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"What did you hear?" his voice dropped to a low whisper. When I didn't respond, he tugged me closer. "Do not make me force an answer out of you."

"I heard you push her away," I didn't know why it was the first thing I said but the corner of his lips quirked up.

"Were you jealous? Did you think I was going to take her up on her offer?" I remained silent. "I should have. If I knew you were listening, I would have. I would have made you come in and watch while I f ucked her like she wanted. What do you think?"

I pushed him off me and he willingly let me. I took a step back and wrapped my hand across my chest. "Stay away from me."

"That's impossible, baby and you know it. Now only are you my mate," he spat the word like it was a curse, "but you are carrying my child and you are living under my roof. We are stuck together."

I turned on my heels and tried to leave but he was faster and held the door shut with one hand. I couldn't take it anymore and I whirled on him. "Why are you even doing this? You already took away everything that mattered to me. If you want to f uck the entire world then go ahead, why are you trying to hurt me?"

He smiled widely and stroked my cheek in what could have been mistaken as an affectionate manner but the look in his eye told me it was anything but. "I enjoy watching you break. I want you helpless and if I have to f uck her in your presence to do so, then so be it."

"If you touch her then I swear I will f uck every guard in this castle as payback," he was taken aback. The shock was enough for him to take his hand off the door and I used the opportunity to pull it open.

"You wouldn't dare."

"Try me."

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