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Date: Lunar Phase,Full Moon

Time: Night

I am writing this by the moons light.After the chaos of the vampires, it has been eight cycles To set the record straight, I did not lose the

journal this time. In fact, multiple times I sat with it open. It pained me though, to

continuously writing the corruption that has

woven its way into our way of life. I had never thought humans would corrupt our traditions so fully as they started to expand through the world.

Yet here I was, wolves being slaves to one

another. Mates turning their backs. Greed and entitlement taking over. It pains me and I do not

know if I have taken on an impossible task

Word has spread that the Alpha King has been on a campaign to take over packs now and so my

group has decided to lay low for the time being.

We chose to stay within one of the founding

packs, the Silver Sun. They have been warm and welcoming. For the first time since starting this

journey, we have a pack who has sided with

tradition rather than the greed and power the humans have poisoned our land and minds with.

I have run into a complication in my journey as

well. I have found my mate. Whether the moon

goddess meant to laugh at me of my silly crusade

or teach me a lesson, I do not know. However,

Alpha Eros of the Silver Sun pack is my mate. He

has already chosen a mate, marked her,so Ido

not believe he feels the mate pull but I do.It

nearly brought me to my knees and tears to my

eyes.

Suddenly, I felt for wolves who had the strength to reject their mates. For as the Alpha King, I will say, I have no such strength. From the momentI laid eyes on him, I loved him.I would never be able to continue my line but it did not matter to me. I wanted him like the trees yearn for the sun. I've had to hold myself back which is more

painful than I can bare. I have not touched him or spoken to him much. I allow my Beta to

converse with him if we need things. Now,I

spend my time in the forest, alone. Trying to heal from this journey that we aren't even close to finishing.

Date:Lunar Cycle, Waining Moon

Time: Midday

I have come with a confession.I should be wise in all things. Making sure that I do not regret my decisions. I know my actions as Alpha King will always have ripple effects even if it is the right choice. While I rely on my instincts to help guide me down a path, I do not let them take over,nor do I allow emotions to decide my actions. In this, I have failed. I do not regret it, which makes it far worse

The Alpha came to see me while I was meditating in the forest. He was worried he somehow offended me since I would no longer come into the village. I allowed my instincts to take over.At first, it was a simple brush of his cheek. He felt the connection though, as did I. Like your skin is on fire. His wolf took over and from there,I should have stepped back. I should have reminded him of his chosen mate and pups he was raising.

I didn't.Instead, I claimed him. We spent hours together, both as human and wolves. I marked him, removing his bond with his Luna. It was only until after, when we lay tangled together did we think about our actions. I felt shame wash over him through our newly formed bond.I felt no shame. No regret as I held my mate in my arms. I only felt angry that he would feel like mates didn't belong together.

I allowed him to leave but I did not go with him. My anger consumed me as I ran through the forest. I did not return for a few days. Chaos was awaiting me when I returned. The elders of the Silver Sun had rounded up my men and threw them in the dungeon. When I arrived, I too was arrested. I allowed it,as I was only coming in as an Alpha and not as their king. If not for a bit curious as to why I was being arrested and tried I was brought forth before the elders and was

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told of my crimes. I had violated an Alpha who already had a fated mate. I went against the moon goddess and my actions were heinous. My admittance that I laughed in their faces so hard I brought tears to my eyes is only to prove how much I still did not regret the decision I made. At tirst, they were appalled at me. That was untill explained myself, as allowed by law

They had been deceived by their own Alpha. Their Luna was not the fated mate of him.No,I was. I explained the feeling of our touch, the bond, and even that my mark would not have overwritten theirs if I was not his fated. I did not stop. I instead, introduced myself to them as the Alpha King. They were ashamed but I did not allow it, for they did not know

The elders asked for my council on the matter of their Alpha. I advised them both wisely and selfishly. You may say that those cannot go hand in hand but when the right decision can be made that also aligns with your personal feelings, one can both be wise and selfish. His younger brothei would take over as Alpha, allowing the Silvei bloodline to continue. He would be removed from the pack and he could choose to become a lone wolf or join me in my crusade as my men called it.

I also warned the elders against their actions to arrest my men. They did nothing wrong and had no part in the actions I took. Therefore, they could not blame the pack solely on the actions their Alpha. If so, I'd have had to remove more than a handful of a packs as I made my way across the land

Once the verdict was handed down, my mate was furious. It made me just a tiny bit happy. He had tried to turn this against me. Tried to deny the bond after we have mated. He had walked himself into his punishment.If I was only an Alpha, I might have lost. But he didn't account for his mate being the king. I asked the elders to keep my position to themselves. I still did not want anyone to know and I wanted to keep it from my mate a little longer. If he was to love me. To be with me, it would not be because I was king, but because I was Odin. I was his fated mate

We ready to leave tomorrow. Our rest has renewed our faith in the world and we leave to continue to right it. My men are weary about our new recruit, as he chose to join us rather than become a lone wolf. I have not spoken to him, or touched him since that day. It hurts but I will not give in. My anger towards what he had done to me, my men, and his disrespect for our goddesses choice lends me the power to stay away from him. One day, I may forgive but that day will only come after his acceptance willingness, and regret.

I set the book down in my lap. My eyes glazed over as I stared at nothing. The feeling he had of the moon goddess laughing at him, I felt wholeheartedly. Going through a campaign like though, his pain was nearly the same as Alph King Killian.Looking down at the book in my hands, his handwriting was not the most legible but it was better than some of the other kings.

'Vale?'

I looked over at my mom."Sorry, I got lost in though."

It seems the moon goddess likes to string the Alpha's of the Silver Sun and the Alpha King together.

“It does seem like that. I didn't even realize they were from the same pack. Alpha Eros seems like a little bit of a weenv."

My mom huffed.'The Alpha King does too

I raised my eyebrow and leaned back into the pillows of the couch."How so?"

'Well, sure, Alpha Eros fucked up. I'm sure he realized how absolutely ruined he was. Back in that time, it wasn't as widely known or accepted when someone found a mate of the same sex Even now, a lot of packs frown upon it. You get out into the world though and there are a lot of same sex couples. Packs are just a minute population..' My mom sighed and shook her head

She continued.'Alpha Eros should have either accepted or rejected him. He chose to accept him, whether that had been instinct or under the mate bond influence. Once that happens,you are mated for life. Accepting that was his duty and adjusting his life and not letting others adjust it for him.

“Right …but this was about the Alpha King?”

Well, his first mistake was losing control. He had done his best to stay away and that is admirable but he should have rejected the bond if he wasn't going to accept it. If he was, he should have sat

I tapped my finger in the book."How do you explain to someone that you have a mate bond when they already have Luna and pups?"

Easy. You sit them down like a fucking adult and have a conversation. There is always a chance that they will reject you but having the conversation, midegates the now terrible situation the king has put his mate through.'

"I mean, the Alpha put himself in that position by lying about who Odin was to him."

My mom rubbed her leg and pulled it closer.'If you were about to lose everything that you have known in your life, how would you act? Sure,it wasn't right but the Alpha King seems like he expected Eros to just drop his position in his

pack, his Luna, and his children for him.

I opened my mouth but then shut it.

'Then,at his recommendation, forced Eros to follow him.Back then, becoming a rogue was a death sentence. So now, Odin is basically

responsible for taking Eros away from his

family, his children, his pack and the Alpha King expects him to just, apologize and accept him

before he will forgive him? That's not how a

relationship should be.

"Right, but he should apologize. A relationship is

50-50."

My mom shook her head.'It's not.A relationship

is 100- 100,sweetheart.If you always expect the

other person to meet you halfway,it's never

going to work. You need to give one hundred

percent to the relationship, as do they.

Otherwise, your will always be fighting over who

is giving the most.'

I sat thinking about what she said. Closing my eyes, I leaned my head back on the couch. She was right. Being in a relationship with my mate wasn't something that had actually crossed my mind. Our quiet was interrupted by a knock on the door.Both of our heads turned to the door and I looked at the time. It was getting close to midnight.

My mom got up, slapping me in the face the

pillow she was holding as she walked by.I

laughed and shook my head. She opened the door

and immediately my laughter died. My dad

strode in like he owned the place just after my mom opened the door.Slamming the book we

were reading shut, I stood up.

"What are you doing here?"