

Rejected by the Alpha Claimed by the Lycan King

Chapter 101

"They are mate!" Valerie was screaming right now. "Don't take my mate! You can't take my mate away from me!" Tears streamed down her face.

Valerie broke down the moment they entered the bedroom. Thankfully, she knew better not to do it in front of thousand of people out there, who would obviously take this opportunity to be the topic of their gossips in every tea party.

Jasmine bit her lip, she balled her fists and watched how Valerie clung onto her destined mate.

Meanwhile, alpha Lorent was speechless, he held Valerie, but his eyes were on Jasmine. There was this longing in his eyes. The pull of the mate bond was too strong to be denied by the two of them.

Killian growled, while king Alex glowered at alpha Lorent.

"Is that true, Jasmine?" Alex asked his daughter, he knew the answer even before she replied to his question and his heart broke for her.

"Yes, father. He is my destined mate." Jasmine didn't know how she found her voice, but she was grateful that her voice was not shaking. She didn't want to show her weakness, neither she wanted to shed tears in front of them. She didn't know why, but she felt this strong urge to appear unfazed.

The king finally spoke after silence stretched out in this room. Not a complete silent, since Velerie's cry echoed throughout the wall.

"We need to discuss about this further."

"No!" Velerie refused and alpha Lorent tried to stop her, yet she didn't want to listen to that. "I am pregnant! You couldn't take him away from me! Just because you are the princess in this kingdom, you can do whatever you pleased!" Velerie was furious, even though Jasmine had not yet said anything about this matter.

And probably because Velerie was too emotional, she said something that she shouldn't.

"You are not even the real daughter of the king!"

“Valerie!” alpha Lorent snapped. That was a taboo topic to talk about and the king had made sure no one questioned her royal status in this kingdom, but Valerie just mentioned something that was unacceptable.

“Impudent!” Alex roared, the king was livid and Valerie whimpered when she became the receiving end of the king’s wrath.

The king was not the only one, who was enraged, Killian pushed himself off the door and approached them.

Out of instinct, alpha Lorent put himself in front of the two men to shield Valerie. He chose her for a reason and just because he found his destined mate, he would be fine if someone else harmed her.

Jasmine didn’t want Valerie to be harmed too, she was not bothered by what she said. She could understand why she slipped up and she could see that Valerie was also shocked after the word left her lips.

“Guard!” Alex growled.

“There is no need for that, father,” Jasmine said, she stepped forward and held her king father’s hand. He was shaking with rage. She also intertwined her fingers with her alpha father too, to prevent him from attacking alpha Lorent.

She knew how bad it looked like, but she would feel even worse if they harmed the two of them. In a way, the two of them were innocent.

She was also innocent in this matter. No one was at fault here. It was only the timing that was not right.

“Let me talk for a while,” Jasmine said, she gripped both of her fathers tightly, keeping them in place before their rage completely consumed them and when the guards came upon the king’s order, Jasmine dismissed them.

Once again, the room fell into silent, but this time, Valerie had muffled her cries. She was terrified for her being left by her mate, but at the same time, she was also terrified at the alpha and the king. The two of them looked like they were going to tear her apart for hurting the princess’s feeling.

Probably, this was the only time where Alex and Killian were on the same page. They were trying to protect their daughter.

It was not the same, but both of them had gone through the pain of losing their mate. Therefore, they didn’t want Jasmine to go through with the same agony.

“There is nothing to talk about,” Killian said sternly. “The rule is very clear. The mate stays together. You should prioritize your destined mate.”

It sounded so weird when the word came from him, but he couldn't care less about it.

“No. I refused to stay with him.”

Everyone in the room was shocked when they heard that and this time, Valerie had completely stopped crying, she looked at Jasmine closely and blinked away her tears. She was surprised that Jasmine would say such thing.

“Tell me your full name.” Jasmine didn't know what this man, she only knew he was her mate, but she didn't even know his name at all, or anything about him, aside from the fact, he was going to father a child with his chosen mate.

She was not going to do that. She couldn't break a family. Therefore, it left her with no other option.

“Jasmine, we can fix this,” Killian said, but the king said nothing, he simply looked at his daughter and quietly observed her.

Shaking her head, she explained to her father. “No, father. I don't want this union.”

“Jasmine, you don't know what you are talking about. You don't realize what will happen to you.” Jasmine simply looked at alpha Lorent. She didn't ask whether he would agree with this rejection or not, because if he gave her his full name, it was the end of it, since she couldn't reject him without it.

“Lorent. Lorent Addison Jaz.”

And that was it.

It was not an easy decision for Jasmine to make, but finally she said the word. “I, Jasmine Alexandra Black, reject you, Lorent Addison Jaz, as my mate. May the bond severe forever.”

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Killian felt his heart dropped. Probably this was a karma, but even if it was, why would it happen to his daughter? Why would his daughter have to suffer for his crime in the past.

He watched when Jasmine's body was trembling and her face twisted in pain. His daughter, his only daughter felt the pain because of the severed mate bond and he couldn't do anything to help her.

And before her body fell to the ground, it was actually Alex, who caught her first and carried her in his arms.

The king walked away, leaving Killian and alpha Lorent, who fell to his knees too because of the pain, while Valerie looked panic.

"You stay here. No one left this room," Killian glowered at alpha Lorent and Valerie. He was so close of losing his control over his beast. He wanted to kill this man for hurting his little daughter.

Even though he knew, technically, it was Jasmine, who had rejected him, but with him telling her his full name, it sealed the deal. He wanted to reject the princess, but he didn't know what to do, especially in front of the king and the other alpha. And what made Killian madder was the fact that Jasmine also knew about it and gave this man an easy way.

He felt like a hypocrite right now, which didn't help with how he handled the situation.

After giving them the warning and made sure the guards outside wouldn't allow the two of them to leave, he followed Alex. He knew where he went.

Everything went so fast, they didn't have time to intervene. But, even if they could, would they be able to make Jasmine changed her mind? Would it be alright to make her stay with her destined mate when that man had impregnated another woman.

This situation was f**ked up in so many levels.

But, before Killian could catch up with Alex. Althea had approached him. She looked worried, because she saw Jasmine was being carried away by Alex.

"Wait, Killian." Althea approached Killian against her better judgment. This must be the first time for her to strike a conversation first, of course, Killian immediately stopped and told her about what happened. She understandably looked shocked.

"I will go and see her," she mumbled to herself and Killian could only nod dumbfoundedly, as if she was talking to him.

This was their first interaction. The longest moment when they talked after so many years and Killian still looked at her the same. There was this longing in his eyes and regret. He had been regretting everything.

However, he knew he couldn't act on it, since this was the last chance he could be in his daughter's life. If he couldn't be a good mate for Althea, he had to be a good father for their daughter.

And now, when he watched how his daughter was in pain, it reminded him again of what he had done to her mother. If he could, he would rip his heart out of his chest to lessen her pain.

His daughter... she didn't deserve this...

Killian stared at the close door, where alpha Lorent and Valerie were. He fought the urge to barge in and kill both of them, but he knew Jasmine wouldn't be happy with that and it only caused trouble in this kingdom.

Althea and Alex wouldn't appreciate that too.

"Why are you here? Where is momma?" Aiden tugged his sleeve and this snapped Killian back to reality.

He lowered his head and looked at the young boy. He had his mother's eyes and every time he looked at him, he was always thinking of Althéa.

"Your mother has something to do, why don't we go back to the party?" Killian grabbed his hand and then walked him back to the party.

"I don't like here. This is Jasmine's party, but she is not here." Aiden pouted. "What happened earlier? Did alpha Lorent do something bad to Jasmine?"

Killian took a drink and gave it to him. It was not alcohol. "Kind of," he replied nonchalantly.

Hearing that, Aiden huffed. "I am going to beat his a** if he made my sister cried."

Killian chuckled.

"But, don't tell my momma I said that, okay? Momma will not be happy if I said bad thing."

Brushing strands of his short hair, Killian nodded. "Okay."

Meanwhile, when Althea came approaching the bedroom, she could hear Jasmine's cry and Alex was trying to console her.

The king was hugging her tightly in his arms, while she cried her heart out. She looked strong and calm when she rejected alpha Lorent, but Alex knew better how soft and sensitive Jasmine was.

"I know I am doing the right thing, but why my heart hurt so bad, father?" Jasmine asked between her cries. "I will feel so bad, awful, if I broke them for my selfish reason, but I couldn't stop the pain."

Alex listened to her without saying anything. He knew whatever words that he said, wouldn't lessen her pain. More so, Jasmine needed time to process everything. She was too emotional right now. She only needed someone to listen to her.

Althea then entered the room and the moment, Jasmine saw her, she cried even harder and this broke Althea's heart to pieces to see her daughter had to experience this kind of thing. She hugged her tightly and both of them sat with her the whole night.

With that, Althea's birthday was ruined, she didn't come out of the room again.

Alex returned to the party after a while, he ended it smoothly, but of course, Jasmine's absence and the little commotion that Valerie created would be the gossip in town. Soon enough the rumor would spread around about what happened.

It was not difficult to deduct the possibility after all.

The next day, when Jasmine woke up, she felt the pain was not as worse as before.

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Despite the pain and discomfort, Jasmine pushed herself up from the bed and met with Renee's concern eyes. She was a year younger than her and from the look in her eyes, Jasmine knew that she had heard about what happened last night.

Now the pain was more bearable, she felt bad for how she handled the situation, but then it could be worse than that.

"Princess..." Renee called her with teary eyes and Jasmine smiled at her.

"I am fine, Renee, you don't need to worry." She saw the breakfast on the table. Her mother must have sent her here to deliver the food for her, knowing she was not in the condition where she could meet anyone.

Her mother always knew the best.

"You can leave now, I am okay." The fact that Aiden was not even here, her mother must have restrained the young boy from bothering her, which she was thankful for.

Renee gave her a concerning look and then left the room. She didn't say much because she knew it wouldn't help with anything. The queen and the king knew best what to do with the princess.

She loved princess Jasmine because she had helped her during her difficult times and she treated her so well, not like any royal family in her position.

Meanwhile, inside the bedroom, Jasmine ate her food slowly, she was thinking about what she should do next, since everything had happened and all she needed to do now was to handle the aftermath.

After she ate her breakfast, which she could only eat less than half, she called for Renee and asked her what had happened.

Renee immediately told her about what she knew. The party went well and alpha Lorent and Valerie were still in the same room. From what she heard, they were not allowed to leave the palace, but they were treated well.

Jasmine nodded with the information.

"Help me to clean myself, Renee," Jasmine said. She wanted to meet with alpha Lorent and had this conversation. The sooner the better, but she couldn't appear in this haggard state.

Renee immediately followed her favorite princess to the bathroom and ran water for her. She looked worried, but to see how well Jasmine accepted what happened, she became less worry.

Once she was done and she looked more presentable, she told Renee to inform alpha Lorent that she wanted to meet with him. She didn't need to tell him her intention for this meeting, since he would know anyway.

"Oh, and ask him to bring Valerie with him too," Jasmine added. She didn't want to cause misunderstanding between them and more importantly, she didn't think it was wise for her to see him alone when the situation between them was rather awkward.

Valerie was not a luna yet, thus Jasmine didn't address her as such.

"Should I inform your mother and father about this? They had been asking me about how are you when they knew you were awake."

Jasmine chuckled. She could imagine how her father would have been struggling to prevent her mother from barging inside her bedroom.

You can inform them after I met with the alpha.”

They would learn about this anyway, sooner or later, therefore there was no need to keep it from them.

And ten minutes later, here Jasmine was, sitting opposite from the man that supposed to be her destined mate and a woman, who was currently pregnant with his child. Jasmine sighed. This was not how she imagined her morning would be.

Only yesterday, she was very excited for her birthday and how it went, but right now, things had changed completely.

“I am sorry for the commotion that I created last night,” Valerie said sheepishly. Both of them seemed not to have a good night sleep.

“It’s okay. I can understand,” Jasmine replied gracefully, she was sipping her tea and cleared her throat to address the issue. “I wish the situation will be different, but because things had escalated this way. I hope there will be no misunderstanding in the future. I hope you understand that this thing is not something that I and alpha Lorent could control.”

Valerie nodded. “Yes, I know,” she said in a small voice. “I didn’t mean to cause trouble, but I was panicked when I learned what happened. I am sorry to cause you trouble for the stunt that I pulled last night.”

Jasmine shook her head. “Just like I said, I do understand your situation. You don’t need to be sorry for me. None of us here at fault.”

Their conversation didn’t last for long and after that, Jasmine sent them away with well wishes for Valerie’s pregnancy and their happy life together.

“Thank you, thank you so much princess,” Valerie said gratefully. She knew about the rumor of Jasmine’s birth and how bad people out there were talking about her, but right now she was very thankful for her kindness.

“You don’t need to thank me. You owe me nothing.”

Meanwhile, alpha Lorent didn’t talk much, he thanked Jasmine for how wise she was despite her young age.

Jasmine was very civil with alpha Lorent. The pain of rejection still lingered and the pull of the mate bond was still there, therefore, it would be good for both of them if they didn’t see each other. It was not like they would see each other in the near future though.

Once they left, Jasmine went back where she found her mother had been waiting for her.

"I am fine, mother. You don't need to worry about me," she said with a chuckle when she saw how her mother was trying so hard to stop herself from crying. "But, there is one thing that I want to ask you. Could you please grant me my wish?"

"Anything, love. Anything." Althea was at the point, where she would agree to anything that Jasmine wanted, because she knew how painful it was.

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Chapter 104

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Jasmine grimaced. She knew talking to her younger brother would be more difficult than talking to her parents, but she nodded anyway and then left to find Aiden.

Once Jasmine left, Althea immediately turned her head to look at Alex. "Why did you do that?" she protested. She had been wanting to say something, but Alex held her hand, gesturing for her to not say anything.

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There were around ten warriors that would come with her, but they would stay away, making themselves invisible, because Jasmine didn’t want to be followed.

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Jasmine arrived at the lake house two weeks later, thankfully, their journey was smooth, there was nothing eventful that happened.

"Everything has been put inside, princess. Is there anything else that I can help you with?" Ethan, the head of the ten warriors that would keep her safe here, informed her about all of her belongings had been put inside her bedroom.

There were four bedrooms in this lake house and a few little huts that scattered around the area. Those huts would be used by the warriors for them to stay.

"I will deliver food every Thursday, once a week."

"Thank you, Ethan. I don't think I need anything else. Everything is perfect."

"If you need something and wanted to call us, we are nearby, you only need to mindlink us."

"Thank you, Ethan, you are very thoughtful," Jasmine said, she flashed him a smile and he blushed.

Ethan was twenty five years old warrior, he joined in when he was only fifteen and he was the best in his field, but Jasmine knew that he was a softie at heart, though many warriors looked more like barbaric, but he was decent.

"I will make sure you know if I need anything."

After that, Ethan took all the warriors out of the house lake's area and disappeared behind the woods, they wouldn't be visible, but Jasmine knew that they were there to keep her safe.

Once the warriors had dispersed, she went to the lake house and then entered the living room. This place was clean and just like how she remembered it.

Every month there would be a cleaning lady that came to clean this place.

Jasmine walked mindlessly, the quietness was therapeutic. She missed her family, but this was what she needed right now.

She went from bedroom to bedroom and then ended in the library. Her mother loved to read and she would spend her time here, so did she.

She traced her hands on the spine of the book and read the title. She would be able to read a lot of books during her stay here throughout the winter.

Once the lake was froze over, she would go out and play there. She had never been in the lake house during winter, thus she couldn't help, but being very expectant.

After Jasmine chose three books, she then went to her bedroom and started to read, until she fell asleep and woke up at night.

She woke up around night when she felt hungry. It was rather ridiculous because she used to have someone by her side, who would be ready with food and everything that she needed, like Renee.

However, right now, she needed to cook her own meal.

And the problem was; she didn't know how to cook. She had never cooked in her entire life, so how could she know how to do it?

Jasmine got up from the bed, she grimaced.

"Why I didn't think about this earlier?" She furrowed her brows. I should have brought Renee with me when she asked, but apparently, I am an idiot..."

Sighing in regret, Jasmine didn't have any other choice, but to get up and make her own meal. She didn't want to call for the warriors and ask them to cook for her.

She was sure they could do the job better than her, but her pride didn't allow her to do so, especially after the arrogant display of how she wanted to live alone.

"Great."

Jasmine shook her head and then went to the kitchen, where she found all the supply to cook something edible, only the problem was; she didn't know how.

Thinking about her predicament for a while, she then remembered of a recipe in the library. She immediately went there.

"Great. There are instructions here. I only need to follow it, right?" Jasmine hummed to herself, as she returned to the kitchen with a triumphant look on her face. She was very satisfied.

However, she was quick to learn that finding the

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It was way harder than she imagined and after two overcooked steak.

not equal to the fact that she had to cook the food herself.

hours struggling in the kitchen, finally she managed to make an almost

Jasmine wanted to cry when she saw her steak, but when she tried it...

"Well, not bad..." she nodded to herself.

Though the look was not good, but the taste was... well, tolerable. Jasmine only hoped she wouldn't get stomach bug when she finished eating this.

And after that, she cleaned her plate, it felt weird, but she liked this mundane thing and somehow she was excited to try new recipe.

Probably, this would be her life for the winter and when her food was more tolerable, she would have the warriors to try them.

Jasmine sighed and then stared at the window, it was dark outside, she then used the magic stone to light up the front yards.

After that, when she thought she was ready for bed, she heard a noise from the backyard.

the room and

"What is that?" Her eyes narrowed, thinking wind knocked something off, but she didn't go there to check, until she heard it again and startled.

She hoped it was not what she was thinking, but she decided to check on it anyway and found something that made her heart thumped wildly against her chest.

“What happened?!” Jasmine screeched, she immediately covered her mouth and approached him, right in time when he shifted into his human form.

Obviously, he was a shifter, but his beast looked a little bit weird, it was very big... just as big as her king’s father when he shifted into his lycan form.

“Who are you?” Jasmine approached him, she could smell blood. He was bleeding. “Wait, I will ask for help!” She was panic. Obviously.

However, his hand grabbed her wrist and held her. “Get me inside the house. Don’t let anyone see me.”

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Jasmine couldn’t understand why she agreed to his demand in the first place, it was not like she was under the pressure. She could mindlink Ethan and the warriors would get here to check on this bleeding lycan.

He was bleeding profusely. He must have been harmed by silver, because that was the only to explain why his bleeding had not yet stopped.

It was a little bit dark at the backyard, thus she couldn’t see clearly his face, but his dark hair was mated by blood.

“I can’t carry you, you need to get up,” Jasmine said, she crouched down next to her.

Her mother and father would have screamed at her for being so reckless. She shouldn’t have let a stranger into the house, let alone the one that bleeding, she should have called for Ethan, because that was the right thing to do.

However, Jasmine didn’t seem inclined much to follow the rule. She leaned more toward her instinct at this time, as she helped him to get up and take him to the nearest bedroom in the second floor.

She grimaced when his blood dripped down on the floor and then seeped to her dress, she could feel how warm it was.

She had never seen blood this much.

"We need to call a healer," Jasmine said, as she panted heavily after she put him on the bed, she grimaced when the white sheet turned red because of his blood. "You could die."

The man chuckled. He shook his head. "No. They are going to kill me and you if they found out about my whereabouts. I will heal. Just give me some time."

Jasmine shuddered. "Who tried to kill you?" She now contemplated to call Ethan and check on the warriors around the lake house.

"Don't call anyone. Close the door and lock it."

"Why?" Jasmine looked over her shoulders, as if someone would jump on her from behind. and killed her. "Who is after you?"

"Don't ask too many questions, just lock the door."

And after that, his eyelids dropped. He was unconscious. He fell into the darkness and as a countermeasure, Jasmine mindlinked Ethan.

[Do you need anything, princess?]

[No. I only wanted to know if you saw something not usual?]

There was a long pause there and then Ethan's voice echoed in her mind, while she locked the door and then checked all the window.

[There is nothing unusual, princess. Is there something that bothering you? Should we come over and check?]

By this time, Jasmine had returned to the bedroom, where the man was. He was still fast asleep.

The blood lost was a little bit mortifying, but she knew it wouldn't be enough to take his life, especially when he was a lycan. Her king father was a lycan, and that kind of shifter was the stronger among the shifters.

A lycan was an old royal family that rule this continent, therefore if he was a lycan, it could be said he came from royal bloodline.

They were in the north, which meant, it was Aurones Kingdom. That was the closest kingdom from here.

Yes, actually, I need you here.] Jasmine looked over at the man again and then added. [Ask someone to bring a healer.]

[Are you hurt, princess?] There was edge on his voice when he asked, Jasmine could feel his anxiety. [I have asked someone to call a healer, I will be right there in a second.]

[Okay.]

That man had requested to not call anyone, but it was not possible, since this matter was very serious if someone had tried to harm a royal family bloodline, it meant they were up to no good. She didn't know this man, she couldn't recall she had met with him somewhere.

If he was a royal family, he must have attended one of two parties in the palace. But then, Jasmine didn't know many royal families from the other kingdom.

It didn't take long before Ethan knocked on the door and Jasmine forgot that she had locked all the doors, thus she dashed to the front door and open it for him.

"Are you okay, princess?" he asked in worried. "You are bleeding!" he was shocked, but because he couldn't touch her recklessly, he stopped himself. "We need to get..."

- "Calm down, Ethan. I am fine. This is not my blood. I am fine." Jasmine waved her hands at

him casually, she smiled to prove it to him that she was fine. "This is not my blood."

"It's not your blood?" His brows furrowed.

He would have been more frantic than this if he came from the back door and watched blood that trailed down from the path there into the house and also there was a pool of blood on the floor.

"Yes, I am fine."

"But, the healer?" He tilted his head, observing her body, trying to find any sight of injuries. but then his head snapped up and he sniffed the air. "There is someone else here."

He was good. No wonder he was the best young warrior in this kingdom. He entered the room and his shoulders turned rigid.

"Yes, there is someone inside the bedroom and he is injured."

"What? How?" Ethan looked around him, his eyes glossed over, it seemed he was mindlinking the other warriors and asked them to patrol their surroundings. Good thinking though. "Princess, you shouldn't have let stranger to come in," Ethan said.

Jasmine walked him toward the bedroom where the lycan was. "What should I do? Turn him away when he almost died?"

Ethan groaned, but he didn't argue with her, since he knew how soft hearted the princess was.

"More importantly, I think he is a lycan. I am sure he is a lycan. I saw him shifted into his human form before." She could say that for sure because her king father was one.

However, when Ethan came closer, the lycan woke up and grabbed his throat.

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Lycan was the strongest among the shifter, therefore they were feared the most. There were not so many lycan, but all the lycan would come from the royal bloodline.

Therefore, even though this man was injured pretty bad, he still managed to move so fast, to the point Ethan couldn't avoid him when his hand stretched out and grabbed his neck.

His movement was very precise and lethal, but thankfully, he was not in his best condition, or else, sure enough Ethan would lose his neck before he could break free from his grip.

"What do you think you are doing?!" Jasmine immediately jumped in surprised when he tried to hurt Ethan. She growled at him viciously and pushed Ethan away, but the warrior placed her behind his back in order to protect her.

The lycan snarled, but he was too weak to shift into his beast. "Who are you?" his voice was dark and heavy, because of the pain.

Jasmine breathed heavily, she poked her head from behind Ethan's back. "He is my personal warrior."

"Personal warrior?" the lycan asked, narrowing his eyes at Ethan. "From what kingdom are you?" Only people from the royal family and someone important who had personal warrior with them.

Therefore, the fact that Jasmine had one, it meant she was part of the royalty.

"She is princess Jasmine, the first daughter of king Alexander," Ethan replied, his voice was tight and his eyes still looked at him with worried.

The lycan narrowed his eyes and Jasmine decided that earlier was only a misunderstanding. She patted Ethan's arm, telling him to relax.

"You don't need to worry, you are safe here." Jasmine was about to approach him, but Ethan held her hand to stop her from doing so. He didn't believe this man at all.

However, Jasmine reassured him.

"I don't know what happened with you and what you have gone through, but you are safe here. You don't need to worry. Ethan has sent one of the warriors to look for a healer. He will return soon."

"I told you not to tell anyone," he groaned, but Jasmine ignored him.

"What is your name?" Jasmine took a step closer toward him, despite Ethan's protest that she shouldn't be within this lycan's arm reach.

For a moment, Jasmine thought he wouldn't answer her question, he had his eyes closed, thus she thought he had fallen asleep, but when she was about to turn around and then left. he finally told her his name.

"Killian," he said, but there was no other explanation aside from that.

"Are you from the royal family?" Ethan asked, but this time, Killian didn't answer the question and continue to sleep, or probably he had passed out again.

"Let him to get some rest, tonight must be too much for him."

"Princess, you are too kind, you shouldn't have let a stranger to enter the house. He could do something horrible to you."

Jasmine didn't agree with him, she turned around and then looked at Ethan. "I didn't let a stranger enter the house, Ethan. Shouldn't you and the other warriors secure the area around the house? How could you let a stranger get close to the lake house and enter?"

Hearing that, Ethan lowered his head, he was a little bit ashamed to admit his error, but he apologized for his incompetence.

Jasmine took a deep breath and patted his arm, she was smiling beautifully like usual. "You don't need to feel bad. I am fine. Everyone makes a mistake, but please don't be too harsh. That man is badly injured, he will not harm us." She then walked past him. "We will ask him again tomorrow, for now, you can stay inside the house."

However, before she could walk out of the room, she turned around and then added.

“Don’t do anything to him. I am sure he is a lycan and it will cause trouble if you harm royal family from the other kingdom.” It could cause a war, especially if this man was died under their care. “Do you know royal family named Killian?”

Ethan paused, he thought about that for a while. “Killian is a common name. I know three princes with the name Killian, but I am not sure.”

“Okay.” Jasmine nodded. “I will be in my bedroom, if you need anything, you can knock on my door.”

Hearing that, Ethan blushed. It felt weird to hear the princess let a warrior like him to knock on her door, but Jasmine didn’t notice that, she then left the room and returned to her bedroom.

She continued to read a few pages of her book before she felt sleepy and finally fell asleep. She still remembered that lycan’s sharp eyes.

The next day, the warrior that had been sent to look for a healer had not yet return, which was very unusual. This was not the first time for them to be in this area, thus they must have known a short way to get to the town and then look for a healer, but to the fact that warrior had not yet returned, it could mean there was something not right.

He should have returned hours ago.

“Send two more warriors to go to the town and look for him on your way there,” Ethan said sternly to his two warriors.

“What happened here?” Jasmine asked, she just woke up and was in her night dress, but she covered it with her comfortable cloak.

“Good morning, princess.” Ethan bowed his head politely. He avoided to see her in the eyes, especially right now when she looked so beautiful with her messy hair.

“Good morning, Ethan,” she said with rather hoarse voice and then yawned. “How is it? The warrior has not yet returned with a healer?”

“I have sent two more warriors to check on the matter.”

Jasmine narrowed her eyes. “Don’t you think it’s weird?”

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“Probably, the warrior couldn’t find a healer in the nearby town, so he went to the next town that close from here.” Ethan gave her reassurances that everything was alright, but Jasmine was still skeptical about the whole thing.

“Ethan, I think you need to see this matter more carefully.” She then glanced at the bedroom, where the lycan was still sleeping. “There must be a reason why he was attacked so badly like that. There is something not right and we need to be careful. Whoever that hurt him, could hurt us too.”

Ethan gritted his teeth. He knew about that. “I will check the around around the house again, princess. You don’t need to be worried.”

Jasmine watched as Ethan shifted into his beast and then disappeared behind the wood. The weather was getting cold and the surface of the lake had started to froze.

Once Ethan had disappeared from her sight, Jasmine decided to check on the lycan.

Aurones Kingdom

That was the kingdom that was close to this lake house. Jasmine felt she needed to write a letter to her father to ask about that kingdom. She remembered the north kingdom was the same kingdom that alpha Lorent came from.

Jasmine then sat down on the edge of the bed and stared at this man. He looked slightly pale, but his bleeding had stopped and probably, he was only sleeping right now.

If it was any normal shifter, who suffered the wounds like he did, they must have been dead within a few minutes. A lycan was amazing.

“I told you not to call anyone.”

He spoke first before he opened his eyes and this made Jasmine chuckled. “So, you are awake.”

Kellan finally opened his an angel right now.

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and was dumbstruck to see the beauty before his eyes. He was close to think that he was seeing

beautiful this woman was. "You "You are beautiful." Last night, because of the lack of light and with him in a very critical condition, he didn't see her clearly but now, with the warm light of the sun that filtered through the window, he could see h**

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"I thought you will ask for food or drink the first thing you opened your eyes." Jasmine tilted her head. She stared at him. He was... mesmerizing. He had tan skin and black eyes. His short hair looked messy, but adorable. The sight of it made Jasmine had this urge to run her fingers through his hair.

"No. I think I need your name first."

Jasmine raised her brows. "I have told you my name last night. Try to remember it." She then stood up and then poured a glass of water for him. She helped rearranged the pillow behind him, so he would be a little bit comfortable and didn't choke when he drank his water. "I will leave you alone, as you tried to remember my name. I will make something for us to eat."

Kellan groaned when Jasmine left the room. Her scent still lingered there, which made Kellan grumbled again, his shoulder was still hurt, but he would be fine if he was not being attacked again.

He ran his fingers through his messy hair and tried to recall what had happened to him. It happened so fast and the last thing he remembered, he fought dozen of beasts to survive. They must have still been out there, waiting for the right opportunity to attack him again.

In that case, with him staying here, he would put that girl with beautiful eyes in danger, yet he couldn't move his body freely

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and he didn't think he could shift into his beast and stay in that form for long, let alone to fight.

He needed at least two to three days to recuperate before he could go back to his normal state.

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However, Kellan didn't know that aside from the people, who was hunting him down, there was another form of danger that was waiting for him. and this kind of danger was presented by that woman with beautiful eyes.

"Are you sure this is edible and I can eat it?" Kellan scrunched his nose when he saw the food that Jasmine brought for him. "I am recovering now, I don't want to poison myself."

Jasmine gritted her teeth when she heard that. He didn't need to be an a***hole just because the look of her food was not good.

couldn't "I am eating the same thing, do you think I will poison myself?" She said with annoyance in her voice. She was completely annoyed by this man now. "Stop talking and start eating, you will know if the taste is actually good. Some time, you judge book by its cover you know."

"I doubt that," he grumbled.

"Fine, if you don't want to eat, don't eat." Jasmine took the plate, but before she could do that, Kellan had secured his food. "I will eat." Kellan put the plate closer to him and grimaced to see his food, but he forked the egg and put it into his mouth. "You look like you are being forced to eat." Jasmine forked her egg too.

Because Kellan was still too weak to walk to the dining table, thus she brought the food for him. He should be grateful that a princess would bring him the food to his bed.

"How is it?" Jasmine asked after he took the second one.

"Not bad." He shrugged his shoulders. "Edible at best, I will be grateful if I don't get stomachache."

"You know what? I start to regret to save you last night. I should have stabbed you to death."

However, instead of being angry, Kellan was laughing at her comment. "You are too ki freaked you out."

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Later that night, there was avalanche and the three warriors that went to the town never returned.

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The avalanche happened late at night and all the seven warriors stayed in the lake house because it was the safest place for them and Jasmine obviously let them inside, more so, this was no longer a vacation that she had imagined.

She didn't expect to have a lycan in her house, but it was not that bad. At the very least, with this all the people would be safe.

Jasmine watched how Kellan groaned and threw a dagger look at Ethan when he helped him to change the bandage, the man was very grumpy. Probably most of the lycan like that, because her father, if he was not with his little family, he would be grumpy too with other people, even when he was with his royal beta and royal ga**a.

"Do you think the three of them will be alright?" Jasmine asked, she turned her head and then watched the dark sky out there. Because of the avalanche, they needed to find another way to the town, because they needed to buy groceries, for now the groceries would be enough to last for a week, but after that, they didn't have other choice, but to go to the town.

"I don't think we will need a healer again at this point, princess. He looks fine to me."

"I don't need a healer."

It was rare to see the two of them agreed on something and this made Jasmine smiled. "The two of you finally get along well."

Kellan rolled his eyes sarcastically. "Seriously." He clicked his tongue. "The only thing that I like about him is his food. That's it." Compared to Jasmine's, obviously, it was not even a comparison.

Hearing that, it was Jasmine, who was glaring at him this time. She scrunched her nose with annoyance.

Meanwhile, Ethan didn't say anything and after he was done, he patted his wound rather harshly and this made Kellan snarled. "What's wrong with you?!"

"Ethan, you can leave. I have something to talk with him," Jasmine said, dismissing Ethan from the room.

At first, Ethan looked a little bit hesitated, but then he nodded and left the two of them. Actually, there was something that he had to take care of.

Three of his warriors had not yet returned, in that case, he needed to find out what happened with them, but he couldn't send another warrior to look for them, especially after the avalanche. It would be too risky and it would weaken the protection around the princess, more so when they had not yet learned about what and why Kellan was being attacked, he had not yet told them about his original and what happened.

Ethan was sure that princess Jasmine right now was asking those questions. Therefore, he left her with him.

And he was

right. Jasmine didn't beat around the bush when she asked him the question.

"So, you are lycan. I assumed, you came from the royal blood. Is it Aurones Kingdom?" she guessed.

Kellan tilted his head. "Yes. I am and apparently, I am the future king of Aurones Kingdom since my father was killed by my brother. Really, nice right?"

He said all of those things with light tone, as if it was not something shocking.

"Wh- what? But, I didn't know about that... that should be a big news, right?" But then, Jasmine remembered that she had been on the road for two weeks and rarely stayed in a city or town, because she chose to be in rural area. People there, didn't care about politic, especially the one that happened in different kingdom.

"Obviously. I don't even see that coming." Kellan ran his fingers through his hair and he looked more upset than sad.

"I am sorry for what happened."

"Don't be," Kellan said, he waved his hand nonchalantly. "My father is a sh**y king. My brother is no different. He usurped the throne because he is not happy because I am the crown prince." He shrugged his shoulders. "I became the crown prince because I was born from the queen, while he was born from mistress, is not like he didn't know about that since the beginning."

Jasmine tried to remember the king from Aurones Kingdom, she didn't have any recollection from that northern kingdom.

"Apparently, my brother has been gathering many supporters and one of them is alpha Lorent from Redwood pack." Kellan winked at him and then chuckled. "I heard he was your destined mate. What a pity I couldn't attend your birthday, princess."

"You know about that?"

"You can say that you are famous among the nobles. You are the latest hot gossips for those women."

Jasmine groaned. She knew it would happen like that and she hated it when someone preyed into her life. Well, they couldn't be blamed, since that was quite a scene actually.

"Well, I didn't come for your birthday, but I gave you gifts. Have you opened them?"

Jasmine grinned. "No. I didn't touch any of my gifts." After the whole ordeal, she only wanted to leave the palace and didn't have any desire to open any gifts.

"It's fine. I am here to be your gift then." Kellan opened his arms, gesturing that he would give himself to her as a gift. Hearing that, Jasmine made a face. "No, thanks. I don't think I want it. I don't need it."

Both of them then laughed, but suddenly, Ethan entered the room. He didn't even knock on the door and from his expression, they knew there was something not right.

"There are a few beasts that we spotted in the woods," he informed them.

"That must be the warriors that have been chasing me down," Kellan said, his happy go lucky expression suddenly changed, as he got off the bed. "Shut down all the light and locked the door. I am sure there are not many of them."

Ethan didn't like to be told what to do, but he did it anyway.

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In this circumstances, what Kellan said was the right thing to do, therefore, Ethan didn't have any other choice, but to relent.

Within a few seconds, all the light had been put off and the lake house became so dark. The cold wind blew from the opened window.

Ethan and the rest of six warriors stood guards at the door of the house. There were two entrances, but there was a big window on the second floor and each of the room that could be an access to enter the house.

In that case, they had to stay vigilante, while thinking what they had to do next.

Jasmine stayed inside the room with Kellan. All of them didn't sleep a wink at all. The anxiety was building up in the air.

"What are you planning to do?" Jasmine asked Kellan finally after a long silent. She was sitting on a single chair, where she was hiding in the darkness. Ethan told her not to get close to the window and she obeyed his order just because he looked so anxious about her safety.

"I am going to meet with my warriors at the border. They must have been waiting for me there."

"Where are your warriors at right now?" Jasmine stared at the murky sky. The night had grown very quiet, aside from the howling winds in the distance.

"Great Darren city, I have stationed my warriors there just in case something like this happened and all I need to do is to reach them." He would be able to strike back if he reached them in time and before his brother found that place and attack them first.

"Great Darren city is two days away from here," Jasmine said, she contemplated it for a while. "With your current condition it will be hard for you to move."

Kellan laughed at that comment, he shook his head. "King Alexander is a lycan too. You know that a lycan is very hard to be killed. There is nothing for you to be worried about. I healed very fast. I will be fine tomorrow. It's only me being spoiled, as I stayed here a little bit longer to enjoy the princess's beauty."

Jasmine rolled her eyes when she heard that. Obviously, she wouldn't believe that, after spending some time with him, she knew how flirtatious this man could be.

No, thanks, she wouldn't fall into such easy trap.

"I don't enjoy yours."

It meant to be an insult, but Kellan didn't seem to see it that way, as he started to laugh when he saw how agitated Jasmine was. "Don't worry princess, I know that you only didn't want to admit it, because I believe, my face is my best asset. I have better chance with woman with my face than my status."

Jasmine rolled her eyes at that comment, because obviously, he became more and more insufferable.

But then, they heard the noise at a certain part of the house and a glass was broken. Kellan's face turned serious, as he the bed and looked out the window and the door, as if he was anticipating someone might burst from the two entrances. It was so dark outside, therefore, it was hard to tell whether they had an uninvited company or not.

"Come closer to me," Kellan said, as he beckoned Jasmine to come to him. She was sitting at the other side of the room, hiding in the darkness, but Kellan needed to check what that commotion about, he couldn't leave her alone in this room. Mindlink Ethan what's going on."

"I have." Jasmine walked toward him. "He said he is checking on it and told me to stay inside the room.

Kellan furrowed his brows, he glanced at the window again, as he pushed Jasmine behind him. He was ready for a fight if there was really enemy around this lake house.

And he was right. The enemy had been lurking this house and despite their effort to make them thinking there was no one here, they didn't buy it.

Because a second later, they heard the commotion. Vicious growls and roars filled the air.

As if on cue, a beast crashed against the window and the glass splattered around on the floor. There were two beasts and Kellan immediately shifted out of instinct, while Jasmine was screaming.

The lycan fought the two beasts at the same time, but it was hard, since he was not yet fully recovered and with this fight, he gained new wounds.

Seeing this, after her initial shocked was worn off, Jasmine immediately shifted into her beast too and then helped Kellan.

She fought one of the beasts and killed him..

The adrenaline was too high, she didn't even realize that she made the first kill tonight. Once they managed to kill the two beasts, Jasmine shifted back into her human form, where she was sitting on the floor with blood on her face.

Her expression was ashen. She was trembling.

"Are you, okay?"

"I- I just killed someone..." She stammered and Kellan immediately understood.

"It's okay, they are trying to kill you first." He knelt down in front of Jasmine, he made himself appeared less intimidating. "You did a good job by killing him first."

Jasmine shifted her attention toward him. She didn't know what to feel about that. Was that even a compliment for her?

Suddenly, the door was slammed opened. Kellan was ready to shift into his beast again, as Jasmine screeched, but thankfully, it was Ethan.

However, the warrior was not happy when he saw the princess was covered in blood.

"What's going on?! What happened?!" Ethan immediately approached Jasmine, as he shoved Kellan to the side. The lycan groaned, because he was also injured.

"It's okay, don't worry. I am fine. This is not my blood." Jasmine hastily explained herself because she was scared. She had never seen Ethan this angry before. "I am fine."