



Chapter 436

ASHANTI'S POV.

"Move in with me."

His shocking words reverberate in my mind. I stay frozen on my tracks, utterly gob smacked. That was the last thing I had on my mind he'd say. My heart rate increases as the seconds tick by. The serious look on his face remains unchanged.

He can't possibly be serious.

Me and Selena living under the same roof? It's like adding fuel to fire. That would be the beginning of an apocalypse.

"What?" I ask when I finally find my voice again. I withdraw my step from the step I was about to ascend on and do an about turn on the staircase. My heart is beating out of control as I eat up the distance I had created between us a few seconds ago. He stays unmoving in spot, his gaze fixated on my face, with a million emotions swimming in his eyes.

"I want you to move in with me." He repeats.

"You're kidding, right?"

"Is there a modicum of emotion on my face which suggests that I am?" He asks, calmly, carefully and my eyes scan his face for a brief second.

There's none.

I draw in a deep breath and search my brain for something meaningful to say. His request has completely altered my brain chemistry and right now it's almost impossible for me to think properly. My breath hitches in my



throat when he takes a step forward.

Now, we are just a few inches from each other.

“Ashanti. You asked me to prove to you that I do not want to be with Selene anymore and that’s exactly what I’m trying to do. Move in with me and see for yourself how much I abhor the fact that I have to live under the same roof with her.” I can tell from his piercing brown eyes that he is very serious and I’m so excited, I have to seal my lips to stop my smile from showing.

My mate wants me to move in with him. He wants me to go live with him in his castle. It’s true that that has happened before. We have lived together before, but that was under completely different circumstances. I didn’t even know we were mates back then, but now I do.

“But this...” I exhale heavily as I stare at him with searching eyes. “Isn’t it scandalous for me to move in with you?”

“And what exactly is scandalous about that?”

“You’d have two mates living under the same roof. Apart from the fact that Selene is going to turn that castle up-side-down, the subjects are going to start talking. Heck! The entire werewolf world is going to start talking. It’s going to be a real scandal, I tell you.”

“Has there ever been a time when something about the two of us hasn’t been a scandal?” He asks in a really calm tone and my mind takes a trip down memory lane.

Two years ago, when I still worked here as a harem girl, almost every interaction between the two of us led to a scandal indeed. Even though the late Alina was the mastermind behind most of those scandals, the



pack subjects still hated me and most of them still believe I'm not good enough for their Alpha.

That I'm not good enough to be their Luna.

"Ashanti." Reagan calls my name in the gentlest tone and I stare up at him once more, my eyes almost glistening with tears. He's asking me to move in with him, something I most definitely want to do, but I'm terrified.

These past two years I've been away from the scrutiny of the public have been the most peaceful years of my life. If I start living with him again, I would be setting myself up for ridicule and judgment and I do not know if I can handle that.

"I know you're terrified. I can see it in your eyes and I completely understand you. But right now, I need you to trust me when I tell you that I will handle everything. It's true that the public will have an opinion on the issue, but I am their Alpha and my opinion is what matters. I will take care of the subjects so you have nothing to be worried about." He reaches out for my hand and gently raises it up to his lips. A small sigh escapes my chest when he presses his warm lips on the back of my palm and as I close my eyes, a tear nearly escapes from them.

I'm feeling everything all at once.

And if he doesn't take his lips away from my hand in the next second, I'm going to lose my self-restraint and go feral on him.

"Come live with me and when I'm done fixing this mess, we all find ourselves in right now, I will make things right with you. Please."

"I'm scared." I whisper shakily.



"I know." His soft voice affirms as he gently pulls me into his hold, staring down at me with such sincere eyes. "I know baby, but give me the chance to rid you of that fear. You have nothing to be worried about. I promise."

"You promise?"

"Cross my heart."

"And you won't make me regret it."

"Ash, at this point in my life, even the moon goddess would strike me dead if I ever do anything to wrong you. Making you regret moving in with me is completely out of the question."

I smile.

Like the idiot I am.

Living with Selene won't be an easy fit, but if I could circumvent Alina and her schemes, then I can do the same with Selene. 1

"Yes." I say, looking up at him with a brimming smile on my lips. "I will move in with you." The moment those words reach his ears, his lips curve into a sweet smile and he plants a gentle kiss on my forehead, pulling me into his arms.

"I promise you won't regret it." He whispers above my head and I believe every word. 2