

Chapter 287

Sophia's eyes widened when she found herself sitting on Bryan's lap. She slowly raised her gaze from his chest to his face.

She gasped as soon as she saw him looking at her. His dark eyes captivated her as she felt her heart melt inside.

Her expression began to change from surprise to upset. She realized that she had missed the Bryan she knew. She missed the Bryan, who used to treat her like a princess.

A frown formed between his brows as he asked,

"Now, don't you feel disgusted? You are sitting on my lap."

Sophia stared at him without letting out anything. She did not want to move. She understood that if she missed this chance tonight, she would not get another chance to speak with him.

She let out a shaky tone and said,

"M-Mate"

Bryan's frown did not ease as it deepened. But he did not push her away.

"You are just my Luna, nothing else," he replied with a cold tone.

She did not mind his words, as she felt that he had a right to get mad at her. She shook her head and placed her hands on his chest.

She felt a calm heart under her palm. She could feel it running steadily. She often wondered why it never ran like hers. That was because he knew how to control his heart.

Bryan's gaze moved down to her hand and then returned to her. "What do you want?"

She exhaled and mumbled while looking at his chest, "I know you are angry with me."

He scoffed at her and grabbed her hands, then pushed them away from his chest.

"I heard Angelina explain everything to you, and you recently learned about the Moon Valley Pack from Alpha Lucas. So what happened suddenly? Changed your perception of me? Oh, how convenient!"

His words pierced her heart, but she accepted the pain. She deserved it.

She looked at his face, which was mocking her.

She stared at him, letting him mock her as much as he wanted.

She remembered how she used to love him. Did she still love him?

"I just want to apologize to you for what I have done in the last one year. I shouldn't have revealed your business secrets; I shouldn't have doubted your intentions; I shouldn't have thought that you made my mom sick; I shouldn't have thought that you ruined Victor's life—."

He cut her off as he wrapped his arm around her waist and pressed her chest against his.

"That man's name can't leave your mouth, huh?" He asked, gritting his teeth.

It was clear that he was enraged by just hearing Victor's name from her mouth.

The day when he confessed his love to her came to her mind. That day, he treated her softly and asked her not to leave him, he begged her not to marry Victor.

She wishes she had believed him that day and not shattered his heart.

"I want to tell you that..." She struggled to find the right words to express her thoughts. She paused for a moment before continuing,

"That night at the party, I tried to push him when he kissed me. I didn't enjoy his kiss. I wanted to push with all of my strength, but before that, you came and misunderstood me. I was mad at you and took his side in the fight."

His grip loosened when he heard that. As if the rage had calmed a little, his expression turned less fiery.

He looked away from her and unwrapped his hands from her waist.

"Go to sleep. I will sleep on the couch."

She looked at him with confusion. "But why?"

"Because I don't want to make you feel uncomfortable like last night. You are here to fulfill the Luna's duty. Just do it; I will give you the respect that you should get as the Luna of this pack, just as I said when you signed the contract."

Sophia slowly got up from his lap while looking at him.

"That means I am just your Luna from now on."

He turned his gaze to look at her. "Yes."

"You don't love me anymore?"

"I hate you, Sophia. Just like you hate me," he replied with a sly grin.

She had the intention of talking to him about everything tonight, but she got mad after hearing him.

"You think everything is my fault? If you had told me everything—every truth, when you asked me to be with you one and a half years ago, things would have been different from this."

Bryan raised a brow as he asked,

"I only tried to save a foolish woman whose life could be in danger by learning the truth. Yes, it was all my fault. I shouldn't have fallen for her in the first place."

She clenched her jaw. She was mad at herself. She wanted to slap herself for not trusting Bryan in the past. He was only protecting her from the forbidden laws.

She lowered her head and asked,

"I was in the dark. What would I have thought when someone asked me to be the second woman in his life? I wanted to be with you as your wife, not a woman who had no holy relationship with you. If it's all my fault, then I am sorry."

Bryan averted his gaze away from her and poured a glass of wine.

"I admitted to you just now that everything was my fault. Now go and sleep. From tomorrow on, you will have to take care of all the responsibilities of a Luna. You will be declared Luna of this pack tomorrow."

Sophia felt upset that Bryan did not want to talk to her. She felt defeated and did not want to make him angry.

She went to the bed and sat down. She noticed Bryan looking at her while drinking. His eyes moved to her neck.

She touched her neck and asked, "What?"

He did not reply, so she stood up and went to check it in the mirror on the dressing table.

She was stunned when she saw the hickeys.

Her face turned red when she recalled last night. She did not despise his touch, but she was stuck on one thing that he had hurt her mother. If she had known the truth, she would have never stopped him from getting close to her.

She glanced at Bryan through the mirror and saw him looking away from her. He chugged down the whole glass and went to the bed to get a pillow and a blanket.

When he laid on the couch and closed his eyes, she let out a sigh and went to bed to sleep.

Though she slept on the bed alone, her eyes were on him.

Early in the morning,

Sophia woke up to the loud sounds of someone knocking on the door.

She was startled and sat up on the bed. She saw Bryan also wake up from the loud knocks.

He went to the door and opened it.

Rosa was outside the door. "Alpha, please come into the living room. Miss Mila...."

She paused as if she had no words to explain, so she uttered, "Please come fast."

After saying that, Rosa bowed nervously and left hurriedly.

Bryan rushed out of the bedroom to see what had happened. Sophia did not know what to do. So she grabbed a scarf from the closet and hurried out of the room. She had no time to waste since something serious happened.

When she reached the living room, her eyes widened.

Mila was crying while hugging Bryan.

But it was not what shocked Sophia; she was astounded by the mark on Mila's neck.

"Who marked you?"

Bryan's angry voice shook everyone around them.

At the time, Bruce entered the pack house with his head down and said,

"It's me, brother. I marked her."