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As soon as the words are spoken, he is off of me and standing by the door like nothing happened. We stare each other for god knows how long, as we study each other for few moments I take notice of few subtle marks on his arms and what appears to be a necklace around his neck.

He starts to walk away before shooting me one last look. I follow him, knowing if I don't he will freak out again, and we make our way to the bonfire. The whole way was filled with an uncomfortable and awkward silence, but I thank goddess for that. I don't think I could make conversation after what just happened. This is the first time someone held me so intimately, I have never been touched by a male like that before not because I was saving myself for my mate but because I was never interested. And now all of this is happening with me I don't know how to react in this situation.

We exit the pack house and walk back to the field where the bonfire will be held, wolves from around the world were all gathered here and it is truly an amazing site.

We make our way through the wolves and stop only when people want to talk to Zaden about pack matter or to congratulate him on finding his mate. Not once I have been asked how I am feeling, but I am thankful for that. I don't like to wear a fake smile all the time it only makes my jaw sore. Plus I don't really know how to react if they are going to congratulate me too. Not once my mate held my hand like other couples here. I wonder how would it feel to hold his hand in front of everyone. Yes I am not the most romantic person in this world but for once I would like to experience it.

We make it to what I hope will be our final destination and I spot Emma with Lorcan's arm around her waist. She seems truly happy to be with him and my heart is filled with happiness for her. At least one of us is happy. The feeling is soon replaced by confusion and sadness and hurt when I realize my mate is the only male without his touch or even gaze on me. As if he's ashamed of me. I do understand I may not be the best mate, but I am not that bad either. I am confused because I still am not sure where my relationship is going with my mate but I am also feeling

sad and hurt because I think my mate is not happy to be with me, but then again why would he, we just met and haven't had proper conversation. I look at the ground ashamed that Zaden doesn't want to show everyone that I am his mate. He seems fine stating I am his when we are in private but avoids me like a plague when we are in public. I think he is bipolar.

"Maybe he doesn't really want us, maybe he's only looking for a Luna and not a mate." My wolf chimed in.

My spirit lightened up after hearing the sound of my wolf.

"Rhea! How are you? Where have you been? I missed you!" I said in my head enthusiastically.

"I missed you too. I am fine, I was disheartened by the behavior of our mate, he is so indifferent to us. I was afraid that he will reject us so I took my leave." She replied with sadness in her voice.

"So you are back now? Don't you ever do that to me again. I was worried about you. Doesn't matter if our mate doesn't love us, but I will always love you. You already know how much I love you, so maybe next time even if you want to leave just let me know, I will give you as much time as you want, but please don't ever leave me again without saying anything."

"I am sorry Riven. But don't worry I am feeling better now, today when Zaden said we are his it assured me that he is not going to reject us."

"So you are here because of that moment, and not because of me. And here I was worried sick about you." I said with a slight disappointment.

"Sorry Riven but I was scared, you already know the meaning of a mate for us wolves, they are the other half of our soul, but I still am not sure whether he is happy with us or sad I can't reach out to his wolf."

"Wait, what? What do you mean you can't reach out to his wolf?"

"I mean that Zaden is purposely blocking his wolf from contacting me."

"But Why?"

This is confusing

"I am not sure, but I can make a wild guess that he is doing it on purpose. Because everyone knows that if our wolves contact with each other the mate bond will develop even more quickly."

"So, is that why you were upset?"

"Yes. I am happy that we found our mate but something is not right at first I thought he is going to reject us, but now I am not sure. That's why I left, I was preparing myself for the rejection."

"It's ok Rhea. I do understand you don't have to apologize for anything. I love you, just promise me that you won't leave me again like this."

"I love you too and I promise River, I won't do it again."

I feel much better after hearing the voice of my wolf. But I do feel a little hurt though that even when we are not mated yet his words can have such a great effect on us. But what can I do, it's true that if your mate rejects you, you will feel the most crucial pain in your entire body and soul, for a moment your senses are blocked, and black spots starts dancing in front of your eyes, and not to mention your wolf will feel everything even more than you, so it is kind of scary.

But there is a possibility that Rhea is right. Maybe he only wants a Luna and not a mate. I feel my water but quickly blink them away. What kind of a Luna would I be if I cried over the way my mate showed his affection to me? Assuming that I even become his Luna.

"One who cares."



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