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"One who cares."

The sudden voice in my head made me jump in surprise and I accidentally bump into Zaden. And as always he gave me an annoyed look and continued walking to whoever he was before my interruption. Seriously what's the problem with this person, why can't he just smile a little like normal people. I look around to check the source of sudden voice in my head but found no one around.

Strange! I thought in my head.

Was it my hallucination, So I am hearing weird voices in my head now.

Wow! So I am finally going insane now, thanks to the mate bond I guess, this stupid bond first messed up with Rhea first and now my head. Perfect!

I feel a heated gaze on me and I turn around to see Zaden looking at me and giving me a 'are you insane?' kind of look with a frown on his face.

I laugh nervously " Sorry, I got lost in my thoughts for a moment."

Then again he gave me an 'whatever' and 'just go to hell' look and turned around again.

My ears perked when I hear the sound of few people laughing, none of them from my mate's, and look around to see about 5 or 6 people smiling at me. All of them seemed too old to have partaken in the gathering this year, or this decade. And then suddenly it strike in my mind that they are the elders, the ones I hate, the ones who never take a fair decision. They are the main root of hypocrisy in our society. They are the ones who set the stupid rules of the hunt, they are the ones who decided that a female can't rule, they are the one's who decided that women should only stay at home and take care of the children and not in the fields.

Thank God! I practiced with Ronan and one of his friend who's a head warrior's son. We used to train on the other side of forest secretly.

I look at them and give them a tight smile, A woman with grayish black hair speaks up, "It's okay dear, we just wanted to know how are you



taking all this. Your parents mentioned in our earlier conversation that you were less than thrilled to be attending this year's festivities. Is that right?"

With a small smile I asked them politely, "Not to be rude, but may I ask who you all are. I am not familiar with your faces, but if you know my parents I've probably heard your names."

The same woman lets out another laugh and said "We are the elders my dear, but I think that part you already know of. It is quite alright that you do not know our faces because we take on many forms."

I give them a confuse look, what does that mean that they take on many forms. I feel a hand on my waist and a squeeze with bunch of sparks that run through my entire back, I can only assume that is from Zaden. He is probably upset that I've embarrassed him in front of the highest most respected ranking wolves. Elders rarely interact with common wolves. And they are interacting with me! Seriously Me! I am nobody!

"My apologies your honors, Had I been paying more attention this mistake would not have happened. I take full responsibility of it." Although it was my mouth moving it was Rhea's voice that came out. She was talking through me like it was nothing.

"It is alright Rhea, we understand no female wolf had had much time to prepare their human." Rhea nods my head and retreats back. I am sure my face must be one of complete confusion but the elders just smile at me and walk away.

"What the hell was that?" I ask the question to no one in particular, Zaden whose hand is still there on my waist looks down at me. His gaze is quite soft for once and I fidget the unfamiliar look. His eyes looks away from mine and stares at the fire. I do so as well as he speaks.

"That was the Elders, they called your wolf forward."

"What?! But Why?" They can do that!

"They were letting your wolf speak through you. It appears there is something they see in you and your wolf that has led them to their decision."

"What decision?"

Without answering my question, Zaden removes his hand from my waist. He gives me a look that I have not seen before, the look of adoration and admiration which is quite strange coming from him, reluctantly I break our stare game and then he walks away from me. I

follow him with my eyes and watch him go talk to another male. I choose my next move deliberately knowing that it will make him mad, but I need time for myself.

I walk towards the fire and sit close enough to feel the heat on my exposed skin. I look around again to see all the couples wrapped up in each other and just being happy. I am unsure if the decision I made was the right one. Maybe just maybe Zaden would be better off with a girl like a Victoria. She is outspoken and got what she wanted, despite being the most ruthless Alpha in this region she fought his mate in front of him aka 'me'. You need to have guts to do that in front of everyone. And I am sure in a pack like his, she would be a perfect Luna. On the other hand I am still not sure how I am supposed to feel, Rhea is already heartbroken because of our mate's behavior. I don't want to hurt her further by rejecting him, but I also know that I don't like being with him. He is so cold and distant. Everything is even more complicated now, and I am not sure what to do anymore. How am I supposed to interact with a person who is not ready to show me his emotional side? How am I supposed to talk to him if he'll always be so aloof?

How am I going to survive as his mate?

How am I going to be his Luna if he can't stand by me for more than 5 minutes?

Oh Moon Goddess please help me!

