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Eros's Pov 1

"Well what can I say? Being dumb doesn't rule a Kingdom now, does it?" He spread out his arms, a sly smile on his face.

"Welcome."

"Retreat, I know them" I mind linked Kay and the others. "So, false alarm?" He confirmed

"That's just what I said"

He nodded, then together with Axen returned back to the pack. "Is the settlement I asked you to prepare earlier ready?"

"Yes."

"This way" I gestured to Richard, "is this all there is of you?"

"Don't tell me you didn't notice us a long time ago" he shot me a sharp look. I shrugged, "we don't get such a large number of visitors so often"

His eyes narrowed, "Hope you haven't forgotten our agreement Alpha?"

"No. You'll get your lands after the war, for

now your people will have to settle with mine"

"Fair enough." he nodded, "I hope you don't mind, I had to separate from the rest and come to inform you of our arrival. They were slowing us down."

"Not a problem. I assume only the vampires have arrived," vampires had a distinct smell that reeked like death, pale skin, red lips which made identifying them a bit too easy.

"Yes." He confirmed.

Explains how they got here so fast, explains a lot actually. "Welcome to my humble abode" I led them through the portal.

"How will the rest of my people find this portal?"

"My scout will lead them in"

"Okay." He agreed. "This is Dracula, my second." One of the vampires came closer, stretching his hand out.

"Eros." I took it, squeezing firmly.

"The Alpha. I know who you are" his accent came off thick. "mmmm" I nodded, then continued leading in.

Luckily I had made prior arrangements for

them, it would have been terrible if they got here and had no where to settle in.

"This is where your people will be staying, King Richard." I stopped them at a large mass of land, "it's not much, but I guess it'll go for a temporary settlement."

"It's perfect" he grinned, "my men are fast builders, they'll have it ready before the others get here."

"Rich," Dracula drew closer, muttering things to him, they spoke in hushed whispers then he drew back.

"Yes." Richard spoke up, "I almost forgot, the Golems will require special environments and it would be preferable if you inform your pack members not to approach them, especially during the day."

"Special environments? And why would my pack encounter them?"

"They live for defence. Most prefer to stay out and around, guarding the pack, they choose their locations and remain there. They sense energy, that's how they get past the day, helps prevent unwanted intrusion too." He shrugged.

Then continued, "The Golems are a strange species, but they are very protective, too protective even. I've learnt to let them have their way, believe me you'll want to do that too."

"And if I don't?" I asked, letting some statue-like species run wild in my pack didn't still sit right with me.

"Trust me. It's not worth it, besides they'll keep your pack safer, see them as extra hands if you may" he said lightly.

"If they dislike daylight so much, how are they travelling with your pack?" "They're not."

"Huh?"

"They're not with us. They'll arrive after all of us has, extremely protective." He said causally. "By the way, where's your Luna?"

I eyed him suspiciously, "what do you want from her?"

"Calm your horse lover boy. No one is looking to steal her from you" he laughed, I gave him a pointed look, "doesn't explain your business with her"

"Can't a vampire greet his host?"

"Not if I can help it. Greeting me is enough" I mumbled.

His laughter filled the air, "never painted you as the jealous type Alpha" amusement flickered in his eyes.

"Say whatever you want. I'll leave you to settle in" I rolled my eyes and turned to leave. "Bye Eros. You can't hide her away from the world. She's meant to shine."

"And she will" I replied and left without looking back.

I headed straight to my office, Kay was already waiting for me, his face tight and clouded. "Spill"

His jaw ticked, "we can't feed them" he muttered. "What of our rations?"

"Would have been enough, but we've had too much influx of refugees lately, we need more food."

My brows creased, that would be a huge problem, "how long can the current one last for?" "With strict management, say roughly a month or three weeks, can't really tell. From the report xenos gave, the new additions aren't a small number." His shoulders tensed.

"We need the number" I muttered

"We still need to feed them still," he added.

"Contact our suppliers, and let the people know. Put the refugees to work too. Gather as many seeds as possible, find out what each group specializes in. Get them busy"

His jaw tightened, "Couldn't get through to the normal suppliers, we might have to go to the market."

I spun around on my chair "Which of them" He shut his eye, "Lisse"

The table underneath me cracked, "You want me to send my people to that death trap?"

"we don't have much of a choice. More packs are losing their homes, the battle is yet to start but it's consuming a lot. The underground market is the best choice we have"

"Inform the new additions of this development. Have them select only the strongest and smartest of their people to go. Lisse is not a place for the weak, let them know of its dangers too" I gritted out.

"Yes Alpha." "Kay"

"Hmmm"

"How is things with Celeste?"

He gave a wry smile, I could see the tiredness tucked away beneath them, "Much better"

"Alright friend. The battle ahead will not be easy"

"We've come this far. Let's get rid of the witch once and for all" he added "Good." I pressed my lips, "I can always count on you*

"Of course, I'm your one and only best man" he said smugly

I rolled my eyes, "stop getting ahead of yourself" it felt good to know he was still himself and that recent events hadn't gotten to him.

He left, I spent some more hours in the office before heading back to my bedroom. Something told me the current peace won't last for long.

"Hahahaha. Are you for real?" I heard Aella's laughter from the garden I headed straight to her, the cold winds blew harshly against my skin

"Of course. I would never lie, not to you at least" a very familiar voice said coolly.

"Really? Richard?" I folded my arms, glaring

daggers at the Vampire that was hell bent on getting on my nerves.

"Eros" he called out. "Come. Join us, I took the liberty to introduce myself to your gorgeous Luna, since you've denied me the pleasure of her gracious presence" he said smoothly.

Pink stained Aella's cheeks, "you flatter me too much Rich" she mumbled "Rich?" I was taken aback, "You just got here, leave my mate alone" I gritted. "Don't be rude" Aella chided, "King Richard here was just being nice"

"Nice my foot," I grumbled

"Pardon him, he's been acting up lately" she chuckled, "With utmost pleasure" Richard said warmly.

I rolled my eyes, took off my coat and draped it over her, "don't catch a coat. And you, stop flirting with my wife."

"Relax Alpha. No one wants to take her away"

"Have you people settled in?" I changed topic, settling in beside Aella" "Yes. They were given quite the warm welcome." He looked a bit surprised.

"Yes, I have spread the news and you'll find that my people do not discriminate."

He hummed, "with a leader like you, they'd never need to" his face lost the teasing smile on it, "Thank you Alpha Eros. Most of my people would not have survived another winter out in the cold if not for your help"

"Business is business"

"This transcends business" he shook his head, "You have my gratitude, we are at your service" he bowed slightly.

Sigh.

"Lets just hope the coming war lets them enjoy their new abode." I muttered. "It'll be fine" Aella squeezed my thighs.