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Eros 1

"What happened?" I questioned Kaden, sitting on my chair. I rotated it to face the window, so I could watch the pack members run wild with smiles etched on their faces.

"More wolves are missing, they took pups as well" his voice shook as he spoke, grieved by the disappearance of our men.

"How" my nails dug into my palms, so tight that I could feel my blood flow cut, my hands numbed.

"I believe someone is helping them from inside. There was no sign of entry or exit. They just seemed to vanish"

"And you've interrogated everyone related?"

"Yes"

Thinking back to what my mate told me, I shook the thought that came to my mind, I could not fully believe everything she said, I trusted her, yes. But I also trusted my Delta, something fishy was going on.

"Find out what Braz has been up to lately, report every single detail to me"



"You suspect him?" his voice laced with disbelief, he was clearly taken aback.

"Not yet, he told Aella he was on patrol. I want details on him, we can't jump to conclusions."

"He's never on patrol" Kaden's brows creased, "why would he lie to Luna?"

"Exactly."

"There must be an explanation for this, Braz won't betray us" he said with conviction, "right?"

"I hope so Kay, I really hope so"

"Alpha about Luna," he paused, hesitating.

"What about her?"

"There are rumors, the pack members are wondering who she is?"

"And why is that a problem?"

"You haven't introduced her like you said you would"

"Mateee" Eden growled loudly, banging on my head, from how Kaden's face paled I could tell that Eden must have flashed through my eye.

"Calm down, you crazy wolf, you're giving me a fucking migraine" I groaned at it.

"I want my mate" he snarled furiously.



"She's not ready" I snapped at him, willing all my strength to hold him down.

"She was made for me" he argued, growling and fighting for control. My fingers elongated into claws, I felt dizzy, but thinking about Aella, I knew I couldn't let Eden run wild.

"She might not survive our mark, would you bear the responsibility if anything happens to her? I growled at him. That seemed to finally quieten him down.

"Nothing will happen" he murmured, "she'll take the mark and bear our pup as she is meant to"

"Well she's fucking wolfless right now, so suck it up and get yourself in order."

"I can't hold on much longer Eros, next time, I'm marking our mate, whether you agree or not".

"Savage beast," I cursed, but he simply ignored me, returning into the deepest part of my mind, shutting me out.

I sighed, I didn't blame him, not many wolves had the patience to be beside their mate for so long without marking her. But she could end up dead, I wasn't risking it.

"Alpha" Kaden called out, uncertainly, I



raised my face to him, he released his breathe.

"Thank God it's you, I really can't handle Eden right now"

"What were you talking about?" I changed topics, not wanting to dwell in the subject of Eden.

"Fine, to put it bluntly, why won't you mark Luna? You've waited for her for years?"

Sigh. "I want to mark Aella, but she's too weak"

"Huh?" His eyes widened, surprised.

"She can't bear my mark Kaden, it will kill her. She needs her wolf to endure Eden's Venom, she can't do it alone.

"Alpha..."

"I know, I'm keeping Eden at bay right now, but I don't know how long I'll be able to, you'll have to put us down if one day he tries to attack her"

"Eros, I can't." He shook his head.

"You can Kay, please" I pleaded, he looked at me in shock, before a look of resignation shone on his face.

"Fine," he muttered.



"Thank you, I know I can count on you." I patted his shoulders.

"What if marking her brings out her wolf?" Kaden suggested

"The other alternative is instant death, it's too risky."

"But, do you really think Luna Aella is weak? What if she's stronger than you think. After all, the moon goddess paired her with you for a reason."

"Not without her wolf, the fact remains that she's just too weak."

A loud gasp came from outside, followed by scrambling, and the sound of running footsteps.

I locked eyes with Kaden, someone was eavesdropping on us, opening the door I froze in my tracks, catching a whiff of my mates scent.

"Fuck" how come I didn't scent her when she approached, fucking Eden.

"Who was it?" Kaden asked meeting up with me.

How come you didn't smell her approaching? I growled at him

"Smell who? What are you talking about?"

"Aella"



"Luna? I can't scent a thing" a frown etched on his face, he sniffed harder.

I stopped, something else crossed my mind, how hadn't I thought of this.

I only smell Aella when she's close by, or when I'm in wolf form. That was very unusual, only dragons or dragon riders had such a unique ability to hide their scent, only their mates could scent them at all. But they've been extinct for as long as witches have been extinct.

"You're sure? You can't perceive her scent?"

"Absolutely"

"Weird" I muttered, mentally adding that among the list of increasing mysteries surrounding my mate, I came to a terrible realization.

She might have misunderstood my conversation with Kaden. Shit, I needed to find her, fast.

"Get the men to find her, I want eyes on her ASAP" I barked

"Aye aye captain" Kaden saluted, his eyes flashing yellow. He was already mind linking the warriors.

Good.

I set out, I had to find her, fast. I followed her scent, all the way outside the park house, before losing the trail.

"Aella, come back" I said, already confirming my fears, she had left the pack house.

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