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Aella's Pov 1

"Yes, she's in a ward somewhere" he shrugged

"In a ward somewhere?" I asked, taken aback,

"Yeah, handed her over to Kay" he said as though he couldn't be bothered with her, his lips pressed together

I shook my head, Lillith will probably die from anger if she hears this, my lips twitched with amusement.

"How's she doing?"

"Kay said she'll be fine, she's only suffering from malnourishment and dehydration" he grumbled, clearly displeased.

"That's good" I finally breathed a sigh of relief, "we did it" I spoke softly

"Yes" I could feel Ava's tired smile at the back of my head as she affirmed.

"Rest Ava, Thank you" she responded with a grunt before shutting me out, healing us must have taken a serious toll on her.



"What's wrong?" I asked a soberly looking Eros

"Nothing," he shook his head, a sad smile etched on his face.

"There's definitely something," I insisted.

"Nothing serious, just let it go baby girl"

"I heard you" I spoke under my breathe

"What?" he drew his brows together

"All of it," I muttered, "the self pity, the wallowing, every single bit of it"

His jaw tightened then tucked, "I failed to protect you" his voice came out, barely above a whisper "again"

His hands tightened at his sides, his knuckles turned white, veins outlining through his hands

I placed my hands on his, gently caressing "it's not your fault, you couldn't have known"

"Even though I've failed, the one thing I'm meant to do, protect you. If I can't even protect my mate, what use is there to my existence?" I could hear the self mockery in his voice

My heart ached, "You saved me when I needed it most, a little Andrea can't take me



away from you, no need to beat yourself up about it"

"Sigh. I know baby girl, I promise to always protect you, this would be the first and last" his eyes shone with unwavering determination

"You're really intent on chaining me next to you" I joked.

"If I have to" he said, without even as much as a hint of smile on his face.

"Chill out big guy," I chuckled, "I was only joking"

"Well I'm not" he insisted stubbornly

I rolled my eyes, "well that's your problem, I'm going to visit Lilith" I made to stand but his hand held me down, gently but firmly

"No."

"No?"

"You just woke up, you've over exerted yourself, get some rest.

"I'm fine"

"Tell that to the tired lines on your face"

"You..." I pointed at him, "unbelievable" I scoffed



"Say what you have to say doll, the face remains that you're not leaving your bed till you've had an adequate bed rest" he insisted.

"There's no changing your mind"

"No." He said flatly.

"Fine" I grumbled, a frown making its way to my face, "jerk"

"I'm sorry doll." He leaned in, "by the way did I fail to mention how adorable you look when angry,"

The corners of his lips tilted upwards, "but I prefer it when you smile" he leaned in closer and kissed me before I could protest.

"Rest well doll, I'll be back to check on you" he said and left, a mischievous smile lingering on his face.

"Childish" I huffed, my lips, stretching into a slight smile. I stayed awake for a while, my thoughts wandering between all I had learnt recently.

It felt a bit too overwhelming for me and somehow, I almost felt a bit sorry for Lilith—almost.

A wave of exhaustion soon hit, I shut my eyes giving in to it.



Two days later

"Shhhh..... you're going to wake Aella up"

"By wanting a kiss from my mate?" A stubborn voice shot back

"Well. Not here, and definitely not now"

"But I miss you," the voice whined childishly, "come on, just a peck, you've been so occupied, you barely give me any attention"

"Stop acting like a spoiled child, go find something to do"

My eyes twitched, what the hell was going on,

"When are you going to tell her?" The other voice which I now recognize as Kaden asked.

Great, of all the times to wake up it had to be right in the middle of whatever it is that's going on between them.

"Soon," Celeste replied

"Soon is not an answer, you've been delaying it for so long, I want to be able to hold my mate without having to sneak around" his voice cracked as he spoke, the words sounding tired.



I was fully awake now, but my eyes were still closed. Opening them now will definitely land me in an awkward situation, but at the same time I shouldn't be eavesdropping.

"Atleast your brain isn't for fancy" a sarcastic voice mocked

"Ava" I gasped inwardly,

"Damn, to think I missed you"

"Of course you're meant to, you can barely function without me, two days alone and you're already eavesdropping on your friend and her mate's conversation"

"Two days!!" I voiced out, shocked. I couldn't have napped for so long.

Two heads snapped to me, "Aels" Celeste quickly rushed to my side, "you're up, how are you feeling? Do you need anything? Are you okay?" she bombarded me at once with questions.

"Relax mum" I chuckled nervously, good thing she didn't notice my little act just now.

"How long have I been asleep?"

"As if asking her would make any difference" Ava snorted dramatically



Ignoring her I turned my focus to Celeste, waiting for her response.

"Two days" her voice lowered

"What?" My shoulders slacked,
"impossible"

"I'm serious Aels"

"And you all let me sleep for so long?
Where's Eros?" I asked still in disbelief,

"Calms Sherlock, we needed the rest. Don't you feel better now?" Ava said lazily, like she couldn't be bothered to deal with me.

"The pack doctor said your body needed to rest and heal, so we let you get the rest you deserved. Alpha never left your side at all, I literally had to force him to go and rest.

"Sounds like Eros" I smiled dryly, well I did feel lighter, still a bit dazed that I slept for so long though, but all the weakness from earlier seemed to have vanished, so I guess it was okay.

"That's right, how is Lilith?" I asked, the room froze at my comment.

