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"Where's she?" My excitement dampened seeing Celeste enter with no sign of Aella in sight. "You said she's awake" I stood from where I sat

"Yeah she is. Just not available now" Celeste shrugged, "where's Kay?"

"Just not available now" I replied sarcastically.

She chuckled, "I meant, she's with her sister Alpha, calm your horses"

Sigh. "Kay will be returning to the pack ahead of us. He needs to be there as my beta" I replied.

"Oh" her face fell

"He wanted to inform you, but there was no time. It was urgent that he left immediately" I offered a little consolation.

"Ohkay" she muttered. "What are you upto?"

"Nothing, just thinking about the recent events. Somehow the feeling from being at the



Beta's house still feels kinda off"

"You haven't been there in a while" she pointed out

"Exactly why it's weird, I still can't help but remember the oddness of everything back then. It keeps pressing down on my chest" I sighed.

"We could go check out the house, Luna will probably find us when she's done with her sister

"Alright. Have you handled the previous Beta's burial?" I confirmed.

"Yeah, I left the specifics for Luna and her sister, but I'm done with the major parts," she nodded.

"Good, let's go then."

At the Beta's Mansion

The air felt oppressive as we walked in, even more than when I had previously gotten Aella out.

"The energy surrounding this place is making my fur crawl," Eden complained.

"Sorry bud, but I need to get to the root of



whatever it is that's happening, just hold on."

He withdrew to the deepest part of my mind.

"You were right" Celeste's voice catches my attention, I find her standing by a window sill, her eyes dark and roaming.

"Right?" I walked up to her

"Something is not right here, even the walls feel weak." She waved her hands, muttering something, the oppressive feeling surrounding us disappeared.

"Alpha" she gave me a look I knew too well.

"Go ahead," I nodded

I shifted aside to give her room, she cut her palm, chanting spells as her blood dropped to the tiles.

Soon the blood boiled, steam emitting from it before sinking to the ground.

"Exactly like I thought." She muttered. She turned to me, "someone siphoned all the protective energy here, it's basically a dead land. Even to mother nature"

"That doesn't explain the energy though" I reasoned



"Come with me" she gestured, walking ahead

I followed closely behind. She led me through a narrow stairwell and soon we were in a hidden opening, one I would have never seen if not for her leading.

I scrunched my nose, "something smells unpleasant"

She pointed at a clearing up ahead, "I believe that's the source of everything" she said, eyes sad.

I walked closer to it, only to find a black hole. I nearly retched at the sight before me.

Who could have committed such an atrocity, before me lay a pile of corpses and wolf carcasses. Some decaying, some still fresh, most had missing body parts.

"They're mostly pups" I noted

"I had hoped my guess was wrong Alpha," Celeste stood next to me, her face blank, "What do you think we're looking at here?"

"Definitely a witch's spell. Mostly, witches who practice dark magic need a body to bear the consequences or they offer a sacrifice.

"Andrea?"



"Most likely" she shook her head, "they're quite pitiful." She sighed "we should inform the pack" she suggests

"You're right. Let's go" I turned and left, "let's meet the pack elders first, I don't believe they aren't aware of what was going on.

"Yes, we definitely should talk to them and not that wimp of an Alpha." she spat hatefully.

Good to know I wasn't the only one who didn't like the coward.

I covered the hole and we made our way to where the elders stayed. Good thing I remembered the way to where they stayed.

"Alpha Eros, what brings you to our humble abode?" an old hoarse voice greeted.

"I wouldn't have to be here if you had trained your alpha properly, but I guess we don't always do the right thing" I replied.

The smile on his wrinkled face froze, "You have dead bodies of your pack members on pack grounds, Elder Zebus" I continued.

"And why would we have such things?" Confusion flickered in his eyes. It was either a sign that he didn't know what was going on, or he was just too good at pretending.



If it was the latter then he was truly a terrifying man.

My lips curved slightly, "we both know exactly what I'm talking of" I insisted.

"I assure you that I do not know this of atrocity you speak of, but I'll ensure it's investigated and get to the root of it"

My eyes narrowed, he was trying to get me off the case, "I can have my subordinate investigate, I'm sure you'll need the help"

A strange glint flashed across his eyes "We prefer pack matters to remain pack matters, I'm sure you understand Alpha Eros" His voice was firm.

I scoffed, I knew something was fishy about this old man, I clenched my fist "And what if insist on helping"

"Then I wouldn't have a choice but to invoke the Old Wolf Laws," he stubbornly said.

A new wave of understanding washed over me, why was he willing to go this far. What is he hiding?

I let out a warm smile that didn't reach my eyes, "that won't be necessary, Zebus, the pack may proceed with their investigations, but if I



don't get any satisfactory response, I hope you understand why I would show interest in my Luna's Pack'

His eyes turned cold masked by the smile plastered across his face, 'of course Alpha, I won't be able to see you off if you don't mind.'

"Let's go" I motioned to Celeste, with that we turned and left.

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