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"Who?" 1

"Dad. I mean where he was buried" tears trickled down her eyes

"He's really gone"

"Oh honey," I pulled her into an embrace, "you still have me"

She sniffed "I know" wiping snort of her face, "I just found it so difficult to believe" she muttered

"Me too Lil" I sighed, so much is happening in such a short time, I don't really blame her, the transition is indeed a lot to process.

"Who built the tomb?"

"Celeste"

"The rude lady with you?"

I chuckled, "Celeste is not rude, she just didn't like you"

Her smile faded, "oh, many people don't"

I shrugged, "you can't really blame them though"

Her gaze dropped to the ground, "I know, I just.." she paused, looking hesitant on what to say next, "well, nevermind. She did a nice job" she smiled, "I'm really grateful"

"Celeste is a lovely witch, you just need time to get to know her. And I was just kidding, you're not a bad person Lily, you just need to be slightly more likable"

Her pupils peered into mine, "you're just saying that to comfort me" she pouted

A laugh slipped out of my lips, I couldn't believe her feeble attempt at looking wronged, more like looking adorable, "you'll be just fine"

"Thank you" she whispered

"You don't..."

"No, let me," she cut me off, "I've been so nasty to you and yet you don't hold it against me, I don't even know how to react, or what to do, you deserve all the best things Ellie" her lips curved in a small smile.

I could feel my lips stretch widely "Ellie" I repeated,the words sounding new and sweet in my tongue.

"My special name for you" a smug grin tugged at her lips.

I grinned "I love it," I pulled her cheeks

"Hey," she hit my hands off with a fake frown, rubbing her cheeks, "hands off my babies"

I threw my head back and laughed clutching my stomach, "I've wanted to do that in like forever"

"Well, congratulations to you madame" she said with scowl

"Gladly accepted," I bent my body forward giving her a knight's bow.

Raising my head, our eyes met in a standoff, and soon a giggle tore through our lips, we burst into laughter, falling back onto the bed.

We fell into a comfortable silence, eyes on the ceiling, with the sound of her breaths being the only thing I could hear,

"What do you think Crux will say when I inform him?" her quiet voice broke the atmosphere,

I grimaced, "who cares what he thinks" I smacked my lips,

She let out a sigh, "I know you hate him sis,

just humour me, he's all I've got" she sounded broken.

I felt a wave of pity wash through me at her plight, I honestly couldn't understand why she was so hung up on that bastard, in my opinion he doesn't deserve her even a bit, she deserved better.

Sigh.

"Well, I don't know. I can't exactly say what his reaction will be" I began softly, "but knowing Crux, I guess he won't be too happy"

"Probably, but I just need some time away from here, away from all these, I wonder if he'll be willing to follow me" she sounded conflicted.

"Delusional bitch" Ava spat, I could feel her irritation at Lilith rising, "it could be a Stockholm syndrome tho" I suggested.

"She's not been held captive, she's just too blinded to see that her dearest Alpha, never and will never love her, what makes her think he'll follow her to our pack"

"Well, what can I say, love does things to people" I shrugged.

"Mehhnnn, this is not love, if anything all I

can see is a crazy love obsessed delusional fool and an unhinged psychopath that can't even pretend to love her,"

"Well..." I tried to reply

"Ellie, Ellie, are you listening to me?" Lilith's voice cut through my conversation,

"Oh sorry, I was speaking to Ava, what were you saying" I scratched my nose.

"I thought as much, you looked spaced out,"

"Sorryy" I pursed my lips

"I was saying that I needed to leave, Cruz made mention of how the pack would never accept a traitor's daughter as their Luna"

"Ok. I've had enough" my skin bubbled with irritation, "you sound like a lovesick fool," I said bluntly

Hurt flashed through her face, but I pressed on, "all I can hear is Crux this, Crux that, have you thought about yourself? When will you understand that he doesn't care about you, whether you live or die, while you were battling for your life, he was busy finding ways to enter 'MY' room. When will you see it"

I finally stopped as I sighted the pool tears welled up in her eyes, "Lily" I called softly,

"I know" she burst into tears, "I know Ellie, I know" the tears flowed like a river, "but I just can't help it, when they all looked at me with hatred, he was the only Ellie, the only one that still saw me, he was there" her voice broke even more as she spoke.

"And I'm here now, let me help you, come and start over at my pack, Crux won't know what he lost, let me help you" I comforted

She let out a tired sigh, but nodded, "You know, I've been thinking of leaving for a while now, the hatred was overwhelming, It's reduced now though"

I blinked, okay, that caught me off guard, "really? What's holding you back"

"Crux, and I wanted to clear father's name first, Lena said leaving would be the best for me"

"Lena is a good wolf," my lips tilted upwards, "Good thing I'm here then, you get the opportunity to leave, without anything not even Crux holding you back"

She nodded, her eyes fell on the things

lying scattered round the room, "I don't even know what I want anymore"

"Just take anything you want,"

"I don't want anything, these are all gifts— reminders of Andrea, this place my mistakes..."

"Don't take anything then"

"What?"

"You heard me, don't take anything. I'll fix you up with everything you need when we get to our pack"

Gratitude filled her eyes, "where do I even begin to thank you from?"

"Don't mention, I'll gladly do it for you. Just promise me no matter what, we'll always stand as one" I traced my fingers along her hair.

"Always and forever" she grinned.

"Are you ready to leave darling?" Eros voice came through the link