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The next day

Aella's Pov

I woke up before my eyes blinked open. From the coldness of the other side of the bed, I realized Eros didn't return last night.

Where was he?

Still feeling a bit groggy, I rubbed my eyes.

The knob turned, "morning Luna" Lily greeted cheerfully.

"Morning dear."

"How was your night?" She began opening the blinds.

"Short." I groaned, "You guys kept me up all night" I muttered remembering how they insisted on hearing every single detail of how the journey at Crux pack went.

"We were bored" she shrugged, "besides if you had let me follow you when I asked, you won't have had to go through that," she shrugged

Sigh. "It's fine, how's Lilith?"

"Not bad. Ares said she had fallen asleep shortly after dinner. Though she asked for you this morning"

"Alright." I stood to my feet, wearing my flops, "Have Ares settle her in, get her everything she needs, and she'll need a trainer too." I added, if we were going to fight a battle she had better get fit while we still figure out how to handle her powers.

"Why not have Celeste train her?" Lily suggested

"Celeste?" I wondered,

"Yeah, she's a witch. Things involving powers, Oracle stuff and all that will be easier to handle for her"

"Well, that makes sense. I need a shower" I headed to the bathroom, I reeked of sweat and not the sweet kind.

"Alright, I'll have your outfit for the day ready before you're out" she shouted from behind.

"Thank you," I replied.

Hot steam filled the shower as the water ran down my skin, different thoughts ran through my head.

Karen's words from last night seemed to be stuck in my head, "She's not my Luna, she hasn't had her coronation ceremony."

Sigh. Who would have thought that the coronation was such a big deal, "why do you think he hasn't crowned you? Karen could be right" a tiny voice at the back of my head whispered.

Ignoring it, I stepped out. "Lily" I called but no response, she must have left, she laid out a knee high black gown with ankle boots.

After getting dressed, I decided to go see Lilith. I need to help her settle in, plus I'm sure she'd be bored out of her mind not to mention, confused too.

Opening the door, a sweet honey dew scent slammed through my nose, "Mate" Ava whined in my head.

Odd. She's not jumping around, normally she'd be jumping up and down by now. Silly wolf.

He came into view, a tired smile resting on his face, his eyes held bags, almost like they hadn't rested in days.

"Hey" I climbed on my tip toes giving him a kiss.

"Hey darling" his hand wrapped around my waist naturally, pulling me into his warm embrace nuzzling into me.

"You smell heavenly," he mumbled.

"And you smell dead," I replied, "come on, take a shower. I'll bring out fresh clothes" I pushed him towards the bath.

He mumbled something incoherent, but still dragged his feet to the shower, I set to work, trying to pick an outfit from his pile of clothes.

"He hasn't crowned her Luna" I heard that damned voice in my head, 'get a grip Aella' I cursed. Unable to get rid of the thoughts.

"Ahh" I shrieked, startled, something wet— no, wet lips had just made contact with my neck,

"You're distracted" he planted another kiss on my neck, "what's wrong?"

Sigh. "Nothing, here's your cloth" I handed the outfit I had already selected to him,

"Talk to me doll" he caressed my face, his eyes locking with mine, his mismatched pupils held concern—concern for me, in them.

I can't believe I'm letting that witch's words get to me, "what if she was telling the truth," the voice in my head whispered again.

"Baby girl....I want to hear whatever it is that is bothering you"

Sigh. "Karen made mention of something yesterday" I lowered my head, saying it aloud felt kind of stupid, I mean I trusted Eros with every fiber of my being so why the hell am I letting the words of a nobody get to me? It just doesn't make sense

"The same nobody that grew up with him" the voice scoffed mockingly.

"What did she say?" His voice hardened, his free hand lifting my face to meet his.

"Sigh, she said I wasn't Luna till I had my coronation ceremony." I finally blurted, dodging his eyes, not wanting to see the look of disappointment on his face from feeling like I didn't trust him.

He let out a sigh. "That's good"

I blinked twice, surprised, "Good?"

"I thought she did something to hurt you or even worse, I'm glad that this was the only thing she could think"

I froze, is he okay? What's going on? He's not angry?

He chuckled, "you look so adorable" he pulled my cheeks, "I already have the plans for your coronation in motion, I wanted it to come as a surprise"

"What?" My jaw dropped, "that's.... that's...." I was suddenly at a loss for words.

"I know love, I know." he let out a short laugh, "I'm sorry for letting Karen plant a seed of doubt, I would have done the coronation earlier, but...." He trailed off.

"No" I stopped him, saying I felt stupid now was a huge understatement, "It's not your fault, I never should have let her words get to me, I just..." the words dried up in mouth, I didn't have any excuse, letting Karen plant a seed of doubt of in me was so stupid of me.

"No need to feel guilty, I should have informed you ahead of time," he hugged me, his scent heavy and messing with my brain.

Soon we pulled away from each other, "feeling better now?"

"A bit" I pouted, the guilt had lessened but I still couldn't help the feeling of being stupid.

"You'll be fine, darling" he lifted my jaw planting a kiss on my lips.

Suddenly a growl slipped through my lips

Eros looked at me in shock

"What's wrong?" He raised his brows

"I don't know," I shook my head, Ava has been snappier than usual, antsy even.

"That's odd, hope she's okay?" He looked at me worried.

"Yeah, I guess so. She's just awfully quiet and irritable" I said with a sigh, "how was the meeting?"

"Not bad. I'm expecting their responses soon though."

"I plan on traveling to the northern packs though"

"What!!!"