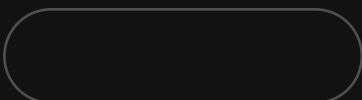


Lycan Prince Matteo

Twenty-Four



Matteo

I'm fu***d up, Freya did not talk to me after that incident no matter how much I tried. She had been with Camila all the time and when I asked her to eat, she would say that she already ate. I never thought that I had this very long patience, maybe because I knew that it was my fault. What else can I do to make her forgive me?

"Princess is still not talking to you?" Calvin asked as he entered our office. This is where we usually stay whenever we have something to discuss or when we have nothing to do. We are not lazy, it's just dad wanted to do everything for himself so he could keep himself busy and not think about my mom. But the three of us were always ready whenever he needed us.

"Yeah," I replied and sighed deeply.

"How many days has it been already? It's almost a week, right?" I nodded after he asked and sat on his chair.

"Don't give me that "I told you so." Look, Calv."

"You can't blame her, you know. You should have asked her first or consider how she was back in the Midnight Pack."

"Yeah, I know that now. But I already screwed up so there's no point regretting it, I just have to make it up to her for the rest of our lives." I replied,

"As long as you know. Anyway, I don't think that she will be able to continue doing that. She's your mate, so she will be experiencing her heat soon." Yes, that. I never touched or tried to touch her. I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to control myself and would hurt her. I need to be patient until her wolf transforms.

"Where is James?" Ia asked,

"Looking after the princess. You know him, she likes his future queen already. Maybe it was because he was your future gamma that he already felt their bond." he answered. Yes, she is definitely my mate. If she's not, James won't be able to have a connection. As the gamma, he was the one who looked after my mate. And that formed a bond between them which made him die for my mate's sake as well.

"Anyway, the rogue that we captured is in a dungeon and no one knows the reason for him being there other than you, me, his highness, James and the dungeon warden. There should be no problem about the one behind the attack, to suspect anything."

"What was the reason you recorded for him to be there?" I asked, even if he was a rogue. We never actually take and imprison them for no reason at all. There were lone wolves who didn't like the idea of having a pack but didn't go against the law.

"He had committed a rape, so I put it in his record." he replied, before we heard a knock on the door and, came in an omega.

"His highness wanted to meet everyone," she said,

"As in everyone?"

"Yes, including the princess," she replied and left. What is it this time? Dad had tried to talk to Freya as well, but it didn't work well. I looked at Calvin and that signaled him to stand up and follow me. I mind linked James, informing him to tell my mate to come to the King's office.

Everyone was seated when we arrived and was now waiting for Freya and James. Ronaldo and Eunice were there, as well as Rapha. Now, why would he be here too? Did something happen that I didn't know? We sat down and waited for Freya, who came with James after a little while. She sat on the chair opposite mine and I wanted to growl at her. She should be sitting beside me.

"Since everyone is here, let me start, why do I ask you all here." Dad said before he looked at my mate, whose face was still stoic. "Eunice and Ronaldo suggested that Princess Freya has to attend training like everyone else." he added as his eyes were still on my mate. I look at both Eunice and her father and they really amaze me at how brazen they were.

"Why would you suddenly suggest that?" I asked and tried to appear neutral.

"She's going to be the future queen, so she has to learn to defend herself and rely on James and the others in the future." Eunice said, "It's not a bad idea, right? After all, she's already weak, as she already was for having no wolf. She should at least be able to fight," she added. Freya didn't say anything and was just listening.

"If her highness is already strong, what am I going to do?" James asked. He never liked Eunice ever since, no matter how much I told him that she was like someone else and would never be his queen in the future. He didn't want me to get associated or acquainted with her and it seemed like he had a good reason for it.

"Come on, Prince Matteo not marking her means that she has to prove herself worthy." Ronaldo said, smirking.

"I don't think I need to prove myself to either of you. The fact that I am his mate is enough for you to bow to me. So bow," she said and the two did, which shocked us.

"This is not about submission, you could at least fight, my princess, so the prince will be able to accept and mark you." Ronaldo said. That angered me.

"Who said that I didn't want to mark her?" I asked, "You better shut your mouth if you know nothing." That is between us and the King knew about it as well. Don't input trust issues into my mate's mind." I added.

"Eherm," Rapha cleared his throat, which grabbed our attention. "I believe in princess Freya. But I agree with Eunice and Ronaldo as well. This is not about submission. We can never tell. What if someone wants the princess out of the palace? Those who wanted her position might plan something and she had no way to protect herself." he added,

"Since you already said that," Dad said, "Rapha, I am going to appoint you as her trainer. See to it that she will be able to learn more than the basics." he continued, "Freya, dear, I hope that you will understand my decision. I already talked to you and have explained some of the few things, right?"

"Yes, his highness." she replied, bowing.

"Then I am going to be with her during her training," James said,

"Of course," Dad replied, "Now that we are clear on this, is there anything that you wanted to discuss? Let me hear it now."

"His highness," Eunice said, raising her hand so dad looked at her, "I wanted to train with the princess if you let me." she added, I had a feeling that she only wanted to hurt my mate. That's why she was asking for that.

"If you want to," dad said, and I wanted to object, but he continued, not giving me a chance to do so. "But, you have to be responsible. Once the princess gets hurt in a very suspicious way, you will have to answer to me." he added, which made Eunice's and Ronaldo's eyes widen. "Correct me if I'm wrong, but you are one of the female Lycans who wanted to become Matteo's chosen mate, right?" I smirk at the thought that dad had been sending them a warning already.

"His highness, even if my daughter wanted that, she knew better not to do anything stupid. Finding one's fated mate is very rare for us and takes us hundreds of years if we really want to wait for them. So this is important to the palace and the whole kingdom." Ronaldo said in defense to his daughter.

"It's good that you know that," Dad replied before he dismissed us. Freya left the office without looking at me, so I stopped James from following her. I caught up to her and she screamed when I carried her like a bag of potatoes back to our bedroom. We needed to talk things out.