



## 145 ALPHA XADEN DEMANDS YOUR PRESENCE

Loren led Jasmine away into the castle amidst the glares and whispers from people around. 1

"She deserves to be beheaded." Someone said.

"She is a traitor."

"I heard she slept with the guards to free her."

"She is just like her father."

"She tried to kill our Alpha after he was good to her."

"Well, I heard that she put poison in his drink to make him choose her as his mate for the halo festival."

Jasmine swallowed as she passed.

The people didn't even bother to reduce their voices as they were gossiping.

They were just loud to her hearing.

"Ignore them." Loren said to her.

He led her up the stairs and she was extremely tired as the chains weighed her down.

As she reaches the final step she almost tripped.

"Easy." Loren said as he held her arm to support



her from falling down.

He held her and assisted her as she managed to walk into the room.

He helped her sit down on a chair and she laid her back down.

She breathed a sigh of relief.

"Here is some water." He offered.

She received it graciously and drank.

She was surprised and taken aback by Loren's sudden generosity.

"Would you like something to eat?" He asked her.

She shook her head. "No thank you, the Queen actually gave me some food to eat."

He stopped. "The Queen?!"

"Yes." Jasmine nodded. "I don't know why but she helped me out and she gave me food and still can not believe that she chose to help me out of the dungeon." 1

"Well the Queen is kind." He said. "A true Queen with the true crown." 1

"I heard that she was not supposed to be the Queen." She stated. "Rather it was her sister Princess Cherry who was supposed to be."

"Ahhh." Loren said as he walked towards her with



some cleaning towel.

He bent down and gently patted the red spot where the chains had been wrapped around her neck.

"Ouch." She said as the hot towel touched her neck.

"You do have to be calm." He said calmly. "It might hurt you a bit but it's better. You of all people know that don't you."

She nodded weakly.

He helped clean her up, and it gave her memories of when Urma had taken care of her.

She sighed.

Once he was done he poured away the water.

"Thank you." She said softly. "For what you've done for me."

Loren mumbled something and she smiled weakly.

He was someone that would never acknowledge the fact that he had helped someone or he was kind.

"So now tell me what happened." He said to her.

She sighed heavily.

"I saw Princess Cherry and-



The door was banged open and they both jumped. 6

Two of the pack guards stood at attention by the door.

Loren's face turned to thunder. "What the hell is wrong with you? Can you not knock? It has a door for a reason."

"We've come for the slave." They said.

"What for?" Loren said getting up. "I already told your frog head guard that she was allowed to stay with me. Under orders of the Queen. Go ask your guard. I turned him into a toad." 1

"We won't be intimidated." The guards said.

"Alpha Xaden has demanded that the slave be in his chambers."

Jasmine froze up.

He wanted her in his chambers? Why?

So many ideas came flying into her idea as to why he would send for her.

They walked up to her and attempted to pull her up.

"Don't you dare touch her." Loren said rising up to his feet even though they were much taller and massive than he was. 1

Jasmine quickly got up to her feet to stop Loren



before he turned someone into a rabbit this time. 2

"Don't worry." She said. "I will go."

"You are not strong enough." He informed her.

She smiled weakly.

"I am fine." She said to him. "I am fine."

And then she managed to rise up to her feet and then they led her out of the room.

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#### XADEN'S POV

Once Xaden had seen the Royal entourage leave, he turned around and saw Marie standing in front of him.

"Not used to your surprising appearances." He said.

"No one ever is." She said.

"Thank you for coming to the pack on such short notice." He said. "I had expected you to have left by now."

"I wanted to just see around." She said. "I best be on my way now."

And then she started to leave.

He remembered what the Queen had said about



severing the bond and then he turned back to see her.

"Marie wait." He said.

She stopped and turned to look at him.

"Yes?"

"The slave." He said. "I am bonded to her. How do I end it?"

She looked at him. "Bale's slave?"

He nodded. "Yes the same one."

She sighed. "I heard that she was the maiden you were assigned to for the halo festival."

"Yes? What does that have to do anything?" He asked her.

"It simply means that it's more complicated." She replied. "The halo festival usually only chooses random people, never bonded people never mates. You're the first to have slept with a bonded person."

He felt a pause in his chest as he was waiting for her final pronouncement.

She still said nothing.

"What?" He asked her. "What is it."

"I am not sure." She said. "And it is rare."

He looked at her. "Get on with it!"



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She sighed heavily. "It's possible that your wolf has been tethered with hers."

"What does that mean?"

"It means that if you sever the bond without doing it carefully one of you could die." She responded.

"Well I need to get rid of her. We just choose the possibilities where she is the one going. I can't afford to keep her around me." He said. 1

"Xaden." Marie stopped him. "You do not understand. If you die, she might die. And if she dies, you might die." 1

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