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Uther and all the other wolves looked up at Xaden unable to speak. 1

They were even unable to gaze at him.

It was like he was making them bow down to him and only him.

All except Jasmine was compelled to obey him.

Because she stood by his side.

The room was silent.

And then his wolf eyes went back to its normal color and the people around began breathing normally.

Then he looked at his uncle who had disappointment written in his eyes.

"Uncle." Xaden said. "You are my flesh and blood."

Uther turned his face away refusing to look at Xaden.

It hurt Xaden to see his uncle hurt this way.

He was the last tie that he had to his family and yet seeing him refuse to even acknowledge him.

Xaden continued. "This is a decision that I have made. And it will continue to be a decision that I have made. You are not happy with them and I

understand you."

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He would never chose her over his entire family, even over his mate.

She now felt stupid that she had been so jealous this entire time.

She made eye contact with his mate and then she saw that she had been looking at her for a while.

Not hostile like Aurora and Belle, but very calm. 2

She began to feel ashamed.

She was separating him from his true mate.

This was wrong. This was so wrong. 1

She had been jealous for absolutely nothing in the first place.

Aurora too was looking at them and Fiona had been watching her eyes opened in shock.

Fiona now knew who Jasmine truly was and of course she hated.

She felt her heart drop.

Uther's face was grim.

"You have disregarded not only me, but your father, your mother, your pack and your ancestors for this decision you have made."

Uther's face was cold and hard. "We shall return back to where we came from. Tonight. It is

better for us to return to a place of hiding than to betrayed by own kind." 3

"Uncle." Xaden tried to stop his voice breaking. "Please do not do this. It is not safe. I have my reasons why Jasmine is here and-

"I do not care for the name of that monster!" Uther backed silencing him. 1

Xaden swallowed. "Uncle as your Alpha I beg you to remain here. There are things you can not understand."

And then it hit Jasmine.

Of course, he was keeping her because of the fact that they were tethered together. 3

How could she even forget that?

Did she think that he truly cared for her protection?

He was only keeping her alive because her being dead meant that he was dead too.

She swallowed heavily.

Uther remained firm. "You have insulted me. Insulted all of us! Your parents would be disappointed!"

Xaden jerked back as if he had been slapped.

What he had been told had hit him really hard.



Uther turned to the other wolves.

"Let us get out of here!" He ordered and then the began to proceed to leave. 1

But then Lily stopped them by holding Uther's hand.

She pulled him. "No I do not think we should leave."

"Lily this is not the time or the place." Uther said. "I will not be insulted and made to remain in such a place."

He started to leave again but her grip on him tightened .

"Please." Lily said. "You are the one who raised me. I beg you. Even if we are to leave, let us leave tomorrow it is already late."

Jasmine looked at her surprised.

Uther seemed like he did not want to stay at all, but then he looked into lily's pleading eyes and then he sighed.

"Fine." He said. "We will leave on the morrow. As early as dawn."

And then he stormed out of the dinning room his men right behind him.

Lily remained looking at Xaden and then she curtseyed and followed them out.



Everywhere was still quiet.

Lady Belinda snapped at the servants. "What are you all doing?! Return back to your work!"

They all quickly began to return to their activities.

Jasmine breathed a sigh of relief as she still stood behind Xaden.

Then Aurora gave her a coy smile and she swallowed.

Xaden grabbed her arm and pulled her out of the dining room. 2

She was hardly able to catch up with him. 1

He raced ahead with her while she stumbled on her feet trying to catch up with him. 3

But he did not care for her.

He simply ignored her very obvious cries of pain.

It was dark and yet the moonlight illuminated the archway.

He dragged her along down the stairs and followed stairways that Jasmine had never known existed or for once been to.

Then finally he kicked a door open and pushed her in.

The room was a simple but lovely room tjat had

an elegant taste. 1

There was a large poster bed in the middle and it seemed like a room for a guest.

Why had he brought this place?

And she was certain that she had never ever for once been to this part of the Castle.

She gasped as he slammed the door shut behind him.

"What the hell is wrong with you?" He demanded. "Why would you come to the dining when I had guests?! When I had family?!" 1

"I had no idea I was not to come." She said truthfully. "It was Lady Belinda who had said she needed extra hands and insisted that I go along." 1

He shook his head as his hands raked through his hair. "That is all you do, lie lie lie." 6

"I swear it." She said. "You can ask her. She was the one who insisted." 3

"Are you trying to ruin things for me? Because you know that I can not kill you!" He demanded. "Because by Gods you must know that if we were not tethered together then I would have never been with you in the first place." 3

Then it hit him and he rushed his hands through his hair.



"This was a mistake. This was all a mistake. Bringing you into my pack was nothing but my mistake." He said. 2

She felt her chest panting as her heart raced. Then he turned to her and went on his knees. "Tell me!" He cried. "Tell me what to do for you to leave me alone!" 3

She was quiet at first and then she said. "You were the one who brought me here my lord."

He looked at her and the tears had filled her eyes now.

"I had never wanted to come. You brought me here to punish me for the sins of my father." She said her voice breaking but becoming stronger. "Even though I am not my father. Did you ever think for once that perhaps? I am not like him?" 5

There was a silence in the room and then she said. "Sometimes regardless of blood a child may come out different." 4