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Lily stood standing there, unsure of what next to say to him that would convince him to be with her. 1

She had been, of course, humiliated that he chose a slave over her and not just any slave.

But the daughter of the man who had murdered them all.

Murdered her mother and sibling, the one who had separated her from her fated mate.

She hated her. 3

She was a treacherous traitor, and it shocked her when she saw Xaden take her side openly.

Since she had returned, he had hardly had the time to entertain her.

She had been with her maids in waiting, and she had been still perfecting her skills as his wife and mate-to-be.

But throughout all the time she had been here, it had been chaos after another.

The complete slap to the face was when he had made a dangerous journey of no return to find a cure for her.

Lily had had to be her respected womanly self.

She had been forced to control her feelings and be poised and understanding as any wife and future Luna would be.

But when she discovered the scandal of the girl being a traitor, it relieved her.

There was no way he was going to keep her around anymore.

He would definitely kill her. It was known that the punishment for treason was death. 2

And now, he was, still being withdrawn and telling her she deserved better.

Like hell she did! 2

She came to make her claim and take her rightful place by his side as his Luna. 2

That was all that mattered.

"I do not care about those things." She said. "I believe very well in our old religion. We were set to be together by the gods. That was not a mistake. The gods never ever make a mistake. What else could go wrong?"

"I am not a man who can love Lily, " he said. You have to understand that first. There is no aspect of me that lets me love."

She touched his cheeks desperately. "I do not care; we will work it out. You and I, the gods made a way for us as a second chance. We were once separated years ago, but fate has brought us together, and nothing shall stop that."

He sighed and looked at her. "I am not the man that will give you what you want."

"But you are the man that I want." She said looking into his eyes. "You are the man that I need. I am here to be by your side and I shall not leave you in this dire moment when you need the most. When will you understand that my lord?" 1

He eventually gave in with a deep sigh.

"You believe that you can take everything?" He asked.

"I was born for this. Born to serve you, my lord." She told him.

Then he gently put her hands down. "If that is what you wish for, then it shall be granted. We shall discuss more of this when I return from my journey."

And then he turned away from her to finish packing his things.

"What is going to happen to her?" She asked

him. "The daughter of our enemy." 1

She had purposely spread the word to remind him that it was not only his enemy but also hers.

It was something they had in common.

They both shared a common enemy.

"I will decide it when I have settled in the crescent pack." He said hastily. 3

"Do you care for her?" She asked him, crossing lines. "Do you love her?"

He was quiet for a while, and then he said. "I do not love, and I can not love anyone".

And with that he put his sword by his side and walked away from the room leaving her standing alone.

Then his guards at the door came in to

Pack his items.

He met Fiona waiting for him at the foot of the

Steps.

She was dressed in a fur coat that he suspected was for a very long journey.

"Do not tell me that you intend on traveling with me?" He asked her with a raised brow.

"I gathered my things already." She said. "I am going with you whether you like it or not".

"You should be in your room mopping and trying to find a way to apologize to me and not infuriate me further. You crossed the line, Fiona." He warned her as he walked past her

"I know I did." She said as she followed him. "And I am sorry. Believe me I did not tell you because I wanted her to be the one to tell you. I never meant to harm you."

"Harm me, Fiona?" He demanded in anger. "You made a stupid decision to keep this to yourself. What was the last message Bale sent to his daughter? How to kill me? Do you know what would have happened if he succeeded? The entire pack would have been rendered weak. They would have taken away everyone as their booty price. And you would have been rendered homeless. You have an idea of what they do to mothers and children during war, do you not? Pretty things like you in the pack."

She tried to explain to him. "But I was only trying to hel-

"You have done enough trying to help me." He said, and then he snapped his fingers and

Two hefty guards approached them. "You are

not to leave the castle walls under any circumstances. You are to remain and learn how to be a real woman." 3

She growled at him. "But I am a fighter. Not some silly high-breed daughter who will obey her alpha all the time."

"I made a promise that I was going to keep you safe," Xaden said, shaking his head. "Perhaps I am the reason why you became wild. I had thought that perhaps one day you would rule your mother's pack like she had. But I was wrong."

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