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Maria leaned back and a devilish smile was spread back on her face. 1

"A swift death is for a fool." Maria said. "Get me freed and I will see what I can do about it."

"Over my dead body." Xaden swore proceeding to step forward but Jasmine prevented him by grabbing his arm and holding him back.

And then she turned back to Maria. "If I promise that you will see it out of here safe and sound will you tell me everything that I need to know about my mother?"

Maria frowned and eyed her suspiciously.

It seemed to good to be true.

"Jasmine what are you saying?" Xaden asked but she ignored him.

"Will you?" Jasmine asked.

Maria eyed her all over refusing to take the bait. "How do I know this is not some trick. How do I know that you will keep to your word if I tell you."

Then Maria looked back up at Xaden.

"I am sure He is it going to let me out especially after everything." Maria said pointing at Xaden.

"You bet that right I won't." He said.

Jasmine then pulled out her dagger and then cut her hand.

Her blood dropped to the floor and then she pressed her open cut in the palm of her hand.

"I swear it to you. I swear by wolf that you would walk out of these bars alive." Jasmine started to say and then Xaden grabbed her arm and cut her short.

"What the hell are you doing?!" He demanded. "You are making a making an oath to yourself do you have any idea what that means? You will die if you disobey this oath!" He snapped at her in anger. "And when do you get to decide whether she lives or not."

"Trust me." She said through her eyes. And then she said aloud. "I am doing this for my mother."

He looked at her still confused and still lit sure of how to take her actions.

She looked at him, her eyes pleading and then she withdrew from his grasp and turned back to Maria.

"This is a blood oath. I can not break it. If I do, then my wolf will die." Jasmine said. "You know this." 2

Maria looked at her heavy with suspicion and then Xaden grabbed Jasmine's arm.

"She is wasting your time let's go." He started to say.

She quickly stopped them. "Okay fine!"

And then she sighed and gave her palm across the empty space of the dungeon bars.

Jasmine then cut Maria's own palm and placed her open cut over hers and said.

"You will tell me all that you know of my mother and keep not a single thing from me or you will die." Jasmine said.

Maria nodded and said. "Agreed. And you will keep your word and I shall walk out of here alive."

"Agreed." Jasmine said and then both women withdrew their hands.

The bond had already been made.

If either of them failed to accomplish what the other had demanded then the one who had betrayed the other would die.

"Now start." Jasmine said.

Maria sighed and folded her arms. "I can remember the day your mother came to the pack. It seems like such a distant memory because it was twenty years ago and yet it seemed like yesterday."

She sighed. "Your father had been away on a trip. We had been newly married and I was the pride of the pack."

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TWENTY YEARS AGO

Maria was in her bedroom with her servants brushing her beautiful long and blonde hair.

"Your hair is very beautiful my lady." The servant said.

"I have never cut it." Maria said. "I had always dreamed that my husband would be the one to put flowers in them when I married".

Maria had just turned eighteen and she had been mated to Alpha Bale who was the Alpha of the moonlight pack .

It was like a dream come true.

He was the kindest man she had ever met and so handsome.
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His family had unfortunately died in accident and he had been forced to take over the pack as their Alpha.

Never in her wildest dreams had she thought that she would be the Luna of a pack.

Her father had been a simple Beta wolf and yes she had always known she was destined for greatness and a life of wealth, she had never believed that she would achieve such a height.

She heard the Bella ring and she jumped up.

"Those bells are they not indicate that my husband has returned?" She asked the servants.

They curtseyed. "Yes your majesty." 1

And then she abandoned what she was doing and fled down to the balcony where sure enough he was coming with his entourage .

She squealed in excitement as she ran as fast as legs could take her.

She gathered her skirts to avoid falling down and the servants where shocked to see the new lady of the castle running bare feet to see her husband.

And then when she finally reached the castle grounds her cheeks were red and her breathing was uneven.

She had recently turned to her wolf so she was still new and unused to even running.

"Bale." She screamed in delight.

He turned around from his horse and then she jumped on him throwing him a hug.

"I had missed you." She said through the hug.

He held her warmly. "So had I."

And then she finally let go and he gently set her down to her feet after almost two minutes of holding so tight to him.

And then she held his cheeks and kissed him.

"Your hair is wild." He said as he touched a loose hair strands.

She realized how unlady like she had behaved and she started to stutter .

"Forgive me my lord. I am not in a good situation to welcome you." She said filled with shame.

He gave a hearty and genuine laugh. "And who said I did not like it?"

She looked up at him shock and a happy beam spread up across her face.

And then it was tenn that she took note of

something beside him.

Someone beside him.

It was like a dark cloud that had come over her bright sun and her face fell instantly.

It was the most beautiful woman she had ever seen.

She had a perfectly carved face.

Her hair was red and frizzled and seemed to be full and fire.

On Anyone else it would have been hideous but on her it made her stunning.

She had sharp green eyes and beautiful lashes.

Her cheeks were red and natural in contrast to Maria's which had been powdered with make up.

She had full pink lips and just like unlike Maria's again, they were an exact contrast to hers that had been painted with make up.

She had on a very simple dress that a servant would wear, but it seemed that it made it look like a queen's.

It made her curves become more obvious.

She had a full bosom and on top of it was an

emerald necklace.

Maria had no idea how long she had been gawking at this beautiful woman that made her insides twist and her insecurities grow from within.

"Maria." Bale said and she snapped back to reality.

"Oh." She mumbled to herself and she apologized. "Forgive me my lord my mind was elsewhere."

He gave a genuine smile and said.

"It is alright."

"Who is this?" Maria said and a hint of vivid jealousy could be heard in her tone.

"Forgive my manners. I did not introduce her to you. This." He said turning to the woman. "Is..."

And then it seemed as if he had forgotten her name and the woman spoke for the first, completing his sentence for her. "Red. My name is red my lady. Please to meet your acquaintance."

Maria wanted to lose her mind.

Her voice was melodic as if mixed with pierced symphony.

As if the see nymphs who sand the most beautiful melodies themselves would be extremely jealous.

And the way she had even curtseyed.

There was something about It.

It dispelled royalty, it dispelled Elite, high class.

Maria was so jealous she wanted to lose her mind.

"Yes, Red." Bale quickly said. "Red is from a rogue pack. Her family had been attacked by one of my enemies and then she was a survivor. I decided to take her in to our pack as a servant."

Maria eyed the woman up and down unable to even believe it.

"May I ask what you were whilst you lived with your family before they were butchered?" Maria said adding the word butchered in such a callous and intentional manner

She did not notice Bale frown at her use of words.

"Oh my lady. I was simply living with them. I took care of the goats and sheep and my family's home." Red said with a smile.

Even her smile made Maria FURIOUS!

She had perfect white teeth.

What? What was the one thing that this woman did not have?

"She will be here with us. She has been through a lot out there." Bale said.

"His lordship saved my life." Red said.

Maria wanted to murder her at the spot! 1

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