306 MONSTER MATE

She jumped up in fright at how quickly he had responded to her. 1

"My lord." She said.

He closed back his eyes and rested his head well at the rim of the pool.

"I asked you a question." He said. "What is it?"

She started to stutter and speak at once. "M..my lor...d." she said. "You didn't come to bed last night."

"After your behavior last night, you expected me to spend the night with you?" He asked.

Before she even had the chance to respond, he spoke for her.

"By the Gods." He said. "If I had in fact spent the night here, the fury of my wolf would have known no bounds and you probably still won't have your head in tact with your body."

She touched her neck and swallowed.

"I apologize for my behavior." She managed.

But he did not even respond to her, which simply meant that he did not accept her

apology.

"Is she alright?" She asked. "The woman."

Maria was now praying she was dead and she was alive at the same time

He was quiet for a while and then said.

"Why so that you can finish her off if she is alive or so that you can rejoice you killed an innocent woman?" He asked her. "Sorry to burst your bubble but she is alive."

Maria sighed in relief and in annoyance at the same time .

"Thank the Gods." Maria said falsely.

As if He could read through her lie, he turned around and faced her.

"Do not speak of the gods when you almost accomplished the greatest evil of all time." He snapped at her. "Why the bloody hell did you do what you did yesterday? What fucking got into your head."

He got up to his feet not minding his nakedness.

"She is a woman that you saved and supposed to live as a servant. But yet you treat her like she is royalty. You disregarded me in front of

her and you offered her a chamber much bigger than ours. You mocked me in front of everyone." She explained herself.

"Still that was no reason for you to have attacked her the way you did." He hissed. 1

"You even lied to me." She blurted out.

"What?" He asked confused.

"Yes." She nodded. "You lied to me. You told me that she was only a servant and yet you told the bloody house keeper to prepare a room fit for a Queen!"

He looked at her and an expression she did not understand was well written on his face.

"You went to badger Bernice?"

He said in utter disbelief.

Her mouth dropped open and then she closed it back unable to say a word.

"You went to badger her so much she was forced to tell you the truth isn't it?" Bale demanded.

"I did not badger her." Maria expressed. "I was simply trying to have her tell me why she did not tell me when you were coming. I have every right to."

"So you what? Forced the truth out of her? Beat it just like you had done to our guest?" He demanded.

She gasped at him.

"You call her our guest?! She is a bloody servant who is trying to take away my family and life from me." Maria stomped her feet like a spoiled child. "And you lied to me. You told me that she was a servant and you told the house keeper that she was a woman of noble birth."

"How is that any of your business?" He demanded. "How is what I tell the house keeper any of your business at all?"

"Because I am your wife?" Maria said enraged.

"Don't you dare tell me what to do." He stepped out of the bath and walked up to her his finger pointed well at her.

She felt a shiver down at her spine.

But she maintained her head and pointed her nose up in the air and asked. "Who is she? Your slut? If you have her as your mistress then so be it. After all every man loves to see other women outside. I hardly believe that you will be any different. But I will not have you humiliate me in the open.

Not in my front where I can see it and everyone will laugh at me. Do you have any idea what must be going through the minds of the servants now?"

He looked at her.

His face was weak and sad.

It was as if he had just seen who she truly was in the inside and outside . 1

"That is all you care about?" He asked her. "What people say about us. Not what happens to us. But what others think of us."

She looked at him as she breathed hard.

He shook his head and paced the room as his hand massaged his face.

His hand on his waist and he did not care for his nudity.

He gave in heavy sigh and looked at her.

"I can not believe that I had an entirely different perspective of you." He said. "I married you thinking you were someone else. And I just realized how wrong I was. Hell I don't even know who you are."

He sighed heavily

"You are my wife. And that is all that you are to

me." He spat. "I thought you had some sense, some decency. But apparently I was wrong."

Then he glared at her. "You are going to meet Red and apologize to her for everything you did to her."

"I will do no such thing." She said even though she was scared.

He mad a growl.

And her wolf instantly stood stiff obeying him.

And then he walked up to her.

"You will find Red and you will apologize to her and you would never do anything like that or I will throw you out and make sure that even after I reject you, no one will ever even look to marry or mate with you again?"

Her eyes were gathered with tears.

"Do you understand?" He asked in her ears.

She nodded and then he walked out of the bath chambers.

She burst into tears immediately he had gone.