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Anna cleared her throat and looked up at everyone. 1

"No one can know how happy I am to be here." Anna said. "To be where I feel wanted."

She shook her head and sighed heavily. "After all the traumas I had to sea with the Crescent pack. What Bale and his family did to me. What they all did to me."

When she said that, she turned to face Jasmine.

Jasmine looked away.

"But all that doesn't matter here. Because never in my wildest dreams did I think that I would have a loving brother, an uncle, a future sister in law." Anna said and then turned to Lily with a smile.

Jasmine burned in anger.

"And a beautiful pack. A place I can call home. And as the goddess would have it. A place where I find my mate."

The entire room went quiet.

Heads turned to look at each other and people

began to whisper.

Jasmine was confused.

What did she mean find her mate?

When has she even had the time to find her mate?

Where?

There were a lot of whispers in the room.

"Mate?" someone mumbled.

"What is she talking about?" someone else asked.

Jasmine saw Xaden look up to Anna confused.

"What do you mean you found your mate?" Xaden asked. "Here?"

She nodded wiping of a false tear.

She sniffed. "Yes here. In this very same pack."

At this point Jasmine as well as everyone else wanted to know who this new found mate of hers was.

"I didn't mean to hide it from you." Anna stated. "We both didn't. We were going to do it in a much better space and time. But I am just overwhelmed with Joy. I had to say it."

"Who is it?" Xaden's stern voice demanded.

"Its me." A familiar voice at the end of the table said.

Jasmine turned around, the same time all heads turned to see where the direction of the voice was coming from.

It was Erik.

"It is me. I am her mate." Erik repeated louder this time.

There was a sudden silence in the room.

No one uttered a single word.

A pin could drop in the room and they would all hear it drop.

Jasmine was shocked.

When had all this happened? From where?

She had been with Anna almost the entire time so when has there been a moment where her and Erik has discovered they were mates.

When had they even transformed? Especially with Kire still separated from him.

"What?" Xaden asked in utter disbelief.

Fiona dropped her fork and that brought back the noise in the room.

Jasmine turned to look at her and then Fiona quickly hid her emotions.

What was that about?

Then everyone turned to Xaden waiting to hear his judgment.

"I... a..m, surprised." Xaden said.

"Please don't be angry with me or him. I know he is your gamma. He had wanted to tell you as soon as we found out but I insisted that we didn't. I didn't want to put any pressure on you. Especially since I just found you." 1

Xaden barely blinked, still unable to say a word.

"Are you happy with this?" Xaden said turning to Anna.

She wiped her tears again. "Yes brother I am. I have my family and I also have my mate. What more could a girl who has suffered a cruel life ask?" 2

No one said a word.

Xaden didn't look at Erik, but he managed a smile at his sister.

"Whatever makes you happy, makes me happy." Xaden said.

And then Anna threw her arms around him and hugged him firmly.

"Thank you so much."

Jasmine could hardly even believe or understand what was happening.

Soon a few people clapped and then the whole dining room erupted in a round of applause.

Jasmine found herself being forced to clap too.

"Let the music continue." Uther announced and then the musicians started playing their instruments.

Jasmine decided that she had had enough drama and secrets for the night.

She walked up to Xaden.

She still had to take permission before she left.

"May I leave my lord?" Jasmine asked.

Xaden seemed to have his mind far away.

He nodded numbly. "Yes you can leave."

She started to leave when she made eye contact with Anna who was chattering excitedly with everyone.

There was a sneer, a look that Jasmine knew too well.

A look that said "I always win" 1

Jasmine ignored her and headed towards the door.

She saw Erik.

She wanted to ask him what the heavens was going on, but she didn't have the chance.

Fiona on her own had her food untouched and seemed to be solemn.

Jasmine wondered if she was missing anything of if she was even in this pack at all.

She shrugged and felt so much relief when she left the dining room.

As she walked down the hallway, she felt a wave of nausea hit her once again.

She set her hands against her head to stabilize herself.

She leaned by a dark corner and tried to ease her mind to avoid herself from puking.

Then she found her way up to Loren's chambers.

"You look like you fell off a cliff." Loren said taking off his glasses. 1

"I feel like I fell of a cliff." Jasmine said.

She started to walk in and almost fell but he assisted her.

He helped her in her bed.

"You're burning up." he said as he touched her fore head. "How long have you been feeling this way?"

Jasmine shrugged. "A while. I just need some potions to feel better. I assure you it is nothing serious."

Loren looked at her suspiciously and then sighed. "Alright. I will give you some medicine. It will knock you out. if its nothing as you insist then you should be better in the morning. If not, then you are going to have to rest."

He gave her the medicine and In no time she was sound asleep.

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