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My blood ran cold as I saw Diya held hostage by none other than Hunter.

A knife was pressed <u>against Diya's neck</u>, and a bomb was strapped to Hunter's chest.

My whole family was tense as they surrounded Hunter. Niya was being held back by Evan. Her need to protect her sister was clear to me.

Adonis was already growling at Hunter. Guards surrounded the place, just waiting for Adonis's command.

I knew they could very easily kill him, but it was Diya and the bomb that got me worried.

As soon as I was down, his eyes connected with mine. My heart was racing, but I willed myself to stay calm. This was a delicate situation.

"Aarya, you're here," Hunter breathed, smiling at me.

Adonis stood in front of me, blocking Hunter from seeing me.

"Let me see her," Hunter demanded.

Adonis scoffed, "I don't take orders from you, mutt."

He was struggling to stay in control, his voice became deeper. I squeezed his hand, and his tense shoulders relaxed, just a little.

Hunter growled, "Let me see her."

This time he pressed the knife against Diya's neck, causing her to whimper. (This novel will be daily updtaed at )Carter, who was being held back by Damien, struggled against Damien's grip.

"I'll kill you. I will tear you, limb from limb," Carter seethed, his possessiveness for his mate showing. He was no longer the playful alpha but a very angry one instead.

Niya growled, attempting to lunge at Hunter, but Evan held her back. Niya was easier to control than a certain lycan. If Adonis got angry, it wouldn't be pretty. His lycan was close to taking over. Diya wouldn't get hurt because of me. So, I pushed Adonis aside and let Hunter see me. Obviously Adonis didn't like that, but I grabbed his hand again, hoping he got the idea.

"You're different now." Hunter looked at me with adoration in his eyes.

That adoration was what I wanted to see all those months ago. Now it just made me sick. The only person I wanted to see that in was standing right beside me.

"I'm a lycan now, Hunter." I kept all emotion away from my voice.

"A beautiful one at that," Hunter replied.

Adonis growled, but I pulled him back. The Hunter I knew would never do anything to harm anyone. I hoped he was still in there.

"What do you want?" I asked.

"You," he replied simply.

Again, I felt Adonis's anger building up. I needed to diffuse this and quick

"What makes you think I'll come with you?" My eyebrows raised.

"You're mine. I've come to fulfill my promise to you," Hunter stated.

This time it was Carter who growled. "Aarya isn't yours, she never was. (This novel will be daily updtaed at )She was born to be a queen; she was born to be the king's mate. What promise are you talking about? You broke that when you stepped out of the car with your mate. Remember?"

Hunter's gaze snapped to Carter. "I don't have a mate."

Confusion was etched on our faces. What was he talking about? Did something happen to Lana?

"I will have one soon though." His gaze snapped to mine.

"Hunter, you need to let Diya go," I said, walking closer to him.

Adonis growled at the loss of contact, his stance turning predatory. He was ready to attack if Hunter laid a finger on me.

"Let Diya go, Hunter. I won't come any closer to you otherwise," I attempted to negotiate.

"So, you'll come with me?" he asked, excited.

His grip loosened on the knife. I saw this, and thankfully Diya did too. Without wasting a second, she elbowed Hunter in the stomach while I grabbed the knife so she could escape.

Hunter collapsed onto the floor, and I chucked the knife far away.

"Get that bomb off him and chuck him in the dungeons," Adonis barked orders and dragged me away from Hunter.

"She cheated on me," Hunter whispered.

I stopped in my tracks and turned back around. Hunter looked at me brokenly

The bomb had been ripped off Hunter, but he didn't seem to care about that.

Carter looked at me and then back at Hunter.

"Lana?" he asked

Hunter nodded slowly. Tears formed in his eyes, and he shook his head to try and clear them.

"Why? When?" Carter asked.

"I found out just before you came here and left me in charge. She was acting weird the past few months, and I couldn't figure out why.

(This novel will be daily updtaed at )"I followed her when she left our house, and she drove for about fifteen minutes before stopping at this house. She didn't even knock; she had a key and walked straight in.

"I heard a little boy shout, Mommy,' and my heart broke. In that moment, I thought she had a child that she hid from me because she was worried about my reaction.

"But then I heard a man's voice. He was telling her how much he loved her and missed her. Lana said she missed him too. My own mate telling another man she loved him

"I went to confront her when she told him that she would be rejecting me soon. She couldn't bear to live without him and her son. "But I didn't give her the satisfaction of rejecting me. I burst in and rejected her.

Instead of remorse, she was actually happy.

"While my heart shattered, she jumped into the arms of that man. She didn't even care that I was standing right there." Hunter was broken by the end of his story

Diya clutched onto Carter, while Carter looked distraught. The two have always been so close. Hearing what Hunter went through would have hurt Carter too. I think everyone felt the pain.

Your mate is meant to be your best friend, your lover, but for Hunter, that wasn't the case. The pain he felt was all because of his mate.

I felt anger building up inside me. Lana knew the effects of the mate bond, but still she played with Hunter.

Adonis stepped up behind me, and his presence soothed the anger that was threatening to escape

I couldn't help the tears that fell. Hunter wasn't malicious or possessive; he was broken. (This novel will be daily updtaed at )He had been broken in the worst possible way.

"My mate had a family. She didn't want me. The mate bond made her stay with me, but she never wanted me, she just used me. Broke my heart and left," Hunter whispered.

I walked toward Hunter and knelt down so I was face-to-face with him. Adonis's anger was evident, but I turned to him and shook my head.

Hunter wasn't going to do anything, I was sure of it.

"Hunter," I whispered.

His eyes shot up to mine. Sadness, anguish, and devastation were shining through

"I know it's tough. Rejection isn't easy, but you can't let her win. What she did to you was awful, but you're stronger than that. You are one of the strongest people I know. There is someone out there for you, someone

who is worthy of your love, and we both know that someone isn't me." I smiled sadly.

Hunter sighed, "I know. You were never meant to be mine. Carter was right, you were born to be the king's mate. I guess my anger blinded me. I'm so sorry, I didn't mean to hurt anyone."

Carter spoke up. "What you went through is something I don't wish upon anyone. Your feelings got the better of you but owning up to your mistakes is something admirable. You've always been there for me, so this time I'm here for you."

Hunter smiled sadly. "Thanks, man. But I'm stepping down from my role as beta. I don't deserve it, not after all of this."

Carter laughed. "Don't even think about it. I won't find a better beta for the pack. You're staying, but I'll let you have a few weeks off. Go and travel, explore new places, and who knows, maybe you'll find someone."

Hunter cringed. "I think my heart is closed off."

"Never say never," I reminded him.

"Thanks, Aarya. You really are one of the best people I know." Hunter smiled.

"She is." Adonis made his presence known, grabbing my hand so I was standing

It was a sign of possession. I wanted to roll my eyes, but instead I just smiled at him, and he pulled me closer to his side.

"Come on, man, let's go home. I don't want the pack being without the alpha or beta." Carter helped Hunter stand.

"Smiley, I would have stayed longer if I could, but duty calls. You know I'm always a phone call away." Carter hugged me.

"I understand. You have responsibilities. Make sure you ring me when you get home,(This novel will be daily updtaed at )" I replied.

"Yes, Mother," Carter joked.

"Aren't you guys tired? That drive is going to be so long," Niya piped up.

"We'll take turns driving. I'll drive first to let these guys sleep." Diya walked over to her sister and gave her a big hug.

After saying our goodbyes to Carter, Diya, and Hunter, everyone decided to return to their rooms.

It didn't take a genius to figure out that everyone was exhausted. The past few days have been tough on everyone.

Mom gave me another hug and told me that I did the right thing. Even though I didn't need it, hearing Mom say that made me feel a little better.

For some reason I wasn't sure if I had betrayed Adonis by giving Hunter a second chance.

Adonis may be jealous and possessive, but he wasn't unjust. He may not like Hunter, but my heart knew that he wouldn't be mad.

I made my way back to my room with Adonis by my side.

"Sorry if I angered you." I broke the silence.

"You didn't. I wanted to be an<u>gry</u> with you, but I realized I just can't be." He sighed

"Why?" I asked.

"Because you did the right thing. Hunter was broken, and you saw that.

You gave him a second chance. Meanwhile, I was blinded by jealousy, so wasn't thinking straight," Adonis replied.

"What happened to Hunter was awful. All I wish for him is happiness. Seeing everyone around you in love with their mates must be hard." I released a sigh.

"He'll make it. But enough about Hunter. I believe we were interrupted." Adonis smirked.

Adonis didn't wait for me to respond, instead picking me up and walk<u>ing</u> back to our room at a fast pace. Clearly someone was eager.

He threw me on the bed, and that predatory look was back on his face. I found myself getting excited, but I didn't want to give him the satisfaction. He left me on edge, now it was payback time.

I yawned and said, NOL Lonight. Im exhausted, I need sleep.

His face changed to one of shock as I got into the covers and closed my eyes.

"What the fuck?" I heard him mutter.

It took everything in me not to burst out laughing as he got changed and climbed into bed.

"Tomorrow, right?" he asked, sounding like a child.

"We'll see. My parents are here, and I want to spend time with them." I snuggled into the duvet.

"Cockblockers," he mumbled.

A part of me felt a little guilty, but a <u>bigg</u>er part of me was enjoying this way too much. Teasing Adonis was definitely one of my favorite things to

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"Goodnight, Adonis," I said, trying hard not to laugh.

"Yeah, goodnight," he replied.

It didn't take long for him to pull me closer so I was now facing his chest. Something about sleeping in your mate's arms was just amazing

I snuggled into Adonis's chest, and he tightened his grip around me. It didn't take long for my eyes to get heavy.

The events of the last few days took its toll on my body, so I welcomed sleep with open arms.

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"Don't do it, little one. You've teased me enough today," Adonis growled.

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I guess I should backtrack a few hours to this morning. Waking up felt amazing. My whole body felt so much better, and it felt as if a weight had been lifted off my shoulders.

Adonis buried his face into my hair and breathed in my scent.

"I don't want to get up," Adonis mumbled.

"Neither do I, but my parents are here. I want to spend some time with them before they go." Reluctantly, I detangled myself from Adonis's warmth and headed to the bathroom to get ready.

When I headed downstairs, my parents and family were already sitting there and chatting.(This novel will be daily updtaed at ) Damien, Gabe, and Evan were also there.

"Morning." I made my presence known.

"Morning, did you sleep well?" Evan asked, a teasing glint in his eyes.

"Better than you, clearly. Maybe next time you should actually sleep," I joked.

Evan rolled his eyes, while Gabe and Damien laughed.

"I'm going to pretend I never heard that," Sai mumbled.

"Love ya, big bro." I laughed.

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"What? Why not after lunch?" I asked.

"Oh, honey, we need to get back. Your father and brother have responsibilities that they can't ignore." Mom came over to give me a hug.

I sighed, "I wish you could stay longer."

"Next time," Mom promised.

"You need to pay a visit next," Dad teased.

"Oh hush. She's the queen, much more responsibility than us," Mom replied.

"Dad's just messing, Mom." I smiled.

"Just because you're the queen doesn't mean you can't come to visit," Sai chipped in

"I can't wait for you to leave." I stuck my tongue out.

"Wow, Aarya, so mature." Sai rolled his eyes.

"Ahh, the joys of having my kids back together." Dad's sarcasm caused the lycans to laugh.

Zoya sat there, sipping her coffee, her eyes full of laughter.

"What did I miss?" Adonis came down the stairs, his hair still wet from the shower

How badly I wanted to run my hands through his hair. Damn it, I bet he did that on purpose. He knows I love his hair.

"Just regular sibling drama." Damien laughed.

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"Are you teasing your brother, little one?" Adonis came up and asked.

Of course he'd ask that. Probably trying to get revenge from yesterday.

"See, even your mate knows what a handful you are." Sai looked smug.

"You want me to start exposing your secrets?" I asked, my hands on my

hips.

Sai's smug look dropped, and he looked at me in horror. "You wouldn't."

"Try me," I fired back.

Dad took a sip from his coffee before replying, "Sai, you're a grown-ass man. Stop teasing your sister, you know she'll embarrass you."

"Daddy's little princess," Sai mumbled into his cup of coffee.

Zoya patted his back but looked at me, laughing.

I decided not to say anything else, otherwise it would be Mom telling me off. We all know that moms do not hold back either.

"You know you're my mate. You're meant to be on my side." (This novel will be daily updtaed at ) I glared at Adonis, shrugging his hand off my shoulder and going to sit next to my parents.

"Oh, Brother. Never piss off your mate. I'm sure that is basic knowledge." Damien shook his head at Adonis.

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Adonis didn't seem fazed. Instead he had that wicked glint in his eyes.

I pretended to <u>i</u>gnore Adonis as I ate breakfast with my family. Niya came down yawning and the boys didn't miss the opportunity to tease Evan. Niya sat down next to me and downed a cup of coffee.

Someone had a long night. I tried but failed to hold in my laughter. Niya weakly glared at me, which caused me to laugh more.

"I think that's our cue to leave," Sai said, standing up.

"Already?" I couldn't help the sadness in my voice.

"Oh, darling, we would stay longer if we could, but your brother is right. (This novel will be daily updtaed at )We should head off." Mom sighed.

"Yeah, I guess so." My happy mood disappeared.

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I didn't realize how much I missed my family until they had to leave again. After giving my family long hugs and promising them I'd come home. I watched the car leave

Adonis tried to hold my hand, but I shrugged him off, going to Niya instead.

"It's okay to be sad." Niya comforted me.

"I miss them already." I sighed.

Adonis held my hand and pulled me into his embrace. I breathed in his addictive scent and buried my face in his chest. Guess I couldn't stay mad at him for long

"Little one, I know this may not be the right time, but you should know. Bradley is dead."

I looked up at Adonis, who showed no emotion, but I knew he was hurting inside.

"Good. He won't be causing any more trouble for us," I replied.

Adonis just nodded, bringing me back into his warm embrace.

"Hey." A voice broke our embrace.

"Sophia?" I looked up and down for any signs that Bradley hurt her.

"I'm already healed," she said.

I walked over to her, and she pulled me in for a hug.

"Oh God, I can't tell you how worried I was." My voice broke, and tears threatened to fall.

"Yeah, well, I'm angry with you," she replied.

"What? Why?" I asked, confused.

"Because, Aarya, you were going to give yourself up for me. How stupid can you be?" Sophia shook her head.

"I told her not to," Adonis chipped in.

"You can be angry at me, I don't care. There was no other option, and I am the queen. Surely my decision shouldn't be questioned." The anger built up inside of me.

Sophia suddenly backed down, while the others looked at me, worried. Adonis stepped closer to me.

"Calm down."

The anger disappeared, and I sighed.

"You know what, it's been a long few days. Whatever has happened is done.(This novel will be daily updtaed at )We can't change the past, so why talk about it?" I looked around at everyone.

"- You're right. No more talking about it," Niya agreed.

"I actually need to go into town. Come on, Evan." Niya dragged Evan.

"I'll join, get out of the palace," Damien said.

"I'll come too," I chipped in.

"Nope, you're busy today," Adonis replied.

"What?" I looked at him, confused.

He didn't answer me, just picked me up and threw me over his shoulder.

"Seriously? Put me down," I growled.

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"Have fun, guys. My mate and I need to have a long conversation." I could hear the smirk in his voice.

I heard the laughter of everyone while Adonis carried me back to our room.

"Fuck you," I said, grumbling.

"That mouth of yours," Adonis tutted before smacking my ass.

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"Don't do that," I gasped.

"Why? Is it turning you on?" he asked.

I scoffed, "No, just don't do it."

Lies. Of course it was. Adonis would have known that anyway.

Adonis dumped me on the bed, but I didn't give him the chance to do anything. I jumped up, the adrenaline pumping through my body.

Adonis smirked at me, his tongue ran over his lips. Fuck, I wanted to kiss them so badly.

"Want me to chase you?"

I walked over to Adonis and left small kisses on his face, never kissing his lips. Adonis groaned; his arms tightened around my waist.

"No, I want you to catch me," I whispered in Adonis's ear.

He clearly wasn't expecting that. For a split second his arms loosened, and I took that opportunity to duck under him and run out of our room.

This time I ran through the palace before heading outside.

Adonis let out a growl, causing the hairs on my body to stand on end. My lycan and I were excited.

Gi<u>ggl</u>ing, I ran outside and swung myself up in a tree. Adonis ran straight past me, and I waited for a few seconds before quietly jumping down and running back inside.

Honestly I was just doing whatever came to me. I had no plan, but I found it was working in my favor.

Running straight back in my room, I dashed into my cupboard and found the piece of lingerie I was looking for.

As fast as I could, I put it on. It was a sexy black one-piece with a plunging neckline that went all the way down to just above my belly button. (This novel will be daily updtaed at )The lace detail was stunning

I paired that with a silk robe and took out my hair, running my fingers through it.

I heard Adonis's growl outside in the gardens, and a devious idea formed in my head

I walked out on our balcony. Sure enough, Adonis was standing there, breathing heavily, his lycan clearly sniffing out where I was.

"Adonis," I called.

"Like what you see?" I smirked.

Adonis growled and ran inside. A thrill of excitement rushed through me. I heard him shout, "No one on my floor. No one."

I positioned myself by the balcony so it was like I was going to jump.

Adonis banged the door open, his eyes finding mine and lust filling them quickly

"What happened? The king couldn't find me?" I laughed.

"Come here, little one." Adonis's eyes didn't leave mine.

"Hmm... no. I like it here. Thinking everyone should see what I'm wearing," I joked.

"Come here," Adonis said again, his voice deeper.

"Don't you wanna play catch again?" Mischief glistened in my eyes.

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And that is how I ended up in this situation. I don't regret it. Not one bit.