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Liam paced angrily in his chambers as he tried to control his wolf. There were two things it wanted to do. The first was to rip Tony Garrett, his Beta's throat out. The second was to find Nicole and ravage her until her legs shook and her body trembled.

When he returned to the pack, he came to a quick realization that a bond had developed between him and Nicole. It was that bond that let him feel and almost read her thoughts. It was the same bond that let him know that another male was lurking by her and touching her.

Although he hid it perfectly, he was stupefied and while he was still processing the new development, Garrett touched her, twice! It affected him more than he could control and his wolf broke out.

Of course, when Garrett finally responded to his summons, he bore a mischievous grin, while pretending like he didn't know why he was mad. Liam was certain that the only reason he hadn't killed him was because of their relationship; Garrett was his Beta and friend.

Now that Nicole was finally in his territory, his desires for her multiplied tenfold. He blamed it on the mark. If he hadn't been so callous, he wouldn't have felt what he was feeling. When he met up with her that evening, he had planned to take her to the forest and get over her innocent torment, but on reading her tumultuous emotions, he couldn't do it.

He may be a beast who dealt without care or respect, but he could never force himself on a woman. It was always the other way around. Even when he lured and charmed them into fulfilling his fantasies, it was always consensual. Another thing was that everything with Nicole was different. With her, he thought and respected her feelings and countenance despite his appetite, but with other women, he only satisfied himself, never giving a thought to what the woman he was plunging into thought or felt. Liam had always believed that they had no option but to worship him.

Annoyed and very horny, he summoned one of the female seductresses in Dark Moon, thinking that she might ease his stress. His dick was rock hard from just thinking about Nicole. The seductress didn't waste any time. In a few minutes, she was in the room he reserved for having sex, wearing nothing but lingerie and some straps.

"You called on me, Alpha," she whispered, in her throaty voice.

Liam sucked in a breath through his teeth. The sight of her was very appealing, but his wolf wasn't appalled. It was disgusted with his antics that raged in his head. As she approached him, Liam forced his wolf to back down.

The moment she touched him, he felt irritated. He tried making out with her, but it grated his nerves. In the end, he allowed her to give him a blow job. Even as she sucked his dick, his mind wandered back to Nicole.

Liam had never been sexually frustrated to that extent before. After the seductress left, he found himself needing more. He called on another of his ladies and fucked her roughly while trying to get rid of his thoughts of Nicole.

Like with the first lady, it didn't help. He got his release every time, but once moments after, the thoughts of Nicole plagued him. It was like a curse and he barely slept that night.

First thing in the morning, Liam headed to his personal gym in the pack's house and tried to release his pent-up stress there.

"Wow," Garrett snickered, walking into the gym about two hours later.

James followed suit with his arms folded and a brow raised.

Grunting, Liam collapsed on the bench. His mind was all over the place. This was the first time he and his wolf were in disagreement.

"Did Shane of Crimson get under your skin that much?" Garrett taunted.

Liam grunted and buried his head in his palms and tried to catch his breath. The strenuous exercise helped a lot.

"Liam, seriously what's going on? You've been off since you returned," Garrett told him.

Liam inhaled sharply and looked at them. He debated telling them about his torment.

Garrett smirked, "It has got something to do with the new Omega lady, Nicole, right?"

Liam snarled, "If I ever find out that you got close to her again, I'll maim you, Tony Garrett. Beta or no Beta."

James, who hadn't said a word, narrowed his eyes at Liam, while Garrett burst into laughter.

"When did you become so protective of a female?" He laughed, "James, is there something you're not saying about your adventure in Crimson? Are you sure-"

Liam's growl interjected Garrett and he snapped his mouth shut. Liam was beside himself. Garrett

was right, nothing about Nicole was normal. Sometimes he felt that it went past the attraction from the mark.

Even before he marked her, he found her to be very intriguing and dazzling. When he had walked into that bar that night, he immediately knew that she was the one he wanted. He ran his hand through his hair and took a deep breath.

"It's not that serious," he spat, debating if he should tell his beta about the mark.

"If I may, Alpha. I've realized that whenever people say it's not serious, it's actually very serious," Garrett said silently.

Garrett's eyes gleamed with mirth. Liam cleared his throat and got to his feet.

"I mean it's okay, it's nothing serious. You know how I get when I find some new chic. All these will fade," Liam defended.

"Hmmm, why does it sound like you are only trying to believe that? You've been with countless females, Liam, but you've never warned me off any of them." Garrett mused.

"Can you stop? It's like this because I marked her!" Liam snarled, throwing his hands in the air. Garrett gaped at him with his eyes boggling out of their sockets. He looked from him to James, who shrugged. James had already been informed when they were at Crimson.

"You what?" He blurted,

"I was in the throes of passion and my wolf took control and marked her." He raged, "And since then, my body and my wolf haven't been the same. I know it's because sex with her was so good... It was amazing and had me over my head and so I made that stupid mistake."

"Wait, hold on," James interjected.

Liam's head snapped to James, his blue eyes were darker and flickering to gold. His fingers were balled into fists and he bared his teeth at them.

"What?" He spat

"What happened before you had sex with her?" James suddenly spoke up, "I know some werewolves cannot control themselves and end up marking a whole lot of people, but that's far from being you, Liam."

Liam's eyes widened and his anger fizzled out.

"What are you insinuating?" He growled,

"Nothing. I just need to know what happened."

"I cannot remember," Liam huffed, forcing himself to believe his lie. He could remember every single detail, from the moment he walked into the bar to the moment he laid his eyes on Nicole. James shrugged, "Well, if you don't. I'm guessing that it's a mistake. Marks like that fade after a while."

"Damn. This is huge Liam, can both of you stop downplaying it? I might be goofy looking, but why is it that you always do the craziest shit?" Garrett grumbled, "This is fucking serious. A mark is not easy to get rid of. It makes even the most ruthless go soft. It tames the worst beasts." "Shut up!" Liam growled. "No one's going to tame me. I'm Liam Hallows, nothing's going to make me soft. I need no one." Garrett stumbled back at the effect of his dominance.

"Yes, Alpha." He said, bowing his head. The room was saturated with so much power that he found breathing difficult.

James watched the exchange with a silent smirk. "I brought that bitch here as revenge on Shane of Crimson. Once I'm done with her and have successfully killed whatever the fuck that crazy mark created between us, I'm kicking her back to him and demanding my payment before attacking him," Liam raged.

Garrett swallowed. He had seen Liam get mad a hundred times, but he had never seen him try to defend himself so hard. Even when he knew he had done the worst and most despicable things that he should be remorseful for, he had never for once cared. The thought left him dumbfounded.

He shared a glance with James, who pretended to be disinterested.

Slowly a smirk crept into his face and he folded his arms in awe. His senses told him that change was coming with Nicole. That was why he greeted her so amiably and maybe that change was a good thing.

Still smirking, Garrett added, "Yes, I'm sure it will soon fizzle out and you'll be yourself soon," "Yes, yes, yes. Now I want to shower. We have very important things to discuss today. We need to give the elders and stakeholders of Dark Moon a brief on our victory with the other packs and most especially Crimson," Liam said, gesturing at his sweat-covered body.

"That's exactly why we are here, Alpha. To remind you of your duties," Garrett teased.

Liam heaved, then ran his hands through his hair, relieved to have changed the topic. He didn't know what to do with Nicole or how to handle her. All he knew was that he wanted to rid himself of his attraction to her. He was certain that by the time he had sex with her 4 or 5 times, whatever it was he felt would have disappeared, and then he would be free.

It was what happened with all the females he had come across. The only thing was to get her

settled and comfortable in Dark Moon. He had understood that it wasn't easy for one's life to be uprooted in a second and planted in a new environment.

"And James, what's the update on Crimson? Have they made any move yet?" Liam asked. James shook his head, "It's been just 24 hours, Liam, and they are bound by blood. I don't think they would be that stupid to make any move. If there's anything, it should be that they're mourning the embarrassment of their alpha and the loss of their Luna."

"Wait what?" Garrett choked,

James grinned, "Tony, there's a lot to uncover about what happened in Crimson. Things only get crazier."

"How the hell do you take someone's mate for crying out loud? A fucking Luna! Are we going to war?" Garrett blubbered. He was astounded. "All these and more will be revealed in the course of the brief," James said, holding his laugh and patting Garrett's back. "Trust me, you'll be amazed," Garrett looked from him to Liam, whose head was buried in his arms.

"Come on, now, let's go." James said, "Our good Alpha has to prepare for his meeting today."

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