

THE ALPHA PRINCE *and His Bride*



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Chapter 1-The Proposal

Lucy's POV:

"What do you mean I'm getting married? " I asked the queen in utter dismay.

She stared at her nails under the lights, acting the least bit interested in what I had to say.

"Did you really think my husband adopted you because he wanted another daughter? No sweetie, you've always been a business investment, this was the plan all along . You're finally going to serve your purpose and repay us for giving you a roof over your head all of these years."

I gasped at her cruel words, I always knew that almost everyone in the royal family disliked me but I never once thought that they despised me to the extent that they were willing to sell me

off like this. "What are you saying?" I asked, unable to hide the shock in my voice.

"I'm saying, first thing tomorrow morning you'll be in King Jeremy's castle, getting married to his son Prince Austin Lance Vinci." She explained with a wicked smile. "What they do with you after is none of our concern, if I were you I'd start praying for I'm sure they're going to treat you much worse than us considering you're so hard to love."

I fought hard at the tears I felt threatening to fall. No. I wouldn't cry, for my entire life this family has mistreated me, to the point that I often tried to hide from them as much as I could. The less I was around them, the more I felt at peace. For these reasons as well as many others, I should be happy that I was finally able to leave. Right?

I could only hope that my new family would be nothing like my old. I knew nothing about them, so all I could possibly do for myself was pray that they would treat me better, at least a little.

Austin's POV:

Ariana's hands tangled in my hair as I jammed her up against the wall, my mate. My lips crashed down on her neck and she moaned my name in response. . .and just like before, I couldn't do it. I couldn't mark her, what the hell was wrong with my wolf?

"Alpha, we have a problem."

My eyes shut to Alex in annoyance. "This better be good." I warned him.

"I can assure you that it is."

I reluctantly dropped my hands from around my mate and followed Alex outside.

"We just had word from your parents, something that will affect you greatly. As you're already aware. . .our kingdom is in jeopardy and in order to save it they've accepted a marriage proposal from Princess Lucy Rosemary."

"What?" I roared.

NO! NO FREAKING WAY!

They couldn't possibly think of doing this to me when they already knew that I'd found my mate. There was no way I would ever be able to accept anyone else other than her!

Within minutes I was storming into my parents room, I found them both discussing in a corner.

"I'm not getting married to that woman." I stated matter of fact before either one of them could say a single word. I needed to get it through to them that this wasn't something that was negotiable.

My mother gave my father a look of helplessness before speaking. "Son, I know this is very disturbing news but you need to understand this is the only choice that we have, you need to take this decision for the people of our kingdom. You need to finally prove your worth to them, you know how much they love and adore you already, this is not about us but about them. . ."

I loved my people with all my heart but I never thought that this day would ever come, a day where I would have to sacrifice my happiness. It was all too much to take in just in one day.

A photo in my mother's hand caught my attention and I slowly reached for it. "What's this?"

As my mother handed it over to me she said. "It's a picture of the princess," at the exact same time my eyes fell on the photo. I felt the anger within me slowly leave my body as I scanned the image. Long black hair framed a beautiful heart shaped face, bright blue eyes that seemed to see straight through you and sweet pink lips to die for.

Who was this woman? Why did I feel a connection with just a photograph?

After staring at the photo for what seemed like hours I finally faced my parents. "I'll marry this woman only for the sake of my people , however as you know I already have a mate , this woman can never have my heart."

"What the hell is this story about you marrying this slut of a princess today?" Ariana shouted at me before her eyes took in my suit. "And you're actually going through with it?" She asked in disbelief.

"Ariana , I'm so so sorry ,I never even knew of this arrangement until yesterday , I have to do this for my people, please try and understand...this is just as hard for me as it is for you."

"Your people?That's all you ever think about, what about me?Your mate?Do I mean nothing to you?"She demanded.

"Of course you matter to me , look I swear to you , if there is any way to get out of this marriage I will...if not, please know that she would never mean anything to me."I whispered."No one can take your place in my life."

"Make sure you make her life a living hell."

"I think its already happening , I mean she isn't even having a normal happy wedding which every woman deserves, just a rushed private ceremony."I pointed out."You have nothing to worry about."I said pulling her into my arms.

Lucy's POV:

I bit down on my nails nervously as the limousine pulled up to my new home, my nerves were all over the place. I could feel my heart thumping louder than drums and it felt as though I was about to meet the man I was destined to be with. Wait, what? Where did that thought even come from? I was so nervous that even my thoughts were scaring me.

"Try not to embarrass the family like you're so used to doing."

The queen snapped at me as soon as we stepped out of the

vehicle. I saw the king nod his head in agreement with her. Like always, they both saw me as a complete embarrassment to the family.

"I can't wait to see the ugly prince she's being forced to marry." My step sister Ellie spat with an evil smile. It never failed to amaze me how low these people would stoop just to see me unhappy when I'd never done a single thing to any of them. I tried to ignore everything my family said after that, I had enough on my mind already.

The nervousness in me only increased with each step I took closer to the beautiful castle, my stomach started to hurt, something that usually happened whenever I was nervous. I tried to ignore it at first but the pain was becoming unbearable.

"I need to use the washroom." I told the queen.

She rolled her eyes at me ."Don't expect me to carry you to find it, you can help yourself."

I shouldn't have been surprised with her response, I turned away from my family and headed in the direction a maid had shown to me , my eyes took in the full beauty of the place. This castle was even more beautiful than the one back home, everything here looked like it cost a fortune. From the window frames to the curtains, even down to the flooring. After a few minutes of trying to find a washroom, I was convinced I was lost until I heard voices. I followed the sound hoping they could help me find my way.

I was close enough now to hear everything that they were saying.

"If there is any way to get out of this marriage I will." I heard the guy say.

Any way to get out of this marriage? There was only one person getting married here today as far as I knew. . .Which only meant one thing.

Was that the prince I'm supposed to be getting married to?

I continued to listen to the conversation, my heart broke into tiny pieces with each word that came out both of their mouths.

They suddenly stopped saying anything and I peeped around the corner to see why, what I saw next had me doubling over in shock. My soon to be husband had another woman in his arms in a full on heated make out session!

A/N:

Hi my wonderful readers,thank you so much to everyone who's willing to give this book a chance, hope you enjoyed the first chapter. Lots of love,

Laura.

Chapter 2-Married

The shocked gasp that I suddenly heard forced me to break away from Ariana.My wolf demanding that I do.

And that's when I saw her.

Hurdled in a corner ,clutching at her wedding dress tightly as though it were the only thing keeping her from running right now.

My bride.

Her beauty in person was nothing compared to the picture of her I had seen just yesterday,as much as I hated to admit it ,she was the most beautiful woman I had ever laid my eyes on, never had I seen someone look at me with such innocence and purity and it freaking undid me in a way impossible to explain.

But it was not her beauty or innocence that made my gut twist , it was the hurt and shock in her eyes, the protective instincts within me suddenly overpowered every other emotion raging through my body right now, the need to take away her pain was almost unbearable.

My wolf was raging inside of me,and it took all of my self control not to let him loose , I've never felt him fight to be free this much before , his behavior confused me.

"This is the hideous woman you're supposed to marry?" Ariana asked breaking the silence and bringing me back to reality.

Princess Lucy's gaze went over to Ariana and not a single word came out from her mouth. Her beautiful lips were parted however and it made me want to reach over and gently kiss it.

"Damn babe, I think your future wife is mute." Ariana continued with her insults.

Her gaze went back to me once more , the confusion there was suddenly replaced with fear. Was she scared of me? The thought of that made me sick to my stomach. Before anyone could say anything else she spun on her heels and ran off.

I paced once more , fighting to control my raging wolf who for some reason wanted to run after my bride, the strong unknown feelings caused me to hate the princess more than I already did.

didn't know a single thing about her and already she had my emotions all over the place.

LUCY'S POV:

I ran and ran and ran.

Not for the reason you may think, I was accustomed to being treated the way that woman spoke to me, what scared me was the immediate reaction I had to the prince. Something within me was pulling me towards him and whether or not you chose to believe me, I could have sworn a voice within me said 'mate'.

I can't believe it, I was already going insane on my first day at this place.

Hearing voices , feeling an immediate pull to someone I didn't know , feeling jealousy ...what was going on with me?

My heart was racing and the stabbing pain of betrayal was eating at me raw ,seeing the prince with his arms wrapped around another woman was enough to make me puke.

I fell back against the wall, trying to keep myself together, come on Lucy, be strong , you don't even know the Prince , so what if he had his arms wrapped around someone who wasn't you...you shouldn't care.

I considered asking my family to cancel the wedding but knew that would most likely end up with a huge uproar ,with me collecting a slap to my face most likely from the queen.

Whether I liked it or not I was stuck in this situation with Prince Austin.

My eyes scanned my surroundings nervously, I didn't know any of the people in the room besides my family.To the front of me

King Jeremy and his wife stood with welcoming smiles, along with one other person whom I assumed had to be the Prince's sister.

And of course, none other than Prince Austin was right besides me but I dared not raise my eyes to look at him, not after my earlier reaction to him . His gaze was burning into my body however and against my better judgement my traitorous body responded desperately.

Traitor.

"There is no need for a full on introduction , let's just get the wedding over with."The queen announced .

Wow, so happy to get rid of me I see.

I saw King Jeremy give his wife a quick confused glance before responding."I mean, if that's what you wish then let's get the ceremony started."

The marriage officer motioned for Austin and I to stand facing each other and the rings were brought forward, the vows were quickly spoken between us , almost rushed.

"Please accept this ring as a token of our marriage and as a symbol of all that we share."

Austin reached for my hand and the moment we touched my body jerked alive , a small gasp escaping my mouth at the shock of the feelings stirring inside me.

What on earth was that?

My eyes snapped up to Austin and our gazes locked , he seemed to be at war with himself as he quickly placed the ring on my finger and let go of my hands as though they burnt him.

Thankfully the officer finished the vows without a mention of kissing the bride...I mean even if he did there would be none of that since Austin stormed off as soon as he declared us husband and wife.

My family of course found his actions to be hilarious since any embarrassment on my part were like diamonds served on a tray to them.

Austin's family on the other hand actually seemed upset at his behavior and tried to reassure me that everything was okay .I didn't know how to react to there hospitality since all I've ever known my entire life was hate from everyone around me. "Well

I guess this is it , goodbye Lucy."The king spoke up , the queen and my step sister repeating his words.

"Don't you want to stay a little longer until she gets more comfortable?"King Jeremy inquired.

"That won't be necessary."The queen cut in."We actually have more important matters to see about."

I felt my heart ache at their immediate dismissal of me, how could they just let me go so easily after years of having me by their side without so much as a proper goodbye.They truly were cold heartless beings.

"So this is Austin's room and obviously where you will be staying."Princess Maya, Austin's sister pointed out to me . I dragged my gaze from the beautiful princess to evaluate my surroundings.

His room screamed masculinity ,not a pinch of a woman's taste , nevertheless it was a beautifully crafted room with paintings on the wall and an extraordinarily large bed to the middle .The huge stereo system next to the television caught my eyes since I was never allowed the luxury of having one of those in my last home.

Maya suddenly cleared her throat."Am , about Austin's behavior earlier on today ,please don't take it too personally, this whole marriage came as a shock to him,I believe he just needs a little time before he adjusts to married life.I hope you can give him that time ."She pleaded.

I brought my gaze back to her and gave her a small nod.

She suddenly cracked a huge smile."I've actually always wanted a sister, I'm happy I won't be the only girl around here from

now on.I know we will get along just fine and I do want you to know that you can always come to me if you need someone to talk to."

"Thank you for being so nice to me."I replied honestly.It felt nice to meet people who were nice to me for once,I just wish it were under different circumstances .

After a few hours of the princess giving me a tour of the entire palace she finally left me alone in the room so I could get settled in by myself, I fell back against the bed ,my senses suddenly on overdrive as I took in what was most definitely Austin's sexy masculine scent, it was all over the bed ,I turned and as if I had no control over my body whatsoever, took a sniff at the sheets,inhaling deeply.

And of course that is exactly when Austin chose to come storming into the room, he paused as soon as he caught me in the act ,his eyes zeroing on my hands tugging at the sheets,his eyes flashed with something I couldn't read before he slowly shut the door behind him.

His entire movement screamed menace as he walked over to the bed.

Oh no.

What was he going to do?

CHAPTER 3

"Let's get something straight, there is only one woman in my life and there will always be only her. That being said, I can't sleep in the same bed with you." He hissed with so much hatred that I winced at the intensity.

I blinked up at him, this was definitely not what I was expecting from him. "Excuse me?"

Did he really just say what I think he just said? We barely knew each other and we were already married. Then why did he think I had to accept something like this?

He narrowed his eyes at me. "We aren't sleeping in the same bed together."

"Not that I want to be sleeping in the same bed with you." Lies. . . okay, who said that? I ignored the inner voice and continued

with my rant. "But why did you agree to this marriage if you already had a woman in your life?" I demanded. He could have saved us both from this horrible arrangement if he had just stopped this wedding and be with that awful woman.

He gazed past me as he stared off into the distance. "I don't owe you an explanation."

What a jerk, we were now officially husband and wife and he didn't owe me an explanation?

"Where do you expect me to sleep then?" I demanded.

His eyes swept over my body once before clenching his jaw and looking away. "I've already arranged for another bed to be sent to the room, it should be here before tonight." He informed me in a dry tone.

Before I could respond a knock on the door interrupted our unhappy conversation.

"Come in," Austin called, his face still set in an unhappy frown.

"Sire," the maid called, her cheeks red as she kept her gaze down.

"The King has asked for you and your bride's presence in his study. He said that it is urgent and you must come now."

Austin glanced at me and without waiting for me to ask any questions, already started making his way out of the room. I had to hurriedly follow behind him so as to not get lost.

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"What's all this about mother?" Austin inquired taking in all of the arrangements taking place around him.

"Your father and I had a discussion and we've decided that it would be best if we hosted a welcoming party in Lucy's honor where we introduce her as your wife."

Both Austin and I stiffened at this news. I was never one to be fond of parties, it always left me extremely uncomfortable. I hated to receive weird stares or listen to any of the gossips about me, like I'd often witnessed back home.

"I thought we agreed on not doing that." Austin demanded, his mood getting worse by each second that went by, I didn't think that was even possible.

"This had to happen eventually Austin, it's better we get it over with tonight. Besides, Lucy deserves a proper welcoming."

"Now Lucy, we have already organized an entire new wardrobe for you, when you return to your room there will be a dress waiting for you on the bed, wear that tonight."

"Yes your majesty."

"No sweetie, you can call me Lisa."

"And you could call me Jeremy." The king announced with a warm smile.

I returned their smile, thankful to at least be around a loving family for once, excluding the prince of course.

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Austin's POV:

The pack would have to be more careful around the castle now that Lucy was here and had no clue about werewolves .I felt my

hatred towards her grow once more, she just kept disrupting everyones lives and she only just got here.

"Everyone's here." Alex reported.

"Good." I responded turning to face everyone. "This meeting is to discuss the arrival of Princess Lucy. She has absolutely no idea that we are werewolves or that they even exist for that matter, as such, no one is allowed to be around her in werewolf form. Everyone must go about the castle with caution from now on to ensure that she never finds out." I announced as the pack went up in an uproar.

"Why must we do this for a newcomer?" Anthony demanded ,he always opposed anything I said so this wasn't anything new to me.

"Yeah." Everyone else agreed .

"Look I assure you no one could be more upset about this than me but we also can't forget that she is the only reason our kingdom was saved , this is not only for her but the safety of our pack.We can't have a human knowing about us ."I reasoned .

"Alpha, we have a problem."Alex interrupted .

"What's wrong?"I asked on alert , he never interrupted me unless it was a serious matter.

"We just got word that there is a rogue on the loose and he is getting closer to the castle as we speak."

"Why do I sense that there is more to this?"I asked studying his tensed posture .

"Alpha."He started."I think Princess Lucy is in the castle's gardens ."

My eyes snapped up to his at his words, my wolf suddenly becoming restless and was that fear I sensed? My wolf had never been scared of anything in its entire life.

What the hell was happening ?

Before anyone could respond I shifted into my wolf and raced towards the castle.

I had to get to her.

NOW!

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Lucy's POV:

The palace's garden was beautiful , much more than the one back home , I inhaled the scent of the gorgeous red roses in front of me and sighed .Something about being around plants

always managed to help me feel at peace and this time was no exception.

My mind wandered back to Austin against my wishes ,he had disappeared from the castle yet again, could he be with that woman?The thought of him with her made my heart ache in a way I've never felt before which was absurd , I barely knew the prince , why did it affect me so much already?I only just got here and every time I didn't know where he went bothered me and at times I caught myself hoping to catch a glimpse of him ,something inside me felt at home whenever he was near.

I placed my hands on my chest, right above my heart and pressed hard , hoping it would somehow help the pain I felt there.

What was wrong with me?

A loud howl came from the woods just outside the gardens and I fell back against one of the trees in shock.

What was that?

Wait...did I just hear growling?

Maya came running out along with two other guys I hadn't seen before , they rushed passed me and out into the woods while Maya stayed behind.

"What's wrong?" I asked alarmed .

"Oh it's nothing for you to be concerned about sweetie." She assured me. "My brothers just always like to uh take a run in the woods every evening."

"But is it safe? I just heard a howl...like from a wolf."

"Oh. I'm sure you misheard it Lucy, there aren't any wolves on this side of the forest."

"Are you sure?"

I knew what I heard.

"Yes , now let's get you inside so we could get you into your dress and get you all dolled up for tonight."

The reminder of tonight was enough to draw my attention away from what I just heard, at least for now.

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My eyes studied the dress in front of me , my cheeks suddenly enflamed ...they wanted me to wear this?The material was a soft red velvet with a low cut at the chest area and a long slit at the bottom.The dress was extremely sexy and I've never worn anything like it before.

I quickly slipped into it , my makeup and hair was already done by one of the helpers .I studied my reflection in the mirror in

shock, who was I? Never before have I ever looked this beautiful and seductive.

With a long sigh I stepped out the room and headed down the hall.

I peeped around the wall to examine the crowd and immediately fell back , the entire room was full and I knew absolutely no one there but the royal family .I hated being around crowds , I always somehow managed to make a fool out of myself.

After taking a few seconds, I finally convinced myself to step out from my hiding spot and into everyone's view.I felt many eyes on me and it took every ounce of my self control not to run back into the room.

A loud growl suddenly erupted from the crowds and my eyes widened as I realized who it came from.

Austin.

CHAPTER 4

D-did he just growl?

I gripped my dress tightly as I saw him make his way up the stairs ,his eyes shooting daggers ,he moved almost as if someone else was in control of his body.

His breathing was hard and he looked ready to pounce on someone.

I took a deep gulp as he reached me in an instant, before anyone could react he gripped my waist tightly and pulled me in front of him, almost as if to hide my body from the crowd. I gasped at the shock of his touch, my skin burning where his hands rested on my body. Immediately I could feel an irresistible pull towards him, a pull I couldn't explain even if I wanted to.

Mate.

What was that?

Why did I keep hearing that voice in my head? I wanted to scream at him to stop touching me so that all these feelings and the

voice in my head would go away but I knew that would only cause a scene.

His eyes burned into my skin as we just stood there staring at each other, another growl escaped his mouth as he picked me up bridal style and paced out the hall away from all prying eyes.

He opened his room door and slammed it shut before throwing me onto the bed.

"What the fuck are you wearing?" He demanded.

"W-what?" I stammered .

His eyes narrowed as they travelled up and down my body, taking every inch in, I felt my body tremble in response. "Do you like the attention of men so much that you would wear something like this?"

My eyes widened . "You do not know a single thing about me to be accusing me of such utter nonsense, this dress was already picked out for me , I didn't choose it."

"Austin get out here!"The queen's angry voice came from the doorway.

"This discussion isn't over."He promised before leaving me to go talk to his mother.

After a few minutes Maya entered the room with sympathy in her eyes."Are you okay?"

I nodded my head.

"I saw everything...well everyone saw everything,I have no idea what Austin was thinking or what came over him for that matter."

"Does your brother usually... growl like that?" I inquired suddenly remembering his earlier actions. "I felt like I was looking at a completely different person, if that makes any sense."

Now that I thought about it, the growl sounded very familiar to the one I had heard coming from the woods earlier today.

Maya's eyes widened for a second before she quickly tried to hide her reaction from me. "Growl? I didn't hear any growling."

"But--"

"Can we continue this discussion later Lucy? We have to give you a proper introduction to the people and it's getting a bit late." She cut me off.

Was she deliberately trying to change the topic? This was the second time for the day she tried to change the topic, something

didn't seem right at all. I was beginning to think they were hiding something from me.

I nodded my head in agreement and followed her outside where Austin was waiting not looking to happy, whatever discussion he had with his mother didn't help his mood, it seemed to make it worse.

"Put a smile on your face so my people don't suspect anything about the wedding." He warned.

"Don't worry, I'm used to forcing a smile when I'm unhappy."

It was the truth, I often had to feign happiness in front of the people back home in order to hide being mistreated by the royal family. So this wasn't anything new to me. If anything, it only made me feel like I was back home.

Austin turned to study me upon hearing my words, his eyes tracing my face as if trying to figure out what exactly I meant by it.

"Guys." Maya cut in. "I really think we should do the introduction now."

Austin reluctantly moved his gaze from me to look at his sister before nodding his head and the three of us walked back into the hall where the king and queen waited with worried looks to their faces.

The entire crowd got quiet at our entrance, everyone's gazes held a hint of curiosity, awe and jealousy all in one.

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen, as you all may already know, tonight's main focus is to introduce Prince Austin's lovely wife Princess Lucy to our people. I know that everyone will

welcome her and show her all the love and support you've always shown to us our entire lives. Anyone who'd like to get to know her better ,please feel free to come introduce yourself to her personally."The king announced.

It didn't take long for people to start surrounding me , throwing questions upon questions at me, I didn't mind since they were all kind for the most part. Austin's parents and sister stayed by my side the entire time, Austin on the other hand had disappeared yet again, something I was getting used to by now.

What confused me was that no one seemed to mention

Austin's behavior from earlier on, did I really just imagine the growling in my head? I wouldn't be surprised considering the strange voice I had been hearing in my head ever since I arrived here.

"It seems I need to make an appointment to meet my own sister in law." A voice whispered catching my attention.

My eyes snapped up to meet gorgeous blue eyes ,and a face strikingly similar to that of Austin's."I'm Lucas ,Austin's brother."He introduced himself with a bright smile.

I returned his smile."It's a pleasure to meet you Prince Lucas."

"Uh-uh ,it's just Lucas to you Princess."He gently scolded me.

I smiled."And it's just Lucy to you ."

Another nice member of the family, was everyone in the family nice except for Austin ?That's highly unfortunate for me, but I was used to all the bad luck by now.

I was deep in my thoughts when I felt the presence of someone behind me.I slowly turned and was greeted by a middle aged man,his eyes were studying me intently , searching my face as if

he were seeing someone else and for a minute I could have sworn his eyes narrowed.

Who was this man?

Something about him made me feel uneasy inside.

"Are you going to introduce me to the lovely princess?" He asked the queen.

"Oh yes , Lucy dear this is a very old friend of ours Eric Bradwin, he has never hesitated to help us in the past and we couldn't be more lucky to have someone like him in our lives."

"You're to modest Lisa. When I heard from Ariana that Austin had gotten married ,I was shocked but thrilled at the news."

I felt the queen stiffen besides me at the mention of this Ariana.

Ariana?Who was she?

"Ariana is my daughter."He added as if reading my mind."In fact let me introduce you two so you can be good friends from now on."

"Ariana"He called.

The person I saw next made me feel sick to my stomach.

It was her.

The one I had seen earlier with her arms wrapped around Austin!

CHAPTER 5

She had eyes the color of grass on it's brownest days and short shoulder length brunette hair that framed her face nicely, she was dressed in a high neck short black dress with a slit that showed of her long legs, it pained me to admit it but she was beautiful to say the least.

She smiled at me with a knowing wicked glint in her eyes."It's nice to finally meet you Lucy."She greeted me ,pretending as though we hadn't met earlier when her hands were wrapped around my now husband.She held out her hand for a hand shake and I warily accepted it .

I forced myself to return her smile."It's a pleasure to meet you as well Ariana."I felt her hand grip mine tighter , so tight that I was sure it would leave a bruise by tomorrow .

"So where is Austin?" Eric inquired, his eyes searching the room.

"Oh he was just outside with me a few minutes ago, I'll go call him father." Ariana answered, finally letting go of my hand.

My entire body stiffened at her words, so that's where he was the entire night, I should have guessed.

"Those two have always shared an unbreakable bond." Eric commented staring after his daughter.

"Well not always." Prince Lucas cut in. "A few years back Austin didn't so much as fancy Ariana, but something changed in him like a switch one day, it's pretty hard to explain, it's almost like if he went under a spell one would say."

Eric seemed disturbed by Lucas's words and quietly excused himself while the queen left to make sure he was okay.

"Thank you for that."

Lucas grinned at me."Anytime Lucy.I know what it's like being a newcomer and having all the attention on you, don't worry, I'll try my best to make this entire experience easier for you."

"I wish there was some way I could thank you for your sweet words ."I responded smiling brightly up at him , for once I actually felt like I had an older brother looking out for me and it felt amazing.

"A hug will suffice!"He suggested with a cheeky grin.

A low menacing growl came from behind us and I saw Austin glaring at Lucas, the look on his face was deadly , almost as if he wanted to attack his own brother.

This time there was no mistaking that it was a growl I had heard coming from him ,nothing was making sense to me ,never before had I heard anyone in my entire life growl like

that and believe me I've been around a lot of people before

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"Wow there brother, just be grateful it was me asking her for a hug and not any of the men staring at her right now."

"Austin!" Ariana almost shouted, trying to get his attention, she seemed shocked at his reaction to Lucas asking me for a hug.

It did work however, he seemed in control of himself once again as his glare was now focused on me. I gave him a perplexed look. What exactly did I do?

His eyes moved from me to scan the room and a scowl formed on his face. I followed his gaze and noticed a few faces were looking in my direction, all mostly men.

A muscle ticked in his jaw and it seemed as though he was fighting to control himself.

"Where is my father?" Ariana asked.

"I think I said something that upset him, you should go check on him ." Lucas confessed with a smile, it was clear as day he didn't like her and that confused me , why would he prefer to be kind to me when it was her his brother preferred ?

Her eyes flashed ."What did you say?"

"Ask him."

"Lucas." Austin said his name in a warning tone , not pleased with his brother's behavior .

Ariana rolled her eyes and linked her arms through Austin's."Let's go find my father."

My eyes rested on where there skin touched and again just like before I heard the voice in my head, this time it all but screamed 'mine'.

It hurt, it hurt like hell to see him so close to another woman, especially when the woman was her. I still didn't understand why it did however, how could I already have feelings for someone I had just met? The emotions were already so strong, like if I had known Austin my entire life and that was simply absurd since I'd never met the prince before, I was certain of it, he had the type of face one couldn't help but remember.

Unable to see anymore of it, I quietly excused myself and walked into the palace's garden, wanting to get some fresh air to clear my head, away from everyone and especially away from Austin and Ariana.

For the first time since I reached here I began to miss home, even though I was mistreated back there, I still knew almost everyone and I didn't have to worry about a husband who didn't want anything to do with me. I felt like a complete stranger here

, the only thing giving me courage was how nice Austin's family was to me.

I was experiencing a new kind of pain at this palace and it was becoming almost unbearable.

A sound from the woods suddenly caught my attention and against my better judgement I inched closer to get a better view.

"Is anyone here?"

I walked a little further ,my feet coming to an immediate stop when I heard a soft growl.My eyes widened as they settled upon a huge brown wolf .It looked angry or hungry, I wasn't sure at the moment.But either one wasn't a good sign for me.

I slowly begun to move backwards but that seemed to make it more angry as the ferocious growling only got much louder.

My hands flew to my mouth to stop the scream that threatened to escape, I feared any noise would make the damn thing attack much faster.

I looked around me frantically , hoping to find something that could possibly help me in this situation.I felt the sweat build up on my forehead as I listened to my own racing heart beat while the wolf stealthily approached me.

My heart dropped in defeat as I realized this might be it for me , there was no way I could survive an attack like this from something as huge and vicious as this wolf.

The wolf snarled at me ,preparing itself to attack as its eyes focused on me, it launched forward and I let out a frightened cry.

This was it.

Suddenly, a loud howl rippled through the air ,all the hairs on my body stood up at the power that radiated from the sound.Out of nowhere a huge jet black wolf jumped in front of me and barreled into the other wolf,I watched in horror as they both tackled each other .

What the hell was happening ?

CHAPTER 6

If I thought the other wolf was huge before , I was definitely wrong for this one was even bigger, much more magnificent .Almost beautiful, how could I think of something so dangerous as beautiful ?That didn't make any sense to me , then again nothing made sense to me ever since I arrived to this place.

I watched in fear as I saw the two step back and start to go around in circles , growling at each other, it wouldn't be long before one attacked the other again.

Out of nowhere two other wolves joined the fight , it seemed as though they were on the side of the black wolf as the three of them begun to corner the lone wolf , he started to slowly retreat,obviously realizing he was outnumbered ,not that he

could have won a fight against the black wolf .He eventually jumped over one of the wolves and ran off into the woods, the others chasing after him.

The black one stayed behind as he slowly started to approach me.My eyes widened in shock, was it about to attack as well?For some reason I wasn't scared of this one , which was insane , this one was so much more dangerous than the other in terms of strength.

He watched me with alert eyes , almost as if he was scared I'd run off ,it felt like he was trying to speak to me ,trying to tell me that I was safe with him .

It was official , I was going insane.

He laid down besides my feet , resting his chin on his forelegs as he continued to watch me with careful eyes.

I slowly crouched down besides him and even more slowly reached out with my hands to touch the fur on his back. It was surprisingly extremely soft, the wolf seemed to like it as he reached out and licked my neck.

I laughed in shocked delight . "You like that huh."

"Lucy!" I heard Maya's voice from a distance.

The wolf immediately sprung up upon hearing her voice and within seconds he was gone ,damn he was fast .

Austin's POV:

I stormed into the pack's house ,fighting hard to control the rage burning inside of me. I was sure everyone was already in a panic from the mind link I'd sent ,they would all be able to feel the anger radiating through me from the link alone.

"Alex!" I roared , the entire pack growing quiet .

Alex immediately came to my side ,his eyes full of worry .

"What's wrong Alpha?"

I let out a low menacing growl."As my Beta you are in charge of the safety of this pack and everyone connected to it,so what the fuck was a rogue doing in our territory ?"I demanded.

Alex gave me a look of shock."I swear to you Alpha, I didn't sense its presence ,I don't understand how it happened without our knowledge."

"It did happen!"I shouted."And the princess almost lost her life because of the carelessness of this pack,and you call yourselves the strongest pack ever known ?"

"But we are."

"Well next time fucking prove it!"

I turned to the oppressors of the pack which entailed of Asher,Alexander ,Adam, Anthony,Nick,Caelan,Ethan,Nathan and Xander .They were just as much to blame as Alex was.

They all were looking at me expectantly , bracing themselves for my outburst.

"If something like this ever happens again, the punishment would be severe.I promise that to each one of you.Now, Lucas and James have captured the rogue, you know what must be done to him."I ordered .

Xander nodded his head ,his gaze dark."He would be dealt with accordingly Alpha."

Xander was very good at what he did , the best tormentor this pack had ,sometimes it felt like he enjoyed his position as head tormentor a bit too much but that's what made him good at his job.

My wolf was still agitated and it made me uneasy as well , it seemed almost as though he wanted to be near Lucy after the attack and hated being away from her , the thought made me sick.The one he shouldn't want to stay away from should be Ariana , our mate! Not a spoilt princess who didn't even know the first step of defending herself , Lucy seemed weak especially since she was human.I could already feel my wolf's disagreement to my thoughts and it was strong as hell.He thought Lucy to be perfect and not weak in any way.

I could feel and hear him growling aggressively in the back of my head, threatening me to change my thoughts on the matter . 'You're just smitten because she touched your fur earlier on.'

He seemed to calm down at the reminder of the fur touching , I hated to admit it but it did feel pretty damn good , what surprised me was how brave she was , any other sane human would have ran off in the opposite direction , not Lucy, she did the exact opposite when she reached out and touched my wolf , it sure as hell left me shocked for a good few minutes , I still haven't come to terms with it.

I begun to wonder whether she would have touched another just as easily and carelessly .

I felt anger slowly creep up at the thought of her touching another wolf or another man for that matter , for once I could

feel my wolf agreeing with me, he was pissed off as well at the thought.

But as quickly as I thought it I let it go , Lucy wasn't and would never be my main concern , Ariana was .

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Lucy's POV:

"Are you feeling better?" Maya asked .We were in the family room, the king and queen with us as well, ensuring that I was okay.I was still a bit shaken up but yet I kept looking at the door, hoping to see Austin walk in .Did they not tell him what happened or did he just not care?The latter seemed more like the right answer, I meant nothing to him .

"I'm doing much better , thank you Maya."

"I really don't know how this happened , we've never had an attack like this before , there shouldn't even be any wolves in this area."The king pointed out.

The queen popped open a bottle of wine and took a seat next to us."I need a drink after tonight , anyone else?"

Maya shook her head at her mother."This is my mother's solution to any problem Lucy ,you'll get used to it."

I smiled but before I could respond the door flew open and Austin stepped in, his presence as always made it hard to breathe, God he was breath taking.His eyes scanned the room until they rested on me, he looked me up and down slowly , almost as if he was checking my body for any injuries, I felt my body tremble in response, oh how I hated the way my body

reacted to him. Without saying a single word , he turned around and stormed out the room.

That was it?

He wasn't even going to ask me if I was okay?

Why did I even expect more?

I saw everyone else in the room looking at me and I could tell they wanted to apologize for his behavior , yet again.

"Am I think I'll head to my room now, I'm really exhausted from all of the events of the day."

Everyone nodded their heads in understanding.

Before anyone could say another word , I quickly walked out and headed to my room.

What I saw there made my feet come to an immediate halt ,Austin was sprawled out on the bed , fast asleep.

He was beautiful when he slept ,now that his eyes weren't open and watching me I could study his features properly.He had tousled thick dark brown hair, a strand falling on his forehead gracefully ,I wanted more than anything to reach over and touch it.His face was strong and defined with a sharp jawline.His skin slightly tanned to give the perfect complexion ,my eyes moved to study his lips,they were a perfect deep red and I couldn't even control my own emotions as I moved closer to study them,wondering what it would feel like to have those lips on mine.I was so close to him now that I could hear and feel his hot breath on my skin ,so close that his pure masculine scent was once again pulling me in, leaving me feeling as though I was intoxicated .

I closed my eyes and inhaled deeply, God that scent made me weak to my knees. I slowly opened my eyes and gasped in shock, his eyes were no longer closed but staring straight back at me!

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My lips parted at the blatant need I saw there, hot raw need deep in his eyes.

My knees suddenly felt weak and I was grateful that they were pressed down onto the bed , preventing me from falling.

Austin leaned even closer ,I slowly placed my palms gently on his chest for balance ,his breath hitched at the contact .He was all heavenly man beneath my fingers, his muscles hard and leaping at my touch.How I ached to run my hands all over them, I hated that there was clothing between us.

Where were these thoughts coming from?

He leaned forward ,his breath fanning my neck and without warning kissed the spot right beneath my ear ,I moaned ,my body feeling like it suddenly came alive for the first time since my existence .

Austin immediately pulled away from me , seeming to wake from whatever trance he was in ,he stared at me with hate in his eyes.Without a single word he rose up from the bed and stormed out the room.

I fell back against the bed and fought the urge to let out a scream against the pillows.What on earth was wrong with me?My body was hot all over , writhing with a need and thirst I knew deep down that only Austin could quench .

I hated this.

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I walked into the kitchen area the next morning ,everyone was already seated and having breakfast , everyone except Austin again.Did he not spend time with his family or was it that he didn't like being around me?

"Good morning Lucy."Austin's parents greeted me with a warm smile.

"How are you feeling this morning?"Maya asked.

"She's glowing this morning if you ask me, it looks like Austin did his part as her husband last night ."Lucas commented with a wink sent in my direction .

I felt a blush creep up to my cheeks at his words.

Maya rolled her eyes."Ignore him Lucy, everything that comes out his mouth somehow is always connected to sex."

The queen coughed and glared at her children."Can't we ever have a meal like a normal family?'

Lucas raised his hands up in defense."I don't know what Maya is talking about mother,I was just pointing out that Austin took care of his wife last night , probably gave her a nice massage or something ,it's Maya who mentioned the sex."

"Enough."The king warned."Don't make this breakfast uncomfortable for Lucy."

Maya took a sip of water before turning to me."Have James introduced himself to you as yet?"

"James?" I asked confused.

Maya shook her head in disappointment ."That jackass, James is my next brother.I honestly thought he would have introduced himself to you by now."

"Don't take his actions personally Lucy, he's not a very social person ,he spends most of his time alone and doesn't let others into his life easily ."The queen informed me before taking a bite of her salad.

"Speaking of James, where is he this morning?"Lucas inquired .

The king stiffened at that question."We've gotten word of some unwanted guests around the village lately, some villagers have reported seeing them to us .Austin and James left earlier this morning to see if it were true ."

"And if it is true?"Maya asked.

The king shrugged."They'll warn them that they aren't allowed here and if that doesn't work we would have to use different methods until they are gone."

"Those fools really left without me?"Lucas demanded.

"Well after you cause trouble anywhere you go, they were actually smart to leave you home." Maya teased.

"I pray for the poor soul that has to marry you one day." Lucas mumbled .

While the siblings continued their bickering ,my mind begun to stray.

Who were these unwanted guests?Were they dangerous?The king definitely seemed unhappy with the possibility of having them around the kingdom.Could Austin be in danger?

That last thought made me uneasy and I couldn't stop myself from asking."Do these unwanted guests pose a threat to the kingdom?"

The king looked taken aback by my question."Not so much a threat Lucy but they are untrustworthy people , we had a close

alliance with that family once but they broke our trust and since then they were banned from entering our kingdom. They've never tried to make contact before so it may just be someone spreading rumors , they wouldn't dare step foot into our kingdom knowing what would follow if they did."

"Wait , are you speaking about the Fire Cross Pack?" Maya inquired , her eyes widening by the warning look everyone gave her.

"Fire Cross Pack?" I asked ,completely lost.

What exactly did that name mean?

"Oh it means nothing dear , that's just a name given to the family."The queen explained.

Families actually gave themselves names like that?

"But yes Maya, its actually that exact family that your father is speaking off."

"I can't believe they would show us so much more disrespect after everything they did to our family!" Lucas shouted, and for the first time ever since I'd met him I saw this angry side to him...it was scary to say the least. Even though I hadn't spent much time with Lucas he seemed like the fun , playful type , I never once thought to one day see this side to him , definitely not so soon.

"Stay calm son, you're scaring Lucy."

At the mention of my name Lucas turned to study me, his face softening at my expression. "Sorry Lucy , this is what happens when I don't have enough food for breakfast ." He explained

placing an entire sandwich into his mouth as if to keep himself from saying another word.

"What's all that commotion going on outside?" Maya asked.

Commotion?

I wasn't hearing a single thing. Yet everyone immediately stood up from their seats obviously listening to something I couldn't hear. What kind of ears did these people have?

Whatever they heard had them storming out the door.

I followed everyone outside the palace's gates and came to an immediate halt in shock at what I saw.

Five gorgeous men stood glaring at the guards who were now on the ground, most likely put there by the men. All of them were clearly over six feet tall, and they all shared a strikingly similar face to the other, they were most definitely brothers.

"What is the meaning of this ?"The king demanded.

The tallest one , who also seemed like the oldest stepped forward, his eyes narrowed and he looked pissed as hell. "Where is Princess Lucy?"He asked in a low growl.

My eyes widened in shock.

Why was he asking for me? *****

A/N:

Hi my wonderful readers , my new book ' **The Alpha's Rejected Fairy** ' is out , for anyone interested in the book here is the synopsis :

(Mature 18+) "Say you're mine Fay."Alpha Cayden growled dangerously low with my back pressed against him , his erection strained against my ass.My head fell back against his shoulder

as his mouth latched onto my neck , he hissed as I ground my
behind against his hard on.

No.

I wouldn't be weak ...Couldn't be weak , for Cayden and I could
never be together , not in this lifetime , not ever.

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My world.

A world separated from humans , a magical land where only
mythical creatures existed . Far far away where no human could
possibly reach . A land full of vampires , werewolves , witches ,
shapeshifters , fallen angels , demons and lastly ...fairies.

Fairies .

That's what I am .

A fairy, but not just any fairy , a princess .

Not just any princess , a rejected one .

Rejected by my own people after my family supposedly betrayed
our kingdom.

We live in harmony with one another ...That is , as long as one
rule is never broken , a rule that has never been broken even up
to this day.Mate within your own species , no two species are
ever to mix .

But what happens when I'm the first to ever have a mate outside of my species ?

A werewolf .Not just any werewolf , the most powerful , arrogant, heartless , possessive Alpha King that ever walked the land.

Alpha Cayden Gollias .

My name is Fay Sparks and this is my story .

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