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Many years ago, Sebastian's great-great-grandfather, Bernard Armstrong, was fated to a woman named Emilia Woods. Emilia was a winter-grey wolf. She met Bernard by chance in the nation of Paredon. Because of the natural love and the bond they shared, Emilia gave up her life as a winter-grey wolf warrior and moved to Vottara for Bernard. They marked each other and became the Wind Walker Pack's luna and alpha.

Bernard and Emilia lived happily together until a distant relative of the royal family came to the Wind Walker Pack. This distant relative was a woman younger than Bernard. Her name was Rebecca Lamberg. She and her family, along with the biggest packs in the West, were planning to overthrow the alpha king.

Rebecca met Bernard in one of the alpha's meetings, and she fell in love with him. She made it her life's mission to have Bernard despite not being fated mates. Bernard was promised riches and a chance to be king of Vottara, something Emilia could not give.

The opportunity blinded Bernard. Even the elders of the pack and his family became consumed with greed. Thus, Bernard attempted to reject Emilia.

Emilia, however, was strong and stubborn. She did not agree to the rejection outright! Breaking the bond dragged on until

Rebecca brought rogues from the East to fight with Emilia.

Bernard set a trap for Emilia, taking her into the forest where the rogues awaited. From there, she was attacked, and Bernard

merely watched everything, enduring the pain his mate was experiencing.

It took over ten rogues to wear Emilia down. Only then did she finally agree to the rejection.

Bernard watched as Emilia was pinned to the ground by the rogues. After seeing she was held still, he said, "I'm sorry, Emilia, but the Moon Goddess made a mistake of naming you as my fated. I, Bernard Armstrong, reject you, Emilia Woods, as my mate and my luna!"

On the ground, Emilia was heaving. Her eyes watched as she accepted, "I, Emilia Woods, accept your rejection, Bernard

Amstrong! I renounce my position as your wife and luna of the Wind Walker

Pack!"

With the rejection formally recited and accepted, the pain kicked in for both Bernard and Emilia. Bernard fell on his knees, screaming his agony. At the same time, Emilia cried her heart out. Her b*dy was too weak to react to the torture. "Why, Moon Goddess? Why?" Emilia raised. "You should not have paired me with Bernard, who does not honor the mate bond!"

It took several minutes for the pain to fade, and event declare war, saying, the rogues who restrained Emilia released her. Emilia took the chance to declare war, saying, "I

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swear on my life, Bernard, I will make you and Rebecca pay for the pain you have caused me!"

"Bernard, did you hear that? Are you going to make that woman threaten us?

Do something! Why should the fucking Moon

Goddess dictate our future? You and I deserve to be a king and queen!"

Rebecca evoked. The entire time, she had been watching, rejoicing in Emilia's miseries.

Because of the pressure coming from Rebecca, Bernard became enraged. He grabbed a silver blade from one of the rogues and attacked Emilia!

Emilia tried to fight back, but because her strength was depleted, she failed to escape Bernard's final blow. He stabbed her in the

chest, and she bled. Worst, Benard pushed her down to roll on the ground.

Hurt and dejected, Emilia used her connection to the Moon Goddess. With every remainder of her strength, she requested

bitterly, "Moon Goddess! I beg you! Give me justice!"

Emilia still had a chance to live. Being a winter-grey wolf has its advantages, including a remarkable healing ability. However,

she made a wish and exchanged. her life for it, "I curse you, Bernard

Armstrong! May the Moon Goddess deprive you and your

sons of love and happiness! Never again will you and your offspring find their true mates! You and your sons do not deserve it!"

"Moon Goddess, take me! Take me! I don't want to live this life anymore!"

Emilia begged the skies. She rolled on her back,

repeating, "Take me away from the cruelty of Bernard Armstrong!"

Rebecca laughed at Emilia. On the other hand, Bernard had that look of fear

on his face. He was starting to regret hurting Emilia, but alas, it was too late.

The skies immediately turned glum. The rain fell in thunderous applause. It was as if the Moon Goddess had cried herself that day!

Emilia died, but the downpour continued for days. When the skies finally cleared, Rebecca brushed off Emilia's claims. Bernard was still fearful, and because of his worries, he never gave his heart entirely to Rebecca. Still, They continued with their lives and the plans to crawl up the ranks.

Bernard and Rebecca became parents to a boy. They were the alpha and luna of the pack, but they never marked each other.

The time came, however, when Bernard and Rebecca had to present themselves. to their allied packs. It became essential for them to bear each other's mark as a symbol of Bernard and Rebecca's unity. Thus, they marked each other during a formal mating ceremony.

Unfortunately for them, after the completion of the ritual, Bernard died unexpectedly. No one was able to determine the cause of death.

After Bernard Armstrong, his son, Ryder, took over the Wind Walker Pack. He was warned about the curse, but back then, no one truly fathomed how the curse worked. Ryder never found his mate. Instead, he gained mistresses and bore a son.

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In the later stage of his life, he met a woman whom he thought he loved. Ryder eventually married and marked the woman he adored. However, just like Bernard Armstrong, Ryder died after the marking ceremony.

It was from that moment on that everyone believed that the curse in the Armstrong family was true. The sons of the Armstrongs cannot sense their fated mate. Assuming it may result in their death.

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Kate's eyes were watery. Somehow, she related to Emilia and felt betrayed for her. Countless times, she sniffed the tears that threatened to fall down her face.

She heard Sebastian say, "If you are wondering, yes. My father suffered the same fate. He had many women left and right

because he couldn't find his mate.. Ultimately, my father, Hector Armstrong, chose to have a family with my mother."

"After some time, my father's feelings for my mother grew very strong. He strongly believed that she was his mate, and my mother kept assuring my father that she was his fated too," Sebastian scoffed. Kate saw how his blue eyes seemed to have darkened as he described, "I was still young, but I remember how my mother quarreled with my father because she wanted his mark. She was constantly jealous and wanted assurance, especially since my father was named as the alpha king's general. He was climbing up to the ranks, and my mother wanted more."

"As for my father? To prove his love for my mother, they officially had a mating ceremony when I was ten years old. He was confident with his decisions because he earnestly loved my mother," Sebastian sighed. He repeated. "Ten years old. I was that young.

"Just like my grandfather, my father died after he marked my mother," Sebastian revealed. "As it turned out, my mother was not his true mate. At least, that is what we assumed about the curse."

"After my father died, my mother left without looking back, Sebastian said, and from where Kate sat, she saw how he balled his hands into fists. He was trying to hide his anger, and it looked to Kate that his mother's leaving greatly affected him.

"My father's Beta raised me instead. I consider him my uncle, my only family," Sebastian resumed. "When I took over the pack, many other theories about our curse surfaced. Some said that my heavily scarred face was the curse itself. I did not bother to correct the gossip. It was of no use."

"Remember what I said before?" Sebastian asked in an unfriendly tone. "Love can kill. I won't bother looking for my true mate.

Many people depend on me. I will carve my destiny and live!"

Kate thought that was the end of it. Yet, after almost a minute of awkward silence,

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– Kate –

After that talk with Sebastian, they were headed to the hospital. Kate's thoughts went back to his words. 'I won't have those feelings for you.'

He is so arrogant, Kate mused while crossing her arms against her chest. ‘I can’t wait for him to be king, and I can go back home.’”

Who would want a masked man who is also cursed?’ She muttered silently while staring at the car’s window from the backseat.

Just as she thought of the curse, she realized something. Kate turned to Sebastian and asked, “Is that why you chose me? You had to pick me as your wife so you can potentially break the curse?”

Sebastian had been working on his laptop the whole time. Kate saw how the veins on his neck protruded, yet he ignored her at first. Whatever it was that kept him busy was probably over. He stopped typing and closed his laptop. Only then did he give her the time. He replied, “Yes and no.”

“It was King Henry who suggested the marriage as a form of an alliance. Sebastian answered indifferently. “Yes, I wanted help from your mother. I wasn’t going to lie about that. I did not pick you, per se. If it were up to me, I would remain unmarried or choose a less complicated woman.”

Kate was stunned by his honesty. She thought she would have to flush it out of him since he was so mysterious about his face.

Her mouth hung open as Sebastian leaned back in his seat, closing his eyes. “So, you still want my help with that?” Kate asked. “For the curse?”

“If you were willing to help me, then yes. I appreciate that this damn curse be lifted,” Sebastian said, his eyes remaining shut.

“But you gave me the impression that you did not want to fall in love? No love means no marking. Isn’t it what the curse is all about?” Kate pointed out. “So why bother?”

After taking a deep breath, Sebastian opened his eyes. His beautiful blue orbs stared into Kate’s. He opened his mouth and then shut it right back. He let out a low growl and said nothing for the rest of the ride..

“It’s really true. You are alive. I’m glad you are okay. I don’t know how I could forgive myself for not being able to protect you back then,” Gus, the gamma, said to Kate.

After Kate’s follow-up talk with Sebastian, they drove to the hospital and into Gus’ private room.

Gus was extremely thin. His black hair had grown down his shoulders. He had

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scars all over his b*dy, and while it looked like he was receiving treatment, watching it made Kate feel woeful. Apparently, what kept him fighting for his life. in captivity was the possibility that Kate was in the hands of Alpha Peter. Gus' ultimate goal was to escape one day and save Kate.

How heroic. How selfless. Gus' dedication to Sebastian was even more admirable.

Because of what Kate learned about Gus and how he was in such bad shape, she unknowingly reached for his hand and said,

"I'm okay, Gus. I took a rather long detour, but forget about me for now.

Please, Gus, take good care of yourself. Rest, stay here in the hospital until you are fully recovered."

Gus turned to Sebastian, sitting across from Kate on his hospital bed. He said, "Alpha, I promise. When I get out of here, I won't fail you anymore. I want to guard your luna personally –"

"Let's talk when you get better. You can prove that to me later on," Sebastian said. He leaned down and gave Gus a light hug,

saying, "You can feel at ease now, knowing that Kate is alive."

Gus nodded before Cassandra took over, giving Gus his medication and a dose of what looked like a healing potion. The poor man quickly fell asleep out of exhaustion.

"Is that what I think it is?" Kate asked, referring to the liquid in the tube.

"Yes, this is Taplean's healing potion," Cassandra responded. "We had treated you. with the same serum while you were unconscious,"

Sebastian turned to Kate and revealed, "Now and then, your father sends us a box of your miracle healing potion."

Kate smiled. She did not realize that Sebastian's ties with her father had gone deep to the point that he would share one of their nation's most excellent elixirs.

Taplean, Kate's birth country, was the home of Mount Nefarious, an active volcano that grew the miracle plant called the Fire Root. Its medicinal property was considered magical, but acquiring it was risky because the volcano could erupt anytime. Kate's father, however, had found a way to create a plantation of the said miracle plant with minimal risk of getting exposed to the volcano's unforgiving crater.

For the rest of the day, Katé went around the hospital with Zev, introducing her as Sebastian's future Luna. Everyone gave her a warm smile and greeted her like she was officially the alpha's wife.

Sebastian also brought Kate to the pack's training ground, and it was there that alpha implied how Kate could choose to train in that facility. It was a huge gym. that was close to the woods. Outside the gym was an open field covering two hectares, where obstacle courses could be found for the warriors to train with.

All the warriors that Kate came across also bowed down to her with respect and

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called her the luna. That experience somehow gave Kate a different perspective of the feared Wind Walker Pack.

When evening came, Kate wondered while resting on her bed, "Maybe if I had just married Sebastian from the start, things would not have been difficult for me." She then thought about Sebastian and the curse. Kate experienced a painful love with Xander, and she agreed that love could kill. However, her parents were true mates. They were fated. She grew up seeing the love between them.

Kate still believed that with the right person, love can still be beautiful. She muttered, "Wouldn't it be funny seeing Sebastian lovey-dovey with someone?" Suddenly, Kate stood erect. Her eyes widened. During Sebastian's tale, the curse mentioned that his family will forever not find their true mate. Did that mean Sebastian has a destined mate, but the same was also bound by the curse?

Kate's brow raised at the possibility. Then, she recounted the way Sebastian had narrated it. Sebastian's father was in search of his true mate. Thus, Sebastian had a fated mate. They might have even crossed paths, but they both could not feel the mate bond.

"Heck!" Kate internalized. "They could hate each others' guts and not realize they were destined! What if I am his true mate?"

She thought deeply. Then, she began to laugh. Her face reddened at the idea. She snorted as she lay back in bed. She softly

muttered, “No. That’s not happening. No. Haha. Anything but that!”
“Get some sleep, Kate,” she scolded herself before closing her eyes completely.

In the wee hours, Kate awoke, hearing Sebastian’s loud voice.
“I’m heading now! Save as many as you can!” Sebastian screamed. “Ask some of those on patrol to help with the rescue!”

Kate rushed out in her nightdress. She caught up with Sebastian outside the packhouse. Sebastian probably noticed her presence when he turned to her and said, “A fire broke out in one of the residential districts down west. I’ll be out. Go back to sleep.”

She saw Sebastian leap into his wolf form. His bronze mask quickly fell to the ground, but very quickly, his dark brown wolf picked up the mask with his jaws.. Kate’s mouth fell open. Sebastian had removed his mask! Her mouth twitched. altogether.

She offered, “I’ll help!”

She did not give him a chance to respond because she was already in her wolf form, trying to catch up to him.

Genuinely, Kate was a helpful person, but a big part of her was also curious about why the alpha had to cover his face! So, if there were a chance to see Sebastian’s face, she would take it! Why not hit two birds with one stone?

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Kate had a solid plan. As she tried to catch up with Sebastian, she thought, “He will. surely shift back into his human form.

Before he would put on the mask, I’m going to see his face!

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“Wait! You guys slow down!” Kate called.

Now, she fully understood why the pack was named the Wind Walker Pack because the damn warriors ran like the wind! She

called Sebastian, asking, “Back at the South Moon Pack, were you holding out on me, Sebastian?”

Sadly for her, Sebastian did not answer. Zev, who was behind the alpha, slowed down for Kate. He answered for the alpha, “Yes, he did, Luna. And we only brought newly trained warriors to conquer Xander’s pack.”

Before Kate could react, Zev’s reddish–brown wolf speedily ran toward

Sebastian. Kate planned to see Sebastian's face when he would shift into his human form, but now she knew that would never happen, considering how fast he was. She could catch up with him if she had her normal speed. However, she was still bound by the seal that Glinda made for her.

When Kate arrived at the affected residential area, her heart ached. Rows of houses were on fire, and the pack members, especially women and children, were crying at the loss of their homes. Kate rushed to pull everyone back, saying, "It's okay. We will rebuild your homes. Please move away from the fire."

"Move back, everyone! Move back!" the other warriors urged.

Zev, in particular, ordered his men, "Bring them the shelter! We can't risk any of them rushing back into the fire."

"Kate! Take the boy!" Sebastian's voice caught her attention. She snapped her head behind her and saw Sebastian carrying a boy burned on the leg. The poor thing was crying.

Sebastian, on the other hand, was already in his human form, wearing his mask. Of course, Kate no longer cared about seeing his face. The victims needed more attention.

As soon as Kate scooped the crying boy in her arms, a woman exited the residential district, screaming, "My daughter is still inside! Someone help! I could not get through to her! Alpha, help me! Save Anita!"

"I will get Anita, Esther," Sebastian offered.

"She is on the second floor, Alpha! Please, I beg you, save her!" The lady named Esther pleaded, and Sebastian disappeared into the rows of houses still on fire. In the next few minutes, Kate was helping put out the fire. She held water hoses that poured water into the homes. Sometimes, she would carry victims out of their homes and onto safe grounds.

Ten minutes had passed, and only then did she realize that Sebastian had not returned. Her eyes panned from Zev to the community. While panting, Kate

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decided, "Zev, I'm going after Sebastian!"

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She grabbed one fire blanket from the supplies and ran toward Esther's home. It took her another two minutes to find Sebastian.

She looked up at the house and understood his dilemma.

The target house was blocked by three other structures that were falling apart, and it looked like Sebastian had to save a few people before finding Esther's home. Kate saw Sebastian attempt to break into one house. He bravely entered but soon retreated, groaning and holding his mask.

"The mask!" Kate said. "It's a heat conductor! You need to take it off!"

Her suggestion was met with a loud growl, with Sebastian covering his face again. He said, "What are you doing here? Go back!"

"Since you care so much about your mask, why don't I save the girl!" Kate said, while covering herself with the fire blanket. She entered the house but found debris falling above her. "Ahhh!"

Kate wound up exiting again, unable to handle the weight of the debris. She understood now that Sebastian was the man for the job; given his size and strength, he could easily free himself from the falling rubble.

Sebastian was already soaked in water. He growled before pulling the fire blanket. He said, "Give me that."

He covered himself and rushed in.

Kate was still panting from her attempt to get through the house when a bronze mask suddenly flew in her direction! Her eyes rounded as soon as she caught Sebastian's mask.

Her heart skipped a beat, seeing something valuable to him in her hands. When she looked up, Sebastian was already gone.

Kate paced in that spot back and forth for minutes. Behind her, she could see how the warriors had put out most of the fire at the front, and now they were heading her way.

She was taking deep breaths, staring at the efficient job of the warriors, when she suddenly felt a man's broad chest touch her bare back! For a fleeting moment, that skin contact ignited electricity to run down her b*dy. A little girl's frame was placed on her chest, and Kate held the crying pup in with one arm.

Kate knew it was Sebastian. His unique scent engulfed her as he held her firmly in place. Sebastian held her so tightly that she could not move.

"Take her to safety," Sebastian said in his husky voice.

His other hand gradually let go of the child, and Kate could tell his next move was to snatch his mask from her right hand. The thought of it made her heart go wild. What she did not expect was for Sebastian to push her lightly away from him as he grabbed

the mask. Because Kate was holding the little girl, it took her a few
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seconds to turn around and watch Sebastian cover his face.

Sadly, she did not see his entire face, but she was proud of the fact that she caught sight of his slightly cleft chin.

"What are you still standing there for? Take the pup to the shelter!" Sebastian ordered.

Kate nodded. She pursed her lips and said, "Good job out there."

"It's my job to protect my people. That is what being an alpha is all about," he said plainly before directing his warriors.

Again, that disaster slightly changed Kate's perspective of Sebastian. He was selfless, and the way the people asked for his help made Kate realize that the pack members saw him as someone they could trust and lean on.

In the past, the rumors about his viciousness clouded her judgment that she never gave him a chance, but she could see clearly

now: Sebastian was not the evil person many of the people spoke about.

It was already four in the morning when all the fire was out. Kate had been busy giving change of clothes and porridge to the affected pack members.

Kate was already clothed in a gym suit Cassandra had given her. She had just handed Esther and her daughter two bowls of the

porridge when the lady asked, "Are you the one they said would be our luna?"

Kate froze. She did not know why, but her cheeks burned. She faintly replied, "Yes, I will be, soon."

"You are not the kind that would leave our alpha, right?" Esther asked.

"Because the first one disappeared out of nowhere, and the other one was assumed to have run away.

Esther sighed and said, "Our alpha can be scary, but he is a good person beneath his mask.

Kate stilled. She found herself looking past Esther and gazing at Sebastian, who was offering his shoulder to an injured pack

member. She smiled in Sebastian's

and replied to Esther, "I can see that. Thank you, Esther."

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Kate only had a few hours of sleep, but she had to. Sebastian ordered her to rest because that afternoon, they were leaving for the capital to rest in the alpha king's palace. Her parents would arrive the next day, and she needed to prepare for their meeting. However, as she slept, the image of nearly catching Sebastian's face replayed in her head. In the end, Kate formed dark bags under her eyes, restless at the thought of Sebastian. When she awoke, she grabbed a pen and paper and drew what she could remember of the man. She drew his beautiful eyes in black and white and that slightly cleft chin. The man had no face whatsoever, but he had those eyes that

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could pull anyone in.

Is this the eyes of an ugly, scarred man?" Kate kept staring at her drawing for seconds, biting her lip. She inwardly thought, Little by little, I will complete the puzzle.

"Is that me?" A man's deep voice echoed in the room.

"Oh, my Goddess!" Kate wound up turning abruptly with the drawing against her chest. Her heart pounded violently against her ribcage. 'f**k.'

The man standing before her was no other than Sebastian Armstrong.

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S-Sebastian. what are you doing here? Inside my room?" Kate asked, her face paled as she clutched the paper against her chest.

"What? Caught you in the act? Are you getting curious about me?" Sebastian asked, and if it were not for the mask covering his face, Kate swore this man was smirking!

"I wasn't drawing you. What makes you think that?" Kate said. "What if I was drawing Zev?"

"Zev?" Sebastian groaned. His eyes narrowed before he leaned back. He said, "The door was ajar, and you seemed very focused on your artwork."

Sebastian looked around and, seeing her luggage, he said, "It's time to leave. We can't risk getting to the palace at night."

"Right," Kate responded.

Just like that, they were in a car, headed for the home of Vottara's werewolf monarch, Alpha King Henry.

As usual, Zev was driving them. Two other cars followed behind them as guards. While on the road, Sebastian and Zev covered the fire incident.

“Sadly, Alpha, it was simply a mishandled short-circuit. The Ragnulfs had been away for two years. No one was looking after their home. They were not able to fix the electrical problems of the house before moving in,” Zev reported. “Sadly, it got out of hand because everyone was asleep when it happened.”

Sebastian groaned. He gasped and ordered, “Let’s put that as a mandate. We should have a regular electrical check-up on all houses now and then. The damage was too big, and many people were hurt. Use the emergency fund to aid the pack members in rebuilding their houses.”

“Yes, Alpha,” Zev responded.

Kate was silent the whole time, She did not have any money of her own, but she had already decided to ask for funding from her parents to help Sebastian’s pack members get back on their feet from the fire.

“By the way, Alpha,” Zev reported. “Other alphas have joined the gathering to welcome Luna Kate’s parents.”

Earlier, Sebastian was calm. But now, hearing the report from Zev. His hands balled into fists, and Kate felt the temperature in the car drop. She wondered, “What is going on?”

Brawnlyn Hold Castle, Brawnlyn Capital, Vottara.

“Miss Kate, the queen has prepared a gown for you to wear tonight, a maid said, referring to the dress on the bed. The maid smiled at Kate but stiffened when she

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turned to Sebastian.

Sebastian crossed his arms against his chest, raising his chin as if scaring the maid to death. The maid meekly said, “The gathering will be at seven. The Alpha King and his queen look forward to your attendance at dinner.”

After the maid left, Kate studied the huge room she and Sebastian were supposed to share in the next three days within

Brawnlyn Hold Castle. Then, her mouth fell open, realizing there was only one king-size bed and no sofa.

“Why? Castles and mansion rooms usually have a sofa bed inside, right?”

Kate mused. "Where would I sleep?"

As if reading her mind, Sebastian said in a deep voice, "I'll take the floor."

"You don't have to. I can take the floor. I've already tried it. Xander locked me up, and the only bed I had back then was the cold floor," Kate described.

Instantly, Sebastian growled. He snarled, "He is going to pay for that!" His reaction caught Kate off-guard. She and Sebastian ended up staring at each other. He did not have to make Xander pay, but that made her grateful. She smiled and said, "Thank you."

"Let's get ready. Dinner is about to start." He pointed to the bathroom and suggested, "Ladies first."

Kate bathed and changed inside the bathroom. When she stepped outside, Sebastian took his turn.

In front of a vanity table, Kate dried her hair and applied makeup. Just as she was using an eyeliner, Sebastian came out of the bathroom with only a towel, lowly wrapped around his waist.

He had eight-pack abs, a really broad chest and shoulders, and thick arms.

The tattoos on his arms added to the beauty of his

b*dy. This wasn't the first time that Kate had seen him n*ked. After all, he shifted into his human form while aiding those affected

by the fire. However, this was the first time Kate had seen him newly bathed with fresh water beads forming all over his torso.

The best part was how the room was bright enough for Kate to see every aspect of his upper b*dy. The wolf in Kate wistled in

her head, 'Damn, someb*dy looks good. Even Xander didn't look like that.'

Kate did not miss the scars on his back and chest. She thought, 'If he did not mind showing these scars, how bad were the scars

on his face that he had to hide them?' While Sebastian took out his suit, Kate tried her best not to be noticeable. She continued

to apply an eyeliner while the alpha walked around half-n*ked, her eyes never leaving him.

When Sebastian returned to the bathroom, Kate groaned. How she wished she could see more of him. Somehow, the idea of sharing a room with Sebastian was not that bad at all now.

After half an hour, they were both ready. Kate could not help but admire how

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Sebastian looked so good in his suit. It wasn't just how the clothes hugged his

b*dy perfectly or how they shaped his muscles; everything about him looked pleasing to the eye, and the mask added a hint of mystery to him.

‘Goddess! What is happening to me? Why am I admiring this man when I tried to run away from him in the past?’ She scolded herself inwardly.

“Let’s go. Zev is already in the dining hall,” Sebastian reported. “The king and queen will be there soon. We don’t have to arrive late.”

Their quarters were on the third floor. So they made it down to the second floor, where the colossal dining hall was located. The entire time, Kate walked behind Sebastian. They had always been like that, and Kate did not think much about it. From the start, Sebastian clarified that she did not have to pretend to like him. When they entered the room, however, Kate saw how the people treated Sebastian.

There were about eight men who had powerful auras. Kate could only assume they were alphas of their respective packs. There were also four other females, and they looked like lunas. There were older men present too, perhaps elders or advisers of the alpha king.

The individuals around the table began to gossip. The women were so apparent, covering their mouths to whisper to persons next to them. As Kate and Sebastian made their way to their assigned seats, Kate could hear what they were talking about!

“Clearly, she is afraid of him. Look how far apart they are.”

“It’s only a marriage of convenience.”

“He forced her to marry him. Of course, she would be afraid.”

“Who would want to marry a whose face is disfigured?”

“Poor girl. I don’t know why the alpha king favored Sebastian. I bet he is abusing her.”

Kate fumed. She thought, ‘Could they try to be discreet? Could this be why Sebastian was angered upon learning that other alphas were attending?’

Suddenly, a growl left Sebastian’s lips. Kate felt his anger and his alpha command aura emitted from his b*dy. Everyone, even Kate and Zev, stiffened. Sebastian remarked, “Looks like the alphas and lunas have so much time gossiping; they need more work on their plates!”

The alphas, especially the three lunas, appeared to be choking on their own spew.. Their eyes rounded at Sebastian while the latter resumed to scold them, "Whatever the circumstance of our upcoming marriage is none of your business! Worry about yourselves

Kate grabbed Sebastian's hand without warning him. The second their skins touched, she felt a zap of electricity that Kate pulled her hand away. Sebastian did the same, pulling his hand and unwittingly breaking down his alpha command

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When Sebastian looked at her, clearly puzzled, Kate retook his hand, saying. "Let's not mind them. Honey. They don't know anything about us.

Kate glared at the alphas and lunas. She winced at them before adoringly looking at Sebastian. She said, "Seby, Honey, let's take our seats. I'm so hungry." On the outside, Kate may seemed confident about her decision, but inside, she was nervous. She certainly hoped her scary, soon-to-be husband would not throw fit about her actions. After all, she did it to save him a face!

She may be marrying him as a contract luna, but she would not allow those people to disrespect him. No, not after learning that Sebastian wasn't as bad as she initially thought he was.

Halfway through their walk, however, Sebastian's fingers intertwined with hers. Kate gulped. Her heart skipped a beat, and strangely, the butterflies in her stomach did cartwheels!

Kate looked down at their interlocked hands and felt her knees going weak. 'Goddess!

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– Sebastian –

The fast time Sebastian thoroughly studied Kate was after saving her from the South Moon Pack. She was unconscious for days, and he had the chance to look at her as she slept.

At that time, her skin did not have that healthy glow, and Sebastian assumed that it was because of her depression under Xander's control. Despite having lost weight, it did nothing to reduce her natural beauty.

Kate had a long and pointed nose. She had a slender, youthful-looking face. She had soft and wavy long hair.

Aside from her physical attributes, Sebastian had heard of Kate's

contributions to the South Moon Pack. She had significantly contributed to Xander's Water Utility Company by expanding it. Kate connected with the South Moon Pack members, naturally assuming the role of a luna. She initiated projects and much more, which could have belonged to the Wind Walker Pack if only Kate had not run away to be with Xander.

He finally understood why someone like her wanted her freedom from him. Not only was she a person of privilege, but Kate was also a stunning she-wolf. She could have any man she wanted. So, why would she marry someone like him, a cursed alpha?

Sebastian had already acknowledged Kate's beauty, but the reminder of how she fled from their marriage made him decide they were not meant to be together. Sadly, however, Sebastian needed Kate. He needed to be the next alpha king of Vottara, and King Henry acknowledged the same. This was why King Henry suggested the marriage in the first place.

There was so much rebellion in Vottara that it was difficult to identify which alphas were reliable. Among the trusted alphas of King Henry, Sebastian was the strongest, wealthiest, and the only one unmated. Naturally, King Henry was in favor of him.

Marrying Kate would add another powerful backing to Sebastian, a magnitude that would be enough to uphold him as an alpha king for many years to come. So, when Kate woke up from her coma, Sebastian offered a marriage contract, giving her her freedom after he would take the nation's crown. As a favor for her cooperation, he would punish Kate's good-for-nothing ex-husband.

Once Kate would decide to leave, Sebastian would figure out on his own how to keep his crown. He would not possess what did not want him, and that was Kate. Sebastian had already decided that relationships were a nuisance. He had learned the hard way after trusting a woman in the past. Kate's fleeing further reinforced his decision. She assumed the worst of him without even knowing him.

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Furthermore, his curse prevented him from finding his true mate, so why bother getting involved with a woman? In the end, it would only kill him. He would not let his guard down, not even with a woman

as outstanding as Kate.

“But what is this? Why did Kate suddenly hold my hand?” Sebastian asked himself. “Didn’t she dislike me? Didn’t I tell her she did not have to pretend to like me?” Not only that, he felt a strange electricity at the tips of his fingers the moment their hands touched! This wasn’t the only time he had felt this odd sensation. He felt it too, during the incident at the fire when he slammed his bare chest against her n*ked back.

What surprised him even more was when Kate took his hand again and said, “Let’s not mind them, Honey. They don’t know anything about us.”

Sebastian did not care what others said about him. From the beginning, he allowed the rumors about his disfigured face to spread, even when it had gone overboard.

He had his reasons for hiding his face.

Keeping the truth from the world was his business.

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of it.

It boiled down to the curse, for Sebastian considered his face

Besides, it did not change the fact that he was above them. Sometimes, these useless alphas and lunas would forget, but he would not hold back in reminding them who was stronger.

He saw how Kate glowered at the alphas and lunas as if warning them herself. Inwardly, he smirked because his soon-to-be wife could be feisty when she wanted to. If she had her full strength back, they would know the kind of power she carried.

If holding his hand again wasn’t shocking enough, Kate took him aback by saying, “Seby, Honey, let’s take our seats. I’m so hungry.”

‘f**k. Seby, Sebastian repeated in his head. This was the first time someone courageously created a nickname for him. ‘Seby.’”

‘Haha! Seby! I like the sound of that, Alpha! Can I call you Seby too?’ Zev mindlinked with him. From where Sebastian stood, he could see how his beta was trying to hold back from laughing out loud.

‘Remind me to kill you later, Sebastian said back, but unfortunately, the threat did nothing to hold Zev from being amused..

‘Alpha, seriously. I like this one. You have got to keep her. Haha! Seby, Zev remarked.

Well, Kate was already holding his hand. They were walking side to side like a

real couple. He wanted to boast about having her because those other alphas could only wish to have Kate. Even if this was fake, at least he had her for now.

Thus, he intertwined his fingers with hers and, strangely, leisured at the feel of her soft skin and how their arms occasionally touched.

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When they settled in their seats, Kate did not let go of his hand. Well, since she did not, he did not either. Their hands remained clasped until the Alpha King and his queen arrived.

“Good evening, Alpha King!” Everyone rose from their seats; the other alphas and lunas gave their regard to King Henry and his wife. Unfortunately for them, Alpha King Henry and Luna Queen Regina only had eyes for Kate and the man beside him. Sebastian.

“Kate!” Queen Regina called, her eyes sparkled as she approached. She stood before Kate and lifted her chin gently with her hand, saying, “Finally, we meet.” The queen’s smile was from ear to ear when she described, “You took a lot from your mother; so beautiful.”

Sebastian saw a very genuine smile from Kate. It was so pure that her eyes gleamed at the mention of her mother. Her smile

was so captivating that he did. not want to look away from her face.

Kate responded, “I wish I were like her in every way.”

“Having part of your father isn’t so bad,” Regina remarked. “I’m Regina.”

The Luna Queen turned to her husband and said, “This is Alpha King Henry, my husband.”

The alpha king extended his hand to Kate, which ultimately made her let go of Sebastian’s hand.

“It’s nice to meet you, King Henry,” Kate greeted..

They went through the dinner with the rest of the alphas and lunas overlooked by the alpha king and his luna. The royal couple only entertained the elders, who had reports about the nation, including their compliments about Kate’s upcoming union with Sebastian.

After the dinner, the alpha king stood up. He announced, "Alphas and Lunas, thank you for joining us and offering to welcome Kate's parents tomorrow. I appreciate your support towards the engagement of Sebastian and Kate. You are all dismissed.

Regina and I would like some alone time with Kate and Sebastian." Hidden behind his mask, Sebastian had that smug look on his face. No matter how these other alphas tried to k*ss ass with the alpha king, Henry did not give them the time of day.

Zev remained, of course. He was Sebastian's right-hand man. His beta stood behind them as they talked among themselves.

"So Kate, we want to make sure you are certain of this marriage now," Henry spoke. "How was your stay at the Wind Walker Pack? How has Sebastian been treating you?"

Sebastian narrowed his eyes. Truth be told, he was afraid that Kate would sell him out. However, to his surprise, Kate replied,

"To be honest, I was initially scared of Sebastian, but –

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Kate stared at Sebastian and chuckled. "He isn't so bad at all!

"I won't run away anymore." Kate assured them. I promised Sebastian I would not."

"We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your marriage will do wonders for our nation," the alpha king said with a smile.

After confirming Kate's commitment, the royal couple allowed them to return to their rooms. As Sebastian promised, he took the floor, merely spreading the comforter on the carpet and resting on one pillow. Kate had just laid down in bed. Sebastian took the chance to ask, "Kate? How many days did that stupid Xander put you in the dungeons?"

Sebastian noticed movement on the bed. The next thing he saw was Kate peeking down at him. She softly replied, "Five days.

Why?"

"Nothing," he replied. "Go to sleep."

"Okay," Kate replied before laying back in bed.

'Zev, Sebastian mindlinked. His beta was only four rooms away. He could still communicate with him.

Yes, Alpha? Zev asked.

'Call our warriors stationed at the South Moon Pack. Tell them that I ordered Xander to be locked up in the dungeons for ten fucking days!' Sebastian commanded.

"What reason do I give?' Zev asked.

“Tell him, I had a nightmare – that he came up to me and tried to k*ss ass. It was horrific! He needs to be punished for it!”

Sebastian linked back. ‘Hahaha! Who knew you could be funny, Alpha!’ Zev responded. ‘Do you want to join him in the dungeons, Zev?’ Sebastian asked. ‘No. No. I will do as you ask, Alpha Sebastian,’ Zev responded.

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Kate –

Kate’s heart was drumming against her ribcage. Her anxiety probably showed on her face when Sebastian grabbed her hand.

She turned to him and felt his grip tighten. Never did she expect to receive soothing from this mysterious masked man.

“It’s going to be okay,” Sebastian assured her.

Kate and Sebastian stood beside the Alpha King, Henry, and his wife. They were at the front of the palace gates, awaiting the arrival of Kate’s parents.

Spread on each side were warriors, the other alphas and lunas, and the advisers and other elders of King Henry. The trumpets were blaring while the gates to the palace opened. Several luxury cars arrived, and Kate could somewhat identify which one her parents were in.

Her eyes were glued to the middle car. Her palms were sweating, and her b*dy shivered. Even if Sebastian held her hand tighter, she feared how her father would react. At the same time, the regret of cutting off her parents was swallowing her whole.

Finally, the door to the cars opened, and a friar announced, “The Alpha King of Taplean, Kieran Stone, and his queen, Alexia Stone.”

The sound of their names gave her goosebumps. Her eyes fluttered as soon as a woman with the same frame and hair as she stepped out of the car. The woman cried, “Kate, it’s really you!”

The Luna Queen of Taplean, Alexia Stone, rushed with her arms wide. open. Immediately, tears stung Kate’s eyes. Sebastian let go of her hand, and she ran into her mother’s arms.

Yes, Kate was the daughter of Taplean’s alpha king, another nation southwest of Vottara.

Being a princess, an alpha's daughter at that, she never understood why her father would give her away to a man infamously known as a heartless and unsightly alpha. Her pride got in the way, and she could not see through their reasons back then, all the more when she met and fell in love with Xander Baros.

"Mother, I'm sorry. I'm so sorry for everything," Kate whispered in her mother's ears. Her chest was heaving, and tears clouded her sight.

Before Kate could bask in her mother's warm embrace, she heard her father speak. "Kate."

Her father, Alpha Kieran Stone, was a man of few words. He did not let his sentiments show, and Kate saw how he tried to hold back whatever emotion was inside him.

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Kate was naturally afraid of her father's reaction. He was the disciplinarian in the family. Fortunately for her, he said nothing in front of everyone. Instead, The alpha king of Taplean pulled her into an embrace. She cried in his chest as her father softly spoke, "Your mother and I are glad that you are alive and well." The Alpha King and Luna Queen of Taplean were greeted warmly by the people around them. They nodded in respect, but their attention was mostly given to their daughter, Kate, Sebastian, and, of course, to Alpha King Henry and Luna Queen Regina.

After exchanging pleasantries, Kate and her parents were escorted to a private room where they could talk. Sebastian was left out of it. It was there that the family of three poured their hearts out.

"This was all your father's fault. If he hadn't –" Alexia Stone's words were cut off by Kieran.

"It was for the benefit of many nations, and I felt that I owed Sebastian," Alpha Kieran said. He looked Kate in the eye and suggested, "You know how many vampires have come to attack us?"

Sebastian destroyed all of those vampire rebels for us –

"But Sebastian did not ask to marry Kate at first," Alexia reasoned.

"I know," Kate cut them off. "I understand now that it was King Henry's request."

"Yes, it was meant to give Sebastian a leverage. You see, it's not entirely King Henry's decision to name the next king. Since King Henry had no heir, the votes from the council of alphas have to be

considered, including the elders,” Kieran revealed. “And let’s just say Sebastian was not a fan of getting along with the other alphas. Very few are on his Side”

Kate groaned. Her father described Sebastian accurately.

“Look, Kate, I did not simply make that rash decision. After Sebastian eradicated the rebel vampire groups, there was a suspected uprising from a rebel werewolf group in Vottara rogues,” Kieran revealed. “Our intel suggested many packs. secretly supported this group. They were planning to overthrow Vottara’s monarch and start a war with the neighboring nations.”

“Being in a state of war kills so many lives. So if I could prevent that, I would,” Kieran explained. “If Sebastian were king, I am confident that war will never come.”

“Aside from that, I had met with Sebastian, and-” Kieran took a deep breath before admitting, “I saw myself in him. That was why I agreed to the arranged marriage.”

Kate fell silent and reflected on her father’s words. To be frank, she also thought Sebastian was a lot like her father. Sebastian was menacing and strong, but somewhere deep inside, he had a good side of him.

Physically, she thought most alphas were the same, but unlike Sebastian, her father had short hair and was a little leaner.

Sebastian was more muscular than

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her father. Sadly, there was no face to compare since Sebastian covered it well.

“Did we have this conversation before?” Kate asked.

“Yes,” both Kieran and Alexia replied.

“But ye would not listen,” Kieran reminded her.

Kate laughed at herself. She answered, “I I guess I just did not want to get

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married back then. I had my dreams, and that included our family, and finding a true mate —”

“Shhh,” Alexia hushed her daughter. “We know, and we realized that now.”

“I mean, who finds true love in an arranged marriage?” Kate asked.

Kate noticed her parents looking at each other. It was then that her mother

disclosed, "We did, sweetheart."

"What?" Kate questioned, puzzled.

"Your father and I were forced to marry by your grandpa Balthasar," Alexia revealed.

"But, I thought you were fated," Kate asked, utterly confused.

"We are," Kieran answered. "But we found that out a little later. I married your mother before she came of age."

"Ah," Kate reacted. A she-wolf comes of age at twenty-one. Male werewolves shift for the first time at the age of twenty. That explained what her father said. While learning that her parent's marriage was arranged and ended up being fated relieved her,

Kate instantly remembered Sebastian's predicament. She said, "But Sebastian and I are not fated. I am already twenty-five. And do you even know about his family's curse?"

Kieran and Alexia looked at each other. Alexia said, "We realized that, dear. And 1, "We realized that, dear. And although finding one's true mate has been challenging – almost close to impossible over these years, we understand you now."

"Back then, we just really hoped it would work out," Alexia added.

"So, after careful consideration, your mother and I have agreed to cancel the marriage agreement between you and Sebastian,"

Kieran said. "You don't have to marry him now."

"You don't need to do anything. We will talk to Sebastian and King Henry.

Alpha Henry will be upset, but he will have to find a way to make Sebastian the king without a marriage alliance," Kieran added.

Kate stilled, reflecting on her father's words. "She won't have to marry Sebastian? But what about her agreement with him?"

Dead air fell upon them, and Kate was even more confused. She ended up caressing her forehead and touching almost every part of her face.

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Eventually, she stuttered, "I let me think about it. I owe Sebastian for saving me

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Kate paused again and looked at her parents guiltily.

Kieran and Alexia gave her that look that suggested they knew everything.

Kieran said. "We will compensate. Sebastian for saving you,"

Jest say the word, Kate, and we will take you home and see your brothers,” Alexia promised.

Kate gulped, she replied, “I-“

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While Kate had an important decision to make, back at the South Moon Pack, three warriors used their brute force to inject

Xander with wolfsbane and push him into the dungeon.

The warrior in charge was Gamma Nate, Sebastian’s fourth in command.

“Why am I being locked up? Give me a reason? Isn’t it enough that Sebastian already took over my pack – Ahhh!” Despite getting a dose of wolfsbane, the stupid Alpha Xander still resisted the serum. As a result, he tripped inside his cell. “Alpha Sebastian’s orders,” Gamma Nate responded. “He said that he had a nightmare where you approached him to k*ss his ass. The alpha said it was horrific, and because you entered his dreams, you must be punished for it. You will stay here for ten days!”

“What? What kind of reasoning is that? I don’t even control dreams!” Xander groaned as he sat up and leaned in one corner.

“We would not really know that unless we lock you up under the influence of wolfsbane,” Gamma Nate said before turning his heel.

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“What? That does not make make sense! Come come back here!” As Xander used up the last of his strength, Nate shook his head.

Nate had heard about what Alpha Xander did to Kate. He was certain Alpha Sebastian had done this out of vengeance for his future Luna. He could only feel sorry for Xander, for Nate knew his alpha had just begun punishing him.

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– Sebastian –

Within a private room of Brawnlyn Hold Castle, five prominent people sat in front of a table.

Sebastian listened as the king alpha of Taplean spoke to him and King Henry.

Kieran said, “Having lost our daughter for over a

year, we –

Kieran gasped and looked Sebastian in the eye before resuming, “My wife

and I had decided to cancel the marriage between our daughter and Sebastian.”

The revelation stiffened Sebastian. He felt utterly backstabbed because he and Kate had already agreed on this marriage. He was about to react when Kieran spoke again.

“However,” Kieran held Sebastian and Henry from speaking, saying, “My daughter has told me that she will marry Sebastian, as agreed upon originally

Kieran stared at Sebastian and added, “And I believe Sebastian and my daughter have their agreement.”

Sebastian let out a sigh. A sense of ease washed over him. His eyes searched for Kate, and he met her hazel orbs as if she silently told him she did not betray him. He gave her a nod, and she gave him a weak smile.

“For a moment there, you scared me, Alpha Kieran.” King Henry smiled. He also took a deep breath and turned to Kate. He said.

“Thank you, Kate.”

“All that we ask is for Sebastian to take good care of my daughter,” Alexia said. “We will be arranging regular visits. We have provided her with a bank account accessible in Vottara, so she can attend to her needs, and we expect regular phone calls from Kate and Sebastian.”

Sebastian bowed to Alexia, saying, “Understood Luna Queen.”

“So, when will the wedding be?” Alexia asked with a smile.

“We are still making arrangements, but the date is January 28. That’s less than three months from now,” Sebastian replied.

“Then, we will be back with Kate’s brothers,” Kieran said.

King Henry was smiling from ear to ear. He declared, “That will be the most awaited moment! I’m glad we can move on from here.”

“I’d like to speak to Sebastian, alpha to alpha,” Kieran asked. He turned to the door

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before glancing back at Sebastian. He requested, “Shall we take a walk, Sebastian?”

“Yes, Sir,” Sebastian nodded before getting up from his seat. “Let me lead the way.”

Sebastian took the alpha king of Taplean around the vast halls of the castle and into an open lawn at the back.

Brawnlyn Hold Castle's garden extended to over an acre. Centuries-old trees provided a leafy canopy on the sides, featuring vibrant emerald green grass. This perfect carpet stretched out in all directions, accented by vibrant flowerbeds.

Sebastian and Kieran followed a walking path with their heads held high and arms behind their backs. As they strolled, it was as if they threatened the trees. The air felt chilly because power exuded from both of them. Sebastian sensed it, and he was sure; the workers and guards also realized this as their heads were constantly on the ground.

"If you do the same thing that stupid Xander Baros did to my daughter, I will not hesitate to kill you," Kieran threatened.

Sebastian sucked in a deep breath. He thought, "They were going to be in a loveless marriage. Surely, it will not happen to them. Besides, I will not be marking Kate!

Of course, he did not dare voice out those thoughts. He answered, "I will care for Kate and give her the utmost respect. However, Alpha King, you must know I cannot mark her."

"I understand and know about your curse. We will not risk that, of course," Kieran replied. "But that does not mean you can betray the vows of your marriage! You must be loyal to my daughter, or else I will cut all your limbs!"

Kieran faced Sebastian with his alpha aura emitting. It was so strong that his body also hardened. Kieran said, "Take this as a warning.

However, Sebastian was no weak alpha. He also let his alpha aura, which surprisingly caught the king off guard. Kieran also straightened his back, and the two began a staring contest, their eyes frostily glaring at each other.

Time stretched awkwardly as the two continued to increase the level of their alpha energy. After what felt like a minute, however,

both their shoulders fell. Shockingly enough, it would seem like their powers were at par?

'Hmm, Sebastian could not help but gloat. The Moon Goddess may have cursed his lineage, but she repaid him with strength.

Kieran might have realized this too that he snapped at Sebastian, "I was holding back. After all, you will be my son-in-law."

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He pointed a finger at Sebastian, saying, "But just to remind you, three great

nations. back me up – Azenna, Paredon, and Eswen!”

Ah, that was his real advantage, Sebastian mused. The eminent king of Taplean had allied with the great nations. The king and queen of Azenna were his in-laws. Eswen’s king and queen vowed loyalty to Kieran. Paredon respected Alpha Kieran too.

“I will never think about crossing you,” Sebastian said. “And all this time, while Kate was missing. I had always considered you my second King, Alpha Kieran.”

“Good.” Kieran sighed and said, “I’m sorry for all the trouble my daughter has given you.”

“She felt her freedom taken from her, so she made wrong turns,” Sebastian answered. “But I can tell she regretted her decisions. It’s water under the bridge now.”

“Are you taking care of Xander Baros?” Kieran asked.

“Slowly but surely, Alpha Kieran,” Sebastian replied.

For the rest of the day, Kate spent her time with her parents. Sebastian did not tag along, hoping to give them private space. He

also understood that Kieran and Alexia would use the following day to bond with their daughter. Thus, Sebastian used his time wisely and instead worked his ass off.

He took rounds with Zev, overseeing the capital’s security. Since the king and queen of Taplean were around, he ensured there were no infiltrators. He also worked within one of the castle’s private offices, connecting with the warriors who were stationed in nine of his other territories across Vottara.

It was already evening when Kate reunited with Sebastian. They had dinner with her parents and the king and queen of Vottara.

Out of respect, the same other alphas were still invited to the gathering. They tried to catch Kieran’s attention, but with just one threatening look from the alpha king, they were forced to bow their heads. Kieran told the other alphas, “I will speak to you if you are anything as good as Alpha Sebastian.”

That practically shut them up. Although Sebastian knew jealousy was brewing inside them, he did not care. He would not let them affect him, even if they talked behind his back.

Kate, however, noticed the stares from the other alphas. She turned to Sebastian with a smile, saying, “Seby, Honey. I’m sorry I

was out with my parents too long. How was your day today?"

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Inwardly, Sebastian growled.

'Hahaha!' Zev, sitting next to him, was so entertained, mind linking his laughter.

"I had a "Sebastian smirked behind his mask, and somehow, he was happy Kate could. not see his face. He resumed, "I had a hectic day today, Kitty, Honey."

"Haha! While Zev laughed internally, linking with Sebastian, he watched as 'Kitty" narrowed her eyes at him.

After dinner, King Henry had plans in mind, one that involved an authentic werewolf liquor.

They drank for three hours. King Henry became drunk, but the said liquor did nothing to Sebastian, and it did nothing to Alpha

Kieran either.

The queens, Alexia and Regina, only had a few glasses and were quite sober. Kate, however, drank more than she could handle. When Sebastian and Kate returned to their room, Kate carelessly washed, changed, and climbed on the bed.

While Sebastian slept on the floor with his comforter and pillow, he noticed Kate was restless in bed. He saw her moving from side to side and blabbering. He reminded. himself, "No werewolf liquor for this woman – Uggh!"

Suddenly, Kate's heavy frame fell on top of him. She fell off the bed!

"Hmmm," Kate hummed. "This sure smells nice."

Kate dropped her head at the crook of his neck and dozed off.

Meanwhile, Sebastian froze. He did not know what to do! He waited for two t minutes before thinking of what to do, 'Should I

wake her? And risk her tumbling and turning in bed again?

He studied her and felt her arms cozily wrapping around his torso. She even smiled as she slept. "Hmmm."

Kate's snowy pine scent engulfed him unexpectedly, lulling him to sleep.

Before he knew it, he protectively wrapped his arm

around her waist and... fell asleep with Kate lying on top of his frame.

The next day, Sebastian' awoke with the scent of arousal invading his nostrils. He widened his eyes in shock. He took a big whiff of that intoxicating sensual fragrance

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– Kate-

Kate was in a dreamland. That distinct deep, earthy musk and autumn leaves scent kept her smiling as she slept.

In her dream. Kate was lying on soil and fallen leaves, yet it brought her comfort. It was rather hard to lie on, but it just gave her a sense of comfort.

“Mmmm. Smells good, she muttered. She turned to her side and hugged a log, and the wolf in her took a whiff of its scent.

“Mmmmm.”

Later on, she fluttered her eyes open. She was still grinning like a fool, utterly pleased. by whatever scent that lulled her to sleep.

However, as soon as she opened her eyes, Kate realized that the log was... a half-n*ked man!

Kate gasped. She leaned back in a panic and studied her strange bed and pillow. ‘F uck! F uck! F uck! How did I get here?’

Suddenly, she vaguely remembered getting drunk over the werewolf liquor, and knowing herself; she realized she must have become so restless in bed. She wondered, Could she have fallen into Sebastian while asleep?”

This scenario should no longer be a surprise to her. She had also experienced sleepwalking back at home when she and her guard, Doloris, got drunk one time.

Returning her gaze to her rather unconventional bed. Kate bit her lip. She realized she was lying partly on top of Sebastian. Her long leg intertwined with his thick thigh, and Kate was sure she had rested her head on the man’s bare chest! Oh. Goddess, goodness, gracious – mmmm. He really has a nice b*dy

Kate covered her mouth when she recognized her admiration for his physique. She looked at Sebastian, who was still covered in a mask.

“Seriously? She remarked silently. Her brow raised, wondering if he could breathe. adequately beneath it.

An idea suddenly popped into her head. She bit her lip and adjusted her frame to climb up to Sebastian’s face slowly. Her fingertips shivered as soon as she touched that bronze mask. She tried to lift it carefully, but surprisingly, it was tied firmly behind his head.

Kate studied the straps meticulously and understood how two thick and elastic materials held it together, and it was hidden in between his messy dark, yet soft-

looking hair.

Because she could not get it out of his head, she tried touching the mask again but

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ended up disturbing the Alpha's sleep!

A low growl rumbled in Sebastian's dream, but his eyes remained closed. He turned sideways, and his hand pulled Kate closer to his chest, her b*dy pressed against hers.

A gasp escaped Kate's lips, feeling his muscular b*dy. That firm muscles pressed against her breasts, and their legs were more tangled than the last. Sebastian's manly scent further engulfed her, and she felt utterly intoxicated.

Kate's face burned, acknowledging how only her sleeping dress separated their skins. It did not help when she felt Sebastian's morning bo ner against her upper thigh.

Her eyes widened, sensing his size, 'Wow! That's just wow! Big!'

Kate clamped her upper thighs together, recognizing a strange sensation in her core, somehow wondering how such thickness would feel inside of her.

'I am so screwed – Oh, yeah, I wanna be screwed, she corrected herself in silence. 'When did I last have some?'

Kate has not had love in a while now, but she was not the type to be randomly h o rny! And didn't Kate use to despise this man?

Why on earth was she thinking of Sebastian this way?

The more Kate was in that compromising position, her need grew. She couldn't control the juices that were damping her underwear.

'I better get out of here, or else this man will find out I was indecently thinking of him right now!' Kate tried to convince herself, but at the same time, staying there in Sebastian's arms felt rather too good. I'm really screwed!

Eventually, she found the heart to try and squeeze off his hold. She was almost successful when suddenly, Sebastian growled!

'No. No!' Realizing he was awake, Kate jolted up and ran to the bathroom like a bolt of lightning. She locked the door just before Sebastian could be on his feet.

From the bathroom, Kate took the longest bath of her life. She especially had to cleanse the arousal that was dripping down her thighs. It took Kate an hour to finally open the bathroom door.

To her shock, Sebastian was standing there, still half n*ked, his arms resting on each side of the door and his head leaning toward her. He asked, "I smelled something strange earlier." He took a whiff, evidently hoping that same scent was still there. Kate's mouth fell on the floor. It was futile to deny it. They were werewolves, for

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goddess' sake! Her lips trembled as she answered, "Um. I had a dream a wet dre am."

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Her face was red as a tomato while she defended herself, "I'm just a normal person with wet drea ms. Don't you have them too?"

Through his mask, Kate saw Sebastian narrow his eyes. He leaned even closer, his inviting scent invading her nostrils and probably her logic that remained in her brain.

"What the hell is wrong with me?!!!!! If Kate could scream, she probably would. She could fathom what was happening to her!

"Who were you with in that dream," Sebastian's raspy voice came through, and Kate thought it sounded more se xy than their previous talks.

"Who?" Kate asked. "No one in particular. I don't know. Just some random guy the Moon Goddess probably made me dream of — and that's none of your business, Sebastian!"

Wrapped in a towel, Kate walked past him, pushing his arm away. She took some clothes from the closet and then returned to the bathroom to change.

The entire time, Sebastian stood in one corner watching her, his arms crossed against his chest. His aura gave Kate that intimidating feeling or one that said, 'I know you are lying.

"Well, that was just embarrassing! Kate mused, but she wasn't about to admit it. So let him assume!

Sebastian also did the same thing when she stepped out of the bathroom, already fully clothed.

In an attempt to distract Sebastian, Kate reluctantly offered, "Um. My parents and I are going to spend the entire day together.

We are going around the capital. You are welcome to join us."

Kate counted for almost a second. Only then did Sebastian reply, "It's fine. You have

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some time with your parents. We will have more than enough time to get t
other. Besides, I have things to do.”

“And, sorry about falling on top of you last night. I’m usually very restless after
a few drinks, even when I’m sleeping,” she

explained.

“Hmmm,” Sebastian said plainly.

Later that night, it was not any different. King Henry offered more werewolf
liquor.

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Kate’s parents indulged.

Sebastian semi-indulged, and Kate thought it would not be too bad to fall
down the bed. again, given the carlier experience.

However, this time, she planned to be more aware.

When Kate and Sebastian retired to their rooms, they took turns taking a bath.

Kate. dove to the bed first. As she lay face down

on the sheets, she noticed Sebastian preparing the comforter on the floor.

Kate did end up sleeping, but only for a brief moment. After an hour, she only

faked her carelessness as she slowly rolled to the
side where Sebastian rested.

Stretching her arms, Kate hummed, “HmMMM.”

She purposely tumbled and turned before finally making her dive.

“Oouch! Sebastian!” To Kate’s dismay, there was no Sebastian on the floor.

She fell face flat on the floor with nothing on it, not
even the comforter!

Kate got up

and turned on the lamp, only to find Sebastian lying on the other side of the
bed, making a pillow of both his arms. He said, “You

will not make a bed or pillow out of me. You are as heavy as a tree.”

Her mouth fell open while her face burned in anger! She barked. “You -”

“What? I did nothing wrong.” Sebastian reasoned.

“Get out of my bed!” Kate ordered.

“Compensate me for carrying your weight all night last night,” Sebastian
retorted. “I’ll take the bed this time. You take the floor!”

“I – Kate was about to lash at him, but she remembered how she initially
offered to take the floor on the first night of their stay.

Thus, she unwillingly agreed. Kate took a pillow and rolled out a comforter on
the floor. It took a while, but she eventually found
her sleep.

In the middle of her rest, Kate thought she was floating mid-air, but her eyes were too heavy to flutter them open. She continued sleeping, finding comfort as she turned to her left side.

Kate smiled, sensing that musky scent that she was slowly getting used to in each day that passed.

The sun's rays hit Kate's face, compelling her awake. Opening her eyes, she saw those familiar blue orbs looking straight at her, and she immediately screamed, "Ahh!"

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"I'm sorry. I'm sorry." Kate put a distance between them. She asked in a panic, "Did I climb up the bed sometime last night?"

Silence stretched between them. Eventually, Sebastian replied, "Yes, you did."

Kate put a hand on her chest and said, "Did I really?"

Why was it that Kate could not believe it?

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Kate's heart drummed against her ribcage, anticipating. It was as if time had stopped when Sebastian slowly held the bronze mask.

"This is it, she thought. 'I am finally going to see his face!!

However, before Sebastian removed his mask, he lowered his head, and his long, wavy hair covered his face. Then, he abruptly dropped his mask on the rock and jumped into the water!

'He did not just do that?' Kate muttered in her head. Then, a realization hit her. 'Could Sebastian have felt her presence?'

For minutes, Kate watched as Sebastian gracefully swam across the pool of water. She studied his arm movement as he continuously simulated that windmill-like motion. His kicks were strong and coordinated while his b*dy rotated from side to side to breathe.

'Goddess, doesn't he look perfect?' Kate thought.

When Kate was done observing his swimming techniques, she decided to take matters into her own hands. She changed back into her clothes and walked to where Sebastian had settled his belongings.

"Kate? Kate?" Sebastian called. "Stop right there!"

A smirk formed on her face because he knew exactly where she was going and what she was about to do!

"Huh! You knew I was here all along," Kate mumbled.

"Of course, I knew. I can smell you, remember?" Sebastian countered from afar.

When Kate found his clothes, she grabbed them, including his mask. Then, she tossed

them two meters away.

"What. Did. You. Do?" Sebastian enunciated each word.

Sebastian growled while he was in the water. When Kate turned to find him, he dove under, and it looked to her like he wasn't planning on showing his face soon.

Kate was banking on Sebastian resurfacing from the water, but he didn't.

There was a calmness in the water that made her panic. She called, "Sebastian? Sebastian?"

"Oh, Goddess, don't kill yourself for it. I was just a little pissed off when you pretended not to notice me, but obviously you did,"

Kate said. "And then you teased me with a potential face reveal!"

Kate fetched his clothes and the mask, saying, "I'm getting your clothes and back. Come up, now!"

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She placed them where they originally were, but with her there, she was still bound to see him, right?

"Sebastian?" Kate called again. She walked closer to the edge of the spring and was already considering diving in and looking for Sebastian. "Alpha – Ahh!"

All of a sudden, Kate fell into the water. Sebastian had pulled her leg and wrapped his arms around her!

Kate was so frightened that she instinctively shut her eyes. When she opened them, it was too late. She was already clutched strongly against his wet and broad chest.

All she could see was his masculinity!

Sebastian walked up to the rocks and said in a deep voice, "I think I am being too nice to you, Kate! Don't think I will be lenient towards you because you are Alpha Kieran's daughter!"

"We agreed to respect each other, did we not?" Sebastian asked. His voice strengthened. "So if I don't want to show my face, you must accept that!"

Kate nodded her head vigorously. She replied, "Yes. Yes, I'm sorry. I won't do it again. Can you let me go?"

"if you disrespect me, Kate, you will be punished!" Sebastian declared.

While Kate was startled by Sebastian's threat, she was also very aware of how she was skin-to-skin with the alpha. Well, not all of it, but her face was glued to his chest, and his manly nipple was just an inch away from her!

Not only that, but most of her b*dy could feel him. Her stomach was feeling his abs, and they felt amazing. Her thighs were brushing with his manhood.

The wolf in her made her feel tingles down her core, and before Sebastian could reach for his mask, her arousal became apparent. It erupted into the air, and Kate swore the entire cave could smell it!

These were the times when Kate disliked being a werewolf. Why do her kind have such carnal desires, and why could they smell an arousal from yards away?

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Sebastian growled. Kate could sense his b*dy expanding as a reaction to her arousal. He ordered, "Close your eyes!"

Kate did so, and Sebastian hurriedly grabbed his mask and put it on while he simultaneously let go of her.

"Why are you getting aroused?" Sebastian barked. "Tell me?"

If Kate were to be completely honest with herself, she did not understand it either the effect that Sebastian had on her. This

sensuous feeling she was having towards him started that day they were put in the same room back at Brawnlyn Hold Castle.

"Is that for me? Are you aroused because of me?" Sebastian asked again. He was advancing towards her while Kate was blindly

stepping back. "You made it perfectly clear that you don't want me to get into your pants, but have you changed your mind, Kate?"

Do you actually want to consummate our coming marriage?"

"What? No!" She denied it, but her face burned bright red. "You are out of your mind, Sebastian="

"Tell me the truth, and I might just give it to you!" Sebastian suggested in a firm tone.

Kate froze in her stance. She silently recounted his words. 'Did he say, he would give it to me?'

All the more, her arousal became ignited, and it made Sebastian howl this time.

Kate raised a hand and said, "You know what? Let's go home."

"No," Sebastian said. "You are not going out of this cave and letting my warriors smell your arousal. I will end up killing my men if they would even dare to look your way or sniff at you!"

"Tell me!" Sebastian demanded, pushing Kate against a bolder.

Kate did not even notice that the boulder was behind her the entire time. She ended up being squeezed in between the boulder

and Sebastian's b*dy. He repeated, "Tell me if you are aroused because of me, and I will... give you what you want."

After giving it much consideration, Kate faintly replied, "Yes."

"I can't hear you, Kate, Sebastian said.

Kate rolled her eyes and reiterated, "Yes, dam mit, yes! And I don't know why, but I can't help it, okay! You turn me on!"

“There, there. That wasn’t so hard to do now, was it?” Sebastian teased. He inched closer and asked, “Do you want me to help you?”

Kate took a deep breath. She might as well just say it. “Yes. This alpha daughter needs release.”

“Very well,” Sebastian said before his big hand grabbed Kate’s inner thigh. She gasped, feeling his hand tightening around her leg. Slowly, Sebastian spread her legs wider before his hand invaded her workout trousers.

“Mmmm.” Kate let out a moan as soon as Sebastian’s fingers reached her bare cl it. “Oh, Goddess!”

She threw her head back on the bolder, feeling Sebastian’s fingers playing with h er core. Her hands reached for his biceps, and she tightly held on to his muscles. “Aaaah!”

Soon, Sebastian’s finger entered her hole, and she cried out her desires in a soft tone, “More.”

“If you want to ask me, you have got to speak up, Sebastian ordered. “What is it that you want? More fingers or deeper?”

“I

want more, Seby, Honey,” Kate said before biting her lip. “I want two fingers, deeper and faster!”

Well, she got him with the “Seby, Honey” alright because he did as she requested: deeper, faster, and with two fingers!

From there, Kate’s moans seemed neverending, and with Sebastian’s closeness and fingers pleasuring her expertly, she came undone in no time!

She then watched as Sebastian removed his hand from her trousers and sucked on his fingers. Her nipples perked at the sight of him, drinking her juice.

“You taste... not bad at all,” Sebastian said nonchalantly.

He stepped back, and Sebastian fetched his clothes. As he changed, he warned, “Don’t ever go around having an arousal, Kate.

I warn you. If you do, I won’t hesitate to make you c um.

He turned to her, adding, “And maybe next time, I won’t use my fingers anymore.”

Kate was still in a daze from having climaxed, but when she heard Sebastian, she asked. in silence, ‘Wait? Was that a threat?

Because NOT using his fingers isn’t such a bad idea.