

Tereshan

I let Elise into the room, sending her into the bathroom with Claire before going into the walk-in closet to get dressed. Since Claire's dress is off-white, I decide to wear an off-white dress shirt under my tuxedo. Yes, I'm wearing a tux. My mate deserves to stand beside a man that shows that he cares enough to look good beside her.

I tuck her necklace into my pocket. I'll wait to give that to her when she comes out. Feena truly outdid herself. The necklace is what she called a 'floating' necklace. It has six pearls on it, and it's supposed to look like the pearls are just magically sitting on Claire's neck. I guess we'll see.

I've just finished getting ready when Elise pops her head out of the bathroom.

"Excuse me, Alpha, where is Luna's dress?" She asks me.

"Here you go." I stride to the door and unhook it, handing it to Elise.

'Alpha, all of your guests have arrived.' Dane tells me in the mind link.

'Thank you. Please make sure that they all have food and drinks. We'll be down shortly.'

'Yes, Alpha.' He says.

I walk over to one of the flower bouquets. Claire seemed surprised and also pleased with getting flowers. I'll have to

make sure that I get some more for her, maybe different kinds so I know what she likes best.

I hear the bathroom door open, and I turn. Elise is standing at the door, having closed it behind her.

"Alpha Tereshan." She says, very formally. "I present to you, our Luna."

She stands back, opening the door and I'm speechless. The most beautiful woman in the world walks out of the bathroom.

She's obviously shy, self-conscious about the way she looks. Her face is tilted toward mine, but her eyes are cast down.

"Wow." Is all I can say. Her eyes flash up to mine.

"You look....I have no words for how you look. Incredible, amazing, wonderful, marvelous....all of those things, but so much more."

I watch her beautiful blush as it brings a darker color to her cheeks. "Really?"

"Really. I am in awe of you, my mate."

I pull my eyes away from her. "Elise, you did an amazing job with our Luna."

I watch as her face lights up with a brilliant smile. "Thank you, Alpha."

"Thank you, Elise."

I turn back to my mate.

"Hmmm, there's something missing."

Both Claire and Elise look at each other, looking worried.

I pull the necklace out of my pocket. "I think this is what you're missing." I say to her, opening the box and letting her see the necklace.

Her eyes go wide, and she looks up at me.

"It's beautiful." She says, wonder in her voice.

"Not as beautiful as you. Turn around, let me put it on you." I tell her, taking the necklace and handing the box to Elise who is obviously excited to see it on Claire.

Her hair is in a partial updo, or something like that with big curls up near her neck.

"Can we lift up her hair?" I ask Elise.

She sets the box down, rushing over to help me. She lifts Claire's hair and I attach the necklace.

"There, turn around." I say and Elise drops her hair, fixing it quickly before Claire turns around.

When she does, I realize how absolutely perfect it is. Feena is truly one of a kind.

Elise sucks in her breath. "Luna, it's beautiful."

Claire's hand goes to her neck, feeling the pearls.

"Hold on." Elise says, rushing into the bathroom. She comes out with a handheld mirror and hands it to Claire.

Claire takes it, looking at her necklace then up at me.

"Thank you, it's...."

"Perfect. As are you." I say to her. "Are you ready, Claire?"

She nods.

I put my arm out to her and she shyly takes it. Elise rushes ahead of us, opening the door.

"Thank you, Elise." Claire says as we pass through the door.

We walk out into the hallway toward the stairs. "I want you to stay by my side all night, Claire. We both know what happens when the she-wolves here think I'm free. I have no intention of letting you feel any sort of pain from me or because of me. So please, stay at my side. If you need or want to go somewhere, let me know and I'll take you."

She looks up at me. "Okay, Tereshan."

I smile at her, and we turn the corner of the stairwell, coming into view of everyone below.

'Announce us, Dane.'

He looks up, smiling at Claire before turning back to the group.

"Attention everyone! I give you Alpha Tereshan and his mate, our future Luna, Claire."

I feel Claire's hand tighten on my arm. "I won't let you fall, my mate." I tell her quietly.

Everyone downstairs looks up at us and begins to clap. I can see the sour looks on the faces of the females that were hoping to be my mate, or at least be in my bed tonight. I don't care about any of them.

When we get to the bottom of the stairs, I see Vivienne, handing out food.

"Vivienne." I say. She comes rushing over.

"Yes, Alpha. Did you need some food?" She asks.

"No, we, Claire and I, wanted to thank you for the swans you left in our room." I tell her.

Just like Elise, her smile is brilliant. "Thank you, Alpha. It was my pleasure." She looks at Claire. "I hope you liked it too, Luna."

Claire releases my arm, moving to touch Vivienne's free arm. "I love it. I can't wait to see what else you surprise us with."

If possible, her smile gets even bigger as Claire steps back and takes my arm again.

"You look beautiful, Luna, like an angel." Vivienne tells her.

"Thank you, Vivienne."

We turn and begin to walk into the party.

"Don't let me forget to buy her that book again." I say to Claire.

"As if you would forget that, Tereshan." She says, giving me a knowing smile. Damn I like it when we're in sync like this.

I take her around, saying hello to the Alphas in the room, introducing them to Claire. I see the nearly constant surprise on their faces when they meet her. Her aura is still weak, but that is on me. I know what her aura can and will be. She may be an omega now, but that won't last for long.

Finally, I see Alpha Keegan. We make our way over to him, seeing that he's antsy.

"Was he like this last year?" I ask Claire quietly.

"No, this is new." She says as we walk up.

"Alpha Keegan, if I may, you seem uncomfortable. Is everything alright?" Claire asks him before I can. She has always had the better relationship with him, understanding him from the beginning.

"Yes, I must apologize. My wolf is very agitated tonight. I don't know what's gotten into him."

"Is it danger?" I ask, instantly on alert.

"No, it doesn't feel like danger, it....." His eyes flash up, locking on someone across the room. "Mate." He says, his wolf pushing forward.

I turn seeing one of the women I slept with last night in this timeline. Well, fuck me.

"Mate." She says, dropping the tray in her hands.