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I finally had to step away to get some water and take a break. I was standing at the island in the kitchen, chugging a bottle of water and heard voices from the back hallway that leads to the garage.

“I just don’t know why she wants to keep it a secret. If I was her, I would tell everyone.”

“I know, right? There must be something else going on. We’ll have to pay really close attention.”

Definitely Marnie and Jeanie. I hear footsteps coming towards me, so I scramble back towards the fridge and act like I’m getting something out. They don’t even notice me and just keep walking and talking.

“She’s probably lying, everyone knows they want their mate. I have heard that all the rumors about them sleeping around are bullsh*t too. That they are actually waiting to give up their V card to their goddess given mate. Which is totally romantic! Who knows. They wouldn’t all of a sudden decide to hook up with her randomly at a party with the Alpha King here either. No one is dumb enough to believe that” Marnie says.

“I don’t know. She likes to exaggerate, but would she lie about mates? She’s been talking about them being her mates for years.” Jeanie asks.

“She can’t even tell who her mate is for three more years, there’s no way.” Marnie scoffs. “But I’m not going to stop her from laying claim to them, let her live her fantasy for as long as she can. Cause there is no way she’s going to be Luna, she wouldn’t be able to handle the job. The Moon Goddess wouldn’t make us all suffer like that, she’s awful now, can you imagine if she had any real authority?” She giggles and Jeanie joins in. “We just need to stay on her good side for a few more years, then the truth will come out. She’s probably actually mated to some worthless Omega who’s abusive. That would be karma, wouldn’t it?”

That left me feeling, I’m not sure actually. I can’t believe the people closest to her would talk about her like that, but at the same time, Kaley is a horrible person and clearly still trying to lay claim to the Luna title. I walk outside back to my friends, but I’m not really in the party mood anymore. Every time I hear her mention being with the twins or being Luna, I get an uneasy sick feeling in the pit of my stomach. I go to find the guys to tell them that I am going up to

bed, but Sam has other ideas as Just the Way You Are comes on. He grabs Sierra and I and starts serenading the two of us, and all I can do is laugh with her. The rest of the guys join in our little group and start singing, terribly, to both of us and taking turns to dance with us, very closely and slowly. No one breaks into our little circle, it's sweet and for the first time it leaves me feeling comfortable and safe doing normal teenage things, even in this crowd."


Once the song is over, I break away from Kota and hug each of them, "I need to sleep, I will see you guys in the morning." I hug Sierra a little longer than the rest of them. "Have fun." I wink at her. "If you need to stay tonight you can come cuddle with me."

"Wait. Does that invitation extend to all of us?" Sam asks. I just roll my eyes.

"Hey, wait up, I'll walk you up."

"I battled with about a hundred different people in the last two days, I think I can walk up to my room alone, but thank you Oliver."

"I'm aware of your capabilities, Bite Size, but my wolf is running circles in my head and giving me a headache at the fact that you are going somewhere without one of us. Especially after the thing with

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Micah. Can I please just walk with you to shut him up?” He almost begs.

“Sure, I guess. Does that happen a lot, your wolf being territorial like that?” We start our way to the staircase leading to the second floor.

“Only with you Bite Size, only with you. And it’s crazy, because I feel like Mateo, like I need to protect you, like my wolf’s whole mission is to keep you safe. We haven’t even been this protective over a girl we want to hook up with, no offense.” He adds quickly at the end, eyes wide looking terrified that he offended me. ¹

“None taken, and to be honest, I feel the same. You seem to make me calm and centered, like my best friend or my other half, but not in a mate way. Is that weird?” I look up at him and he is smiling, like actually smiling. It is blinding, and jaw dropping. “Oh man! Your mate is in trouble!” I giggle at him.

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“What, why?” His smile falls and he almost looks like Sam pouting.

“That smile is going to knock her on her ass. I take that back, you are going to be in trouble when you find your mate. She is going to lock you up after you throw that smile her way. I thought you were good looking before, but that smile is a whole other level. She’s screwed.” I laugh again as his grin lights up his whole moody face and he tries to fight it.

I take a look around to make sure no one, mainly Kaley, is looking when I go to punch in the code on the third floor door. Once Oliver makes sure it is secured behind us we head up.


“Knock it off, Bite Size, or my ego won’t fit through the door.” He shoves me in the shoulder with his elbow.

“I’m serious though. I mean you’re hot just as your broody silent self, but that smile could probably get you anything you wanted. You should try it on Luna Ava and see what happens.” I laugh out loud this time as we make it to my door. “Thank you for seeing me safely to my door Oliver, you have done a fabulous job

of watching out for me, I hope your wolf calms a bit.” I leaned in to give him a tight hug around the waist. “You are a great friend and big brother.” I rest my cheek on his chest.

He squeezed me back, “Thanks Sky, that means a lot. Night.” He let me go and stepped back waiting for me to close the door I guess.

“Night.” I close my door and barely get changed and fall into my bed before I am fast asleep.

I woke up to the bright sun streaming through my window and sweating my ass off. What is going on? I try to roll over but there is a weight behind me. I shift forward and that is definitely not a pillow in front of me. I crack my eyes open more to adjust to the light and take a deep breath. Citrus and Cinnamon overwhelm my senses. I move to sit up, I really need to go to the bathroom and my legs are completely entwined, I wiggle a little more. 

“Tiny, I thought we talked about this, you do not want to move like that in the morning. Go back to sleep, you have earned a sleep in day.” Cam mumbles in front of me.

“I need to pee and you both make that really hard.” I laugh at him.

"I'll show you something hard." Kota says low and gravelly into my hair.

"Stop, crazy. Let me up, please." I whine at him. "I promise I will come back and sleep in, just let me pee."

"Fine, you have three minutes before one of us comes in to get you." I laugh and quickly get up. I'm not dumb enough to test whether or not he would really come and get me off the toilet.

As I climb over Cam's gigantic body and move to the floor, I step on something that is definitely not hardwood. I jump, stumble, fall forward and come face to face with Oliver as I belly flop onto his chest. "What the hell?!" He coughs out as he stops me from scrambling around on him. "What happened? Are you okay Sky?" He's on full alert, eyes wide open and body tense as he grabs me by my upper arms, but doesn't move any more than that.

"What are you doing on my floor?"

"Couldn't sleep. I just kept getting a weird vibe. This is the only place that made it go away." He closes his eyes and lays his head back down, but not releasing me.

"Huh?!"

He ignores me, “Is there something you needed? Or did you decide you are done snuggling the twins and are ready to share the love?” He wraps his arms around me and starts to turn on his side.

“Oh no, I have to pee. Let me up before you are the reason I have an accident.” I scramble away from him and almost trip on my brother’s feet at the foot of my bed.

“What is going on? What happened last night that made you guys think you all needed to be in here?” I whisper yell at them. Which of course gets no reply. They are all happily snoring, with no care in the world. I go to the bathroom and on my way back I notice a pile of blankets next to the fireplace. “There’s no way.” I whisper to myself. I tiptoed over and noticed sandy blonde waves and brown straight locks all messed together and coming out of the top of the blanket burrito Sam and Sierra were in.