

*For Luna,*

You will always shine brightest.



## *1. Elai*

There is one story. One simple story that keeps me from going insane in this bedroom. It is about the sun and the moon, and how they were hopelessly in love with one another, even though they were not meant to be. They were torn apart by their kingdoms, as the myths explain. They tell us that when the day came for the two gods to make a choice, the sun chose her kingdom. The moon died by her hand, and consumed by regret and grief, the sun ended her own life.

That is how this story ends.

Though it is sad, and merely a myth, this particular story is what has taken over the life of all the people in my kingdom, Lyle. You see, this myth is believed by many, and for as long as humans have roamed this earth, my kingdom has been at war with the kingdom of the moon, Turi. I am sure they no longer remember what they are even fighting over, aside from the history of gods we do not know exist.

But while these kingdoms are busy focusing on the tragedy, and the anger, and the pain, I focus on the beauty of it. Though I am not much of a believer, I admire the love they supposedly had for one another. Apparently, after their death and after becoming gods that rule above the clouds, they became capable of sending their souls down to earth. The beautiful thing about that, is that they will keep doing it until the end of time, just so they can meet again, though their vessels do not know they carry the soul of a god.

Isn't that the most beautiful thing you've ever heard?

I look out of my window with a smile on my face, the book dropping from my hands. The sun is shining bright today. She is happy that the new season has settled in, I suppose. I wish to talk to her for a little while, but my mind is too busy. I play with my hair, the color somewhat lighter than I remember.

"Prince Elai?" There is a knock on the door. Two knocks, three knocks. I welcome her in with a hum. My circumstances usually make me forget that I am royalty— that I am a prince to the people that serve me. If it was