

# Luna Lei

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The wind blows in my hair. I sigh. I gaze up at the stars and I'm interrupted by Goerge, my older brother. He sits down next to me. This is *my* tree. I stand up and leave. He follows me. I swerve around the willow tree and into the shed. I lock the door behind me. I'm alone again. Or so I thought.

I hear a box shift behind me, I spin around. My face is white, eyes bulging out, I slowly creep to the shelf where the box had turned. I feel something pulling my arm from behind me. I am pulled clear of the box as it hits the floor of the shed. The breath in my lungs suddenly vanishes, and I fall to the ground wheezing and coughing. A voice emerges into hearing "Are you okay?". I spin around and I see a blackened figure standing there. I tilt my head to try and get a better look, but no luck. The figure then emerges from the shadowed part of the shed.

It's a tall boy, his hair black and messy with the tips white. He grins. He puts his hand to his chest and takes a bow. "Forgive my manners, I'm Kai.?". He walked toward me and held out his hand. I looked away and mumbled my name to him. He cupped his hand around his ear and leaned into me. I backed away. I made my move and threw the box that fell at him. He dodged and grabbed my hand. I stared. Then I take a good look at the enemy, his ragged clothes don't match his charm. I realize he'd been hiding a broach in his pocket. *The princesses broach! Wait What?* I tug my hand away and reach for the broach. He slaps my hand away, then takes the broach out of his pocket, and stares at it. "So.. .. you're a thief?" I stumble forward and sit down. He sits next to me. "No, I've come to take you home." I screech and I dart for the door. Instead of escaping I suddenly collapsed to the floor.

When I wake up I'm in a room bedazzled with gold and silver carvings on the walls and a grand gold curved entrance. I sit up and look around. I don't recognize this place. There are two huge wooden doors with large metal bars across the left side of the room. It doesn't match the rest of the room's design. I hear screaming from outside, I open and look out the window and I see a hooded figure with what seems to be stuffed goose with goggles, a rabbit with blocky black glasses, and a porcupine.

Across the courtyard was a tall fly trap snapping at the hooded figure, the figure reached for something in her cape. They pull out a bottle with purple liquid in it, they toss it to the goose and the goose throws it to the ground and runs away honking. The ground blows up from below the fly trap. The plant burns to a crisp and the figure chuckles. They take down their hood and pick up the porcupine. The girl has dark red hair and it's gathered together into two side buns. She drops the cloak to the ground and I close the window.

Her clothes were strange. She had bits and pieces of armor strapped to random places around her body and a belt with different chemicals and test-tubes. Her shirt was a white t-shirt with burns and stains all over it, her jean shorts stained and burned as well. She wore goggles perched on the top of her head, and a scar mark right under the bottom of her eye. She looks up at the window. *She must have heard the noise of me shutting it. Still it's impressive, she must have impeccable hearing.*

I look into the mirror and stare myself down. It's the same old me. My short black hair with blonde-white tips, t-shirt more ragged and messy than ever, and the giant tear in the side of my skirt haunts my memory. When I was 14 I had grabbed the giant bear trap for the owlbears, but ended up accidentally setting it off. It hurt my leg, but I made a full recovery. I fix up my bangs and flop back on the perfectly made bed staring at the ceiling. I'm interrupted by a weak knock on the doors. I open it and there Kai stands in a nice white suit with gold trim. It matches the room. Behind him stands the girl from the courtyard earlier. She seems excited. Kai steps forward and I step aside to let them in. He turns to me and asks an odd question. "Do you like your room?" *This isn't my room.. Better just play along.*

"Y-yes, it's quite nice, except.. Nevermind," I look at the floor, He puts his hand on my shoulder. "Are you alright Kass?" my eyes dart up from the ground, I can feel the fire in them as I stare him down. "How do you know my name? Let alone my nickname?" Horror strikes in his eyes. "Kass! Don't you remember me? I'm your brother.. Remember? You're the Luna Lei.. the Moon Princess. I'm the Shine Seth, the Sun Prince..This is Kelly? Kell? The potion maker?,... your best friend. Are you sure you don't remember?" I start laughing "me? A princess? I wish!!" "You are though. The war must've clouded your memory." I'm confused now. "War? Oh man! The war between Witches and Moonshines. I remember!" Kell steps up, more cheerful now, "It will take time to remember it all. We are just glad we finally found you." Kai grins at me "we missed you during your absence."

After a few years life was practically normal in the castle. I remembered pretty much everything by then except one thing. *How did I even go missing in the first place?*