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She was expecting Alpha Casey to take his son Carter and leave this pack any minute now, that he understood just what kind of Alpha Martin was. Saw just how horrible that man's daughter was and that he would not punish the girl at all either.

Or that her mother was up there insisting on Jovannah being on that mating alliance, seeing as the girl had gone out of her way to get Carter into bed. Though she did think that Carter would no longer want that girl for himself. Likely, neither would Alpha Casey for that matter.

She sat and stared pretty much aimlessly at the forest on the other side of the park, for an hour or so. They'd had plenty of time to leave to sort that mess out up there. The road that ran next to this park didn't go to the gate, but it was only a ten-minute drive to get out of the pack.

Addison got up and headed back to the packhouse, but sighed internally when she saw that their pack car was still there parked out the front. Didn't see them in the foyer either. Though the Alpha's ope door was closed, it was likely there was some sort of meeting going on in there.

Returning to her room to have lunch, as she was a little hungry now, still it seemed she had to wait for the outcome of the fallout from all the lies and deceit Jovannah had tried to lay out.

She found her mother sitting on the edge of her bed a little while after lunchtime, had knocked just once and walked in as she always would. "Why didn't you tell me last night?" she asked with a deep frown, "At the time, I could have seen it myself and done something about it."

"Why would I bother? Jovannah would just get away with it still...did she? Get away with it?" Addison asked curiously. She didn't think her mother would have done much last night.

Separated the two of them, and Alpha Martin would have done nothing at all, just like he'd done nothing in that ope other than stop her mother beating the girl.

"Her name will not be going on the mating alliance, if that is what you're asking." her mother stated, "Carter won't have it, after Jovannah's claims and the way he was treated for them. I don't blame him either." She was informed.

"Theodora then?" she asked.

"No, it's still going to be you."

"What?" Addison sat up now. "Why on earth would you do that to me? After what Jovannah did and on purpose. Or did you not order her to tell the truth of why she did that? Did your mate refuse to allow that to happen to his precious perfect princess? So innocent and pure, who can do nothing wrong." She snarled out now, more than angry about her name still going on that mating alliance.

"He had no choice, Alpha Casey wanted an answer and had the right to get one. So, yes I did order it of my own daughter." She'd frowned and stood up, walked over to the window and looked outside for a long quiet minute.

"As much as I know your sisters don't get along with you, I never saw this coming." she muttered, "I thought they'd leave it alone, be happy to see you were gone from the pack. I did not see them try to sabotage it."

Addison stared at her, "You really don't realize just how much they hate me do you?" Was her mother completely blind, or did she just not want to see it.

"Why do you think I beat up Theodora? She knew what Jovannah was doing out there with Carter. Was waiting for me to come home, stood out there in the hallway to rub it in my face that little bit more." She knew it was true.

"They both plotted and planned it all out, that one of them would sleep with my future Mate, and in a place I would see it. Even your own mate didn't stop all the irting Jovannah was doing. You heard that yourself."

"Right." Was all she stated without looking at her and Addison wondered if she really cared at all.

"Did she tell you what she mind-linked to me?"

"Yes, I got all of it." Ingrid nodded.

"Martin?" Addison asked now.

"Is more than annoyed."

"Oh, is that all? Annoyed...if I did something like that to Jovannah, I'd be banished from this pack for certain." She was watching her mother now. She didn't say anything at all. Just continued to stare out the window.

"Did she even get punished properly?"

"I struck her twice, you saw it yourself."

"And I bet that is all she's going to get." Addison muttered.

"She has been sent to her room, and is conned there until Alpha Casey and Carter leave." she turned and looked at Addison, "I'll make sure she stays there."

"So is going to get away with it then. The minute they are gone from this pack, she'll be free to go swanning about the pack once more like nothing happened...never f\*\*\*\*g gets in trouble, I bet she'll nd a way to blame it all on me."

Her mother was staring at her now, a frown on her face. "You've changed quite a bit since turning 18, I see."

Addison shrugged, most she-wolves of alpha blood did, became somewhat deant or started challenging the rules around them. Really, she was not any different from those around her.

"You're still going to mate me off to that boy even though he had s\*x with Jovannah."

"He was tricked by her. I doubt he would have done it if he'd known who he was actually being Mated off to. All Martin had on the alliance preliminary papers was that he was offering up a pure-blooded female Alpha. He, all of them just presumed it was Jovannah with the way she was all smiles at him."

"She was all smiles because she knew what she was going to do to try and hurt me already."

"Are you actually hurt, Addison? You don't really seem to care, as far as I can tell."

"I'm not going to be mated off to him, not after what he did."

"Sweetheart, he's as annoyed and ticked off about this as you are, likely more so, I dare say."

"I doubt it. He got his rocks off more than once."

Her mother frowned at her now, ignored her comment altogether though, "Alpha Casey, did demand answers. He is right now downstairs trying to decide on what he wants to do about all of this, in fact."

"Good for him, he should just leave and take his son with him," Addison stated atly.

"Mm, he also now understands you're not Martin's child, that has all come out, and he is also unhappy about being deceived as he was. Is demanding answers from Martin on this. He had the right to do so and wants an explanation, and likely won't leave until he gets it."

"Well, I hope he takes his son and just goes. When he does."

"I don't think that he will, Addison." She was told as her mother sat down once more and looked right at her.

"Why? Alpha's don't like being deceived."

"No, they don't." she nodded, "But Alpha Casey has now seen you, not just how beautiful you are. But how you handled the entire situation that unfolded before you. He saw real strength in your character, saw that you didn't get all angry and upset, that you stayed calm and dealt with the situation as a Luna would. What he saw was the potential Luna within you."

Addison sat staring at her mother now, that was not at all what she was trying to do down there. Show potential Luna qualities, she had simply not wanted to come across like her spoiled b\*\*\*h's of sisters. Had wanted them to see that she didn't actually care at all.

That as far as she was concerned, if Carter chose Jovannah she would simply step back and allow it to happen. That she was not interested in a mating alliance with the boy. Seems that had backed on herself. Maybe she should have played the spoiled brat card.

Gone down there and thrown the biggest tantrum in the world over it, cried and stamped her feet, yelled at Carter and pitched a hell of a t for all to see. She sighed now, seemed she'd shot herself in the foot.

Addison sat staring at her mother now, she didn't want to be mated off. "I'm not Martin's child." She stated atly.

"No and you let that out of the bag, told Carter's Beta Gavin, that he wasn't your father, very underhanded of you."

"They were all trying to gure it out anyway." she shrugged it off, "Would have."

"Mm., well now they know, and though you may not be the Alpha's daughter, you are mine. I am a pure-blooded Alpha myself. Your wolfen genes are still strong, your temperament over the situation showed Alpha Casey, how strong you are."

"I don't really care." and she didn't, but her calm demeanor down there had now brought this about. "Do they understand where I came from? How I was created?" she asked, knowing that would put them all off. Likely to make them leave.

"That is what is currently being discussed, why I'm not in that room."

"Good that will be it then, they'll leave. It'll tip them over the edge. That news, along with Alpha Martin's own deception and then his daughters' behavior. They will see that Martin is not trustworthy, that he lies about everything to get what he wants."

Her mother was frowning at her once more, didn't like the insult to her mate, she guessed, "He didn't lie, not technically. A pure-blooded Alpha Female was written into that formal letter, that brought them here for a mating alliance for his son. That was the truth."

"He just left out the bit that it wouldn't be his own kin."

"He did."

"Who needs the alliance?" Addison asked, and was still hoping it was Martin and not Alpha Casey. It could still all go south if it was Martin and that was what she was hoping for.

"Alpha Casey does. This pack maybe small, but we have three un-mated Alpha females, and we are also wealthy, a healthy dowry has been offered with the mating alliance."

"So I am being sold then."

"Don't look it at that way, Addison. I found you a suitable mate to get you out of this pack. Being allied to us also splashes out the council protection we still have for the next 10 years onto them. That is likely what gained their attention. Not the dowry. A pure-blooded Alpha Female and council protection."

Addison sighed, that just meant that Alpha Casey would have to suck it up, ignore the misleading of who his son was to be mated to, if he needed this pack's protection or a mate for his son.

"Why do they even need a mating alliance? That young Alpha down there, can't be that old, wouldn't have even had the time to nd his mate yet."

"He is mate-less, I hear. Deemed so by a matchmaker and conrmed by a seer as well. He'll have to have a mating alliance and take a chosen, so why not you? Your beautiful and strong Addison."