

Chapter 1

Six months earlier

Mackenzie POV

It was a beautiful summer's day in Brussels. It was the last semester of college at St. John's International School for shifters.

Mackenzie was sent here by her parents, acting Alpha Samuel and Luna Melody of the Blue Mountain pack, based in Salt Lake City. She was meant to learn how to be a perfect Luna as her parents were sure she was to be mated to an Alpha.

The Blue Mountain pack is one of the largest packs in the United States and, therefore, one of the richest.

The St. John International College is a prestigious school attended by the future leaders of all American and European shifters packs as well as members of the richest families.

Mackenzie was starting her last semester majoring in 'Luna traditions and etiquette', or so her parents thought.

In reality, Mackenzie was graduating as an international crime and shifter law student hoping to become an agent for the crime unit of the shifter council.

It had always been her dream to become an agent, and luckily for her, her late father, Alpha Magnus Harper, just wanted his children to be happy and follow their own path in life. He was a kind and loving father until he died in a car accident 3 years ago.

2 years ago, Luna Melody Harper found her second chance mate in Samuel Ashbluff, a handsome man, a kind mate, but an asshole of a stepfather.

He treated Mackenzie and her siblings, older brother Marcus and younger sister Madison, like trash. Being cautious to never do it in front of their mother, Melody.

After her father's passing, her mother struggled to run the pack, so Magnus' beta stepped in, as her brother Marcus, who was twenty at the time, was not yet of age.

When Samuel came along, he convinced Melody to let him be acting Alpha, until Marcus was ready.

Though Marcus was now twenty-three, he still had not been handed over his pack. He had to wait until he had found his mate. Just another excuse for Samuel to be able to stay in control.

Samuel had tried, and failed, to get Mackenzie to come back to the pack to attend a local college. He thought it not proper to be abroad, and denitely not proper to become an agent.

A woman's place was to 'be pretty and bare pups', according to him at least.

Luckily, Melody convinced her mate to let Mackenzie keep attending school abroad as long as she switched majors, and as far as they knew, she did.

"Miss Harper, I asked you a question?" Mr. Justice of shifter laws asked. Mackenzie was startled out of her daydream, all the students in the auditorium had their eyes on her.

"Eum..." Mackenzie stuttered a little panicked, a pink blush creeping up on her cheeks.

"The Human Defense Act." Valery who sat next to her whispered.

"The human defense act!" Mackenzie all but nearly yelled in her panic.

"Maybe next time, you can actually pay attention instead of having to have the answer told to you by your friend," the professor said in a bored tone.

Thankfully, the class had come to an end, and everyone started packing their things.

"Typical behavior for an alpha's spoiled brat", she heard someone snort in passing. She looked up, while slinging her bag over her shoulder, to see Antonio Lopez glaring at her as he walked by.

Antonio had had it in for her since day one at college. She was not particularly fond of him either, always thinking he was superior to the rest of them because he was not alpha born and had had to actually work his way to the top.

Antonio Lopez came from the Shadow Rock pack in Colorado. His father, who was just a pack member at the time, had challenged the reigning alpha for his title, as he was a terrible and cruel leader, or so it was said.

"Ah, Tony, always that big mouth to compensate for that tiny d**k," Mackenzie said with a vicious smirk.

Brayden, Antonio's beta in training, almost spit out his drink, laughing while Antonio was glaring at him.

"Nice comeback Mac" he said, smiling. "Vi" he winked at Valery, as she was blushing.

"You like him, don't you?" Mackenzie asked Valery.

"What, no, absolutely not!"

"Oh, come on, he's a great guy, and hot as hell."

"Why don't you ask him out then? Valery replied. "He's not interested in me anyway," she mumbled. Although she would never admit it, she had a huge crush on Brayden, and the thought of Mackenzie hooking up with him made her heart hurt.

Valery looked at Mackenzie and couldn't help but feel a tinge of jealousy. She was a natural beauty, whereas, Valery had brown hair that stopped just above her shoulders, freckles, and white milky skin that burned easily. She also wasn't as t as Mackenzie, although that could be because she never really liked training, not like Mackenzie did. She only trained because that was expected of her, being the Beta's daughter and all.

"Vi, why wouldn't he be interested in you? You are drop-dead gorgeous. Stop putting yourself down. I've seen the ways he looks at you when he thinks you aren't looking. I've seen a lot of guys looking."

"Stop Mac, no one is looking," Valery replied, shaking her head.

"Fine, deny it all you want, I know what I saw. Now let's get back to our dorm." Mackenzie smiled, slinging an arm over Valery's shoulder.