

## A. Nocturne's 171

### Chapter 171 An Inconsequential Object

Even in the dim light of the cavern with the shadows grasping greedily around the light, Ada could see her mother blanch suddenly and the briefest flicker of fear crossed her face.

"You're lying. It's not possible. He would not..." Narcissa stammered uncertainly as Ely chuckled darkly. "You know very well that he would. Ada is your child and your responsibility. She does not hold the weight of responsibility until she has reached the age of twenty-one and been bound to the coven and the Lord himself." He snorted disdainfully as he flicked his eyes over Narcissa with what seemed like disgust.

Narcissa schooled her face into an emotionless mask as his words sank in and Ada couldn't help but wrap her arms around her belly a little tighter. If her mother was afraid, then Ada knew things were bad. "I see you really haven't changed one-bit, dear brother. Turned in by my own family..."

### Chapter 172 She Would Never Be Free

"Get out and seal the doors. No one leaves this chamber until I am finished, am I clear?" He growled as Ely scurried backward like a frightened mouse and fled through the doorway, the heavy doors swinging closed with an ear-splitting bang.

Before Ada could steal a frightened glance at her mother, the male's boots appeared in front of her limited line of vision again and she felt a slight breeze ripple across her. It was obvious that he had now grabbed Narcissa roughly by the throat and lifted her into the air beside her, as the only thing visible from her position were the tips of her mother's boots dangling above the ground.

"Now, Narcissa. It seems you have forgotten the great honor that was bestowed upon you all those years ago." the male chastised in a bored tone over the sounds of Narcissa struggling for breath.

His footsteps receded a little and Ada raised her head

## Chapter 173 Full of Surprises

Lexi had wandered with Greyson for a little while, making small talk as she allowed him to take the lead with the direction that they were headed.

She found herself pleasantly surprised by his ability to hold a conversation and he didn't seem to fawn over her, nor reject her which intrigued her greatly.

Men usually reacted in one of those two ways, and to find one who didn't was indeed a rarity.

It did cross her mind briefly that he may indeed be hiding his true feelings about her, but there was no discernible cause to do so in her mind unless it was to try to get information out of her about Ann of course. But, he hadn't brought her up in the conversation until now, so she was hesitant to condemn him so quickly.

"Is everything okay?" Greyson asked, stopping suddenly as he noticed her frown and his expression seemed to mirror her own as he frowned back at her in concern.

## Chapter 174 Civil Conversation

At the mere sight of him, Lexi suddenly had no desire to tease Allen at this moment in time. Looking at him like this, with the anger rolling off him in waves and the vein pulsing in his neck angrily, he looked dangerous. That was something that she had never seen in him before.

She swallowed nervously as he came to a stop before her, his chest heaving with anger. The golden irises of his wolf shone through brightly as he glowered down at her, the cloud of anger almost suffocating her as it seemed to envelop her completely.

“What the f\*\*k are you doing here with him?” Allen snarled, with barely suppressed rage as Lexi stared at him, utterly transfixed by the metamorphosis of the quiet, restrained man that she had teased mercilessly to this vision of terrifying anger before her.

“I... uh...” she stammered, completely taken aback by his sudden appearance and the whole situation.  
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## Chapter 175 Why Would He Do This?

Lexi was stunned.

She was completely overwhelmed by the sensation of his lips against hers and their insistent movements, as if desperate to claim her as his own. She wanted to lose herself in this moment completely and her heart craved him between her legs but there was something niggling at the back of her mind and it was stopping her from immersing herself completely in the moment.

The subtle hum of conversation returned to the room as people carried on as if nothing had happened, but for Lexi, everything had changed.

Allen hated her and everything that she stood for, and he infuriated her with his constant pompous demands, so why would he do this now?

Was he jealous because she had clicked instantly with Greyson? Greyson, the man who had stepped in to defend her in a heartbeat and didn't seem to give a s\*\*t about where she came from or how she acted.

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## Chapter 176 Rogues

After the exertions of the morning, both Ann and Adam had napped briefly before making their way to the dining hall and grabbing some lunch, before heading down to Bartholomew's office for a meeting that had been scheduled, only to find Lexi already there.

Ann marveled at the way that Lexi had seemingly grown fond of this particular Elder and was happy to let her guard down around him. The fact that she was reclined so comfortably in an unfamiliar place and clutching a drink in her hand so casually made Ann incredibly happy.

There were very few places where Lexi was truly accepted for who she was, and after initially being concerned that she would encounter a lot of difficulties here as well, she was pleased to have been proven wrong. "Oh, wonderful! I'm pleased you came! I've been boring Lexi with tales of my past exploits for longer than she has cared to imagine I'm sure!" Bartholomew chuckl

#### Chapter 177 Threat

"Well... seeing as how neither of you actually are members of the royal council, although granted, one of you makes up half of our current reigning Alpha Queen," Bartholomew glanced across at Ann warily and swallowed nervously as Maeve sniggered in Ann's head, "I think we can safely say that the Alpha's Justice and the Luna's justice will not be on the table for options.in dealing with the resurgent threat that we are facing."

"Pity." Both Lexi and Maeve grumbled at the same time. "Then do we have a provisional plan at least?" Adam asked with a frown, instantly shifting into his serious demeanor with a face like thunder. Bartholomew shook his head gently.

"Not yet Alpha Felix should arrive this evening as a representative with a small contingent of men."  
"He's bringing an armed guard?"

"Yes. I hope you'll forgive me, but, with the current threat posed by Narcissa and her coven..."  
Bartholome

#### Chapter 178 Two Men

Bartholomew sighed heavily as he poured fresh coffee into their cups and they took them gratefully. "Well, it seems that Lexi has found herself at the center of a love triangle, which unfortunately resulted in a brief scuffle in the common dining area for guests." He explained carefully.

'Oh she'll hate that...' Maeve sniggered sarcastically as Ann frowned.

"Already? But she hasn't been here that long..." Ann said, a little awestruck at how easily Lexi seemed to find herself in these situations.

"I understand that Lexi is quite a colorful character, but...does she often find herself in these situations?" Adam asked incredulously as he stared at Ann slightly open-mouthed.

"I think you are both getting the wrong idea here." Bartholomew interrupted quickly as they both refocused their attention on him. "It appears that both males involved seem to be under the impression that they have some

## Chapter 179 The Goddess's Will

Bartholomew sat back in his chair and steepled his fingers in front of him as his eyes took on a far-away look.

He had known Greyson since he was a young boy, and seeing him develop into the man he was today filled him with pride.

To think that he was going to be thrown into the midst of the Royal Family and the tribulations that they were facing made his heart hurt a little, but there was no man more capable, and more loyal than Greyson was in his opinion.

"Commander Greyson is a good man, my Queen. You have nothing to worry about from him." Bartholomew answered finally with a smile.

“I understand, however, I don’t have the luxury of knowing him as you do Bartholomew, so if you would care to elaborate, I would be very grateful. I have known Lexi since we were children and if anything, it will put my heart at ease to know that whoever she chooses, she will be taken care

## Chapter 180 Kill Two Birds with One Stone

After finishing up with Bartholomew, Ann, and Adam made their way back to their room. Adam had some contracts to go over and was determined to conference call Allen and find out exactly what was going on. He had promised Ann that he wouldn’t get too angry with him, but he wanted him to know just how disappointed with him he was. Things could have been so different if he had just acknowledged his bond with Lexi from the start and embraced it. He was an i’\*\*t, and Adam felt that it was about time that someone told him that seriously. Ann still had to finalize details with Eva for Coral’s training and she wanted to at least be able to provide her with a full itinerary for the training schedule so she settled herself on the bed and began drawing up a loose schedule.

Once she was done she grabbed her phone and called her. The sooner it was arranged, the better in her opinion as it