

A. Nocturne's 21

Chapter 21 A Sudden Kiss

The planned ceremonies had gone off without a hitch. The pack had welcomed her warmly and the Elders approved of her bloodline, conducting the binding ceremony and formal linking with the pack to loud cheers from all involved.

After all, Ann was of Royal lineage and the official union with their Alpha elevated the Dark Moon Pack's status greatly. Now they were second in power and strength to only the Alpha King himself. It would be something loudly talked about to anyone that would listen.

It also meant that their Alpha may one day have the chance to rule as the Alpha King as Ann was the eldest daughter and the current heir. She met all of the required qualifications for that a Luna Queen.

As Ann and Adam bid farewell to their guests Ann smiled to herself.

Adam turned to look at her and felt the breath almost leave his lungs. His heart beat faster in his chest as he suddenly realized that this woman would be by his side through everything for as long as the contract existed.

Looking at her in the soft light of the ballroom, her delicate beauty that was brightened by her smile seemed to take his breath away. He had the sudden urge to take her in his arms and kiss her, but for once in his life, he was nervous about doing so.

She wasn't his mate, it was a business arrangement. Nothing more. He wasn't supposed to have been moved by her. As he battled with his inner turmoil, Ann glanced across at him and caught his eye.

"Adam, is everything okay?" Ann said frowning as she noticed his complex expression. He frowned and nodded curtly.

the evening. It's late." He answered hoarsely, avoiding her eyes deliberately as he took hold

moving quickly as she tried desperately to keep up in the ridiculous heels that she had been persuaded

where

What do

She sniggered, 'It looks like you're going to get your promised

in store for her

your mate was a stupid idea as it turned out. We

if we get a second chance mate?!

Seriously, Ann, get a grip." Maeve scoffed, 'The chances of finding your fated mate are low enough as it is,

there's still

no chance that I am letting us remain celibate for the rest of our lives. There's little chance of that happening when our heat hits anyway so isn't it better for us to find a reliable male to pair with?' Ann bit her lip as

celibate it was common for the heats to start naturally anyway and if you weren't careful, you would end up mated by the strongest male following a furious fight between those attracted by your

thought.

good point. We'll see where it goes, but I won't initiate anything and I won't allow him to mark me. What if his true mate appears?

Maeve roll

think it's about time you started living for yourself... for us. Alpha Nocturne is a big boy, he can make his own decisions and is perfectly capable of facing the consequences of his actions. Live a little, Ann. Enjoy yourself

Ann's heart felt heavy. She was definitely attracted to Adam, any woman would be crazy not to be. Rich, powerful, handsome... what wasn't there to like? But she couldn't shake the uneasy feeling inside her, as if there was something more that she should know. No matter how hard she tried she couldn't grasp the reason why.

They paused briefly in front of Adam's bedroom door and he pushed it open quickly.

"Your room?" Ann said nervously, with a slight tremor in her voice.

"We agreed already." He answered gruffly without sparing her even a single glance as he opened the door and pulled her inside.

He slammed the door shut behind them and Ann flinched, startled by the sudden noise and the drastic change in his temperament.

Before she knew what was happening, she found herself being pushed roughly back against the door.

A small squeak of surprise escaped her lips as Adam's body slammed against her own, their bodies pressed tightly together against the hard surface behind her.

Adam stared hungrily at her, his eyes almost completely black as he growled softly and traced her jawline lightly with his finger.

Ann shuddered involuntarily, a delicious chill running down her spine as his intense gaze seemed to devour her soul.

Without saying a word, his lips were suddenly pressed against hers, his lips forcefully prising her mouth open as his tongue sought entry into her mouth.