

## A. Nocturne's 211

### Chapter 211 The Life of The Alpha Queen's Mate

Adam woke to find the bed beside him empty and after a brief moment of his wolf's blind panic, he managed to calm himself enough to realize that the sound of water draining noisily down the plughole indicated that Ann had not left him or been taken by another, but was most likely tending to her aching muscles.

'You should have seen to that for her already.' Baldur grumbled, 'Your human flesh is weak compared to ours. If you were attentive then you would know that she will be sore, and aching, and...'

'Well if you weren't so damn bestial in your treatment of her in the midst of passion, then she wouldn't be so sore in the first place!' Adam admonished as he threw back the quilt and began getting dressed.

Baldur snorted.

'It feels good though... I get carried away... it's not like you've let me out to have any time with Maeve anyway...' he replied petulantly. Adam

### Chapter 212 Someone is a Little Jealous?

Despite his best efforts, Ann did not succumb to Adam's less-than-subtle efforts to force her into relaxation for the rest of the day.

She agreed to a compromise and didn't leave the room until lunchtime, still concerned that her absence had put additional strain on Lexi and Allen that they didn't deserve

They had already been in the Enclave a full day without any input from her, let alone a welcome, and she felt awful.

“Ann, slow down, they aren’t going anywhere.” Adam chastised gently as they swept through the hallways. “I know, I just want to make sure that they know they have my support if needed,” Ann answered absent-mindedly as she poked her head through the c\*\*\*k in the doorway of yet another room that lay at the side of the corridor but found no sign of Lexi or Allen within.

“Besides, I need to talk with Lexi. I don’t think she fully understands what i

## Chapter 213 A Solution

There was no answer from Batholomew when they arrived at his office, but knowing full well that it was probably the safest place that they could talk openly, the four of them went inside to wait for his return.

“So, what are you going to do about the dirty old perverts?” Lexi asked as she took a handful of cashew nuts out of the snack bowl on Bartholomew’s desk and began tossing them into the air one by one and catching them deftly with her mouth, crunching happily once she had caught them.

“Which one?” Ann snorted.

“Precisely my point, Queenie.” Lexi smirked in reply, “Who’s to say that it was just rapey Linus involved and not others alongside him?”

“We’ll interrogate him today and get the ball rolling on that. I want him locked away as soon as possible.” Lexi nodded thoughtfully and glanced across at Allen briefly, pausing awkwardly before speaking. She was obviously hesitant

## Chapter 214 You’ve Fallen For Me?

“We’ll discuss the issue of Felix’s brother later on, but for now, I would request that you all treat him with respect whilst we work on the solution for the rogues.” Ann said as she allowed her gaze to drift slowly over Allen before settling on Lexi and frowning at the look of rebellion in her eyes.

“That means you as well Lexi.” Ann continued with a meaningful look. Lexi snorted and rolled her eyes.

“I’ll be civil, but he’ll get no respect from me.”

“Lexi you have to understand that in our position we sometimes have to hold onto our feelings and withhold our emotions in public.” Ann said softly as she approached her friend, “You can rant and scream and cry in private, take your anger out on a punchbag at a gym, run until you’ve worn yourself out, pretty much whatever it takes, but publicly, we have to remain calm in order to avoid reprisals.”

“You might have to, bu

#### Chapter 215 Bartholomew’s Help and Support

“Nobody will force you to change who you are Lexi. I would never allow that.” Ann said as she and Lexi clasped their hands together.

‘I forbid it too. Life would be insufferable without her backing me up when you need some sense knocking into you...’ Maeve nodded wisely.

‘Hey! That was one time!’ Ann protested.

‘Yeah... and the rest...’ Maeve sniggered as Ann fumed silently and blocked her out, a sullen pout forming on her lips as she turned back to Lexi.

A halfhearted smile finally graced Lexi’s lips as she saw Ann’s expression.

“I suppose I have to stick around and at least try it for Maeve’s sake. She’d go mental if she was left alone to handle you.”

Ann scowled at her and pushed her shoulder in mild irritation.

“You two are going to drive me to insanity, do you know that?” she said finally as she wrapped her arms around Lexi and hugged her ti

## Chapter 216 Apologize

Although the walk to the cells was made in relative silence, Ann’s mind was in overdrive. Whenever she thought she was making some headway toward solving issues, something else invariably cropped up and added to her ever-mounting list of things that needed sorting out.

She was rapidly starting to gain at least a little understanding of why her father just handed everything over to the Elders. The constant issues were like a suffocating weight on top of her, that just seemed to fight harder to drown her with every passing day.

But she wasn’t her father. She wasn’t going to give in that easily.

As they reached the entrance to the cells, the door swung open in front of her, startling her for the second time today and she frowned as the figure of Cornelius froze in front of her with a look of abstract guilt plastered all over his face. The low growl that emanated from Adam’s chest forced

## Chapter 217 We Won’t Be Long

Ann peered into the darkness that seemed to engulf the inside of the cell that Linus was holding in but couldn’t see any movement from within.

The cells were tiny, designed for security and not comfort. The cells that were allocated to hold wolf shifters were constructed of walls of reinforced concrete which had been infused with wolfsbane and nightshade before being coated with silver.

There was no chance of escape for the shifters held here, even if they did manage to get out of the chains that held them.

Lexi leaned up against the shatterproof pane, protected on the prisoner's side by thick bars of steel coated with silver that ran the full length and width of each wall.

"So where's old rapey?" She sniffed, sounding a little disappointed as she turned to Ann with a pout, "I was looking forward to asking him a few uncomfortable questions."

"You'll still get to ask

## Chapter 218 Traditions

A low growl emanated from Linus's chest as he bared his teeth at Lexi who was finding the whole situation far too amusing and was doing her best not to double over with laughter.

"Impressive... I'm surprised your wolf is still alive in there." Lexi remarked as she gasped for breath. "I believe you haven't been introduced to my second in command, The Alpha Queen's Beta, Lexi." Ann introduced her casually with a warm smile.

Linus looked as though his eyes were about to pop out of his head as he spluttered and choked on his own saliva in indignation.

"This... this... no... NO! There has never been a half-breed in a position of power within the Enclave and I will not stand for it!" He raged.

"Too bad you old fart, it is what it is." Lexi smiled sweetly down at him.

"Over. My. Dead. Body!" He snarled viciously, straining against his chains in an effort to reach Lexi. She was complete!

## Chapter 219 Reinforcements

Adam and Allen's faces were stony as the door closed to the cell, and Lexi was still fuming about Linus's comments.

"Don't let it get to you," Ann said gently, "Those comments were meant to infuriate and provoke us into a reaction. Most likely so that he can claim mistreatment at our hands." she continued with a grimace. "He's a disgusting piece of s\*\*t. How can an Elder hold such a high position and still live by those archaic standards? It's people like him that make the world such a horrendous place for people with mixed heritage to live in..." She fumed before pausing and turning to Ann with a sigh of regret, "I wish you'd have let me rearrange his face just a little bit."

Ann smiled wryly and raised an eyebrow at her as Lexi smiled half-heartedly at her.

"I would have settled for choking him until he passed out, you know..." Lexi offered as Allen looked at her with a mixture of

## Chapter 220 Both Mates Wanting to Share Her

"Then I'll go too!" Ann replied stubbornly as the room erupted into snorts of protest. "No, you won't," Adam said firmly, placing a finger over her lips as she opened her mouth to protest.

"Ann, you are the Alpha Queen, and you may be carrying the first of your line...our line...our pups." Adam smiled down at her tenderly, "When they are born, then I will hear your arguments regarding placing yourself in harm's way for the good of the kingdom, but until then, your safety is my priority."

Ann scowled as she tore her gaze from his and looked to Lexi for support, but her friend held her hands up in front of her and shook her head.

"Don't be a k\*nobh\*ead, Queenie. You have a kingdom to rule and t\*\*\*s like Linus and Cornelius to put in their place. You can't enact change if you and your little smut puppies are ten feet underground."

"Some help you are," Ann grumbled

