

Chapter 10

MIA

Sasha and I drove in silence as we drove through the pack grounds. It didn't take long to get there.

"The pack is large," Sasha said, glancing over to me as I looked at her. "We are one of the largest packs in the world."

I said nothing as Sasha turned the corner, and a big building came into view.

"That's the pack house," Sasha said.

My eyes stared at the pack house. It's huge, it is a castle more than a house.

As we drove closer to the pack house, I noticed people standing there. Two of them—they look like an Alpha and Luna. I felt eyes on me as Sasha pulled the car up and stopped at the bottom of the steps.

Sasha looked at me and gave me a smile as she opened the car door. I watched her as she got out of the car.

My eyes lingered on her outside, but I looked up at the people who were on the steps. "You have to move," Lyla said. "They seem nice."

My heart rate spiked. I said nothing. I opened the door and got out. I closed the door, but my eyes went to the steps. I watched as the man and woman walked down the steps. I moved away from the car and walked over to Sasha.

The alpha came down and stopped just a foot away from us as he smiled. "Sasha, so happy you are back," he said as he looked at me with a smile. "Welcome to the dark forest pack," he said. "You must be Mia. Sasha has told me all about you."

"My name is Alpha Sam, and this here is my mate, Luna Sadie," Alpha Sam says, smiling at me. I nod and look at both.

I gave them a small smile. "Thank you for letting me be part of your pack," I say.

Alpha Sam smiled. Luna Sadie moves toward me as she takes my hand into hers and looks at me. "I can see the resemblance."

I look at her, confused. What the hell did she mean by that? I looked between the three of them.

"What do you mean?" I asked her, but she said nothing. Luna Sadie looks behind me with a smile on her face. "Why don't you look around, my dear," she says softly.

I stare at her and then at Alpha Sam, who is smiling but nods in the direction behind me.

Lyla moves in my head and looks through my eyes at Alpha Sam and Luna Sadie, but she says nothing. I tensed as I could sense someone behind me.

"Mia," someone whispered from behind me.

I stilled. It couldn't be.

"Mia, is that you?" she asks. I close my eyes; I know that voice.

The mere thought of her. I wanted to know where she went. I was blamed for her leaving. I have been dreaming about seeing her and having her near me again.

I slowly turned around, letting Luna Sadie's hand go. My eyes landed on her as my breath caught in my throat. There she stood, the woman who left me with that monster and left me behind.

I took her in. She still looks beautiful from all of them years ago. The only thing that is different is the big, thick scar running down her face.

Lyla stares at me. "Mia," she whispers as her eyes glistened.

I stared at her, trying to control my emotions, but it was all getting to me. The memories of when she was there and remembering what she was like. But the day she left was the hardest. Everything changed for me; that was the day he started his beatings on me. He blamed me for her leaving and even told everyone that I was the reason she left. All the pack members hated me for it.

Everyone believed him; they believed the one who was supposed to be my father, the one who was supposed to care for me and protect me from harm, but he was the one I needed protecting from.

My mum took a step toward me, but I moved back, nearly missing Luna Sadie. I glanced at her and noticed her being pulled away by Alpha Sam, who was now looking between my mum and me.

Everyone stared at me as I looked back at her. I don't know what to say to her. This is all too much for me to take in.

I look over to see Sasha motion me to go near to my mother, but I need to get out of there. I needed to think.

I moved away and turned around. My legs started to move into a walk, but I picked up the pace as I ran to the left of me and sprinted off into the direction of the forest.

All I could hear was my name being called by all of them. "MIA!"

"MIA, WAIT!"

I don't look back. I just keep running.

Lyla comes close to the surface as I climb onto the log branch. As I was about to get down, Lyla shifted into her wolf form and started pounding the oor quickly as she pushed me back into her head.

I watched through her eyes as she ran in and out of the trees. "Let me take over, Mia," she says. "Take your time and breathe. I know this is too much for you to handle. I can feel it all. Let me help you."

I said nothing as I felt a lone tear escape and run down my cheek.

Lyla doesn't say a word after that as she just keeps quiet.

My head spins out of control as I mule over what happened—my mother. She is alive.

There were so many questions that were ooding around my head. My body felt numb, but there were mixed emotions of fear and anger. They were more prominent. How could someone feel all those feelings in one hit?

My mother was still alive and had been living in the dark forest pack for all this time. No word that she was alive. I had nothing from her, not even a damn card.

Anger swirled as my mind kept going over everything.

My mother left me with that monster.

What was I going to do now?

I couldn't wrap my head around the whole thing, especially that she was alive and looked well.