

Chapter 18

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After a few seconds, Luna Sadie walks into the office. "My darling, you wanted to see me," she asked with a smile. Alpha Sam looked loving at his mate. He held out his hand for his mate, and Luna Sadie walked over to him and grasped it.

I couldn't take my eyes off them. Seeing an Alpha and Luna act this way was a rare sight.

Luna Sadie leaned closer and kissed Alpha Sam on the cheek. She moved back up and sighed. Her eyes went to me while her lips curled up into a grin. "Mia," she said, glancing back at Alpha Sam. "Why am I here?" she asked.

Alpha Sam looked at me and then back at her. "We were talking, and I wanted to ask you something," he asked, which made Luna Sadie nod.

"Hunny," he asked. "Do you remember the names of the Beta family in the Midnight pack?"

Luna Sadie looks at him confused but nods. "Yes, my darling. Why would you like to know them? They were bad people. Even their children were

horrible," she says and looks at me, then back at my uncle.

Alpha Sam's aura changed slightly, which made Lyla come forward more. "When she mentioned that," she said. "He wanted to avoid bringing it up."

"I wonder why?" I asked.

"We need to know," Lyla said, which made me look back at them both.

"Please, hunny, can you tell us?" he asked.

Luna looked reluctant to say their names. There was a slight change in her, but it was hard to read. What the hell did these people do to her?

Luna Sadie cleared her throat and looked between Alpha Sam and me. "The Beta was Richard. He was ruthless," she murmured, but her eyes met mine. "He had a mate and four children, who were also the same. Horrible people. Josephine, Madeline, Brodie, Chole, and Charlie."

I stare at her in shock. My stomach knotted when I let three of the names sink in. It can't be them, surely. Two of them are in my old pack as we speak, and the other is long gone.

Luna Sadie studies my face for a moment when the realization sets in. Her face goes white. "

"Which ones were at your old pack?" she blurts out in a whisper.

"Josephine and Chole," I said, clearing my throat. Luna Sadie's mouth dropped open, but she quickly closed it. She looks like she's going to be sick. "Madeline was there, but she left a while ago," I added.

After a short time and the shock subsides, Luna Sadie braces herself by placing her hands on Alpha Sam's desk. "Dear goddess," she says, staring at me.

I felt my stomach knotting up again. Knowing she knew them, but it was the way she acted that had me concerned. Luna Sadie moved back and walked around the desk. She pulled up the chair next to me and sat down. She placed her hand in mine, but her eyes went to Alpha Sam. My eyes darted to my uncle, who looked concerned and hadn't taken his eyes off his mate.

"I am so sorry to hear that you had to deal with them," she murmured, making me tense. I only had to deal with Chloe. I never had to deal with Josephine, but I did see her around. I kept out of her sight. There was something about her that gave off bad energy.

Lyla never felt comfortable either when she was

close, but she never understood why.

My eyes stayed on Luna Sadie. Feeling slightly confident, I cleared my throat and spoke. "What were they like in your old pack?" I asked, making Luna Sadie tense more.

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"They were the cause of our destruction," she said but sighed. "Well, part of it, anyway. But that will be for another time."

Luna Sadie leaned back in her chair and continued. "Beta Richard was a cruel man," she

said. " And Josephine was worse. She was my age and was hell-bent on whoever would listen to her that she only wanted power. She never wanted a mate."

"When Richard and Josephine realized who they were to each other. It was hate at first sight. She didn't want him, and it was the other way around. He only had her when he wanted her, but she was known around the pack as the town slut," she said, rolling her eyes. "She would sleep around and didn't care about her mate. He was ruthless and more so when she got involved in institutions that were due to her schemes. Josephine caused a lot of the issues we had towards the end."

"As for the children, it was like mother and daughter between Chloe and Josephine," she said, her face hardening. "As for the other daughter, Madeline only had one thing in mind and that was finding her mate, and she never cared for anything else. Whereas Chole followed her mother, she wanted to be in the thick of it all. I wouldn't be surprised if Josephine made her do things and loved it."

A shiver rippled through me. If they were that ruthless in that pack, then why not in my old pack? They were more for tormenting and getting what they wanted. Nothing drastic.

"What about Brodie and Charlie?" my uncle blurts out, pulling me back from my thoughts. I forgot that Chloe had brothers, but the main question was why they didn't show up with them when they did. "What were they like?"

My eyes went to him but moved to Luna Sadie, who seemed to be glaring at him. "Brodie was a womanizing piece of crap," she muttered. "He followed his mother in all kinds of ways, even with the woman. He had different ones who were loyal to him, but he was always making someone's life a living hell."

"As for Charlie, he was as ruthless as his father," she said, her face hardening. "He liked torturing whoever needed it, and most didn't towards the end."

Luna Sadie sighed but looked at me. "I have to ask," she muttered. "Was Chloe the one who caused most of the problems for you when she arrived?"

All I could do was nod, but words failed me.

Lyla growled.

"Why would she do that?" she muttered, but I ignored her.

Luna Sadie's eyes softened. "I am sorry that you had to endure her," she said.

My mind raced over some parts, but there were many questions that were stuck, and I couldn't let them go.

"Why did that come to my old pack?" I asked, making them both tense. "Why didn't the boys go there?"

Alpha Sam cleared his throat, which made me look at him. His eyes held more, but his face was hard. "Mia," he murmured. "Many local packs knew what happened to Luna Marie. Alpha Robert was absent. It would have been a perfect setup for anyone who wanted to ruin or take over a pack."

My stomach twisted. This was all for power, but for what gain, and why my old pack?

Even though my father tarnished my name with most pack members, I still didn't want anyone to die or suffer, and not by people who didn't even belong there. Shaking my thoughts away, I looked toward my uncle and Luna Sadie.

Luna Sadie looked at her mate and then back at me. "I think they targeted your pack because of the stories that circled around all packs about what happened," she said, and her eyes softened

when she looked at me longer. "When they got there, they must have learned the bad blood between your father and you due to your father. They might have found a way in, especially if Alpha Robert wasn't around like an alpha should."

My stomach twisted, knowing that was more of a possibility, but Luna Sadie continued.

"If the girls are there and not the boys," she said, her voice full of concern when she continued. "I am worried about where the hell have they gone." There was a slight hint of worry in her voice, but she sighed. "They were never far from Josephine. They were like her lap dogs, ready to pounce when they were called."

That was unnerving to know.

"We need to start training," Lyla muttered, making me look back at her with a frown. "What?" I asked. "Why? We have never learned to fight since this whole thing."

Lyla stared at me while her eyes softened. "I know," she said. "And that wasn't your fault. It was that deadbeat father of ours." Her anger towards him filled my veins, which was more than I could muster when she continued. "I think they are going to find a way of getting to us or to this pack. They are looking for power. They took out one pack and

slowly destroyed our old pack. It would be a matter of time before they came here too."

A shiver rippled through me again. I needed to think about it. It was not like a ride in the park for me fighting. I haven't done it in a long time.



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