

## Chapter 31 - Alpha Alexa

### Alexa's POV

The fight was over. Mac, Julian and Luca handled it on their own, while I found Sloane and Liam and eventually Colter. My dad took off during the fight and nobody has seen or heard from him since. My mom is locked up and when I challenged my brother for the pack he stepped down. I knew he was weak, but I thought he might protest a little bit. Unless he knows something else and is protecting my dad or Robert or whatever he is.

The council came in and they are currently overseeing everything until Colter is better and we can figure out what to do.

When I saw him, my heart sank to my stomach. He was so white from blood loss and not responding to me. I wanted to curl up and die with him. I can't go through the loss of another mate. I wouldn't. If he died than I would die.

After a week of being in my old packs hospital I had him taken to his hospital so that his people could come and visit. Nobody knew why he wasn't waking up. All of his tests were not normal. Jade and I talked a lot about what to do. One doctor said to mark him it's been known to wake them up, but I refuse to do that. I have a witch coming in today to see if she could do anything.

Mac helped me find her since we really didn't work with them. We just avoided each other but sometimes in extreme circumstances you could find one to help. It's been two weeks now since he got shot and each day his body gets a little more fragile. The doctors are really pressing me to try and mark him. I won't do it unless he is dying and we're not there yet. She is supposed to be here in the next hour. I have been just sitting here holding Colters hand. I can feel the sparks anytime I touch him, but he doesn't respond.

Moon Goddess if you can hear me, please don't take him from me. I need him. I have already lost one mate and I can't go through that again. If he goes then I go to. I will take my own life. I don't want to live without him.

I prayed to the moon goddess, if she heard me, I hoped that she would give me this. I would do anything to have him back. I heard someone knock on the door and Mac and a lady walked in.

"Alexa, this is Lane. She is the one who has agreed to help us." Mac said.

I got up to shake her hand.

“Nice to meet you, Lane. Thank you so much for agreeing to come and do this. What do you need from us.”

“I will need you two to step out of the room for a few minutes. I would like to look into his soul and in order to do that it must just be him and I.”

“Will it hurt him?” I asked.

“No, he won’t feel a thing.”

Mac and I just nodded and walked out the room and stood in the hallway. As soon as the door closed, I broke down crying. Each day was getting harder and harder. Jade barely talked right now, and I could feel her suffering not being able to help her mate. Mac pulled me into him and just hugged me.

“Mac, he has to wake up. Please tell me he is going to wake up?” I sobbed into him.

“Lex, he will, he is strong.”

We just stood there holding on to each other. I couldn’t stop crying. I wanted to know what the witch found but I was also scared of what she found. I was scared she was going to tell us there was nothing that could be done, and he would die or be a vegetable the rest of his life. It didn’t matter I would be by his side no matter how this turned out.

Lane finally stepped out of the door and walked over to us.

“Can we talk somewhere?” She asked.

“We can go back into his room, or do you need somewhere else?”

“His room should be fine.” She said and we followed her back in there.

I walked to the bed and gave Colter a kiss on his cheek and sat down in my chair and held his hand while Lane and Mac stayed on the other side. Mac and I just stared at her waiting for her to start talking.

“He seems to be stuck. His soul is stuck in between here and the other realm. He has to choose to be live or to die and for whatever reason he can’t.” She said.

“What do you mean he is stuck, and he has to choose?” Mac asked.

“It means that he was close to dying and the moon goddess has given him a choice about where he wants to be, and he can’t decide.”

“I am so confused, but ok.” Mac said.

I understand perfectly. He had to choose to be with me or someone else that was important to him that has died.

“Is there anything that we can do to help him?” I asked.

“No, it has to be his choice, but the longer he waits the harder it will be for him to get anywhere. If he doesn’t choose soon, he could be stuck there forever.” Lane said.

“Thank you so much Lane.” I said as I crawled in bed with Colter and snuggled up to him.

“Lane, let me walk you out.” Mac said as he led her out of the room.

“Colter Baby, I need you to make a choice and if you need to go to the other side, I am ok with that and I will meet you there. You just can’t take too long to decide because otherwise you will be stuck like this, and if that happens it will be ok too. I am not leaving you ever.” I told him as I just laid there with him.

I could feel my eyes getting heavy. My sleep schedule was so screwed up since I have been staying here with him. I slept for a few hours at a time and usually only when I was in bed with him. I woke up a few hours later and found Mac in a chair beside the bed sound asleep. I got out of bed and nudged him awake, to tell him to go home and sleep.

“Mac, go home and sleep. Someone has to get a good night's sleep.”

“I came to talk to you. The pack is getting restless about this. They want to meet you. You are supposed to be our Luna and they are nervous about the future of the pack. You need to talk to them and put them at ease.”

“Fine call a meeting for first thing in the morning but just know that it will be kept short. Do you need help with anything else? I can take on some of his responsibilities.”

“Actually, there is some stuff that you could help with. Can we meet after you meet the pack?”

“Yes, can we do it here. I don’t like to leave him long.”

“Yes, I will have some stuff brought over.”

“Can you have someone send over some jeans and a nice top for me?”

“Yes, I will be here at nine thirty to get you.” He said and walked out of our room.

I crawled back into bed with Colter and closed my eyes. I thought about the life we could have together. I wanted to have pups with him and lead this pack. I wanted all the things life could give you with him. I know I don’t know him very well but our date we had felt right. Everything was working out before that horrible wreck and him being taken.

I felt my eyelids closing and sleep started to consume me. I welcomed it. I hadn't had enough lately, and I could feel it.

The next thing I know is someone is gently shaking me awake. I jumped up and found a nurse looking at me.

"Sorry Luna, I thought you might want a shower before the meeting." She said.

"Yes, thank you." I told her as I got the rest of the way out of bed and headed to the shower. I saw that someone had put some clothes on a table for me. I grabbed those as I went to the bathroom. I turned the water on and stripped down and stepped under the water. I made it a quick shower. I washed my hair and body and got out. I dried my body and wrapped the towel up around my hair and head. I quickly got dressed. They had brought me a pair of dark blue skinny jeans and a white blouse and a pair of black boots. I brushed my hair and threw it up in a braid and stepped back out into the room and saw Mac sitting there.

"You ready?" He asked.

"Yes, give me just a minute."

He nodded his head at me and walked out of the room.

"Colter baby, I am going to meet your pack. They are getting nervous with you not getting better. They need to know that I am here and who I am. I hope this is ok with you. This is something that we should be doing together, but we can do it again when you're awake." I told him and then kissed his cheek and walked out of the room.

Mac took me out of the hospital and led me back to the pack house and to a very large conference room. People had already started to come in. Everyone was staring at me and Mac. I know they were curious about me because I haven't left the hospital.

"Do you know what you're going to say?" Mac asked.

"Nope, I am going to wing it up there."

"Sounds like a good plan to me. Just know that I am behind you and that Colter, and I will support whatever you do."

"Thanks."

He walked up to the podium and motioned for everyone to sit down. Everyone slowly took a seat, and some stood in the back. This pack was huge. I knew they were big but not this big. I defiantly had some work ahead of me.

"Thank you everyone for coming today. I know that you all have a lot of questions about Alpha Colter and for now we don't have a lot of answers. We know that he is unconscious, and all of

his tests have come back normal. We don't know why he isn't waking up, but we are trying everything we can think of. We were away because Alpha Colter had met his fated mate and he was getting to know her when he was taken. She has done more than most to get him home safely and hasn't left his side since we found him. I would like to introduce you to your new Luna, Luna Alexa."

I stood up and smiled and waved at everyone. I stepped up to the podium and took a big breath and slowly released it trying to steady my nerves.

"Thank you, Beta Mac. Thank you, Full Moon pack, for welcoming me. I would just like to say that I am trying everything I can to help Alpha Colter and I am working with Beta Mac to keep everything going for you guys. Please know that whatever happens I am your Luna, and you can count on me. I do just ask that for the time being you give us privacy and when we know something you will also know."

I stepped down and walked off the stage. Everyone clapped but it was a sad clap. They were worried about the future, and I couldn't blame them because so was I. I was headed back to the hospital.

"Hey Alexa, stop. I have something to say to you." Lauren said coming up behind me.

I stopped and turned to face her, but I didn't reply to her.

"I just wanted you to know that if it wasn't for you our pack wouldn't be in this situation. You should be ashamed to call yourself a Luna. A real Luna would have never let this happen. It should be you laying in that bed not him. I won't let this go and I will make sure the pack knows this. They will hate you and they will run you out of here so don't get too comfortable." She said as she shot daggers at me with her eyes.

I just walked away. I knew it was my fault that he was lying up there stuck in between and I was trying everything I could think of to get him back, but I don't know if I am enough. I don't know if he could love me enough to come back. I don't know who is on the other side for him. All I could do now was pray to the moon goddess.

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Colter's POV

It has now been three weeks since I got shot and I still haven't been able to wake up. I've tried everything I can think of. I've tried telling my parents goodbye, thinking about how much I love

Alexa. I've gone from I can do this to complete anger. I am going to pray to the moon goddess one more time to see if she can do anything.

"Moon Goddess, I know you can hear me, and I need your help please. I can't find my way out. I've tried letting go. I've tried loving her and I do love her it's easy to do. Please help me."

As soon as I was done saying what I needed to there was another bright flash of light and the moon goddess was floating towards me.

"Child you are struggling. I know you love her, but you have to let go of your parents. That is what is holding you back." The moon goddess said.

"I know but I just can't. I never got to yell them goodbye. They were here and then gone. I want to talk to them one last time."

She smiled gently at me and waived her hand and a puff of white smoke appeared. When it cleared my parents were standing there. I never thought I would see them again.

"Go my child, talk to your parents and get the closure you need. They don't have a lot of time here with you." She said and smiled at me.

I ran to them and wrapped both of them in a hug and started crying.

"Mom, dad you're here." I said.

"Colter, we are so proud of the way you have handled things, but you need to know the truth before it kills you." My dad said.

"What do you mean?"

"Well, the reason we were killed was not in just blind rage. Your mother was mated to Alpha Robert, but we were together. She chose to reject him, and we took each other as chosen mates. He was angry and was never the same."

"What are you talking about? You always said you were fated mates."

"I know son, we lied. We didn't want anyone to know. We loved each other very much and nothing was going to change that."

"So, this was his way of getting even?"

"Yes. He took your mother from me and when I went to find her, he killed me, and your mother couldn't live with it and took her own life to be with me." My dad said.

“Colt, I don’t regret any of my choices. The only thing I regret is that it left you alone, but you aren’t anymore. You have your fated mate waiting for you, and you need to go to her.” My mom said.

“I can’t believe you guys lied to me my whole life. I have been waiting for my time to kill him for what he did to you. I always thought he did it just because he wanted to. He had a reason. I can’t believe this.” I yelled at them in anger.

“Please try not to be mad at anyone. We were in love, and we were always in love. We have paid our price; you need to move on and love your mate. Create the life you want. Lead this pack to greatness. We love you son, and we always will. Please let go of this so you can get back to her.” My mom said.

“Thank you for telling me the truth and I am glad that we got to have this conversation and I love you both very much. I miss you guys so much every day.”

“We know son, but we must be going now. Remember to lead with your heart and love your mate always.” My mom said and then a big puff of white smoke appeared again, and they were gone.

“My child I am sorry but that is all time that I can keep them here. I hope that you got what you needed.”

“Yes, moon goddess I did.”

There was another bright flash of lights, and she was gone. I was left to myself. I was in shock by what my parents had said. It felt fantastic to see them but the news they gave me shocked me and I didn’t know how to process it. It did make it easier to let them go. To know that they were happy made it easier. I could fully let go of them now.

I felt Alexa get into bed with me. She is spending more and more time in bed with me and less time talking. I like to hear her talk. It has brought me comfort and I haven’t felt so lonely with her talking. I feel like I know so much about her now.

“Colter baby, the council is here, and they are wanting me to mark you. They still think that will wake you up. Please don’t make me do this. They said we could have until morning.”

I could feel her starting to cry again. She has also been doing a lot of that lately. It was now or never I had to do this. I had to try. I did the only thing I could do.

“Mom, dad I have to let you go. I love you but I have to move on with my life and I have to love Alexa with my whole heart, and I can’t hold any anger in there for you guys or for Robert. I love you guys but goodbye for now and we will see each other one day.”

I felt a heaviness in my chest lift and the sparks from where Alexa was touching me were getting stronger. She was sobbing by this time, and I just wanted to comfort her. It was now or never I had to try and open my eyes.

It was bright as fuck in here. I don't know if it was because I hadn't had my eyes open in three weeks or if it was really that bright, but I did it. I brought my arm up and tried to rub her back, but I was weak, and it was hard to get it up. She felt the movement and jumped up.

"Colter you're awake." She screamed and threw her arms around me.

"Yes." I squeaked out. I didn't have much of a voice. My throat is so dry.

She was sobbing on my shoulder now and I couldn't do much to comfort her. I just let her get it all out and when she calmed down, we could talk.

"I can't believe you're awake. I never thought I would see your beautiful eyes again. Are you in pain, do you need something?" She asked.

"Water." I squeaked out again.

She jumped up and ran out of the room and came back with a pitcher of water and a cup with a straw. She poured me a glass and I drank it down like my throat was a desert that hasn't had water in years. It felt so good going down. I drank the whole glass. I think I could drink that whole pitcher.

"Colter don't drink too much too fast. It might make you sick. I am going to get the doctor, so he can check you out."

She got up and left and I had to talk to Grey while she was gone.

"Grey, how do you feel buddy?"

"I am happy to see we are awake, and we get to spend this life with her. Please just don't go screw it up."

"Thanks man. I will try not to."

Alexa came back in with Dr. Lewis. He checked my vitals before talking.

"How do you feel Alpha Colter?"

"Good. Tired and weak but good."

"I am glad to see you awake. Your vitals are good. I would like to run some test later on."

"Dr. Lewis, I am fine, and those tests aren't necessary."



“We will see about that.” He said and left the room.

I could stare at Alexa all day now. She was beautiful with her blonde hair and bright blue eyes and pink lips.

“Alexa, thank you. You saved me.”

“I didn’t really. I just found you.”

“No, you saved me. I heard every word that you said to me. I felt you every time that you crawled in bed with me. You never left me, and I will never leave you. You know you could have marked me I wouldn’t have cared. I love you, Alexa.”

Great she was crying again. I don’t know why this time. It was a happy time. She shouldn’t be crying.

“Don’t cry. I am awake and we can spend our lives together now.”

“They are happy tears.” She said as she climbed in my lap.

Suddenly the door burst open, and Mac ran in.

"Dude you're awake."

"Yes, I wasn't actually asleep. I was but I could hear you guys talking."

"You heard everything? Even when I called you an asshole."

"Yes, every time. Stop bitching about paperwork."

We all started laughing because he did do that a lot.

"I need to call Julian and let him know and then we need to let the pack know." Alexa said.

"Let me organize a meeting and you call Julian, and I will let you know what time the meeting is." Mac said.

She got off the bed and pulled out a phone from her pocket and dialed his number.

"Lex, what's the update?" He asked. I could hear him with my wolf hearing.

"He's awake and everything is normal." Alexa said.

"That's good. I am glad to hear that, but I have to cut off ties with you. I love you and I have to distance myself in order to let you go. Please don't call me again." He said and quickly hung up.

What was he in love with her? Did they have a relationship? I thought to myself.

"Alexa, can you please explain that phone call?" I asked her.

"We were sleeping together before you showed up. Once you showed I stopped sleeping with him. I told him I didn't want a relationship but apparently he fell in love."

"Do you love him?"

"I think I could have if you wouldn't have found me."

I really wanted to be mad at her but couldn't. She had a life before me and so did I, but it stung knowing she had been with one of my closest friends.

"Since I explained Julian, want to tell me about Lauren?"

I groaned knowing where this was going. I am sure that if Lauren knows who she is then I am sure she has given her problems.

"She was someone that I slept with from time to time but that was it. There was no emotional connection for me. However, I think she feels differently. Did she give you problems?"

"She is nothing that I can't handle."

"Where is Liam and his mate?" I asked her.

"They are safe in my old pack. The council is currently there running it. My father, or Robert as I call him now, ran away during the fighting and I challenged my brother for the title of the pack, and he backed down. Since you were injured, it was more important to me to be here with you, so they agreed to help while you got better. So now I have to decide what to do."

"Wait is Robert your father or you just calling him that because of everything he did?"

"No, he isn't my father. I have no clue who my father is. Apparently, my mother had an affair, and I was the result. He chose to stay with her instead of rejecting her and kicking her out."

"Wow, well my news is just about as big. My mom was Robert's mate, but she rejected him and took my dad her chosen mate."

"How did you find that out?"

"So, I got to meet the moon goddess while I was out, and she let me talk with my parents and they explained their death. It gave me closure and allowed me to come back to you."

She was shocked and not talking. We both sat there holding each other in silence and processing what we just told each other. We may not have known each other for very long but we were jumping in feet first and it was deep.

“Princess, talk to me. What is going on in that beautiful head of yours?”

“Well, I can’t believe you talked to the moon goddess.”

“I did and it is something that I will never forget. I actually talked with her twice. The first time she explained why I couldn’t wake up and the second time she let me talk to my parents.”

“I just don’t know what to say right now.” She said.

“Me neither.”

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## Chapter 33 - Alpha Alexa

Julians POV

I had just hung up on Alexa. Now that Colter was awake, I had to cut ties with her all the way. It was hard and something I didn’t want to do it. I needed a drink. I walked over to my liquor cabinet in my office and pulled out some homemade stuff that my kitchen makes. It was stronger than human liquor and actually got us drunk faster and we didn’t have to drink a ton of it.

“Luca, a drink in my office?” I mind-linked him.

“Ya man, I will be up soon.” He replied back.

I walked to the couch, poured a shot of it, drank it down, then another, and then about four more.

“Zion, we have to get over her, what do you suggest?”

“I don’t know she was perfect.”

I didn’t get to answer him because Luca came into my office.

“Whoa man, what happened? It’s bad if you brought that stuff out.” He said as he came and sat down on the couch with me.

I let out a big sigh and flung my body all the way back on the couch. Luca gave me a worried look.

“Look, I had to cut off all ties with Lex. I told her to never call me again, when she called to tell me that Colter is awake.”

“First Alpha Colter is awake? That is fantastic! Why do you need to cut ties with her? I am confused about that?”

“We were sleeping together, and she made it clear that is all she wanted but somewhere I fell in love with her. I think that she was starting to have feelings for me as well but then Colter showed up.”

“Shit man, I am sorry that sucks. Let's go out and get you drunk and laid. The best way to get over someone is to get under someone new.”

I just groaned at that because that is the oldest saying ever and I don't know if I am ready to sleep with anyone else. I got up and followed him out to the garage and he drove us into town where we had a bar. We got there and walked right in and sat at our normal table and were immediately bought some beer.

“Thanks, darling, but the next round we need a shot or two of wolf's liquor,” Luca said.

“Rough day boys?” She asked.

“You could say that beautiful, but you could make it better for my friend here.” Luca said.

She gave me a big smile and walked away swaying her hips. I couldn't help but stare at her ass as she left. It was a great ass. It would be a handful but then my mind flashed to Alexa naked in my bed.

“Dude, that waitress is hot. You could take her home easily but you're going to have to have a little game. I can't do all the work for you.” Luca said.

“I don't know if I want to take someone home tonight.” I told him.

“Well, if you don't then I will.”

“Be my guest man.”

She came back over and sat the shots down on the table. She had brought six of them. I picked up one and downed it and then the next one. I held back on the third one as the waitress was watching me. She slid into the booth beside me and gave me a sad look.

“What's wrong Alpha?”

“Just a bad day.”

Well, you know sometimes being a bar tender, it also makes me a therapist. I am pretty good at helping with problems.

I didn't reply to her. I didn't know what to say. I was a little drunk already and just wanted to get really drunk. She got up and stood at the table.

"I will go get you guys' some more shots." She said and walked away.

Luca finally had his shots and left me to go dance with someone and that's when the waitress came back over with more shots. She again slid into the booth.

“You know Alpha you really look like you could use a friend that isn't getting drunk right now.

“What is your name?” I asked her.

“Nicki.”

“Well Nicki, don't call me Alpha anymore it's just Julian. A friend is something that I need right now.”

"Someone really did a number on you didn't they and by someone, I mean a she-wolf." She said.

“Yes, but the shitty part is that she isn't to blame, I am. She was very clear about her feelings from the beginning.”

“Let me get you some more shots and when I am off, we can leave.”

I just nodded my head at her, and she took off. I couldn't find Luca anywhere I looked.

“Luca, where are you?” I mind-linked him.

“Bathroom, with that girl.” He replied back.

“Oh goddess, at least take her home where it is clean.”

“I will but we wanted round one out of the way.”

“That's disgusting. I will find my own way home.”

I cut the link with him as I didn't want to know any more of what he was planning on doing. I sat back taking shot after shot and watching the waitress. I know she is a part of my pack, but I don't really remember her. I am going to have to ask where she came from and how long she has been here. I should have known this information but for some reason I just couldn't place her.

She really was beautiful. She had short red hair and green eyes. She was on the shorter side but had these curvy hips and a nice perky ass. Her tits weren't that big, but they were perky, and she always had a smile on her face. I don't know how long I watched her, and I don't know how many shots I took because she eventually just left the bottle on my table.

"Alright Julian, let's get you out of here." She said as she came up to my table.

She held her hand to me and pulled me up, but I stumbled back and fell right on my ass in the booth. I started laughing. I hadn't been this drunk in a long time. She reached out again and pulled me up and this time I stayed up. She threw my arm around her shoulder and helped me out of there.

"Where is your car?" I asked as we walked past everything in the parking lot.

"I don't have one but don't worry my place isn't very far."

"You walk home this late by yourself?"

"Yes."

I just let her lead me away to her place. I wasn't in great shape right now. After about ten minutes of walking, we came to the pack's apartment complexes, and she led me up to two flights of stairs and she fished her keys out of her pocket and unlocked the door and helped me inside. She walked me over to the couch where I just flopped down and she walked into the kitchen and came back with a large bottle of water and some sandwiches.

"Here drink this and eat this. It will help sober you up and feel better in the morning if you do."

"Thank you."

"So, tell me about Alexa?"

How the hell did she know that it was her. Who was this girl? I had to find out.

"How did you know that it was her and why don't I know you? You're a part of my pack and I don't remember you."

"I've been here a few years. I ran from my old pack because they were awful. You took me in, and I made a comfy life for myself. I stay out of the way and leave everyone alone."

"I am sorry. I don't mean to ignore pack members. I should have remembered you."

"It's ok. It's what I wanted. I don't trust very easily, and I like to be left alone."

"So how do you know I was seeing Alexa?"

“Well, it’s pretty obvious. She was here and you were happy and at her every practice and the way you looked at her, it was like she was your fated mate, and then she was gone, and then you were getting drunk in my bar.”

“Where you in one of her classes?”

“No. I would go to the gym and the time I had was between my two jobs was during one of her classes.”

“Does one not pay enough?”

“That’s a story for another day. Why don’t you tell me what she did to break your big bad alpha heart.”

“Nothing and that’s the worst part. She was clear from the get-go that she didn’t want a relationship and we were only a release for each other, and I didn’t care. She had lost her mate like me, and I didn’t know that she would get a second chance mate. I never did. So, when he showed up and turned out to be her mate, she gave him a chance even though he hurt her, and I was the one to protect her.”

“Listen don’t be mad. She didn’t have the best life. Her parents didn’t love her, and her dad did an awful thing to her and the fact that she survived it is a miracle. I know I almost didn’t.”

“How do you know what happened to her?”

“Because I was her brother's mate, and her father did the same thing to me. He made Ryan reject me. He did it without even thinking. I left the next day and ended up here.”

“Why didn’t you tell me this when you came here? I could have helped you more and I could have tried to do something about that pack.”

“Because you had just lost your mate and were barely functioning when I showed up.”

“I am sorry about that. It was a dark time in my life, and you were going through the loss of a mate as well. I should have been a better Alpha.”

“It’s ok, I needed time alone. I needed to figure out my life and I needed to learn how to stand on my own two feet.”

This girl was unbelievable. She had been through so much and I wasn’t there for her like I should have been and here she is being kind to me and letting me talk and being honest with me. She suddenly pulled me into a hug. She wrapped her tiny arms around my shoulders and pulled me to her. It felt nice. It felt right.

I pulled her down on the couch with me and we just laid there on her couch cuddling. She wasn't trying to get into my pants. She was just trying to comfort me, and it was the first time in weeks that I felt some sort of peace. We laid there until we fell asleep together just holding each other.

I woke up in the morning alone and with a pounding headache. I obviously drank way too much. I rolled over and there was a note on the table with some water and pain pills.

"Julian, I know when you wake up your head is going to hurt. Drink this and swallow these. Feel free to stay as long as you need. I had to go to work. I had a great time talking with you last night. If you ever need to talk again you know where to find me."

Nicki.

I think I made a new friend last night and I definitely was going to talk with her again. I don't like that she is working two jobs and walking home alone that late.

"Julian, there was something off about her last night?" Zion linked me after taking the pills and drank the entire water bottle.

"What do you me?"

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Chapter 32

## Chapter 33 - Alpha Alexa

Julians POV

I had just hung up on Alexa. Now that Colter was awake, I had to cut ties with her all the way. It was hard and something I didn't want to do it. I needed a drink. I walked over to my liquor cabinet in my office and pulled out some homemade stuff that my kitchen makes. It was stronger than human liquor and actually got us drunk faster and we didn't have to drink a ton of it.

"Luca, a drink in my office?" I mind-linked him.

"Ya man, I will be up soon." He replied back.

I walked to the couch, poured a shot of it, drank it down, then another, and then about four more.



“Zion, we have to get over her, what do you suggest?”

“I don’t know she was perfect.”

I didn’t get to answer him because Luca came into my office.

“Whoa man, what happened? It’s bad if you brought that stuff out.” He said as he came and sat down on the couch with me.

I let out a big sigh and flung my body all the way back on the couch. Luca gave me a worried look.

“Look, I had to cut off all ties with Lex. I told her to never call me again, when she called to tell me that Colter is awake.”

“First Alpha Colter is awake? That is fantastic! Why do you need to cut ties with her? I am confused about that?”

“We were sleeping together, and she made it clear that is all she wanted but somewhere I fell in love with her. I think that she was starting to have feelings for me as well but then Colter showed up.”

“Shit man, I am sorry that sucks. Let's go out and get you drunk and laid. The best way to get over someone is to get under someone new.”

I just groaned at that because that is the oldest saying ever and I don’t know if I am ready to sleep with anyone else. I got up and followed him out to the garage and he drove us into town where we had a bar. We got there and walked right in and sat at our normal table and were immediately bought some beer.

“Thanks, darling, but the next round we need a shot or two of wolf's liquor,” Luca said.

“Rough day boys?” She asked.

“You could say that beautiful, but you could make it better for my friend here.” Luca said.

She gave me a big smile and walked away swaying her hips. I couldn’t help but stare at her ass as she left. It was a great ass. It would be a handful but then my mind flashed to Alexa naked in my bed.

“Dude, that waitress is hot. You could take her home easily but you’re going to have to have a little game. I can’t do all the work for you.” Luca said.

“I don’t know if I want to take someone home tonight.” I told him.

“Well, if you don’t then I will.”

“Be my guest man.”

She came back over and sat the shots down on the table. She had brought six of them. I picked up one and downed it and then the next one. I held back on the third one as the waitress was watching me. She slid into the booth beside me and gave me a sad look.

“What’s wrong Alpha?”

“Just a bad day.”

Well, you know sometimes being a bar tender, it also makes me a therapist. I am pretty good at helping with problems.

I didn't reply to her. I didn't know what to say. I was a little drunk already and just wanted to get really drunk. She got up and stood at the table.

"I will go get you guys' some more shots." She said and walked away.

Luca finally had his shots and left me to go dance with someone and that’s when the waitress came back over with more shots. She again slid into the booth.

“You know Alpha you really look like you could use a friend that isn't getting drunk right now.

“What is your name?” I asked her.

“Nicki.”

“Well Nicki, don’t call me Alpha anymore it’s just Julian. A friend is something that I need right now.”

"Someone really did a number on you didn't they and by someone, I mean a she-wolf." She said.

“Yes, but the shitty part is that she isn’t to blame, I am. She was very clear about her feelings from the beginning.”

“Let me get you some more shots and when I am off, we can leave.”

I just nodded my head at her, and she took off. I couldn’t find Luca anywhere I looked.

“Luca, where are you?” I mind-linked him.

“Bathroom, with that girl.” He replied back.

“Oh goddess, at least take her home where it is clean.”

“I will but we wanted round one out of the way.”

“That’s disgusting. I will find my own way home.”

I cut the link with him as I didn’t want to know any more of what he was planning on doing. I sat back taking shot after shot and watching the waitress. I know she is a part of my pack, but I don’t really remember her. I am going to have to ask where she came from and how long she has been here. I should have known this information but for some reason I just couldn’t place her.

She really was beautiful. She had short red hair and green eyes. She was on the shorter side but had these curvy hips and a nice perky ass. Her tits weren’t that big, but they were perky, and she always had a smile on her face. I don’t know how long I watched her, and I don’t know how many shots I took because she eventually just left the bottle on my table.

“Alright Julian, let’s get you out of here.” She said as she came up to my table.

She held at her hand to me and pulled me up, but I stumbled back and fell right on my ass in the booth. I started laughing. I hadn’t been this drunk in a long time. She reached out again and pulled me up and this time I stayed up. She threw my arm around her shoulder and helped me out of there.

“Where is your car?” I asked as we walked past everything in the parking lot.

“I don’t have one but don’t worry my place isn’t very far.”

“You walk home this late by yourself?”

“Yes.”

I just let her lead me away to her place. I wasn’t in great shape right now. After about ten minutes of walking, we came to the pack’s apartment complexes, and she led me up to two flights of stairs and she fished her keys out of her pocket and unlocked the door and helped me inside. She walked me over to the couch where I just flopped down and she walked into the kitchen and came back with a large bottle of water and some sandwiches.

“Here drink this and eat this. It will help sober you up and feel better in the morning if you do.”

“Thank you.”

“So, tell me about Alexa?”

How the hell did she know that it was her. Who was this girl? I had to find out.

“How did you know that it was her and why don’t I know you? You’re a part of my pack and I don’t remember you.”

“I’ve been here a few years. I ran from my old pack because they were awful. You took me in, and I made a comfy life for myself. I stay out of the way and leave everyone alone.”

“I am sorry. I don’t mean to ignore pack members. I should have remembered you.”

“It’s ok. It’s what I wanted. I don’t trust very easily, and I like to be left alone.”

“So how do you know I was seeing Alexa?”

“Well, it’s pretty obvious. She was here and you were happy and at her every practice and the way you looked at her, it was like she was your fated mate, and then she was gone, and then you were getting drunk in my bar.”

“Where you in one of her classes?”

“No. I would go to the gym and the time I had was between my two jobs was during one of her classes.”

“Does one not pay enough?”

“That’s a story for another day. Why don’t you tell me what she did to break your big bad alpha heart.”

“Nothing and that’s the worst part. She was clear from the get-go that she didn’t want a relationship and we were only a release for each other, and I didn’t care. She had lost her mate like me, and I didn’t know that she would get a second chance mate. I never did. So, when he showed up and turned out to be her mate, she gave him a chance even though he hurt her, and I was the one to protect her.”

“Listen don’t be mad. She didn’t have the best life. Her parents didn’t love her, and her dad did an awful thing to her and the fact that she survived it is a miracle. I know I almost didn’t.”

“How do you know what happened to her?”

“Because I was her brother’s mate, and her father did the same thing to me. He made Ryan reject me. He did it without even thinking. I left the next day and ended up here.”

“Why didn’t you tell me this when you came here? I could have helped you more and I could have tried to do something about that pack.”

“Because you had just lost your mate and were barely functioning when I showed up.”

“I am sorry about that. It was a dark time in my life, and you were going through the loss of a mate as well. I should have been a better Alpha.”

“It’s ok, I needed time alone. I needed to figure out my life and I needed to learn how to stand on my own two feet.”

This girl was unbelievable. She had been through so much and I wasn't there for her like I should have been and here she is being kind to me and letting me talk and being honest with me. She suddenly pulled me into a hug. She wrapped her tiny arms around my shoulders and pulled me to her. It felt nice. It felt right.

I pulled her down on the couch with me and we just laid there on her couch cuddling. She wasn't trying to get into my pants. She was just trying to comfort me, and it was the first time in weeks that I felt some sort of peace. We laid there until we fell asleep together just holding each other.

I woke up in the morning alone and with a pounding headache. I obviously drank way too much. I rolled over and there was a note on the table with some water and pain pills.

"Julian, I know when you wake up your head is going to hurt. Drink this and swallow these. Feel free to stay as long as you need. I had to go to work. I had a great time talking with you last night. If you ever need to talk again you know where to find me."

Nicki.

I think I made a new friend last night and I definitely was going to talk with her again. I don't like that she is working two jobs and walking home alone that late.

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Chapter 33

## Chapter 34 - Alpha Alexa

Alexa's POV

I was lying in bed with Colter. We were waiting for Mac to let us know when the meeting would be held to notify everyone that Colter was awake.

"Colt, I want to talk about our date. It was great but I think we took it to a level we weren't ready for. I did not mean for that to happen. Don't get me wrong, it was amazing. I just think we need

to slow down and get to know each other a little more." I told him not knowing how he would react.

"Princess, we can go at whatever pace you want. I learned a lot about you when I was out."

I didn't say anything but snuggled down deeper into him. The sparks between us were amazing and always helped calm me along with his scent.

Mac walked in and announced, "You have thirty minutes, and we will meet in the same room."

"Crap, I have to run to our room and change," I said and kissed Colter's cheek and left the room.

I ran to the pack house and got to the elevator and hit Alpha's floor. I got to our room and ran into the closet to find a nice pair of jeans and a blouse. I dug through my tops looking for a specific pink top. I finally found it buried in the back. I threw it on and a pair of dark skinny jeans and slipped my boots on. I ran a brush through my hair and walked out of my bathroom and when I stepped out into the living room, I saw Lauren standing there.

"What are you doing in here?" I spat at her.

"I told you I wasn't going to let you have him and I'm here to take care of that."

Before I could respond she jumped on me, catching me off guard, and swung her fist making contact with my nose. You could hear it break. My eyes were watering, clouding my vision and she continued to hit me.

I had to get the upper hand. I brought my knee up and hit her in the back and causing her to fall over. I pushed her off me and jumped up ready to attack. She jumped at me again, but I was ready and dodged her attack. She came at me again and her claws ripped open my side on my ribs.

"What the fuck? What is on your claws?" I screamed out as the pain in my side was getting worse and burning.

"A mixture of wolfsbane and silver. I had to get the upper hand."

She wasn't going to win. I wouldn't let her. She ran at me with her arm cocked up ready to hit me, but I caught her arm with mine and threw her to the ground I quickly jumped on her and wrapped my hands around her throat, and started to squeeze as hard as I could. She was clawing at my arms ripping them open. It burned with the shit on her claws.

She was turning purple, and her strength was wavering. Suddenly the door opened, and Mac started yelling at us, but I wasn't letting go.

"Alexa, let go of her," he said as he came over and pulled my hands free from her throat.

"Someone want to tell me what is going on here?" Mac said.

Lauren was still lying on the floor gasping for air.

"She attacked me in my room and tried to kill me. She is trying to take me out so she can have Colter." I said shooting daggers at her. My side was bleeding enough that my shirt was soaked and turning red.

"She is lying! I came to make amends. Nothing more. She attacked me for talking to her. She was going to kill me." Lauren said with a raspy voice and tears streaming down her face.

"Lauren, you have been told to not come up here. I took your key away once, so I am not sure how you got up here. Get out and if you're caught back here again you will spend time in the cells.

I was so mad that I couldn't even talk. I could feel my Alpha aurora coming off of me and Lauren fell to her knees and Mac bared his neck.

"Lex please stop," Mac said struggling to get the words out fighting against me.

I took a deep breath and reeled in my emotions and they both relaxed. Lauren got up and ran out of the room.

"Mac, I swear to goddess if you don't handle her I will and I won't be stopped from killing her next time."

"You need to go see the doctor you're bleeding a lot."

"I'm fine," I said as I took my shirt off and walked to the bathroom to clean up and find a bandage.

I found some gauze and tape and put them on my cuts on my side and washed the blood off my face and arms. I went into the closet and found a new top and walked back out to the living room where Mac was standing.

"Stop." He said.

"What we have a meeting to go to."

"Are you a female Alpha?" He asked me.

"Are you just figuring it out?"

"Well, you have never done anything that would make me think that you were. You also need to learn to control your aurora."

"I know and can we go now."

He nodded his head and walked out behind me. We headed to the conference room.

"Jade, can you heal this?" I linked my wolf.

"I am trying but it is deep and with the wolfsbane and silver on her nails it is hard. You're still bleeding a lot. I think you need to go to the doctor." She said.

"I will but I have to get through this meeting. It won't take long."

We walked in and saw that everyone was waiting for us. I was starting to feel a little dizzy, but I could power through this and then have it looked at. I put a black top on so that you couldn't see if it was bleeding through the bandages I put on, you can see that my arms were still bleeding though. We stepped up to the podium and Mac stood behind me.

"Good afternoon, everyone. I just wanted to come here and let you all know that your Alpha has woken up and is doing great. He woke up this morning. We just wanted to let you all know that he is good and will be returning to the pack house in the next few days hopefully. We do ask that you continue to give us some privacy and that if you have any problems, you can see me or Beta Mac."

I could hear everyone start to clap but I was seeing black spots now and they were starting to sound like they were underwater. Mac came up behind me and put his hand on my shoulder. I shrugged it off and stepped away from him. I could feel my knees start to wobble and the blackness was taking over.

"Mac, I don't feel so well," I said in a very soft voice right before I hit the floor. I couldn't hold myself up any longer.

Mac bent down and lifted my shirt to see my bandages and they were blood soaked as was my shirt.

"Alexa, why didn't you tell me these were this bad and why aren't they healing." He asked.

"She put wolfsbane and silver on her nails," I said.

He picked me up and that is the last thing I remember. The blackness consumed me.

I woke up with a doctor and Mac standing over me while I was laying on a bed. My clothes were gone, and a gown was over the top of me. I tried to sit up. I was going to Colter's room to check on him.

"Not so fast Luna. You lost a lot of blood and were having a hard time slowing it down with the wolfsbane and silver in there. You will heal but you cannot move right now. Every movement will cause it to bleed more." The doctor said.



"I have to go check on Colter."

"No, I am going to go explain what happened, and when you stop bleeding, we will move you up there," Mac said.

He left the room and left me with the doctor.

"I stitched up your side to help slow the bleeding and we have started a blood transfusion. You need to rest and not move."

"Fine but you need to move me to his room now."

"We will but we can't until you're a little more stable. I am sure you don't feel great."

"How I feel is not important right now."

"It is, we almost lost our Alpha, I can't put you in the same situation, so stop being stubborn."

I just sighed at him and stopped arguing with him because it wouldn't change anything.

"Jade, where are we at with the healing?"

"I am trying but with the wolfsbane and silver it is slow, and I am getting weak and tired."

"I am sorry. We will rest."

She cut my link and laid down in my head and went to sleep and I did the same. I woke up sometime later with Colter smiling at me.

"Princess, we have to stop meeting like this?"

"Like what?" I asked.

"In a hospital with one of us asleep."

"Ya well if your little slut wouldn't have attacked me, I wouldn't be here right now."

"I know and I am sorry I will deal with her."

"No, I will deal with her."

"Princess, I may have been injured and I may be recovering but I am the Alpha, and I will handle her."

"First of all, I am not your princess! I am a female Alpha, and you will treat me like that. I am your equal and if you want to continue this relationship you have to let me do things as well." I said letting my Alpha aurora out.

"Stop that!" He yelled at me

"Stop what?"

"Trying to use your Alpha aurora on me. I can feel it, but it doesn't affect me. Well not completely. I understand that you are a female Alpha, and I will treat you like such, but you are also my mate and my Luna and I will protect you."

"Just know that I will not take orders from you now or ever."

"We will see about that."

That last line pissed me off. He would not be telling me what to do and I will handle Lauren. I have to show the pack that I am strong and will not be walked all over. I will care for them, but they will respect me as they do their Alpha. I am not your typical Luna. I felt the bed dip as he crawled in with me.

"Princess, we have a lot to figure out between the two of us. Don't be mad at me. I am used to being the one in charge and this might take a while to adjust but I will treat you as my equal. You are my equal and together we will run this pack."

I didn't say anything, I just rolled onto my good side and snuggled into him. The sparks that were running between our two bodies helped calm me down along with his scent. His scent did amazing things to me. It didn't take long and we were both sound asleep.

We were woken by someone clearing their throat and moving a chair. I opened my eyes and saw Mac taking a seat as he stared at us.

"Well aren't you two cute." He said making a gagging motion with his face.

"Don't be jealous that I have my mate and you don't asshole," Colter said.

"Not jealous but did want to let you know that I found her, and she is currently in the dungeon waiting for you," Mac said.

"Who is in the dungeon?" I asked.

"Lauren," Mac said.

"Good, let's go deal with her," I said.

"Not so fast princess, you're not healed and haven't been released. Mac and I will go."

"Like hell, you will go without me. She put wolfsbane and silver in my body and she will deal with me."

"Let's talk to the doctor first. I will have him come see you." Colter said as he got out of my bed.

I sat up and let out a small whimper of pain. Damn this really hurts. I was going to give her the same. She would know how it felt to have that put into your body before I killed her.

"Lay down and rest and Mac and I will take care of Lauren."

"No, I will be there. You can't stop me. Mac go get me clothes please."

"Mac you get her clothes and you are on night patrol for two weeks."

"Fine, I will go naked."

"Like hell, you will," Colter growled.

"Look I am not getting into your love fest. Mind link me when you figure it out." Mac said and stormed out of the room.

"Princess you need to heal."

"I am not a damsel in distress who needs saving. That's you if I remember correctly."

He just shot daggers at me and stormed out of the room. I gave him a head start and called a nurse in my room.

"How can I help you?" She asked as she came in.

"I need some clothes."

"We don't have clothes but I can get you some scrubs."

"That will work."

She came back a few minutes later and handed them to me.

"You know the doctor hasn't released you yet."

"Ya, I really don't care. I need to take care of something."

"Let me get them real fast." She said walking out of the room.

I slowly sat up trying to ignore the pain in my side. I managed to get the scrubs bottoms on and was trying to lift my arm up to get the shirt on but lifting my arm up on my injured side had me

seeing stars from pain, but I pushed through it and managed to get it on all the way. I had no clue where my shoes were so I left barefoot.

I walked slowly holding my side to the pack house. It may have taken me fifteen minutes to get there but I made it. I walked in and tried to act as normally as possible and headed to the Alphas office. I had to go up a flight of stairs and that took me another fifteen minutes, but I was there. I was standing outside his office about to barge in but needed to stop and let the pain ease up first.

"Jade you hanging in there?"

"Yes, dumb human. You should have stayed put!"

I cut our link before she made me mad also. I turned the doorknob and opened the door and found Colter and Lauren in an embrace. They were hugging.

I stepped inside and slammed the door.

"What the fuck?" I growled out letting my Alpha aurora out.

Chapter 34

## Chapter 35 - Alpha Alexa

Colters POV

I can't believe she thought of me as someone that needed saving. I mean I did and I am so thankful that she came to my rescue but I hate that she pointed it out the way she did. I am not a damsel in distress. I am an Alpha. If her dad or Robert or whoever he was wasn't a psycho then I wouldn't have needed to be saved.

Someone knocked on my door, and Mac entered with Lauren. I was going to deal with this so Alexa didn't have to. This was my mess to clean up.

"Thank you, Mac, I can handle this," I told him.

He nodded his head and left.

"Lauren, what the hell were you thinking?" I yelled at her.

"I'm sorry, Alpha, that should be me by your side, not her." She cried.

"She is my fated mate, and she is the one I will be with."

She was now crying. I know that she had developed feelings for me, and that's when I stopped everything with her, but she apparently didn't get it.

"Lauren, don't cry. You attacked my Luna, my mate after you were told to leave her alone by Beta Mac. You have left me no choice."

"Please don't kill me."

"I'm not going to kill you, but I have to banish you. You can not be trusted around my Luna."

"Please, Colter, we used to be friends. Don't do this to me." She begged.

"You have left me no choice. You used wolfsbane and silver on her. You are hereby banished from this pack." I told her using my Alpha command with it. Her actions could have resulted in her death but she is right, we were once friends.

"I thought you loved me?" She asked.

"I never loved you, and you know that."

She walked over to me and hugged me. I couldn't help it. I hugged her back. Once upon a time, we were great friends and we slept together a lot but I won't have her putting Alexa in danger.

The door swung open and Alexa stood there. She was pale, sweaty, and breathing hard and she was also extremely pissed off.

"What the fuck?" She growled out using her Alpha aura.

Lauren bared her neck in submission from it and Alexa was swaying from her injury.

"Alexa stop it. Lauren is leaving the pack. She won't be a problem. We were just saying goodbye."

"Saying goodbye involves you guys to be hugging like you were," She said with anger in her voice.

"Lauren you can leave. You have 24 hours to leave and you will have a guard with you at all times." I told her.

"Alexa, I want to say I'm sorry but I did love him and thought I was right for him. Not saying that you are the best choice but it's his choice to make." Lauren said but her face still showed anger.

Alexa lunged at her and landed on top of her swinging her fist. You can see her shirt start to fill with blood. I walked over and pulled her off Lauren.

"Lauren leave now before I change my mind and kill you," I growled at her.

"Princess, you are in so much trouble, you should have not left the hospital and now you're bleeding again," I said as I picked her up to take her back to the hospital.

"Put me down!" She yelled trying to get out of my hold.

"No, you need to go back to the hospital."

"I can do it myself." She said and put her Alpha aurora behind it.

"Fine, you want to be stubborn then so be it," I yelled at her dropping her to the floor and storming out.

I went to my room fuming mad. This woman was going to be the death of me. She is so stubborn and will not listen. I just wanted to help.

"Grey, what is her problem?" I linked my wolf.

"Hahahaha her problem. Have you met you? You have been mated to the female version of you. You have met your match and she isn't going to back down easily." He linked back.

"Well if she is just like me then her wolf must be as useless as you."

"I've talked to her and she is pretty amazing."

"This is just great! You love her wolf and I love her but kind of want to strangle her at the same time."

"Yup but please go check on her. She wasn't good when we left."

"No she wanted to do it herself then that's what she will do."

I put a block up so I didn't have to hear from him again. He was just pissing me off. I went to my bathroom to get a good shower. I haven't had one in so long. I turned the water on and stepped in.

I was immediately filled with Alexa's scent. Strawberries. Goddess, it was amazing. It helped me calm down a little. I washed my body and just let the hot water run down my body. I was exhausted and sore still. I was supposed to go back to my room at the hospital but I was done being there. I had a job to get back to and a very stubborn mate.

I stepped out of the shower and got dressed and headed to the dining hall.

"Colt go find mate, she is in bad shape." Grey mind linked me.

"No man she is going to learn a lesson."

"No, she is in trouble. If you don't find her I will take over."

"Ok, I'm going."

I headed towards the stairs and back to my office where I left her. I will start where I left her I thought. When I got to the hallway I noticed my door open. I picked up the pace a little and as I got closer I started to smell her blood. This made me run.

I got to my office and found her laying unconscious on the floor.

"Alexa wake up," I yelled at her as I ran to her. She had a pool of blood around her and she was as white as ghost. I screwed up. I should have been more stubborn than her. I shouldn't have left her.

I picked her up and headed down the stairs and headed to the hospital. I mind-linked the doctor to meet me at the entrance. I got there as fast as I could. Dr. James was there waiting for us with a gurney.

"I told both of you to stay put and now look at her." He said as he wheeled her off. I followed them to the room.

When he got there he cut her shirt off and pulled her bandages off and she had four giant deep gashes on her side. I knew she had deep wounds but these were way deeper than I thought and they weren't healed at all.

"I have to take her up to the OR to wash these out and stitch them back up. Do not leave."

"I will be in the waiting room."

I walked out and went to the bathroom and washed some of her blood off me.

"Grey, I'm sorry I should have listened to you."

"Yes, you should have useless human."

"Don't be an ass."

"So don't be like you."

"I said sorry ok."

"Well see if she will forgive you and then maybe I will forgive you."

"Colt, where are you? Did you get your shit figured out with Alexa?" Mac mind linked me.

"Hospital and no I didn't." I linked him back.

"What room did they move her to I will come see you guys."

"She's in surgery, just come here and I will explain."

I sat in the chair and waited for him to come. I had to talk with her and we had to start over. We got off to a great start after our date but today has done a complete 180. We have done nothing but tried to out Alpha each other and now she is in surgery because of my stubbornness, well both of our stubbornness.

"What the hell happened?" Mac asked pulling me out of my thoughts.

"She may have walked in on me hugging Lauren after I banished her. Lauren mouthed off to her and so Alexa attacked her and ripped her stitches open. I tried to pick her up and bring her here but she demanded to be put down and that she didn't need me so I dropped her and walked out of the room. I didn't realize how badly she was cut and that she had ripped her stitches back open. Grey finally convinced me to check on her and she never made it out of my office. She was unconscious on the floor."

"What the fuck man? You left her alone knowing she was hurt and bleeding." Mac said.

"I know I screwed up but I didn't know how bad it was."

"You better fix it fast. She is a strong girl and she will not hesitate to dump your sorry ass."

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"Thank you, doctor," I said.

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Chapter 34

## Chapter 35 - Alpha Alexa

Colters POV

I can't believe she thought of me as someone that needed saving. I mean I did and I am so thankful that she came to my rescue but I hate that she pointed it out the way she did. I am not a damsel in distress. I am an Alpha. If her dad or Robert or whoever he was wasn't a psycho then I wouldn't have needed to be saved.

Someone knocked on my door, and Mac entered with Lauren. I was going to deal with this so Alexa didn't have to. This was my mess to clean up.

"Thank you, Mac, I can handle this," I told him.

He nodded his head and left.

"Lauren, what the hell were you thinking?" I yelled at her.

"I'm sorry, Alpha, that should be me by your side, not her." She cried.

"She is my fated mate, and she is the one I will be with."

She was now crying. I know that she had developed feelings for me, and that's when I stopped everything with her, but she apparently didn't get it.

"Lauren, don't cry. You attacked my Luna, my mate after you were told to leave her alone by Beta Mac. You have left me no choice."

"Please don't kill me."

"I'm not going to kill you, but I have to banish you. You can not be trusted around my Luna."

"Please, Colter, we used to be friends. Don't do this to me." She begged.

"You have left me no choice. You used wolfsbane and silver on her. You are hereby banished from this pack." I told her using my Alpha command with it. Her actions could have resulted in her death but she is right, we were once friends.

"I thought you loved me?" She asked.

"I never loved you, and you know that."

She walked over to me and hugged me. I couldn't help it. I hugged her back. Once upon a time, we were great friends and we slept together a lot but I won't have her putting Alexa in danger.

The door swung open and Alexa stood there. She was pale, sweaty, and breathing hard and she was also extremely pissed off.

"What the fuck?" She growled out using her Alpha aurora.

Lauren bared her neck in submission from it and Alexa was swaying from her injury.

"Alexa stop it. Lauren is leaving the pack. She won't be a problem. We were just saying goodbye."

"Saying goodbye involves you guys to be hugging like you were," She said with anger in her voice.

"Lauren you can leave. You have 24 hours to leave and you will have a guard with you at all times." I told her.

"Alexa, I want to say I'm sorry but I did love him and thought I was right for him. Not saying that you are the best choice but it's his choice to make." Lauren said but her face still showed anger.

Alexa lunged at her and landed on top of her swinging her fist. You can see her shirt start to fill with blood. I walked over and pulled her off Lauren.

"Lauren leave now before I change my mind and kill you," I growled at her.

"Princess, you are in so much trouble, you should have not left the hospital and now you're bleeding again," I said as I picked her up to take her back to the hospital.

"Put me down!" She yelled trying to get out of my hold.

"No, you need to go back to the hospital."

"I can do it myself." She said and put her Alpha aurora behind it.

"Fine, you want to be stubborn then so be it," I yelled at her dropping her to the floor and storming out.

I went to my room fuming mad. This woman was going to be the death of me. She is so stubborn and will not listen. I just wanted to help.

"Grey, what is her problem?" I linked my wolf.

"Hahahaha her problem. Have you met you? You have been mated to the female version of you. You have met your match and she isn't going to back down easily." He linked back.

"Well if she is just like me then her wolf must be as useless as you."

"I've talked to her and she is pretty amazing."

"This is just great! You love her wolf and I love her but kind of want to strangle her at the same time."

"Yup but please go check on her. She wasn't good when we left."

"No she wanted to do it herself then that's what she will do."

I put a block up so I didn't have to hear from him again. He was just pissing me off. I went to my bathroom to get a good shower. I haven't had one in so long. I turned the water on and stepped in.

I was immediately filled with Alexa's scent. Strawberries. Goddess, it was amazing. It helped me calm down a little. I washed my body and just let the hot water run down my body. I was exhausted and sore still. I was supposed to go back to my room at the hospital but I was done being there. I had a job to get back to and a very stubborn mate.

I stepped out of the shower and got dressed and headed to the dining hall.

"Colt go find mate, she is in bad shape." Grey mind linked me.

"No man she is going to learn a lesson."

"No, she is in trouble. If you don't find her I will take over."

"Ok, I'm going."

I headed towards the stairs and back to my office where I left her. I will start where I left her I thought. When I got to the hallway I noticed my door open. I picked up the pace a little and as I got closer I started to smell her blood. This made me run.

I got to my office and found her laying unconscious on the floor.

"Alexa wake up," I yelled at her as I ran to her. She had a pool of blood around her and she was as white as ghost. I screwed up. I should have been more stubborn than her. I shouldn't have left her.

I picked her up and headed down the stairs and headed to the hospital. I mind-linked the doctor to meet me at the entrance. I got there as fast as I could. Dr. James was there waiting for us with a gurney.

"I told both of you to stay put and now look at her." He said as he wheeled her off. I followed them to the room.

When he got there he cut her shirt off and pulled her bandages off and she had four giant deep gashes on her side. I knew she had deep wounds but these were way deeper than I thought and they weren't healed at all.

"I have to take her up to the OR to wash these out and stitch them back up. Do not leave."

"I will be in the waiting room."

I walked out and went to the bathroom and washed some of her blood off me.

"Grey, I'm sorry I should have listened to you."

"Yes, you should have useless human."

"Don't be an ass."

"So don't be like you."

"I said sorry ok."

"Well see if she will forgive you and then maybe I will forgive you."

"Colt, where are you? Did you get your shit figured out with Alexa?" Mac mind linked me.

"Hospital and no I didn't." I linked him back.

"What room did they move her to I will come see you guys."

"She's in surgery, just come here and I will explain."

I sat in the chair and waited for him to come. I had to talk with her and we had to start over. We got off to a great start after our date but today has done a complete 180. We have done nothing but tried to out Alpha each other and now she is in surgery because of my stubbornness, well both of our stubbornness.

"What the hell happened?" Mac asked pulling me out of my thoughts.

"She may have walked in on me hugging Lauren after I banished her. Lauren mouthed off to her and so Alexa attacked her and ripped her stitches open. I tried to pick her up and bring her here but she demanded to be put down and that she didn't need me so I dropped her and walked out of the room. I didn't realize how badly she was cut and that she had ripped her stitches back open. Grey finally convinced me to check on her and she never made it out of my office. She was unconscious on the floor."

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Chapter 35

## Chapter 36 - Alpha Alexa



Alexa's POV

I woke up in the same position that I fell asleep in. Colter was still sound asleep. The sun was starting to come and shine through the windows. I lay there watching it raise thinking about everything that has happened in a month.

"Lex, you have to tell him." Jade mind linked me.

"I know, and I will today. I just don't know how."

"It's not that big of a deal, just tell him."

"So what just be like, oh, by the way, I have my own pack to deal with, and I need to leave."

"Sounds good to me."

"I don't think he will see it that way. Besides, I don't want to be their Alpha anymore. I just don't know if I should just hand it over to someone or if I should just find them all new homes and let them start over. I'm sure some could come here."

"This is why you need to talk to him. He can help you."

"I know, but it's a mess, and it's my problem to deal with, not his. I don't want to add to his plate."

"What are you and your wolf so deep in conversation about?" Colter asked, scaring me out of my thoughts.

"Holy shit you scared me."

"Sorry, I didn't mean to. I've just been watching you for a while."

"So I need to tell you something and it's not the best of news."

"Ok, whatever it is we can deal with it."

"So after you got shot my dad took off and abandoned his pack, my mom is being held in the dungeon and I may have challenged my brother for control of the pack and he just stepped down handing it over to me."

"So what your saying is we need to go to your old pack and deal with it."

"Yes. Also, my dad isn't my biological dad. I'm not sure who is."

"We can handle this. What do you want to do?"

"Well I thought either Liam and Sloane take over the pack or we can bring most of them here and make them part of your pack."

"First of all it's our pack and we can do either. I will however want to screen everyone and we may have to send people elsewhere."

"I can understand that, so long as no one is made a rouge."

The doctor walked in at that moment.

"Alexa, how are you feeling?"

"Much better."

"Can I take look and see how it is healing up?"

Colter got out of bed and I pulled the hospital gown up so that he could remove the bandages.

The doctor came up and pulled on the tape making me wince from the tugging on my skin.

"Well, this looks much better. It looks better than I expected. I think we can take these stitches out."

"Good, so I can get out of here?"

"As long as you promise to take it easy."

He walked away and grabbed something and came back over and started taking the stitches out. It took him about fifteen minutes to get them all out. When he finished, I looked down and was amazed at how fast Jade had healed me.

"Jade you're amazing."

"I know, now will you try not to do that again? That took a lot of work and now I am tired, so I am going to nap."

I looked up to see that Colter was mind-linking someone as well. I took this time to take in his features. He was good-looking, scratch that he is hot.

"Princess, I think you might be drooling." He said.

"Sorry, you distracted me. Can we leave already?"

"I have someone bringing up some clothes for you."

“Can we leave for the Silver Moon pack, this afternoon?”

“You should wait a few more days.”

“The council isn’t going to wait a few more days and you know it.”

“I know, but you have to take it easy there. Can you promise me that?”

“Yes. I promise.” I said, giving him the biggest smile, I could.

Someone knocked on the door and Colter got up and talked to the person for a minute and then came back with some clothes for me. He walked over to the bed and handed them to me.

I got up and went to the bathroom to change. When I stripped down, I took a look at the scars I now had. They were gnarly looking. They would get better but would never go away completely since she used silver. I put on my clothes and came back out to Colter waiting for me.

“Let’s go princess, we both need a shower, and I thought you might need some help with yours.”

“No, I don’t need help. We are slowing this down remember?”

“Well, you’re no fun.”

We left the hospital to make the ten-minute walk to the pack house. Colter reached down and held my hand the whole way there. We saw several people on the way there, but they just left us alone and waved to us.

We made it up to our room and I immediately went and got in the shower. The hot water felt amazing on my body. All the dried blood was being washed away. I grabbed my shampoo and started to wash my hair when I felt a pair of strong arms wrap around me and the sparks that started to dance across my body where he was touching me.

“What are you doing in here?” I asked him.

“I could smell you and I couldn’t stop myself,” he said as he started to kiss my neck.

I let out a moan. It sent tingles straight to my core. His hands moved up to my breast and started massaging them and tweaking my nipples making them hard. My pussy was starting to get wet, and my arousal was filling the shower. He spun me around and slammed his lips to mine. We were both fighting to control the kiss. I pushed him back into the wall trying to take control of the situation. I ran my hands up his abs and chest until they were around his neck.

I could feel his hardness on my stomach and push up against it. He bucked his hips up rubbing against my stomach. I reached down and started to stroke him in my hand. He let out a growl of approval and his eyes became black as coal. His wolf was present. He grabbed both my hands and spun until I had my back to the wall and my hands pinned over my head.

“Princess we may both be Alphas out there but in here with you, I am the only Alpha.” He said in a low voice.

I didn’t reply because I didn’t know how I felt about it. I was just as much an Alpha as him and regardless of what we were doing I liked the challenge.

I stepped out of the shower and grabbed a towel. We would see who was in charge here. He quickly followed me grabbing his towel. I made it to the door of the closet before he grabbed me.

“Where you off to princess?”

“I was going to get dressed,” I said and shrugged my shoulders.

“I don’t think so. We weren’t done in the shower.” He grabbed my arm and pulled me back to him and started to kiss me. I didn’t want to give in to him. I wanted to win this battle, but I didn’t know if I was going to win this one. He ran his hands along the edge of my towel, freeing it from my body. He continued running his hands down my back until he reached my ass, grabbed it, and lifted me. I wrapped my legs around his waist as we continued to kiss. He took long strides to the bed and dumped me on it.

“Don’t move.” He growled at me and walked back to the closet.

“Lex, stop fighting him on this, you want him I can feel it.” Jade mind linked me.

“I just don’t want to give up control to him. Besides, I think it turns him on.”

I heard him come back so I cut the link with Jade and sat up. He had something in his hands but I wasn’t sure what it was. I would fight him on it just to see how far I could push him.

“I’m good but thanks,” I said.

He leaned down and put both hands on either side of me which caused me to fall back on my back. He started kissing my neck and in between kisses he said, “princess the more you fight me the more I get turned on so please continue because last time you challenged me, I do believe I won.”

He continued kissing my neck making me moan. He took a hand and ran it down my body until he reached the top of my pussy and continued down further where he lightly ran his finger up and down my lips. I tried to buck my hips up to make him go further in me but he pulled his hand away.

“Now princess, if you were a good girl and hand me your hands maybe you would be rewarded, and I do promise you to want to be rewarded.” He said as he started to kiss down my body stopping at my breast and taking a nipple into his mouth. I let out a loud moan and he grabbed one of my hands while I was distracted by his mouth.

“Now be a good girl and give me your other hand.”

I debated for a minute but finally gave in to him and gave him my other hand and gave him complete control.

“That's a good girl. If this becomes too much say stop and I will stop but you have to tell me.”

He grabbed some rope from his closet and quickly tied my hand together in front of me. I looked up at him with some panic in my eyes.

“I promise princess you will like this.” He said as he lifted me and put me at the top of the bed. He grabbed the ends of the rope, ran it through some slats in the bed, and secured it. I was officially at his mercy. He terrified me but it stirred some new feelings in me that I had never felt before. While I had been with plenty of guys none of them had ever tied me up. I had never given someone so much control over me like this.

“Princess, are you ok?”

I just shook my head at him.

“Please use words. I need to hear you.”

“Yes.”

He trailed kisses down my body and back up and landed on my lips. He brought his hand back down to my pussy and spread my lips and started to rub my clit. I was instantly moaning from the pleasure. He continued further and thrust a finger inside me, causing me to let out a small scream.

“Princess you are so wet and looking at you tied up and completely at my mercy has me needing you right now,” he said as he crawled on top of me and forced my knees apart with his. He lined himself up with me and slammed into me as hard as he could.

“OH, God Colter,” I screamed out. It was such a quick intrusion into me, but I liked it. I liked it when he was a little rougher with me. I was learning new stuff about myself today.

He started to thrust into me as hard as he could. After a few thrusts, he pulled out of me and sat up on his knees. He lifted my legs and put them on his should. He started to thrust into me again. He was hitting spots that had never been hit before and I couldn't stop the screams of pleasure that I was making. He brought his thumb down and started to rub my clit.

“Colt I am going to cum, don't stop.”

He sped up his thrust, pounding into me as hard as he could. The pressure had built up so much that I let out one loud scream and came undone. His movements became frantic, and he quickly followed me letting out a low moan as he did.

He pulled out of me and lay beside me, both of us trying to catch our breath. He finally reached up and untied my hands kissing both of my wrists.

“Princess, are you ok?”

“I am more than ok, but just so you know that will not happen like that each time.”

“I know next time I think I will tie your hands behind your back and make you ride me.” He said with a smirk

“I am going to shower again and then we need to leave,” I said.

Chapter 36

## Chapter 37 - Alpha Alexa

Julian’s POV

I finally made it home and went straight to my bed to sleep for a few more hours. When I woke up again, I felt better. I knew I wouldn’t be productive today, but I wanted to get Nicki’s file and figure out what was going on with her.

I got up and went to the shower and just let the hot water wash away my worries. I stood under the hot water for a long time thinking about last night. How did I have a wolf in my pack that didn’t have a wolf, and nobody ever noticed? I needed to talk with her again. I would have to go to the bar again tonight but no drinking tonight.

I finally got out of the shower and got dressed and headed to my office. I was finally starting to feel better and now I needed some food but would eat in my office since I was dying to know what was in her file. I sent a mind link to Luca and told him to come up and bring food.

I went to my file cabinet and dug through each file I had for each person that wasn’t born in my pack. I found one marked Nickole Right. I didn’t have a Nicki and no other name that I could think of would be shortened to Nicki. I opened the file and started to go through it but there wasn’t much. Her name and date of birth and that she came from Silver Moon Pack. That was it. Usually, I would gather a lot more information. My office door opened up and Luca walked in holding two plates of food.

“I am starving,” I said as he slid a plate across my desk to me. It held two sandwiches and some potato salad.

I grabbed the file and handed it to him.

“Do you remember this girl?” I asked him.

He opened it up and looked at the file but it only took about five seconds since it didn't contain a lot of information.

“No, should I? Why is there so much information missing?”

“The waitress from last night. I went home with her.”

“WHAT? I thought you didn't want to do anything last night?”

“We didn't. We talked. I got really drunk but Zion couldn't detect her wolf. She also told me that her mate was Alpha Ryan and he rejected her because his father made him and that is how she ended up here.”

“How have we never noticed that she doesn't have a wolf? Someone would have detected it. Maybe you were just really drunk.”

“I was really drunk but I don't know that Zion was wrong. I am going to see her again tonight.”

“Perfect, I will go back with you. Hopefully, that same girl will be there.”

I just rolled my eyes at him and continued to eat my food. We ate in silence until someone knocked on my door.

“Come in,” I yelled, and John walked in.

“Alpha we have a young lady at the gate who is asking for some help. She said she was kicked out of her old pack.”

“Did she give you her name and what pack she was from?”

“Lauren and Full Moon Pack.”

“Will you please put her in the conference room and wait outside the door until I get there.”

“Yes sir.” He said and left.

“What the hell?” Luca said.

“I don't know but before I talk to her, I have to call Colter.” I picked up my phone and hit his number and it rang and rang before he picked up.

“What do you want?” He growled at me.

“Apparently you talked with Alexa?”

“Yes, and I don’t know why you’re calling me, but you have about five seconds so make it good.”

“Lauren just showed up on my doorstep.”

“She made good time I just banished her yesterday.”

“That’s what I am calling about. Why did you banish her?”

“Because she attacked Alexa with her claws and had them dipped in silver and wolf’s bane and thought she was going to be my Luna.”

“That’s all I need to know. Also, I am sorry about everything, but I had to be honest with her. She did nothing wrong. She was clear about her feelings for me or lack of from the beginning and it was me that wanted more. We never did anything after you showed up.”

“I know she told me everything but until she is marked, I don’t want you around.”

“I understand and thanks for letting me know about Lauren.”

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Chapter 36

## Chapter 37 - Alpha Alexa

Julian's POV

I finally made it home and went straight to my bed to sleep for a few more hours. When I woke up again, I felt better. I knew I wouldn't be productive today, but I wanted to get Nicki's file and figure out what was going on with her.

I got up and went to the shower and just let the hot water wash away my worries. I stood under the hot water for a long time thinking about last night. How did I have a wolf in my pack that didn't have a wolf, and nobody ever noticed? I needed to talk with her again. I would have to go to the bar again tonight but no drinking tonight.

I finally got out of the shower and got dressed and headed to my office. I was finally starting to feel better and now I needed some food but would eat in my office since I was dying to know what was in her file. I sent a mind link to Luca and told him to come up and bring food.

I went to my file cabinet and dug through each file I had for each person that wasn't born in my pack. I found one marked Nickole Right. I didn't have a Nicki and no other name that I could think of would be shortened to Nicki. I opened the file and started to go through it but there wasn't much. Her name and date of birth and that she came from Silver Moon Pack. That was it. Usually, I would gather a lot more information. My office door opened up and Luca walked in holding two plates of food.

"I am starving," I said as he slid a plate across my desk to me. It held two sandwiches and some potato salad.

I grabbed the file and handed it to him.

"Do you remember this girl?" I asked him.

He opened it up and looked at the file but it only took about five seconds since it didn't contain a lot of information.

"No, should I? Why is there so much information missing?"

"The waitress from last night. I went home with her."

"WHAT? I thought you didn't want to do anything last night?"

"We didn't. We talked. I got really drunk but Zion couldn't detect her wolf. She also told me that her mate was Alpha Ryan and he rejected her because his father made him and that is how she ended up here."

"How have we never noticed that she doesn't have a wolf? Someone would have detected it. Maybe you were just really drunk."

"I was really drunk but I don't know that Zion was wrong. I am going to see her again tonight."

"Perfect, I will go back with you. Hopefully, that same girl will be there."

I just rolled my eyes at him and continued to eat my food. We ate in silence until someone knocked on my door.

“Come in,” I yelled, and John walked in.

“Alpha we have a young lady at the gate who is asking for some help. She said she was kicked out of her old pack.”

“Did she give you her name and what pack she was from?”

“Lauren and Full Moon Pack.”

“Will you please put her in the conference room and wait outside the door until I get there.”

“Yes sir.” He said and left.

“What the hell?” Luca said.

“I don’t know but before I talk to her, I have to call Colter.” I picked up my phone and hit his number and it rang and rang before he picked up.

“What do you want?” He growled at me.

“Apparently you talked with Alexa?”

“Yes, and I don’t know why you’re calling me, but you have about five seconds so make it good.”

“Lauren just showed up on my doorstep.”

“She made good time I just banished her yesterday.”

“That’s what I am calling about. Why did you banish her?”

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# Chapter 38 - Alpha Alexa

Colter's POV

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"So, I got a call today from Julian, apparently Lauren showed up on his doorstep," I told Mac.

"How does he always end up with everyone that gets banished or runs away?"

"I don't know but I am thankful that Alexa ended up there otherwise I don't know if we would have found her."

"True, but he takes in all the strays."

Nobody said anything else the rest of the way there. We weren't really sure what we were walking into. I know the council is there and her mom is being kept in the dungeon and her brother stepped down but other than that we didn't know what else is going on.

An hour later and we pulled into the pack lands and up to their gate. I gently shook Alexa awake.

"Princess, we're here you need to wake up."

She opened her eyes and smiled a lazy sleepy smile at me. Goddess, she was beautiful. I could get used to her by my side for the rest of my life. She may push every single button of mine but that just made me love her even more. She finally sat up and ran her hands through her hair. It was a little messy from me playing with it the whole way here. Mac pulled up to the gate and rolled his window down.

“Please state your name and your business here.” The guard said.

Alexa reached over me and rolled my window down.

“Mark, please just let us in.” She said sweetly.

“Alexa, is that you? Where the hell have you been?”

“I know and things will be explained later but can we please just go in.”

“Yes, sorry.” He said and stepped back and signaled the other guy to open the gate.

We drove through and up to the pack house. I got out and held my hand out for Alexa. She grabbed and the sparks were immediately flowing between us.

“I need to see Sloane before I do anything else,” Alexa said.

“Of course, princess. We will go find her. Mac you and Jeff go find the council and let them know we are here and will meet them in a while.”

She pulled on my hand and dragged me into the house. She was practically running up the stairs. I could feel the excitement radiating off her. She had us go up two flights of stairs and came to a stop in front of a door and knocked. I could see that she was holding her breath.

“Princess breath,” I said, rubbing her back lightly.

The door was slowly opened, and Alexa dropped my hand and the girls threw their arms around each other. They were both also crying.

“Lex, I am so sorry.”

“No, it was all my fault. If I wouldn’t have run away, you would have never been hurt. I should have known my dad would do this.”

“Your dad was always crazy you know it.”

“How is my niece or nephew growing in there?”

“Good, I just wish they would stop hating things I eat and making me throw up.”

“Ladies, why don’t we move this into your room instead of the doorway,” I told them.

They stepped through the door and headed to the couch. I wanted to give them some privacy since I knew she was safe up here now.

“Princess I am going to go find the council and talk with them. Take your time up here.”

She got up and walked over to me and kissed my cheek, “Let me know when you need me. I want to spend as much time with her as I can.”

I walked out of Sloane’s room but when Alexa kissed my cheek and told me that it caused an ache in my heart. I loved her and wanted to tell her, and I didn’t want her away from me.

“Jeff, meet me at the bottom of the stairs case.” I mind-linked him.

I headed down the stairs and saw him waiting for me. I motioned him to follow me.

“Jeff, your Luna is in this room. Please guard it with your life and tell me when she leaves.”

“Yes, sir.” He said as I walked away. I went back downstairs and headed straight for the conference room figuring that is where everyone is and I was right. I found four of the councilmen in there with Mac and Liam. I walked in and sat at the head of the table.

“Alpha Colter glad to see you are better and here finally.” One of them said.

“Thank you council, do you want to fill me in on what is going on?”

“Well, we have yet to find Alpha Robert and the Luna and previous Alpha have been no help. We have also been trying to figure out why this pack has no money.”

“Well once my mate gets here we can look more into this.”

“Liam I would like to have a private discussion with you and Sloane.”

“Yes, sir. Whenever you would like.”

“The girls are together, why don’t we go get them.”

We both got up to head to his room. Once we were out of earshot, I had to ask.

“What is going on here? You know more than what the council is saying.”

“Let’s wait until we get the room.”

It didn’t take us long to get to his room. He went in and stepped aside so I could come in and he started laughing at the sight in front of him. It took me a second to see what was so funny but

once I did, I had to laugh too. The girls were literally laying on the couch holding each other and were sound asleep.

“I hate to wake them, can this wait?” Liam asked.

“Unfortunately, not, what we need to talk about will affect what we tell the council.”

We both walked over to the couch and shook both the girls awake. They both didn't look happy to have been woken up.

“Sorry ladies but we need to talk, and it really needs to be done now,” I told them.

They sat up but didn't move so that we could sit by them comfortably. I knew she was close with this girl, but I didn't realize how close. I took a seat in a recliner to the side of them while Liam chose to stand by the side of the couch.

“Alexa, why don't you explain things,” I told her.

“Look, I don't want to be Alpha of this pack. I want to be with my mate. Which means this pack either needs a new Alpha or we will dissolve it. So, you can become Alpha Liam, or we will find a place for everyone.”

“That is not something that I was expecting you to say. Can I have a few minutes to discuss this with my mate?” He asked.

“Of course. We will just go to Alexa's room for now.”

The girls hugged again, and we walked out of their room and up to hers. We got there and she opened the door. Her room was exactly the same as when I was here last time. She turned to look at me and said, “do you think they will take over the pack?”

“I don't know princess. If they do, they have a lot of work ahead of them. We will always be available to help them but if they don't and we take in most of your pack we can have two Beta's and Liam will be our other Beta.”

“I like that idea.” She said as she came and put her arms around me and just hugged me. It had Grey purring in my mind. He was so whipped by her but so was I. I would give her the world.

“We also need to find my dad. He needs to pay for everything he has done.”

I froze when she said that. I had made a promise to the moon goddess that I would let go of my grudge against him and I meant it.

“I think we should just leave him be.”

“What? No, he killed my first mate and tried to kill you and tried to sell me. I will kill him.”

“What do you mean he killed your first mate?”

“My dad wasn’t a kind man. He didn’t like my first mate and said that if I didn’t reject him he would kill him. I didn’t want to. I loved him. A part of me will always love him. My dad said he was a weak Omega and wasn’t strong enough for me. When Mateo begged me to reject him I did but before he could reject me back my dad killed him.”

By the time she finished, she was sobbing. I couldn’t imagine how it felt to lose your mate. She was my first mate, and I don’t want anyone besides her. I couldn’t live my life without her. The fact that she survived this is amazing. She is so much stronger than I ever imagined.

“Princess, I am so sorry. I had no idea, but I can’t go after your dad. I made a promise to the moon goddess to let him go.”

She pulled back from me so fast. It was like my words burned her. She had a look of pure rage on her face.

“You may have made that promise but I did not, and you will not stop me.” She said practically yelling at me, and then stormed off to her bathroom and locked the door. I walked over and started to knock on the door.

"Princess, please open the door. We need to finish this conversation."

I was met with silence, but I could hear her crying on the other side but she wouldn't answer me no matter what I said. I knocked again but she still didn't answer me.

"Please Alexa, we need to talk about this."

I could hear her get up and come to the door. She unlocked it and when I saw her it broke me. She had been sobbing and her face was blotchy and her eyes were red. I could feel the anger rolling off of her.

"I will not talk about this. I will kill my father and that is final. You can not tell me not to." She yelled letting out her Alpha aurora. It was so strong that it brought me to my knees. I have never had anyone do that to me.

"Alexa, stop it. Pull your aurora back now." I said as I was on my knees and my neck bared to her. I couldn't stop it. She was more powerful than me.

She didn't pull her aurora back but she did stomp out of the room. I jumped up quickly and followed her out.

"Alexa, please wait. I want to talk to you right now."

She just continued on her way out of the house. She made it outside and took off running. As soon as she made it to the tree line she shifted without taking off her clothes. When she came

back she wouldn't have anything to put on. Not that nudity was a big deal but I didn't want anyone else looking at what was mine.

I headed back to the house and her room and found her some clothes. Obviously, she needed some time alone and I would give that to her right now but this was far from over.

"Grey, you have to help me out. How can we make her see this our way? I don't want to break a promise to the moon goddess."

"I am with her. I want to kill that man for everything he has done to her."

"Yes, but if it wasn't for him we wouldn't have her."

"That is true but the pain he caused is enough to make me kill him."

"I know but we made a promise."

"No man, you did. I didn't promise anything."

## Chapter 38

# Chapter 39 - Alpha Alexa

Alexa's POV

"Jade, please tell me you are not on board with Colter?" I linked my wolf.

"No, I am not. We will hunt your dad down and kill him."

I cut my link with her and let her continue running. She was running off our anger. When he told us that he wasn't going to be going after my dad, it forced me to tell him what happened when I found my first mate. I hated telling anyone about that. I didn't really want him to know either, but I knew that one day he would have to know. I don't want him to think we are weak because we aren't but used to be.

Jade ran for a long time until we came to our favorite spot. It was a little clearing of trees and you had a great view of the sky. We liked to come here at night and watch the moon and stars. Jade walked around and finally just laid down.

"Jade, I know we are an Alpha but I didn't know that we were powerful enough to bring down another Alpha."



“Yes, I don’t know if there is anyone that can out Alpha us.”

“Why didn’t you tell me sooner.”

“You weren’t ready. You have to learn to control and soon.”

“I don’t even know where to start with that.”

“You need to talk with mate about that. He can show you how.”

“I think he is mad at me.”

“No mate loves us. He wouldn’t be mad.”

“Are you sure because I made him submit to me?”

“Trust me mate won’t be mad.”

I cut my link with her and just watched the sky. I loved doing this. So did Jade. We could lay out here forever, but I had to face the music and talk to him. We also needed to talk with Liam and Sloane.

“Jade, we need to go back.”

“Five more minutes.”

She got up after five minutes and headed back to the pack house. I was going to have to shift and walk naked. I don’t know if anyone would let Jade in. We tried not to walk through the pack house in wolf form. It took us a while to get back to the pack house and when we got to the tree line, we saw Colter walking over to us. Jade sat down and waited for him to get to us. It looked like he had clothes in his hands.

He made it over to us and dropped the clothes on the ground and started running his hands through our fur.

“Princess you’re so soft and beautiful. Your dark fur and this moon spot are so unique.”

Jade was in heaven as he was petting her and telling her how beautiful she was. She ran her snout in his neck and inhaled his scent and pretty soon she was running her snout all over his face and then started licking him. He was laughing and thought it was great.

“I can’t let Grey out right now. I need to talk with Alexa, and we have to meet with Liam and Sloane.”

She shook her head at him and gave me back control. I was standing there naked in front of him. He reached down and handed me my clothes and turned around giving me some privacy, not that I expected it from him, I mean it's not like we haven't slept together.

Once I was dressed, I walked up behind him and wrapped my arms around his waist.

"I am sorry I lost my temper, and I can't promise that it will be the last time, but I do need your help to learn how to control my Alpha aurora."

He turned so he was facing me, and he had a gentle smile on his face. He brought his hand up to my face and cupped my cheek. He leaned down to me and gave me a soft forgiving kiss.

"Princess, I didn't know that you were that powerful. I don't know anyone that can bring down another Alpha."

"I didn't either. I was just so mad at that moment that I lost all control."

"I know and I can help you. First, we need to go see Liam and Sloane and see what they want to do."

We walked back into the house holding hands. It was nice to see some people that I knew but right now wasn't the time to catch up. We had decisions to make regarding this pack. We headed up to their room and knocked on their door. I could hear someone come to the door and Liam opened it and motioned us to come in.

"Alpha Colter, Alexa come in." He said.

We went in and Sloane was sitting on the couch eating a popsicle.

"Sorry, it's one of the few things that I can eat and keep down right now."

"Did you guys have time to talk about our proposal?" I asked them.

"We did and if we chose to not take it what will happen to everyone in the pack?" Liam asked.

"My pack would absorb most of them, but they would have a choice to go elsewhere," Colter answered him.

"Where else would they go?" Sloane asked.

"I have a few alliances that I could talk to and see if they could take any."

"OK, as long as you promise that everyone will have a pack then we would like to decline the offer to be the Alpha and Luna. This pack is beyond repair at this point. It doesn't have anything, and Alpha Robert has bled everything dry."

“Sloane, you are coming with us, aren’t you?” Alexa asked and held her breath waiting for her to answer.

“Duh, where else would we go? We’re family.”

I jumped up and literally jumped in her lap. I threw my arms around her neck and kissed her cheek. I was so happy to have her back in my life and we can see each other every day. Poor Colter didn’t know what he was in for.

“Since we will be merging this pack with mine and Alexa is going to need a Beta would you consider coming on as her Beta?”

I was taken by surprise by what he just said. I knew I was an Alpha, but he was the Alpha of the pack from what he said it sounded like we would be doing this together and I would have just as much of a say as him.

“I am confused, Alexa you’re a female Alpha?”

“Yes, I am.”

“It would be my honor to be your Beta then.”

“Now that everything is settled, we need to go down and talk with the council,” Colter said.

The four of us got up and headed downstairs but not before Sloane got another popsicle. We got downstairs to the conference room and Mac was still there talking with the councilmen still.

“Do you guys have a decision for us?” One of them asked.

“Yes, we do,” I said as we went and sat down. I didn’t get my own chair as Colter pulled me into his lap and wrapped his arms around me.

“I will be merging Silver Moon with Full Moon. If someone doesn’t want to merge, we will help them find a new pack.” I told the councilmen.

“Alpha Colter you are willing to take on that many in your pack.”

“It is our pack and yes we are.”

He was making my heart swoon. He is letting me make the calls. It feels great. Jade is purring in my head. She is head over heels in love with our mate.

“I need to hold a pack meeting and I would also like to speak with my brother and mother before any of this happens. My mother will also continue to be held in the dungeon until we know exactly what she and my father did with the pack money.”

"We are good with that as the council. The pack lands will become the territory of the Full Moon. We will stay around for a few days to make sure that nothing goes wrong during the transition."

The council got up and left us alone.

"So you're making Laim beta?" Mac said sounding sad.

"He will be Alexa's Beta and you will still be mine. You will also be the head Beta, nothing changes for you but we expect you to work together with Liam."

He got a big smile on his face and turned to Laim and said "welcome to the pack."

I was afraid he would take this badly but he seemed happy. I really wanted to talk with my brother next. I wanted to know what he wanted to do. We were never close because of our age gap.

"I need to get my brother and talk with him," I said standing up to leave.

"I will mind link him and have him meet you in your office," Liam said.

"I don't have an office."

"Sure you do, you're the Alpha now so the Alpha's office belongs to you now."

I just nodded my head and left the conference room and Colter followed me out.

"Princess, do you want to do this alone or do you want me to come with you?"

"Please come with me. I don't really know my brother and I like it when your not with me."

He grabbed my hand and I lead him to my office. When we got there I lifted my hand to knock on the door but stopped as I realized this was my office now and I don't have to knock, so I turned the handle and walked in and there was my brother with an Omega bent over the desk going to town on her.

"GET OUT!" I roared at them.

She jumped back and bared her neck in submission and so did my brother. She quickly pulled her skirt down and ran out of the room and my brother pulled his pants up.

"What the hell Lex?" He growled at me.

"That is Alpha Alexa to you." Colter spat back at him. I could hear the anger in his voice.

"Ryan, sit down. We need to talk."

We walked over to the table and sat down and he wasn't happy with me. I wasn't going to beat around the bush with him. I also needed to talk about this Omega because he had a mate.

"First of all really an Omega, you have a mate, how could you do this to her?"

"We don't love each other and have an agreement about things."

"That sets a horrible example of what a leader should be."

"I was never the Alpha, I may have had the title but dad controlled everything and then you came in and took any chance I had."

"First of all I challenged you and you did nothing about it, and secondly you never really wanted it did you?"

"I wanted a chance to prove myself, but I couldn't fight you. I wouldn't fight you."

"I am sorry about that and I am sorry for what I am going to say next, but we have decided to end Silver Lakes pack and merge with Full Moon. Anyone who doesn't want to come with us can go to another pack. We will help them find one."

"You're getting rid of our legacy, of your people for what this guy?"

"No, I am doing what is best for this place. This is no money and no hope right now and no one to lead them. So what is your choice?"

"I don't know right now, I have to talk with Aubree."

"This doesn't leave this room beside Aubree," I told him and put my Alpha command behind it.

His eyes widened with the Alpha command. He must have really thought I was weak. He got up and left my office.

"Princess, you did great. You didn't let your brother get to you and told him everything he needed to hear."

"I just worry about how the rest of the pack will feel when I tell them. It's been their home for years for a lot of them."

"They will be ok. I need to call Julian and talk to him about taking some of the people that don't want to stay."

The mention of his name had me feeling guilty. He won't talk to me anymore and I miss the friendship that we had. I would have to give him more time and then try again.

"OK, I want to go through some paper and see what I can find and Colter we need to talk later."

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It didn't take long for him to be here and he had nothing but anger on his face.

"Where is my mate?" He yelled.

"She is none of your concern anymore. Until we clear things up you will be in the dungeon."

This apparently was the wrong thing to say because he lunged towards me but all my training instincts kicked in and I was able to get the upper hand and pinned him down to the ground.

"Please take him to the dungeon," I told Mac and Liam. I don't know when Liam got here but am glad he is.

I took a deep breath and turned to face Colter. He had the biggest smile on his face.

"Why are you smiling at me like that?"

"Because my mate is a badass," he said and stepped closer to me leaning down to my ear and whispered "and it's hot as hell. She has me turned on right now," his warm breath hitting me and his low seductive tone sent a tingle all the way to my core.

I stepped back and looked at him. I could feel Jade pushing forward and wanting to claim him right now. I had to give myself some distance.

"I need to go check on Aubree. Please tell Liam to send out a pack-wide mind link for a meeting today at 5 and it's mandatory for everyone."

I turned and walked away from him. I headed to the hospital and went straight to Aubree's room and knocked and went in. I found her sound asleep. I walked over and sat down in the chair but as soon as I did the doctor walked in.

"Alpha Alexa, thank you for bringing her here. We are going to be taking her up to surgery. She was more injured than anyone realized."

"What is wrong with her?"

"She has some internal bleeding and her wolf is weak so we want to go in and stop the bleeding."

Aubree rolled over and smiled at me but it didn't reach her eyes but I don't know that I had ever seen it reach it her eyes when I thought about it.

"Alpha Alexa, you have to find a way for me to break this bond because he will just keep coming back. He owns me."

"Aubree don't worry about him, I will take care of it. Please just get better. I will be here when you wake up."

The room flooded with people to wheel her up to the OR and I walked out. I was going to talk with my brother and get some answers. I can't believe he would hurt her to this extent. He was going to pay for this. I could feel my anger rolling off me and people were stepping out of my way and avoiding me. I headed straight for the dungeon when Colter saw me. I ignored him and continued on my way.

"Alexa, wait. We need to talk."

I turned and looked at him. Waiting for him to start talking. I wasn't in the mood.

"You need to calm down before you go down there."

"No, he needs to feel my anger."

"I don't want you to lose control."

"They raped her and beat her. She is headed into surgery because of what he did. He deserves me to lose control on him."

I could see his eyes flash black in anger as well. He just nodded his head at me and followed me down there. I don't know that I had ever been down here and it smelled horrible. I stopped and looked at the guard who was standing at the bottom of the stairs.

"Get the keys and show me where Ryan is being held," I said.

He didn't say anything just grabbed the keys and started walking. He led us to the back. He was sitting in the back corner looking angry. I could hear my mom in the cell beside him but I just ignored her. She was calling out to me but I would deal with her later.

"Open his cell," I demanded.

He did as he was told and I walked in.

"We are going to talk and you can either tell me the truth or we can go to the torture room."

"Fuck off Alexa. I don't owe you anything."

He was going to make this hard on himself. I just turned toward the guard and Colter and motioned for them to take him to the torture room. I didn't know where it was but I knew we had one. I stepped to the side to let them move past me and I followed them to another room.

We got there and it was not what I had envisioned. It was covered in blood and contained one chair with chains and a table full of different types of tools. The guard and Colter forced him to sit in the chair and chained him to it. The chains must have silver in them because he hissed each time one was strapped to him.

"Now dear brother you are going to tell me everything."

"Fuck you."

He sure has had a change of attitude really fast. He was willing to help at first but not anymore. Not sure what changed. I walked over to the table and put on a glove and grabbed a knife. I had

never done this before but it couldn't be that hard. Just don't kill him until he talks. I thought to myself.

"Now we can do this the easy way or the hard way. Either you talk or I will use this knife on you. It's really your choice." I spat at him. He didn't say anything but just glared at me. I wasn't afraid of him.

I took the knife and stabbed into his upper arm and left it there.

"Now I can take this all the way down your arm or you can tell me everything you know."

I still didn't get a word out of him so I started to drag it down his arm and he started crying like the little bitch that he is. If he wants to abuse his mate then he will know how it feels. I got all the way down his arm and pulled the knife out and stabbed it into his other arm.

"I can do this all day if you want. Tell me why did you let all those things happen to your mate?"

"Because she had to be put in her place. She was just for show and she never learned to keep her mouth shut."

I was pissed now that he admitted to beating her. I wanted to know what else he had done but I was too mad so I let my fist fly to his face. After a few good blows, I was feeling a little better.

"What else? Why did you let dad rape her and in front of you?"

"She had to know who was boss but after that, I didn't want to touch her, so I took my pleasure with Omegas."

I couldn't stop what happened next. I could feel my Alpha aura being let out. I could see Ryan trying to submit to me but couldn't because he was tied down and bleeding. I could hear Colter yelling in the background but it was like some force took over me and I couldn't stop it if I wanted to.

I walked over to him with a smirk on my face. I leaned down real close and yanked the knife out of him.

"You deserve nothing but death and I will gladly give that to you, but first what was dad doing? Where did he go and where is all of the money gone?"

"I don't know. He ran everything and told me nothing."

"Don't lie to me," I growled at him.

"He invested it into something, but I don't know what it was. He was constantly leaving for several days at a time. That's it, that's all I know."

I was done with him. He didn't know any valuable information and he deserved nothing but death for what he did to his mate and for what he let dad do to his mate.

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"Where is my mate?" He yelled.

"She is none of your concern anymore. Until we clear things up you will be in the dungeon."

This apparently was the wrong thing to say because he lunged towards me but all my training instincts kicked in and I was able to get the upper hand and pinned him down to the ground.

"Please take him to the dungeon," I told Mac and Liam. I don't know when Liam got here but am glad he is.

I took a deep breath and turned to face Colter. He had the biggest smile on his face.

"Why are you smiling at me like that?"

"Because my mate is a badass," he said and stepped closer to me leaning down to my ear and whispered "and it's hot as hell. She has me turned on right now," his warm breath hitting me and his low seductive tone sent a tingle all the way to my core.

I stepped back and looked at him. I could feel Jade pushing forward and wanting to claim him right now. I had to give myself some distance.

"I need to go check on Aubree. Please tell Liam to send out a pack-wide mind link for a meeting today at 5 and it's mandatory for everyone."

I turned and walked away from him. I headed to the hospital and went straight to Aubree's room and knocked and went in. I found her sound asleep. I walked over and sat down in the chair but as soon as I did the doctor walked in.

"Alpha Alexa, thank you for bringing her here. We are going to be taking her up to surgery. She was more injured than anyone realized."

"What is wrong with her?"

"She has some internal bleeding and her wolf is weak so we want to go in and stop the bleeding."

Aubree rolled over and smiled at me but it didn't reach her eyes but I don't know that I had ever seen it reach it her eyes when I thought about it.

"Alpha Alexa, you have to find a way for me to break this bond because he will just keep coming back. He owns me."

"Aubree don't worry about him, I will take care of it. Please just get better. I will be here when you wake up."

The room flooded with people to wheel her up to the OR and I walked out. I was going to talk with my brother and get some answers. I can't believe he would hurt her to this extent. He was going to pay for this. I could feel my anger rolling off me and people were stepping out of my way and avoiding me. I headed straight for the dungeon when Colter saw me. I ignored him and continued on my way.

"Alexa, wait. We need to talk."

I turned and looked at him. Waiting for him to start talking. I wasn't in the mood.

"You need to calm down before you go down there."

"No, he needs to feel my anger."

"I don't want you to lose control."

"They raped her and beat her. She is headed into surgery because of what he did. He deserves me to lose control on him."

I could see his eyes flash black in anger as well. He just nodded his head at me and followed me down there. I don't know that I had ever been down here and it smelled horrible. I stopped and looked at the guard who was standing at the bottom of the stairs.

"Get the keys and show me where Ryan is being held," I said.

He didn't say anything just grabbed the keys and started walking. He led us to the back. He was sitting in the back corner looking angry. I could hear my mom in the cell beside him but I just ignored her. She was calling out to me but I would deal with her later.

"Open his cell," I demanded.

He did as he was told and I walked in.

"We are going to talk and you can either tell me the truth or we can go to the torture room."

'Fuck off Alexa. I don't owe you anything."

He was going to make this hard on himself. I just turned toward the guard and Colter and motioned for them to take him to the torture room. I didn't know where it was but I knew we had one. I stepped to the side to let them move past me and I followed them to another room.

We got there and it was not what I had envisioned. It was covered in blood and contained one chair with chains and a table full of different types of tools. The guard and Colter forced him to sit in the chair and chained him to it. The chains must have silver in them because he hissed each time one was strapped to him.

"Now dear brother you are going to tell me everything."

"Fuck you."

He sure has had a change of attitude really fast. He was willing to help at first but not anymore. Not sure what changed. I walked over to the table and put on a glove and grabbed a knife. I had never done this before but it couldn't be that hard. Just don't kill him until he talks. I thought to myself.

"Now we can do this the easy way or the hard way. Either you talk or I will use this knife on you. It's really your choice." I spat at him. He didn't say anything but just glared at me. I wasn't afraid of him.

I took the knife and stabbed into his upper arm and left it there.

"Now I can take this all the way down your arm or you can tell me everything you know."

I still didn't get a word out of him so I started to drag it down his arm and he started crying like the little bitch that he is. If he wants to abuse his mate then he will know how it feels. I got all the way down his arm and pulled the knife out and stabbed it into his other arm.

"I can do this all day if you want. Tell me why did you let all those things happen to your mate?"

"Because she had to be put in her place. She was just for show and she never learned to keep her mouth shut."

I was pissed now that he admitted to beating her. I wanted to know what else he had done but I was too mad so I let my fist fly to his face. After a few good blows, I was feeling a little better.

"What else? Why did you let dad rape her and in front of you?"

"She had to know who was boss but after that, I didn't want to touch her, so I took my pleasure with Omegas."

I couldn't stop what happened next. I could feel my Alpha aura being let out. I could see Ryan trying to submit to me but couldn't because he was tied down and bleeding. I could hear Colter yelling in the background but it was like some force took over me and I couldn't stop it if I wanted to.

I walked over to him with a smirk on my face. I leaned down real close and yanked the knife out of him.

"You deserve nothing but death and I will gladly give that to you, but first what was dad doing? Where did he go and where is all of the money gone?"

"I don't know. He ran everything and told me nothing."

"Don't lie to me," I growled at him.

"He invested it into something, but I don't know what it was. He was constantly leaving for several days at a time. That's it, that's all I know."

I was done with him. He didn't know any valuable information and he deserved nothing but death for what he did to his mate and for what he let dad do to his mate.

I put the knife to his throat and slowly ran it across his throat until I could hear him gurgling on his own blood. Death was coming for him, slowly and painfully. He was trying to say something to me but everything sounded like it was underwater. I felt Colter come up behind me and grabbed my hand that held the knife and I dropped it. My vision was becoming blurry with blackness until there was nothing.