

## Chapter 169

Alaric's P.O.V.

I had asked Camden to keep an eye on my Mother, knowing that Alpha Roger is her Brother and what his plan had been regarding Taliyah. Camden knows that I don't trust her and after seeing Taliyah in her dress, I knew Mother would know immediately who she really is.

He had linked me the second she walked out of the hallway and he kept the link open so I could hear what was being said. I was fuming as I heard her ask for Alpha Talon and tell him who his Mate actually was.

It took Anayah a while to calm me and my Lycan down and I had to explain to her why I had become so enraged all of a sudden. The look on her face told me that my Mother was a dead woman if she got anywhere near Anayah tonight.

Camden warns me that my Mother is making her way to the garden where the Full Moon party is being held. I look around to find Anayah and Taliyah and an anxious feeling creeps in to my body.

"Ward, where the hell is Taliyah?" I ask through the mind-link as I still haven't spotted them.

"Alaric, get to the hallway." My Grandfather commands and I don't hesitate. I run to the backdoor of the palace and I sense that Amand and Kaelan are right behind me.

"Sofia, get away from her. I am not warning you again." We can hear the voice of Anayah's Lycan and she is pissed off.

"Mother, do as she says. I am not going to stop her if you do not listen." I say as calmly as I can. Everyone can hear the anger in my voice and Mother realizes that she better back off.

I put my arms around my Mate and as I look in to her eyes, I see her Lycan struggle with her rage. "Thank you for protecting her." I whisper in her ear and slowly the tension leaves her body.

Camden is standing behind my Mother and I can see that she is getting a bit anxious with him breathing down her neck. I keep quiet as I see Ward approach her and she is looking at me with a pleading look in her eyes.

"What the fuck did you do, Sofia?" His Lycan growls, "Why did the Queen's Lycan have the need to come forward? What were you doing near my Mate?" The more he asks, the more murderous the undertone in his voice becomes.

My Mother makes the mistake of shaking her head. Camden grabs her by the neck and slams her in to the nearest wall. "She called her Brother and told him and Talon who Taliyah really is." Her face pales at his words.

"Camden." I hear Taliyah's soft voice and we all look at her. "I would like to enjoy the Full Moon for once, so be a Sweetheart and throw the Bitch in a cell."

"Your Highness, I will make sure that she ends up in the dungeons. I can't promise she will get there in one piece, though." He growls as he keeps looking at my Mother.

Taliyah's P.O.V.

I hear Camden's words and Ivory can't help herself as she tells me what to say. "Camden, I asked you to throw her in a cell. I didn't ask you to cuddle her."

Sofia's jaw drops as she looks at me and a sinister smile creeps on to Camden face as Kaelan says "Buddy, I hope you did not intend to leave us out of this." Amand is stepping to her other side and her face pales as she sees the angry look in his eyes.

"Mother, I believe you remember Princess Izabella's personal Guards." Alaric says. I didn't think she could pale any further, but I was wrong because at his words she turns as white as a sheet.

I put my hand on Ward's arm as I ask him to take me back to the garden. His Lycan looks at me and I pull his face down to peck his lips. However his Lycan has another idea as he devours my mouth, I push my body closer to his and my hand slides around his neck.

"Will the two of you behave yourselves?" I hear Grandfather grumble in my head and my eyes fly open as my cheeks turn a few different shades of red. Ward has a smirk on his face and he winks at me as he holds out his arm.

"Please, don't let them take me." I hear Sofia whine and for a second I want to turn around to ask her why, but one look at my Grandfather makes me change my mind.

"Camden, do as I said. I don't want to see or hear her again tonight." I use my Royal authority, knowing that they will take her away without any more delay.

Ward guides me out the backdoor in to the garden and I smile as I see my Grandmother rush towards us. "Don't tell me I missed all the fun?" She asks as she grabs hold of my other arm.

"That depends on what Camden might call fun." I hear Alaric mutter and Grandmother gasps as she turns to look at him.

I tell her about Sofia and everything that happened, including her plea with me. "Why would she ask that of me, Grandmother?" I look at her and I can tell that there is something that most of us are unaware of.

"Let's take this to my office. Not everyone has to hear this." Alaric says as he turns back to the palace. Within minutes his office is filled with our Grandparents, My Mates, His Betas and my Parents-in-law.

Ward pulls me towards a couch as Eamon and Malachay follow us. He sits down and I sit down on his lap, while Eamon and Malachay sit down next to us. Grandmother sits down across from me with Grandfather next to her.