

## Chapter 177

Taliyah's P.O.V.

"Alena is dead. Story is that she was attacked by Rogues, when she was out at night." Xandros says and we both know that it a big fat lie. I tell the others that Alena would never go outside at night, because her Mother had been killed the way Xandros had described.

"If she had to go anywhere at night, she would be accompanied by three Guards. Father ordered it in front of the Pack after he marked her." Xandros explains when Grandfather asks if she ever left the Pack-house at night.

"Grandson, do you intent to return to your Father?" Grandmother asks and I can tell that Xandros is caught off guard by her question.

He starts to say something, but he doesn't get any further then a few "I..I.." and he looks at me in confusion. I think it was the Grandson that got to him. "Hey, you just have to get used to being called Grandson. So cut it out." I grumble.

He lowers his head and I hear Grandfather growl at the sight of his Grandson's bowed head. Grandmother puts her index-finger under his chin and lifts his head up, she tells him to always look at them if they talk. She tells him that she knows what Father was like and that she is sorry that we had to endure it.

"I wouldn't know where else to go. I know I don't want to become Beta in our Pack, I don't even know what I want in life. Father always pressed on the fact that we would take over, but he never asked what I wanted.

I even think that Ayden doesn't want to take over the Pack. He knows that he isn't a leader and if he takes over, Father will always be breathing down his neck." He says as he looks at me and I have a feeling that there is something he doesn't want to say in front of the others.

"Xandros, what are you not telling us? Know that you can tell them everything, I doubt there is something you can say that can upset them. I know I already gave them enough ammo to take Father down." I ask him through the mind-link.

"I don't know what happened after you were taken away, but Ayden left with Alpha Roger and when he came back the other day he looked changed. I can't really explain it, because I don't know why he left or what happened."

Malachay's P.O.V.

Hearing Xandros speak, I realize he doesn't consider his Pack his home and I know that there is something I can do.

"Mother, Father. I need you to listen to me for a second." When they confirm that they are able to listen, I tell them about Xandros and the reason why he is here. I tell them I have a feeling that he needs a lot of guidance to stop acting the way he was raised.

Before I am finished, there is a knock on the door and I know that my parents are on the other side of it. I get up to open the door and let them in.

Xandros is talking to Taliyah and suddenly I hear him ask her "What did you mean with You just have to get used to being called Grandson." Ward chuckles because Taliyah is staring at her Bother at a loss for words.

"It turns out that your Sister hates titles, especially if they are used on her." Alaric answers with a huge grin on his face. Xandros is shaking his head and says that he doesn't understand it.

"Well, your Sister is a Royal and for that reason people will call her Princess or Your Highness." The second Alaric mentions the last title, Xandros starts laughing and I feel that my Mate is getting upset.

We all hold on to her and I ask Xandros why she is so upset. "When Taliyah was about six, Mother had given her this beautiful, pink ballgown and she would constantly wear it.

Mother had even gotten her a tiara and she would walk around ordering me and Ayden around. But every time we would call her Your Highness, she would go of the deep end. Ayden wouldn't drop it, so one day she attacked him.

Ayden ended up in the infirmary and her dress was destroyed during the fight. She was heartbroken, but she didn't want another dress. She changed after that day, but I never figured out why."

Knowing what her Father did when Xandros had shown her affection, I can only imagine what he did to her for kicking his Son's ass. So I ask her through the mind-link if I am anywhere near the truth and her emotions give me the answer.

I jump up and storm out of the room, Drake needs to let of some steam and I know that giving him the reigns will do the trick. I have barely left the Palace through the back door when he pushes forward and I shift midair.

Xandros' P.O.V.

Malachay runs from the room and my Sister is crying, the only time I have seen her cry was after Father beat the crap out of her for something I did. Suddenly it sinks in, it wasn't the first time he had done it.

"Fuck, Taliyah. Why didn't you say anything? You were only six." I shout as I start pacing the room. And apparently my outburst made them realize what happened that day as I hear roars and growls come from the other people in the room.

"He told me not to, he threatened to give me a worse beating if I said anything." She whispers and I roar at her words. I hope that someday soon he will get what he deserves.

"Xandros, my name is Barin and this is my Mate, Aurora. Those boys are our Sons." A Lycan is standing in front of me and even though Father always taught us that Lycans were vicious, I know that this man is kind and fair.

"Malachay told us who you are and why you are here. Would you like to stay with us to take the time to decide what you want to do?" Barin asks and for a moment I don't know what to say.

No one ever asked me for my opinion or what I wanted, Father just told me what he expected of me and there was no arguing with him about it. "Thank you, Sir. I think I can use some time to figure things out."

I say.