

Chapter 40 Meeting Joseph

Amarah

We have just finished clearing off the dining room table when Dad tells me that Joseph is on his way up with Luna Maeve and Alpha Robert, Alastor guides Nestor, Myles and Hector to his room to explain what is going on and Delia follows right behind them.

It doesn't take long before the doors of the elevator open and a little male runs out, straight into Theseus' arms. "Thank you, Uncle Thees." He whispers as he wraps his arms around Theseus' neck and his eyes widen when his eyes lock with the mark on his neck.

"Uncle Thees, who gave that to you?" Joseph asks as he looks Theseus in the eye. "Joseph, I found my second chance Mate. Do you remember what I told you could sometimes happen if you lost your fated mate or if you got rejected?" He asks and Joseph is nodding his head.

Joseph pulls his shirt out of the way to take a closer look at the mark on his neck and I can see the wheels turning in his head as he studies Theseus' mark, I even see his Wolf surface from time to time. "Why does it look different from my parents mark?" he asks.

Apollo asks him to take a look at his mark and tell him if it looks different as well, Joseph stares at Apollo for a moment, "You found your fated Mate too, Apollo?" he asks. Melia steps forward and introduces herself to Joseph as Apollo's Mate.

Joseph takes a good look at Apollo's mark and tells him it looks more like that of Theseus than that of his parents, making me wonder if there is a way to tell if a couple is fated or not by looking at their mark. Joseph turns back to Theseus and his eyes land on me.

"Hello, Joseph. I am Alpha Amarah, but you can just call me Amarah." I say as I look at him. I see that his Wolf is right there with him and that the two of them are talking about something. "Do you hate me?" He asks and I feel a pang in my heart as I look into his saddened eyes.

I step next to Theseus to take Joseph out of his arms and I walk over to a couch with Joseph. After I sit down with him on my lap, I make sure I look into his eyes as I ask him, "Do you think it is fair to blame someone from something someone else has done?"

I see him debating with his Wolf and after a few moments Joseph asks what I mean, I don't take my eyes off his as I ask, "Do you think it would be fair if I rejected your Uncle because of what your Father did to me?" He shakes his head as he says that no one knew.

"That is correct, Joseph. No one knew and it is something that happened before you were born. So, do you think it would be fair to hate you for something your parents did?" I ask and Joseph finally understands my question as he says that that wouldn't be fair.

Theseus has settled himself next to me and Joseph looks from me to Theseus and back again, "Is Amarah your second chance Mate, Uncle Thees?" He asks and a smile appears on his face when Theseus answers his question with a yes.

"Joseph, there is something I would like to ask you." I say after Theseus introduced everyone to Joseph. "When did Griffin show up?" I ask and Joseph tells me it happened after Neill told him the truth about what his Father had done to me.

Griffin had talked to him the entire journey, except when he had finally fallen asleep and when Joseph and Griffin had heard from Luna Maeve that his Father had hurt my Wolf they both had lost it. Joseph asks Theseus if his parents know where he is and I see a scared look in his eyes.

"No, Joseph. They don't know that you are here with us and I have no intention of telling them." Theseus responds. "Joseph, do you understand that it is unusual for Griffin to be with you?" Joseph nods his head and before he can worry about anything else Dad points out I have an hour left before the matches start.

I ask Theseus to explain to Joseph why I entered the Competition while I get changed into my outfit, but Joseph won't let go of me and I decide to take him with me to my room. As I change my clothing I explain everything to Joseph and I can see a very pissed off little Wolf.

"Calm down, my Little Wolf." I says as I wrap my arms around him and he buries his nose into my neck, calming himself down as he inhales my scent. I suddenly remember Joseph's remark on Theseus' mark and I ask him if he can tell me what is different between my mark and that of his Mother.

Joseph tells me that Theseus and I have a Dark Mountain with a White Crescent above it and that our names run around it in a circle, "Your names are golden and on my parents mark their names are black." He answers me and I look at Theseus who nods his head.

"Joseph, as I already said it is unusual for a Wolf to show up this early and if a Pup is not raised the right way he or she will become a very angry and unstable grown Wolf. Theseus and I asked the Council what we can do to make sure you get the guidance and support you need.

Like us, the Council doesn't believe your parents or your Grandfathers can give you that guidance and support. The Council will always put your needs above that of your parents and they don't want your parents to raise you." I say to Joseph. "The Council has asked me and Theseus if we are willing to raise you."

"I don't have to go back to them?" He asks and I tell him that we have already dealt with the paperwork. "You are coming home with us, my Little Wolf." I say and Joseph is jumping up and down the room. Theseus wraps his arm around my waist and I rest my head against his shoulder as I look at a very happy Joseph.

We walk back into the living room with a jumping male right behind us and I know that Apollo has explained everything to Alpha Robert and Luna Maeve. Alastor asks Joseph if he would like to change into something clean, but as expected Joseph tells him he has nothing else to wear.

"Don't worry, my Little Wolf. That is all taken care of, why don't you follow Alastor and put something else on." I say and without hesitation, he grabs Alastor's hand. When Mom had told Theseus what she had bought for Joseph he told her that Joseph always wears slacks and that he didn't know if he would like wearing jeans.

"Uncle Thees, look at my jeans." He yells excitedly and Mom asks him if she got the right stuff for him. He jumps into her arms and kisses her cheek before he says thank you. Alastor tells us he had been surprised to find jeans because according to his Father the future Alpha needed to dress to impress.

"Uncle Thees, I don't want to become an Alpha. Griffin and I want to become a Warrior." He says with a determined look on his face and Theseus tells him that he can become whatever he wants. Eos walks up to Joseph as she asks him if he is sure he wants to become a Warrior.

Joseph nods his head as Eos gets down on one knee, "Okay, if that is what you want then that is what we will train you for and your training starts today. You will be watching all of Amarah's matches and at the end of every match I want you to tell me if someone did something they shouldn't have.

There are no right or wrong answers, I just want to see what you can pick up. Think you can handle that, Joseph and Griffin." She explains, Joseph is smiling from ear to ear and I know he will watch those matches carefully. "He will become a better fighter than his Father ever will." Theseus says.

Joseph walks around looking at each of us and he tells Xanthos he has to adjust his shirt, making Xanthos frown, "They can see a part of your mark, Delta Xanthos. I thought this was going to stay a secret for a little while longer." Joseph says and I hide my face in Theseus' chest.

Eos helps Xanthos hide his mark and Mom tells Joseph to stay close to her and my Dad. Joseph grabs my hand as Theseus places his hand on my lower back and Delia looks from the elevator over her shoulder at us and back again, "Looks like we will have to wait for the next ride down." She says.

Joseph is excited that he will be seated at the Arena this time and when he sees the board that announces the matches he runs towards it. He knows which Alphas I would like to fight against and I see a huge smile on his face when he turns towards me, "Shadow Moon Pack, Alpha Amarah."

Dad walks over to him and lifts him into his arms before he walks out to the Arena, Apollo holds out some earphones as I take a deep breath. "Just listen to this and concentrate on the lyrics." Apollo says and I take the earphones as Ione turns me towards the Arena.

The song starts and I really like the melody, but I really have to focus to hear what the man is singing. I know it is from the Human era because Werewolves and Lycans don't make music like this and I wonder where the singer came from.