

## Chapter 104

Liam's hunch proved to be right. As they ventured deeper into the path leading to Silvermoon, a wave of Nicole's enticing scent engulfed him, causing his heart to race with anticipation.

Excitement surged through his veins as he quickened his pace, driven by the desire to finally be reunited with his mate.

Word of Liam's presence in Silverwood spread like wildfire, reaching the Alpha's ears even before he reached the pack's border.

Sensing the impending arrival of a powerful Alpha, the leader of Silverwood personally greeted Liam at the border. Though cautious, the Alpha showed neither disrespect nor hostility, recognizing the need to maintain peace and protect his pack.

Impatience tugged at Liam's core as the Alpha engaged him in conversation. He yearned to bypass formalities and swiftly find Nicole. With a determined tone, Liam stated his purpose, leaving no room for misunderstanding. "I believe that my mate, Nicole, is here in your pack."

The Silverwood Alpha's eyes widened in surprise, and a flicker of fear danced within them. It was widely known among Alphas that separating mates was a dangerous and ill-advised act.

Understanding the gravity of the situation, the Silverwood Alpha wasted no time. He led Liam and his entourage into the heart of the pack, summoning everyone who answered to the name Nicole.

Nicole's scent tickled Liam's fancy. He had never been happier or more expectant in his life. As the pack members assembled, Liam's gaze swept over the faces, searching for the one he longed to see.

Liam's heart pounded in his chest as each face was revealed, disappointment and frustration mounting with every passing moment. Nicole was not among them.

His anger boiled beneath the surface, accusing eyes scanning the crowd. He was convinced that the Alpha was playing games, denying him the reunion he so desperately sought.

"Are you playing games with me, Alpha? I've come all this way in search of my mate, and now you tell me she's not here?" Liam hissed through gritted teeth as waves of his anger spread through the room.

The Alpha raised a brow, and his wolf was growling within, "I assure you, Alpha Liam, I don't understand. We summoned every Nicole in Silverwood."

"There must be a reasonable explanation for this or a mix-up somewhere. Her scent is prominent here." James growled.

The Alpha exchanged looks with his council members. It seemed like Liam was trying to set them up. Yet he had never seen Alpha Liam so unhinged.

"We have..." He started to say,

"Enough of your games, Alpha!" Liam growled impatiently. "I can smell her here, and you dare keep her hidden from me?"

The tension in the room reached new heights. The Alpha and his council gathered to deliberate. They wondered if he was trying to find a reason to cause trouble or if he had gone mad as the rumors said.

Liam was tired of waiting, "I don't want explanations! I want Nicole! The bond between us is undeniable, and it's leading me right to her."

Unable to contain his frustration any longer, Liam allowed his instincts to guide him. He followed the pulsating connection between their souls, letting the bond lead him to where Nicole hid.

As he approached a clearing, his gaze fell upon a group of individuals gathered around a figure that bore an uncanny resemblance to his mate.

Without a second thought, Liam released an earth-shattering howl, a sound that echoed through the forest, carrying the weight of his love and longing. The powerful resonance sliced through the air, reaching Nicole's ears like a call from the depths of their shared destiny.

Nicole's head snapped up, her eyes widening as she locked gazes with Liam. A mixture of disbelief and fear washed over her face.

The group around her turned in astonishment, their curiosity piqued by the Alpha's commanding presence and the raw connection that radiated between him and Nicole.

Liam closed the distance between them in swift strides, his eyes never leaving Nicole's. As he reached her side, he gathered her into his arms, holding her tightly as if afraid she would slip away. "Nicole," he whispered, his voice a tender rumble. "I've been searching for you."

"Charlene? That's Charlene," someone exclaimed.

Nicole's eyes widened, and fear exuded from her body. Liam could feel her reluctance. He could see the strange look in her eyes. It was as if she didn't recognize him.

All at once, he knew something was wrong.