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Jo-anne POV

She stalked away from Luci's house, to go off and hunt those witches down. What she had just seen inside that house and what she now thought was going on here inside this pack did not impress her at all.

Those three had pledged their loyalty to Alpha Rafe and she could smell the pack's scent on them as well, so how was it that they did not do anything to protect their own Alpha and his Beta for that matter?

She'd heard why they were here, to help protect Luci and her children. The Alpha and Beta's children at that. Surely those witches knew about those boys as well. Something was definitely off inside this pack, and to not protect your own Alpha, when you certainly could, and she knew that they could. It was wrong.

What the hell did their loyalty pledge mean to them? Nothing at all, if they had done nothing to stop harm coming to those they were supposed to be loyal to. This was looking to be the case to her. She understood that they were witches and not wolven, but also understood that they were not simple witches or powerless either.

They had known she was coming here today, so she knew that they saw things, much like Belinda did, she guessed. Were likely powerful seers as well. Jo-anne could not see into the future of anything, but she could read a person's mind and see what they were up to, or had done, once touching them. She could also read people very well most of the time. It was kind of like a gut instinct.

Jo-anne wondered just how those three would feel about her putting hands on them, to find out what the hell was going on. She had thought not to do it earlier, but right this very minute, with what she had just seen and what she knew, perhaps it was time to interfere. Lay the law down and get her own answers to help out that young lady who was clearly heartbroken and likely didn't need to be.

Knew those three did not live inside the packhouse, had seen their bare feet. They lived out in the woods, staying connected to the ground. To their mother earth. She stopped and looked at the packhouse when she reached it. Tailored to the Luna and her sister. Nearly snarled at it, no wonder it felt off being inside of it.

Stood outside of it and thought about those witches, the family bond she had sensed earlier between her and them. Latched onto it and followed it around the packhouse and into the woods behind the packhouse, heading off into the northern woods.

She was walking through the woods when West mind-linked to her 'Jo-anne, Rafe and Jack are asking about you. What you are to their witch's.

'Just tell them the truth about me West.' She muttered, was still annoyed and trying to hang on to it. It was actually a really hard thing to do. She was not an angry person, very forgiving all the time. 'I'm about to out myself anyway. There is foul play here inside the pack. Witchcraft all over it. I'm going to find out what it is and why those three have done nothing about it.' she grated out 'Get some damned answers.'

'I don't like it Jo-Jo.' T.J. stated flatly.

'What's to like T.J., they pledged to serve me, I want to know why they are not helping their Alpha and Beta. Are letting someone actively use magic against them, and not for the good. It's not just affecting them either. Others are being hurt by it.'

'Jo-anne, please be careful.' West sighed. He knew he couldn't talk her out of it. She was more stubborn than even he was.

'I'll get answers West.' She told him and closed out the link to both he and T.J. She knew neither of them would like her wandering out here in another pack's woods, actively hunting out three witches. But this was likely why her own mother had told her that she was the one that was needed here. Had seen something or understood that being who she was. How powerful she had become herself over the past 3 and a half years, because of who her biological father was, those witches would bow down to her.

Stalked along the path that was winding through the forest, this place was really bloody dark, she realised as she got deeper into the woods. It was more like night in here, she knew the sun wasn't going to go down for at least an hour yet. But the trees were dense and blocked out all the sunlight.

This path that she was on, she noted, was well worn, it was very windy and weaved through the trees, had been created around the forest, no trees cleared for it, a natural path had been weaved. She had been walking for a good ten minutes when suddenly before her there was a ball of light.

She stopped walking instantly, and just stared at it, then it just seemed to float off away from her, down the path as though lighting her way, realised that it was those witches, they knew she was coming and were lighting the way for her now.

Jo-anne trailed that ball of witch's light for a further 20 minutes, before she stepped into a large circular clearing in the forest, hadn't recalled seeing anything like that on her way here. There was a long log cabin which sat at the very back of the clearing. When she looked up, she could see the sky above her, though it shimmered and she knew why. The area may be cleared, but to the outside world, anyone flying above would not see it. It was an illusion that likely saw forest from above. Made with witchcraft.

The log cabin looked simple enough, showed just the front side to her and looked to back right onto the forest line. It had a purple door in the middle, with her Celestial Moons all the way down it. There were two windows, one on either side of the door. And it had a long veranda that ran all the way across the front. She could see a chimney on the left side of the cabin.

The area directly before her was all soft looking grass that was surrounded by multiple garden beds that grew a very large variety of plants, herbs and spices, she thought. Things that witches needed to aid in their magic. Though as she looked at those garden beds and how they were laid out, it was to her a large circle with wavy triangles all around the central part.

Jo-anne frowned deeply as she looked at it. Something itched her brain, as she tried to figure out what it was. Definitely a clear design to it, all those triangular beds looked identical to her. Her eyes moved to the three women who stepped out of the cabin. She frowned right at them and then made her way through the garden beds.

They did not move, and she noted they'd changed clothes into pale blue hooded dresses. Aaliyah was holding a gift tied with a cord, though getting a gift from witches she didn't know if that was wise.

Doubted very much it would harm her, she looked at the garden bed as she walked into the centre of it and felt warmth spread throughout her body almost instantly. She stopped walking as light suddenly started moving along the pathways, tracked it herself, turning and following it to see what it did.

Saw the actual design of the garden now with that light, and realised what it was. A large sun on the ground, recognised it right away as the mark that her birth father had on his back. Yes, these women were related to that man himself.

Turned and continued on until she was out of the garden and felt the warmth leave her as she left it. Magically imbued ground and she knew it. "Who are you?" she asked. It was not the question she had come here to ask, but now she thought this had to come first.

"Your kin." They all said at the same time.

"I understand that." Jo-anne stated simply, "What is the kin bond?"

"We are your Aunts." She was informed.

Jo-anne stared at them now. "His, sisters?"

"Yes, his sisters."

"Are you like him?" she wanted that answered first. Knew he was an evil bastard.

"No," was the answer.

“Explain yourselves to me. No one knows who I am, and you three put that in front of others, without my permission.”

“You would have told them anyway. We saw it. So, there was no need to hide who you are.” Hannah stated, “We would like to give you your Royal robes, your highness.”

“Stop calling me that.” Jo-anne frowned, “and why do you call me that?”

“You are a royal.” All of them stated.

“I renounced my grandfather. I am only a Luna.”

“On your wolfen side. Your father was our King, before he went insane, became crazy for power, and turned to the dark side to try and obtain what he wanted. He couldn’t even with you, can’t change the past.”

That got her undivided attention. She had not known that she was royal blooded on both sides of her lineage. Mother and Father. Guess that accounted for where he’d lived, in a castle, or at least that was what it had looked like to her in her mother’s memories.

“Do you still cling to him?” she asked.

“No.” They all stated simply.

“We abandoned him long ago.” Hannah informed her “When he killed our parents to take over, drained their powers for himself.”

“Evil bastard always I see.” She muttered.

“Not always.” The three of them stated, sounded almost a little sad to her ear.

“What changed him?” she asked, might as well get all her answers while she was here.

“Accept your royal robes and we’ll tell you.” they all stated together, and she watched as Aaliyah stepped forward and offered them to her.

Jo-anne stared at them for a long moment. Did she really want to accept those robes? If she did, it would be like accepting her royal title and she knew it. That's why they were doing it, they wanted her to accept it.

"They are not imbued with anything, simply the robes of the royal family." She was told.

"That is not the concern," Jo-anne murmured.

"Ah." Was all the three of them said.

"If I refuse them?"

"You'll not. I've seen you in them," she was informed.

Jo-anne sighed now "Seers?"

"Yes, as are you. We've waited a long time for you."

"You'll die if you try to take my blood." She grated out, recalling why those other witches had wanted her. Knew what her blood was to them. Recalled that b***h biting her and drinking her blood. It was the very reason her own father had wanted her. Wanted to create her even, to drink her blood and gain more power for himself.

"We would never." They all said in unison.

Her eyes moved from one to the other. "Are you dark or light?"

"Hmm, we were once light, more grey nowadays."

"Is that why you're letting another witch harm your Alpha and Beta?" she got right to the point of her visit.

"From evil and darkness, sometimes comes goodness and light. You are the perfect example of that."

Jo-anne frowned deeply now.

“The moon Goddess herself told you, you’re all heart, she was not wrong.”

Jo-anne sighed “How old are you?”

“Many hundreds of years old. Give your mother our blessings, we could not do, what she did.”

She knew with those words, they likely saw everything, reached out and took the still offered robes, “This does not mean I will wear them, or accept the title.”

She saw all three of them laugh, “You are our Queen, and we have waited many centuries for you. Help will be given when it’s needed your highness. Please come in.”

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Jack POV

He was watching West prowl around, continuously looking at his watch. He understood the man now had concerns over Luna Jo-anne. Both he and Rafe had tried to tell him she would be fine, but he wouldn’t settle. He’d seen the man’s eyes glaze over briefly many times.

Either he was getting shut out by his own Mate or he was being blocked by the witches. Allen had taken a seat in the Alpha bar along with the rest of them and had struck up a conversation with both West and Terence. Likely he was trying to waylay any fears they had over his Luna being out there in the woods alone with their three witches.

She had been gone now for well over two hours, had missed dinner, which Allen had told them, Hannah would provide the Luna with a meal. She was a fabulous cook. This had not settled the man either. He just stared at Allen.

“Terence?” West muttered.

“Nothing West.” Came the reply.

“Perhaps, Allen, you could take West to his Luna?” Rafe offered.

“No.” Allen replied simply with a slight shake of his head.

West actually growled right at the man, he and his wolf both showing their displeasure at the man’s unwillingness to aid him.

“I’m not even allowed right this minute.” Allen informed everyone.

The whole room was looking at him now and he shrugged, “I can show you what happens if you like. If we try to go there, it won’t help you and just annoy my Mates ‘put me right in the doghouse’.”

“I want to speak with Jo-anne.” West snapped.

“Alright, but don’t say I didn’t warn you.” Allen got up and Jack watched as the two of them headed out of the bar. He was curious himself as to what Allen meant. He’d never known Allen not to be allowed to go there. Knew he got told to stay here sometimes and he did actually do as requested, he likely learned the hard way to do as was told.

He looked at Terence. “You and Jo-anne are kin? Does she also have the coven markings, like on your arm?”

“Yes.” He nodded.

“Are you?”

“No, I was gifted to her, a protector of sorts by the moon goddess herself, as is my understanding of it.” Terence stated “As for her mark, like your witches, runs down her back. Though it is smaller, only from her neck to the middle of her back, unlike your witches, where it runs all the way down their spine.”

“Interesting,” Rafe mused. “What answers do you suppose she is out there to get?”

“That could be anything.” Terence sighed “Jo-Jo, as you are all aware, lived on her own for ten long years...” shook his head. “is still a little head strong...”

“Yes, once out in the human world, it’s difficult for them to come back into and abide by pack regulations, once more.” Bradley nodded “Piper and Izzy both still stand and stare me down, then just walk off.”

Cooper chuckled softly “Walk off is an understatement, that Luna of yours stalks away from you.”

Jack watched as Bradley smiled and nodded “That she does.” Almost sounded like he liked it.

“Luci, kind of reminds me of Jo-Jo to be honest.” Terence commented, “You can’t make her do something she doesn’t want to do, and she does what she wants, regardless of what anyone else wants, even West or I. Often just states, much the same as Luci did ‘None of you can stop me.’ Or her favourite ‘Try and stop me.’ She knows that we can’t actually stop her, both West and I can catch her, but...” he sighed “the witches bloodline, I don’t know about that side, kind of just...Hell I don’t know, she just gets what she wants.” He shrugged.

Jack chuckled “I think Jo-anne and Luci will get along famously then.”

Terence finally cracked a smile. “Actually, the Luci I knew from before all this, was a lot like drunk Jo-Jo, who can’t hold her liquor or her tongue and whatever she thinks when drunk, just blurts out uncaringly.”

Many chuckled now “While West’s not here, you want to hear the fun of it?”

Everyone smiled and leaned forward now. Alpha gossip that was funny, intrigued them all.

“Jo-Jo liked to state West had a stick up his a*s while drunk, practically every time, before they got back together, Now.” Terence chuckled “when he gets all Alpha on her, she waves a stick at him and goes “Oh, look

what I just pulled out your a*s.” Infuriates him, makes all of us laugh though. She’s a complete c***k up sometimes.” He chuckled.

Everyone in the room laughed too, that was just plain funny. Not many would taunt their own Alpha like that. Though he supposed out there in the wolfen world, there had to be Alpha females that were stronger than their own Mate’s and not afraid to stand up to them. Addison was a prime example of that. Luci would be like that as well.

He smiled to himself at the thought of Luci here as their Luna giving them both hell, or Alari staring them down. Felt Flares tail wag a little at the thought of being in front of Alari. He was still interested in that side of her, more so now than just yesterday even.

Though his wolf was still quiet on the subject of the choice was already made, Jack hadn’t really had a moment to himself to think about this wolf’s words as of yet. Maybe tonight he would get that time.

He watched as Brad took a call from Piper, got up and walked off to the other side of the bar, and just then West and Allen suddenly appeared out of thin air, in the Alpha bar, shocking everyone. Allen put a hand on West to steady him. “Breathe, Westley, it will pass.”

He saw West go green around the gills and Allen put a bin in front of him and everyone got to watch as the man vomited right into it.

“Ah, you get used to it eventually.” Allen clapped him on the back and took the bin away to dispose of its contents.

Rafe poured the man a drink and, to Jacks’ complete shock, he downed it in one go and waved to be poured another. He’d never seen West drink more than one and even then, when he did, it was over the course of an hour. Mostly the man just sat and swirled his bourbon in his glass, rarely drank anything.

“That was bloody terrible,” West muttered.

“What happened?” Terence asked.

“Nothing, walked into the woods, then just here.” He shook his head.

“No one gets in unless they allow it.” Allen stated, returning to the bar. “your Luna is fine, and will come back soon. That is the message I got.”

West nodded and sank down, though his eyes were on Terence, who just nodded at him and stated, “She’s fine West.”

“I guess I don’t have much choice but to stay put.”

“Correct.” Allen nodded “No harm will come to your Luna, I assure you.”

Jacks head tilted as Flare stood all the way up, at the feeling of Maria moving about upstairs “Excuses me, Gentlemen.” He smirked at Rafe “Game on.” He stated and was gone out of the Alpha bar, headed upstairs at more than his normal pace, let out a growl as he hit the fourth floor “Maria.” He growled “Come here to me.” Heard hurried footsteps and as he hit the Alpha floor, saw both Maria and Melissa out in the hallway, hurrying now towards the Alpha suite, they had been heading down the hallway towards the omega stairs it seemed, now were coming back this way.

Likely trying to get away, “I thought I could smell you.” he growled and shot off down the hallway at them, and allowed himself to bang right into the Alpha door seconds after it was closed behind them. Smiled to himself, they’d both looked suitably terrified. Mind-linked to his so-called Mate ‘I want you, don’t you want me?’

‘No, go away Jack, you’ll hurt me.’

‘Have I ever before?’ he asked.

‘You’ve gone insane.’

‘With need to have you. I love the new scent and it’s all around me, consuming me.’ He told her ‘I don’t know Maria, how long I’ll be able to hold myself back, hold Flare back, he’s all riled up and itching to f**k you, with all his Beta blood, it’s boiling. He really wants to hold you down and just f**k the hell out of you, pound you good and proper.’

‘It’ll never happen Jack.’ She yelled at him ‘I will never let your wolf do that to me.’

'That hurts us, you'll love it. You are our Mate, made for us. Why deny our needs?'

'You're insane.' She yelled at him 'stay away from me'.

'You know Maria.' He smirked 'I have the code for every door in this packhouse. Do you really think you're safe in there?'

He felt fear come down through the mind-link and smiled to himself, felt her cut the link and let it go himself. Let her think he was done for a full minute, then re-established it 'I can track your every move, with our tether to you. I'll know every time you leave the room, and we are going to hunt you, get from you that which we want. All of it, I will not stop until we are good and satisfied.' He told her, then let the link go.

Knew she would think it was s*x he was talking about, when in fact, it was actually getting some answers from her, finding out just what they had done to him and Rafe and how to undo it fully so they could have their lives back and finally be able to claim the woman they did love, Luci.

Be able to make her happy and cherish her for the rest of their lives, and they would. Luci was all they had wanted, and he still wanted her. He knew so did Rafe. They both still loved her.

He walked away back to the Alpha bar, smiled at Rafe. "Trying to leave, are now holed up once more, in your suite now though."

Rafe nodded "How long before their father turns up, I wonder?"

"Not getting through the front gate, that's for sure." Jack smiled.

"Let me go make certain." Rafe nodded and then he walked out of the room.

Everyone looked at Jack, and he just smiled, "Toying with our so-called mates, in an effort to get them to stay in the packhouse and away from Luci and the boys, till we get the truth out of them."

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Rafe POV

He'd watched Jack leave the Alpha bar, and return a few minutes later, looking more than pleased with himself. That man had set himself a plan and was following it through. Rafe walked into his office and sat down, mind-linked to the gate guard to not let anyone through at all, regardless of rank or pack affiliation, without consulting him or Jack first.

Then pulled up the alliance agreement with Wolf Valley Pack and Alpha Colby, and null and voided it.

He was interrupted by a mind-link from Melissa 'Father needs ten thousand dollars.'

'Does he now?'

'Yes, send it to him right now.'

'Hmm,' he looked at the contract in his hands. 'No. I'm not going to.' He cut the mind-link to her and smiled to himself. Yes, let's see you try and get me to pay that bloody witch or whoever it is in that pack to try again to get control of me. Not going to happen.

Was printing it out when she connected with him once more 'Rafe. Her tone was much softer when she said his name now, hadn't even bothered a moment ago, just made demands of him. Likely hadn't had to make an effort before now, she would have asked and he'd just done before, not so much now.

'Melissa.' He stated flatly.

There was silence for a long time and he could feel not only uncertainty, but annoyance starting to form 'Jack is out of control.'

'Is he?' he smiled to himself, knew she would likely feel it through the link, didn't really care 'I believe he's just trying to mate Maria, what is wrong with that, it's not like they haven't done it before. Have been

mated for over 6 years now.' He replied 'What did you do to me?' he asked once more.

'I didn't do anything to you.' she stated, sounding more than annoyed now 'you just hit your head during s*x. You must have gotten yourself a concussion.'

Rafe shook his head 'Really, in that piss pour five minute f**k, that I did not enjoy.' He shot at her 'I highly doubt it.'

He felt all anger now coming down the line at him 'Maria and I will be going home in the morning.' She snapped.

'Good luck with that.'

'What is that supposed to mean?'

'Your punishment will be dealt out in the morning. Allen is coming up to get you first thing after breakfast. The pack and, I mean the entire pack, wants you punished, your sister too. So, I will be doing that.'

'I'm the Luna, you can't punish me, the alliance with my father clearly states, you have to show me respect and protect me from harm.'

'Hmm, it does...but it doesn't state anywhere in there that I can't punish you, and I am going to. Oh, by the way, my parents will be returning tomorrow. So mother and father might just want to weigh in themselves on what you did. They are pack elders now.'

'This is ridiculous, I did what any Luna would do, to a threat to my position inside the pack.'

'And what threat would that be?' he asked.

'That b***h of a concubine back inside this pack.'

A massive snarl ripped right out of him at the insult to Luci. They'd also never called Luci their concubine, had referred to her as their lover. 'She was of no threat to you, didn't want to be in the packhouse, was happy living outside it till you did that. Now is here inside the packhouse. You

might want to keep to your room, Alpha Addison is pure-blooded and has held Luna's rank twice over now. Luci is also a pure-blooded Alpha, if either of them come across you. I can only imagine a fight will ensue, and I don't think you'll win. Both of them outrank even me.' He cut the link.

Wanted to stalk out of this office and up there to that room and drag that she-wolf down here for the torturing, but couldn't risk that she didn't have more of those blasted petals in that room up there and he was damned certain, likely keeping them on her. She knew they had worked on him.

The more he was away from her, the closer he bonded to Jack and now, holding onto the knowledge that he loved Luci, that Solar would have let him Mark the girl as well. The less he wanted anything to do with Melissa, their bond, whatever it was, what she had done to him was failing now. He'd been right having Luci inside this pack was interfering in what they did to them.

He put pen to paper on that voided alliance and walked it into Jack, handed him the pen and saw Jack glance at it, then just nod and sign it. Smiled at him and Rafe went right back to his office, to fax it over to the Wolf Valley Pack.

It was only 8pm, someone should get it right away. He sat and waited for his phone to ring. If it would, if they were in the know about the spell not working, that man would be calling to have his daughters sent back.

It took 30 minutes for his phone to ring. The caller ID stated WVP, he smiled and picked it up "Alpha Rafe, speaking."

"Son, what is wrong? What is going on there?"

"Don't call me son, Colby. Not after what your daughter did to me."

"She's terribly upset, Rafe, called and told me she's under house arrest. What is that all about?" he questioned, looked like the man was going to play this as he knew nothing.

“She’s not under house arrest, and may move freely anywhere she likes. Jack might mate her though.” He snorted.

“What?”

“Seems that the new perfume both girls are wearing has him and his beast all riled up, is attracting them with a vengeance. I’m staying out of it.”

“You can’t let the Beta mate the Luna.” Colby shot at him.

“Why not? It’s what both Jack and I want. I would quite enjoy watching, in fact.” He stated calmly, this was not the first time the man had heard it.

“It’s wrong put a stop to it.”

“No.” Rafe stated simply, “it’s about time I think that Jack and I get what we want from this relationship.”

“You let that man touch my daughter, it’ll be war.”

“Hmm, you and what army?” He laughed now, couldn’t help it. “As for ending our alliance, that is because your daughter committed treason against her Alpha.”

“What? How did she? She loves you, would never actually harm you.”

“Really? Never harm me?” What a freaking joke.

‘No, she would not, can’t. She is all upset and distressed, told me you attacked her.”

“I did not. Though I did suffer from complete memory loss last night. Thankfully, Jack, Allen and Ian were all able to remind me that your daughter set fire to a pack member’s house, and that before I lost my memory of that event, I was going up there to confront her.”

“It’s not true, just go up there and talk to her, go yourself, clear the air son. It can be worked out, she’s your Goddess Gifted Mate after all. A precious thing bestowed upon you by Selena herself.”

“I don’t really think that is going to save her. It’s treason to attack the Alpha, and I believe that’s just what she did.”

“You’re being utterly ridiculous. If you’re going to be like this, I’ll just come and get her.”

“You could try. Our alliance is over now. You’ll not make it inside the pack. She is mine to punish as I see fit. You do know how to punish for treason, right?”

“You touch my daughter and.”

“and what?” Rafe grated out “Your pack is small, tiny, in fact just 200, and from what I heard from Titan, not one single upgrade at all. So just where did all that money I’ve sent you over the years go to?” he questioned the man.

“What I do with money you freely and willingly give to me is my business.” Colby stated and disconnected the call.

Rafe put the phone down. He didn’t like being questioned any more than his daughter did. But now he also knew that he couldn’t come and get his daughters, not with their ties severed also knew they were going to be deemed traitors and likely to die.

Rafe sat and wondered how long it would take for those two upstairs to try and bolt from this pack. Their lies were out, their safety no longer guaranteed. He was certain their father was right this minute ringing them, pulled on that tether that was Melissa, she was still currently upstairs.

He mind-linked to Jack ‘Might want to put yourself in the Alpha hallway, we are severed from Wolf Valley and I told Colby he couldn’t come and get his daughter because I was going to punish them as traitors.’

‘Daughter?’ Jack returned curiously.

‘Curious, isn’t it, only made mention of Melissa.’

‘Very. On my way up there now. Do you think Maria will stay with Melissa not here?’

‘Unlikely, not with you and Flare playing the aggressive hunt to mate game with her.’

He heard Jack chuckle softly ‘She’s terrified.’

‘Teach them to play with us first.’ Rafe smiled ‘Is Luna Jo-anne back yet?’

‘Yes, West and Terence have turned in for the night and Bradley and Cooper are heading up now as well.’

‘They’ve had a very long day.’ Rafe nodded ‘I’ll meet you upstairs shortly.’

He closed up the office and checked that there was nothing amiss out with the wolves’ patrol around Luci’s house. All was well. Checked the list of punishment for Melissa and Maria, not much had been added. A week in the cells for both of them. Cuffed with silver for Melissa, but that was it. There were, however, lots of score marks next to the shaming post and the week in the cells.

She was their Luna and it appeared that the pack didn’t want actual harm to come to her. Put that she did need to be punished, that they thought she was wrong. But no physical harm to come to her. He wondered what the pack would think if they knew what those two had been doing to him and Jack for the past six and a half years.

He walked up the stairs to the Alpha floor, Jack was casually sitting on a chair in the hallway, smiled right at him. “They took one look at me and banged that door shut.” He chuckled.

“I don’t want you out here all night though. You barely got any sleep last night.”

“Neither did you.”

Rafe nodded, but knew that sleepless nights were what they were both in for, over the next few days, possibly weeks. Once they had sorted out these two she-wolves, they still had to deal with Victor. A war it was and he knew it. He wanted the least number of casualties for all involved. He would honestly love to knock that man off without a war. But had yet to think of a way to do so.

He didn't want war, didn't want Bradley and West to lose men of their own either. When he took war to Victor, and he knew he was going to. There were going to be losses on all sides. Perhaps he should have West and Bradley send only wolves that volunteer, for the risk was high that many lives would be lost.

They still didn't know the exact number of rogues Victor commanded, how close they were to the Bloodless Moon, how long it would take to have them turn up and bolster Victor's ranks, or attack them from behind.

Then there was the way that he trained his men, all attacking like Alpha Units. He had been training his men in the same manner before Luci had been found and brought back to the pack. Now Allen, Ian, Petra and Titan were in charge of that.

All of their warriors were being trained harder and in rotating shifts, even his border patrollers got the training, so they could come together and defend themselves at the borders better. Giving them a real fighting chance to survive if Victor came back, survive long enough for back up to arrive.

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Addison POV

Addi put a call into Orien while Luci was upstairs in the shower. "Hi Addi, how are you doing sweetheart?" his voice came down the line.

"Better, there is a witch here that could ease my pain." She told him honestly "you?"

“It still hurts.’ He sighed heavily “Is everything alright?”

“Rafe and Jack have pulled some really strong allies into the pack. Royals at that.” She told him “Orien...” she sighed, didn’t even know if he would tell her about Victors pack.

“Anything at all, Addi.” He stated softly “What do you need?”

“Victor’s pack, we need more information.”

“Alright...tell me what you need and I’ll give you the answers if I know them.”

“Warrior numbers and rogue numbers? Where he keeps his rogues?” she didn’t beat round the bush.

“About 500 dedicated and trained warriors. I don’t know the rogue count, to be honest. He never speaks of them. As for where he houses them, he’s never even acknowledged having them. But...I do believe he is watching a band of them for the council. I overheard him on the phone just once a few months back. Pled ignorance as though I’d not heard him. He seemed to buy it. The council might be able to tell Rafe and Jack.”

“Alright.” She nodded “I have a question. How many packs do you think are like you? Under threat from Victor if you sever ties?”

“A lot, I imagine, any pack with fewer numbers than ours.”

“How many of them do you know? Do you think they would go up against Victor with us?”

“I could put in a few calls, but if he gets wind of it, Addi?”

“I understand, they’ll tell him it was you calling, He’ll come to s*****r you and likely them.” she sighed, and she did understand that, but there really wasn’t much else they could do, but try.

“Addi, Victor’s pack is full of half-breeds. I don’t know if any of them have powers or what they would be.”

“Do you have any info on those half-breeds?” she asked hopefully.

“Not really, most are likely to be half wolf...I’ve been thinking about that man a lot today, Addi...”

“And?” she prompted him.

“I always found something odd, with his pack. Well, the packhouse. It has an underground pool. Part of it comes out of the western end of the packhouse. I recall looking at it when it first went in about 18 years ago. He told me he likes to swim in private is all.”

“That’s odd.”

“It’s very odd, it only protrudes about five metres or so. I never really believed that was what it was for, but I also never saw anyone use it either.”

Addi stood and thought about it. “Is it large?”

“Yes, I wouldn’t call it a lap lane, that is for sure.”

“Hmm, for Luci maybe?” she asked thoughtfully.

“He didn’t know about her, I didn’t, so how could he?” he was frowning now she could hear it.

“Maybe he always knew, or suspected. He does like half-breeds and he knew she wasn’t yours. Her laugh, her eyes, Kali’s howl even, they all have a melodic note of a Siren. Perhaps he just understood what she was.” Addi sighed now, it was highly likely “Maybe he built that pool or tank perhaps, in advance to put her in.”

“Could well be, he always liked Luci. I noticed him watching her long before he stated he was interested in her.” Heard him sigh “I really am a terrible father, aren’t I? I was always terrible to her.”

“I won’t argue with you about that, Orien. But you weren’t always. You and Luci had a really good family bond till she was a teenager.”

“You should have lashed me more.” He muttered.

She smiled just a little. “Luci would have stopped me. Like she did that one time.” Sighed to herself “Even when she was so very mad at you, she still worked to try and keep us together.”

“That was for you, not me.”

“I know, but still she would go out of her way to spend time with you, smile and get along with you. To show me you two were all good.”

“Even when we really weren’t...She’s got a big heart...Like you, Addi.” He murmured softly.

“Yes she does.” Addi agreed, wondering if she should tell him about all that was going on here with Luci, then thought better of it. He still had to build trust with her. She also knew that Luci wouldn’t want it. She did not think Rafe and Jack would take kindly to it either.

“The Luna is back.” She muttered.

“Trouble?”

“She tried to burn us alive.”

“What?” she could hear the shock and anger.

“We weren’t there, had moved out into a house further away from the packhouse. We’re safe, we have constant roaming patrols around the place we’re in. Melissa, as far as I know, doesn’t know where we are, believes we’re inside the packhouse.”

“Addi, maybe it’s not actually safe there...perhaps you Luci and the boys need to go to another pack. Maybe those royals will house you.”

“Maybe. I’m going to go and look at another pack soon.”

“Why?” he asked right away, seemed to understand it wasn’t just to provide safety.

“I need to is all.”

“Addi?”

“Don’t concern yourself with it. One of the royals will be taking me, or that’s what Hannah stated.”

“I don’t like it, Addison.” He muttered instantly.

She smiled to herself now, could actually hear the jealousy in his voice. “He’s mated, don’t concern yourself.”

“I don’t want you going anywhere near the kingdom, Addison.”

“I won’t be.”

“Where, I want to know where?”

“It’s for me alone to do, Orien. I need this, so let it go.”

There was silence for a long minute and then he just sighed “Luci’s father’s home pack.”

She blinked at his correct guess. “Yes.”

“Is it safe there?” he sighed “You fled war.”

“Likely so.”

“Is Luci going with you? Is that why? You’re taking her to her Siren’s Lake.”

“Just me for now. If it is safe, I’ll have Luci brought in.”

Again he was quiet. “Please be careful Addi, trust no one.”

“I will be...How’s Thatcher?”

“I’m sending him back to Alpha College first thing in the morning. I don’t want him here, and there, he’s protected by the Wolfen Council, so safe

from Victor. Cathy's home pack is not that far from the college so she's already gone on ahead of him."

She sighed heavily now, but knew it was for the best.

"Regardless of what happens to me, he's our son and the heir to Nightfall. If Victor comes and destroys everything. I gave Thatcher access to all the pack funds and businesses and told him to head for you and Luci or go to Cathy's pack and just stay there. I don't want to risk our boy."

"A good plan. He might need a full escort."

"He's getting one. His unit are all going with him, the council approve them all staying at the college for now. Till the war is sorted out and either I or one of my units, or you, call the college to let them know what happened."

"Alright." She nodded "Better send them the long way."

"They are due to leave at 7am, but in reality, are leaving much earlier than that. Like midnight tonight. Just in case Victor gets wind of it and they'll not be driving out of the pack, going on foot, and meeting up with a member of our pack who's in the cloudy moon pack. They are not in any way affiliated with Victor. But are allied to us."

"That's good, I feel a little better knowing that." And she did. It seemed Orien was actually putting not only the pack members first but thinking about those who might still be loyal to Victor as well, was actually acting like an Alpha, it seemed, not putting himself first.

"I should go, before Luci comes down and hears us."

"Didn't you tell her? Why not?"

"She's got a lot going on already and I don't want her worrying about Thatcher or thinking Victor will get his hands on him. She might take matters into her own hands and that will bring her right to Victor, likely just what he wants."

“Alright, but please, once Thatcher is safe. Tell her that I am doing everything I can to try and help protect her from Victor. I’ve a lot to make up for and I’d like her to see that I am trying.”

“You have to apologise.” She told him, knew he was a man who hated to do that, even when he knew he was in the wrong. Especially to Luci of all people.

“I will Addi, I promise.”

She ended the call and sighed, it was going to be a long few days or weeks. On the bright side, she would have that time to go and visit Lucian’s Lake, spend some time talking to him, go for a swim in it, even visit her old house. The very place he’d told her he loved her, wanted her as his Mate, the very place she’d said yes and then scented him out just a few moments later.

She had not gotten to say goodbye to him, would get to go and do that now. She looked out into the darkness of the forest around her, could see the roaming patrols, noted they had been doubled up already. More security around Luci and the boys had been put in place.

Those two were not going to allow anyone to get close to their future Luna. She smiled to herself at that thought. Her daughter, so beautiful and strong, finally was going to be a Luna to this pack, as she’d always thought she would be. Had let her come here thinking that she’d become the Luna to the Black Forest Pack way back then. Now it was finally going to happen.

Luci was already mated to them, and when the truth came out, she knew that Luci would understand and forgive them, allow that bond to flourish and once again be happy. Sighed softly, she really hoped that Luci would scent them just moments after they told her not only did they love her, but wanted her to be their Mates.

Luci now understood how a Siren got their Mates gifted to them. If she scented them out, not only would Luci know they loved her, truly loved her, so would Kali and, most importantly, Alari would understand.

It would be good for Rafe and Jack as well. For them to actually scent her out as well. All three of them knowing it wasn't just any old chosen Mate Bond. But actual love, that a true bond could only be granted by the Goddess if they truly loved her, and she loved them back.

It would be a perfect moment. She hadn't told Rafe and Jack yet how it was done. A gift granted to a Siren, she wanted to but wondered if she should just leave it alone, let it surprise them completely. Perhaps that was for the best.

Addi headed inside only to be mind-linked by Rafe 'Addi, just a heads up, I've severed ties with Melissa and Maria's pack.'

'Alright Rafe. I've spoken to Orien, I got some information on Victor. We should talk in the morning. It's been a long day and I'm tired.'

'Off to bed then. Is Luci alright?'

'Yes, seems it.'

'I'm sorting it out Addi.'

'I know, don't rush it Rafe. Get all the facts.' The mind-link was released and she headed upstairs, smiled at the boys all in Luci's bed, she was reading to them, wondered how that was going to go. Those boys of hers always slept in bed with their mother. It was what they were used to.

But once Rafe and Jack understood all that had happened and came and told Luci, those two men would also be in that bed, wanting to have Luci all the time. She strolled into Luci's room and climbed into the bed herself. It was such a natural thing for Sirens to all sleep in a big pile on their lake or sea floor.

Rafe and Jack were going to have to find time to spend with Luci. Once she was their Luna, which was not at night, when the boys were sleeping, though she did also wonder if the boys would understand and just go and sleep in their own room.

They would likely always sleep in the same room, in the same bed. It was not odd to them, never would be either. They were closely bonded and it

was likely they'd have one mate between them as well. Keeping them in the same bed all their lives.

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Jo-anne POV

Jo-anne stepped inside of the cabin where her Aunts, she now knew them to be. Lived, it was pretty simple and very clean, neat and tidy. The whole place was open planned. To her right was a large kitchen; she could smell something delicious cooking, preparing dinner, she supposed.

Here, where she had walked into the cabin, was the living area. There was a nice comfortable dark grey lounge with a large grey and white rug on the floor, which she noted was all wooden floorboards. On the wall behind their couch was a picture of their Mate, Allen the packs Gamma. And next to him in that picture was obviously his wolf, a large grey and white beast. It had its head tilted to the side and, surprisingly, its tongue was partially out, kind of looked cheeky to her.

She couldn't help but smile at it, realised that it was that way on purpose, the way the man's Beast looked at his Mates, teasingly so, pointed at it. The three of them turned and looked at it. "His wolf, Cosmos, is naughty with us." Giannah chuckled softly. "So that's how I portrayed him."

"It's a good likeness, I imagine." Jo-anne nodded, though she did believe she could do a better job, it was filled with love.

To her left was what she could only think of as their potion room. There was a large fireplace on the far wall and the room was lined with shelves which were filled with bottles and jars of all sizes. Containing flowers, seeds, herbs, soil, a few had what she thought were bones of animals, and fur and feathers, leaves and some thick sticky looking substances, perhaps tree saps, she thought absently.

One entire shelf seemed to be filled with crystals and gem stones, of all shapes and sizes, some polished up and looking pristine and perfect and others raw and jagged as though just dug out of the ground.

In the middle of that room was a large circle carved into the floor, inlaid with gold and then three more circles inside of it all overlapping each other inlaid with silver. In the very centre where those three circles overlapped, were the celestial moons, small and neat, each one a different colour. Blue, Red, Yellow, Green and White, elemental colours she thought to herself.

These women were steeped in magic, she could feel it more inside this cabin than she could outside in the garden, “What happened when I stepped into the centre of the garden?” Jo-anne asked, turning back to them.

“It reacted to you, is tailored to our bloodline, which you are.” Was the answer.

“Why did he go from dark to light?” she asked, returning her attention to the rest of the cabin. She knew that they would understand her question. Could see a single door between the kitchen and living, likely their bedroom, where she knew the three of them would sleep together with their one Mate between them. Nothing unusual about that when there were multiple mates involved.

“Got his heart broken. His fated Mate would not accept him. She was a wolf, and at the time. Wolves and Witches did not get along. Rejected him and it turned him sour at first and then when she’d moved on and mated herself to another, a wolf, and he heard she was with that wolfs pup...’ the three of them sighed heavily “lost him to the darkness. He cursed the woman’s child, to punish her for rejecting him, very sad.”

Jo-anne frowned, “you can’t always have what you want.”

“That is true, but he was to be the next King. Royalty of the light witches, he would have loved his Mate, treated her kindly and given her the world. She, however, did not care for her Mate to be a witch.”

“Sometimes you just need to let go of the things that are unobtainable to you. Move on and create a better life for yourself.”

“As we did.” They nodded “Lost our own Mates to our brother. He killed them all long ago. He punished us, himself, for finding wolfen mates that not only accepted us, but loved us. Something he didn’t get.” There was silence in the cabin now.

“Allen?” she enquired after a moment of silence, looking at his portrait.

“Second Chance Mate. He came to us in a vision after your mother did what we could not. He is everything to us and he’ll not be killed so easily as our last.”

That gained her attention. “Explain that.”

“Not the right question.”

Jo-anne frowned now, didn’t really understand that, thought about Allen himself, what had been said today in the war meeting as well, “What spell protects him?”

“One of our own making,” Hannah told her simply.

“Not my place to know?”

“It’s blood magic.” Hannah told her. “You yourself could likely do it, if you wanted to, your blood...”

“Enough,” Jo-anne snapped, cutting her off. “I don’t want to talk about my blood and what it can do to others. Be used for, I don’t care to hear it.”

She watched as the three of them just nodded and said no more. She took a calming breath and tried not to think about it. West didn’t care about her witch’s bloodline, had not once in the past three and half years asked her to use it for anything. He only cared about her being happy. Though she knew he’d seen something when Marking her, he had kept it to himself.

When she'd asked him, he'd simply stated what he'd seen had made him happy and then he'd seen something she did that was completely funny, that had come from a moment of pure annoyance from her. But that was it, nothing more.

The day he'd seen Ella get her first shiver from Terence he'd simply smiled and looked at her a little knowingly. She thought perhaps that something funny was her giving shivers to her mother and Ella.

"Why did you allow your Alpha and his Beta to be affected by magic? Why didn't you warn them or do something about it?" She posed the question that she was actually here to get answers to.

Watched as she was waved to a chair, she sank down. "First, your highness."

"Stop calling me that, Jo-anne or Luna is fine. No-one knows who I am outside of a very select few. I'd like to keep it that way."

"Yes, Luna." The three of them stated "We'll serve dinner to you and chat while we eat." She watched as Aayliah dished up dinner and handed it out, tasted amazing when she took her first bite. It was a simple looking stew with freshly baked bread.

"We simply can not interfere." She was told by Hannah "What happened, needed to happen for a reason."

"Explain that further."

"If Rafe and Jack didn't break Luci's heart she would never have become a true Triune."

"There was no other way?" she huffed more than a little annoyed. "That girl is still suffering."

"No, she nearly became Triune once before, but both Rafe and Jack interfered and took her sadness and anger, devastation away from her. Those two always wanted to see her happy and smiling, right from the day they met her. Wanted deep down inside to make the girl happy. Their need to make her happy rendered her unable to become her true self.

They can always make her happy. She'd been 18 then, and we realised she would never be what she was meant to be, with them by her side. So, when it came time once more for her to feel that way, we knew no interference must be had."

"So, you always knew what she was going to be."

"Should be, whether or not it was going to be was a different matter. That girl had many paths, many difficulties, her lineage." Hannah shook her head. "Not even we foresaw what she would be till she shifted to her wolf, felt it that day, she was something unusual to us. Met her that day but was not allowed to touch her. We've never touched her as per her mother's wishes."

"Mm, as a witch you don't touch another witch's child without permission."

"Correct." They all stated together.

"It will work itself out, Luna. The Alpha and Beta have now realised most of the truth of what has happened to them. You yourself must let it play out."

Jo-anne sighed now, she didn't like the sound of that.

"For all to be revealed, you must leave it alone. If you fix it, others will remain affected, but if you let Rafe and Jack sort it out in their own way, there is still another to be seen and felt by you. Revealed to you. One who truly needs your help, help only you yourself can give."

"Who is the other?" she asked now.

She watched Hanna shake her head now, indicating 'no' "You must let it play out Luna, only then can you help them. If you make the right choice, many from other packs will be blessed and granted freedom, without even having to ask for it."

Jo-anne stared at the woman long and hard now, then just huffed in plain old annoyance. Why was it always a choice for her to make? A choice that

if she got wrong affected others in a detrimental way. But that if she got it right helped many others.

These three witches, her own flesh and blood, practically just stated what Selena the moon Goddess had told her when she'd died. Sat there staring at them, for a long quiet minute, wondering just what pathways they saw and how accurate they were at that. Did they have real celestial guidance? Did Selena herself come to these women and talk to them, guide them in the things they did? They spoke as cryptically as Selena had that day.

None of them said anything either, all four of them just sitting there in the room quietly watching each other. She knew they were just waiting for her next question, would likely only speak if they so chose to. It was a witches way. She'd read up on witches, done her research. Had to considering what she was.

"Victor?" she asked, changing the subject.

"Not our problem at this time."

"What is in that pack that stops you from sending your mate to do recon?"

"A siren."

Jo-anne frowned "Explain further."

"No-one can physically harm Allen, or magically, for that matter. But a Siren doesn't need to touch him, so he can be hurt or killed by one's call."

"Luci?"

"Is of no threat to our Mate."

She thought about that, "Why haven't you told him the real reason? Or Rafe and Jack?"

"They will all have concerns over Luci's Siren. Alari is very aggressive in the defence of Luci and Kali. Ticking that one off, is not wise and if they

are on edge around her, become stressed or agitated around Alari, she will not be the only one to feel it. That could see them leave the pack altogether and..." she trailed off.

"And?"

"Luci needs to be here to make that spell on them dwindle to nothing at all. Luci needs to be here, for it to be sorted out. See it for herself and..." the three of them sighed heavily now.

"And?" Jo-anne prompted them yet again.

"Use that knowledge to come into her full powers, it's not going to be pretty when it happens, and we're not at this time certain if it will come to light. But there are currently only two paths for Luci right at this minute. The contributing factor has not been seen by us yet."

"Right." Jo-anne sighed "So I have to choose between Luci's happiness and many others' happiness." She really did hate that. "Luci's path? It is unknown to you as of yet,"

"But you're betting on what exactly?"

"Everything working out the right way. The goddess smiles on Triunes. Though only after heartache. She has suffered as much as we have...Have faith, Luna, that Selena is watching over the girl in her own way."

Then, to her complete shock, the three of them just chuckled softly into the room. "We've already seen the boys happy here, all grown up and mated to one that loves them. Life is good for the twins."

Jo-anne shook her head. "You speak too cryptically, do you know that?"

"Yes." They all smiled at her. "It's our nature, amuses us to make others' brains tick."

"Is that all this is to you? a big game?"

"We are very old, and have seen a lot. Not much amuses us anymore, so we have to amuse ourselves."

Jo-anne shook her head. “The war with Victor?”

“There is time yet...I would like you, however, to ask your brother a favour, it will help with the war when it comes. Though...” she paused in thought.

“Though?” Jo-anne asked, not liking the sound of the woman’s voice.

“From bad sprouts good.”

“What?”

“Sometimes, from evil and darkness comes goodness and light. Like yourself, like Addison. Both of you were conceived evilly, but both of you are all light and goodness.”

Jo-anne sighed now, she had the feeling she was now just going around in circles with these women. “What is the favour?”

“That Addison is taken home by your brother, flight will be the safest option for her to get to her home.”

“Safest option?”

“Yes, fly right over Victor’s men. She can call him to be retrieved when she needs it.”

“I guess that depends on if we are still here, when she calls.”

“Perhaps.”

Jo-anne left that cabin just as annoyed as she’d been going there, she had to stay out of what was going on here, had to let it play out as Rafe and Jack needed it to. So she could help others without them even asking her too.

She really didn’t like it, could see that Luci was in pain, her wolf was in pain and her Siren was closed off to all but her children and mother. She wanted nothing more than to fix it, to stop the three of them hurting so much. To see them all happy and with those she was meant to be with.

West and T.J. were waiting for her at the packhouse. It was late, she'd not realised how long she had been gone but had learned a lot about herself in that time. She was a royal-blooded witch. That likely would or could if she wanted to lay claim to a throne.

Sighed as she sank down in their suite, knew that both West and T.J. wanted to know what had gone on out there. She couldn't tell them half of it. That would be considered interfering in all likelihood. Couldn't tell them anything about Rafe and Jack or Luci, not there so-called Mates even, couldn't even bring up Victor having a Siren.

She looked from West to T.J. and told them the answer to their most likely pressing question, "They are my aunts."

"What?" they both asked, shocked.

"My biological father's triplet sisters. He was the King of the light witches, turned evil."

"Sweet Goddess," West murmured. "A Queen, not a princess. Your birthright, your father is dead." He sighed heavily "My beautiful Luna, a freaking Queen." She could hear the worry in him now, he was always worried about someone finding out what she was. Protecting her was all he wanted and she knew his brain was now ticking on how to keep that a secret. Saw his eyes move to the robes and then her. He knew what they were even.

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Rafe POV

He and Jack were woken from sleep by a mind-link, his eyes flicked as he felt Jack's body move from his as the man rolled onto his back, had been tucked into him, an arm draped across his chest. He half smiled at knowing he was right there. Liked that they were back to their seemingly normal state.

Their bond was fully back intact he thought, 'They're on the move.' Was the voice that came down the mind-link to both he and Jack. He saw Jack

sit up and put a hand on his bare chest. “Stay here,” Jack told him. “I’ll go.”

“Not a hope in hell of me staying here,” Rafe commented and got out of bed. He knew why Jack didn’t want Rafe going. Melissa could well be carrying a handful of those petals to throw at him. He would be prepared for it now, as Solar was, they would get out of the way very quickly.

Though a part of him didn’t believe those petals would work on him anymore, not with him knowing how he truly felt about Luci. He glanced at the clock, nearly three in the morning.

“Who’s watching them?” he asked, knowing Jack had organised something. Rafe had actually been exhausted and the moment his head hit the pillow after showering and dropping into Luci’s bed, he’d been out like a light.

“Titan, he wants a piece of them, so he was happy to be on watch.” Jack smiled at him “I got eyes everywhere.” He grinned, as they headed out.

Rafe had reminded all the roaming patrols and border patrols before going to bed, to be on the lookout for the Luna and her sister trying to escape punishment. He felt Jack connecting them both to Titan. ‘Where exactly? We’re on our way.’

‘Sneaking west towards the border, do you want me to confront them? I’d really bloody enjoy it, boss.’

Rafe did actually think the man would, seeing as what those two had done to him up there in Wolf Valley Pack, tried to have him killed, then when they couldn’t, bespelled him and fractured his memories. Poor bastard, he had to remember to ask West about getting Belinda to come here to help that man or take him home with him when they went back.

‘You got cuffs on you?’ Rafe asked.

‘Yes, I do, I was hoping they’d run for it, on my watch.’

‘Titan, that she-wolf...Don’t consider her your Luna anymore. She can’t order you at all from now on.’

'Yes, Alpha.' Titan's voice came back, a happy note to it. He liked the idea of this, it seemed, and could get some payback of his own if she wasn't considered his Luna.

'Titan, hang on a sec, I have an idea. Jack, what say we play a game?'

'The game would be?'

'Let's herd those two she-wolves right back to the packhouse, to the shaming posts.' Rafe told them both. 'They are actively trying to leave, even though they know the pack wants them punished. Let's make sure they both get punished before they leave...let them think they've gotten away with it. Think we're not going to retaliate against them. Their home pack is barely 200 and not well trained.'

'Give them a few days to calm down and then stroll on in and extract revenge upon all that took Luci from us.' Jack nodded 'Lets.'

He heard Titan state 'I want in on that boss, front and centre.'

Rafe smiled and opened a mind-link to all his elite warriors and any of them not already out on patrol or protecting Luci, Addi and the boys. Were pulled to him and Jack to hunt Melissa and Maria, who he informed were now trying to escape their punishment.

He heard several growls coming from many of them and he realised most of them lived within the packhouse itself, and that place had now been completely cleared of all aroma sachets. Going on 12 hours now, not having those within the packhouse had allowed their warriors to no longer feel connected to Melissa and Maria, it seemed. That was very interesting to him.

He was feeling a lot better, he realised, as he and Jack hunted along with Titan, and had no concerns over the thought of getting his hands on those two she-wolves. Thought about it and realised he actually didn't care about Melissa at all anymore.

Wondered about their Mate Bond and realised that, just like Jack had stated, he didn't feel like there was a bond to her at all, felt nothing but

anger and disgust towards Melissa. Wanted to hurt the woman for all she'd done to him, to Jack, to Luci and the boys. To this entire pack.

He could feel all his warriors were out of the packhouse now, explained to them the plan, and everyone was off running and spreading out to encircle the two and cut off all their ways out of the woods. 'Running south now.' Titan told him. That man had actual eyes on them.

But he knew where those two were, he could feel it, had hold of both their tethers, and was now off at speed, as were the others to play a little game of hunt and capture. Heard a few minutes later that they had shifted to their wolves and were now running in wolfen form at speed, really trying to escape.

He told everyone to shift and corner those wolves, let them run all over the pack, never allowing them to stop or anyone to actually capture them. Bit by bit, they made them turn and run back towards the packhouse but made sure that everyone kept them away from the eastern side of the pack and where Luci was. He didn't want either of them anywhere near Luci. They'd done enough damage to them, caused pain to Luci.

Two she-wolves verses an Alpha, his Alpha Unit, plus 20 elite warriors, they had no chance of getting out of this pack. Why they even bothered? They had to know it was highly unlikely they were getting out of here. Though he supposed they'd spoken to their father, and he'd relayed that traitor's message to them and they now understood it was over and had to escape or were going to die.

An hour later, Melissa and Maria's wolves were fleeing back towards the safety of their rooms in the packhouse. Likely a place they thought neither he nor Jack would go, seeing as what had happened to Rafe, loosing his memory and all.

He mind-linked to his head omega, 'Sherry, please go to the Alpha and Beta suites, and clean up any and all aroma petals that may be left up there, old or new, dispose of them properly.'

'Yes Alpha.' She replied.

He and Jack had raced on ahead of the two she-wolves, were shifted and had pants on, and were waiting for them to arrive. Stood by the front doors so they couldn't pass. He saw both their wolves skid to a complete stop and stare at them.

“What did you think would happen!” he stated, “when I got my memory back and found out what you did to us?”

He got snarled at by both their wolves and watched as Rella took a full step forward towards him, looked like she was willing to fight him. He saw the rest of his elite warriors starting to form up behind and around them, “Really, you want to take me on, fight me?” he shook his head.

Watched as Rella took another step towards him, all her teeth bared, and he wondered if she thought he wouldn't, if what she'd done to him and Solar 24 hours ago was still working on him on some level. Saw Allen's wolf, Cosmos step right in front of him to stop the fight that was coming.

He didn't doubt he could win a fight with her, it was likely his whole unit were thinking that Melissa and Rella thought they could get another hold on him if they touched him. This was the reason for stepping in between them.

Rella and Melissa alike knew what would happen if she actively attacked Cosmos; they would be obliterated into a bloodied red mist, just like anyone else attacking the pack Gamma. He watched on as Rella backed up a step, “You can't get away, give it up.”

Saw her wolf turn and look around her, realised they were fully surrounded and she snarled at everyone, in her unhappiness.

“Shift and confront me.” He stated, “or I'll force you both to shift back.”

‘You can't make me.’ Melissa's voice came down the mind-link angrily.

“I can actually. You were initiated into this pack. I am your Alpha.” He told her with full authority.

He did not believe they were actual Mates now. It was very unlikely that he had Marked and Mated the girl, couldn't have done, if there were no

pains of betrayal. There was no real bond at all. He was curious about that, how that mark on both he and Jack was made.

The ones on them were made, in fact. Had to be some sort of magic, he supposed. But those two had been initiated into his pack by him, so he was their Alpha. That much he understood, and he could order them at will. They'd have no choice but to bow down to him.

He gave them both a full 30 seconds, and then when neither of them attempted to shift, both were still just standing there, likely talking to each other and trying to decide on what to do. He and Solar snarled all Alpha at them both "Shift." Flooding his aura down upon their wolves and watched as the two were forcibly shifted back to stand before him.

"Clothes," Melissa demanded of him.

"Why?" he asked "You're about to be shamed, so being naked will just add to that. It will make for a better punishment."

"I'm the Luna of this pack." She lifted her chin defiantly. "No one inside this pack will allow harm to come to me." She stated firmly, sounded like she really believed that, like another part of that spell, he thought to himself. "The pack loves me."

"Really?" he snorted "The Luna to this pack? I don't think that you act very Lunaly, at all. Poisoned your own Alpha, with what and for how long? I'm curious, and I will be finding out how you made me loose my memories as well."

She was glaring up at him now. "You won't hurt me, I'm your Mate." She shot at him. "Hurting me, will only hurt yourself."

"Really?" he smiled right at her now "I don't think so. Jack, did you feel anything when Maria humped the hell out of Titan, or kissed him while they were away?"

"No. Nothing at all," Jack stated calmly.

He watched as Maria's eyes went wide. "Yes, Jack asked Titan to do that, to see if he would feel the pain of betrayal. Did you Jack?"

“No.” Jack stated once more, “Just like neither of them felt it when you and I kissed.”

Melissa snarled instantly “You betrayed me. I knew it.” she roared, turning to the warriors “Your Alpha betrayed me, your Luna. The Beta betrayed my sister with that b***h of a concubine. They’re the ones in the wrong, attack them. Protect us.”

“We did not,” Rafe stated calmly. Though he noticed not one of his warriors moved like she expected them to. Was trying to make them. “Jack and I kissed each other.”

He saw her eyes go wide now and he heard many of his warriors just chuckle at hearing he’d kissed their Beta, likely not a big deal for any of them. Likely knew it was coming, having one Mate between them could well see them lip locked or more, he didn’t know, but would be finding out, it was just a matter of time now.

He had no aversion to kissing Jack at all, and Jack himself had just kissed him back. Flare hadn’t reacted as far as he knew. Both wolves, from his understanding, had simply lifted their heads and snorted, with what he and Jack each thought was amusement and that had been it.

“You can’t make my own pack attack me, not when I don’t believe you are actually my Mate.” He stated out loud for all to hear.

“We are Marked and Mated, we are Mates.” She told him, waved a hand at her neck, to the mark there, though she sounded cold and uncaring about it.

“I no longer believe that.” He stated just as coldly as she did, “Jack, do you believe Maria is your Mate?”

“No. That is why I sent Titan to Wolf Valley Pack, to watch them, see what they did out there. If Titan came back under a Luna’s order not to talk about what he saw.”

Both Melissa and Maria were glaring at Jack now, finally understood what was going on, he'd already figured it out and that was why something was blocking the Beta.

"Which he did. Thankfully, Alpha Addison was willing to go rogue so that Titan could speak freely to her about what went on, what he saw, what you did to him."

"I'd like all my memories back." He heard Titan grate out angrily.

"Yes, so would we." Rafe stated, "Lucky for us, we are affiliated with the Royals, and they have seers for just this kind of thing."

He saw Melissa's eyes shoot to his. Yes, she knew what they could do. "No king, would send a seer for this."

"Hm, Jack. Alpha Terence, what's his real title?"

Heard the clear smile in Jack's voice when he spoke "Prince Terence, born I believe to the youngest Royal, Princess Belinda, sister of King Christian himself."

"That is my understanding." Rafe nodded "Jack, do you think those, whatever they are, let's call them bespelled aroma sachets throughout the packhouse, would be considered a magical threat to one of the royal family members, seeing as he's here inside this pack currently."

"Yes, I do believe any kind of threat, no matter how small, would grant us a seer."

He was watching Melissa and Maria now, saw Maria clutching at her sister, and he saw both their eyes glaze over, were once again talking to each other. He moved his eyes to Titan and waved the man over to cuff them.

Saw that man smile and all his wolves converge on the two, stood by and watched on, as did his unit, as those two she-wolves tried to fight his warriors off, yelling about being the Luna and Beta's mate, not to touch them. None listened, it took all of 30 seconds for them to be cuffed with silver. Forcing their wolves away from them.

Rafe strolled right over to his so-called mate, “You and I.” he grated out at her “Are over. I reject you as my Mate and Luna.” He grabbed her arm and hauled her off to the shaming post. Which stood to her left, Ian was already standing there holding open the iron ring on the top of the post. He put the chain of her cuffs through it and Ian snapped it shut and it locked into place.

Jack hauled Maria over to another shaming post, and she was locked into one herself. He heard Jack grate out “I don’t believe you are my Mate, but just in case there is a bond of any kind between us. I reject you, Maria, as my Mate.”

Neither he nor Jack felt any pain, no severing from either of the two she-wolves and neither did they. Neither of them said anything, didn’t accept their rejection and he knew why it was not needed. This only confirmed to him and Jack, to everyone here standing on watching. There was no bond at all between them. Not the Alpha and Luna, not the Beta and his Mate. He and Jack had been tricked into it. These two had used some sort of magic upon them and continued to do so all those years, to make them think they were Mates.

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Jack POV

He felt absolutely nothing at all as he uttered that rejection to Maria. Not one ounce of pain, as he suspected she was not his Mate at all. A part of him actually felt sad, but not about that she-wolf, but for all that he had lost because of the conniving woman who had plotted and planned and used him. Ruined his life.

He’d had something so perfect, so freaking perfect for him, a woman he truly did love and that b***h before him had taken that from him. Robbed him and not only him but Rafe as well. She had robbed Luci herself. Their beautiful boys as well. Both Solar and Flare, Kali too, all of their lives had been ruined by the woman that was now on the shaming post before him.

Those two she-wolves had caused harm to so many, and for what? He could only suspect to get themselves money. It was all they ever did; take money from them. This whole pack had suffered, been affected by those two. Luci would have been here, been the Luna to this pack for 6 and a half years now. The whole pack liked her.

She belonged here, and had in the end fled it in her pain, unable to cope with the loss of them, she had hidden herself from them, likely using Alari to keep any and all pack members from getting close enough to recognise her. His knowledge from reading up on Sirens, their call, he knew it could be used to draw one to them or push one away from them. He just knew that is what she had done, pushed everyone in this pack away from them to keep themselves hidden.

She would have suffered every single day because of what these two horrid she-wolves had done. He and Rafe had lost their Luna, and not understood it. They didn't really feel the pain of it all these years because those two had done something to stop them feeling it, stop them from remembering her, made them both actually forget her completely.

They'd only recalled her when someone had brought her up, mentioned her name or they were in her room. Only then did they understand she wasn't here and even then they had no memory of loving her, just guilt over the way things had turned out. So much had been ripped from them.

The spell they'd used had literally obliterated Luci from both of them, likely he now realised from many of their pack members as well, likely why none of them spoke about her. He was willing to bet it was something to do with those petals. Every wolf came into the packhouse at some point, and therefore, would have come into contact with them or smelled them. That was why they were all quiet on the subject of Luci he was willing to bet.

That or their so-called Luna had ordered them not to say the woman's name. She could have just done it when he and Rafe weren't there, away for allied assistance or something. Which would limit his and Rafe's thoughts about Luci, or their memories of her. He didn't really know yet, but he was going to find out.

Maria said nothing to him as he stood staring at her. She had a cold, hard and impassive look on her face, “You don’t have anything to say to me.” He enquired.

She looked right up at him. “Father is coming to get us.” She stated.

“Good luck to him getting inside this pack. It’s locked down now, no one in or out without my or Rafe’s permission.” He told her, then smiled right at her “I’ll gladly k**l him, rip his head off the moment he crosses into pack territory. I hope he does.”

“Your home pack is in for a merciless death.” Rafe stated “Once I have my answers, I’m going to go there, and s*****r all involved in this plot of yours.”

They all looked at Maria as she laughed “Good luck getting past our witch.”

“Hmm,” Jack smiled at her. “We have three.”

“Ones that are not willing to get involved. They have known about us all this time. Did nothing.”

“Yes...” He heard Rafe state, acknowledging that was what had happened. “But for a reason.” He smiled now, “I believe, Jack, do you believe that reason has come to pass?”

“Yes, Luci got her Siren. Something our witches wanted. But couldn’t bring it about.”

“Correct.” Rafe nodded “They will now interfere.”

“If not them. Perhaps a royal-blooded seer.” Jack smiled.

“I believe a royal can request one. Let’s go and wake up Alpha Terence and see just what he makes of this. If he’ll help out?”

Jack laughed now “If...that man came here to help us protect and defend Luci and her children. I do believe it was these two that harmed her first. He won’t deny us.”

“I agree.” Rafe stated, then his hand snapped around Melissa’s neck and he tilted her face up to his “You mistakenly harmed the woman I truly love. My sons, you will suffer now.” He snarled at her. It wasn’t just Rafe but Solar as well speaking.

Jack watched with satisfaction as Maria’s eyes went really wide now. “Something is blocking the Beta.” He commented “Do you want to know what that meant? I have sons to Luci, two in fact. Seeing Luci having her here inside this pack. Nothing and no one can take them from me now. I love Luci and now she’s here, you have no power over me.”

“Jack let me do that honour.” Rafe let go of Melissa and she sagged.

“Go ahead, Alpha.” He knew what Rafe was going to do, it was what Jack was thinking about doing himself, right that very minute.

“I Alpha Rafe, banish you Melissa and your sister Maria from this pack, you are rogues now.” He severed them from the pack itself, from all here that were pack members. No one here had to even look at them.

“Now, you are just worthless pieces of s**t, prisoners of the Black Forest Pack, until we decide to k**l you, that is. So stay here naked and shamed. Await for your death to come, at our leisure.” Jack stated “It won’t be painless, I assure you of that. Six and a half years of pain you caused to all. I might just see fit to repay it in kind.” Then he just turned and walked away, didn’t want to look at those she-wolves anymore.

Rafe fell into step with him, put a hand on his shoulder as they walked, knew that man could feel what he was feeling, as they walked back into the packhouse together.

Jack could hear both of those she-wolves yelling at the warriors to get them down, to let them go. Actually heard Melissa yell about still being the Luna and that she was not to be treated this way. She was nothing to this pack yet was still trying to cling to it.

A part of him wanted to go right to Luci and claim her for himself, but he had no answers to give to her yet. She deserved that much, all the

answers as to why this had been done to her, why they had forgotten her all this time.

He found Rafe's arms around him the moment they were in their office, and just hugged him "I know." He murmured softly "We'll fix everything." He sighed softly to Jack "We'll tell her all of it. Just a day or two to get the answers, Jack."

He nodded "They hurt her so much." He whispered, "and for what?" he felt tears brim and then just spill over for the pain she had suffered; he didn't even know if they could fix it, she was so very distant towards them now.

He just stood there in his Alpha's arms and leaned on him, for how long he didn't know, Rafe didn't move at all. Just held him and hugged him back till he settled down and pulled away from him. "Jack, I need you to stay away from Luci, I know you, you'll try and claim her the moment you lay eyes on her."

"She belongs to me." He said softly "I want her back."

"I know and we'll get her back. She is our Luna." Rafe looked at him. "Yours and mine, no one will take her away from us ever again. I love her too, Jack. But she deserves all the answers to her questions. We owe her that much before claiming her."

Jack just nodded, he did know that, but he also wanted to go to her, to be with her. Hated being away from her, didn't like that she was not here in the packhouse with him, with them. Wanted that "Do you think it's too soon?" he asked.

"No." Rafe smiled right at him, brushing Jack's tears away "Go on and plan our suite, down the other end of the packhouse, one for all of us together."

Jack smiled a little, "The three of us in one bed?"

"Yes, as it should always have been," Rafe nodded.

Jack sighed "Our parents are coming home today."

“Well, Jack. They are getting more than a shock today.” Rafe nodded. Looked at him, really looked at him, smiled a little himself.

“What?” Jack asked curiously.

Rafe turned his head and then his fingers slid down Jack’s neck, trailed it all the way to his Mark Spot, and Jack shivered a little at the feel of it, so sensitive to his Alpha’s touch, felt Flare lift his head and growl a little turned on himself. “No filigree adorns you. Your neck is bare for me.”

“Stop that.” Jack gasped, as Rafe’s fingers caressed his neck again.

Heard Rafe chuckle softly “Why Jack? Do you like it when I touch you there?” his voice was all soft and teasing now.

“Yes.” Jack murmured and shook the man off. Stepped away from him, but looked at him and saw the smirk on Rafe’s face, he knew the man would likely have felt it himself.

“You belong to me Jack and,” Rafe touched his face, “Will bare my mark soon.”

Jack’s eyes widened more than a little, “Luci?”

“She will come first.” Rafe smiled at him. “Unless.” He grinned. “I can’t contain myself, I will try.”

“Alpha, do you want to hump me?” Jack raised an eyebrow at him now.

“Yes, I believe I do.” Rafe nodded “Now, go work. Before I claim you as my own for all to see.”

Jack smiled. “You and Solar might have to fight for that.”

Rafe chuckled “I’ll out muscle you both.” Then he turned Jack away and pushed him towards his desk, cracked him right on the backside, which elicited a loud growl from Flare and Jack bit down on the feeling, he was bloody turned on by his Alpha’s actions.

They'd never really had this kind of relationship before, shared everything but not each other. Though he knew they'd come close a few times with Luci here in their bed. She had tried to incite it more than once. Their hands wandered during the heat of the moment, the three of them in the bed all worked up together. But that was all, they'd never taken it further. She'd wondered, why not many times.

Jack felt right this minute that they would be, had to shake it off or he was going to go and hump his own Alpha. Needed to distract himself. Though it was still very early, the sun was not up yet and if he didn't distract himself he was going to find himself in a bed; who's he didn't know at that moment Luci's or Rafe's.

Sank down at his desk as he watched Rafe stroll out of the office. That man had way more self-control than he did. No matter what he felt, he could stand around and push it aside. Being the Alpha the pack needed, he was strong and reliable, calm and controlled even in the face of a threat.

Rafe, he knew, would be able to stand in front of Luci and not let it show that he wanted her like no other. Would be able to wait on claiming her, no matter how much he wanted it. Would wait till she was ready, knew the truth and understood it. Wait for her, Kali and likely even Alari to make their decision. He would be able to give her all the time in the world.

Jack sighed, he himself was going to be the one that would need to be kept in check, and Rafe was going to have to keep him distracted and contain him until she was ready. Likely why that man was the Alpha.

He felt Flare snort at him 'We'll be an Alpha soon.'

Jack smiled, "I guess so." If either one, Rafe or Luci, marked him he'd be raised to an Alpha himself. They were both Alpha-blooded. His Alpha and his Luna. Wondered who should Mark who first. He or Rafe, where Luci was concerned or should they let her Mark them, claim them for herself. It would be her decision after all. Probably should let her bite them first.

He smiled to himself and wondered how Rafe would feel about Luci claiming him, Jack before Rafe. She'd always been naughty and tormentative where Rafe was concerned, if she could get back to that. She would definitely Mark Jack first, just to annoy Rafe, set him off, all his Alpha needs to claim what was his, it was what she'd always done.

'It'll be us first.' Jack smiled at Flare's words. 'Yes it will be.' he agreed with his beast 'just to toy with the Alpha.'

He pulled up the top floor architecture plans. He was going to gut at least a quarter of the eastern wing, turn it into one massive grand suite, as it should have always been. Though another thought struck him and he sighed 'Alari.' Flare huffed at him, they had to find a way to incorporate Alari's needs into his design, he was really going to have to think about that.

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Addison POV

She smiled as she looked at the boys sleeping in bed with Luci, all four of them in the same bed. She had woken up to Rafe's voice inside her mind. 'Addi, they are not our Mates. Both Jack and I have issued our rejections. There was no pain at all. No filigree adorns our necks.'

'Marking Scars?' she enquired.

'No. Nothing at all...seems we've broken the spell finally. It was witchcraft. Melissa stated her pack houses a witch.'

Addi sighed heavily and looked at her sleeping daughter 'What now?'

'Answers first, so that we can tell Luci everything.'

'When will that be?'

'A day or two, I want the pack to see those two out there for who they really are. Out there on the shaming post, which is now where they are. They tried to leave about 3am. Were contained. I've already stated we're

not mates in front of my Unit and all Elite Warriors that are not on patrol or protection duty for Luci.'

'Good.' She'd sighed, finally things were going to start coming right.

'I fear Jack may come for Luci, before she can understand.'

'Hmm,' she thought about that. She had wanted to tell them about Sirens getting a true bond. Technically, only Sirens and their Mate's knew about that. It was up to the Siren if their chosen Mate was not a Siren to tell them. Luci now understood the truth, as did Alari.

Smiled just a little to herself as she lay there, she'd gotten the shock of her life when she'd scented out Lucian. It hadn't been a full moon, had been not long after sunup even. No moon out for them to see. Perhaps Rafe and Jack should have that moment. She certainly wanted Luci to have it.

'It is what it is,' Addi murmured after thinking about it. She knew he was waiting for her response. She reached out and brushed a hand through her daughter's hair 'Don't worry too much Rafe, my daughter is strong. Can handle your Beta if he comes.'

'Alari is my concern.' Rafe sighed a little on the heavy side now 'We have no connection to her. I fear Jacks need to claim Luci might set Alari off.'

'I guess then, Rafe, that is something both you and Jack will have to find out on your own. Not even I know how my Siren daughter feels about you two. Doesn't ever mention you.'

'I'll try to contain him, for now.'

'Do what you think is right.' She stated simply 'Is Alpha Terence or West up yet?'

'Not yet, why?'

'I have need of an escort somewhere. Hannah suggested them to me.'

‘Come to the packhouse when you’re ready. Breakfast is at 6 this morning.’

‘Alright.’ She nodded ‘Luci and the boys are sleeping in for the first time, it seems.’

‘That is good to hear, settling in just a little.’

Addi slipped from the bed and found Alari’s eyes on her, smiled gently at her. “Sleep my daughter, I’m going out of the pack for a few days. When I come back, you and I will have much to talk about.” She was going on her own to the Lake. Luci needed to be here right now.

She watched as Alari just closed her eyes once more, smiled as she went off to change for the day. Alpha Sirens always knew when their sleep pile was disturbed, she was so like her father.

Today Addi was hoping that she’d find and feel that long-ago connection to Lucian’s pack, her pack. She had already checked on the lake on her phone, in the human world. It had many beautiful pictures for her to see. She had read up on what the humans thought about her lake even. It was not such an easy place to get to, only the most hard-core humans willing to really rough it went there. It was still pristine in nature.

She headed off to the packhouse herself, saw both Melissa and Maria out there, naked on the shaming posts for all to see. Walked right over to them, they would know who she was. Looked from one to the other and felt Fallon snarl inside her mind, could smell the rogue status and smiled to herself for it.

Then just stalked over to Melissa, who looked right at her, not something allowed for one on a shaming post, eye contact was a no-no. “Luna Addison.” She stated as though greeting her, Luna to Luna.

“Alpha Addison.” She corrected the she-wolf and then just punched her at full wolfen strength “For my daughter,” she stated as the woman screamed in pain. Addison heard bones cracking, hunkered down in front of her. Took a breath in and then made that she-wolf look right at her. Allowed not only her Alpha Aura to be felt but allowed that part of her

she'd always kept hidden from all but would deny it no longer. Her witch bloodline to show, allowed all the power she contained from it to flow out of her, knew her eyes were glowing, could feel the heat of it.

“Witches don't like it when others meddle with their children. My father, Luci's grandfather...Is Hendrick, King Sebastian's Warlock.”

She watched with satisfaction as that she-wolf's eyes widened, and smelt fear roll off of her. Not once had Addison ever used her father's name. She did not cling to the man himself. Never would. But who he was, not that he knew about her or cared either, did not matter. Who he had been would be enough to put fear into anyone and just saying his name out loud was enough. She got the desired reaction.

She stood up and turned to Maria, saw that she-wolf, kneel and bow her head. “Oh, it's too late for that.” Addison commented and walked over to her, yanked her to her feet by her hair, heard her gasp in pain, ignored it “How do you live with yourself? Knowing you ruined so many lives.”

“It was all her father's doing, we didn't want to.” She blurted out.

“But you did, didn't you!” Addison muttered. “For many years now. So you are fully to blame.” Let her have it just like her so-called sister, but Addi had heard the words her father's doing. Not sisters even, it seemed.

Punched that she-wolf right in the side, connecting with her lowest ribs, heard them c***k as well, stepped back and looked at them both. “I'm not the one to end your lives.” Smiled mirthlessly at them now “My daughter, however. Will be deadly when she learns the truth and comes for you.” she turned and walked away. Luci, when she found out, was going to be more than upset, as was Kali going to be. This, her other two sides, being so upset, was going to set Alari off and that daughter of hers would be taking no prisoners at all.

Was likely to stalk her way over here and Siren Call those two, to the death. She had stated twice now she would explode a brain inside a head, and Addison got the distinct impression she was itching to do it. These two out here, would likely end up dead in a bloodied mess of exploded brain matter.

Addison was not going to stop her. She also didn't think that Rafe or Jack would stop her either. Not that she thought they could, but she doubted they would intervene, those two would likely want to see those two she-wolves dead for what had been done to them.

Even knew why they were still alive, only out there to be shamed for all to see that these two were traitors to the pack, no longer the Luna and Beta's Mates. Answers were yet to be gotten, but once they had those it was likely their heads would be coming off. Thought about that as she walked into the packhouse.

She could see Jack sitting in the Alpha's office, walked over and knocked on the door. He looked up at her and smiled a little "You don't need to know Addison, not ever are Luci's mother and..."

She smiled at him as he trailed off. "I'm not your mother-in-law yet."

Heard him chuckle softly now, "In my mind you are. What can I do for you, mother?" he asked.

She shook her head. "Don't go k*****g those two, as much as you want to. Let Alari do it, she'll display all her power when she does."

"Alright." He nodded.

"Jack, I know you have concerns about me taking Luci to Lucian's lake. I'll be going today, on my own. I'll stay two or three days, when I come back...I may want to take Alari there still."

She watched him sigh heavily "I still don't think it's wise."

"I understand your concern, but things here are changing. I will wait for that to happen before taking her there. Does that help you?"

Saw him think about it. "Maybe."

"Perhaps Hannah and her sisters can blip us out there?"

"Alright, if they agree to it, I'm okay with that. But I would want them to stay the whole time as well. To protect you and Luci."

Addison smiled, "That will be fine." Turned to leave the office, "Oh, I put the fear of the kingdom into those two out there, you might have more luck getting answers from them now."

"What?" he frowned at her.

"My father's bloodline scares all." She stated and walked away, smiling a little to herself, cryptic like his own witch's.

She found Alpha Terence in the dining room with Alpha West, his Luna Jo-anne, Alpha Rafe and his unit, all sitting at a table together, smiled at them. "Please join us, Alpha Addison," Rafe stated.

She did, after getting food, smiled right at everyone, before turning to Alpha Terence himself "Alpha, may I request something of you?"

He looked at her questioningly "You can only ask." He nodded.

"I need a ride out to the glacial mountains in Montana."

Watched as he leaned right back in his chair and smiled now "That's a long way. What may I ask is out there?"

"My Lake, I'd like to go visit my home. You can just drop me off, no need to wait. Fallon and I can make our way back."

"Addi, I don't think that is wise." Rafe frowned at her now "Victor could have men looking for you anywhere."

"He doesn't know about my Lake." No one did. She knew that.

"But he's likely got men watching all roads into the pack."

"I can take her." Terence stated "I'll drop her off and go pick her up when she's ready."

She saw Jo-anne shake her head and then mutter "You're bloody obsessed with flying that thing."

Addison smiled, "It's in his blood, I'd say."

“What?” Jo-anne frowned at her.

“Ah, you’d not noticed, I see. All the royal family’s wolves are named after birds. I’d bet his wolf is too.”

“Lark.” Terence nodded “And we all are bar one.” His eyes moved to Jo-anne herself.

“Hmm, her other bloodline is stronger, that is all. Likely got herself a wolf that has a name connected to her mother earth.”

She saw Jo-anne blink more than surprised “Yes, Clova.” She nodded.

“Pretty.” Addison smiled at her and returned to eating her breakfast.

“Terence would you kindly drop me off today and say come back in three days to get me.”

“I can do that, we can leave right after breakfast.”

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Luci POV

She was woken by her mother telling her she’d decided to go to Lucian’s Lake by herself, wanted to spend a few days there by herself, before Luci got to go there. Had even managed to wrangle herself a ride, that Alpha Terence was going to fly her out to the lake and then come back and pick her up in 3 days.

Luci was a little bit disappointed that her mother had wanted to go on her own, but she could also understand it at the same time. She did know that her mother missed Lucian, and had fled that lake at his insistence to protect Luci herself. Had to let her mother have this moment alone with her lake. She herself could go another time, though it was a nice feeling that her mother now knew where the lake was. To know that at some point she herself could go there too.

It was a good thing for both of them, they could go there anytime now. But it was good that her mother was going to get that feeling of being

more connected to her Siren Mate. Luci did understand that her mother might just make herself at home there once more and decide to stay. She would not stop her, she wanted her mother to have that comfort after all that had gone on, and that Lake was actually closer to this pack, than Nightfall.

She had gone back to sleep after that only to be woken by Alpha Rafe's voice inside her mind. It was a full-pack wide mind-link 'This is your Alpha. First, my apologies for waking up so many of you. Pardon the intrusion Luci.' He apologised directly to her 'I would like to inform you that Melissa and Maria, the two she-wolves responsible for burning down of Alpha Luci and her family's previous residence here within the pack. Tried to flee the pack and their punishment for their crimes.

'Were caught and brought right to myself and Jack, are now being formally punished, have been placed on the shaming posts outside the front of the packhouse. No one in this pack is required to listen to anything either of them may have to say, yell about, beg or plead for. Simply ignore them for what they are. This is only the beginning; their punishment has not yet truly started.' He closed out the link.

Luci had lay in her bed and stared up at the ceiling for a long time. He'd not added the twins to it. She knew that because they were still sleeping soundly. Though she doubted for very much longer. They hardly ever slept in. Today was a rarity and when they did sleep in, she just let them.

Her Alpha and Beta had actually put their Mates on those shaming posts out there, she'd not really expected them to do it. Had never seen anyone get put on them. Understood they were more there for the fear of it than actually using them. The Alpha and Beta usually just tossed people into their cells until they calmed down, could explain themselves and apologise to whoever they'd offended. Though she'd noted it was usually only ever drunken wolves, fighting amongst themselves over various things.

The Luna and Beta's Mate's out there on the shaming post, she saw shades of Orien and what he got. She recalled her mother putting him out there for punishment. Shook it off. She didn't need to recall her mother's pain that day.

Though she did know that was the very day she'd stopped thinking of Orien as her father, his words that morning had been too much, too cruel and she'd nearly lost herself to the darkness within that day.

She stopped and thought about that now, really thought about it, she had felt something inside of her, had been here in this very pack, and racing away through the woods, headed east. She frowned and sat herself up, as she realised she'd been heading right for the lake that day.

'Alari?'

'Yes, I nearly came that day.' She was told 'You were distracted or got scared by my presence I think. Then I just couldn't.'

'I was scared.' Luci recalled that day 'That I was going to be swallowed up by the darkness in me, that when it happened I'd k**l Orien, I think.'

'I'd have let you,' Alari told her simply.

'Jack and Rafe turned up, stayed with me.' She sighed a little 'Made me laugh and then the fear was gone, I was calm and happy with them.' sighed much more heavily now as she realised that she could have gotten Alari that day, just a single day after she'd gotten Kali. If she'd not been scared. It could have solved a lot, she thought.

'Maybe,' Alari stated, but said no more.

She and the boys got up not long after that. They sulked when she told them their grammy had gone away for a few days. She'd never seen them do that before, but it was over quickly, with the arrival of their first lot of toys.

Then her boys were racing around the house on scooters trying to go faster than each other, yelling and laughing all happy once more, trying to be better than each other, a competitive streak it seemed.

A part of Luci, right this minute, wished she didn't have super sensitive hearing, they were so very loud and excited by the toys. She was also getting constant shivers from all their laughing, it was actually hard to drink her morning coffee.

Didn't exactly know what to do with them, they were all super wired and amped up and it only got more so when more things arrived, they were squealing and yelling and then off again. She'd tried to settle them down, not even telling them they could watch TV worked, and she knew that was their new favourite thing, or had been till this morning. Seems that novelty was out the window with all their new toys.

They were like kids at Christmas; she realised all hopped up about their gifts. Took them outside and before she knew it, Astral and Spark were just ripped out of them and running all over the place, jumping and tumbling over each other. Raced around the outside of the house a few times and banged right into her and her morning coffee was gone smashed on the ground. Not that they cared.

Kali shifted her and sent them off to run in the woods. They did not need more than a single 'go run in the woods.' Directed at them, they ran off into the southern woods with Kali hot on their heels, ran for a good hour all over the place, they were, it seemed, two little balls of energy and they were chasing everything that moved. Even pounced on a few patrolling wolves, she'd apologised instantly.

Got laughed at and told, 'It's alright Luci.'

Finally, it seemed, they got all their energy out; took nearly two hours, and returned to the house. They were all smiles up at her. "They like running, mamma." She was told.

"I can see that." She smiled at them, sent them off to get dressed, was going to have to talk to them about patrolling wolves and not disturbing them. She guessed they'd just seen other wolves and gone off to play with them uncaring.

Finally, they sat still long enough to eat something and sit still, were sitting and colouring on the lounge, they were talking to each other and laughing still, but much more settled. Kali and Alari seemed to be happy as well, had enjoyed the boys' antics and liked watching their Siren Wolves run all over the place.

She was mind-linked to by Rafe once more 'Luci, pardon the intrusion, the boys wolves were out?'

'Yes, kind of just ripped out of them unexpectedly.' She told him honestly 'Are all, or were, all amped up.'

She heard him chuckle softly, sounded very happy, amused even, had thought she'd been about to be reprimanded about it, seems not. 'Would they like to come to the entertainment zone and play with the other children, burn off some of that energy.'

'Likely so...but I don't know.'

'You and the boys are perfectly safe Luci, I assure you, no harm will come to you.'

She didn't really say anything at all, she would still have to walk past their mates. Didn't really want to do that.

'Melissa and Maria don't know what you look like.' He told her gently 'Do not concern yourself with those two she-wolves Luci. They will not be coming off the shaming post anytime soon, are bound with silver as well.'

'After lunch then.' She told him 'Perhaps send Allen to get them.'

'You're not coming down?' he asked and she could have sworn that she heard disappointment in his voice.

'You don't need me there. Just the boys. So Allen as the Gamma can come and get them.'

'Luci, Jack and I would like to spend time with you as well.'

She sighed 'It's not at all necessary, Alpha.' She told him and closed the link herself. It wasn't necessary at all, they had Mates, albeit on a shaming post right now, but they still had them. They did not need to spend anytime with her, just the boys was all.

Though it was curious to her that he had called both of them she-wolves this morning, he hadn't used their titles, wondered why that was. He'd

also done that again just now, wondered if he was simply trying to refrain himself from using the words Mates or Luna in an effort to try and not make her feel uncomfortable.

She had no idea about that at all, and wasn't going to be asking him either. She told the boys that Allen would be here after lunch to take them to the packhouse to spend time with their fathers and play in the kid's zone. They'd smiled right up at her, liked hearing that, and she knew it.

"You, mamma?" they'd asked right back.

"No, I'll put your stuff away in your room and then Alari will go for a swim in the afternoon."

They'd just stared at her for a moment and then nodded at her. It was a good idea. She could let Kali roam freely as well, stroll in wolf form all the way to the lake's edge, even let Kali go for a bit of a swim before letting Alari out in the lake.

That would keep her busy all afternoon and being out there in the lake, she wouldn't have to concern herself with hearing either Rafe or Jack's voice inside her mind. Out in the lake Alari was in charge, she'd just disconnect herself from them in that way she'd always been able to do.

Maybe she might be able to get Hannah to come and help her with her witch abilities as well. Or perhaps she could do that tomorrow while the boys were at school all day and she herself had nothing to do.

Allen arrived just as Alpha Terence flew his helicopter back into pack territory. The boys were all excited to see it, yelling about it and then they were just gone, racing off down the driveway, shocked Allen more than a little as he had to shoot off after them. Luci chuckled to herself and mind-linked right to him 'Good luck, Allen.'

'I might need it.' he shot right back.

She watched as the packs Gamma tried to keep up with her boys, fully excited and using their siren-wolf speed to run down that driveway,

likely going to race like that all the way across the pack, chasing that helicopter; it was unlikely she thought that they would stop till they got to where it landed. Likely want to get in it and go for a ride. Felt Alari's annoyance right away.

She, however, didn't think Alpha Terence would allow that, not without parental consent, he seemed sensible to her. Wouldn't she thought, just take another's children up without permission. Alari seemed to settle with that thought.

She packed the boys' things away and headed off into the woods, letting Kali roam about for the afternoon. Mind-linked to Allen to see how the boys were playing with the other children in the entertainment zone. Told him Alari was going for a swim and to let the boys have dinner with their fathers.

Felt concern come down the mind-link with his words 'I don't think that's so wise, Luci.'

'I'm going.' She told him flatly and cut the mind-link, then Kali was out wading in the water until she was swimming, enjoyed swimming herself, dove under and Alri was out of them a moment later to swim in her lake.

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Rafe POV

He and Jack could both feel that the boys were on the move out in the pack, they were moving at a fair amount of speed, racing around all over the place near the Forest Creek House, only took them a minute to realise it was likely Astral and Spark not the boys.

He'd been going to mind-link Luci about it, but could feel after a moment that she was with them, or Kali, he supposed. So he had opted not to, she had to be able to move about the pack freely, without he or Jack asking

what was going on. They had to try and give her some space, she'd only been here for three and a half days.

Likely she was feeling smothered by them as well, with the amount of times they saw her, or mind-linked to her. He didn't think she would take the boys off pack territory. She knew that Victor's men could still be out there looking for her. Reporting back to Victor anything and everything, or trying to snatch her or the boys for him.

He and Jack were in a war meeting with West, Bradley, and Cooper. Luna Jo-anne had opted not to attend, and had stated she had her own things to deal with while here. She needed to call her mother about something and had gone up to her room. Had looked unhappy to him, quite pensive he'd thought.

West had assured him she was fine, just dealing with her own personal things. Rafe had gotten the impression that it was what Hannah and her sisters had told her about herself, or something to do with the answers to her questions she'd gone off on her own to get. He'd left it alone. She was a Luna and not really interested in the planning of the war and had said as much.

Had her own agenda now, it seemed, one likely to do with his witches.

Terence had yet to return from taking Addi to her lake. She had told him and Jack where it was so that they knew where she was going. A good thing and not that far from here, only half a day's drive. That settled Jack.

Their war room was up on the third floor, it had a more detailed map of Victor's pack laid out on the large table. Orien had sent them an email this morning, not only with the man's layout, but information on the man's packhouse, where things were inside it. Where he housed his elite warriors and regular warriors, had an itemised list of all the things he thought they should know about Victor's pack. Had been more than helpful.

He had also contacted several of the smaller packs that he knew Victor was allied to and posed the question of if they wanted out of an alliance

with the man. He had told them he wanted out and knew war was going to be taken to Victor by a larger pack than Victor's. That if they wanted out, now was the time to do so. They didn't need to sever ties with Victor or do anything other than be ready to assist in the war when it came. He'd sent Rafe and Jack a copy of the email he'd sent so they could see which packs they were.

It was a massive risk that Orien was taking. Any of those packs could forward that email onto Victor himself and then Nightfall would be up for the slaughtering in a matter of hours. He'd put a very brief call to the man this morning after getting that email, just to see if he was alive. He was alive and the pack unharmed. He had stated he'd chosen packs for that email very carefully. He didn't think a single one of them would out him to Victor and so far so good, no contact with them yet likely they were weighing up the options, they would all see his pack attached to that email and realized which pack was taking war to Victor.

They were going to talk to Luci about Orien later on this afternoon, and his willingness to help them, when she came to pick up the boys. He and Jack had decided that now that Thatcher was not in Nightfall and his safety not threatened, they could actually inform her of exactly what was going on. Didn't need to keep that from her, she now wouldn't go rushing off to help Thatcher. Also, it would show her that Orien was at her side in all this, something he was sure was going to shock her completely, but likely deep down inside of her, since the man had raised her, make her feel a little better; she had been his daughter for 18 years.

Jack had brought a detailed map of the area around Victor's pack. There were two abandoned pack territories out there. Though none of them believed they were empty, likely being so close to Victor, it was where he was housing his rogues. One on the north east of his pack and the other just to the south of it. Good places for him to store back up.

They also had the number of Warriors now, and how many Victor would leave inside his pack when off to battle was 150. Their total was 950 and Victor was sitting on 500, or at least that was before he'd attacked them. Orien had informed them, but for all Rafe knew, those he'd brought with him that day could have been rogues.

West and Bradley didn't think so, not after hearing about how they were trained, didn't think it was possible for anyone to train up large groups of rogues in such a manner. They'd need to be pack members to train like that, because that was intensive training, which would likely take years as well.

Hannah confirmed for him 69 dead on Victor's side that day. When he asked her that question, he needed to know numbers. She'd know how many she'd blipped away. So, if they were correct, Victor only now had 430 dedicated warriors. That was good for them.

Though they still had no idea just how many rogues the man could pull to him at any given minute, he needed recon on those two packs, couldn't use Orien even though he was the closest. Victor's men inside Nightfall would report it.

Looked at where those packs were and asked Jack to go and contact the council, to get any information about those destroyed packs. Jack had nodded and gone off to do so while the rest of them talked more about strategy. Rafe was looking to use Victor's own strategy against him, knew that the man sent in wave after wave of wolves, would surround the pack he was attacking and never went in himself, unless he was sure he was getting in undetected.

He was looking at the man's borders, assessing where it was best to put his men. Brad thought it was best to have eight or nine units of a hundred warriors each all coming in at the same time from all over the place. Make Victor's warriors scatter to different places, reducing the numbers of defending wolves in each area. If he only had 430, that would be 50 or so to each area. They'd be outnumbered 2 to 1. It was a good plan, he thought. West also agreed. Though he wanted 3 to 1 odds, reducing the risk to their own wolves.

Cooper touched that pool that was situated under the packhouse, "What's it for?"

"Don't know." Rafe shook his head, though thought about it. "What if he built it for Luci?" He voiced.

“Built it long ago, Orien said it’s been there for ages, right, in that email.” West commented with a shake of his head. Didn’t think that was it.

Rafe checked the email “18 years ago.” He told them.

“You don’t think he’s been planning this all that time?” Bradley frowned deeply.

“Surely not. No one even knew about Luci until just a few weeks ago. Officially only a few days ago. When Addi told us, she stated she’d never told Orien about Luci’s lineage.”

Again they were all silent.

“You said he came prepared, knows about Sirens.” Cooper touched the pool again.

“Yes.” Rafe sighed as he understood “You think he has a Siren already. That’s where it lives.”

“Yes, 18 years and under the packhouse. Addison said the cells were under that packhouse, but Orien puts them out here in the woods,” he touched the place indicated by Orien to the north of the packhouse.

“So under the packhouse is something else altogether.” West murmured “What?”

No one knew the answer to that. “If that man has a Siren, that would account for his knowledge and that pool. That creature likely has full roam of his pack at will, but would mostly stay in Siren form, if it’s a full-blooded Siren.”

“Lets keep that in mind.” Brad nodded “Fighting a Siren will not be easy. And none of us have that hearing protection.”

“No.” Rafe agreed, “but I have a couple of teachers working on that.”

“A good idea, will need a lot for our men.”

“Or we could just send Luci in, Siren to Siren.” Cooper voiced.

Rafe frowned now at the man. "I'd rather her not go in at all."

"Hmm." It was West. "But she wants to. I don't think you'll be able to stop her either. I wouldn't try to, Wolf, Witch and Siren. You might find yourself on the receiving end and that could leave this pack without its Alpha."

Rafe huffed the man was not wrong, "Let's see if we can find out if he has a Siren first."

"Who has a Siren?" Jack asked, walking back into the room.

"Victor."

"That would explain a lot why he has so much knowledge about them." he put a sticky note on both the abandoned packs. One had just over a hundred rogues in it, "Trying to assimilate themselves back to wolfen society," he stated, "Victor is watching them for the council." Shook his head they all understood that, likely his band of rogues. The other had empty written on it, "Nothing there as far as the council is aware of."

"So his help will come from the north-east and number a hundred."

"That puts his men at 530," Rafe sighed. This was not going to be a bloodless battle, many lives were likely going to be lost.

"What if we take the rogues out first, get rid of them or make them scatter out east away from Victor, so he's got no back up." Jack commented.

"A good plan," West agreed.

"I heard back from our recon unit Rafe, yes there are rogues up north watching that road in."

"So Victor is watching everyway in and out, waiting for us to make a move, while he's planning who knows what down there."

"Yes. Likely, we need to take them out before we do anything else." Jack nodded.

“It’ll have to be an in-sync mission attack, all of them at the same time, so we need to scout them all out first.”

“That might be harder than you think now.” Bradley stated “We took out that lot that took to us. Likely, they all have to check in and when that group doesn’t he’ll call everyone and move them. It’s what I’d do.”

They took a break for lunch and Allen headed off to go and get the boys. He was a little disappointed that Luci wouldn’t come and spend time with them, but couldn’t blame her, didn’t try to reconnect with her when she’d shut him out, knew she was still trying to cope with being here inside the pack. Knew she needed time and space.

Though feeling both his boys suddenly bolt across the pack gained his undivided attention, he saw Jack look right at him a little worriedly. Rafe connected to Allen. He could feel that man tracking them, ‘What’s going on?’

‘I’m not going to catch them,’ Allen told him. ‘Are all excitedly tracking Terence in his helicopter as it comes in.’

He and Jack both visually relaxed. They were just fine, just excited, it seemed ‘Astral and Spark?’ he asked.

‘No, just little Rafe and Jack on foot. Bloody fast Alpha, out running me the pair of them, using their full Siren Wolf speed.’

He could only smile at that so fast even now, at just six, he was curious if he’d be able to catch them at that rate. ‘Does Luci know?’

‘Yes, wished me good luck, full of amusement even.’

Both he and Jack chuckled now, it seemed not even Luci thought Allen was going to be able to catch them, thought it was funny as well. That was good she was happy today. He liked hearing that she was happy.

‘Keep them on the ground.’ He chuckled softly before closing out the mind-link.

