

The Alpha & Beta's Regret Chapter 161

Addison POV

She was glad to see Luci and Silla bond, had seen the fear in Riva when she mentioned Victor and Alari's anger had risen at the mention of his name, something Addi had spent most of yesterday getting Silla out of saying Vic Vic, and referring to him as simply Victor. It had taken some doing, he had raised her and that's what shed always called him from a tiny toddler, was ingrained into her.

Silla had, had to come to understand that although Victor had raised her and treated her well, hed actually only done it for his own means. Not because he loved her. If he did love her, he'd never have let her believe she was the last Siren out there, and would have taken her to a lake and let her swim in it often or even found another Siren pack for her to go and live in.

That he'd lied to her on purpose to keep her loyal to him, so that she wouldn't venture outside of his pack, and that he wouldn't run the risk of her meeting another Siren and leaving him. That to Victor she was a perfect k*****g machine was all.

Silla had stared at her a lot but said nothing much at first, slowly came to the understanding and understood it eventually. And by dinner time she had been correcting herself and was actively trying to call him Victor. It was hard for her to do.

Watching Luci come outside with the boys, and seeing that double mark on her neck finally, the beautiful filagree that adorned her as well. It truly was a sight for her tired eyes.

She'd had concerns about Luci, Kali and Alari accepting both Rafe and Jack, well, mostly just Alari.

Seems that worry was unfounded, Alari had accepted them as well, likely finding out the way they had, on their own without Rafe and Jack trying

to convince her to take them back. Just reading everything had been the clinching factor for Alari.

She was happy that they had all gotten that perfect moment of scenting each other out as Goddess Gifted Mates. There was no way Alari would have allowed herself to be claimed by one that did not love her, that she herself did not scent. Love before a bond, always for a Siren.

The five of them walked through the pack together and she took that time to fill Luci in on what actually happened down in the Bloodless Moon. She didn't look happy at all about it. But she didn't lose it, seeing that Addi was okay.

Told her about Zoe, who was Victor's actual Goddess Gifted Mate and was now here with them, that Rafe had initiated Zoe, her mother Lidia and Gary's Mate, Rhyse, right into this pack, that they had all been prisoners down there and she had freed them all.

She'd told her about all those women down there in his basement for his own sick needs, that they'd gotten them out and Silla had taken them to his children, and then right out of that man's pack, and sent them to another that she believed would be safe for them. Run by a Kitsune named Sloan.

Though that confused Addi at the time, she knew Alpha Sloan, and didn't think she had run a pack here, but had let it go. Rafe had told her they'd gone to a place called the Wandering Moon. Knew that pack and that Sloan did reside there, but it was her granddaughters' pack, they were going to be allies to this pack, her pack. Saying those last two words had made Addison really smile, saying out loud, that this was Luci's pack, made her happy.

She really loved stating those words, that this was Lucis pack. She was now here where she'd always belonged.

Finally, a Luna to a pack, with the two men that had always been able to make her happy and satisfy all her needs.

Right from 18, the only two who had ever sated her daughter completely had been those two.

She did ask the question about Alari accepting Rafe and Jack, though she had kept that as a private mind-link between the two of them. Gotten a 'yes' on that, and was told 'they belong to us, Alari included. It sounded like a simple enough statement that she believed it.

She herself was curious about the mating but not enough to ask questions and pry into that very private part of their lives. Had looked at the filigree on Luci's neck, it was large and held what she believed were two wolves, one sitting and the other resting his head on the first, and then what to her appeared to be the tail of a siren arced over the two wolves.

Her filigree was larger than most, would be adorned with and both had combined on her neck or been changed maybe with the second marking. She didn't know but it was very pretty to her. She even liked that it was twice the size of a normal filigree. Stood out for all to see.

She wondered about Rafe and Jack's. Would it be the same? Two wolves under a Siren. Walked into their office and watched as both Rafe and Jack smiled right at Luci, openly. Their feelings for her were right there for all to see.

Watching as the boys ran over to them and hugged them, it was nice to see such a sweet, loving family bond between them.

Addison stood and watched as Luci didn't even hesitate upon seeing them. That was really nice to see. To watch her just walk over to them like she had once been able to do, she felt tears well up at the sight of the five of them all standing together as a family; together and happy.

She found Silla touching her arm and both boys moved right to her to touch her arm. She looked at them all and smiled. "Happy moment is all." she'd reassured them, they'd all felt her emotions; even Silla. Had that connection now that they were connected as mother and daughter.

Sirens like to comfort Sirens, it was in their nature to look after their family or pack. Why they were also closely bonded to each other, they could feel one another's emotions.

"Mother." Jack smiled right at her.

Addison actually chuckled softly "Son." She returned and saw even Jack chuckling now. It was good to look at Rafe and Jack, she could see or feel perhaps that they already looked healthier to her, more alive even. No longer dying, she realised.

Moved her eyes to their necks as the three of them sat down and talked to the boys. Addi had explained it to them already, but it seemed that Rafe, Jack and Luci also wanted to tell them in person.

Both Rafe and Jack bore a Mark as large as Luci herself. It took up half their neck and inside it was a wolf that sat with a crescent moon on its forehead and had a Siren tail, surrounded by that beautiful silver filigree. It was very pretty to look at.

She had been lost in her thoughts when she felt herself being connected into a pack wide mind-link, though she didn't feel the twins in it.

1 Alpha Rafe have an announcement to make. As you are all aware, Jack and I severed and banished Melissa and Maria, this is why. For the past six and half years, Jack and I have been under a witch's spell paid for by those two. It was used to make us believe that they were our Goddess Gifted Mates. Which they were not.

'Prior to that event six and a half years ago, Jack and I were with Luci. You will all recall how happy we were with her. We were in fact going to choose her as our Mate and Luna. Only to have that ruined by those other two she-wolves and their father, the Wolf Valley Pack, ruined all of our lives...' she heard him actually sigh heavily, sadly so, and knew the whole pack would also feel it like she did.

'Jack and I were made to forget Luci completely. We have been, over the past week, working on getting released from that spell and regaining our memories, which were stripped from us where Luci was concerned. Luci

was the most hurt and affected by this. We, Jack and I would like to take this moment to truly apologise to her for all she has had to suffer all of these years.

‘Luci herself is now aware of all that has gone on, she was the one to extract revenge upon those two she-wolves and their pack even. Jack and I were planning to take war to them for their crimes against us, against Luci and this pack. Luci, however, did that herself, and has punished all involved, as is my understanding’

Addison felt the boys be connected into the mind-link now.

‘It is with pure joy and happiness that I, your Alpha, announce to you all that Luci has not only understood all that went on here, but has willingly accepted us. Is now mine and Alpha Jack’s Luna, your Luna. She is now the Luna of the Black Forest Pack as we have always wanted her to be.

‘She has claimed both of us as her Mate’s. Many of you are aware that Luci has two sons, has blessed Jack and I with heirs to the pack. She kept them safe out there in the human world, away from all deceptions within this pack over the years, and brought them back now that it is safe to do so. We can not thank her enough for this. Are truly blessed to be her Mate’s and, to our joy, granted her by the moon goddess Selena herself. As our Goddess Gifted Mate yesterday. Something both Jack and I have always wanted.

With the full moon only a few days away, there will be a need to delay the celebrations of her Luna Ceremony, one month only. But please welcome your Luna and your Heirs.

Little Rafe and Little Jack to this pack with the same love and joy that I feel, that Alpha Jack feels for them all.

He closed out the mind-link a moment later, and Addison smiled right at him. He had obviously been thinking about that speech for a long time, how to word it, when to include the twins into it, and had also managed to get in there that Jack was now also an Alpha, no longer the Beta.

She smiled right at him “Well done son,” He inclined his head “Thank you, mother.”

“I need breakfast, I’m starving.” Luci interrupted them.

Addi strolled along behind them as they made their way from the Alpha’s office to the dining hall. It was a school day but she had the feeling today was going to be a day where all five of them just got to be together. She had taken the boys to school yesterday. They had started while she was out of the pack. They’d told her about going to school. Wanted to go and play with the other kids, it seemed

She watched them all sit down together just like they had used to, with Luci right between them, felt Silla hug her during breakfast and turned to look at her, smiled at her.

“My family is nice.” She told Addi.

“It is and today Riva and Alari can swim in the lake, but not likely till the afternoon.”

“I understand, newly bonded.” She smiled. “I want that one day.” She whispered.

“You’ll get it, I’m sure. Just might take some time.”

Looking at Luci, Addison could tell she felt different, was fully realised now, and as her mother, she could sense it, that power she held. She was strong, kind of felt more like the twins she realised

Still needed to go and get that ceremonial blade from Lucian’s Lake, though that was a discussion that now had to be had, with Victor having men up there it wasn’t exactly safe to do so right this minute. Was going to have to wait.

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Jack POV

Spending the morning with Rafe, Luci and the boys, he found himself unable to stop smiling, was really happy, didn't recall ever being this happy. His and Rafe's parents had found them in short order after the announcement about the leadership of the pack; he being an Alpha now and Luci the Luna.

All of them had gotten hugged by all of their parents. His own father had stood and smiled at him, proudly, then had stated "My son, an Alpha." Had yanked him right in for a tight hug,

"I'm so proud of you Jacki boy." Then looking right at him had said "But now who's going to be the Beta?"

" had kind of been hinting Jack thought that he would step right back into his old roll.

"I will hold two roles till we make that decision." Jack had smiled at him, the way they ran the pack wasn't likely going to change at all. He'd always been considered the same as Rafe, and pulled the same duties as well as the Beta one.

He was used to it and didn't see it really changing.

It was really nice to see their pack just accept Luci right into the role of their Luna. The role she should have taken all those years ago. He'd seen some address her formally as Luna and others bow their heads as a mark of respect but call her Luci. He didn't mind, because neither did she.

Most of their pack called them by their first names, A few insisted on using rank but they didn't insist on it as long as their tone was respectful. It was all good

He'd seen her get hugged by half a dozen she wolves and realised they were some of the women shed known and been friends with here, hung out with all the time. Though they were not trying to intrude on their family moment, they just wanted to see her and greet her as their Luna.

Found himself just watching her, it warmed his heart every time he saw her smile and talk to their pack members. She would be back to normal

in no time at all. With all her pain and them marked and loved up, she was going to be okay.

Her broken heart was healing well.

He himself got called Alpha Jack many times as well, smiled at his new title. Though for him nothing really changed, he would run the pack with Rafe like always. But it was really nice to hear. He heard many chuckles as they walked about, their wolves half whispering to each other " About time those two got it on."

Though the mind-link he'd gotten from Petra as she'd walked passed had been full of amusement 'Now, Jack.

You're in for some real fun, do you want some reading or watching material?' Heard that woman giggle like a school girl at her own comment.

We'll figure it out. Jack had replied simply, though his tone had also been full of amusement. He knew that he and Rafe would have many things to explore being mated to each other. Also knew Luci and her beasts were likely to incite it and then lay back and watch them, much as she had done yesterday.

He knew they'd only touched on all the things that they could do to each other. His eyes moved to Rafe as he sat chatting to Addi and his parents. Smiled right at him, he was a handsome devil and Jack could lay hands on him as often as he liked. Hmm, he could do a bit of research, he supposed, to torment that man.

Found Rafe's eyes right on him and saw a smile touch his face, but he said nothing, the boys were right there with him as well. But it was clear that Rafe still knew what Jack was thinking about. Nothing had changed on that front.

Flare and Solar had yet to go off and Mate Kali, in Wolfen form, likely would happen on the full moon, which was just two days away. He understood it had been all of them last night, and now they were all connected to each other. Flare could speak to Solar, Kali and Alari any

time he liked, and was always growling at Alari, which actually made her Siren chuckle. He had told her he was going to have her just the two of them.

None of them interrupted their beasts all communicating with each other and it was weird to have his mind so full all the time. It must be how Luci always felt, she didn't seem at all affected by two more inside her mind talking to her beasts. Though when they were all chatting he kind of felt his head throb a little. Would take some getting used to, he supposed.

They were all just lazing about in the packhouse foyer on the lounge chairs, with their family around them. Allen was with Hannah and her sisters, though he'd congratulated them all via the mind-link, he wasn't ready to leave Hannah.

He'd apologised to Luci being her Gamma and all. Shed told him she was sorry Hannah had gotten injured and Jack felt sorrow in her. They'd been informed by Giannah, what had happened out in Wolf Valley, that Luci had unwittingly hit Hannah with her Siren Call when letting loose on the pack. It was that moment that had brought her back to herself, seeing that she had hurt someone she liked and trusted, had stopped her anger. Shed not meant to do it and they knew it, held no grudge against her for it.

Rafe had taken one call and had returned to state Alpha Austin of the Wolfen Council was coming today along with Alpha Sloan to talk to those he'd accepted from the Bloodless Moon. Wanted in fact specifically to speak to Zoe, but would also take statements from Lidia and Rhyse as well.

All of those women were sitting around in the foyer just being free for the first time in years to do as they pleased.

He did have concerns about Zoe being here, after hearing she was Victor's rejected Mate, but he'd never let her go, locked her up and kept her within his pack all those years.

Since she was 18, it could be an issue that man was obviously still possessive of her, regardless shed not wanted to be with him.

Silla was of no threat to them; she was bonded to Addi and hed heard Alari had accepted her as well after a few minutes of hesitation when finding out where she came from. But she kept saying the word family, she was here for good. That much was a given.

Rhyse, he knew wasn't a full wolf, didn't smell like one. He'd been told was half wolf, mostly a cougar. But she was obviously used to being inside a wolf pack, and didn't seem afraid of anyone here. Though she also didn't interact with anyone, just sat quietly and stared out the window, didn't speak much at all.

She had trauma and he knew it, all the signs were there. He could also see the multiple bite marks on the poor creature. He had not asked how she got them, didn't think he needed to. He knew who's mate she had been. Guessed she didn't much want to be that man's Mate and had likely tried to escape him on many occasions only to be hunted and forced back to him.

Bradley and Piper were all smiles, whatever had been going on before was apparently all fixed and sorted out. He had not yet found out what it was, and didn't think Bradley was going to tell them either. Piper had always been a closed subject though they had announced they were having a little girl in about 2 months' time.

Jo-anne had smiled right at him and Rafe, looked relieved actually to see that things had been all sorted out. Then had just walked over to Luci and hugged her, a long hug that neither seemed uncomfortable with, and when she pulled away shed smiled and Jo-anne had stated "I'm sorry about claiming you into my coven."

His eyes had widened, as had Rafe's. They'd not known about that.

"I guess you know him too." Was all Luci had said.

"Yes, an evil man, he'll likely stay away, knowing I've brought you in." he'd watched her turn and look right at Addison "I might want to go claim your mother as well."

“It’s probably a good idea,” Luci had nodded “I got the impression he had come for me. Likely would want mother as well now he knows about us.”

“Yes,” Jo-anne had stated and then walked off to talk with Addison.

“Luci?” he and Rafe asked. Both had waited for the conversation to end but wanted to know what was going on.

“Not that. My mother’s father appeared.” She sank down ” though we were fully ticked off and threatened to k**l him.

Jo-anne,” her eyes moved to the woman, “He’s afraid of her I think, she wanted to...play with him.”

“Play with him?” he asked.

“Mm, I don’t think it was in a nice way, fear rolled off him and he blipped himself away so fast it wasn’t funny.”

Jo-anne it seemed, wasn’t just a witch, if the former king’s warlock was afraid of her. There was more to her than meets the eye. Could well be the very reason she stayed inside her pack all the time.

He didn’t want to leave Luci and the boys to go and greet Alpha Austin and Alpha Sloan, but didn’t have a choice in the matter. Kissed her softly and murmured “ll miss you.” only to have her shake her head at him. He wasn’t at all ready to be away from her, not even if it was only their front gate. It was still closed to all and he or Rafe had to sight the person at the gate before letting them in to make sure they were who they said they were.

Rafe insisted Jack go. It was his first real official meet and greet, as the Alpha of this pack, to a visiting Alpha, had smiled at him and stated, “You’re the Alpha now Jacki boy.

You have to go.” Once he could just let Rafe go by himself, seems not anymore.

Rafe had chuckled at Jack’s annoyed look, then he had kissed Luci himself, and growled at her all softly, heard her giggle and watched her

blush a moment later. Rafe had told her what he was going to do to her later. Jack knew what it was and yes, they were going to do that, take it in turns to do that.

It wasn't just Alpha Austin and Alpha Sloan at the front gate requesting permission to come in, but also to his complete surprise, Alpha Conner and Luna Eliza, with their daughter as well. Surprised him but not Rafe, he already knew but had kept that from Jack.

Saw Conner and El both frown at them for a moment, then El just state "A lot has happened in the past few days, I see.

"Yes, got yourselves a new Mate, one for the two of you." Conner nodded, looking at their filigree. "Alpha Jack." Hed smiled right at him.

"Yes." Both he and Rafe nodded. Rafe explained it to them briefly and saw both Conner and El frown along with Alpha Austin himself.

"Ah, finally the light is shed." He heard Sloan state and looked at her questioningly "I know your witches." She said simply.

He and Rafe escorted them through the pack and into the packhouse. Done the introductions to Luci and both their visiting allies, and watched as both Sloan and El's heads had tilted at meeting Luci "Alpha, Luna." They had both stated when addressing her.

He'd looked at Luci and supposed that was actually correct, she was a pure blooded Alpha and their Luna, though shed expressed not wanting to be an Alpha to their pack, he did understand that was only Luci and Kali. Alari was all Alpha Siren, so she held duel rank. Kind of like it, he realised, smiled to himself at the thought of it, turned him on more than a little.

'Mind your thoughts Jack.' Rafe's voice had come down the mind-link at him, and he'd chuckled softly, that was unlikely to happen for a very long time.

Watched on as both the boys came over to El, smiled up at her as he heard Silla call out "Sloan." All excitedly and run over to hug her, it was like a big reunion, he thought absently.

"Can we see the baby?" both boys were tugging on El's dress, she was carrying the baby in a capsule.

He watched her smile down at them and then put the baby capsule down on the ground and slide the hood of it back.

"This is my daughter Jewel." She told them and both boys peered at the tiny little girl barely days old. She was sleeping soundly.

"Pretty baby." He heard them both whisper.

Chuckled softly at them, he could see they wanted to touch her little head, but also that they didn't want to wake her either. She was a tiny baby too. Small for an Alpha pup or Kit?

They showed everyone up to the first floor so they could settle in, and found the twins trailing El. She smiled down at them. "They're adorable" She smiled as she looked at him and Rafe. "Like babies, I see."

"Like children in general." He smiled right back at her.

Both boys pouted up at him as he and Rafe walked them away, saw Austin to a suite fit for a council member and was a little surprised to hear Sloan state "I'll bunk in with Austin." And then just stroll into the mans suite.

He didn't miss the smirk on Austin's face, it was brief, but there. Before he turned back to them, all Alpha once more " I'll want to talk with Rhyse first. That creature has suffered a lot from the look at her, 15 minutes, I'll use your office." then he was gone into his suite.

Jack and Rafe walked away, Wolfen Council members could do as they pleased in most packs. It wasn't uncommon for them to use an Alpha's office to do business from. "I guess they really know each other, he commented.

“Hm, she does work for the council, so it’s likely,” Rafe nodded.

“Though it could just be two free and unmarked, Alpha’s out to enjoy each others company.”

“It’s likely that,” Rafe nodded “Nothing unusual about that, I suppose, they might well have known each other for many years.”

“Baby, daddies?” Little Rafe asked.

Leave her to sleep. She’s only a few days old, born on Sunday. I’m sure if you’re well behaved, Luna Eliza and Alpha Conner will let you say hello when she’s awake.

They were smiling again now, then just ran off yelling for their mamma.

“They are going to like having brothers and sisters.” Jack chuckled

“Seems that way,” Rafe agreed,

, “it would be nice to have a

little girl.”

“No, girls.” Jack muttered instantly and Rafe stared at him with a raised eyebrow.

“Why not?”

“Look at Luci, at Addison. Think about trying to keep the boys off our little girl when she grows up. She’ll have Siren genes as well. Goddess Rafe, Luci didn’t last more than 12 hours inside this pack without us touching her.”

Rafe burst out laughing “Not even close to that 8 if she was lucky.” He clapped Jack on the back “I still want a little girl, she’ll be just like Luci.”

Jack shook his head. “I might just turn into Orien, laying down rules to this pack all over the place to keep boys off of her.”

“Go ahead and try, you’ll be the one sleeping in the dog house. I’ll get to have Luci all to myself.”

Jack turned and stared at him, whacked him one as he trotted off down the stairs, didn’t even seem bothered by the thought of so many boys wanting to touch their daughter if they had one in the future. Sighed and followed him at a slower pace, sometimes nothing phased that an at all.

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Rafe POV

It was nice to have Alpha Conner and Eliza here, though his office was currently being monopolised by Alpha Austin and Alpha Sloan. While interviewing the women from the Bloodless Moon, details about their lives there and how they were treated, he supposed. Perhaps on Victor himself.

He knew Addison would have to make a statement about her k*****g and the reason behind it as well. She would make certain that the Wolfen Council understood that Luci was not then or now Victor’s Mate. Regardless of whatever he claimed

Victor also would not know that they had claimed Luci and she them, so if he tried to play that card, hed be in for a rude shock. Likely why the council was here inside this pack and not out at Victor’s pack. Alpha Austin was getting the details to see and likely out Victor’s lies.

He, Jack and Conner had made use of their Alpha Bar to sit and work on the alliance Conner had drawn up. Which he had done a good job on. He not only had clauses for both sides’ allied assistance, but had also included the gypsy’s and their need to stay connected with their Luna and their princess. Mating balls and he was also offering up an advertising contract, for their business’s to use through the newly registered advertising agency that was now up and running, why his Beta was not here, currently opening his new business.

There was a clause about both packs staying inside their allied packs’ lands when close by and needed rest. That was good, both he and Jack

liked that, it was always nice to have somewhere safe for pack members to stay when travelling. He and Jack added a clause about internships within each other's pack businesses, if they had wolves interested in those areas.

Everyone it seemed, was getting a good deal out of this alliance. He was glad that they had met young Conner all those years ago, as terrible as the circumstances had been.

Hannah had been right. He was going to be a good ally to have.

He asked why Conner had risked bringing El and their daughter here while they were still under the threat of war.

Conner had stated Sloan had told them now was a good time to do so, wanted all of them here, something about she knew Victor wouldn't attack them while there were two kitsune and the Wolfen Council here.

That his own pack also had the Wolfen Council within it, so it was also safe from Victor for the moment. Shed never steered him astray and he knew without a doubt she would never put El or Jewel in danger, so he trusted her judgement, and so had El.

Though hed personally thought Sloan just didn't want to leave El and Jewel right that minute, so had made up an excuse to bring them with her when Austin requested her to come with him here to their pack. Had chuckled and shaken his head

He'd seen not long after their meeting concluded that Luci looked to be a little agitated, she didn't seem all that comfortable or maybe happy with the way the boys hovered about Jewel, talking to Eliza openly about her little girl.

He'd touched her face gently to draw her attention to him, liked that he could do that and not have her shy away or recoil back from him. Loved touching her, like he had once used to be able to.

Though when he had asked Luci what the matter was shed stated "I's not me, Alari is agitated about something."

So he had addressed her Siren directly for the first time as his Mate “Alari honey, what’s the matter?” he’d asked her gently. He’d watched as her bright green eyes had turned black as Alari had moved forward and he’d known she was looking right up at him. Seemed to just stare up at him for a good minute thinking about whatever it was, he never took his eyes off of her. Then she just huffed a little and shook her head ‘no.

“If I can help in anyway?” he offered.

“Not a wolf problem.” Shed told him a moment later, though shed not moved away from him when he slid his arms around her, and hugged her to him, ran a hand through her hair, she actually leaned into his chest, which had made him smile. It was his first real active contact with Alari other than Mating. It was good to know she could lean on him.

“Do you want to go for a swim?” he’d asked, wondering if that was it, or if being in the lake would help her right that minute

He had a feeling with all that hed heard, Victor needed time to pick himself up, likely had to pull his allies to him. If hed done that yesterday, they would arrive today and be planning down there to come this way. Wouldn’t get here until tomorrow afternoon, he imagined. So she should be safe to swim out there.

He also knew that Silla hadn’t gone swimming in the lake yet either, something about needing the Siren of the Lakes permission, though he’d heard that Silla had swam in the creek already.

“Later.” Had been her reply after a minute of just leaning on him, then she’d receded away leaving Luci on the surface, shed smiled up at him and his heart rate had increased dramatically at the sight of it. He’d always loved her smile, lit up her whole face, would never tire of it and he knew it.

“Alari liked that.” She told him.

“Which part?” he hugged her a little.

“You calling her Alari honey.”

Rafe smiled a little more. “Luci honey, Kali honey. It’s always what rolled out of me naturally where you were concerned. Alari honey was no different. You are all my honey’s. It’s likely how I will always address you all..” how could he not? “Honey was the first thing I called you.” and it had been when she’d been 18 and he and Jack’s for the very first time.

“You look tired honey.” Luci stated, repeating his own words right back at him from that very day. He liked that she could remember that. It was one of his and Jack’s favourite memories.

“Do you know what’s wrong with Alari?” he asked.

“No.” Luci shook her head, but he’d then seen the way her eyes had moved towards the boys, then shed simply slipped out of his arms and gone over to be with them.

Rafe got the impression that it was something only Sirens worried about. They would tell him or Jack when they were ready, he wasn’t going to push it; it was not really who he was. Or they would simply go off and deal with it as a Siren would

It was right before they were all headed off for dinner when Austin and Sloan strolled out of his office and over to them, sank down across from them “Rafe,

, Jack.”

“Alpha Austin.” They acknowledged him.

“Rhyse..” the man sighed and shook his head. “Poor girl has suffered a lot at the hands of her own mate.”

“Mate?” he asked.

“Mm, yes Garry, it seems was her actual Goddess Gifted, though he was cruel and would not accept her rejection, never let her go. She was pretty much a prisoner herself the whole time she’d known him.”

“Got the scars to prove that. Victor did nothing to help her.

Gave Garry men to help hunt her when she managed to escape.” Sloan muttered.

“He’s dead, killed by the twins.” Jack smiled at them.

He saw both Austin and Sloan turn and look at the twins, and shake their heads.

“We’ll get to them.” Austin

murmured “Back to Rhyse, She won’t be staying here in all likelihood. After speaking with her, Sloan thinks she knows where she hales from. I’ll contact that pack myself later on tonight and find out. If Sloan is right, I’ll be taking Rhyse home to her family.”

Rafe nodded. “That would be best for her, though she can stay here, and is welcome here for as long as it takes to hunt her family down, if that is not the case.”

“Thank you, very hospitable of you, considering where they ve all come from, and your current circumstances.”

“Sanctuary is granted to those who ask, especially females in need. One can’t blame them for the cruelty of their Alpha. It’s also not safe out there for them as rogues. Better to have a pack, and I’d let them move on when and if they want to.” He stated, it was how they’d always run, what his own father had instilled in him.

He saw Austin smile and nod, seemed to like that. “I’ll need to talk to Silla,” he sighed now. “But... it could be difficult.

She doesn’t know me.”

“Not a part of our pack either at this point,” Jack commented, and she wasn’t, though she smelled like Addison now. Technically, she was packless, all eyes moved to Silla who was over there with the boys and Luci.

“Silla will be part of your Mate’s pack, she’s part Siren I understand.”

“In part.” Rafe nodded, they’d not told the council that.

“The other part is witch.” Austin stated, “She has a very distinct presence about her” the man’s eyes moved back to him and Jack “As do your sons.”

Neither he nor Jack said anything about that comment.

Austin stared at them for a long hard minute and then stated “I’ll continue to use your office while I’m here. Sloan, could you get Silla please?”

Silla smiled right at Sloan and then got up to go with her, though took Addi with her, called her mother and linked arms with her. He saw Sloan smiling at the young Siren, she seemed genuinely happy about Silla having a new family.

Rafe had seen Addi and Luci use Luci’s phone to show Silla pictures of lake Pend Orielle and Kintla lake, the girl was excited to go and see them, but still patiently waiting for Alari to invite her into the lake that she considered hers.

The words “Your Mate’s Pack” made him curious, a Siren thing he supposed, knew Silla was not going to align herself to him or Jack, had already declined being initiated by him, had just shaken her head at him and stated “Sister is Alpha.” So would only be aligned to Alari he knew.

They were going to be two packs in one, it seemed, that was a little weird to think about.

“A Siren pack inside our pack.” Jack had stated simply “

Likely we’ll have to partition the council for the lake itself to be pack territory.”

“Well, I guess that’s easier to do with Austin here.” Rafe had nodded

“He seems quite nice for a council member,” West had commented

“Are they not normally?” It was Eliza and she was frowning now. Her eyes moved to their office. Her grandmother was in that room and worked for the Council as well.

“I did notice Sloan was staying with Austin while here.”

Jack chuckled “And most are impartial and fair.”

Eliza looked a little relieved, then just nodded “Grandma is free to do as she pleases, 500 and unmated. Hes also unmated, I noticed...though he’s quite the large fellow.

“Pure blooded.” Luci stated, trying to get the boys away from a sleeping Jewel.

Rafe smiled at her, at them. They were both pouting up at Luci and he wondered if shed ever had to tell them no before. Didr’t look like it.

“Boy’s,” he stated, drawing their attention to him “You don’t want to wake Jewel and make her cry now do you?”

“No!” they’d both whispered, their eyes moving to little Jewel.

“Go and play for a bit, dinner will be soon. I’ll call you.

“Games room?”

Yes . He nodded , and they were gone.

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Jo-anne POV

Jo-anne had told both West and T.J. what had happened out in that other pack, that it had been Luci that had killed the two she wolves posing as Rafe and Jack’s Mates. Got what they deserved she’d thought absently.

They’d been curious when shed come home in the wee hours of the morning, so she had filled them in when shed gotten up later that morning, had slept late and West hadn’t woken her, figured she needed it. Knew she’d had a long night. First with healing Piper and then helping to save the innocents of that pack and Hannah herself.

Shed never seen anything like it before in her life; the power that Luci had displayed, how she had actually looked for that matter, a scaled opalescent humanoid with the most amazing eyes she'd ever seen. Her aunts shed really gotten to feel their magic that night too, had been tethered to them and felt just how powerful they were as well.

They were all so bloody powerful in different areas of magic as well. She could feel the difference between them all and she just knew if they were all in the one coven. It would be powerful. Likely due to their bloodline, of course, Royal witch's, but still it had been amazing

She told them that Luci was a fully realised Triune now and that she had claimed her into the light witch's kingdom. In order to save her from Hendrick, who'd showed up and wanted to claim the woman for himself.

Then had to explain to them that Hendrick was Luci and Addison's kin, that was where their magic came from. That although it had been Hannah and her sister that had taken her out to that pack. It had been Luci that had blipped them all back here. Aalyiah had told her they'd not taught Luci. how to do that, shed learned it simply by feeling them attempt to move her.

She'd spent some time with Hannah and her sisters before coming back to her suite, made sure that Hannah was going to survive, that she had seen Jack come for Luci, the way he'd knelt down on the ground and touched her face.

So gently and lovingly, that it had touched her heart, she just knew the three of them were made for each other.

Now, days later, they were together, marked and mated and she got to see them without pain, all three of them. Liked watching the way both Rafe and Jack held Luci, smiled at her. Everyone, not just her, could see how much they loved Luci. There was real love there, she could actually see it now; where the twins got their glow from. When Rafe, Jack and Luci were all together and smiling, they practically glowed to her, just like the twins did. Those two men lit Luci up from the inside out.

Everything she had come here to do, had now been achieved, it seemed. Luci and her mates were happy. Piper and the Whitlock's were all released from their curse, and now all of them got to live normal wolfen lives. There was no more fear in Piper regarding her children.

Jo-anne had offered to take both Piper and Bradley's pain of their past away, but neither had wanted that. Had told her, it was that pain that made them who they were now. It was their shared past, and they were all good. Piper was smiling at Bradley a lot and the man himself was very happy.

They were having a daughter and, although Piper had been surprised by being pregnant. They were both happy about it. Shed heard Piper tell Bradley she'd love to have a big family, as they'd all gone up to bed tonight, and had turned her head to catch the look on Bradley's face. The man had actually teared up at hearing those words. Touched Piper's face and murmured "I would love that too."

It was clear to her why they'd not wanted anymore than just Brandon and Winter, but now that was gone, and it seemed Piper wanted a whole litter, which likely stemmed from growing up alone.

She smiled to herself once back in their own suite, everything here seemed good, right this minute, but she still had to talk to Hannah about her vision. It had not escaped her attention that Hannah Aayliah and Giannah's dresses at dinner this evening were no longer all pale blue.

It had also not escaped her attention that the dress they had put on Luci before Jack collected her had been pale blue in colour, but had changed to green and white. She wanted to ask a bunch of questions about that as well.

She'd been focused on Hannah at the time, she'd been more important than a dress.

But shed also seen that Aalyiah and Giannah had stood and watched it change colour, had smiled even then just nodded their heads. She had a feeling those dresses they wore were imbued with some sort of magic,

nothing that would hurt Luci obviously, so she had left it alone for the past two days.

She had taken a step back now and was letting everything settle. Addison was not yet convinced to come into the light kingdoms coven. Though seeing her upon her return, she too had unleashed all her witch's bloodlines the same night Luci had. That was curious to her. Were they so well connected or was it a mere coincidence?

Had herself had a run in with Hendrick, that Warlock, it seemed had left the Winter Palace. He couldn't roam inside the Wolfen Kingdom without Christian knowing about it so had likely moved to the human realm.

Hendrick had obviously felt both of them come into their powers, had wanted to claim Addison, had told her he would claim what was his. Those words had made Jo-anne shudder. That warlock was going to be trouble for both Luci and Addison, she knew it and didn't like it.

That Warlock needed to be dealt with, though she did know Christian had shipped him off along with her so-called Wolfen grandparents. To the Winter Palace and they were not to leave the Winter Kingdom. It made her wonder if they had all used a portal to the human world where Christian had no connection to them or trackers of their movement.

Only knew that the three of them had been forbidden by him to leave the Winter Kingdom. They were not allowed to venture anywhere within the entire Wolfen Kingdom other than the Winter Kingdom itself, for 200 years. Her mother had told her the Winter Kingdom was small in size, maybe the size of Vermont, and it was always covered in snow.

Even in summer, the place was not warm.

She also knew that Hendrick was not allowed to be anywhere near her or her pack. All three of them were forbidden to ever go anywhere near Belinda and her children, Jo-anne especially. She was certain that Hendrick had just broken that law, though she also doubted that he knew she was there.

Then to have her lay claim on his own kin, and one like Luci. She was willing to bet he was furious. She had heard from Addi that she and Silla had tried to take him out altogether, so she didn't think that Hendrick was going to be anywhere near her for a while. It would be clear to him she didn't want a bar of him. Though she did wonder if he'd known about Addison out there that he had a daughter? If so, had he left her alone all these years because he'd already seen she was not a bleeder? Could have been why he had taken to Addison's mother, to try and create one. He needed a wolf witch hybrid like herself. It was of course possible, he'd looked in on the child and tested her blood as a baby. Or gotten some from her pack when she'd gotten her wolf, who the hell knew.

But unleashing her power on Victor and his men, that had definitely been what had drawn his attention to Addison.

As much as it had Luci herself unleashing her Triune powers. She put a call in to her mother to discuss things

West and T.J. were sitting on the couch annoying each other, while West was trying to design a crown for her to wear and T.J. was hassling him and hindering him at every opportunity. She just shook her head and left them to it.

They were like two teenage boys sometimes

"Mother, Hendrick was here." She stated, "Stood right before me, wanted Luna Luci and I heard he tried to claim Alpha Addison."

"Why?"

"Addison is his daughter, created the same way I was, so Luci..."

"Understood." Her mother muttered

"I have claimed Luci into the Light Witch's Kingdom. I'm curious, does that mean he can't touch her or come near her now?"

"Hmm, I'll have to think about it. Addison?"

"Has yet to decide, though she actively tried to k**l him, he fled."

“Interesting, likely without his full coven and the draining of their blood all the time, he is not as powerful as he used to be. The power he gets from it is not likely permanent.

“Hmm, I saw something.”

“Important?”

“Yes.” She sighed “West is not going to like it. Nor is T.J.” she murmured as she walked out onto the balcony of her suite.

“What you saw? Can it be done without them knowing? Get yelled at afterwards?”

“Likely so.” She nodded “Though I don’t like keeping secrets from West.”

“Then tell him, it’s not like he could stop you Jo-anne.

“No” she sighed and leaned down on the balcony railing “I know but he’ll want some sort of...

” she trailed off as she

saw Hannah appear out on the forest line and look right at her.

“Offer him what he likes the most.”

“Goddess mother, you’d have to have the children for an entire day.”

Heard her mother chuckle “I’ve got them now, no big deal on my end. Or you could agree to give him more children.”

Jo-anne groaned “I just had a baby.”

Heard her mother chuckle, she was watching Hannah but knew she would wait until Jo-anne had finished her phone call. “It’s not you that the two of you don’t want more children, Jo-anne. I know you do. It’s Terence that has to suffer your childbirth, that hinders you wanting to give West more little ones, you know it. I know it. Hell, even West and Terence know it.”

She wasn't wrong on that, T.J. had stated 'No more JoJo.' After Anna was born, he'd not enjoyed the seven hours of labour pains before the actual birth, which also took 45 minutes to push that little one out. Unlike Jacob who'd come fast, just two hours and he was there.

T.J. had not enjoyed it anymore than she had and even drugs had not really helped, poor bastard got it all. They'd tried cuffing him with silver, so Lark didn't feel it, that had not worked, and being a royal-blooded Alpha Wolf, sedatives had burned through him fast, they'd tried many things, but nothing really worked. He was her protector and meant to know when she was in pain, it was that simple

Shed tried to will it away, wish it away. But nothing worked on that front. Who knew why? It worked for everything else she wanted. Just not on T.J. and a part of her thought it was simply because T.J. didn't want it to. He had been her protector all her life and wanted to remain as that on some level, so she couldn't take it away from him is what she really believed

It was the Goddess that had gifted him to her, and with T.J. not wanting to give it up, it was unlikely the Goddess would remove it from him. Was intervening and halting her on that one, she thought. That or at some point later in life she might get in trouble and T.J. would be the one to find her due to how he felt. She didn't really know.

Jo-anne ended her conversation and stood up "West, I'm going to speak with Hannah." She called out to him.

"Jo-anne." had all he'd gotten out before she was blipped out to the forest line.

She sighed at Hannah, "As handy as that is, could you warn me first?"

Hannah laughed right at her. "It wasn't me, if it was you'd be throwing up."

Come on Luna, we have things to do."

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Rafe POV

They were all in his office directly after breakfast the following morning. Alpha Austin and Sloan herself wanted a formal and proper introduction to not just Luci, but the boys as well. He'd stated it was official Council business, in order to get it. Pulled rank on he and Jack when they'd both just looked at the man and hadn't really been willing to put her in front of him for the questioning

Silla was actually out in the lake. She had not come home with Alari, she had never been in a lake before and was out there all happy swimming about and playing. Alari had gone with her for a few hours after dinner and returned just on midnight.

Alari didn't think it was an issue to leave Silla out there, they'd swam from the creek house to the lake itself. Silla knew where they were and would come back when she was ready. She had been all over the place, chased everything that moved in the lake and killed lots of fish to eat, had been very happy and didn't want to come back in.

Apparently, she spent like 90% of her time in that tank that Victor had provided for her. It was typical true Siren behaviour, and Alari expected that Silla would likely stay that way, unless she wanted company. Alari was used to letting Luci roam in human form. Two sides of her were land-dwelling creatures, so only swam at night or with the boys in human form. Or when it was needed

He did like knowing that Alari wasn't going to be in the lake all of the time. Made him happy, Addi had tried to keep the boys with her last night, so that he, Jack and Luci could spend the night together. They'd stayed at her home. He'd done a lot of shopping last night while Alari was out in the lake.

Had ordered the omegas to go in and clear out not just the Alpha Suite, but the Beta Suite as well. Of all furnishing and all clothing, nothing was to remain at all. To take it out and burn it all. He wasn't taking any

chances that there might be something left over from those two who'd ruined all their lives.

So he and Jack had lain in Luci's bed and shopped while they waited for her to come back. Alari had been off since just after dinner, agitated completely and had removed the twins from the packhouse after they'd smiled down at an awake Jewel, "Mamma." They had exclaimed "look at the baby's pretty eyes." And that had been all they'd gotten out before Alari had just claimed them and taken them home.

No one knew why, all Luci could understand was that Jewel was not a Siren and Alari didn't want them claiming her as family. She thought they were attaching themselves to the little baby like they had Silla. 'Not a Siren.' Was all Alari had stated, but shed also told the boys to stay away from the baby and sent them to their rooms. Not something she had ever done before.

Luci and Kali found it odd, but there was nothing they could do about it. And when Alari had come back, the boys had come right to their bedroom door and looked at her, and kind of hesitantly stated, "Mamma?" it was late but they'd either not been asleep or had felt her return. Gotten the impression that they did not like it when Alari was mad at them.

Luci had waved them into the room, and his and Jack's plans for the night had gone out the window, with the boys crawling into their bed and cuddling up to Luci, one on either side of her. Shed hugged both boys and told them everything was alright. Then had told he and Jack they had better get used to this. The boys always slept with her.

He wondered if the boys were still feeling insecure about being chastised by Alari, because this morning they had barely been more than 3 feet from Luci at any given moment, smiling and being very well behaved, he'd noted.

Had held her hand all the way to their office, and then walking into their office, both boys had tugged at Luci's hands "Mamma, that's where daddies kissed." They had pointed right to the very spot he'd nearly claimed Jack for himself.

“Oh, is that Daddies spot, is it?” Luci had smiled down at them and finally the boys had let go of her and stopped hovering, run off to sit with their grammy.

Though they had not sat still for very long, maybe 5 minutes before getting up to look around their office, touching everything and then sat spinning in his and Jacks’ chairs.

Alpha Austin was watching them, they were all actually watching them, “Happy and rambunctious, I see.” Austin had smiled

“They are” It was Addison. “Typical Alpha-blooded children.”

“I would say so.” He’d nodded and then turned his attention right to Luci “Young lady, I hear you are on the gifted side, a double shifter?”

She’d just looked at him “I have two beasts.” She’d stated simply.

“Are you a double shifter or something else perhaps?”

Sloan had asked her.

“Something else is my bet.” Austin stated “Has a half witch, half wolf for a mother and a Siren for a father. What I feel is not that of a double shifter” His eyes were right on Luci. “I would like to know exactly what you are. I’ve not felt anything or sensed anything like you in all my 200 years.” His eyes moved right to the boys “Or like them.”

Rafe had frowned at that, though his own father had told him a new species had to be declared. He debated if that was actually the case. Were they new? Hannah and her sisters had stated she was a Triune and Addi herself knew what that term had meant. So clearly, there were others out there in their world.

“Why don’t we leave that Alpha Austin, you also wanted to talk to Luci about Victor and what happened.”

“Hm,” he nodded, “I do. Tell me Luci, what happened that day?” though he left the subject, Rafe didn’t think he would let up on it, just being polite for the moment.

“Victor came to my place of work, tranquillised me, when I wouldn’t go with him?”

“You didn’t want to?”

“No. I do not like him. I’ve also known him a very long time.

“I see, so he was what, in your eyes k*****g you?”

“Yes,” Luci stated simply.

Austin’s eyes moved back to the twins. “Children, could you come and answer me a few questions please?”

Both boys looked at him and came over “The man who tried to take your mamma.”

“A bad man.” Both of them stated in a low and quite menacing snarl. Rafe saw both of their bodies go rigid and felt Alari rise to the surface, just thinking about Victor and that moment, agitated the boys, it seemed.

“Yes, he was.” Alpha Austin stated gently “I’m going to punish him.” he told them “Go and play.” He waved them off “I don’t think questioning them is wise.” He murmured as the boys walked away.

“I wouldn’t tick them off.” Rafe stated. “Hannah would be the best one to discuss that with at this point, has an understanding of them, I believe. But is a witch and getting her to talk?” he shrugged.

“A near impossibility if she doesn’t want to.” Austin nodded though he looked at Sloan and she shook her head as if to say she wasn’t going to.

He watched Austin lean back in that chair. “A witch of royal blood, has better knowledge of them than their own parents.” He commented almost casually as he looked at each of them in turn, before his eyes landed right on Luci herself. He didn’t believe it, thought Luci knew more than she was letting on. It was entirely possible.

Sloan snorted “Austin, stop playing with them and ask the question you really want an answer to.”

“I could.” He nodded and was quiet for another minute.

Alright, Luci, you are a Triune, not a double shifter, correct?”

Rafe saw the direct focus Sloan now had on Luci, and when she didn’t say anything, it was Sloan who spoke “He means you no harm child, or your boys for that matter, is simply curious as to whether he is right.”

“He just stated he didn’t know what I was.” Luci commented “Did he lie?” she challenged right back.

“Not really, I know what you are,” Sloan stated simply. “I also know that the twins are also Triunes.”

“How?” Rafe interrupted her.

“I’m 500 years old and have seen a lot in my travels. also met two Triunes before, know the power when I sense it.”

“Are you? Alpha Austin asked, actually wanted to hear it from Luci, Rafe thought.

“Yes,” Luci stated flatly “What concern is it of yours? Of the Wolfen Council?”

“None, pure curiosity on my part. I would like to register the three of you to the Triune registry. It doesn’t need to be known to our world who you or the children actually are.

We never put a pack or the name of the Triune to the registry. You can imagine why. Only the council members of the three species it correlates to would have access to it.

A magical book that will cross the information to the Triune registry of all species realms involved, is all.”

“Til think about it.” Luci stated

“Witch, Wolf and Siren, I don’t think I’ve seen that combination before. Very rare, I would imagine.”

“You’re going to punish Victor?” Rafe changed the subject.

He could actually feel both Kali and Alari getting uncomfortable with the line of questioning, he didn’t think they wanted to be registered. And he’d seen the way Jack had suddenly slid his hand to her back. He’d picked up on it as well.

“Yes, I have gotten plenty of evidence from this pack and Patrick and Marrian, two other council members, are currently in the Wandering Moon taking detailed statements from those Victor held captive and their treatment from him. Including the children.”

“So, you’re what, just going to imprison that savage?” Addison asked.

“Yes.”

“A prison is too good for him,” Luci muttered.

“He’ll not see daylight or his wolf in centuries. His list of crimes is long. Will have to wear a silver collar for the rest of his natural life and work in the king’s mines, not a pleasant place to be.”

“And if he dies, before then?” Luci asked almost casually

“You want revenge then?” Austin asked directly

“I demand it.” Alari pushed forward and looked right at him.

“For the harm to my son.”

“If he dies before we haul him in,” Austin shrugged “One less savage in the wolfen world.”

Austin didn’t, it seemed, care if Victor died. “When are you planning on going in and getting him?” Rafe asked now.

“Hmm...that’s tricky. I hear he’s pulled allied to him, they started arriving yesterday afternoon...It is actually up to me though, my decision when to go in...’ve not decided, but have him under surveillance.”

“You don’t know when?” Jack asked with a deep frown.

“No...” the man looked at his steeped hands, “It could take me...Oh.” He looked at Rafe and then Jack “Let’s say what, three days to stroll down to his pack, with all my evidence in hand...’ve never been in this pack over a full moon, could find my Mate here, might wait till after that.” He smiled right at them.

“Three days?” Luci frowned “If you have evidence.”

“Mm, I think 3 days young lady, is that enough time for...oh I don’t know you to confront the man? Before I take action against him.”

Rafe got it, Austin was not going to stop them from k*****g Victor, was doing his job as a member of the council but letting them know he would give them time to take war to Victor before that

“You’ve got eyes on him?” Jack asked.

“Currently yes. His numbers are growing but not as much as I think he would like. I hear Nightfall is currently with 5 allied 4 of them shared with Victor as well. They’ve chosen to stand against Victor, it seems.”

The room was quiet for a long time, they’d not heard from Orien in a few days. It looked like that man had found 4 packs like himself that wanted out from under Victor and were willing to risk his wrath over it.

Austin was not looking at him or Jack though, but at Luci and Addison and it was Austin that spoke next. “I think these two ladies would like the opportunity to punish him themselves.”

“I already have.” Addison commented with a chuckle.

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Luci POV

She did like that her mother had ruined so much of Victor’s pack, was unhappy about him taking her, but had not known at the time, not until it was all over and Victor was a very lucky man that she had not. Likely

would have unleashed all her Triune powers upon him to get her mother back.

She likely was going to at some point and from what she had just heard, Alpha Austin was going to allow her to do so. Perhaps he thought it was a good idea to get rid of Victor, but being a council member, couldn't actually do it.

Had to follow the Wolfen Council laws.

"Hmm, I think you need to know more about Victor" she heard him state after her mother stopped chuckling.

Luci did know her mother was happy about taking away all of Victor's women and children. Thought it was fitting, he'd taken her and tried to take Luci, her child, so a little payback, karma Addison style, her mother had put it, had stated "You touch me and my child. 'll touch all of yours." Thought it was very amusing, was very pleased with herself for wounding that man.

"I understand your daughter's name is actually Lucian?"

Austin interrupted her thoughts.

"Yes, after her father." Addison nodded. "Why?"

"An Alpha Siren, named Lucian?" he questioned further

"Yes, again why?" Her mother was now frowning

He sighed heavily now and looked right at Addison "Tor

Vale Mere." He stated softly

"What?" Addison shot to her feet now, surprised Luci completely, as well as Alari. She actually understood those words, they were Siren language and had Alaris' undivided attention now. "How could you know that?" her mother asked him.

"Mother?" Luci asked

“It’s your father’s pack’s name.” she answered without looking at Luci, her focus was all on Alpha Austin,

“How do

you know that?” she asked him.

“Calm down Addison, I harmed none. But Victor, he took you from that lake you told me yesterday. Had a man there?” he allowed her to think about it for almost a minute before continuing on. “He also fits the description given of the man leading the s*****r of Tor Val Mere.”

“What..When...Who...How?” she was at his feet now, stumbling over her own words it seemed.

“Three survivors. Two children and a baby, cut from its dead mother to allow it to survive.”

“No!” she heard her mother gasp, felt the pain inside of her, and saw her take a staggering step back, clutched at her own chest and seemed to struggle to breathe.

She watched both the boys run right over to their grammy, Luci was on the move as well, felt both Kali and Alari rise to the surface, at their mother’s pain and anguish, learning not only who had done this to her, taken her Mate from her, but there had been children left out there to survive on their own. Shed run away and left them, done what Lucian had told her and left them.

“They are all still there at the lake, safe.” Austin told her, ” Live below the water all the time from my understanding, fled to the north end of the lake as were told to and were raised by a human woman, and old lady that lives there, new of their kind.”

“Valma.” Addi half whispered.

“Yes.” Austin nodded

“I...I was there. I didn’t... Victor took me and..” her words just stopped and she watched her mother ball her fists at her side and saw the glow

start to come from her, was going to explode just like Luci herself had. “It was Victor?” she grated out, seemingly just pulled herself together, had cut herself off from her emotions.

“Yes, Addison I believe so, there was never any proof, just a base description but with you being kidnapped from that lake and taken to his pack. I’m inclined to say it was him.” Austin nodded “What you’ve told me about him wanting Luci yesterday, for many years. I’d say he knew who you were all this time. Bided his time, tried to get that mating alliance for himself. Knew Luci was part Siren all the time you’ve known him.”

“I housed that bastard in my pack.” she stated “Fed him.” her eyes turned right to Luci and she knew what she was thinking, it was making Luci herself sick to think of it, shed once had s*x with the man who she now knew had killed he father, slaughtered his whole pack.

“I’ll k**l him.” she grated out “Til f*****g k**l him.” she suddenly roared into the room.

Both Rafe and Jack were on the move to snag the boys, who were suddenly growling all menacingly, were being affected by her mother’s emotions. She watched as they fought against Rafe and Jack as they tried to stop themselves from being taking away from their Grammy, when they tried to pick them up and move them away to calm them down.

Luci looked worriedly at them, knew all three of her beasts were on the surface.

She needed to try and calm the boys,

but Kali and Alari were furiously mad along with Addison.

She knew if the boys had not been here in this room, she herself would be as mad as her beasts. It was all starting to affect her boys, they were feeling not just their grammy anymore, but Kali and Alari.

‘Alari, pull us together, the boys, we can’t have them explode, saw Alari look at them while Kali was focused on their mother hugging her into her

and telling her that it was all going to be okay, they were going to punish that man, to calm down she would get to see Victor die. She needed everything to calm down for one minute to settle the boys and then she and her mother could deal with this.

They were going to deal with it, what she had thought the other night was going to happen. She was a Triune and she was going to take herself and her mother right to that man and they were both going to k**l him. Then her mother just yanked herself from Luci's arms and banged right out of the office. She could feel her running away at full wolfen speed heading south through the pack, going off to get Victor all by herself.

The boys were still fighting against Rafe and Jack, when she turned and look at them, she was torn right this minute, between what she had learned and how the boys were reacting. They understood putting them to sleep was likely the best option but she needed them to settle.

Stepped over to them and reached out for them pulled them both right into her, and felt both Rafe and Jack curl their arms around her and the boys as well. All three of them trying to keep them calm.

“Grammy is grieving, she is okay.” She tried to tell them.

“Angry. Hurt.” They both stated right back.

“Yes, and I am going to fix it. I need you two to calm down, stay here with your daddies. Kali, Alari and I, we will go and help her.” she could already feel them calming down. The effect her mother's emotions had on them lessened the moment she was out of their sight. Their connection to her was different to her own, to them. They could always feel what she was feeling. But could only feel what their Grammy felt if she was in sight of them. Heard them start crying “Pain, Mamma.”

“Yes,” she didn't deny it. She too, right this minute, had pain. Alari herself had pain knowing who had killed her father, all her kin. That there were survivors in that lake.

She had family, kin of her own up there in Tor Vale Mere, kin that needed her, their Alpha. “We will bring them home.”

She told the boys “Go to your fathers. I have to go to your Grammy.” She leaned back and looked at them. With every second that was passing she could feel her mother getting further away from them. Kali was actively tracking her tether.

She touched their faces gently “This is my and Grammy’s fight. Not yours, you will stay here with your daddies.” All three of them stated, looking at the boys.

She saw their eyes look right up at her, and both of them touched her face, knew why they had three sets of eyes looking at them, saw their own eyes change to all black and then they each had two iris’s in each of their own eyes; little Rafe, one red and one blue, and Jack one red and one green.

Triunes, black for their Siren, Red for their Alpha Wolf and the Blue and Green that was their human, the witch part of them. “Beautiful. Now stay here, be calm and in control.” She knew everyone in this room was seeing it, there was nothing she could do about it.

Looked to Rafe and then Jack “Go, they both stated “we’ll stay with the boys.”

“Hannah won’t be here to help.”

She saw Rafe smile. “We’ve got them, trust us Luci.” He touched her face “Do what you and Addison need to and come home to us.”

She nodded, kissed both boys and then was just gone, blipped herself right out of that office and to her mother, who was nearly half way to the gate already in her fury-fuelled run towards Victor’s pack. Appeared right in front of her and let her crash right into her, wrapped her arms around her mother as they went tumbling over each other.

Held onto her mother, “I’ve got you,” she whispered and heard her own mother just burst into tears, finally let it all out. Moved them to Hannah’s garden and just sat there with her and held onto her. Allowed the magic of the place to help calm her. There was a better and quicker way to get

to Victor. Her mother just needed to calm down so it could be explained to her.

The man who had killed Lucian and ruined her mother's happy life had been Victor Sampson of the Bloodless Moon. A man who knew this and strolled around inside Nightfall like he'd done nothing wrong to her for the past 27 years. Her mother had to treat him with respect and entertain him inside her pack, cater to his food and accommodation preferences. Only to now know who he truly was. A monster of the worst kind.

She saw Hannah and her sisters coming this way and looked at them. They already knew, and she knew it.

Watched Hannah sink down and tilt her mother's face up to look at her "It is time now, Addison. You are fully realised now; you can k**l him now. Accept us, be part of the coven, of the light kingdom of witches. We will all go with you and Luci. Our Queen Jo-anne, myself and my sisters. To protect you from his pack, stop all that would interfere.

Just you against Victor"

"I'll k**l him myself, I don't need you." she grated out.

"You do, you won't get near him, Addi, without us all there, hell pit everyone there in that pack against you, you'll never get to him alone. Hell wear you down until you're exhausted and then...have you for himself before k*****g you. I don't want that, that's why I never told you, why none of us told you. He'd win in the end."

Luci was staring at Hannah horrified, she understood those words, hed have her, would use her body for himself. could feel her own anger welling up at just the thought of it. "Let us help you, Addison. He can not win against all of us."

She watched her mother just sit there and look at Hannah for a long time, "The babies, I just...I left them." she suddenly burst out. "I left them there."

“They are safe waiting for you to return for them,” Hannah sighed. “Only one had seen your light before, and it has been a long time. He didn’t recognise it was just a little Siren. Didn’t understand what it was, took the two girls and fed north to protect them.”

“I need to get them.”

“We’ll take you.” Hannah sighed heavily now “I’m sorry

Addison, we can only do so much. Help so many at the one time...Luci, she had to come first...Piper.” She sounded sad.

“We couldn’t help, needed Jo-anne for that. Getting her here inside this pack was not easy.”

“You could have just gone to her.”

“No, we couldn’t. Her mother is like your mother, but it was our brother who hurt her, our evil brother is Jo-anne’s father, we couldn’t, Belinda does not want to know us.”

“Now?”

“Not even now, Belinda will not accept us at this time, knows now who we are. That Jo anne also knows, but still it’s unseen if she’ll ever be our kin.”

“My Sirens?”

“Do you want to get them or deal with Victor first?” Hannah asked simply.

Luci sighed now. She understood right away, being part Siren she knew that if they went and got those three Sirens first. Her mother would need to be here with them, so would Alari to settle them into the pack and a new Lake, meet everyone. It could take days or weeks even.

Victor, on the other hand, they could go now, Hannah could take them right to him. She’d wondered if she could do it herself, k**1 that man, felt a hand on her shoulder, it was Aalyiah, smiled down at her “Jo-anne has

thought the same, seen it even herself now. Together we can go and rid the world of the evil that is Victor. No-one else will be harmed, like with you the other night.”

Luci nodded “Mother?”

“I don’t know.” She half whispered, was torn and Luci knew

Looked right at her, had never seen her mother this broken before, nodded her head “It’s my decision to make, I am Lucian’s daughter, Alari is the Alpha to Tor Vale Mere.

Victor first.” She stated firmly “Then our Siren Pack, find our family and bring them here, to our home, a new lake for a new beginning.” She touched her mother’s face and looked down at her. “Mother, we will k**l him, for father, for family.” She stood and helped her mother up “You will show father, how strong you are. That you love him still, have never let him down.”

Her mother nodded.

“Yes, show him that I did what he told

me to do, protect you.”

“And you did mother, with all of your heart. You have never stopped loving me, raised me to be who I am, allowed me to flourish and smiled at me always, never chastised me.

Just loved and protected me.”

“I always will Luci.” She nodded, then turned to Hannah. “I will join the coven, become a part of the light witch’s kingdom.”

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Addison POV

She stood and watched the dress she was now wearing change from the pale blue that it had been, to green and white, as did the one that Luci was now wearing. She looked to Hannan questioningly.

“It indicates what type of witch you are.”

Addi frowned, she didn't really understand what type of witch she was, so how could the dress “Our bloodline?” she questioned. Maybe it meant that.

“No, what you are. If you were to make the decision to go to the Darkside, it would change colours to black and red.”

“So, Green and White?” both she and Luci asked at the same time.

“Life and Elemental.”

“Life?” Luci questioned.

“Mm, as in you can see the life force of things, not all things, plants, it's what the green indicates.”

“Oh, is that why sometimes plants practically glow up at me.”

“Yes,” Hannah nodded, “you're not required to wear it all the time, we do to remind us and make sure where on the right pathway. Pale blue is neutral.”

“The dark blue that bleeds in now to your robes?” Luna

Jo-anne questioned

“Our royal colours. We gave up our lineage long ago. But now are accepting it back, so we will likely end up similar in colour to yourself.”

“My robe was like this when I put it on.”

“Yes, because you are the Queen, but it will change if you change. As all light kingdom witch's and warlock's robes do. When it was open and

full of our kind, everyone wore imbued robes, to indicate what you were, it saved everyone having to ask the same question's a million times.

"Also helps detect darkness." Aalyiah stated, "Very useful."

Addi looked at Jo-anne, shed already accepted her into the light kingdom, "Hendrick?" she asked now. "Do you think he will be there?"

"He could be, don't concern yourself with that warlock, he'll not take me on. Can't, he once tried to claim I was his Goddess Gifted, which I wasn't. Decades before that, he had the old king and queen try to convince my mother, Belinda, the youngest daughter of the wolfen royal family, she was his Goddess Gifted. He did not get either of us if he shows up." She smiled right at Addi. "I'll play with him myself, you nor Luci need to get involved. I don't think that he will though. I claimed Luci before his own eyes, he'll think it through, likely not as stupid as he looks."

"Addison, are you ready? Is Fallon ready?" Hannah asked

"Yes." She nodded simply.

"I have only one question before we go."

"Ask then."

"How do you want to handle Victor? Wolfen or with both your sides, wolf and witch together?"

She didn't know, stood and thought about that question.

She was a good strong wolf, and a good fighter, but did she also want to risk everything, she also knew that he was a good fighter as well. Moved her eyes to Luci, shed just gotten her daughter back and had three sirens to find and reunite with "Both sides, I won't risk losing today."

"Alright." Hannah nodded simply.

She was handed a bracelet along with everyone else: "Six witches to go and get rid of one evil savage it is. Come with me." Hannah indicated to everyone.

Addison fell into step like all the others did, looked down at the bracelet tied to her wrist. It was made of small beadlike stones, but she knew they were all real gemstones, ran her hand over and along it, some of the stones were warm and some cold. In order, Amethyst, Black Obsidian, Citrine, Snowflake Obsidian, Amethyst all lined up one after the other and then the rest of the bracelet's beads were made from Snow Quartz.

She realised this particular bracelet was all about protection and amplifying one's power. The minute it was on her she could feel her witch powers awaken and when she focused upon herself, on that particular side, she realised she could feel it flowing through her veins

"Where are we going?" She asked after some walking

"To the closest Ley Line point in the pack."

They walked for a further fifteen minutes more heading north east before they stopped in a small clearing in the forest. And there stood a large stone pedestal with runes carved into it. Hannah stood and motioned for everyone to spread out around it, held her hands out and murmured "Be prepared, it's not a small blip."

She then connected herself to everyone, touched each of their foreheads and then had each of them do the same, touch the connection point on the person to the left of them. Addison watched as the small white magical tether between all of them not only connected everyone to Hannah but now to each other. Saw a white magical mist drop from the tether to the ground between each of them.

"No, we'll all connect to you Addison, it will feel a little strange."

Addi nodded and everyone reached out and touched her, they were all connected to her now, she could feel all of them, along with the power each of them held. It was strange and she got the distinct feeling she could use their power if she wanted to. Pull on it at will and use it herself.

Not that she would. Knew that Hannah and her sisters would, they always pushed and pulled their power between them for whatever they needed it for.

“Ready” Hannah stated and even before anyone could answer her they were all gone, just blipped away from the darkness of the Black Forest and landed right out the front of Victor’s packhouse within the Bloodless Moon. There was one hell of a c***k ripping like thunder through the air, wolves that had been walking by bolted away from them and then were just standing staring at the six of them.

She watched Hannah let go of her sisters and turn to those now rushing towards them, to defend their pack against unannounced intruders. “Stay out of this or die.” She stated loudly and clearly for all to hear.

Addison pushed her hood back, as did Luci. Some of these pack members would know who they were. She herself had destroyed many only a few days ago.

“Incoming.” She heard Giannah say, and then there were wolves racing towards them from where Victor housed his guest packs.

“Split up.” Hannah stated “Circle the packhouse, Luci take position out front, behind your mother. Victor is inside.”

She felt Luci’s hand on her and she was blipped right to the front steps of the packhouse, could feel that Luci was behind her but still where they had landed. “I’ll be right here mother.” She stated, “Call him out.”

Addison looked about her, could see that the white tethers were indeed spread out around the packhouse, and that white mist was now like a wall of magic around the packhouse itself. She had the feeling it was going to keep everyone not involved out of the area, saving the innocents that Victor might put between her and him she realised. To fight for him and wear her down.

Looked back to the packhouse and felt her anger rise, then she and Fallon just roared his name “Victor.” With all they had, others came out of the

packhouse before him, sending his warriors to fight her instead of doing it himself.

Just like Hannah had stated he would

“I’m here for Victor and no one else.” She told them as they ran at her to defend their own Alpha. Stood and watch them as they stumbled and then fell down one by one, all were just unconscious on the ground before her. Then they were just blipped away, she didn’t know where

Roared his name again and issued a full Alpha to Alpha Duel loud and clear for all inside this pack to hear. Finally, watching him stroll out the front door of his packhouse, he looked right at her, smiled as he slipped a ring onto his little finger. He already had several on his other hand ‘Iron.’ She heard Giannah inside her mind ‘He’s going to try and nullify your witchcraft:

Addi saw his eyes move to Luci and narrow right on her, she was here but not in her Triune state at this time. With her hood down he would see the filigree that adorned her neck, it was large and for all to see. No one could miss it.

She heard him snarl and smiled nastily up at him “Yes, Marked and Mated by both Rafe and Jack.” Addison happily informed him, “You have lost yet again Victor, you’ll never get what you want.”

His eyes moved back to her as he walked down the steps towards her.

“I can take what I want, Addison, cause those two pricks great amounts of pain. Just like I did you once.”

She felt Fallon snarl inside of her “I’m going to k**l you today Victor.” She grated out.

“Really?” He smiled “Do you know Addison...” he paused briefly “Who killed Lucian?”

“YOU” both she and Fallon roared at him and shot off the mark to get him, didn’t use her witchcraft, pulled on that Siren venom in her and cut off all her emotions to become cold and heartless.

He thought it was just her and Luci, would not be able to see the others or that magical tether between them all either, not the wall that would stop him from receiving help if he decided to call for it.

He thought she and Luci had come on their own, so that they could extract revenge upon him, how wrong he was.

He shot off towards her understood how an Alpha duel went, had likely done it many times himself in order to k**l an Alpha and take over smaller packs.

Addi was well trained, as was he only she was small and agile. He might have a longer reach but he was also not pure-blooded like she was. Her hits would hurt more than his own only he didn't know it.

She ducked down under his arm and spun around and connected her fist with his side, had been aiming for his kidney, but the man was fast and turned as she did, but she got to hear him gasp as he quickly stepped out of the way, smiled up at him.

He may have seen her fight before, but he didn't actually know just how strong she was, and she had just hit him with everything she and Fallon had. She really wanted to set that man on fire with her witchcraft but didn't. Would leave the witchcraft out of this fight. Those iron rings he was wearing to protect himself were not going to stop her today.

90% of her life she'd not used her magic, never had fought with it before, so wouldn't use it now, was not really an issue for her. Looked right at him "Don't like it." She shot at him "Shift and let Fallon take to your wolf. He won't like it either." She taunted him. If he did shift those iron rings he was wearing would all be ripped apart and then he wouldn't be able to defend himself against her magic

He came at her again, and they traded blow for blow and she heard Luci, Kali and Alari all snarl as she went sprawling on the ground after he got two hits into her, a quick jab into her side and then one to her solar plexus.

Winding her.

She looked to Luci and found her not as she normally would be, was in her true Triune form, a full blend of the three species on the surface, shed not seen it yet, was magnificent to look at; an opalescent scaled human with wickedly long claws protruding from her finger tips, and those eyes of hers, only made Addi smile. Her daughter truly was special as Lucian had predicted. They were also not liking her being struck by Victor.

“Let me mother.” They stated out loud.

“NO.” Addison yelled “He’s mine.” And she picked herself up off the ground and shot at Victor, his attention was on Luci, he was getting his first real look at her as well, in her true shifted form. Clearly, he had not known about that. He looked more than shocked

Her claws were out and she dug them right into his abdomen, and tore a chunk right out of him, while he was distracted, heard him roar in pain and was backhanded by him. She rolled away from him and then Fallon was out of her, snarled and then roared right at him, before her wolf was off to have a piece of him herself. Fallon was exceptionally fast and agile, getting a solid hit on her was no easy feat

He was on the defensive in a second. He could not beat Fallon while he was still in human form. She was too fast even for him, and when he tried to hit or kick her, she spun on a dime and bit him, tore a chunk right out of his lower leg, and spat it to the ground and circled him as he snarled right at her in pain.

She saw those ear buds in his ears and with those rings as well, realised that he couldn’t shift, it would make him completely vulnerable, to not only her, but Luci’s siren as well. He was going to die a painful death today, long and drawn out because he couldn’t shift and fight with his wolf.

Those ear buds would not sit in his wolfs ears, and those rings would all break. He could she realised, only fight as Victor, not his beast.

Fallon though had, had enough. She didn’t want a long drawn out fight, she wanted him dead for the pain he had caused her, felt her wolf pull all

she had and then roar at him all her pure-blooded alpha aura rolling out of her at the man, to see just what he did, would those ear buds somehow protect him from her as well.

Watched as he stumbled backwards and Addi laughed inside of Fallons mind 'Do it again Fallon, push him back to Luci. And they did, roared at him and rolled all they had at him and saw him start to bow down under the full weight of her aura. Watched on as his eyes glazed over.

Was cheating it seemed, this was an Alpha to Alpha Duel where no one else got involved. He couldn't win and he knew it now.

They waited for him to realise there was no help coming for him. Not once during this battle had a single wolf come to his aid, wondered if he'd not realised it, only to now understand he was on his own and likely for the first time ever. No units to fight for him and decimate the incoming for him so he could just stroll in afterwards and take what he wanted.

"Hannah?' she questioned via the Mind-Link.

"I slept the entirety of the pack, and all his allied. This is just as you wanted and Alpha Duel.'

"Thank you.'

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Luci POV

She had not liked seeing her mother being struck by Victor and go sprawling on the ground, felt herself be shifted to their Triune state by both Kali and Alari, and all three of them snarled all aggression from where she stood, looked right at him and saw his eyes move to hers.

Saw them widen completely at the very sight of her, he was getting his first real look at her, all three of her beasts on display, the way her eyes changed, all of her. She smiled menacingly at him, he was going to die

today if her mother couldn't take him down, they would step up and finish him for her.

He was a horrible, hideous and despicable man, he did not deserve to be an Alpha to a pack, didn't deserve to have others loyal to him and she was going to rid him from the world they lived in, if her mother couldn't.

Though he was now distracted by the sheer sight of her appearance and didn't see her mother coming, watched with satisfaction as she tore a chunk right out of that man.

Smiled when she saw Fallon appear and he was now fighting against her mother's wolf. She was, from what Luci could feel, trying to get that man to shift into his wolfen form, ripping chunks out of him and clawing at him in an effort to infuriate his wolf to the surface.

But he wasn't going to, she understood that, he had his hearing protection in, and with those iron rings on, he was making certain this was a human fight with wolfen strength. No Siren and no witch involved, he was smart enough it seemed, to know he couldn't come close to beating them unless he got rid of everything other than their wolves.

Luci watched as Fallon put herself right in front of the packhouse and Victor was now between them, started pushing that man towards her, used her aura to try and make him submit to her. He was resisting it with all he had, and she knew it, saw him stumble backwards, snarl and stagger about as he tried to stay on his feet.

Then just started to bow down under the full force of it, took many steps backwards and knew he was trying to lessen the effects it was having on him. But what he didn't realise was that with every step backwards away from her mother, he was getting closer to them and her beasts also wanted a piece of him.

The moment he was close enough to them, they struck him from behind, a full set of claws raked right down and across his back. He roared in pain as blood ran down his back and he finally fell all the way to the ground, down on his knees, couldn't fend off her mother's aura with the pain she'd caused him at the same time.

Then they just snapped a foot right into his back and kicked him with all they had, watched him go flying face first across the ground, watched as her mother shifted back and slammed the heel of her foot down on him, right between his shoulder blades, and everyone heard him howl in pain not just him but his beast as well. Right before his entire body just went completely limp on the ground

Lucis hearing had picked up the breaking of bones when her mother's foot had connected to him and by the look of the way he was just laying there, limp on the ground. It was highly likely that her mother had just broken his back, severed his spinal cord by the look of it.

She felt the disconnection from everyone happen and knew it was over. She walked over to Victor himself and saw blood coming from his mouth, put a foot on his side and kicked him over, uncaring of the injury he already had.

Watched as nothing about his body responded to the movement, just kind of flopped half over and lay there, he also didn't cry out in pain, he felt nothing, it appeared he was completely paralysed from the chest down.

Luci watched as his eyes moved right to her and then to Addison he was dead and just realising it, likely hoping for a quick death, most would wish it out quickly and as painlessly as possible.

"Luci?" her mother asked.

"I would love the honour mother, to show him just what I am made of. But, do you want the honour?" she knew her mother had more pain than they did.

She saw Hannah and her sisters and Jo-anne all appear around the man, blipped themselves here now that it was over. Stared down at him, though Jo-anne only for a moment before her eyes moved out over the pack and she sighed heavily. Felt something she needed to fix in all likelihood.

Victor was not in a good state and she knew her mother was actually contemplating not kicking him at all. As she looked him over, she could

see that the right side of his chest was sunken in, had a punctured lung and she could hear that his breathing was not only restricted but that he was breathing blood bubbles.

“We could leave him like this, to live out the rest of his life as a pathetic broken man with no power at all to wield.

Alone with his own thoughts, to t*****e himself for his own stupidity.” She heard her mother finally state as she watched her pick up her dress and put it back on. A little odd that it had not been torn to shreds, likely some sort of magic there as well. Let it go.

Watched as her mother hunkered right down next to him and looked right at him, “Got what you deserved finally.... think a life of being so useless along with his thoughts for centuries would be a good punishment for him. I could bleed him to me and order him to never ever utter a single word again. Literally leaving him with his thoughts forever and nothing else.”

She saw Victor open his mouth and try to speak, only to have more blood froth from his mouth. He was not going to survive, was drowning in his own blood and that was too peaceful a death for him. “Must die.” Alari stated, and Luci felt her push forward fully.

“Alright my daughter, I have injured him completely, now you may k**l him for the injury sustained to little Jack.” She watched as her mother plucked the earbuds from his ears ” It’s time to die Victor.” She told him simply and then removed all the iron rings from his fingers and stood up. ” As a Triune, honey.” She stated still looking down at Victor.

“As a Triune” Alari agreed, all three of them would get to k**l him that way. They looked down at Victor as they once again shifted to their true Triune form. His eyes were wide on her as he finally realised just what he had lost. The power he could never have wielded, because she had never liked him.

They directed their Siren call at him and he alone. Imbued it with their witchcraft and let him have it all. He might be paralysed from the chest down but he gasped in pain as he started to feel his own brain expand

and swell inside his skull. Watched as the blood started to seep from his ears and nose, saw those eyes go red with blood right before he squeezed them shut against the pain. Blood dripped out from his closed lashes.

Until the first crack of his skull was heard, then just slowed it down just a little until many cracks were heard, agony would be his death, Alari would stand for nothing less.

Then his head just disappeared into a bloodied mess of skull fragments and brain matter.

Luci stood as both Kali and Alari fell away from her, stood staring down at the mess on the ground, felt her mother's hand in hers, looked at her and saw her smile sadly "I'm sorry Luci."

"For what?" she asked, not really understanding.

"All the years you had to put up with him, for every time he was inside of Nightfall, for all the contact you had to have with him. the man that killed your father."

"No need to apologise, mother. You yourself did not know."

All their attentions were drawn to the sudden sounds of loud whistling and whirring sound that cracked and sparked behind them. They turned to see what it was And there she watched as a magical portal from another realm grew and expanded until it was at least 4 meters round

Luci watched as a tall, striking looking man stepped on through it, wearing a dark purple suit, with a golden tie and a gold crown atop his head. He turned and looked right at the six of them each in turn, and then just walked right over to them, smiled right at Jo-anne.

"Neice." He greeted her.

"Christian." Jo-anne greeted him back.

Luci watched as he stepped between them all and looked at the dead man on the ground. "I see I was a bit late." He commented, as what Luci could

only think of was 5 war generals forming up ranks with 20 elite warriors behind each of them.

“Mm, only for the main event.” Jo-anne stated “There is still so much pain inside this pack.”

Luci looked right at her, and saw once again Jo-anne’s eyes move away from them in the same direction as before, something else needed to be sorted out or fixed here.

“Not for you to do, Jo-anne. I will sort this mess out myself _Who is the one that slept everybody?” he asked. Seemed he knew just what was going on. Likely his own seers had told him what was going on.

“That would be I.” Hannah stepped forward. “Do you wish that I wake them?”

“Only the Alpha’s and the men here to be sent home, leave those that are pack members sleeping for now.”

“Yes, King Christian.” She nodded simply.

It did not take long for 4 Alpha’s to appear, likely felt their King was here in the pack and would be obligated to come and greet him. she stood and watched as the four of them all bowed to him “Take your wolves and go. Victor is no more.” He declared he wasn’t messing about. Didn’t want to talk about it or argue it out just laid his full Wolfen King Authority on them all. They did as was bade without issue.

Luci wondered just how many of them were relieved that Victor was dead, not one of them had seemed to care about Victor’s death, none had even looked at his lifeless body, just turned and left as told to.

“Christian, the women here?” it was Jo-anne.

“I understand Jo-anne. This pack will be given to them to do with as they please. They may burn it, destroy it or claim it and choose to live here as a full female pack. If that is what they want, they will have the full Wolfen Council’s protection for 20 years, assistance will be provided to

them in training as well. I will personally send two of my best female war generals to train them up. If that is their wishes, to stay here.”

Luci sighed, there was much more going on inside this pack than she understood. “May I interrupt.” She asked, understood he was Kalis king.

“Yes, young lady...you would be?”

“Luci.” She stated simply.

“Ah, the one Victor coveted!”

“How did you know to come here, about all of this?” she was curious herself that he would just turn up and with so many at his back.

“The Wolfen Council reported all that was going on here, I have now read the statements of the women that Alpha Addison, I believe, freed from Victor. I’d like to thank that she wolf myself.” He nodded.

“Mother.” Luci stated and turned to look at her.

She stepped forward. “Your highness, I am Alpha Addison.”

“A pleasure to meet you, Alpha. Thank you for the assistance given. Sorry that I did not get here in time to aid you myself. Was a bit late I see. Though travel in my realm is different than here, slower unfortunately.”

His eyes moved back to Hannah. “You and your sisters, can you tell which are the innocent wolves, in their unconscious state?”

“Yes.”

“Then please assist me, wake the innocent. ‘Il’want a word with all of them, along with the women in the brothel not there by choice.” He shook his head “Why wolves need a brothel I don’t know.” Didn’t sound to Luci that he approved of there being one.

She watched him turn to his small army of soldiers and his generals. “Go and chain those that are still unconscious.

They will be working in the mines for the foreseeable future.”

His men dispersed without a single thought, she had not actually noticed until this very minute that they were all wearing gloves and carrying what could only be silver collars and chains.

“The rest, there are many families here your highness?”

Addison questioned him.

“I’m aware, my seers will read each and every pack member, determine the good from the bad. The ones that acted as were directed to avoid their own family’s being punished by Victor, will be spared out of acting under duress. If it is seen they will cause no harm in the future.”

He stared at her for a long moment, and then turned to look at Luci. “Your kin was here, I heard.” She understood he was talking about Hendrick now.

Christian looked back to Jo-anne “Did he attack you niece?”

“No, he’s not that stupid, how did you know he was here?” she asked.

“Your mother contacted me, informed me of his indiscretion. I have people I trust on their way to the winter palace, to investigate him and his whereabouts. He had rules to follow.”

“He tried to lay claim to both Addison and Luci from my understanding.”

“Are his kin. I can smell that.” Christian nodded.

“Are now witches of the Light Kingdom.” Jo-anne informed him.

“Hmm...well then your highness. Please accept my sincerest apologies on behalf of the wolfen kingdom, for the attack on your kingdom, from one of my own. I’ll deal with him, but if I cannot find him, I’ll be sure to let you know.” Then he inclined his head and turned and walked away to follow his own men.

“Take Addi and Jo-anne home, Luci.” Hannah told her, “my sisters and I will stay and help. Please inform Allen we are all safe and well. Tell your Mate’s we’ll likely bring back she-wolves and family’s in need of sanctuary, a new pack for them to feel safe in.”

“Offer my own pack as well, please Hannah.” Jo-anne told her. “We’ll take in any and all wanting sanctuary as well. I have us leave for home right away, be there waiting for any arrivals you or your sisters bring with you.”

Saw Hannah look at her for a moment “Yes, your highness, but I’ll have your Wolfen King portal them there, Belinda is not yet ready to meet any of us. That my Queen, will be on her terms and only her terms.”

Luci felt both her mother and Jo-anne lay hands upon her and she blipped them all back to Hannah’s garden. It was finally over, there was no more Victor for any of them to worry about.

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Rafe POV

He and Jack had not once left their sons sides, they understood their mother and grammy had just suddenly vanished from the pack. They had also not liked it at all, nearly panicked and for the first time since knowing them, and seeing only them as happy little boys, they had seen the two of them both cry.

Both he and Jack had comforted the boys and tried to reassure them that they were okay. The boys didn’t really understand how they knew that at all. All the boys knew was that their Mamma felt so very far away from them and they had actually gotten scared about it.

Both fear and sadness had welled in their sons, and he and Jack had pulled them onto their laps and just hugged them. He had told them their Mamma was okay and that the mark on not only his neck but Jack’s proved it to be true. Explained to them that if something really bad

happened to their Mamma they would feel it and that mark would go away completely.

This had helped to calm them considerably, though both of the boys had then looked at he and Jack's mark every few minutes. He'd known they were connected to Luci on a deeper, Siren level, as he understood it, and seeing both of their boys eyes change and look just like Luci's did, had shocked everyone in that room.

Their sons were already fully realised Triunes. They'd tried to distract the boys from their worries and thankfully, both Sloan and Eliza had come to his and Jack's help in trying to take the boys minds off of Luci not being here inside the pack.

They had both shifted into their Kitsune form and let the boys not only get to see something truly amazing but also let them pat their beasts, neither of the boys had seen anything like it and being actively tickled by both the kitsune's tails had lifted the boys spirits, made them laugh and brighten up a lot.

They had loved Eliza's beast the most, her colouring amazed them she was just like their beasts, two different colours all over and they liked that. Once back in human form Eliza had settled them further, she was a good Luna, he realised. Able to do what all Luna's do, project calmness.

Jewel had woken up and both Eliza and Conner had let them look down at her "Pretty eyes." They'd exclaimed, staring down at the tiny little girl.

Alpha Conner had agreed with them both, and then pointed at Eliza and then Sloan and stated "She takes after her mother and grandma."

Rafe had watched the boys both turn and look to Eliza and Sloan, really look at their eyes now, "Like the moon." Conner had smiled down at the two boys, and ruffled their hair.

"We like the moon, she's pretty."

Everyone in the room had chuckled just a little as both boys looked back to little Jewel. "Pretty like the moon." They'd both smiled down at her and reached out and touched her little head.

It had taken many around them to fully settle the boys as they were now, and he was glad for all of the assistance, thanked them all for helping with the issue. Everyone kind of just waved it off, they all had children and understood the issue and concerns he realised, this was new to he and Jack.

His allied packs were more than just allies, friends and he liked that their friendship extended to their sons, who no one here really knew at all. They were all just sitting around waiting on the outcome of whatever was going on with the women who'd vanished from the pack.

"I doubt a war will be needed." Alpha Austin had stated "I think six witches, four of whom have royal blood, will be more than capable of dealing with that man. Got yourselves one hell of a defence system for all of you now.

Unlikely any of you will see pack attacks once the knowledge gets out."

He and Jack were really hoping that this was the case, it would make for a much more peaceful life for their four packs. Though he also knew both he and Jack would have liked to have had a piece of Victor for all he'd done.

Harmed their son and tried to take Luci once more. Now also knew that it had been Victor that had also killed Lucian, Luci's father and his Siren pack.

They could both understand Addison's need to k**l that man, and knew it was more than their own need. No one had even attempted to deny her that right Austin and Sloan were staying for the full moon, as were both Conner and Elza

Though both Bradley and West had stated that if there was no wat, they would go home to their packs when everyone got back. He knew that West and Terence were happy to fly Bradley, Cooper and Piper home to

Helena, though as he sat there watching the boys play peek a boo with little Jewel, under El's supervision he was listening to Conner, West, Terence and Bradley all discussing becoming allied to the Wandering Moon. Conner was all smiles about it and Eliza didn't seem to mind either. Seems they would all be allied to Conner. He was turning out to be a really good Alpha for that pack

Rafe felt the moment Luci and Addison returned, saw both West and Terence also register it. The twins were gone shot off in the direction of their mother, he knew they could feel exactly where she was, clearly wanted to lay eyes on her, be with her. Jack excused himself and headed off after the boys.

"Luci honey?" Rafe mind-linked right to her.

I'm alright, mother too. A few wounds but she's healed up good as new. Fallon is good and strong!

Is it just the two of you, I didn't sense Hannah and her sisters. Is Jo-anne alright?' he asked. Though it was likely West was already talking to her just like he was Luci.

Yes, Jo-anne is here and unharmed. Hannah and her sisters are still there, helping sort out the mess within the Bloodless Moon.'

'Victor?" he asked finally

'Dead, mother disabled him, and we made him lose his head.'

'Alright, as long as you are okay.'

"We are.'

'Jack and the boys are coming to you now.'

I know, I can feel them. Please tell Allen his Mates are all okay, only mother got injured. No one else.

It was good to see her walk into the packhouse, she was holding little Rafe's hand and Addison had little Jack's hand, she looked fine. Jack was

walking on the other side of her a hand on the small of her back and Jo-anne walked next to Addison.

He saw West get up and go and hug Jo-anne to him, as tightly as Rafe did Luci himself.

He held her to him, didn't ever want to let her go, to never lose her again. He looked to Addison, knew it wasn't yet over, she still had to go up to Kintla Lake, find her three remaining pack members who still lived in the lake.

Hopefully she would be able to bring them back here to Alari's lake. Alari's Siren pack was growing by the day he thought, and it actually made him happy inside to know that.

Alari already had Silla, but would also have three other Sirens from her own father's pack. Would actually be connected to them right away. He knew that Addison had not bled Luci to Orien, shed said as much, so that meant that Luci and her beasts were still a member of Tore Vale Mere. Just born into Nightfall, as Addi had Mated herself to Orien when pregnant with Luci.

She'd been born with the Nightfall pack scent, because her mother had it, but she was and always would be the heir to her real father's pack. With Victor dead now, he had less concerns about Luci going to that lake up there to meet the three remaining Sirens and hopefully be able to convince them to come here. To retrieve that Siren Ceremonial Blade that was her birthright, so she could be the Alpha Siren to her own pack here.

"Hannah said to tell you she'll likely bring back wolves in need of a new home."

"Alright." He nodded, he would not be rejecting any from that pack. Heard the sadness in her words knew it was likely bad for them all there. "Are you tired honey?" he asked.

"Not really, Hannah and her sisters did most of the work.

Got us there, I only had to finish Victor off and bring three home."

“Alpha Rafe, Alpha Jack.” It was Jo-anne and he looked at her. “‘d be expecting your king, Christian, to portal those in need of sanctuary to willing packs.”

“King Christian was there?”

“Mm,” she nodded “Mother and” she looked at Alpha Austin “The Wolfen Council informed him of what was going on. He came with a small military force to help. Is cleaning up that pack himself, punishing those that need it with all his authority.”

Rafe stared at her now, it was not often that the King would make an appearance within the human realm, his eyes moved back to Luci, worriedly

“She’s of my Kingdom, Alpha Rafe. Not at all a concern of the Wolfen King, that was also cleared up.”

“Thank you” both he and Jack stated together.

Jo-anne nodded “We have to go home, may have wolves requesting sanctuary as well.” Then she turned and walked away with West and Terence. ‘

Bradley smiled at him. “All sorted out them, we’ll bid you farewell till..” he smiled at the three of them, “The Luna Ceramony.”

Rafe and Jack nodded “Thank you for coming. Sorry if it was a waste of your time.”

“It was nothing of the sort. Glad to be here, Thank Hannah for us as well.” He nodded “She’ll know what for.”

Rafe nodded, still wasn’t in the loop on that, likely wasn’t going to be. Whatever had been going on with Piper, which he was certain Jo-anne had fixed, would stay a secret he wasn’t going to pry. It was their business.

His eyes moved back to Luci, “I think you and Addi should go and change. I know its early but a rest before another journey” He looked to Addi.

“When Hannah comes back, if you want to go to the lake and she’s happy to take you there, you should go.”

Rafe saw her just nod but say nothing. Looked more than a little sad and how could she not be after all she’d learned this morning, been through as well. Was likely an emotional mess right now.

He watched Luci touch her mother’s arm and they were gone, both the boys as well. They’d still been holding on to them, had yet to let go, likely were not going to leave their mothers’ side in a long while.

“I guess she doesn’t need a car anymore,” Jack sighed. Rafe knew he’d looked at cars for her last night, was yet undecided, but had a half dozen for her to look at.

“Likely not.” He smiled “show her anyway, you never know she might not do that all the time.”

He and Jack saw their ally off, and that helicopter headed for Helena, a week of mind-numbing uncertainty and it was all just over in a blink of an eye and none of the Alpha’s or the packs had, had to do anything, just left it up to the women. They’d sorted it out all on their own, gone off and defeated a savage and come back not even worse for wear.

He organised for the rest of them to have afternoon tea, and found Silla strolling in with Luci and the boys. No Addison he noted, mind-linked to Luci. Is your mother okay?’

‘Not really!’ Luci sighed ‘She will go to the lake tomorrow, I’ve told her I will go with her.’

He nodded ‘The boys?’ he asked though he had a feeling those two could shift into Siren form anytime they wanted to, simply had chosen not to at this point in time.

‘I’ll leave them here with you and Jack’ They might want to swim. He offered.

Watched as she looked at the two boys for a long moment as they stood getting food with Jack, ‘no, I don’t think so.’

Alari doesn't either."

He just nodded, slipped his hand into hers "You must be starving. Everyone's gone bar Conner, Eliza, Austin and Sloan. They're all going to stay until the full moon, relax and rest for a day or two."

"He's actually going to stay?" she asked, sounding surprised.

It was a little surprising, most Council members came, attended council business and then were gone the moment it was over. Didn't really stick around for no reason. "Apparently," Rafe nodded "He's not been in this pack for a Mating Ball and neither has Sloan. Both of them are unmated for centuries, who knows" he shrugged now, "they could have mates here."

"I guess they could do." Was all she said, was preoccupied by the events of the day he thought, perhaps with the knowledge that there were surviving pack members in her father's lake they were now like Addison a little, worried about them alone up there with no Alpha to protect them.

A large portal appeared outside the packhouse just after 6pm that night, Hannah, Aayliah and Giannah all stepped through and were followed by nearly 50 women of varying ages, he thought, were thin and some unhealthy looking, been treated badly and he knew it. Then there were nearly 6 dozen family's as well. Victor's pack was being divvied up it seemed, they'd just gained almost 300 pack members.

Could only imagine West and Terence were growing in numbers right now as well.

He could see King Christian on the other side of the portal.

Both he and Jack bowed their heads respectfully to him, saw him incline his head slightly and then the portal was just closed. "Hannah?" he asked. Though with a smile, Allen was right there hugging all of them, and he got to watch Aalyiah and Giannah lean all into him.

“More prisoners,” she stated, “every one in that pack was afraid of Victor, though some didn’t fare as well as others.

Treated terribly so. All that are here with us now, are happy to come and join a new pack, where there is not only no brothel but safety guaranteed.”

He nodded to her and then looked at all of them, smiled ” Welcome I am Alpha Rafe, this is Alpha Jack. We are a dual reigning pack. Sanctuary is granted to all that want it.” Then he nudged Jack just a little ‘Alpha Jack, you’re up I think.’ He sent down the mind-link the man knew what he meant, for him to initiate them all.

He knew what to do, had seen Rafe initiate many over the years of their being in charge, this was now also Jack’s job to do, and Rafe was giving it to him to do. His first real Alpha action within the pack.

Jack raised an eyebrow at him but then stepped forward one step. “I Alpha Jack also welcome you all, please come this way.” He motioned for them to follow him into the packhouse.

Rafe nearly growled at the man was more than turned on by those words it seemed, liked it when he announced himself as an Alpha.

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Jack POV

I was Sam when Luci woke him, he was draped over Rafe’s body and the twins had slept in with Addi and Silla in Addison’s room. Which had allowed he and Rafe to pull Luci into their bed and spend several hours satisfying all her needs, which they had done, taking their time and shared the tasting and touching of her. They’d not sated their own needs at all until she was actually begging them to.

He felt Rafe huff as Jack got up off him, didn’t seem to like it. Though he was off to training this morning with Ian, and was even going to take the boys and give them a little hand to hand combat, while Jack went off with Luci, Addi, Allen and Hannah up to Kintla lake.

They would all be back hopefully by lunch time or here for the full moon when it set. Though they had plenty of new pack members that could possibly pair up tonight, none of the women had seemed particularly interested in it.

Too much pain and years of trauma to want to find a mate for themselves at this point. “Get up lazy bones.” Jack had chuckled softly at him. Neither one of them had, had to get up early since Luci had come back, neither one of them had run any training in the past week. It seemed Rafe didn’t want to, liked sleeping in now.

Let’s get up and shower together before we go.” That comment had a lazy smile appear on his face and hed gotten his a*s up right away.

Though their fun had been interrupted by the boys running into the bathroom yelling “Mamma.” They were awake and wanted to see her. They were clearly used to her being right there when they opened their eyes.

Rules were going to have to be laid down he’d realised, as they’d had to both step back from Luci quite hastily; shed snorted in amusement as annoyance had rolled off not just him but Rafe as well, as she actually stepped out of the shower and snagged a towel to put on.

She had mind-linked to the both of them You two can have fun on your own now. And chuckled down at them both as she’d escorted the boys from the room.

Getting their Mate alone was not going to be as easy as it used to be, he thought. Shed told them things would be different and she was not wrong. Those two little boys of theirs didn’t know what boundaries were, and being part Siren, didn’t seem to care either about walking in on them when they wanted their mamma.

“A door lock is needed.” Rafe had commented and Jack had simply agreed it was likely the best option. He could have that installed today.

He’d been blipped out to Addison’s lake, staggered around a bit and then just throw up leaning against a tree “I hate that.” He muttered.

“You’ll get used to it.” Allen had told him. The man was all smiles this morning, couldn’t stop, it seemed. He’d stood with Hannah, Allen and Addison as Luci had walked down

the Jetly

Hannah had blipped them right next to Addison’s cabin and Addi had taken Luci in there, though they’d come out after just a few minutes. It was small, just like the one Luci and the boys had lived in her realised. Seems they just didn’t need space at all.

Addi had come out of there with her phone though, “I wondered who had it.” she stated, “Still got 5% battery even.”

She’d talked to Alari about all she knew of the lake, where the Siren’s pack had liked to sleep from her recollection.

About the two children Torren, he’d be the eldest and Cadence the little girl. The other she didn’t know it’s name, but did know that it would be a girl.

Hed watched Luci s***p off and dive into the lake from the end of the jetty, and he’d seen her shift and Alari just swim away from them all. Left them to just sit or stand around and wait for her to return, there was nothing more they could do, but wait.

He’d felt Addi’s hand on his arm sometime later and looked at her. He’d barely moved from the end of the jetty at all, his eyes were on the lake’s surface, he was looking for any signs that Alari was out there, nothing from where he stood.

“Jack, may I ask you something?”

“Of course mother.” He’d nodded.

She smiled up at him. “You know, you and Rafe can just call me Addi right, you make me feel old saying that; were the same age. You know that right.”

He'd smiled right at her, chuckled a little and nodded "We do." He liked calling her mother, liked knowing that Luci was her daughter and was finally theirs to love and the word mother. Well, that's just something they did without much thought. She was now their family, but if she preferred Addi then he would address her as such outside of pack formalities.

"I'd like you to take the crib back when we go, Lucian built it for Luci, I know it's old and..."

"It's lovely and sentimental." He interrupted her; of course he would take it back if she wanted it. "I also think it's a nice thing for you to have."

"Not for me." Addi shook her head.

. "For Alari, when she

wants to have a baby, something for her child to use and connect to their lineage. It's a bit late for the boys, but not the next child you'll have."

Jack smiled down at her. "That would be lovely, Rafe wants a little girl. I'd rather have boys."

He watched Addison smile and shake her head. "You'll have whatever you get, there is no choice in that, likely all your children will be like the twins as well."

"Then let's hope they are all boys."

"Luci may have been a handful Jack, but it's just because of all the rules Orien put on her, around her inside of Nightfall."

"Yes, and I don't want to turn into him."

Addison laughed now "You'll never be like him, and with other Sirens around, Alari here to raise her. If you have a girl, she'll be easier to handle."

“I guess the pack members will also know who her mother is and likely be a little afraid, might keep their hands to themselves for that reason alone.”

“Oh yes, they’ll be terrified of incurring their Luna’s wrath 1 imagine, though Luci was never one to be angry.” He smiled now. “Just cheeky and mischievous, I bet Addi you have many fond memories of young Luci.”

“I do indeed.”

“Would you be willing to sit and tell us Luci’s tale? Your tale even, I’m curious about how your life was, how you came to be here and met Lucian, how you fell in love with a Siren, what he looked like, because Luci looks just like you. Do you recall what Lucian looks like?” he asked.

“Yes.”

“I’d be willing to bet you could get Jo-anne to paint a portrait of him if you asked her to.”

“I’m no so artistic that I could describe him well enough for her to draw or paint him.”

“She’s a seer Addi, will only need to look inside your mind, or likely taste your blood to find an image of him.”

She was just staring up at him now, must not have thought about it, his curiosity about Addi’s life was actually high and he would love to sit and listen to her story. He also thought Luci would like a detailed account of it as 04 120

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To like that to have a picture of him, but also for Luci to see him.” Addi nodded and he knew she was now really considering it.

Til ask when I contact Damien in a few days.”

“Damien?” she queried.

“Yes, he’s West’s father and is the architect I have hired to remodel and design the new Alpha Suite, gutting a fair chunk of the other end of the packhouse. A new room well away from our old rooms.” He told her.

“Probably wise.” Addi nodded.

His eyes moved to Allen and Hannah and he smiled and turned his eyes from the view, their packs Gamma was sitting on the ground leaned up against a tree by the cabin, kissing the woman all slow and lovingly. Jack had never seen that kind of open display between them in the ten years that they had been mated to each other, they kept their private lives just that private. But it was nice to see such a loving and tender moment between them, damned near made him blush himself.

But it was really good to see that Allen wasn’t just Hannah and her sisters, fun toy, as he claimed to be. That there was real love there, she was all leaned into him and that dress she wore was more dark blue than pale blue today as well.

It’s very sweet.’ Addi mind-linked to him.

I’ve never seen them like that ever.’ He answered her.

Addison chuckled softly down the mind-link I think...get used to it. It seems that nearly loosing each other has changed them a little.’

‘Or just made them realise, time is short.’ He smiled to himself ‘its very peaceful here Addi, he changed the topic ‘I can see why Lucian settled here.’

“Yes it is, you should see it in the winter covered in snow and then in the spring.’ She sighed softly to herself.

You know Addison, you can come here anytime you like now.’ He told her and she could with no further threats to her or Luci from Victor. She could do just that.

I know and I likely will. Once I learn how to blip myself here, like everyone else can now.

Jack looked right at her tone, she didn't sound happy that she couldn't do that. "You'll get there, I'd say!"

"How long do you think this will take today?" he asked.

"As long as it takes, Alari is in her father's pack for the first time, meeting other Sirens, and they will likely recognise her right away, other than being female she looks just like Lucian's Siren Talon."

"That must be nice for you," he murmured softly, to be able to see her Mate so clearly in their daughter, that had to provide her with some comfort. He was definitely going to ask Jo-anne about looking into Addison to paint a picture of Lucian and maybe Talon to, they could hang it up somewhere in the packhouse or Addison could put it in her room.

"It is," she smiled and tugged him to sit down on the jetty" We could be here a while."

"Have you called Orien yet?"

"Mm, I don't know what to do about him. I know we said we could regrow our bond, but with all the Sirens here, I want to be here. Orien was always jealous of Luci and my bond. I don't know how he'd handle my bond with Silla and all the others. How often I would want to be here? It's going to be complicated, to say the least. I know he's safe and pulling the pack back together but have not agreed to go home at this point."

"Still yet to apologise." Jack nodded, "I hope he's ready to not just apologise to you and Luci, but to myself and Rafe as well for all the disrespect we both got."

She sighed "Good luck getting that Jack."

"I'm not a Beta anymore, Addison. He'll give it or I'll send him packing before he unpacks if he is even allowed inside the pack. That in itself will be completely up to Luci, Kali and Alari."

He saw her just nod, "Fair enough, it is her pack now!"

“Yes it is.” He smiled “Orien will have to deal with Luci, pull his head in and respect her at all times. Or she might just kick his a*s. I’m not going to stop her either, just a heads up Addison.”

“Understood.” Was all she said.