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Jack POV

He'd shown West, Luna Jo-anne and Terence up to the first floor towards their suite, found himself more than curious about Hannah and her sisters having bowed to the Luna. He knew they'd never met before, or not inside of this pack, in his presence anyway.

It was even more curious to him when Hannah herself put a hand on his arm as they hit the first floor and stated, "We'll take them the rest of the way." It had sounded almost like an order for him to let them do that. He'd stopped walking instantly and looked at her. She'd stated "Rafe needs you in the office." And then, to his shock, Aaliyah and Giannah had turned him around and given him a push back down the stairs.

He'd sighed heavily at the three of them, didn't really like being ordered around inside his own pack, but knew there was more going on around him right that minute and thought better of arguing with them. He did know that Jo-anne had touched Hannah's sleeve, she'd recognised those markings, which made him even more curious as well.

They'd called her your highness, he knew something else was going on. Could actually feel how powerful Jo-anne was, kind of reminded him of how those three also felt to him, in fact, only she felt stronger, he thought, as he walked back down the stairs and headed for Rafe in their office.

Left them to it, didn't think getting into it with them was worth it at this point. Also, noted Jo-anne herself did not have any objections to them. The words they'd voiced, Luna Jo-anne was likely to be their coven leader. He'd not, once in all their years here, seen those witches bow to anyone. Nor had he ever seen them be so polite and well spoken. It was unusual behaviour. No one could make those three do anything they didn't want to. Certainly not bow down like that.

Not that, that had actually happened, they'd strolled themselves out there, presented themselves to Luna Jo-anne, dismissed both West and

Terence, had no interest in those two men. Did this all of their own accord. That thought made him curious about Luci in itself as well.

The way Hannah and her sisters had known about her, told him to leave the Triune alone, that Hannah had willingly gone out there to help Luci with learning how to use her powers even...was there more of a connection here than even he realised. Frowned as he walked, he needed to really think about it. They wanted Luci left alone, needed her for something. He stopped at the office door and looked back to the first floor, wondering if there was a connection between Luci and Jo-anne even.

Knew that Jo-anne rarely left her pack, now Luci had been here just a few short days, displayed some sort of very strong witchcraft and now Jo-anne was here and their witches were bowing down to her and calling her your highness. Oh, there was definitely something else going on. Something those witches in all likelihood wanted. That was why they wouldn't interfere.

He knew they saw all manner of things, but only ever said what they wanted, what they needed to, he thought, to get what they wanted. He wondered just how long those three had been waiting on this day. He'd never seen them dress like that before either, formal coven robes, he thought. It had not escaped his attention that on the base of their hoods was a crown inside a circle.

Shook it off for now, had to leave if for now, walked into his office to find Rafe standing at his desk, his phone in his hand, a deep frown marring his face as "I'll send men out right away Piper. We'll find them and call you the minute we know what is going on."

Jack's eyes met Rafe's questioningly after the call ended. "Bradley and Cooper are unreachable to Piper or Hadley. Piper said they should have arrived an hour ago, left really early this morning."

Jack sighed "Do you think it is Victor?"

“Probably,” Rafe nodded, “if he knows we are pulling our allies in, though how he would know who our allies are, and where they would come from, is the real question.”

“You try both Brad and Cooper once more and I’ll send Titan out to hunt the man. Did Piper state which route he was taking to get here?”

“The most direct route. She’s got him on that tracking app. His last known location is near Noxon, Montana.”

Jack sighed “That’s two hours away still.” If they were supposed to get here an hour ago, something happened to them three hours ago in all likelihood.

“Yes,” Rafe nodded. “Jack send a full elite unit for them. I’ll have Ian and Allen go as back up as well.”

Jack nodded and mind-linked to Titan, to get that full elite unit ready, Petra, outright refused, had protection detail for Luci and her family. She and Titan usually worked together, and were a solid unit. He didn’t argue needed that detail around Luci and the boys at the moment.

“Brad’s not severed from Piper?” he asked a moment later.

“No, just unreachable by phone.”

“I wonder if Victor is watching our pack, the roads in and out and the towns as well.”

“West might know,” Rafe nodded, “but I don’t know if they’d have taken much notice having flown in. If they’d driven and had trouble, I would say it was definitely Victor.”

“Agreed. But Goddess Rafe, I don’t want to think about that, Victor getting his hands on Luna Jo-anne.” shook his head “I felt power in her, so he would, and he would want that for himself.”

“Good luck to him, I don’t think that man would get past Terence, is a Royal, or West for that matter. I don’t see anything getting between him

and his Mate, not after all that happened to gain her for himself once more.” He sighed “but no, I don’t like it either.”

“We’ll have to warn them, Victor may not know about the Eclipsed Moon Pack and all the Royals it houses.”

“Who knows what Victor knows?” Rafe muttered. “I really would like to get someone on the inside of that pack.”

“Not likely to happen now, he’ll be expecting it.” Jack nodded.

They both turned at the sound of a knock on the door. It was West and Terence. He waved them into the office, “We’ve got a bit of a hiccup.” He told them “Brad and Cooper are missing.”

“Should have arrived an hour ago, according to Piper. She can’t reach them.” Rafe added.

“Missing?” West frowned. “How?”

“Unknown, not severed is all we know. Piper stated their last known location is Noxon.”

“I’ll go,” Terence stated. “take the chopper, it’ll be quicker and I can take one of your units to drop in and assist if needed. The chopper’s fully kitted out for aerial drop-ins.”

Of course it was, Jack thought absently as he watched Terence leave the office right away, he mind-linked to Titan to tell him the change of plans to go and meet Alpha Terence at the training grounds. He was going to chopper them out there to survey the area. Got an affirmative and let West know, so he could relay it to Terence.

The three of them walked over to the map on the wall and stared at it. “Not much out there,” West commented.

“No, but that river, it goes all the way there.” Rafe stated, touching it. “Let Terence know, Bradley and Cooper might be using it, they’ll be able to come in wolf form along it, if they lost their mode of transport.”

West nodded and saw the man's eyes glaze over.

"At least it runs along the road as well, they can check both at the same time."

"Piper will be unhappy," West commented.

"Yes, after all those two went through." Jack nodded, he'd heard about it, the hunt and retrieving of Brads Mate. That their bond had been in a somewhat terrible state, and they'd been separated for 8 long years because of it. That she'd nearly died even, gotten attacked by a vampire and had fought it off on her own, managed to win against all the odds. That it had also taken quite a bit of doing to get their Mate Bond back on track.

It had been three years now and Brad and Piper were good and strong. His relationship with Brandon, his son he'd known nothing about, was even good as well. That boy was ten now, had his wolf, though it had not come forth, yet they were all just waiting for it, and their little girl, Winter, was 2 and a half now. Though they had no plans to have anymore from what he'd heard.

Though had found it amusing to hear Bradley had suffered the pains of childbirth as much as Piper had. Their bond was very strong, for one to feel the pain of another like that, likely to do with Brads insistence on not giving her up for anything. Wanted his goddess gifted at all costs, didn't care how long it took to find her and get her back.

It was a long wait for that chopper to come back, but there in it was Bradley and Cooper. He and Rafe, West even, shook the men's hands, were all glad to see them alive and well. Although their clothes were a little worse for wear, they had been in a fight, that much was certain.

"Glad to see you're alright. What happened?" Rafe asked.

"Set upon by a bunch of Rogues." Bradley huffed, "Thankfully, Coop and I were able to handle them. Though my car" he shook his head.

"Destroyed. I swear the goddess has got something against me owning a

car.” Though he didn’t elaborate any further, Jack saw Cooper just smirk. Something funny between them about the man’s car.

“Those rogues,” Bradley huffed, annoyed.

“Were well trained,” Cooper muttered, “not only human fighting, and while we were fighting, several each at the same time, the others took it upon themselves to destroy our phones and gut the car completely.”

They were all frowning now. “Did you get any alive?” Jack asked, he’d like to interrogate one or two.

“No.” Brad shook his head “it was a full battle, they were looking to take us out altogether, I believe.”

“Well trained and waiting on us.” Cooper grated out “We found their camps, two of them, one on either side of the road.”

Jack sighed now. “Getting back could be deadly then.”

“We’ll fly them back to their pack when its time to go,” West stated.

He watched as Brad and Cooper nodded. “Thanks, we’d appreciate that.” Brad nodded “Need to go and clean up, got some clothes we could wear?”

‘Yeah, come on. Likely you should call Piper.’

“Already done, your man Titan, lent me his phone when I requested it. She’s aware of what happened. I’ve already spoken to my father as well, he’s pulling Alpha Timothy in as we speak to shore up the defences back home.”

Rafe took them up to their rooms and Jack headed back into the office. Things were starting to get out of control. If this was Victor, then that man was laying out pack members or his loyal rogues on the roads in and around their pack. Was trying to stop them or delay them getting allied assistance. This was not good at all.

He walked over to the map and put a pin in it, so he could easily see where those rogues were or had been. There were only two major

highways off the pack itself, but there were many smaller roads that linked into those, and he wondered if all those roads were being monitored now.

He understood how to surveil a pack or think about where the enemies allied would come from even. It was all part of his training and now his job as the other leader of this pack. Getting him into Alpha College hadn't even taken all that much, not once Rafe's father had confirmed that both he and Rafe would be leading the pack together. There were not many Beta-ranked wolves allowed to attend Alpha College, but it did happen for varying reasons. In the 12 months that he had been there, he'd only seen two other Beta-blooded wolves there.

He stood back and looked at that map, snapped a picture of it and printed it out. Laid it out and drew a circle around the pack that correlated to where the attack happened. Then put x's on all the roads that cross through it. He was going to have to send out warriors to each of the areas, to check them all.

He sighed heavily as he looked at how many there were. He was going to have to send two units to each place marked on that map. If Victor had a dozen men waiting in each location, then he had to send at least twice that. To make sure his men were all safe, lessening the risk of them getting seriously injured or killed.

He sank down at his desk and started working on the details of the plan, though he wouldn't enact it without Rafe's input. They also needed to keep enough warriors inside the pack to defend it at the same time. To keep Luci safe. They were also going to have to let anyone wanting to come this way, to bring a full unit for protecting themselves.

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Victor POV

He got word of a large helicopter landing in the Black Forest Pack and that it had come from the western side of the pack, and was even sent a few pictures of it. It had arrived just on 11am. Victor sighed internally to himself, for there was no report of who was in it. Those photos weren't

clear, and by the time his men had realised it was landing in that pack, it wasn't a good shot of the cockpit.

But he got the distinct feeling that it was the Eclipsed Moon Pack. Alpha Westley owned Wolf Airlines and it would not surprise him in the least to hear that those two owned a helicopter or two. The size of that chopper also told him it could likely carry an entire unit of warriors as well. He huffed in annoyance.

Knew now that he had not been wrong and those two pricks were affiliated with those Royals. His plans to get to Luci or Addison were becoming more difficult now, by the minute it seemed. Victor looked at where he had his loyal rogues out there sitting around looking for wolves on the move. Heading in the direction of those two pricks.

Sat and thought long and hard on what he should do. He was not about to go rushing in without due diligence this time. He was still ticked off at himself for losing his chance to get Luci. For not doing proper surveillance and wasn't about to do that again.

All his rogue groups had reported in at 5am and 10am. Their next report was due at 2pm, a call every five hours. Nothing had seemed out of the ordinary, and they still had an hour before those calls were to be made. But if Alpha Westley had arrived at 11am, then logically, so would anyone else they'd asked to come in, or close enough to that time as well.

Victor picked up his phone and dialled his rogue unit out in Washington to see if that pack had released a helicopter that morning. Got an affirmative and at what time even. Which allowed him to know how long it would take for them to get here, as well. Just over 2 hours.

He sent out a text message to all his other rogue units to report. He got the feeling something was off. Those two pricks wouldn't only bring in one allied pack, no matter how strong it was. They were now protecting their heirs; all the stops would be pulled out. All but one of his six units reported that all was well. The one out at Noxon, however, did not report back at all. No response. He looked at the map and what packs were out that way. There were quite a few in Montana, but he was curious as to

which one his rogues had set upon and, likely now, he realised had all been killed.

It could well have been not just been an Alpha and a Beta, but an Alpha and his entire unit, and not all his rogues were up to dealing with a full unit. That was a challenge for many, and even in numbers, rogues couldn't always win out.

He huffed with more annoyance. Now he would have to send two more rogue units out there to check the area, see what had happened to his other men. If they'd had a battle and lost, if that was the case, then those two pricks would be, at some point today, informed about the attack.

By the ones that had gotten attacked and survived. Also knew the first chance those in the battle got, they would request back up themselves. Those two pricks would send it on foot or by car. Likely none of his men outside of the small town would notice, they were watching the gate and town. That pack was too large for him to surveil all of their ways out of the pack itself. If his men left on foot, there were plenty of ways to get around his men.

Those two pricks would likely think it was him, but that was why he'd put his men so far away. Most of them were two hours from that pack. One hour was too close, too obvious, even he would know that. But two hours away could be seen as nothing at all.

Not all of his units were exactly two hours away either, some were two and a half and one was three. Heck, he had one out by Eclipsed Moon Pack, that was a good six hours away and more than one between here and their pack. There were several roads coming from that pack. So closer to his own pack was better than closer to those two pricks, pack.

His attention was drawn to his pack map, on the wall, the surrounding packs, he let his eyes move to Nightfall. He'd gotten a phone call from one of his loyal warriors inside that pack last night. It was nearly empty now. He'd smiled to himself, it was going to be easier to over run it now. Didn't much really care that the women and children had been vacated. That just meant fewer were brought into his pack after taking over and he had plenty of those anyway.

But just this morning he'd received another call from his warrior, to state that Alpha Orien, though looked to be setting up to sever their alliance with each other, denoted by his clearing of his pack to save their lives when war came. Now reported that Orien no longer bore any silver filigree, had howled in pain and tore through the packhouse in agony.

This only made Victor smile. Addison had finally rejected that man, due to him keeping their alliance going. Just what he wanted, in fact, he was happy about that. Now that pack was even weaker, though it could be left alone for now. He would make it appear as though he was of no threat to it for now. Keep that pack as is, Orien might just pull his pack members back into that pack now.

That would be nice if he did decide to go there, to take over. He could pull those she-wolves into his pack for the mating off to his warriors, or put them in his w***e house for his men to sate their needs, not all of them, of course. Just the un-mated and seriously defiant ones, ones that needed to be pulled into line.

Thought only briefly about putting a call to Orien, he dismissed it nearly instantly. It would give away his man over there, show Orien that Victor's men were not loyal to him, and were still aligned to Victor. He didn't want that. So no, he would leave it for now, a day or so, then put that call in and be all apologetic about him and Addison falling out.

But state that he was glad to still have Nightfall as an allied pack, offer aid even, if he needed it, while he was dealing with the loss of his Luna. If it didn't k**l him first, that was. Smiled to himself once more, yes let's just wait and see, he did know that Orien loved Addison. It might just k**l the man and his wolf; losing her. Though Victor always knew at some point, that this was at least 90% on the cards for those two. Luci was always too much for Orien and his stickle of ways.

With Luci being part Siren and Addison having Siren venom in her veins, those two had a Sirens bond. Push come to shove; he chuckled. Which if finally had, and Addison had finally given up her Mate for her Siren daughter. He really did like the loyalty of the woman.

Also, knew that the only reason Addison had never left Orien years ago was because Luci herself had wanted her mother and father to stay together. Luci had always helped those two patch things up, even when Luci herself was hurt by Orien. She had never wanted to see her mother struggle with the pain of separation from Orien, who she'd believed to be her father right up until the time that Siren of hers appeared anyway.

She would have known right at that moment, that Orien was not her kin, and understood right away why the man had never wanted her to take over Nightfall. Which he now also knew would release her from the feelings of father and daughter, which in turn would allow her to no longer care if Addison and Orien stayed together. Would have care to have her mother with her now. Maybe Thatcher, Victor was uncertain about their bond right this minute.

He was only half kin to Luci, so whether she would see him as Orien's son, or her brother, Victor didn't know. Those two had gotten along as children, but now? Thatcher was a lot like Orien, and that could see those two not getting along nowadays. It would depend on Thatcher's response to seeing her, something he didn't know about.

Though he did know Thatcher had returned to Nightfall with his father, he had not stayed with his mother and sister. It kind of spoke volumes. Victor was hoping they were on the outs as well. He was going to have to wait and see. That boy had yet to return to Alpha College either.

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Luci POV

Luci was not convinced that attending any meeting within the packhouse was a good idea. Not after learning it had been the Luna herself, to burn down the very cottage she and the boys had been staying in. She did not think it was a good idea to take the boys anywhere near the Luna.

Kali was in full agreement, though they now knew what rank those two women had been, prior to being mated to her Alpha and Beta, and she did know how strong and deadly they themselves were. Also knew it would

only likely take either one of those women stepping up to her or trying to get to the boys. To allow her own Alpha blood to boil.

Alari, however, was of the opinion she'd just explode those two she-wolves brains inside of their heads if those women tried anything at all. She didn't seem to care at all that it meant k*****g their Luna, or in Alari's opinion, this packs Luna, she was not her Luna.

That if Rafe and Jack didn't like it, they could lump it, that they should know and understand the ramifications of putting them all in a room together. It technically was their job to protect her and the boys as Thatcher had stated, not that she couldn't protect herself from those women.

Alari was also of the opinion that if those two did not try and stop their mates from coming at them or her boys, they would simply up and leave the pack, and take the boys with them as well. She would show them just how much it truly hurt to lose something you love. Make them suffer like Luci and Kali themselves had.

They had spent the morning with Allen and their mother, who had severed ties and broken her bond with Orien. She was in agony and in need of a Gamma and the Alpha and Beta had sent her their Gamma to help ease her pain as best he could. The boys had stopped and stared at their grammy when she'd been brought back to the house.

They'd run right over to her and touched their grammy, in much the same way that they did her, when she was upset. Felt it right away, though only reacted once they saw it. Unlike with herself, they felt her, Kali and Alari, much the same way Alari did both the boys at all times.

She found Allen in front of her. "Luci, I have to go, one of the Alpha and Beta's coming here, have gone missing on their way here."

"Go," she nodded "We can help mother a little." And she'd seen him out before going upstairs to her mother's room.

Found her mother just lying on her bed staring aimlessly out the window. Sighed softly to herself, she had always been the major contention

between the two of them all her life. Even now, it seemed, it was her fault that her mother was now suffering the pain of having to reject one's Mate.

She had not liked Orien from the age of 18, not clung to him as her father, had stopped calling him father, in fact, from the day they'd returned to Nightfall after getting Kali, here in the Black Forest Pack. He'd simply been Orien or Alpha to her after that day. She'd nearly seen her mother sever herself from him that day.

She herself had, had to stop her own mother from the actual trauma that her own mother had been inflicting upon herself, by lashing her own Mate that day. Every hit had been causing her own mother actual pain. Harming one's Mate always caused pain.

Now here it was, that day had finally come, the day that Luci had really come between them, so much so that her mother had now rejected her Goddess Gifted Mate and was now suffering for it. She didn't like it, knowing it was her doing, would never want to cause her mother harm.

Luci relinquished control to Alari, who lay down on the bed next to their mother and hugged the woman from behind, then just started to sing softly to her. They watched as their mother rolled over and looked at Alari, smiled a little sadly and then just leaned right into her and let Alari's song of love and sadness wash over her.

Both the boys appeared by the side of the bed just a minute later. They had come to the sound of Alari's song, they climbed up on the bed and snuggled on in as well, a little pile of bodies on the bed.

They'd yet to sing themselves but Alari knew that they would one day, when it felt right to them and not before. Likely not until they were a little older, maybe when they were of mating age. To draw a Mate to them, or perhaps when they felt heartbreak over the loss of a first lover or girlfriend.

Not even Alari knew if her boys would be gifted Mates by the Goddess, or if, like all Sirens, they'd have to find someone that loved them and was willing to choose them. So that they could be granted a true Mate Bond,

being a true hybrid, anything was on the cards. Though even Alari wanted them to be spared that, wanted the Goddess to grant them Mates like wolves or witches even.

She had inherited knowledge of her kind, knew that a Sirens life could be long and lonely. Yes, they could and did sleep with whoever they so desired, but that did not mean love and a Mate for them. It was just a Sirens' nature. They were s****l creatures, not that Alari herself had even gotten to experience that, couldn't, not with Luci and Kalie attached to Rafe and Jack.

Knew their mother had fallen asleep in the bed with Alari's song, it had not only comforted her but lulled her to sleep. They did not move from her and lay watching their mother just sleep. The pain was gone from her expression, 'I can feel our father's venom in her.' Alari told her softly 'Feels stronger to me today.'

"I think she has simply made the decision not to hide who and what she is anymore.'

'That is the best thing for her.' Alari agreed 'She'll be happier if she is true to herself and becomes what she should have always been.'

'Not everyone likes half-breeds.' Luci told her.

'They can all shove it. Half of something makes for a stronger creature. Gives a chance of powers, more strength or special abilities.'

'Some don't see it that way, they are cruel and hurtful.'

'Half-breeds are what create double shifters. Should be blessed by all and cherished.' Alari stated in a matter of fact tone.

'Double shifters are loved and wanted. Considered strong and powerful,' Luci huffed 'Even those that don't like half-breeds, like or want double shifters.'

'Are ignorant and stupid. How do they think a double shifter is created?'

'Not everyone is accepting Alari. It's just how the world works.'

She knew her mother had gone rogue once, to get away from her home pack. It was likely those there didn't like half-breeds, and that she had left to find a better life for herself.

'Found Lucian, our father. He loved her more than anyone else ever could.' Alari told her 'A Sirens love is true. Our love is given by choice, freely. Don't need some Mate Bond to make you want them, Sirens love is true love.' Alari told her again.

Luci couldn't argue that she'd heard her mother's account of her and her father, how a Siren got a gifted Mate, to love and be loved in return, to acknowledge that love and ask one to be their Mate.

She sighed, she was never going to have that. A long lonely life for the three of them. She lay there in the bed with her mother and the boys all curled around Addison, a nice little sleep pile as Alari liked to think of it and wondered how many Sirens out there were like her.

Attached to a man or woman or some otherworldly creature, that they could never attain for themselves and were now just going to be lonely for the rest of their very long lives.

It was Alpha Rafe's voice inside her mind that pulled her from her thoughts 'Luci, our meeting is going to be delayed till the afternoon.'

'Fine.' She commented, didn't really care right this very minute.

'How is Addi doing?' he asked softly and she actually heard the genuine concern in his voice.

'Alari sang her to sleep.'

'That's good. I'd like to hear her sing one day.'

Luci didn't say anything to that at all. Alari sang only when she wanted to, usually to comfort those around her, not because she was happy.

'Are you alright Luci?' he asked after a minute, when she didn't say anything.

'Fine.'

'What's wrong Luci?' he asked with a sigh.

'Nothing.'

'It's not your fault, Luci.'

'Yes it is.' She murmured and she knew it was. Her mother and Orien only ever fought about her, so it was actually her fault.

'It's not. This particular situation is Victor's fault, maybe...he did this to pull Addi and Orien apart.'

'Why would he?' she frowned.

'To make sure he could get one of you.'

'What?' she was more than confused now.

'It's just a thought, Luci. But do not blame yourself for Addi and Orien rejecting each other, blame Victor. If he'd not tried to take you for himself, they would have worked it out, I'm certain.'

'I'm not.' She stated flatly.

'I'll link you about the meeting.'

'I'm not bringing the boys to the packhouse Alpha. I don't trust your Mate.'

'Neither do I, where you're concerned. I've not told her about the boys, nor has Jack his Mate. I don't think we should at this point either.'

'They come near the boys, you won't have Mates anymore.' She stated emotionlessly, didn't want to talk about them having Mates.

'I understand.' He commented 'Might just bring that meeting to you then. I'll let you know what time.'

'Fine.' She answered and the mind-link was closed out.

All three of them found it a little odd, that even with the threat to his Mate and Luna, the man himself didn't even react to it. There was no anger coming from him, it was almost as though he didn't care at all. Just stated he understood. Who the hell did that? Certainly, no Alpha Wolf that she knew of, would take kindly to a threat to his Luna. Shook it off who knew what was going on inside of this pack.

All she saw since being here was that their Mates had not been here, and apparently that was the norm for this pack. That both her Alpha and Beta had lost weight and muscle tone as well. Perhaps something was really off here inside the pack.

Though she wasn't about to start walking around asking questions about it either. She'd not been here in a very long time and was no longer their lover, so she had no right to ask them anything about their lives. She was just a pack member was all, one who'd borne them children, but that was all, and nothing more.

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Jack POV

He was sitting at his desk when Maria mind-linked to him 'Jack, we need to talk about what you did to me, last night.'

What he did to her? he thought absently. He didn't recall doing anything to her at all. 'What did I do to you?' he asked casually. It was time to play their game, it seemed. He'd been wondering when that was going to happen.

'Attacking me, like you did.' She shot at him.

That gained his attention. Did he attack her? He didn't think so 'Hmm,' he replied and then let there be a 10 second pause before continuing 'I don't recall doing that at all, when did I do that?' He leaned back in his chair and wondered if she would think part of her usual plan had worked on some level, like he'd lost his memory as Rafe had.

'You trying to mate me against my will.' She told him, sounded angry now as well.

'I did not.' He stated right back simply 'I just came to you as you wanted me to. I believe you were the one begging me to come to you, you even showered me with your new perfumed petals.' Put a little growl in his voice 'Riled me up good, but it was you that asked me to come to you, wanted me to smell that new perfume. Not the other way around...you still wearing it?' he asked, rolling a seductive tone into his voice 'I'll come up now if you like.'

'No.' she shot right at him, 'I don't want you touching me.'

Jack nearly laughed out loud, it seemed she'd gotten herself into trouble with that new perfume 'We'll never have a pup if you don't let me touch you.' he told her, using her own words 'But if that's how you feel, Maria. I won't touch you ever, it'll be all up to you to touch me from now on.'

He felt anger flow down the mind-link and then it was just severed, and he did actually chuckle to himself now, lets just see what happens now? He thought amusedly. She wanted to blame him. Well, he now knew the truth and was going to plead ignorance and sit back and just watch her plan. Whatever it was, fall apart all around her. Because yes, something was blocking the Beta, his love of Luci is blocking him, his joy at being a father is blocking him and his strengthening bond with Rafe is also blocking him.

He would never be hers again, he was never going to forget Luci and the boys. He just had to make certain now that neither did Rafe, he had to be kept away from Melissa and those bloody petals.

He had woken up this morning and laughed softly upon opening his eyes, Rafe had been draped across him, like they'd used to find themselves some mornings when Luci had been there, and she'd gotten up before them and snuck out of the bed they'd all been sharing. It had made him smile.

He'd poked Rafe right in the ribs and the man had buried his face into Jacks neck and muttered half a sleep "Where's Luci?" just like he'd used

to, when she'd been between them, it had amused Jack and he'd teased the man right away.

"Oh, so I'm not good enough for you, huh?"

Rafe had chuckled softly himself, "Not soft enough." He'd teased Jack right back.

Jack had laughed heartily, but then had stopped laughing when Rafe had taken in a deep breath as if smelling him, like he'd been trying to scent him or breathe him in. Then the man had looked right at him all seriously "One day Jack, you're going to get bit by me, good and proper."

Jack had stared at him, blinked up at the man. Rafe had never voiced that before. Stared right at his Alpha, his friend, more than shocked by his words. Then Rafe had lifted himself up and smiled right down at him "I'll hurt, I'll bite hard." He'd teased him once more.

"You might get bit back," Jack had told him with a snort of amusement.

"Hmm, likely so. Now come on, take me to Luci, I want to see her."

"Oh, all that sweet talk was just to get what you really want, huh?" Jack had teased him right back.

"Well, Jacki boy. I am the Alpha, I do like getting my own way." Rafe had grinned right at him.

It had been a nice way to wake up, and knowing that Rafe, in his half-sleep, addled state, that his first thoughts were of Luci, Jack had liked that a lot. She was the first thing Rafe had thought about upon waking up. It was a good sign, that the man was going to recall her fully.

He looked at Rafe over there at his desk and smiled at the man, wondering if he would actually Mark him. They'd never really discussed it. Claiming Luci, they knew they'd both Mark her and she them, but would they have Marked each other? It was a curious thought."

"What Jack?" Rafe asked him.

“Nothing.” He smiled. “Just thinking...”

Watched as Rafe snapped his teeth at him, and then they both just burst out laughing, clearly Rafe had known what he was thinking about.

“I’m going to put my plan into action today as well.”

“How?” Rafe questioned him.

Jack just smiled to himself now and then got up without saying a word, it was his plan and he was going to do it on his own. He needed Rafe to stay clear of those two she-wolves upstairs. “Never you mind. It’s my fun.”

He went upstairs to hunt Gloria, their omega, saw her walking along the corridor but also saw Melissa and Maria, smiled even bigger now. Game on. Let out a massive growl as Maria’s eyes fell on him, and then just started stalking towards her all aggressively. Watched as her eyes went wide and she bolted down the hall and back inside their suite.

Moved his eyes to Melissa who was still in the hallway, “If she thinks that will stop me, she’d be wrong, that’s our suite. Can’t keep me out of there.”

Then watched as Melissa hurried over to the Beta suite door and put herself in front of it so he couldn’t pass. “Stay the hell away from my sister.” She snarled at him.

Jack raised an eyebrow at the woman and then tilted his head slightly to the right and took in a deep breath, growled all lowly at her now “You smell good to me too.” He closed his eyes briefly “just like your sister in fact.” Snapped his eyes open and locked them right on her now, growled at her in the same manner he had Maria and stalked towards her now.

Taking in another deep breath, “You smell f*****g good.” He stated and saw her eyes widen at the realisation he was now looking at her to mate her as he had been her sister. Watched her turn and bang into his suite. She’d looked more than worried about the fact that he was talking about mating her.

He stood and chuckled to himself softly, had not planned on that at all, it had simply been an impromptu thought that had popped into his head, as Melissa stopped him from getting to Maria.

It had suddenly dawned on him that they both smelled the same and they did, he now realised. Therefore, his response to Melissa should be the same as his one to Maria. He had latched on to that thought and played it that way. A new game to be played, one that was not only for Maria, but for Melissa as well.

He was more than pleased with himself right that minute. Perhaps it would keep those two in their rooms and away from Rafe, make them think that if they walked about, Jack would actively hunt them and try to mate them and neither of them could stop him, seeing as he now was actively wanting both of them.

It would now be a full concern for them, him smelling them, would set off that primal aggressive need to mate them both, Melissa could no longer protect Maria, his hands wouldn't care which one he got a hold of, to mate all aggressively.

It might just put enough fear into them to keep them holed up for now. His eyes moved to Gloria, she was just staring at him a little wide-eyed at what she'd seen just go between him and them. He smiled right at her. "Don't mind that, Gloria, a private battle is all."

She just nodded "Can I help you, Beta?" she asked as he walked over to her.

"Yes, actually. I was looking for you. I need you and the other omegas to do something for me."

"Of course."

Jack smiled at her now. "Go into all the rooms, mine last please. Retrieve all the aroma sachets and dispose of them, but when Melissa and Maria ask you why? Which they will. Tell them you're filling them with the new petals they brought back, thought you'd get a head start on it is all."

“Alright...but we’re not doing that?”

No, take them all to the cells and put them with the new ones. But under no circumstances, tell them that. Have Emitt burn them.”

“Okay, I’m a bit confused, Beta!”

“I know, don’t concern yourself with it, Rafe agrees. I’d also like to know about Melissa and Maria’s reaction to this when you tell them what you’ve done.” He smiled at her. “There is a game afoot is all, and I’m dealing with it my own way.”

She nodded and reiterated the plan back to him. He smiled, “Oh, if it looks like you’ll get into trouble, or feel uncomfortable, just tell them, I told you to do it, you’re under my orders.”

“Yes, Beta.”

He smiled as he watched her walk away, so the game begins. Let’s see how you two like being messed with. He thought to himself as he headed on back downstairs, it was nearly time to go to that meeting now.

Walked back into his office to find West and Terence, Brad and Cooper in there along with Luna Jo-anne. He was smiling merrily to himself over his new game. “You look happy Jack?” Rafe stated.

“Mm, my game is afoot.” He chuckled softly “It’s going to get interesting around here in a day or so.”

He found all eyes in the room on him now. “Nothing to worry about, just something between Rafe and our Mates, are we heading off to Luci’s?”

“Yes, we were just waiting on you.” Rafe nodded and got up.

“I’m ready.”

“I’ve sent Nadia on ahead to prepare meals and drinks for everyone. Thought we’d walk over, Luci is aware we’ll all be coming shortly.” Jack nodded and they all strolled on out of the packhouse and down the forest-

lined road to where Luci's house was. The closer he got to the place, the happier he felt inside.

He'd missed her, he realised, even though he'd only seen her just this morning, he wanted to see her again, as did Flare. Though his beast was still quiet on that front, what they'd learned about themselves last night, about Luci and their choice, where she was concerned.

He knew both he and Flare had to wait to sort it out, but they also both knew, they would be claiming her as their Mate when it was all out in the open. They both loved her and wanted no other. Would never have another in their bed. Other than Rafe.

There would be no other she-wolf, no other female of any kind, at all, they desired no other, never would, and both he and Flare knew it.

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Rafe POV

Rafe did the introductions as everyone walked inside Luci's house. He watched as both West and Terence looked at the house itself, smiled, it had been West's own father that had designed this house, all the houses along this road in fact. His style was clear, the man was damned good at design.

Then he saw as both men stared at Luci with complete surprise. Yes, she was different now, they'd known her previously, and saw the difference right away. Though they left the comments about it alone. Likely understood everyone was talking to her about it, and that it would get tiresome for her at some point.

He allowed everyone to chat and get to know each other as well. Though watching Luci and Jo-anne stare at each other as they shook hands in greeting, that was interesting. Jo-anne tilted her head slightly, in what Rafe could only think of was her assessing Luci. Then she went and sat next to West.

Then stood all the way up and looked right at Addison as she came down the stairs and into the room. Addi looked terrible and Jo-anne sighed heavily. To his surprise just walked around the table and over to her, asked after her well being. It had already been explained to everyone that Addison and Orien had severed ties and why.

Only Luci was in the dark about the actual reason and they wanted it that way for now. Addison didn't want Luci freaking out over it. Running off to Nightfall to extract revenge on Victor by herself.

Their boys were watching a movie, they could come and go as they pleased. Those two, as young as they were, already understood a man had tried to take their mother for himself. He'd heard Jack tell them, after they'd gotten an introduction as well, that they were all going to be having a chat about how to keep that man away from their mamma. They'd seemed happy with that.

They didn't want anyone coming to take their mamma away from them. He also couldn't send them outside to play, unsupervised, not with Melissa and Maria inside the pack. He also didn't think that Luci would allow it either.

He watched as Jo-anne just stood and hugged Addison, heard her murmur softly to her "You don't need to be in pain anymore." And saw as Addi practically sagged into Luna Jo-anne's arms about a minute later and just sighed softly.

"Thank you, Luna." Addison said softly.

"Anytime." Jo-anne replied as Addi stepped back from her and only then did he recall that Jo-anne was a healer. He'd thought healing; as in wounds. But now he realised that Luna Jo-anne could also heal emotional pain. Her pack was very lucky indeed to have such a special Luna. West was very lucky to have her, gotten her back after their failed first Mate Bond.

He saw Luci smile at Jo-anne and nod her thanks to her as well. Then they all sat down at the dining table to discuss the goings on. Rafe and Jack told everyone what had happened in detail, saw all eyes turn to Luci,

more than shocked at hearing she was part Siren. West and Terence had heard she had witch's blood in her veins, and likely thought that was the other side of her, but to hear she had a Siren, rendered the room speechless.

"A witch, wolf and Siren?" It was Jo-anne.

"Yes." Luci nodded.

"Interesting, you must have a hell of a warlock as your father or grandfather."

"Grandfather," Addison stated, "Luci's father is, or was." He heard the sadness "An Alpha Siren, my father was an evil bastard of a warlock." She muttered.

Jo-anne sighed heavily, but said nothing. No one did, there was nothing much one could say. Though right at this minute he was thinking about Hannah's words, from bad sprouts good. Addison was all heart, she was good, her father not so much.

They got down to business after that, and Addi told them what she knew of Victor, that he had already been allied to Orien, when she met him. That she'd only ever been to his pack once. That it had creeped her out and she'd never let Luci go there ever, got the feeling that her daughter would not come back from it.

She sketched out a rough drawing of the man's pack from her memory and that one visit, where she recalled things were. Told them that he had his cells in the basement of the packhouse. This surprised everyone. It was an odd place to keep prisoners. If they escaped those cells, they could k**l or terrorise anyone within the packhouse.

She estimated his pack to be nearly 1800 wolves. A lot of them would be half-breeds. That she did not know the extent of his band of rogues but stated that he always travelled with many. Didn't always bring the same ones to Nightfall, which she believed meant he had more than he let on.

That didn't really surprise any of them. He watched Luci frown annoyingly when her mother voiced that Victor had an old mating alliance contract between himself and Orien; was signed by Orien himself.

"It's not valid, Luci," Rafe assured her.

"I don't care if it is. I see him, I'm going to let Alari explode that pathetic brain of his inside his skull. Before he even knows it."

Rafe smiled at her, likely seeing this side of her, she was much more like her old self, just saying whatever she wanted, uncaring of who was around her.

"Can you actually do that?" it was Bradley.

"Yes," she stated flatly, "Alari is an Alpha Siren, and her call is deadly. None survive it, unless she wants them too."

"Then how did Victor get away?" West asked now.

"He wore some sort of hearing protection against her call." Rafe answered and produced the two earpieces they had retrieved from Gary, so that everyone could see them. Look at them, pick them up and assess them for themselves.

He wasn't concerned about this allied knowing there was a way to block Alari's call, they'd never have a need to use them against Alari. Though he was curious if they would now want her for allied assistance when in need. Dismissed, it could simply state no, it wasn't in their allied agreements.

Allen brought his attention back to the roughly drawn map on the table. "Addi, did you ever see anything inside Victor's pack that could harm me?" he asked her.

"Nothing can harm you." Addi frowned at him.

“It can, or at least I believe there is something. My Mates outright refused to let me go and recon Victor’s pack, all three of them united about it.”

“He’s a complete savage, Allen, and likely if he knows about you. Then he’s also likely looking for a way around your Mates’ magic. Maybe he found it.” Addison answered him.

“Maybe, if so, why not just come and unleash it?”

“Victor is a particular kind of intelligent,” Luci stated “He’ll only use it when it is completely to his advantage, and is assured that it will work.”

“That doesn’t help me,” Allen muttered.

“I’d ask your Mates.” Jo-anne piped up. “Likely they know not only about it, but what it is. That’s why the refusal.”

Allen huffed a little, sounded annoyed himself “They won’t tell me.”

“Then perhaps it’s for the best, that you don’t know,” Bradley commented.

Rafe didn’t much like it either, but he nor Allen could make those three tell them anything. Though as he sat there, he did wonder if Luna Jo-anne could go and get answers to that question, it was likely, considering how they had bowed to her and told her they would serve her.

Wondered now, if he could ask her to talk to his witches, though if, as he suspected, she was their coven leader, he doubted very much she could be swayed anymore than those three could. Jo-anne was likely as stubborn as they were. He’d seen her over the past three years and not known she was a witch.

Yes, he knew she was Alpha-blooded, and a damned strong one, smelled pure-blooded to him, not that he’d questioned it, not his place. But not known about that side of her, that she was a witch at all. He’d even seen her wolf on one occasion, and had no reason to doubt she was anything other than a wolf.

They were all standing looking at the map of the USA and marking out where packs were around the bloodless moon, ones that were allied to each of them in blue and ones allied to Victor that Addi knew of in red. He added a blue marker to where he knew the Wandering Moon was, even though they were not yet allied.

Conner would be taking over tomorrow and had already voiced his willingness to lend aid. He relayed this to those around him. Terence had simply nodded “Got some good connections, if that packs rumours are true.”

“Rumours?” Bradley and Cooper voiced.

“Kitsune’s reside there, two of them, 9 tails at that both of them.”

Heard many gasps go around the room, he and Jacks smiled “We’ll be allied to Alpha Conner and his Luna Eliza, after this war, but he has offered aid already. Though his ascension to the Alpha of the pack is tomorrow, we could not attend it. He’s currently working on our alliance paperwork, I believe.”

“Kitsunes?” he was asked.

“I guess that is yet to be seen.” He stated, he wasn’t about to go and give that information away. That was up to Conner and Eliza to divulge. Not his right.

Back to the meeting and with Victor having roughly 1800 wolves inside his pack, he was thinking about warriors needed. He had 700 dedicated warriors, though he would only take 500 at the most. West and Terence offered 200 and Brad 100. Taking their numbers to 800. Conner, he wasn’t sure of at this point, though they had taken a hundred to help with the gypsy pack defence, so they could estimate the same there.

Addi mind-linked to him that Orien would bring all that was left in Nightfall, likely to be around a hundred. Though she had no idea of the exact number of warriors Victor had, most packs had one third to half of their numbers as warriors, so anywhere from 600 to 900 was his

estimate. Not including those rogues. He would like to go in with more warriors than Victor had. That would be the best option.

“I’ll call some of our allies from Nightfall, who are allied to Victor, and see if any of them want out of their alliances with him.”

“I don’t know Addi, if they report that to Victor, he could go and attack them.”

“They won’t do that unless they are truly loyal to him. I don’t think all of them will be. Besides giving him the heads up, puts him and his wolves on full alert and he’ll pull more wolves to the borders or pull his rogues into his pack. That will mean less of those creatures coming at us from other directions at unexpected times. He might tire his wolves out while waiting for us to attack him.”

“That’s a deadly game to play with other packs’ lives.” Terence stated with a full frown.

“I guess it is.” Addison nodded.

“You won’t need anymore. Alari and I will take down many, just stay behind us.” Luci stated simply.

Rafe tapped a finger on the hearing protection gently. “Might not work.” He murmured.

“Not all his pack will have those. Likely only his most trusted and important to him. So we are still the best plan for all of this.” she indicated the table.

“I’d rather you didn’t go at all, Luci.” Rafe stated, “I would prefer you stay here with the boys, safe inside the pack.”

“That bastard will die by our hands. Alari will not stay put, he hurt our son.”

“Ours as well.”

“I don’t care.” She shot at him “What you want! If you’re taking war to Victor, I’ll be going. You, none of you, can stop me.”

It was damned near on a challenge and he knew it, watched as all at this table recognised it as well, saw her eyes flicker between black and green. All of them were looking at him now. He sighed, he was not going to win this and he knew it.

He also did not want to argue with her, she had every right to her anger. And her need to go and punish Victor himself, would be great. As was he and Jacks, though her sheer determination to do it herself bothered him a little. He was worried now that if he tried to deny her she would just go off and do it for herself. He didn’t want that.

She wanted revenge for that attack on not just her son, but herself as well.

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Jo-anne POV

Meeting Luci for the first time, she could tell the woman was part witch, right away. Although it did appear she was strong, Jo-anne didn’t sense any real use of her magic. Though from what she could sense out of that woman’s power, from that one handshake, nearly made her sigh out loud. She’d felt that power before, it was very distinctive to her.

She could also tell right away that this woman also knew what she was as well. They too felt Jo-anne’s own power. Witches always recognised other witches. There was no family bond between her and Luci, but that power, it was the same as none other than Hendrick and his sisters.

She really focused upon it, for that brief moment. But was unable to determine if it was Hendrick or the man’s sisters that were related to Luci herself. Let go of Luci’s hand and stepped back. This girl held real power and was a Triune. As were the triplet witches here inside this very pack. She wasn’t going to insult the girl, who knew what would unleash her powers. Likely a threat to herself, she thought.

There was a lot going on here indeed. If they were here to help protect this woman, she couldn't see why, it was likely that she didn't actually need it. Though that witch's bloodline and the statement from earlier, 'it seems she has some witchcraft ability' and 'Hanna was helping her.'

She'd likely only just found out what she was, and tapped into it for the first time. No wonder those trees had all exploded. She wondered if Hannah knew what she was doing, or if they helped her because she was simply like them, a Triune.

She had watched as Addison came down the stairs, and felt not only the pain she was in, but the utter sadness. Could actually see it as well as sense it. Got up on pure instinct and just enfolded that woman in her arms. Took that pain away from her, just like she had done to her own mother Belinda once. A simple thing for her to do.

She was good and strong at healing people. Emotional distress was something she understood all too well. Could recognise it near instantly, and every part of her wanted to relieve it from them. She actually really hated seeing someone in torment, as this woman was.

Knew the moment she held Addison to her, that what she had sensed out in Luci, was 10 times stronger in her mother. She also knew whose bloodline it was now. Hendrick himself, the kingdom's previous warlock, was this woman's father.

She sighed internally to herself as she sensed that man's bloodline inside Luna Addison, but she would not hold that against the woman. She could also tell that a part of Addison was struggling with that side of her. Almost like the woman denied it. That man's power was all darkness, and there was no tell-tale signs of that in the woman, nor in her daughter.

Unlike Hendrick and his sisters, their fingers did not have blackened skin to indicate they dabbled in black magic or used it freely at their will. No, neither of these women were to Jo-anne, evil or dark inside.

Though it was likely that they, both of them, had the potential to be. The power was in them if they wanted to use it. They could turn to the

darkness and become the wielders of black magic. Though from what she sensed of the two of them, neither of them wanted that.

Jo-anne only let go of Addison when all the woman's pain was gone from her. She sat between West and T.J., West smiled right at her gently, he knew her own nature, couldn't help but heal those in need, it was just who she was. He was proud of her, and what she could do. Even though she had not left the pack in many years.

He and T.J. were both concerned about her, that someone would find out what she was and try to snatch her, as they had done her mother, not that she was worried. Her power was great, something she didn't often show the truth of. Something she was at some point going to get answers to while she was there as well.

Where she sat herself, she could see the twin boys, Rafe and Jack's Heirs to Luci herself. They too held power, were all light and joy. Bundles of light, and Jo-anne could actually see it, practically radiated off of them both. Their very skin nearly glowed to her. Were twins, but also a perfectly united blend of all three species, wolves, witches and sirens, all of that in their small bodies.

She could feel it, well sense it, hadn't touched either of the boys. Smiled right at them, and how could she not when they glowed up at her like that, all smiles and happy. Also, didn't think it was wise to without permission. She had no idea at all how Luci would react to that. That girl now knew what she was in part. Had sensed her out as much as Jo-anne had her.

One shouldn't go touching witches' children without permission, especially if you don't know the witch. Though Jo-anne knew she was of no threat to Luci herself, she doubted that her two beasts understood this yet. They didn't know her, she was sitting listening to the meeting, didn't like knowing that this Victor of the Bloodless Moon Pack had harmed one of the boys. They were only small, just six. Also, she did not like knowing he wanted Luci and had tried to take her against her will.

She was curious enough to want to come across this man, hearing Addison state that he had a thing for half-breeds, that he openly

welcomed them into the Bloodless Moon. Had half a dozen children himself, that they were all likely to be half-breeds themselves. Understood a little more about the man she thought.

Though this knowledge came as quite a shock to everyone here, except Addison, it seemed like she was the only one in the know. Likely because her old pack was affiliated with his was all. Had been for a very long time.

She asked only one question herself: “How old is Victor?” she saw all eyes turn to look at her.

Addison shrugged, “I don’t know, but he was already allied to Nightfall and Orien when we met. Was an Alpha to his pack then as well. Looks to be about 40 but who knows, could be a hundred or well over that for all I know.”

“Otherworldly genes.” She’d simply nodded and let it go, from all that she was hearing, she didn’t think the man was young. The way he was, how strategic and seemingly intelligent. That was all indicative of one that had lived a long life and had taken the time to educate himself, study up on what he wanted.

He’d certainly, from what she’d heard, dealt with Sirens before, perhaps even seen or studied one up close and personal. Thought that it was likely that he also understood exactly what those twin boys were. What Addison was even, and therefore had bided his time, if he liked half-breeds, to get his hands on Luci.

Watched that girl grow up and waited for her to come of age and then tried to attain her for himself. Lost out to Alpha Rafe and his Beta, Jack. She was willing to bet that irked the man to no end.

Shades of Hendrick, an evil man, she thought, one that was only concerned with his own selfish needs. He didn’t care about others at all and she knew it. Sighed internally at hearing that the man had an alliance mating agreement, with Alpha Orien’s own signature on it. Knew Orien was Addison’s own Mate, and Luci’s stepfather. What had that man been thinking?

Jo-anne's own stepfather had done terrible things to her, but she had forgiven him. The man had been poisoned by her own blood, and though Heath no longer lived in a cell, he was of no actual threat to her. T.J. still didn't like the man, couldn't be in a room with him, anger still rolled off of T.J. when he saw him.

West had forgiven him and he was allowed to see Jo-anne and visit the children, but he still had Oliver around when Heath visited. West kind of understood the man's behaviour, having also been affected by her blood. But still there were precautions laid in place around him where she and their children were concerned. Likely always would be. Heath had accepted it with a simple nod and stated, 'I understand, I would do no less to protect the one I love.' Had not caused one ounce of trouble since being healed by her.

To hear Luci state she was going in, would lead the fight to Victor. That did not surprise her at all, just smiled at the woman. She'd yet to come into that full power within, and likely when she did, this Victor person, was a dead man walking, and yes, there would be no stopping her if she released all that Warlock blood along with her siren and wolfen strength upon him.

Hendrick was old and powerful, like Hannah and her sisters, and could just blip himself from one place to another, with a simple spell, though her own father could do that from what she understood of him, seen it in that vision of him. He could just will himself from place to place, likely that is how Hannah and her sisters did that.

Jo-anne stood at the end of the meeting and watched on curiously at the interaction between Rafe and Jack and the boys. They were not only proud to be the boys' fathers, there was real love there. When she watched those two men look at Luci, she could feel a distinct change in them. Focused on it and saw it, they both loved her. That was a full curiosity to her. Luci, she could tell, was completely closed off to them, had shut all her emotions down. She sighed internally once more as she realised it was to hide pain.

Stood back and just watched the three of them, really focused all her power on watching them now. Realised there was a bond there, between

them, not fully realised, but she could sense it. Likely Luci was attached to those two, more so than either one of them understood. Moved her eyes back to Alpha Rafe and then Beta Jack, she thought about what Hannah had said, 'That the packhouse was tailored to the Luna and her sister to make Alpha Rafe and Beta Jack attracted to them'.

Nearly snarled out loud at all of them as she realised just what was going on inside this pack. The Luna and her sister were just as despicable as Hendrick and Warrick themselves were. Where did such evil come from, how was it bred and why couldn't those creatures just accept their place in life? Why did they have to try and obtain things that did not belong to them for themselves? She could not abide by this, it was abhorrent to her, after what her mother suffered, after what her own Grandfather had tried to do to her mother and then her, herself.

Why had Hannah and her sister done nothing at all to protect the Alpha who they had pledged loyalty to, or his Beta for that matter? They had allowed this to happen and she just knew it.

Was that the very darkness of her own bloodline? Also, their bloodlines shining through, it was more than annoying to her and she was going to get to the bottom of this matter. Those three bore her mark, had just pledged to serve her and well, now they would be.

Those three had some explaining to do and she was going to get herself some answers. She was hoping they would volunteer the information. That she did not have to use that seer's ability to get it from them. She also wanted to know and understand exactly what they were to her. Did those markings just appear like hers and T.J.'s did or did they put them there themselves and, if so, why?

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Addison POV

She'd never met Luna Jo-anne before, but knew instantly what she was. She damned near bowed down to the woman, even Fallon understood what she was, had not wanted to bow to anyone before, not even those

triplets here. Though they'd both understood, those three were very powerful. This was very different.

She likely would have bowed down if the woman had not just stepped up to her and enfolded her into her arms, and pulled all her pain and sadness from severing her Mate Bond from Orien, away from her.

The moment she'd uttered those words 'you don't have to be in pain anymore.' All her pain had started to just ebb from her body, flowing away from her like it was being gently washed away until there was none of it left at all.

She still knew that she'd severed ties with Orien, and lost her Goddess Gifted Mate Bond, but no longer did it hurt at all. The power Luna Joanne held was more than the royal wolfen bloodline, that she was now also sensing within the woman. This she felt when she'd come into contact with her. She could tell now, as she stood there holding onto this woman, she was royal blooded on both sides, witch and wolfen.

This woman was her queen, all witches would know it, feel it or sense it. She was a direct descendant of a royal witch's bloodline. Though no one had seen that in a very long time. She herself had thought it had died out centuries ago.

But here she was, a part of her was now curious as to how old she actually was. Let it go. It wasn't really any of her business. She sat down at the table and not only answered the questions about Victor himself, but got up and mapped out his pack as best she could from memory, marked out where everything lyed. Let them all know roughly how many warriors he had, how many wolves his pack contained to her knowledge.

The only thing she didn't bring up was that in that man's basement the last time she'd been there, which admittedly was more than a decade ago now. Was that feeling of a family bond down in there. It was unlikely that there was anyone down there now that would be connected to her. So she didn't see a need to bring it up.

Saw Luci fire up over being told by Rafe that he didn't want her going into battle. He had no hope of that happening. The girl was all Alpha and

all power as well. Her clear statement that they couldn't make her, just showed to Addi that Luci's mind was made up, she was the one to want to take that man down and nothing and no one was going to get in her way.

She smiled to herself, so very headstrong and that Siren bloodline, she was now pulling on to be here in this room with both Rafe and Jack, at this very table was shining through to Addi. She did want to tell her daughter the truth about both of them.

That her Alpha and Beta really did love her, wanted her, but wanted answers about their own so-called Mates first. So it could all be explained to her, and any questions she may have regarding them could all be answered.

Her daughter was going to be the Luna to this very pack one day. How far off that was, she didn't know yet. Didn't think that even Rafe and Jack knew when that would happen either, this whole mess needed sorting out.

They were not wrong in telling her there was more going on than she could possibly know. They had two Mates that were not their actual Mates, who were dealing with an imminent attack from Victor, who wanted Luci and they needed to protect her and the boys as well. There were three witches here that stood by and let things happen because from bad came good, or from darkness came light.

Really thought about that statement, her own mother had suffered terribly, yet refused to give her up. Loved her regardless of who the sick bastard her father was, what he had done to her. She herself wasn't bad like him, neither was Luci, for that matter, so from something bad came something good.

Moved her eyes to Jo-anne, she'd heard that pack of hers had severed itself from the Royals, yet there were two royals sitting right here at this very table. She moved her eyes to Alpha Terence, and did not miss the mark on his inner arm, it was the same as the witches.

There was definitely more going on here with those witches and they were playing at connecting people and bringing about something bigger

than any of them could understand, she thought. She knew they could see more than the here and now. Thought about those women and just knew deep down they were royal blooded themselves, but hid themselves away from the world. Maybe they gave up their own titles even. That was curious to her. Why had they done that?

Watched as Jo-anne turned and suddenly stalked away from the house, oh yes, that woman's brain was ticking as much as Addison's was right this minute. She, too, was now trying to figure out what was going on herself within this very pack. Addison had watched her, looking at not only Luci but at Rafe and Jack and the twins as well.

She was trying to piece together the same puzzle those two men were. But had a better chance of getting answers was all. Those triplets could not decline to answer any of the Luna's questions, she was also their queen as well, and they would know it. Would likely even have known she was coming here today.

Alpha Terence frowned after Jo-anne, but West stopped him from going after her. "Leave it, Terence." He'd stated calmly, even as his own eyes followed his Luna, not even he was going to interfere with whatever she was thinking. Both West and Terence knew exactly what she was, she now knew.

Smiled to herself as everyone left, "What is it mother?" Luci asked her from the kitchen.

"Luna Jo-anne, is a royal on both sides, out ranks her own Mate and Alpha Terence. Much like you outrank Rafe and Jack."

"She's a witch." Luci nodded "I got that from just shaking her hand."

"Not just any witch Luci." She looked right at her daughter, "Is of the witch's royal bloodline...our Queen, so to speak."

"Our?"

"Yes, Fallon and I wanted to bow down to her. We've never felt that before."

“I didn’t.”

“That’s because you’re a Triune, special in your own right, but that witch’s blood that connects you, Alari and Kali together, which it does. I’ve thought about it, the way you said you glowed every time you shifted while pregnant, the way Kali and Alari can come together, unite, it’s your witch’s bloodline that allows for that to happen.”

She watched on as Luci thought about it for a long moment. “But I never knew about it. So how could I do that?” she asked.

“Pure instinct, I’m guessing. To protect your boys.” Addi turned and looked at them on the couch. “They’ll get a siren shift at some point as well, I believe.”

Luci was right next to her now. “You really think so?” She could hear the hope and happiness in her daughter’s voice.

Addi smiled right at her. “Yes, not certain as to when, but I’d be willing to bet they’ll be black and white just like their wolves.” She smiled as she watched Luci really smile herself now, saw that happy girl she’d once been before everything went to s**t.

Touched Luci’s face gently, “There you are.” She couldn’t help but state, her boys was what brought out the joy in her daughter’s life. Much the same way Luci did that for herself.

That Siren connection so strong between her and Luci, just like it was for Luci and the boys. “I like having a deeper connection to the Siren venom that runs in my veins. Being here with you Luci, I feel it all the time.” Then she just hugged her daughter tightly, and found both boys right there hugging both of them as well, smiling up at her when she looked down at them.

“Now boys, your mamma and I want to get you something. How do you feel about...a whole house full of books and toys?”

“A whole house?” they both asked, looking up at her. She could hear the excitement in their voices.

“Yes, we’re going to shop.” She grinned at them now “For everything you could possibly want. Grammy is going to spoil you rotten.”

They did just that, sat in the lounge area and shopped online for toys and clothes, books and bikes and scooters, pencils and paints. Started with the pack’s stores so things could be picked up or delivered as early as tomorrow. Then they sat and looked at the human world stores, let the boys pick out and have whatever they wanted. She would deny them nothing.

Had to really encourage Luci to buy clothes, got a, I have no money down the mind-link. Addison just stared right at her, “I will deny you nothing, it’s on me.” She wanted to tell her that Rafe and Jack would deny her nothing either but let it go for now. Didn’t think that Luci, in her current mindset, would accept anything from either of them that wasn’t from the lost and found.

Wouldn’t want those two spending money on her, likely would allow it from them to the boys, but would decline anything from them herself, or send it back if they sent something over.

Managed after an hour to get her to finally actively look at things for herself, even managed to get her to pick out a few nice dresses. Wanted her to have something nice to wear when Rafe and Jack came to claim their true Luna. Though she could see that Luci didn’t really want to, heard her state plainly “I don’t need anything fancy, mother. I will never have a need to dress up for anyone.”

Nearly sighed out loud, it was hard keeping the truth from her. Knew that she needed to for the moment, could see it really was the right thing. Addison wanted her daughter to have all her questions answered, when her Alpha and Beta came to her to finally tell her all that had gone on.

When they rejected their Mates and Luci heard about it and she would. It would be announced via a pack wide mind-link. She knew that day would bring hope to Luci. She also had a feeling it wouldn’t take that long for Rafe and Jack to hunt Luci down and explain everything.

Try and claim Luci, just a few hours after she imagined. The moment Luci understood. Those two men would be telling her they chose her as their Luna, and not because she was the mother of their children, not because she would be a powerful warrior Luna. Because they loved her, really did love her, it might take Luci a day or so to come around, but she would, was already mated to them.

But for Addison, what she wanted for her daughter was that moment when Rafe and Jack verbalized, they loved her, and wanted her. For Luci to be granted her Goddess Gifted Mates in both of them. It wouldn't even need to be a full moon. There Goddess Selena would just grant it on the spot. That was how it was done for Sirens; love first, then a bond.

Luci, Kali and Alari would all scent those two men within minutes of them voicing that they loved her, wanted her for their Mate, it's all her daughter wanted, all Kali wanted for that matter.

Alari would be the only one on the fence, might hold them back. Addi didn't know what was going to happen with Alari at this point, but she too would scent them out and know what they were to her. Understand that the Goddess would only grant her to them if they loved her, truly loved her.

She was going to have to tell Rafe and Jack so they wouldn't get the shock of their lives, and just launch themselves at her daughter to claim her. Alari might well take offence and Addison wanted all of them to be happy. Alari included, that part of Luci might take some convincing.

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Jack POV

He was walking back with everyone to the packhouse when Gloria mind-linked to him 'Beta?'

He could hear the concern in her voice 'Are you alright Gloria?' he asked right back.

“Um, yes.’ She answered tentatively, but didn’t really sound it, he added Rafe to the mind-link and put a hand on him to stop him from walking.

‘What is it, Gloria? Just tell me.’ He asked gently.

There was silence for a long moment and he could hear the emotion in her voice when she finally spoke to him ‘The Luna...she struck me.’ She half whispered.

He heard the snarl rip out of Rafe near instantly, and felt anger roll off of him, heard all foot fall stop and sighed to himself now. Gripped that man’s arm tightly so he couldn’t go running off to confront Melissa. He’d likely just lose his memories all over again.

‘I’m sorry Gloria.’ He stated and he was sad that this had happened, she’d been struck by Melissa and it was his fault. ‘I did not intend for that to happen, please go to my office, we’ll meet you there.’ He murmured.

‘Yes Beta.’ She replied and he closed out the link.

He saw that everyone was staring at he and Rafe, West and Terence, Brad and Cooper, Allen and Ian even. They were looking at the angry expression on Rafe’s face.

“You can’t go, Rafe.” Jack told him flatly.

“I’ll bloody slap her into next week, myself.” He snarled.

“It’s my fault, I’ll explain.” Jack sighed “I didn’t mean for Gloria to get hurt.”

“What is going on?” Bradley asked with a deep frown.

“The Luna struck a pack member,” Jack sighed.

“What? Why?” nearly all of them asked, sounded more than shocked.

He looked at Rafe and wondered just how to explain this. The fewer people that knew, the less of a chance that Luci would find out the wrong way. But they weren’t going to be able to keep it a secret for long. All of

them were here inside the pack, and not one of them had yet to see Melissa or Maria. It was an odd thing to happen. The pack Luna would normally stand and greet the arriving packs Alpha's on the arm of her Mate.

West and Terence knew the Luna had tried to hurt Luci, the boys and her mother already. They would likely think it was related to that. "Let's not discuss it out here." Rafe stated, "Our office, behind closed doors, would be best." He muttered.

Jack just nodded and watched Rafe look at each of them. It wasn't often that any of them would have seen Rafe in a temper, he was generally a happy man, calm most of the time. Out of all of them here standing around, West had been the surly one, not so much anymore. But not much actually ticked Rafe off. Outside of their pack he kept his calm demeanour when visiting others. So, his sudden all aggressive snarl and anger on the surface would be a shock to them all.

Jack could feel that both Maria and Melissa were still in the packhouse. He was keeping tabs on them. He wanted to know when they moved about, so he could go off and play that game of his with them, keeping them in fear of his reaction to that spell and those petals.

This he was hoping was going to contain those two, to the Alpha floor. To his suite in particular, effectively away from Luci and the boys as well. If they moved about, leaving that suite, he had every intention of hunting them down to play that all aggressive need to not just mate Maria now, but Melissa as well.

It had not escaped his attention that Melissa had not gone to Rafe about what he'd done. Jack didn't think she knew if she still had control over Rafe anymore, he'd not returned to her bed. Had stayed with Jack and she would know he'd believe Jack's words. Hell, how stupid was she. The house fire alone proved she'd ripped his memories away from him.

Though he'd not gone and confronted her about it either, and as the Alpha he should have, it was treason to try and harm the Alpha, but he couldn't send Rafe back in there. Not for anything at all. The man would

surely end up forgetting all over again and he couldn't have that, also knew that Rafe didn't want that either.

They all walked back to the packhouse and into the Alpha's office. Gloria was already waiting for them, he sighed at the reddened mark on her face, likely had actually been bruised and her wolf had been healing her all this time.

He apologised again, right away at seeing the hand print and motioned for her to go into the office, along with everyone else. Everyone sat but Rafe, he was standing staring at the mark on Gloria's face. This she-wolf had been around inside their pack for her entire life, had worked hard for the pack, was a diligent and loyal wolf, and she had been their head omega up on the Alpha floor for as long as both he and Jack had known her, since they were children. Rafe was clearly not happy about this. Both he and Jack treated their omega's as respected and valued pack members.

Neither one of them approved of omegas being hit or treated terribly, for it was in fact omega's that kept the pack in good condition. They were the ones to maintain everything, did all the chores, so to speak, and if not for them, no pack would run smoothly and be clean or well fed. Their omegas were treated with respect and paid good wages, lived in nice homes.

Could train and, if they so wanted to, could go off to university and study whatever they wanted as well, get an education of the highest degree. Nothing was denied to them here in their pack.

Some of the most intelligent pack members were in fact omegas. They had two omegas that were doctors in training, and two that worked at the local university had PHD's in physics and chemistry, one was out there, a model, in the human world and two were songwriters.

There was nothing they couldn't do if they put their minds to it, and here in the Black Forest Pack they were all encouraged to chase their dreams. Obtain a degree and make a good living for themselves. Though he did know that more than half of them were just happy working here inside the pack, to make it what it was, a pack to be proud of.

“Did it bruise?” he heard Rafe ask, a deep frown was marring his face.

“Yes, Alpha.” Gloria nodded “Mini is working on it.”

“Did you get hurt anywhere else?” he asked.

“No Alpha, I stumbled but didn’t fall, just...fled the room.”

“Jack explain to me what is going on.” He snapped, looking right at him. He’d not forgotten his words.

Jack sighed and nodded “Gloria, you may go. Take tomorrow off. In fact, no one should work on the Alpha floor for the time being. Let your staff know this. You can all just take time off.”

“Yes, Beta.” She bowed slightly and left the room.

He watched her close the door and apologised to her once again via the mind-link, before turning to Rafe. “I had the omegas remove all the aroma sachets from the packhouse, from my room last, being that was where Maria and Melissa are. To tell them they were filling them with the new petals, just helping their Luna out, at my request.”

“Why?” Rafe asked now.

“Playing my own game...” his eyes moved to the rest in the room. Luna Jo-anne was not here, had gone off on her own, it seemed. Something was going on there, but what else was knew inside this pack? It seemed there was so much going on all over the place, even inside other packs. All packs had their own secrets, even from their allies, until it needed to come out, that was.

“Our Mates, we believe, are not actually our Mates at all.” He told those in the room simply, “They used witchcraft we think to bind us to them, not that we have solid evidence yet, still working on that.”

He watched as all of them stared at him and then after a moment they all just frowned much the same way Rafe was doing. He saw a look go between West and Terence and then heard Terence mutter a string of curse words.

“More is going on here than just Victor,” West stated.

“Yes.” Rafe nodded “This pack is...” he seemed to think about it for a long time before speaking again “under the influence, I guess. Of those two upstairs.”

Jack noted he did no longer call her the Luna or his Mate either.

“The house fire?” Terence asked.

“We think it was a way to get us both into our suites so they could redo to us whatever it is that keeps us under their control.” Rafe stated.

“Melissa used some sort of scent on petals to diffuse Rafe’s anger at her setting fire to that house, where Luci, the twins and Addison had been staying until just a few hours earlier.” He sighed heavily “Then...” he looked at Rafe who just nodded his head “He lost all his memories of it, this was just last night, lost all his memories of Luci and the boys as well.”

Everyone in the room was just staring at Rafe now, he just nodded at them. “It was not nice.” Rafe sighed “Jack spent the entire night filling me in and getting me up to date. Took me to see Luci first thing this morning. That helped me a lot.”

His eyes were on West and Terence, though West appeared calm, Terence was now pacing around the room in long purposeful strides. “Witchcraft. You say? Your own witches?” he asked.

“No,” Jack shook his head, “But they will not get involved.”

“Witch’s don’t interfere with witch’s.” Rafe finished for him.

“Yes, they bloody do.” Terence muttered “Never in a good way, from my understanding.”

“Not our witches.” Jack stated “We have to sort it out ourselves. They won’t get involved.”

“You’re the Alpha Rafe,” Bradley frowned “They pledged their loyalty to you. Tell them to get involved.”

“It’s not that simple.” He heard Rafe sigh.

“It should be,” Bradley muttered.

“I’m their Alpha, likely only because Allen is their Mate. They have a coven and a leader of their own.” He watched Rafe look right at West as he did, and they both saw West frown himself. They’d all see it, those witch’s pledge to serve his own Mate and Luna. Call her your highness.

Though not one of them had said anything at all about it, they’d just stared at each other for a long moment and let it go.

“Alright fellas, what else is going on here that I’m missing.” It was Bradley once more and when Jack looked at him, he and his Beta Cooper, he noticed were both watching the way he and Rafe were looking at West and Terence. He was not dumb, understood, they knew West had something to say on the matter of Witch’s.

Everyone watched on as West and Terence’s eyes glazed over, a private conversation between the two, likely about outing his Luna and what she actually was to every one inside this room.

They just stood and waited. There was nothing other than that to do. Only they could make that decision. It was several minutes before West and Terence came back to the room and looked at everyone. It was West that spoke.

“Jo-anne is okay with you all knowing so...” he took a deep breath in, “My Luna, is a royal princess. Terence’s little sister, in fact. Born to his mother after she was taken away by force and brutalized for years, Jo-anne is the product of that union. Her father is, or was, a very powerful Warlock. His plans for Jo-anne, not so nice.”

He heard many sighs throughout the room, and Jack realised she was just like Addison, born of a forced mating, her father a Warlock, and wondered if those two were related in any way.

“Our witch’s bowed to your Luna.” Rafe commented.

“I saw.” West nodded.

“Called her your highness,” Jack stated.

“What?” it was Allen, he’d not been there for that had been with Addison.

“All three of them,” Rafe said. “Jo-anne is the head of their coven, I imagine.”

“It does look that way,” West nodded, “though not even she understands that. She is only 31 and they are older.”

“How is it possible then?” Bradley asked now.

“We don’t know, she only came into her powers 3 years ago.” Terence answered him.

“Was bled into another’s line, which masked who she was,” West stated, “It’s complicated to say the least.”

“Where is Jo-anne now?” Jack asked, she wasn’t here, and he couldn’t keep track of her not being a pack member.

“Gone to get answers.” Terence muttered “I’m not happy about it.”

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Rafe POV

He watched everyone file out of his office. Dinner wouldn’t be for an hour and a half yet. He turned his eyes on Jack. “Explain yourself,” he muttered.

“They want to manipulate us, so I decided to enact my plan. Remember I said I had one. I simply had Gloria remove all the aroma sachets from the packhouse. I figured this would help both you and I get out from underneath them, for Gloria to tell Melissa that they were filling those sachets with the new petals. Neither of those two up there liked my

response to those petals. This is what I wanted, hoping to get them to hole up in my suite. Hopefully they would be too afraid to come out, in case it meant coming across me...oh, you should know that I stalked Melissa this morning, just like I did Maria last night. Told her she smelled just like Maria. She freaked out, thought I was going to mate the hell out of her, which was what I wanted her to think.”

Rafe raised an eyebrow at Jack, “Why?”

“I’m aiming to not only keep those two here inside the packhouse, away from Luci, but also locked in a room and away from you as well. Two birds, one stone, so to speak.” He shrugged.

Rafe sighed heavily “You didn’t think to tell me first?”

“No, I wanted to see what would happen. I was curious as to whether Melissa would call out to you for help and tell you what I did.”

“She didn’t.”

“I know...isn’t that interesting in itself.” Jack nodded “I think she now doubts what control she holds over you. Though she still appears to feel secure here at the moment, they haven’t bolted away, run back to their home pack for assistance or to come up with a new plan of attack. So, I think they are going to try and get to you again, otherwise they are risking being killed for their treasonous act against you.”

“Odd.” He stated, was really thinking about it now. “You letting them stew Jack?”

“Yes, for now. I want to see what they do. Can’t come out of that room now, without me scenting them and hunting them to mate them both now. So, they are currently stuck between a rock and a hard place.”

“Ah, even trying to leave the pack. You’ll smell them.”

“Yes I will. They are going to try and leave at some point.”

“I’ll help you.”

“No! I don’t want you going anywhere near Melissa.”

“No Jack. I agree on that. I’m not losing Luci again. I mean, let’s cut their pack funding off, rescind their cars, and limit their ways off pack territory, till we get those answers.”

Jack nodded “Alright.”

Rafe opened a pack wide mind-link, but made sure not to include their two boys. He did recall that Luci didn’t like it when he’d done that, and he didn’t want Melissa or Maria feeling them either. But he made sure to pull both Melissa and Maria into that link.

‘This is your Alpha, the fire that was started last night in the cottage that was allocated to Alpha Luci and her mother, Alpha Addison.’ He could feel fury coming down the mind-link from his so-called Mate, kept hold of that tether to her in his mind, good and tight keeping the mind-link attached to them.

‘Which is a crime against not only this pack itself, but against pack members, as Alpha Luci and Alpha Addison and Luci’s two young sons, are pack members now. Point of fact, Luci and her sons were always pack members. Alpha Addison has now joined the pack to live here and be with her daughter and grandsons.

‘This crime was committed by your Luna, Melissa. She not only burned that house down, she believed that Luci and her entire family were inside it. The packs Luna, tried to k**l four pack members for no apparent reason. Believes she is above being punished as well. She told me herself and I quote her ‘I’m the Luna, you wouldn’t dare.’ In regard to my punishing her.’

He still had hold of her and her sisters in the mind-link, she was fuming up there in that suite, with him outing her, to the pack. He kept the mind-link open for a minute as he thought about a suitable punishment. He also knew that by holding it open, some of his pack members would be able to feel that woman’s fury as well. Those more highly ranked would be able to pick it up.

‘Punishment will be dealt out regardless that she is the Luna. This behaviour is more than unacceptable. I would like you all as pack members to think about what you feel is suitable. I will take into consideration all thoughts on the matter and will serve her punishment up tomorrow morning.’ He dropped Melissa and Maria from the mind-link but kept everyone else open to him ‘Firstly, her access to the pack funds will be rescinded, her pack car is now impounded as is her sister Maria’s. Neither of them will have the use of a pack vehicle from anyone to leave this pack in an effort to escape their punishment. All border patrols will stop them from leaving on foot. Are to alert the Alpha unit if they attempt to leave. The gates to the pack will remain closed to those two she-wolves as well. They are not to leave and no one from their home pack is to be allowed to collect them.’

‘The Beta’s Mate?’ a voice came down the mind-link, Petra and he knew it, she being Alpha-blooded herself, she could let everyone hear her question, would be he imagined.

‘She is guilty by association, knew what her sister did and did not attempt to stop it, did not report so it could have been prevented. So, neither may leave the pack and return to their father’s pack.’

He cut the mind-link and Jack smiled at him. “They have no idea, that is good. I’m betting they will try to leave now, though have to think it out, with me on the hunt for them both, choose a time they think I won’t be awake to scent them out.”

“So am I.” Rafe nodded “Now they will find it very hard to do so.”

“Will have to go on foot. That is a long way, 2 hours by car, but on foot, they’ll have to go around the lake and through the mountains, a full day at least.” He smiled.

“80 odd miles, and those two don’t walk anywhere, not even inside the pack.”

He felt a mind-link connect to him and Jack. It was Addison, ‘I would put those women on the shaming post for now.’

He smiled, he had two out the front, had never used them, only ever seen them used in other packs and rarely, so 'I'll take that into consideration, Addi.'

'Have her admit to her crimes and then just leave her there for four days, seeing that there were four of us, supposed to be in that house. I'm guessing k*****g her is off the table?'

'At this point, yes. But only until I get answers, Addi, then it will be treason and a death sentence.' He told her, didn't even bat an eyelid at the thought of k*****g Melissa or Maria. And right at that moment he knew those two upstairs had no hold over him at all anymore. Was glad of it.

'As it should be.' she cut the mind-link.

Jack nodded at him "They're both going to die." He stated flatly.

"Not just them, Jack." Rafe grated out, "Everyone in the Wolf Valley Pack, who was in on it, will die."

"Good, let's make sure we find out who all of them are."

Rafe nodded, walked out of his office to the pack's notice board that was hung between his office and the Luna's office, cleared it of everything, and then pinned up a large sheet of paper and wrote on it.

'Packs thoughts on punishment for the Luna's crimes against Alpha Luci and her family' then wrote directly under that, 'Shaming post 4 days. - Addison.' So that everyone could see what Addison herself wanted. He would check it again in the morning.

Rafe left a bunch of pens and pushpins as well as more paper on the table under the notice board. This pack was large and there might be many of his pack members that wanted to right down their thoughts on the subject of punishment.

He turned to find Petra and Sara walking this way, picked up a pen and wrote a lashing with their cat of three tails, one lash for each of the pack member that was in the house, one lash for setting fire to the house, and

one lash for believing she was above being punished for her attempt to murder pack members. 6 lashes in total.

Sara wrote a score mark next to it, and also put a score mark next to what Addison wanted. Then she pinned up another piece of paper and wrote atop it, "Maria's Punishment for not stopping her sister or reporting it." under that wrote Shaming post 4 days, and he watched as Petra put a score mark next to that herself. He'd not gotten to that one himself yet but had been going to. It seems his elite warriors were all over it.

Petra looked right at him, "Your parents are coming home tomorrow, to a full shit-storm."

"Yes," he nodded, "they'll be concerned with Luci and the boys though, Not those two she-wolves."

"Oh, you think so, do you? Your mother is a Luna Ranked Wolf herself. Reading this, finding out about a full threat to your sons, it's not going to go down so well."

He could only agree with her statement, would wait for them out the front and speak with them first, felt Melissa mind-link to him 'Are you so cruel?' she grated out angrily at him.

'I am responding as the Alpha to a crime that was reported to me. As any Alpha would.'

'You have no evidence it was me.' she shot at him.

'Are you so certain?...what ever it was you did to me, to make me forget...' he felt her sever the link to him, clearly didn't want to hear what he had to say.

Rafe re-established the link and held it open so she couldn't shut it down. 'There are cameras all over the pack, or did you stupidly forget about them? Are you so dumb as to think Jack, Allen or Ian even wouldn't pull them up and check them? Show them to me. Use them as proof that you did do something to me to make me forget everything you did?'

He severed the link as harshly as he knew how, knew it would cause her pain when he did it. She deserved it, this was just going to be the beginning. He wanted her to know and understand she'd done something to him and he believed Jack, when he'd been told about it, had backed it up with real evidence which he could do, didn't need to, but there was actual evidence if anyone insisted on it being produced.

He and Jack returned to their office, but left the door open so he could see pack members strolling into the packhouse to write their own thoughts down, and vote upon what was there already if their thoughts were already listed.

Rafe did pull that evidence, checked those cameras and there she was caught in the act. Had been here so long she'd forgotten they were there, he supposed. He printed out several screen shots and went and hung them up for the pack to see her with that fuel can, and her lighting it as well.

Snapped a couple of pictures and sent them to her own phone, just so she did understand he had actual proof of her crimes. There would be no denying it. Not to him, not to anyone in the pack that she still had under her control.

The Alpha & Beta's Regret Chapter 100

Luci POV

It was a long meeting and at least it wasn't just with her Alpha and Beta sitting around in a room with her. Alpha Bradley and Cooper, his Beta, were seated to her left, just past her mother. Alpha West and Alpha Terence were on her right with West's Luna Jo-anne was between them. She knew the four men at the table with her, from when she had lived here inside the pack, though it seemed a lot had changed over the past few years that she had been gone.

They all greeted her, smiled at her and stated it was good to see her, that they were happy she was alive. West had even smiled right at her, something never seen before by her. He'd stated "Rafe and Jack had feared the worst, Luci." Then had gone on to say that he was truly glad

she'd come to no harm. He'd looked at the boys and chuckled even, just a little, again surprising her.

"You know, Luci. We all now have something in common."

"What?" she'd asked in return, a little curious herself, because she doubted very much that they did. West had never interacted with her. When she'd been here before, Terence had, but not West.

"Jo-anne ran away from me and Piper, Brad's Luna ran away from him as well." He smiled right at her.

Luci had just stared right at him, raised an eyebrow at the man, that was not something in common as far as she was concerned. "What's that mean?" she'd asked, not really understanding his meaning. Because he and Brad had been chasing their Luna's. She was not that, those two over there had Mates. This was nothing like what they'd had as far as she was concerned.

"Run away she-wolves." He chuckled at her.

"I didn't run away West." Jo-anne stated flatly "I had a contract to live overseas."

She'd watched West just nod and then smiled but say nothing. She let it go, didn't know what they were talking about.

She'd been introduced to Jo-anne after that and shaken the woman's hand. That had been interesting. All of them, Kali and Alari as well as herself, could feel power coming from her 'Witch.' Alari told her 'Alpha Wolf.' Kali stated, and Luci herself knew the woman was a royal as well, both she and Kali had the feeling of wanting to bow down to her. Not Alari though, and that was the only reason they didn't. Alari wouldn't allow it. She felt Alari pull them into line very quickly. Was not going to bow to this woman, regardless of who she was.

They all also saw the way Luna Jo-anne looked right at her, she knew what they were as well. Saw it in the woman's expression, she'd smiled at Luci and then tilted her head slightly, stared right at her and then

there was a knowing look on her face, though she said nothing at all about it.

Though watching her with her mother, Luci knew she'd eased her mother's pain, felt the moment it happened even. Wondered if everyone else saw what she did, the slight glow that formed around the two women at Jo-anne's words, it was her magic being used. Luci could actually see it.

Realised that Luna Jo-anne had actually removed her mother's pain completely, with just a few simple words, there was no spell, no potions, nothing. She was one hell of a strong witch, one that was half-royal blooded.

All three of them were happy about their mother not having to suffer any more pain from the severing of her and Orien's Mate Bond. It would help her to heal and move on with her life. It was a really nice thing for Luna Jo-anne to do. She wanted to thank her, almost did, but as she looked about the room.

She realised that no one here knew what she was, well other than her Mate, West. As she looked at Alpha Terence, the way he was checking everyone's expression. She knew not only did he know, but he was concerned about all in the room. That man was also a royal, so the woman's kin.

His eyes met hers and she looked right at him, he stared right back at her, a deep frown marring his handsome face. Yes, she understood what the Luna was. She kept her mouth closed and he nodded to her, and she nodded right back. A silent acknowledgement from the pair of them, that they both knew the other knew what Luna Jo-anne was.

She wondered if she was going to get a visit from that man later on. A private chat about not disclosing who the Luna was to anyone. It was not needed, everyone had their own secrets and for their own reasons. She would say nothing, it was not her place to out the woman. Besides, she was a royal wolf, a princess of their Kind. Doing anything that would hurt or bring harm to the woman would see the royal kingdom come for her and punishment she supposed would be served. She did not need

that. Could well end very badly. Alari could make them an enemy of the Royal Wolfen family in an instant. If they took offence to something and Alari decided to unleash her call on them.

So, no. They would not out the woman, if she was a secret from the world, then that was what she would stay. There was likely a reason for it, a very good one probably, and that was none of her business.

Hearing Alpha Rafe tell her he didn't want her going anywhere near Victor, well, he had no say in it. Told him as much, no one could stop her, not he, not Jack. Alari had already proved she could out muscle them, likely could out muscle all in this room bar one, and they weren't about to take her on.

She watched them all leave and honestly was glad they'd all left, though Jack was the last to step out of the house. He smiled gently at her and thanked her for her time, hugged both the boys, as did Rafe before they left.

She was more than surprised by her mother's words about Luna Jo-anne being royal on both sides. That accounted for her not needing spells or potions, she guessed, to use her witchcraft. Let it go, was not her place to even think about it.

She found it very cute to watch her boys shop with her mother. They had snuggled right into their grammy, one on either side to get a better look at items on her mother's phone. Smiled at all the things they wanted, she didn't mind her mother buying the boys things. If they'd grown up here inside the pack, they would likely have had all that stuff already.

Though she was more than surprised when her mother used the Nightfall pack card; her Luna's card, to purchase everything. Wondered why it was still activated, she'd severed ties to that pack and now had severed her bond with Orien himself. Was no longer the Luna to Nightfall, he should have cancelled her card to the packs funds.

It had taken him less than 24 hours to cut hers off. She'd not been told either. Had found out when she'd tried to buy herself new shoes. Hadn't packed any in her rush to get out of Nightfall and away from the man and

needed some. Only to find out her card was not valid. She'd check the details and tried again, still it hadn't worked. Had stared at it a little confused at first, the expiry date wasn't up for a year, and then it had dawned on her that Orien had cancelled her card, so she had no money of her own.

But here her mother was days later still using it. Orien had not cancelled it at all. She wondered if Orien thought that he could win her mother back at some point. So, was still letting her use pack funds as a way of showing her this. It was possible, of course.

Though it was also possible that he was currently in too much pain to think straight, and had simply not gotten around to doing it yet. She sighed internally, the man himself could well have died. Or be dying right this minute. If he did, neither her or her mother would feel it now. That would also leave Thatcher in charge and he wasn't likely to go cutting his mother off. Might even call her home to help Cathy learn her Luna duties as well.

She stood in the kitchen while dinner was cooking and texted her brother, had used her mothers phone to get his number while she was playing with the boys. Knew her mother wouldn't care.

'Hi Thatch, it's Luci. Is everything alright?'

'Why do you ask?' he sent right back.

'Mother and Orien?'

'I know...severed their bond.'

'Orien?' she asked after the man, he might be a grade A a*****e, but he'd been her father for a long time and she knew he was Thatcher's father, and that, despite all the man's numerous flaws, her mother had really loved him.

'Not in a good state honestly...but doing his best. Mother?' he asked.

'Allen helped her and then Alari sang her to sleep, she'd doing better.'

‘Alari sang? I bet it was pretty.’

She smiled a little ‘It was, but a sad song to fit mothers’ mood.’

‘I’d like to hear her sing one day.’

‘Unlikely to happen,’ she texted back, though Rafe had said the same thing himself. Shook it off ‘I saw mother use her pack card today. Orien hasn’t cancelled it???’

‘He’s not going to Luci. Was his Goddess Gifted and the Luna to Nightfall for 27 years...I think he wants to try and sort things out, try and get her back.’

Luci sighed to herself now ‘I don’t know how that will go.’ She told him honestly.

‘He’ll have to beg forgiveness, I imagine.’

‘I don’t know Thatch, if even that will work this time.’

‘It’s not for us to interfere with, Luci. Let them sort it out.’

‘Of course.’ She replied ‘are you in charge or Milton?’

‘Milton, I’m off to Alpha College again in the morning.’

‘What about Cathy?’ she frowned.

‘Is in her home pack for now. Alpha College is actually closer to her home pack and I can go see her on the weekends. It is like an hour away.’

‘That’s good.’ She sent. Though she was a little jealous of him right that minute. For although she had wanted to go to Alpha College, she had not been sent to it. Orien had actually agreed to send her but her mother had outright refused to allow her to go.

It was the only time she and her mother had fought about anything ever. Even Orien had tried to push for her to go off to Alpha College, but her own mother had stated no. Would not be budged on it. Had told Luci and

Orien she would not be separated from her own child, that Luci could learn what was taught at that College there inside of Nightfall.

Luci had never really understood it, it was natural for all Alpha-blooded wolves to attend Alpha College. She turned and looked at her mother as she came down the stairs. She clearly didn't have an issue with Thatcher attending college and being separated from her. So asked the very question she wanted an answer to.

“Why was I never allowed to attend Alpha College?”

Watched as her mother stared at her, blinked in complete surprise at the question posed, then just sighed a little “Because Luci, it's run by the Wolfen Council. Who all answer to the King, and back then King Sebastian was all about power and getting it for himself.”

“I don't understand.”

“I didn't want any of those council members realising what you were, and reporting it to the Wolfen King. I didn't know if those on the council would be able to tell what you were.”

“That's it?” Luci frowned.

“Yes.” She nodded, but Luci saw something else flicker in her mother's eyes.

“Mother?”

Watched her sigh heavily now, looked right at her for a long moment and then waved her to a seat. Luci checked dinner to make sure it wasn't going to burn and sank down at the island bench.

“My father is a cruel, nasty piece of work. I was not born of love Luci. He took my mother against her will, as did many others...I know who he is, or was.”

“Was?”

“Not dead, just removed from his position of power now, though when you were 18, he was still in that position.”

“So he’s attached to the council?” she asked.

“No, attached to the old king...he was the king’s head warlock, his name is Hendrick. He does not know about me or just doesn’t care...but you? he might, likely would.” she sighed again “I had no idea if those on the council would scent out your lineage or figure out what you were even. Part Siren. But I worried that if they did, they’d contact that man and he’d come for you is all, and I’d be too far away to stop it.”

“That’s not what you told me.” Luci frowned.

“I know.” Her mother nodded “but how could I tell you the truth, without letting you know about who you really were? Letting everyone around you know what flowed in your veins.”

Luci sighed now, she and her mother had fought about it, until Orien had come and asked her to please let it go, to understand her mother’s need to keep her safe. It had not been like him. Their fighting was affecting everything in the pack, including her mother and Orien.

It had surprised her completely considering he and her weren’t on the best of terms at the time. She’d also never expected him to offer her to study the same as those in Alpha College via distance education. That had shocked her completely. It seemed the man had known it wasn’t an argument that was going to settle down and go away. Had found a way to placate both her and her mother.

She’d agreed to it, not that she’d wanted to, had wanted out of that pack for a year. To be on her own away from Orien, but didn’t want to fight with her mother at the time either. So she’d agreed to it. She and her mother had made up and her mother had been the one to sit with her while she’d studied and learned over that year.