

Betrayed by My Beta Mate

Chapter 16

16 Discussion

Lincoln POV

I stand as Elder Thomas looks at Neal and then Amelia. “Elder Thomas and Elder James thank you for coming.” “Alpha Lincoln explain yourself” Elder Thomas says with anger in his voice. Elder James just stays quiet. “Please have a seat and we will explain everything.” “It better be one hell of an explanation when you have the Darkmoon Luna and Beta sitting in your office.” “I am not the Darkmoon Luna and I never will be” Amelia says with all the venom she can muster. I turn to look at my mate proud of her strength before I look back to the Elders. “Amelia” Elder Thomas starts to speak to her but I stop him. “Please have a seat and listen to her and you will understand what is happening.” They finally take a seat and I sit back down in the chair next to Amelia.

Amelia POV

I don't like the way Elder Thomas is treating Lincoln, like he is the one that has done something wrong. Once Lincoln sits down, I take a deep breath preparing myself to retell this story hopefully for the last time. “Amelia, I know your confused after everything that Freya said but this was not the way to handle it” Elder Thomas says. “You do not leave your mate with his pup in your belly.” “With all due respect Elder you have no idea of what the truth is so please don't sit there saying I'm confused and what I did was wrong.” I can see the look of disdain on his face at my words. “Be careful Amelia how you speak to me” Elder Thomas says. I can see Lincoln starts to squeeze the arm of his chair as his knuckles turn white. I want to reach over and touch his arm to calm him but I know that's not a good idea right now. “My apologies I don't mean to be disrespectful but I would like a chance to tell you what happened instead of you simply listening to Atlas's lies.” Before Elder Thomas responds Elder James answers me. “Amelia please tell us what happened so we can understand what made you leave your pack and mate.”

"I had been having a lot of pain throughout my pregnancy." "Star and I thought it was just a difficult pregnancy because never in our wildest dreams did we think our mate would betray us." "Amelia, Atlas told us about Freya putting these ideas in your head." "You would know the pain of a mate cheating" Elder Thomas says. "If I have never had a mate cheat on me how would I know what the pain feels like?" "Elder Thomas do you really believe I based my actions on words from a disgusting she-wolf." "I know that she-wolf's get their feelings hurt easily and react without thinking sometimes." "Thomas please allow Amelia to speak" Elder James says. I can see that Elder Thomas doesn't like being told anything even by his peer. "As I said I would never have left my pack just because of Freya telling me she was with my mate." "I would have spoken to him and found the truth before I made any decisions."

"I was in our room and having pain again." "I was worried about our pup so I went to Atlas's office so we could head to the pack hospital together." "That's when I heard them." "Heard who" Elder James says. "I heard Freya and Atlas f**king in his office." "Did you see them Amelia" Elder Thomas asks. "No but I'm not stupid and I know what I heard." "They heard me groan from the pain they were causing me and rushed into the hallway together." I can see disappointment on Elder James's face. "I'm sorry that happened to you Amelia" Elder James says. "I understand that was upsetting and Atlas is wrong for what he did but you need to find forgiveness for your mate." "Mates make mistakes but leaving with his pup in your belly wasn't the right choice" Elder Thomas says. "Would you be saying this to him if I was the one that was unfaithful?" I can see that he doesn't like my question.

Lincoln POV

I do not like the way Elder Thomas is acting and speaking to my mate. Talon is growling in my mind. "He is an a**hole" Talon says. "I agree but we need to do everything we can to get the Elders on our side." "He is not taking our mate/" "Of course he isn't." "I will kill him first Elder or not." He never answers Amelia's question and turns on me. "You should never have allowed another Alpha's Luna to hide in your pack Alpha Lincoln." "Elder Thomas, I have always respected you and all the Elders but right now the way you are treating Amelia is not acceptable." "Excuse me, you don't tell me an Elder

what is acceptable." "Thomas enough" Elder James says. "Amelia has made it clear what Alpha Atlas has done and it is not in our power to make her return to an unfaithful mate even if she is carrying his pup." "Atlas is an Alpha and she is still mated to him" Elder Thomas says. I have had enough of Elder Thomas's bullsh*t. "She will not be mated to him much longer." Elder James

looks to Amelia “do you plan to break your bond with Atlas?” “Yes, I have already been given a second chance mate by the goddess and I plan on accepting him.”

“Amelia that’s not possible you haven’t broken the bond with Atlas yet” Elder James says. “It is possible because I am her second chance mate” I say without a shred of doubt in my voice. Both of the elders whip their heads in my direction. Elder Thomas stands “I will not stay here and listen to such lies from a she-wolf who abandons her mate and an Alpha who doesn’t respect the mate bond.” Elder James stands turning toward Elder Thomas. “Then by all means Thomas leave, this is no longer your concern.” I can see that Elder Thomas doesn’t like it but he leaves my office. Elder James sits back down and so do I. “My apologies for his behavior” Elder James says. “Alpha Lincoln are sure about this mating?” “I have never been surer in my whole life.” “We both feel it despite her bond not being broken.” “Amazing, I’ve never heard of that happening in all my years as an Elder.” “Elder James what about Elder Thomas” I say and he raises his hand. “I out rank Elder Thomas as much as he hates it and I will be making this decision.” I nod feeling much better knowing that Elder James is on our side. He turns to Neal, “now Neal why are you here?”

Neal POV

I have a lot of respect for Lincoln and Amelia. I don’t know if I could have stayed so calm with that arrogant ba**ard talking that way to my mate. “I came on orders from Atlas to bring his mate back to the pack but once I spoke to Amelia, I knew that I should not be following any of his orders.” “After we started to discuss how Atlas was being unfaithful to Amelia, I realized that the details of Elias death didn’t make sense.” “What do you mean Neal?” “Amelia told me that Elias knew that Freya was screwing around with Atlas before she escaped the pack.” Elder James looks at me with confusion.

“There is no way that Freya killed Elias if he was angry.” “She weighed half of as much.” “He wouldn’t let her get close enough to stab him.” “What are you saying Neal” Elder James asks. “I’m saying that I believe Atlas wanted to be Alpha bad enough to kill his own brother.”

Atlas POV

I call Neal’s phone for the hundredth time. I’m going to kill him for not answering me. I’ve linked him and he has me blocked. My phone rings and I put it to my ear. “Where the f**k have you been?” “Excuse me” Elder Thomas

says. "I apologize Elder Thomas, I thought you were my Beta." "Don't expect to hear from him, he has betrayed you." "What are you talking about?" "Your mate and Beta are with Alpha Lincoln in the Nightfire Pack." Silas is at the surface "why is my mate with that f**king ba**ard?" "She is refusing to return to you because of your infidelity." "Elder Thomas" I start to say but he cuts me off. "Don't lie to me Atlas I know what you did with Freya but that doesn't mean that if you're not sorry your mate shouldn't forgive you." "I am sorry, it was a mistake." "Freya seduced me." "I would never do it again." "Unfortunately you may not have the opportunity to prove that as Amelia and Lincoln are saying they are second chance mates." I growl "the f**k they are, she is mine."

Chapter 17

17 New Pack Members

Lincoln POV

"Elder James, I want to thank you for listening to us and not being as closed minded as Elder Thomas." "I mean no disrespect but it was very evident he is siding with Atlas." "I respect my fellow Elder, but we do not share the same ideas of women in our society." "Regardless of his opinion I have the final say and I will make sure that he understands as such." "Honestly, Lincoln, this is not how I expected our visit to go today." "That's true you said you needed my help." "So please, what can we do for you." He smiles "we did need your help to locate Amelia after Atlas told Elder Thomas she ran away due to the lies Freya told her." "Obviously that is no longer the case." "What happens now Elder James" I ask. "I will return to the other Elders and we will have a discussion on how to proceed." "I ask that you do not attack Darkmoon however if they present any threat to you or your Luna you have the Elders permission and support to defend your pack." "We will be making a visit to the Darkmoon to launch a formal investigation into the death of Alpha Elias and Atlas's disgusting behavior." He turns to Neal "Neal we can find placement for you in a pack as I'm sure you do not wish to return to the Darkmoon" Elder James says. "That will not be necessary, Neal will be joining the Nightfire Pack." Elder James looks at me with shock on his face.

"You are a remarkable man, Alpha Lincoln, to extend such an invitation" Elder James says to me. He turns to Neal, "Neal, I am proud of you." "Many Betas wouldn't do the right thing and would never go against their Alpha." "Elias is

the only Alpha I had at the Darkmoon Pack”, Neal says. Elder James nods before he stands. “I will be in touch Alpha Lincoln and Luna Amelia.” I love that he acknowledges her as my Luna. I stand and shake his hand before he leaves. I turn and Amelia wraps her arms around me “thank you, Lincoln, for accepting me and arranging this meeting.” “You never have to thank me love, I will defend you with my last breath.” She pulls back and kisses my lips gently. I hear a throat clear and I look back at a smiling Michael. Amelia stands next to me with a blush on her cheeks. He

comes over and wraps me in a bro-hug. “Congratulations on finding our Luna.” Once he releases me, he goes to stand in front of Amelia and bares his neck. She wraps him in a hug and he looks toward me before he returns it. “Thank you for accepting me Michael”, Amelia says. Michael is like my brother and I’m proud to call him my Beta. “Michael, can you go get John and Lily so we can let them know what’s happening.”

Amelia POV

“Let me go and get them” I say to Lincoln. He nods and I head from the office to the room Lily has been staying in. I knock and the door swings open. She pulls me in to a hug. “How did it go?” I lead her inside for a minute. “I came to get you and John so we can talk about the meeting with the Elders.” I can see the moment she realizes I mean Neal. “Amelia I’m scared, what if your wrong and he rejects me.” “I left everything in my life because I wanted my true mate and I don’t think I’ll survive if it was for nothing.” A single tear runs down her cheek. “I promise you that no matter what happens you will survive.” “You are one of the strongest people I know.” “If Neal is to stupid to realize what a gift you are no matter your super natural kind then he doesn’t deserve you.” “Just so you know though I don’t think Neal is stupid” I say with a smile. I wrap her in a hug. When she pulls back, I wipe the tears from her cheeks. “One more thing, when this is all settled with Atlas, we are dealing with your past and you will see your mother again.” She smiles “I really love you Amelia.” “I love you too.” “Where is John?” “I’ll call him to meet us in Lincoln’s office.” After she makes the call, we head to the office.

Lily POV

As we walk down the hallway, I can feel my heart beating out of my chest. Amelia opens the door and I follow her inside. Before I realize what’s happening, I’m lifted off the ground and wrapped in two strong arms. “Mate” I hear in my ear as he buries his head in my neck. “Beloved”, I whisper back. Amelia smiles and takes a seat next to Lincoln. John walks past us and takes

a seat. "Neal, can you put me down so we can talk to the others." I can feel him stiffen at my words. I don't want him to feel like my words are a rejection. He pulls back looking into my eyes. He sets me down and I take his hand,

leading him over to a chair. I start to sit in the chair next to him but he pulls me onto his lap. I don't fight him because I need him close as much as he needs me. "So, what did the Elders say," I ask. "Elder James believes Amelia and Neal are telling the truth, but Elder Thomas is going to be a problem", Lincoln says. "So, what happens now since they don't agree?" "I didn't realize but Elder James is the head of the Elders group so that worked in our favor." "He will be making the decision and he will be leading the investigation."

I watch Amelia lay her hand on her stomach. "Are you alright" I ask. I worry about the stress that this whole situation puts on Amelia. "Yes, he's just moving around a lot." I smile and lean in, laying my hand on her belly. I feel the pup move under my hand and smile. I lean back, "so basically we just wait for the Elders to handle this and hope that the do*chebag doesn't try to get to Amelia." Lincoln growls and Amelia lays her hand on his arm. "He will never touch her or get to her" Lincoln says. "I wish that really was how it's going to happen, Lily, but I know Atlas and he isn't going to listen to them if he could kill his own brother", Amelia says. "I will be increasing the warrior presence throughout the pack and the border patrol" Lincoln says. "John and I will be placing some protection spells around the pack." "Thank you, Lily."

Lincoln POV

"Neal before you go and spend time with your new mate, I would like to perform the ritual to make you, Lily, and John pack members." I can see the look of shock on John and Lily's face. "Lincoln, I don't think that is a good idea." "I don't think your pack is going to like you allowing a witch and a warlock to join your pack" John says. "First of all, Lily is going to be mated to a pack member." "Secondly you two have proven your loyalty to this pack so if anyone doesn't like my decision then they can find a new pack." I take the dagger from my desk and the chalice off my shelf. I cut my hand, allowing my blood to drip into the chalice. "I, Alpha Lincoln Joseph Thomas, of the Nightfire pack, make you Neal Connor Martin a member of the Nightfire Pack." I hand him the chalice and he drinks. As soon as he finishes drinking, I feel my connection to him. "I, Neal Connor Martin, swear my allegiance to the Nightfire Pack

and Alpha Lincoln Thomas." He hands me back the chalice and I turn to John. I repeat the same with John. "I, John Liam Bloom, swear my allegiance to the

Nightfire Pack and Alpha Lincoln Thomas.” I repeat myself and Lily takes the chalice. Once she drinks, I feel a connection like I’ve never felt with a pack member. I knew she was powerful but this is amazing. “I, Lily Teresa Bloom, swear my allegiance to the Nightfire Pack, Alpha Lincoln, and Luna Amelia Thomas.” Her words bring a smile to my face and my mates. She really is an amazing person and I love that she has this bond with Amelia. I know she will protect her no matter what happens.

“Michael, can you show Lily and Neal to one of the cottages?” “Please give John a cottage nearby them.” “Yes, Lincoln” he says and leads them out of my office. I turn to Amelia “I know you said that you saw the Darkmoon pack doctor a lot but I would like you to be checked by Dr. Neilson at our pack hospital.” She smiles “of course, you’ll get to see him.” I take her hand and lead her to the pack hospital. I link Dr. Neilson and she meets us in the waiting area. “Alpha, what’s going on, you said it was urgent.” Amelia gives me a look. “Everything is fine Dr. Neilson.” I take Amelia’s hand and she looks at me with confusion. “Dr. Neilson this is my mate and the future Luna, Amelia.” She smiles and bares her neck. “It’s a pleasure to meet you, Luna.” I lay my hand on her stomach. “I would like you to check on our pup.” Dr. Neilson doesn’t miss a beat. “With pleasure Alpha, let’s go check on the pack’s heir.”

She leads us to an exam room and Amelia lays on the table. A few minutes later, the doctor returns with an ultrasound machine. “How far along are you, Luna?” “I’m about three months along and I’m having a boy.” “Dr. Neilson, you can ask” Amelia says. She turns to Amelia, “you owe me no explanation Luna.” “I trust Alpha Lincoln and you are his mate.” I smile and she begins to wave the wand over Amelia’s stomach. The screen lights up and my pup is beautiful. “That is our pup, Lincoln.” “Yes, it is Talon, I feel it too.” Amelia takes my hand. “He’s beautiful love.” I lean down and kiss her forehead. “He is perfect Alpha and Luna.” “I would like for you to come see me every couple of weeks

so we can make sure everything stays perfect.” “We will be here Dr. Neilson.” I will not miss one visit. “Dr. Neilson, I have a question”, Amelia says. “Of course, Luna.”

Amelia POV

“Lincoln is my second chance mate, but my bond isn’t completely broken yet because I ran without breaking it.” She listens and I see no judgement on her face. “I would like to mark with Lincoln but will that be dangerous to the pup since I’m still technically mated to someone else.” She smiles “due to the fact

that Alpha Lincoln is your true mate there is no risk to the pup.” “Thank you, Dr. Neilson for everything.” “Of course, Luna, I’ll give you a moment to clean up and I’ll be back with vitamins.” When she leaves, I look up at a smiling Lincoln.

Chapter 18

18 Accept Me

Atlas POV

I can’t believe this is happening right now. This has to be a bad dream. “I will not lose my mate to that pathetic Alpha.” “She is mine and she is carrying my pup.” “I wish you would have been honest with me Atlas” Elder Thomas says. “I could have at least spoken to Elder James before they told him what you did.” “I’m not exactly proud of the fact that I gave into Freya’s seduction.” “It doesn’t change that I love Amelia and she is mine.” “The goddess gave her to me not some a**hole Alpha.” “Atlas I will do everything in my power to help get her back to you but Elder James has the final say in this.” “I don’t care if I have to wage war against the Elders and the Nightfire pack, I will have Amelia back by my side.” “Don’t do anything rash, I will be in touch.” He hangs up and I start to destroy my office. I will rip that f**king wolf apart if he touches my mate. I link Anthony to come to my office. A few minutes later he walks in. “Yes Alpha” he says looking around my office. “Is everything alright?”. “We have been betrayed by the pack Beta.” “Neal” he says like a question. “Ye,s that ba**ard is helping the Nightfire Alpha to keep my Luna from me and our pack.” He growls “I knew something was wrong that day in the hotel.” “What does that mean” I say coming around to stand in front of him.

I can feel the fear rolling off him. He stays quiet despite my question. “When I ask you a question you f**king answer me.” “The day we went to the hotel I tried to pull the Luna out of there and Neal stopped me.” I grab him by the throat “you put your hands on my mate and this pack’s Luna.” He claws at my hands as I start to squeeze.” Silas is at the surface “he touched Amelia” he growls and before I can stop him, he snaps Anthony’s neck. I drop him to the floor. “Goddess Silas what the hell we could have just punished him.” “That is the punishment for touching our mate.” “This is your fault for driving our mate away.” “I will kill any man that touches her pack member or not” Silas says. I link Walker to come to my office. He is the second highest warrior in the pack

now. I see the look of shock on his face when he sees Anthony's body on the floor. "Alpha what happened?" "First of all, you don't question me and

secondly he touched my mate." "Neal should have killed him when he touched her but he was a pathetic excuse for a Beta." "Was sir" he asks. "Neal has betrayed his Alpha and this pack." He whips his eyes up to mine and immediately drops them. "He has aligned himself with Alpha Lincoln of the Nightfire pack and they have my Luna." "Take this trash out of my office and dispose of him." "Gather the men and meet me in the war room we have plans to make." "Yes Alpha" he says lifting Anthony over his shoulder and leaves my office.

"You are very lucky I want my mate more than I want to punish your pathetic a**." "That is the only reason I haven't left you without a wolf." "Silas right now we need to be on the same page about getting Amelia and our pup back before he mates her." "Whatever anger you have toward me you need to direct at that ba**ard." "She wouldn't dare let another man touch her." "We are still bonded." "You heard what Elder Thomas said they think they are second chance mates." "Amelia is gullible enough to give into that bullsh*t." "Look how she didn't realize what the pain was she was having because she believed in me." "Don't remind me of your stupidity." "I will rip that f**king wolf apart if he touches what belongs to us." I link the omegas to come clean my office and I head to the war room.

Lily POV

Michael is walking ahead of us. Neal hasn't let go of my hand and I'm still nervous. We reach the cottage and I hug John before we head inside. The cottage is beautiful and I still can't believe that Lincoln made us pack members. I felt connected to the pack before but to be a member is something totally different. Neal places his hand on the small of my back bringing me out of my thoughts. He leads me into the living room and we sit down on the couch. We both start to talk but I need to get this out. "Go ahead Lily" he says. "I know you probably expected to be mated to a wolf so I understand this is probably a shock that I'm your beloved, I mean mate." "I will not beg you to accept me as I know my worth." "I lost my family because I refused to accept someone who wasn't made for me." He growls and I continue "I believe the goddess makes no mistakes so I am hoping that you believe the same but if not, I will accept your rejection." He laughs and I look at him with confusion. "Is it my turn now" Neals says.

Neal POV

I know she is nervous and once we are inside the cottage, she seems deep in thought. I want to carry her upstairs and make her mine but I know we need to talk first. Jasper is growling in my mind so I push him down. The minute she starts to talk I know she means what she says about her worth but she is also acting tough because she is afraid. She has been hurt and she is worried that I won't accept her because she isn't a wolf. "Lily, the moment I felt the tingles when you touched my arm the only thought I had in my mind was making you mine." "You are perfect and more than I will ever deserve." "Your wolf" she starts to say and Jasper pushes forward. "This wolf is ready to make you mine, only you" Jasper steps back and she has tears in her eyes. I scoop her up carrying her bridal style up the stairs.

I set her down on the bed and kneel in front of her. "I, Neal Connor Martin, accept you, Lily Teresa Bloom as my mate." I reach up and wipe the tears from her cheeks. "I, Lily Teresa Bloom, accept you, Neal Connor Martin as my mate and beloved." I immediately feel the bond start to form. "Are you sure you're ready for the mating Lily?" She lowers her mouth pressing her lips to mine. The tingles are amazing and I can feel my member growing in my pants. I stand taking her with me and never breaking the kiss. I rub my hands down her body and deepen the kiss even more. When we finally pull apart, we are both breathless. She takes me by surprise reaching for my shirt and pulling it over my head. Her eyes rake down my chest and I feel my body heat under her intense gaze. She runs her hands down my chest and stops at my pants before she looks into my eyes. I love that she is taking control which I never expected.

Lily POV

Once he is bared to me, I drop to my knees in front of him. "Lily" my name dies on his lips as I take him in my mouth. He moans and I start to move my mouth up and down his shaft. He threads his hands in

my hair and I feel he is losing control. I feel so powerful in this moment that he's about to lose control. He thrusts forward and I feel his salty c*m down my throat. I stand and his eyes are full of lust and love. He lifts me off my feet throwing me on the bed. He pulls my pants and shirt off like he's desperate to see my body. Once I'm bared to him, he rakes his eyes up and down me. "You are f**king beautiful and mine." His words make my core drip. He hovers over me so we are looking into each other's eyes as he slides his hand down until he is touching my core. He begins to circle my cl*t and I'm on the edge.

He slams his mouth down on mine as he rubs harder and it pushes me over the edge. I scream out his name.

He pushes his member forward and I start to feel full with the stretch. "Oh, my goddess Neal" I say. He smiles when he feels my barrier. "Lily this may hurt but I promise it won't last." I nod and take a deep breath before he pushes forward. It definitely burns but he was right it doesn't last. He starts to move and my orgasm is building again. He buries his head in my neck and I feel the minute his canines pierce my skin. The orgasm sweeps over my body and I scream. I look up and see that Neal is right behind me. I reach up placing my hand on his marking spot and push my magic into his skin marking him as mine. His eyes turn black for a second before they turn back to their beautiful chocolate color. He empties himself inside me and I have never felt so complete. This man is mine and I'm so glad I waited for him. He rests his forehead against mine. "I love you, Lily." "I love you, Neal, thank you for being the best man I've ever met." "Not just because you accepted me despite our differences but because you chose to do the right thing for Amelia." He kisses me before he rolls off pulling me to him. He kisses the back of my head and I start to drift into a peaceful sleep knowing I have my other half.

As I dream I hear a voice I haven't heard since John and I left the coven. "Lily, can you hear me" my Aunt Jiselle whispers. "Yes, I can." "Lily, you need to come home your mother needs you." Before I can even ask what's happening her presence is gone. Jiselle is John's mother but what could she mean my mother needs me. Could it just be my guilt for leaving or was it truly my aunt reaching out to me. Why would she reach out now we have been gone for months. I open my eyes and Neal is staring at me.

"Lily what was that?" I forgot that if I don't have a block up, he can hear my thoughts. "I thought it might be a dream but I guess it wasn't."

Amelia POV

We head back to the pack house and Lincoln hasn't stopped smiling. He leads me upstairs to the room we will share and once we are inside, he kisses me. He pulls back smiling at me "Amelia, I know you asked the doctor if it was alright for us to mark and I couldn't be happier to make you mine but please don't rush yourself after all you have been through." "I am not going anywhere and you are mine for the rest of our lives." I smile because he is nothing like that ba**ard. I try not to think about him but being away from him and that place I realize that he wasn't the prince charming I had made him in my mind even before I got pregnant. I wanted to believe that he was perfect because

the goddess chose him but I know now that the goddess doesn't control what a wolf does with the gift she gives. I blame no one but Atlas for this. He places his hand on my face and brings me out of my thoughts.

I step closer "I want to be yours and I don't feel rushed or have any doubt in my mind." He slams his lips down on mine. Star is growling in mind that we are going to finally be bonded to Lincoln. The tingles that have been getting stronger feel amazing. Lincoln stiffens before he pulls back growling. He looks back to me and his smile returns. "I'm being summoned for rogues at the northern border but I promise you I won't be gone long." I chuckle "take your time I will be here waiting." He kisses me one more time before he rushes from our room. Honestly, I wouldn't want to be those rogues after what they just interrupted."Your right about that Amelia I would help him if I could" Star says. "Lincoln will probably rip them apart for it." "Good they stopped us from having our mate they deserve it. I chuckle at her acting like a h*rny wolf. "Don't laugh you know you want him just as much. She's right she laughs this time before she recedes in my mind. I decide to jump in the shower to freshen up before he returns. I'm just finishing up and slipping a nightgown on when the door to the bathroom opens. I look up expecting to see a smiling Lincoln but it definitely is not. "What are you doing here, where is Lincoln?"

Chapter 19

19 Sorry

Amelia POV

"Luna, Alpha Lincoln sent me to make sure that your safe during the rogue attack." "Please come with me to the pack bunker and he'll come for you as soon as it's over." "Where is Michael?" "Michael is with Alpha Lincoln that is why I am here and not him." Something about this doesn't feel right. "I agree Amelia" Star says. He hasn't announced me to the pack and more than that I can't see Lincoln sending any male but Michael to our room to protect me. "I'm not really comfortable going with you until I talk to Lincoln or Michael." He steps closer to me and I take a step back. "Amelia, I don't want to hurt you or your pup but make no mistake I will not let you bring war to my pack." "This pack already has a Luna and once you're gone she can take her place by Lincoln's side." I place my hand over my bump instinctively. I can't even shift to protect myself or my pup. I wish that Lincoln and I were able to mate and mark so I could link him right now. "Star what do I do?" "Don't you go with

him.” “Just because he is saying he won’t hurt you doesn’t mean he won’t when he has you alone.” “You better stop worrying about what your wolf has to say and start following my orders you wh*re” he says grabbing my arm. “You can’t shift and she can’t help you now.”

“Lay down, make him carry you, he will have no way to explain that to the other pack members.” I grab my stomach laying on the floor. “What the hell are you doing, get up now?” “Amelia, you’re pissing me off and that is not going to end well for you.” I don’t move but I protect my stomach if he decides to hit or kick me. I’m scooped up like I weigh nothing and he heads out of the bedroom door holding me tight to his chest. I refuse to allow him to take me from Lincoln or hurt my pup. Instead of heading toward the stairs he turns in the opposite direction. “Star, I know we can’t shift completely but I need your help if we are going to protect bean.” “I will not wait to be rescued like some damsel in distress hoping someone else can help me.” I may not be able to shift but I will protect my pup with my last breath. “Ok Amelia, we are only going to get one shot at this so we need to make it count.” We partially shift and

my claws extend on my hand. I reach up raking my claw across the left side of his throat. He drops me grabbing for his neck calling me a “b**ch.” When I hit the ground, I turn so my back is to him and protect my pup with my arms. He kicks me in the back knocking the wind from me but I stay curled in a ball. I hear a growl and I pray to the goddess that it’s Lincoln or Michael but I don’t lift my head to look fearing what he might do next. Darkness engulfs me and I can feel Star push forward to protect us both.

Lincoln POV

“Those rogues are going to wish for death for interrupting us when we were about to have our mate for the first time and mark her as ours” Talon says as we run. “I couldn’t have said it better Talon.” We reach the northern border and Michael is waiting with three patrol guards. I shift and so does Michael. “Where the f**k are the rogues” I growl out. “Lincoln we just got here too after Max linked me about the rogues, I linked you.” We look around “if Max linked you about rogues, then where the hell is he.” “I don’t even smell rogues Michael.” Michael is attempting to link Max but he looks back at me with concern on his face. “What is going on” I say. “He blocked me, Lincoln” I don’t even let him finish and I shift running back toward the pack house. I pray that what is going through my mind right now is not the truth for Michael’s sake.

I shift when I reach the pack house not even caring that I'm naked. I rush inside and take the steps two at a time. I can smell Max and Amelia's scent when I reach the top of the steps. He is so f**king dead if he touched my mate. I turn the corner and I see red. Amelia is laying on the floor and Max is standing over her covered in blood. He whips his head in my direction and I f**king roar because Talon is at the surface. Michael is right behind me. "What the f**k have you done" Michael screams at Max. "I did what I had to do to protect this pack and the Alpha from himself." "She isn't worthy of being Luna, she's a wh*re carrying another man's pup." I start toward him but Michael grabs me "Lincoln take care of Amelia, I will take care of locking him up so you can deal with him when you make sure that she is alright." I can't stop myself from punching him in the face knocking him out before I bend down

scooping her in my arms. I want to rip him apart but Michael is right Amelia is the priority right now but Max is going to die by my hands. He better pray that nothing happens to her or my pup because his death won't be quick. "Amelia please be ok" I say as I run toward the pack hospital. "I'm protecting her, mate" Star says and I release the breath I'm holding but until Amelia's awake, I won't be able to breathe completely.

Michael POV

I can't believe what I'm seeing. This can't really be happening. Max is standing over Amelia covered in blood. How could he betray Lincoln like this. As soon as Lincoln is gone I link another warrior to help me move him. I notice that Max has a s***h on the left side of his neck that is healing. I smile that Amelia did what she had to do to protect herself and her pup. The warrior arrives to help me because my brother isn't a small man by any means. We carry Max down to the cells and I take a seat waiting for him to wake once he is locked inside. Twenty minutes later he starts to stir and I stand. "Wake the f**k up Max." He sits up shaking his head before he looks me in the eyes. "How could you hurt the future Luna of this pack and Lincoln's fated mate?" "You can't be serious she is mated already or have forgotten Mikey." "Maxwell Master you will remain in these cells until you are sentenced by the Alpha of the Nightfire Pack." "You're going to betray your own brother for a wh*re and an Alpha who is willing to accept her." I roar stepping up to the cell "the only one that has been betrayed is the Alpha and Luna of this pack by you." He laughs "she has you thinking she is the Luna too." "She has a mark and a pup growing inside her, so who is the fool to believe her lies." I'm done with this conversation. "I pray the goddess has mercy on your soul." "Mickey I'm your brother." "You were my brother, now you're just a dead man who hurt my Luna." I start for the stairs and Max continues to scream but I can't even look

at him any longer. The guard that I had waiting upstairs looks to me when I open the door. "You guard him with your life." "He is no longer a pack member, he is a traitor." "Yes Beta" he says and heads back downstairs.

Lincoln POV

As soon as I reached the hospital Dr. Neilson is waiting for us. She rushes Amelia back and I follow behind them. Once they have her in the exam room Dr. Neilson checks her over. She has some bruising to her back but no wounds. "Alpha besides the bruising to her back she has no wounds of concern." "The blood that was all over her." "It's not hers, Alpha." "Is our pup alright?" "We are going to check right now but have faith the Luna is strong." She pulls the machine into the room and passes the wand over her belly. When the screen lights up and my son is moving around the emotion I've kept in check flows free. I bend placing my head on Amelia's belly saying a prayer of thanks to the goddess that we reached her in time. I hear the door click and I know they have left us alone in the room.

A few minutes later I feel her hand in my hair. I shoot up and she smiles at me. "Oh, my goddess you're alright." "Thank the goddess you're alright." "Lincoln the pup?" "Our boy is just fine." "He is strong just like his mother." I kiss her needing to feel that she is really here with me. I pull the chair to her bed and take her hand. A knock sounds on the door. Michael walks in with his head down. "I'm sorry" he starts to say and I stand walking over to my best friend and Beta. "Michael" I say and he looks into my eyes. I can see that he has unshed tears for his brother and everything that has happened tonight. "I'm sorry Michael." "Don't you dare apologize to me for what has to be done." I pull him into a bro-hug. When he pulls back, he looks past me. I step out of his way and he walks toward Amelia. "I'm sorry Amelia for what he has done." "Michael you are not responsible for your brother's actions." "He is in the cells awaiting his punishment, Lincoln." "I will leave you and Amelia but link me if you need me." I nod and he leaves. I go over and kiss her forehead. "I'm going to grab Dr. Neilson to check you over again since your awake." She smiles and I head out of the room.

As I walk toward the nurse's station the last person on the planet I want to see steps through the doors. Her punishment ended this afternoon. I don't even acknowledge her existence as I approach the nurse. "Please get Dr. Neilson to come check on my Luna she is awake." I start back down the hallway. "Lincoln is our Luna alright" she asks trying to act sincere. I keep myself in control but I really don't want to. I walk back until I am standing in front of her.

“Jennifer you better pray I don’t find out you had anything to do with what Max did tonight or I will snap your neck without a second thought.” I turn and

she grabs my arm. “I would never hurt a pregnant she-wolf.” “I would have thought you would think more of me after all these years.” She leaves and right now I can’t bring myself to care if I hurt her feelings. Amelia is my only priority and I will end anyone who tries to hurt her or take her from me.

Chapter 20

20 Questions

Amelia POV

The minute Lincoln says our pup is alright, I feel my body relax. I’m sore where Max kicked me in the back, but with our increased healing, the pain will be gone soon. I still can’t believe he would do such a thing to me. He seems so different compared to Michael. He was like this cold, unfeeling man who didn’t even think twice about hurting me or my pup. Lincoln brings me out of my thoughts with a kiss on my forehead. He leaves to go get the doctor and I lay my hand on my bump. “You’re safe little bean.” “I’m proud of you Amelia, you protected our pup like the bada** you are.” I chuckle “I think I had a little help from my awesome and bada** wolf.” She puffs out her chest in my mind and it makes me smile. The door opens and Lincoln returns, followed by Dr. Neilson. “Luna, it’s good to see you awake.” “Thank you, I’m just glad that we both are ok.” “I would like you to stay here overnight just so we can observe you for any changes”, Dr. Neilson says. “Is it really necessary for me to stay if our pup is good and I’m healing?” “You do have some bruising on your back and with the attack only happening a little while ago, I would feel better if you did.” “My wolf is already healing that and honestly I would rather sleep in our bed tonight” I say looking at Lincoln. Dr. Neilson looks torn. I’m sure he wants to tell me to stay despite my protests. “That’s fine Dr. Neilson, thank you”, Lincoln says before the doctor can say any more. He smiles at me and heads out of the room.

“Lincoln, I feel fine, I’m just a little sore.” He growls low “I promise you he will suffer for putting his hands on you, for harming you.” I take his hand “I’m sorry that you have to deal with Max’s actions toward me.” “I hate this is happening for you and Michael.” He sits down next to my bed. “Honestly love I don’t think Max acted alone.” I look at him confused until I recall Max saying about the

pack already having a Luna. “What is it Amelia?” “When Max was trying to make me leave, he said something about the pack already having a Luna and it wasn’t a wh*re that was carrying another man’s pup.” I see Lincoln’s eyes flash to black before they return to his beautiful blue color. “I’m going to snap that b**ch’s

neck.” “I knew she had something to do with this.” “He never said it was her but I thought the same thing when he called me a wh*re.” He growls low and I pull him into a kiss. When I try to deepen it, he pulls back, laying his forehead against mine.

Lincoln POV

I take a few deep breaths, kissing her is doing nothing for me to keep myself under control. Talon wants us to make her ours even more after everything that just happened, but I need to think about all she just went through. “Talon, she was just attacked we have to be patient.” He whimpers and recedes to the back of my mind. “Lincoln, I want you to mark me and for me to mark you.” “I don’t want us to wait.” “Love I want nothing more but you were just attacked by that ba**ard.” “I saw the bruises and I know you are healing but we need to at least wait till tomorrow.” “Lincoln, I couldn’t link you and I wanted to be able to when I was alone with him.” I slide into the bed next to her and pull her to my side. She lays her head on my chest and besides the physical pain he caused her, he scared my mate. I run my fingers through her hair. “I promise you that I will not leave your side again until we have marked and mated.” She picks her head up and pecks my lips before she lays her head back down on my chest. I kiss the top of her head and I hear her breathing even out as she falls to sleep in my arms.

I wake and I’m in the hospital bed alone. I start to panic until I hear the toilet flush in the bathroom. The door opens and my beautiful mate walks out. “Why didn’t you wake me, love?” “You were sleeping so peacefully and I promise I can pee all by myself.” I chuckle and I get up, coming to stand in front of her. “I know you can but I almost lost it when I woke up and you weren’t there.” “I’m sorry I didn’t mean to scare you.” I kiss her forehead. I notice that the sun is starting to peak through the window. We must have slept all night. Having her in my arms for the first time while we slept, both Talon and I felt whole and content. “Guess what” her question brings me out of my thoughts. I smile and lean down pecking her lips. “What love” I ask. “It’s tomorrow”, Amelia says. She reaches up, pulling me down, pressing her lips to mine. I pull back knowing exactly what she means, “let me go get the doctor so we can get out

of here.” I head out into the hallway and grab the doctor to clear Amelia to leave. Once he clears her, I

give her a dress that I had the omegas bring over. I threw everything she was wearing away because it was covered in his blood. She goes in to the bathroom and comes back out dressed in a light pink sundress. She is so beautiful and I can’t wait for us to have the bond between us.

“Amelia with everything that happened, I never asked why Max was bleeding.” She smiles “I wasn’t going to let him take me or hurt our pup.” “I partially shifted and dragged my claw across his neck.” “That is the only reason he didn’t manage to take me from the pack house.” “You really are amazing, both of you.” “Talon and I have truly been blessed with such a strong mate and Luna.” I take Amelia’s hand and we head up the path toward the pack house. Once we are inside, I want to grab some breakfast before we head up to our room. I plan on spending the day making her mine. We will both need the fuel. “Let’s get some food and we can take it up to our room.” She nods and we walk into the dining room. My eyes land on Jennifer sitting at a table near mine. I immediately look back at the buffet that has been set up by the omegas. I can’t even look at her without wanting to kill her a** right now. I grab a tray and load it with some of everything.

We start toward the door and my parents come rushing in. As soon as they see Amelia, my mother pulls her into her arms. “Amelia, are you and our grand pup alright” my mother asks. “Yes Lorraine, we are both good.” Once she let’s go of Amelia, my father hugs her. “You had us worried, thank the goddess you both are alright” my father says. I really have the best parents. I see my mother’s eyes flash to someone behind us and I pray she isn’t this stupid. “Amelia, I’m glad to see you’re alright”, Jennifer says. “The whole pack heard what Max did to you.” We both turn and Jennifer is standing there with a look of concern on her face. Before I can say anything, Amelia steps forward until she and Jennifer are practically touching.

Amelia POV

This b**ch is out of her mind. I step in front of her, but I need to remember the pack doesn’t realize that I’m there Luna yet. Besides that, we don’t have proof of her involvement in what Max did. “Thank you for your concern, both myself and my pup are perfect.” “You can rest assured that anyone who tries to

hurt me or my pup will be dealt with.” I turn heading back to stand next to Lincoln. I take Lincoln’s hand and I watch her eyes drop to our joined hands. “I

would like all pack members in the pack yard before dinner, with no exception”, Lincoln says to everyone in the dining room. We say goodbye to his parents and head upstairs. Once we are in the room, he sets the food down on the table in the corner. He pulls out my chair and we sit eating our breakfast. “I’m sure you realize I will be announcing you tonight.” “How do you think your pack is going to take the news that I’m your mate and that I’m already pregnant?” “Honestly Amelia, that is none of their business.” “I accept our pup and that is all that matters.” “Any pack member that has a problem can look for a new pack.” “I love you Lincoln and I’m ready to be yours.” “I love you Amelia and I will spend the rest of my life showing you how much.”

Atlas POV

“Alpha, there is a group of Elders here to see you”, a patrol guard links me. What the hell are they doing here? Thomas is supposed to be fixing this bulls*t with Elder James. “Fine, bring them to my office.” I link Walker, as he is my Beta now, to come to my office immediately. He enters my office minutes before three Elders walk in with the patrol guard. I dismiss the guard and I offer them a seat. “Elders, to what do I owe this visit?” “We are here on formal business, Alpha Atlas.” “What business is that?” “There have been accusations made against you by your former mate and Beta.” I growl “she is not my former mate.” “She is my mate and Luna.” “I’m sorry but Amelia has made it perfectly clear she will be breaking her bond with you and accepting Alpha Lincoln after what you have done to her.” “You plan to allow another Alpha to steal my mate and Luna.” “She is carrying my pup in her belly.” “The Elders will not get involved in your mate’s choice after you violated your bond with her with Freya Canfield.”

“If you have made your decision that my mate can reject our bond, then what may I ask are you here to investigate?” “You have been accused of killing Alpha Elias.” “That is absurd, I would never hurt my brother.” “Freya killed Elias because she wanted me, which is exactly why my mate is not here.” “I made a stupid decision and you are allowing that mistake to taint your view of me.” “Alpha Atlas, your

actions with Freya have nothing to do with how this investigation will proceed.” “If you have done nothing wrong then you have no reason to worry about the outcome of our investigation” Elder James says.

Unknown POV

“What now they have taken Max to the cells and by the sounds of it, he is going to kill him.” “He had one job, to get her out of the pack territory.” “He couldn’t handle a f**king pregnant she-wolf for goddess’s sake.” “If he kills him, it will be his own fault.” “He was following your orders and now you’re going to just let this happen to him.” “If Lincoln finds out, that I’m involved what do you think will happen to me?” “I have far more to lose than you do.” “You better just keep your mouth shut.” “Fine but you better think of something fast because soon he will be bonded to that b**ch.” The phone disconnects and I can’t believe he is going to let Max die. I can’t believe I trusted him.