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Chapter 31

31 Lies

Lucas POV

“Get up and get dressed, we have guests to greet.” Iris manages to pick her head up off the floor to look at me. She attempts to stand but can’t. “You really are pathetic, just like Conrad” I say before I wave my hand in her direction. I give her enough healing so that she can get to her feet. I grab a dress and throw it at her. “Hurry up” I say and she slips the dress over her head. “You will wait inside the mansion until I summon you.” “Who” she starts to ask but stops herself.

I step in front of her. “You will pay for your question later.” She winces at my words and I smile. I take her wrist and lead her down to the foyer. “Stay here and don’t move until I tell you to pet.” She nods and I turn walking out onto the steps. Conrad’s coven has been moved to my land and stand before me. Everyone is quiet waiting for me to speak. I can see the fear in their eyes, which is exactly what I want in this moment.

“As you all know, your coven leader is dead.” “He was weak and failed to protect you or himself.” I see them looking at each other with concern on their faces. “He promised me his daughter and he did not deliver on his promise.” “You would still be living in peace in your coven had he did what he was supposed to do.” I turn toward the door. “Come to me pet” I say and the door opens slowly. Iris comes out with her head down and stands behind me.

“Conrad gave me his beloved as a replacement for the beloved that Iris helped escape.” “She will continue to be punished until I have what I’m owed.” I hear an audible gasp travel through the crowd.

“I do not accept excuses and now that you are part of this coven, you will follow my orders or you will die just as Conrad did.” “Death will not be quick either so don’t disappoint me.” “Do you all understand?” There is silence and that just pisses me off. I turn slapping Iris across the face and knocking her to the ground. “I will ask you again, do you understand me?”

“Yes sir” they say in unison. “Good, I will be meeting with each of you to discuss your new roles in this coven.” “You’re all dismissed.” I turn and Iris has managed to get to her feet. I take her arm and lead her inside. “That was for your question earlier, but it helped me get my point across with the new coven members too.” “You don’t ever question me again.” “Yes sir” she says. My mother walks in with Pheobe on her heels. “Lucas, I would like to speak with you for a moment alone.” “Pheobe take Iris to Lucas’s room now”, my mother says with finality.

I know my sister has been telling my mother about her punishment from earlier, based on the fact her eyes won’t meet mine. I squeeze my fists but I don’t argue with my mother. “Remember what I told you earlier, Pheobe, about following orders.” She nods and takes Iris toward the stairs.

My mother turns heading toward my office. I take my seat once were inside, and she takes the chair across from me. “Lucas, I could care less about that b***h or what you do to her but you will not threaten your sister again.” I take a deep breath before I answer my mother. “Did she tell you why I threatened her mother?” “She did and I don’t care.” “You know your sister is soft compared to you and I.” “You will not threaten her, am I clear.”

“Yes mother, I will not threaten her but she needs to respect my rules.” “Agreed and I have told her as such.” “Then we should have no further issues.” My mother stands and comes around the desk to hug me. “Your father would be very proud of the leader and black magic warlock you have become, just as I am.” She pulls back “now find Lilth so you can use her powers to become even stronger.” I smile “I’m working on it mother.” “I will not rest until she is mine.”

Pheobe POV

I know I’m going to pay for using my mother against him, but I will deal with whatever punishment I have to in order to stop Lucas from hurting Iris. We reach the top of the stairs and again Iris can barely make it. I turn her toward me and place my head against hers. I chant for a few seconds before I lift my head looking into her eyes.

“Pheobe, you are going to get in trouble again for helping me.” “I don’t want to see you hurt.” “I appreciate your concern but watching him do this to you is making me sick.” “You know your daughter is special and strong, she could help you get out of this place.” “No, I don’t want him anywhere near her.” “He wants her power and that can never happen.”

“Fine, I’m getting you out of here and taking you to her.” “I have never fit in this coven to begin with and honestly I will be better off far from Lucas.” “Pheobe your brother doesn’t care if you are his sister, he will kill you for defying him.” We head down the hall but I don’t lead her back to Lucas’s room. I lead her to mine. Once we are inside, I grab a bag that I have already packed. We won’t have long to get out of the coven territory before they start looking for us. I turn to Iris, “how do you feel after my healing?” “It’s the best I’ve felt since I’ve been here.” “Good I need you to do everything I tell you to.” She nods, “stay here I will be right back.”

I rush down the hall and into Lucas’s room. Once I’m in the room that he uses for Iris, I begin to chant. The spell only takes a moment before I head back to my room. This spell will buy us a few more minutes before he realizes we are gone. “Where did you go?”

“I’ll tell you once we are free of this place.” I wrap my arm around her waist and teleport us to the clearing. I don’t have the strength to unbind her powers, so I’m going to just have to cloak us both. Once the cloak is in place we start to move toward the border. We stop and I speak softly to Iris.

“Once we break the territory line, he is going to feel it, so we will need to teleport someplace quickly.” “The human city, that is where Lily and John would go.” “I told them to avoid other super naturals.” “You have known all this time and you endured all this torture without telling him.” She touches my face “real mother’s will endure anything for their children to be safe.” I can feel unshed tears in my eyes but I don’t have time for self-pity or sorrow for Iris. I take her hand and we step through the coven cloak.

Lucas POV

After I’m done speaking to my mother, I really need to blow off some steam. I head to my room and look in on Iris. She is curled in a ball lying on the bed covered in a blanket that I’m sure my sister so kindly gave her. I will never understand that girl. I head to the base of her bed. “Come here pet, I need that mouth.” I begin to unbutton my pants but she never moves.

“Don’t make me repeat myself or you will wish you didn’t.” She still doesn’t move and I go to the side of the bed she is facing. I am ready to lose it. It’s not Iris but an illusion. That’s when I feel it, the cloak being breached. I immediately alert the guards to start searching for that b**ch and my fucking sister.

Neal POV

“You’re a fvcking traitor and, of course, he would send his Beta.” “Do you even know who you just attacked on his orders?” He looks at Lincoln standing next to me. I point to him “that is what a true Alpha looks like.” “Not one who kills his own brother, fvcks his sister-in-law, and sends his pack’s wolves to attack the Elders of all Wolves.” I see fear flash across his face at my words. “What he didn’t tell you that you were attacking the Elders.”

“You’re a liar, you are trying to turn me against my Alpha.” “I’m loyal unlike you who is helping this man keep his Luna from him.” I laugh “you’re a sheep following a despicable man who only cares about himself and what he wants.” “He has fed you lies and promised you a rank to keep you loyal and doing his bidding.” “Elder Thomas would not have us attack his fellow Elders.” “That’s where your wrong Walker” Lincoln says. “Elder Thomas has chosen his side and it is not by the Elders” Lincoln says.

Lincoln POV

“You and these men killed an Elder wolf on the orders of Atlas and Thomas.” “I can tell you that claiming you didn’t know who they were is not going to save you from your fate.” “The Elders want justice for their fallen Elder.” “Your punishment will be determined by them not us.” I see the moment

his realizes how he has, been used and betrayed. He sits on a cot inside the cell. “I swear to you he didn’t tell us who they were.” “We were called into Atlas’s office.”

“Thomas was there and he told us that you had killed Amelia’s parents.” “He said that you were bringing in wolves to destroy our pack so that he could never get Amelia back.” “He said that you had even thrown Max out when he tried to rescue Amelia from you.” “Amelia is my mate and Luna by her choice.” “The moon goddess chose me for her because of Atlas’ evil actions.” “They have told you nothing but lies.” “I’m sorry, I really believed that Atlas was telling us the truth.” “I know that it doesn’t mean much now but I would never help anyone harm and innocent.” I nod and I do believe him.

We head from the cells and I can see the distress on Neal’s face. I grab his arm. “I will speak to the Elders about the warriors.” “They may have been involved in the attack but they did not kill Elder Brandon directly.” “Hopefully they will show mercy with this knowledge.” “Thank you, Lincoln.” “I know what they did was stupid but they aren’t bad men.” I nod and head for the stairs. I’m

just at the top when I feel a pain like I have never felt in my life. I go down onto my knees.

Neal rushes to me, "Lincoln, what's wrong?" "Something is wrong with Amelia, she is in pain." Talon is at the surface with this feeling of pain. I can feel his worry that our mate is in danger.

The pain lessens and I get to my feet. I rush to our room with Neal on my heels. I throw open the door and Amelia isn't in our room. I'm about to lose my mind. I link but I can't reach her. I growl "where the fvck is she." The pain hits again and I fall to my knees feeling helpless.

I look up and Neal is getting a link. He looks down with fear on his face. "Lincoln, we need to get to the hospital now." I don't even let him explain why before I take off out of the pack house toward the hospital. The whole way there I say a prayer to the goddess that Amelia and our pup are alright.

Chapter 32

32 Relax

Amelia POV

Once we reach the room, the exhaustion starts to hit me. This whole day has been tiring, to say the least. It weighs heavy on my heart that Elder Brandon lost his life because of Atlas and that ba**ard Thomas. I know in my heart it's not my fault, but it doesn't make my heart hurt any less for the pain this is causing everyone. Lincoln is trying to protect me from his feelings, but I can still feel his anger and pain. "Amelia" Lily says, and I'm brought out of my thoughts. I look at her and she places her hands on my shoulders. "Atlas and Thomas are going to pay just as Max did for all they have done." She wraps me in a hug and I give in just feeling her love for me. A knock sounds and Lily pulls back looking confused. She heads to the door "who is it?" "I have your dinner, ma'am" a female voice says and Lily opens the door. "Ma'am the Alpha told me to bring you two something to eat and drink." "He was worried about the Luna and his pup." I smile at how sweet my mate is. Lily lets her in and she sets a tray with the most delicious smelling food on the table in the corner of the room. Chicken parm, angel hair pasta, garlic bread, and chocolate cake. "I'm in heaven right now" I say smiling at the omega. "What is your name?" She looks at me with shock at my question. "Maureen, Luna."

she says. "I made you this lavender tea to help you relax after all the stress today." "I still can't believe that Max betrayed the pack and killed an Elder."

Packs are all the same news runs like wild fire, both bad and good through the wolves. I look at her with sympathy. It's always hard when a pack member goes against their pack. I rest my hand on her shoulder. "Thank you, for all of this", I motion to everything she just placed on the table. "I assure you I will do all I can to help the Alpha protect the pack." I notice a fresh mark on her neck which makes me smile. I'm glad she found her other half and I pray they treat her well. "Congratulations" I say and she looks at me with confusion. "Your mark, it looks pretty fresh." "Congratulations on finding your mate." A look passes over her face before she smiles at me. "Thank you, Luna" she says before she excuses

herself. We sit down and dig into the delicious food. I didn't realize how hungry I was until the food was here in front of me. I clean my plate, eat half the cake, and drink all the tea. "I am seriously stuffed", I say rubbing my belly, and Lily laughs.

"Lily what is our plan to get your mother back?" She smiles and looks at my belly. She stands and starts to clean up. "You will not be part of any plan that will put you and little bean in danger." "My mother would kill me for putting you and your pup in harm's way." "That's the kind of woman she is." Her face falls and I pull her to sit next to me. "Your mother wanted to protect you because that's what a mother does." "Lorraine is absolutely right, our pups come before anything." "I just hope that all that has happened to her does not destroy the spirit my mother has always had" Lily says. "If she is anything like her daughter it's not possible." She smiles and wraps me in a hug. "I'm so glad that the goddess led you to the hotel that day" Lily says. "So am I, the goddess always has a plan." "You, Lincoln, and this pack have become my family."

"Alright enough with the heavy stuff" she laughs. "I think you need to go relax in the tub after the events of today and that awesome meal." "I will watch some tv and wait out here until your done." "That sounds amazing." I head into the bathroom and turn on the water, filling the tub. Once I'm undressed, I slip down into the water. I place my hands on my bump as I relax into the water. I can feel my eyes get heavy and despite my efforts to not give into sleep, I do. Pain like I've never felt brings me out of the peaceful sleep and I grip my stomach. What the hell is that? It must be false labor. I put up a block because I know if Lincoln feels this, he will be distracted from what he is doing. I have at least another month before our pup can come. The pain begins to subside

and I start to relax again. “Star” I say. “I’m here with you Amelia.” “What is that pain, is it false labor?” “I don’t know but I think we need to get checked by the pack doctor to be safe.” She’s right, I manage to get out of the tub and start to dry when the pain comes again. I scream this time and Lily doesn’t even open the door. She appears in front of me. “What is going on, are you alright?”

“I’m in pain, it’s probably false labor” I grunt out. “Probably my ass” she says, grabbing my robe and wrapping it around me before we are no longer standing in my bathroom. “Hey, get over here and help your Luna” Lily says to a woman that must be a nurse. She looks panicked when she hears who I am. She grabs a wheelchair, rushing over to me, and I get in the chair when the next pain hits. Lily stays with me as they wheel me back to a room. Dr. Neilson comes rushing inside. “Luna, what happened?” “Honestly, I think it’s just false labor but it really hurts.” “It’s ten times worse than the pain of my ex-mate’s infidelity.” “Today was very stressful and I’m sure it’s ok but we thought I should be checked” I say pointing to Lily who looks like a mother hen standing with her arms crossed. Once I’m in bed, they hook me up to machines and another pain hits. I see a look of concern flash across Dr. Neilson’s face. She turns to me, “Amelia you are in labor.” I start to panic, “my pup” I say and she takes my hand. “We are going to try to stop the labor but you are far enough along that if we can’t stop labor your pup has a good chance of being born perfectly healthy.” “The nurse is going to give you some medicine that can help stop the contractions and we are going to do an ultrasound to check on the pup.” She leaves to get the machine and I break. “I can’t lose my pup Lily.”

Lincoln POV

As I break through the hospital doors, the pain almost brings me to my knees again. A nurse rushes toward me. “Alpha, I’ll take you to her.” She turns and I follow her down the hallway. Once I’m in the room, I rush to Amelia. “Love what’s going on.” “I’m in labor but Dr. Neilson is trying to stop it” she says with tears in her eyes. My mate is so strong, but right now she is afraid. I hate that there is nothing I can do to change what is happening. I take her hand in mine. “I’m going to go see where the doctor went”, Lily says. I lean down placing my head against hers. “I’m sorry I wasn’t there Amelia.” “Lincoln, Lily was with me and believe me, she, got me here faster than you could”, she laughs. She is trying to make me feel better, but until I know that she and my pup are safe, that won’t be happening. A few minutes later, Lily comes back with Dr. Neilson looking embarrassed. “Sorry I was in the bathroom” she says, as she pushes the machine over to Amelia’s bed.

“Amelia, how is the pain?” “It’s not as bad since the nurse gave me the pill.” “Excellent, let’s take a look at the pack’s future Alpha.” I smile at the doctor’s words and say a prayer to the goddess that he will be alright. She starts to move the wand and our pup appears on the screen. He is moving and looks perfect. I hold my breath until I hear Dr. Neilson speak “he looks good and as I said earlier, Luna, if we can’t stop the labor he is ready.” “He is developed and a very good size like most Alpha wolves at this stage.” My shoulders relax at her words and I wipe a tear that runs down Amelia’s cheek. “Thank you, Dr. Neilson”, I say and she leaves the room. I place my hand on Amelia’s belly. “I’m going to go see my mate but I will just be outside.” We both nod and Lily leaves, closing the door behind her. “How did it go with the warriors?” “Let’s not talk about any of that right now.” “That’s probably why you’re having all this pain.” She smiles and places her hand on my face. “Lincoln, you heard the doctor, the pup and I are going to be fine.”

“I know I just hate that all this stress probably threw you into labor.” “It’s my job to take care of you and our son.” She smiles “you are the best mate and you take excellent care of us.” “The dinner you had Maureen bring us was amazing.” “Honestly between the lavender tea and the bath I was feeling very relaxed.” “That is why it was such a shock when the pain started.” I look at her with confusion which I’m sure she can see all over my face. “Love what are you talking about?” “I was taking a bath when the pain started.” “Not that, you said I had Maureen bring you food.” “I never even saw Maureen before I went to the cells with Neal.” She tries to sit up with a look of panic on her face. I link Lily and Neal and they both rush into the room. “Lily go to our room and bring me all the dishes Amelia ate off or drank from.” “What is happening?” “I think Maureen gave her something but I need to be sure.” “I will turn her to ash” Lily says. “You absolutely can if she did, just get me the dishes.” She is gone before I can finish my sentence. I link the doctor and as soon as Lily is back she takes everything to test it. “Lincoln, why would she do this?” “I don’t know, love, but if she did, I will find out why before Lily turns her to ash.” “I promise you that.”

Pheobe POV

We walk into the human city after I change both of our clothes. Iris looks a little better after my healing but she is nowhere near a hundred percent. As we walk down the sidewalk, I really don’t know what to do next. I only thought about getting her out of that place. “Iris, what do we do now?” “How do we find Lily?” She smiles “how old are you, Pheobe?” I look at her confused by the question. What does my age have to do with my question? “I turned twenty a week ago.” “You are a strong, resourceful, and amazing young lady at twenty-

years old.” She smiles “I know how hard it is to go against what people expect of you.” “Thank you, I just hope we can get you back to your daughter.” “We will, let’s find a place to stay and get something to eat before we I try to reach out to Lily and John.” I nod and we head down the street looking for a hotel. Before we walk inside, I produce some money to pay for the stay and our food. We walk to the counter and a nice girl behind the desk gives us a card key. We head up to the third floor and once we are inside, Iris immediately falls down on the bed. “Are you alright?” She picks up her head and smiles at me. “I’m better than ok, I’m free of that ba**ard because of you.” “I can never thank you enough for helping me.” “We can’t take to long to find Lily because Lucas will not rest until he finds us.”

Chapter 33

33 In Touch

Lucas POV

I’m in my office with Leland. “I want them found and I don’t want any excuses.” “Take the three strongest warlocks in the coven and find them, Leland.” “What do you want us to do when we find them you know your sister will not come so easily” Leland asks. Before I can answer my mother barges into my office. “Where is your sister?” “Leland leave us now” I say and he disappears. “Mother do not barge into my office again.” She wants to say something but she must feel the anger radiating off me. “Sit down mother.” She takes a seat. “Your daughter decided to help my pet escape, so I don’t know where she is.” “I told you Lucas” I put my hand up silencing her. “I don’t want to hear excuses for her defiance mother.” “She will be punished for her disobedience and Iris is going to pray for death when I find them.” “Please Lucas” she says. “I will not kill Pheobe mother, but she needs to learn her place.” “She needs to know that my word is law.” She nods and gets up to leave my office. She stops like she is going to say something, but then she leaves without a word. Good because nothing she says right now is going to protect Pheobe from my wrath when we find her.

I leave my office, heading up to my sister’s room. I head into her bathroom and grab her hair brush from the vanity. I head to my room and open a dresser that holds different magical vessels. I take one and place her hair into the well. I cut my finger squeezing until blood covers her hair. Once I close the lid, I place my hand over it while chanting a location spell. After a few minutes,

I can sense nothing. It's like she disappeared from our world completely. She isn't stronger than me, so why the hell isn't it working? Iris can't be helping her because Pheobe isn't strong enough to unbind her powers. What the f**k is happening? I throw the vessel and it busts against the wall. A few seconds later Leland appears before me. "We swept the area surrounding the coven and found her magical signature." "It appears the magical signature leads to the human city." "She would think that going where the pathetic humans are would protect her but it won't."

Amelia POV

Despite the pain being gone, I'm still worried. If that she-wolf gave me something, how do I know it won't hurt little bean? The thought that a woman I don't even really know tried to hurt my pup makes me sick. Lincoln is holding my hand as Lily paces back and forth. Neal finally pulls her onto his lap. "Calm down love, I can feel your rage." "Your damn right I have rage, that little b**ch tried to hurt my nephew." "I know and she won't get away with it." He wraps her in his arms and I smile at how much he loves my friend after all she has been through. "Amelia, has the pain stopped" Lincoln asks. "Yes, I'm not having any more pain right now." I feel his guilt through our bond. I scoot over and pat the bed next to me. I can see he is about to protest, but thankfully he slides in next to me. He wraps his arms around me breathing in my scent. "None of this is your fault, Lincoln." He is silent for a few minutes but then he finally speaks. "It feels like it is, love." "These are my pack members that are trying to hurt you and my pup." I wait till he looks in my eyes. "Do you blame me for my parent's actions?" He looks at me like I'm crazy. "Do you blame me for Atlas's actions?" He growls and tightens his grip on me. "Of course not, you have nothing to do with their disgusting actions." I smile "exactly and neither do you." "Whatever the reason this girl tried to hurt our pup is not your fault." "She is the only one to blame and I know you will deal with her." He presses his lips against mine and I melt into the kiss. I hear someone clear their throat and we turn to see a smiling Dr. Neilson.

Her smile fades "Alpha and Luna I wish I had better news." "We ran tests on the cup that had the lavender tea in it and we found evening primrose oil." "What is that exactly?" "It's an herb that is used to induce labor." "Based on the amount of residue in the cup she gave you a large dose." Lincoln stands but doesn't let go of my hand. "So, she tried to make Amelia go into labor." "It appears that way Alpha." "Will that hurt my pup if she gave me a lot?" "No Luna, the pup will be fine and the medicine we gave you has stopped the labor." I feel myself relax at her words. Based on Lincoln's eyes, I can tell he is linking someone. He turns bending down and kisses my lips. When he pulls

back, he looks in my eyes. "I promise you that she is going to pay for what she tried to do." "Lily stay with Amelia, please", Lincoln says. "No way, I told you she is going to be ash for trying to hurt my little bean." I laugh "Lily, I think

Lincoln can handle her besides I want you to stay with me so we can finish our conversation about your mom." I can see she can't say no to me and she turns to Lincoln. "That little b**ch better pay with her life."

Lincoln POV

"You have my word" I say before I head for the pack house. I walk toward the dining room and my mother rushes toward me. "How is she?" "She is better, Lily got her to the hospital in time for Dr. Neilson to stop her labor." "I can't believe that woman would do this." "What does she have to gain?" "I don't know mother but we are about to find out." We walk into the kitchen and Maureen is sitting at the table with a cup of tea like she didn't just try to destroy my world. "Did she lose the pup" she says like she is asking what the weather is. Before I can even respond, my mother has her by the throat pinned to the wall. "What did you do you little b**ch" she growls out. I come to stand next to my mother. She looks at me with cold unfeeling eyes "you took the most important person to me and I hope your pup is dead." My mother starts to squeeze and I can see the panic on her face. I put my hand on my mother's arm because I want to know what the hell she is talking about.

She loosens her grip enough that the b**ch can speak. "I took nothing from you but you are about to lose your life for your treachery." "You killed my mate" she growls out. I notice her mark for the first time. Now I'm even more confused by what she just said. "Maxwell was my mate and you took him from me." "Maureen, Max was not marked and he never claimed you as his mate." "He wasn't ready for me to mark him but he marked me." "You killed my mate." "I hope Atlas kills you and that b**ch." My mother looks to me and I nod. I hear the bones break and she drops her body to the floor. I link a warrior to come to dispose of her. I can't believe he had a mate and he never told us. Max made her believe that he wasn't ready when he really probably had no intentions of allowing her to claim him because of her rank. He will have so much to atone for with the goddess.

Lily POV

"Love, I'm going to check on Michael", Neal says and heads out of the room. I sit down on the edge of Amelia's bed and place my hand on her belly. "You're sure you're ok," "Yes, I'm sure, I promise" Amelia says. I'm glad she is alright.

I would be destroyed if something happened to her or her pup. Amelia pats the bed next to her and I lay by her side looking up at the ceiling. I think about all these evil people who want to ruin others' happiness. I feel a nagging pain in my head and I sit up. "Lily, what's wrong" Amelia asks as she sits up too. "I'm ok don't get up, you need to rest." The pain comes again and this time I hear a distant voice I can't make out. I stand and try to focus on the voice. "Lily what's happening, you're freaking me out." "I feel like someone is trying to speak to me like Aunt Jiselle did but I can't hear them." "The voice is like a whisper." She grabs my hand. "Lily lay down and put your head in my lap." "Relax and try to clear your mind." "Maybe they will be able to get through if you allow yourself to relax." I'm willing to try anything. I pray this is my mother and she is just weak. I lay down, putting my head in Amelia's lap. She begins to comb her fingers through my hair and I feel my body begin to relax. I try to clear my mind and the voice seems to get louder.

"Lily, can you hear me" an unfamiliar female voice calls out to me. "Who are you?" "What do you want?" "Lily, I'm with your mother, we need your help." I feel my body tighten at her words. "Lily relax and breathe" I hear Amelia say. I take a few deep breaths and wait to hear the voice again. There is a few seconds of silence until I hear the voice again. "Lily, we are in the human city please hurry." "He will be here soon." The voice is gone and I sit up. "Lily was it your mother" Amelia asks. "No but the woman said she is with her." "How can we know this isn't a trap or that this person is being honest?" I look at Amelia "we don't but I have no choice." "The woman said he would be there soon." "She has to mean that ba**ard that has my mother." "Maybe my mother got away, I have to help her Amelia." She wraps me in a hug and I say a prayer to the goddess to keep her safe until I find them.

Chapter 34

34 Times Up

Pheobe POV

I close my eyes after my communication is broken with Lily. I feel like I just ran a marathon. Reaching someone you have no tie to is difficult. The only reason it worked is because I held onto Iris while I searched for her. "Pheobe, are you alright?" "I'm alright, just exhausted." "Did you reach her?" "Yes, and hopefully she will believe that you're really with me because I'm sure that Lucas has realized where we are." "Well being amongst humans should buy us some

level of safety from him.” I laugh to myself, she has no idea how wrong she is. “My brother would think nothing of killing every human in this city.” “He believes that humans are ants to be stepped on by the strong.” “Please don’t take offense but how are you related to that evil ba**ard.” I laugh “just lucky I guess.” She takes my hand again and I look at her. “You are nothing like him and I am so grateful that you helped me.” “You are not defined by where you come from, only where you go.” I smile, just in a day Iris is starting to look better. “I couldn’t watch him keep torturing you.” “He has no mercy.” “He killed our father to take over the coven, I know he did.” “My father was a black magic witch but he was nowhere as evil as Lucas.” “My mother has no idea and she would never believe me even if I told her what I saw the day father died.”

Flashback

I walk down the hallway toward my father’s office. I can hear him arguing with Lucas. “You had no right to take his beloved in trade.” “She is of no use to you.” “Lily is the one with the power that can make you more powerful.” “Why do you care father?” “Suddenly you have grown a conscious.” “Be careful how you speak to me Lucas.” “I am still in charge of this coven so you will do as I say and return Iris to her coven.” “We will find Lily without her.” Lucas laughs “I don’t care what you are, I will do what I want father.” I hear him stomping toward the door and I hide inside a room looking through the crack in the door. Lucas stomps down the hall with my father on his heels. I stay a safe distance but follow them. Once they are away from the mansion, Lucas turns to my father.

“Lucas, you will follow my orders or you will be banished from this coven.” “I don’t care if you’re my son.” Lucas steps toward my father until they are nose to nose. “You are only the leader as long as your alive, father.” “Are you threatening me boy?” “I don’t make threats father.” In the next minute they are both gone and I feel sick to my stomach at his words. I turn to head back and notice something on the ground. I brush the leaves a side and an amethyst ring is lying at my feet. I felt drawn to the ring. I pick it up, placing it in my pocket. I rush into the mansion looking for my mother. I find her sitting in her office. “What’s wrong, Pheobe” she says when I rush into her office. “I think Lucas just hurt dad.” She looks at me like I said the craziest thing she has ever heard. “Pheobe just because they had a fight doesn’t mean your brother would hurt your father.” “Mom, I’m telling you” she raises her hand at me. “Enough, I don’t want to hear any more of this nonsense.” “Go to your room.” She won’t even let me tell her what I saw. I head to my room.

Flashback Over

“The next morning when I woke up, my mother told me that my father had been killed by a wolf while he and Lucas were outside the coven.” I was destroyed. I loved my father. She wouldn’t listen to anything I had to say. Part of me wondered if she didn’t want to have to hear it so she could stay in denial that her son had killed her beloved. “I’m so sorry Pheobe, I had no idea that your father tried to help me.” “I still don’t understand how your father knew about Lily being special.” “I really don’t know Iris.” She pulls me into a hug and I enjoy the feeling of comfort. She pulls back and she heads over the dresser to pick up a menu. “Alright, let’s get something to eat because I’m starving and you need your strength.” “Then you need to rest and we can try to tell her exactly where we are.” I nod and we order our food.

We sit down to eat and I feel someone is trying to connect to me. I pray that it’s Lily. Maybe she is strong enough to reach me. I relax my mind. “Well dear sister, I didn’t think you had it in you.” “F**k you Lucas.” “You are a monster.” “Mother may not want to see it, but I know what you did.” He laughs “oh Pheobe, you are too good for your own good.” “I am coming for you and that b**ch.” “If you thought

what I did was bad before it is nothing compared to what I will do when I have my pet back.” “I will die before I let you take her back to that hell.” “If that’s what you want, you already know mother will believe me if I tell her some dirty wolf killed you.” He cuts the link and any appetite I had is gone. After I tell Iris what he said, I go to lie on the bed and pray for sleep.

Lily POV

Amelia pulls back and I see such love in her eyes for me. “We will find her Lily, I promise.” I smile “the only thing I want you to promise me is that you will focus on growing my little bean.” She shoots me a glare and I laugh. I’m saved by Dr. Neilson coming in to check on Amelia again. She looks at the monitors and checks her vital signs. “The contractions seem to be gone and with the IV fluid the evening primrose oil should be out of your system, Luna” “So can I go home?” “Amelia” I say because she needs to focus on the pup and herself. “Honestly, Luna, I would like you to stay here over night but you should be able to go home in the morning as long as everything stays stable.” I can see she wants to protest but she doesn’t. “As soon as Lincoln comes back, I’m going to go see Aunt Jiselle.” “She might be able to help me do a location spell.” “The human city is big and we don’t have time to walk around and hope to find them.”

A few minutes later, Lincoln returns. I kiss Amelia and hug Lincoln before I head to my aunt's room. She is sitting up in a chair and she looks so much better than when we found her in that f**king cell. She smiles when she sees me, but my look must concern her. "What's happening Lily?" "A witch reached out to me that she is with my mother in the human city." "A witch, what witch?" "I don't know Aunt Jiselle but I have find them." "Can you help me do a location spell?" "Do you still have the necklace that your mother gave you? I smile and pull the necklace out of my shirt. "I never take it off." "Good that will help us." She gets up, walking over to the table. "Come put the necklace on the table." I do as she says and stand next to her. "Think about the last time you saw your mother." I close my eyes and remember the last hug we shared.

I hear my aunt start to chant and feel her take my hand. A few seconds later, images flash in my mind. A young woman and my mother walking through the human city. A few seconds later, they are standing in front of the hotel. The hotel I worked in. I smile to myself and the image is gone. "Did you see where she is" my aunt asks with excitement in her voice. "Yes, she is at my hotel." She looks at me confused. "I'm sorry, I mean the hotel that John and I worked at." "Good find John and go to get her before that ba**ard finds her again." I hug my aunt and head out of the room. Neal, Michael, and John are walking toward me. I tell them everything I just learned. "Well let's get there now" John says. "Are you sure you're up for this, Michael?" He smiles "I'm good Lily I promise." I wrap my arms around Neal and we teleport to the woods near the hotel. John and Michael appear next to us. "I will never get used to that", Michael says, and we all laugh.

We head into the hotel and Tammy is behind the desk. "Lily, it's good to see you." "Good to see you too." "What's up" she asks while she smiles at John. I roll my eyes "I need to know what rooms you booked in the last twenty-four hours." She doesn't even ask what for and turns to the book to me. I write down the three numbers and thank her before we load on to the elevator.

Pheobe POV

Iris is in the shower when I wake up. I walk over to the table and drink the soda that I had left from earlier. A knock sounds on the door. "Who is it" I say as I walk over to look through the peep hole. A man wearing a hotel uniform is standing there. "I'm here to pick up the dishes from your meal." I smile and gather everything on the tray before I head back to the door. When I open it I feel sick to my stomach. It's not the hotel worker. "No hugs for me sister."

Chapter 35

35 Found

Pheobe POV

This can't be happening. How could he have cloaked himself from me? I didn't even know he could do that. "What's the matter, sister, you're not happy to see me" he says with a sick smile. "Pheobe put the ring on", I hear a female voice whisper in my mind. I slide my hand into my pocket feeling for the ring I've been carrying since I found it. I don't even know why I kept it. I don't like jewelry. I slip the ring on my finger despite having no idea who is reaching out to me or what their intentions are. At this moment, I don't have any other choice but to hope this ring means something. I never look away from my brother when I hear the bathroom door open. "Ahh my pet, it's good to see you again." I hear Iris gasp. She comes to stand next to me gripping my arm. "Now are you two going to come willingly or am I going to have to use force?" "F**k you, Lucas." "We will not be going anywhere with you willingly." He laughs like he just heard the funniest joke. "I'm glad you said that, I was hoping to start your punishment." He raises his hand and I step in front of Iris. I start to chant and we are engulfed in a purple sphere the color of the ring. Lucas laughs "how cute sister you have learned a new trick." He waves his hand in our direction but nothing happens.

His smile immediately falls. It's replaced with a look of pure anger. He tries again and again, but nothing happens. He walks forward toward us and I continue to chant. As soon as his hand touches the purple sphere, he pulls back, falling to his knees. He looks down and there's a mark that looks like a burn. His eyes flash to mine with a look of rage and confusion. "What have you done?" Before I can say anything, I hear Leland. "Lucas" I hear him say to my brother but he never takes his eyes off of me. I'm sure he is worried that my brother was injured. Lucas has always seemed indestructible, but I guess he isn't." He looks back at Leland and without a word they are gone. That must of killed him to have to retreat. I smile at that thought. I stop chanting and the sphere disappears.

"Pheobe what the hell was that", Iris says, taking me by my shoulders. "Honestly, I'm not sure but I'm glad nonetheless." She pulls me into a hug. A knock sounds on the door and I stiffen. I can't imagine he would try again but I put nothing past Lucas. "Mom" someone calls out and Iris starts for the door. I grab her arm. "You have no idea if that is really, Lily." I watch Iris close her eyes and when she opens them, she smiles. "I may not have my powers but I

can sense my baby.” I let go of her arm and she starts toward the door. I follow behind her and we hear a growl and the word “Mate” from someone. She turns looking at me with a smile but I have no idea what the hell is happening right now.

Lily POV

There were ten check-ins on that list since yesterday. I don't care if I have to bang on every one of those doors, I will. We move floor to floor and with each room that isn't them the pit in my stomach grows. We reach the third floor and knock on the room that I found my beautiful friend in. That would be ironic, wouldn't it? There is silence and I'm just about to move to the next door when I sense my mother. “Mom” I say and still there is silence. I finally hear movement and after a few seconds I hear a growl behind me. I turn and Michael's eyes are black. “Mate” he says, and at first I'm happy for Michael. Then I think about where she comes from and my heart breaks a little after all Michael has been through. I pray that he suffers no more heart break.

The door opens and my mother's beautiful face is staring back at me. I engulf her in my arms and I will never let her go again. “Mom, thank the goddess.” “I'm so sorry.” “No, don't you do that young lady.” “You have nothing to be sorry for.” “It was my job to protect you, no matter the cost.” I can feel the tears running down my cheeks at her words. I hear someone screech and we separate long enough to see Michael wrapped around the girl that I saw during the location spell. She starts to fight and I laugh. She has no idea what's happening. Wolves scent their mates but we must make eye contact to recognize our beloveds. “Michael, put her down and look into her eyes.” He growls low and Neal steps in front of me. Goddess, I love this man. “Michael, she is your mate but she needs to see your eyes.” After a few seconds, he finally must take control of his wolf and he releases her.

Pheobe POV

My heart is full as I watch Lily embrace Iris. Thank the goddess they came and Iris will be safe now. As I watch them, I am lifted off my feet and wrapped in two strong arms. What the hell is happening right now? I start to fight. Maybe they think I am like Lucas. I hear Lily begin to speak and call this man Michael. Did she just call me his “mate?” That can't be, he is never going to want a black magic witch for his mate. He steps back, listening to Lily, and he places his hands on my face. When our eyes finally meet, I can't believe this is happening. I whisper “beloved” and he smiles. For a moment, I let myself wish this could really happen, but then I step back. I see the look of

disappointment and it shatters me. Iris comes over wrapping her arm around me.

“You two have a lot to talk about so let’s get some place safe so that can happen.” “Iris is right, Lucas left but that doesn’t mean he won’t come back.” “He was here” Lily says with anger in her voice. “Lily, we can talk about that once we are some place safe” Iris says. Lily nods and comes to stand between me and her mother. She wraps her arms around us both. I see the look of sympathy she gives Michael before we are gone. We reappear near what looks like a mansion. A few seconds later, Michael and two other men appear a few feet away. Lily takes our hands and we follow down a path leading to a huge building. “Lily, where are we going” her mother asks. “We are in my pack and heading to the pack hospital.” “That really isn’t necessary, Lily” Iris says. “Mom please” she says and Iris says no more. We arrive and two doctors come toward us. “Miss, come with me” a male doctor says as he takes my arm. I hear a growl behind me and the doctor looks up into Michael’s very pissed-looking eyes. I roll my eyes and follow the doctor.

Michael POV

As soon as I catch her scent at the hotel, all the bad sh*t seems to fade away just knowing that my mate is on the other side of the door. When I’m finally able to wrap her in my arms, the tingles where our skin touches is amazing. I don’t even realize at first she is fighting me. I finally manage to push Jaxon down and listen to Lily’s words. I set her on her feet, taking her face in my hands. The minute

our eyes meet, I see the moment she realizes who I am to her. She whispers the most beautiful words I have ever heard, “beloved.” When she steps back from me, I feel like my heart is being ripped out. I pray to the goddess this woman doesn’t plan to reject me. I am strong but I will lose it completely.

Watching her disappear makes me want to shift. Neal puts his hand on my shoulder. “Give her time, she’ll come around.” “I hope you’re right.” John wraps his arms around both of us and we appear in the pack yard. She is about ten feet from us but it feels like miles. They turn and start walking. I have no intention of letting her out of my sight. I will give her time to accept me, but I need to be near her. “I want my mate” Jaxon says. “I know, I do to.” We walk into the waiting room to see Dr. Long touching my mate. I growl before I can stop myself. His eyes whip to mine and he nods, realizing who she is to me. Once she is through the doors, I take a seat and try to stay calm.

Atlas POV

“Have you heard anything from Walker yet?” “Don’t you think I would have told you if I had Thomas.” “For all I know, they could all be dead at this point.” “Max is a strong wolf and I have faith he can take care of James” Thomas says. “You better hope so because if not I’m sure they will strip you of your title.” Thomas growls “f**k them, I will make them all pay if they try to strip my title.” “If Max doesn’t kill James, I will.” As we talk, I feel a link. “Alpha it’s Walker.” “Is it done?” “Yes Alpha but Max did not survive.” I chuckle “bring your a**es back its time to take my Luna back.” “Yes, Alpha, we should be there shortly.” “We were almost caught so we have been in hiding.” I cut the link because I only care that the Elders are dead. “It seems you’re in luck Thomas, they are dead.” “Unfortunately, your friend didn’t survive.” “Where have they been?” “Taking care of things is all you need to know.” I can see he wants to say more but he doesn’t. We are so close and I can’t wait to watch that ba**ard beg for his life. Maybe I’ll f**k her right in front of him before I rip him apart.

Lincoln POV

“Walker, understand something, if you don’t stand by all you told the Elder I will not hesitate to break your neck myself.” “Alpha, I would never have followed him if I knew all he had done.” “I promise you that by the time you arrive at the pack we will be ready to take Atlas down.”

Chapter 36

36 Hard Decision

Lily POV

Once we are in an exam room, Dr. Neilson checks my mother over. “Iris, your vital signs are all stable and besides some bruising that is already fading, you look perfect.” My mother laughs and I love to hear that sound. Amelia was right when she said he couldn’t break her spirit. “I am far from perfect, but thank you.” “I don’t think there is any reason you will need to stay in the hospital tonight” Dr. Neilson says. He leaves and I can’t help myself. I wrap my mom in a hug again. I was so worried that I wouldn’t make it to her in time and she is here. She pulls back and pushes my hair behind my ear. “I’m safe, Lily, and I wouldn’t take back anything that I did to protect you.” I smile “I have

someone who will want to see you.” I take her hand and lead her down the hall. I open the door and lead her inside. She gasps and starts to cry when she sees my aunt. She runs over and they hug. “Iris, oh my goddess you’re alright” my aunt says as they embrace. My aunt looks so much better and the doctor said she can leave the hospital tomorrow. The door opens and ‘John walks in with Neal. Neal wraps me in his arms and I melt into him. I hear someone clear their throat and I look up to see my mother smiling at us.

He comes to stand next to me. “Mom, this is my beloved Neal.” “Neal, this is my mother, Iris.” He walks over and I can feel the nerves through our bond. My mother isn’t going to care he is a wolf, but I’m sure he is uncertain. He reaches out his hand and she pulls him into a hug. I feel the moment his body relaxes. She pulls back, “Neal, I know you will take good care of my baby and I wouldn’t care if you were a purple unicorn as long as that happens.” Neal laughs and looks back at me. My mother turns to me, “Lily, can you go make sure that Pheobe is OK?” “Of course, mom” I say before I head to the nurse’s station. The nurse smiles at me. “Can I help you Lily?” “Yes, the young lady that came in with us can you take me to her.” “Of course” she says and leads me to a room down a long hallway. She knocks and opens the door. I walk in and it looks like Pheobe has just finished dressing. “Thank you” I say to the nurse and she leaves, closing the door behind her.

“Pheobe it’s nice to finally meet you in person.” She smiles but it falls as quickly as it came. “I’m sorry for what my brother has done.” I step toward her. “Did you hurt my mother, Pheobe?” She looks affronted by my question. “I would never hurt your mother.” “It sickened me every day I couldn’t get her out of there.” “Then you have nothing to apologize for.” “In fact, you are the only reason she is safe right now.” I pull her into a hug. She stiffens but after a few seconds she wraps her arms around me. My heart breaks for this girl. I can feel her turmoil. I step back, “Pheobe, can we talk for a minute?” She nods and we both take a seat. “Pheobe, I can’t imagine how torn you must be.” “I’m not torn, I did what was right and I would do it again.” “I may be a black magic witch because I was born one but I don’t agree with hurting people.”

Pheobe POV

“I just meant that despite what they have done, they are your family”, Lily says. She doesn’t understand that Lucas has never been a brother to me and my mother acts like he can do no wrong. “I love my mother but she will never go against Lucas.” “She wouldn’t even believe me when I know he killed our father.” Lily has a look of sympathy for what I lost. “My brother is a monster that needs to be stopped.” “I couldn’t stand by and watch him torture your

mother.” “I wish I was stronger so I could have stopped him myself.” “Maybe my father would still be alive if I was stronger.” She is quiet for a minute and I wonder what she is thinking about. “Pheobe, do you know what strength it took to go against your brother and save my mother.” “I heard my mother say that Lucas was there before we arrived at the hotel.” “He was and honestly I have no idea what happened but something helped me.” Now she looks at me with confusion. I dig into my pocket pulling out the amethyst ring. I tell her about the whisper and the sphere that formed when I placed it on and chanted” She smiles “Pheobe, can you do me a favor and make a small energy ball in your hand.” I’m not sure why she is asking me this but I do what she asks. As soon as the energy ball forms, it is white in color. That can’t be. I don’t have white light magic. She smiles, “it appears the goddess thinks your strong Pheobe.”

“I don’t understand what’s happening.” “I can’t be sure how or who gave you that ring but it is very clear the goddess has a plan for you.” I look down at the ring on my finger. “Why would the goddess pick me?” “She knows what you can’t see yet.” “What’s that Lily?” “That what you were born as doesn’t define who you become.” “Now I know you’re not ready to sit with Michael yet so I have some people I would like you to meet.” “Lily, I can’t stay here.” She looks at me like I’m crazy. “What do you mean you can’t stay here?” “First of all, it’s a wolf pack and I’m a black magic witch.” “Not anymore” she says very matter of fact. “Do you really believe that the Alpha of this pack is going to just accept me?” “That isn’t how Alpha wolves work.” “Without a doubt.” “Lincoln isn’t any Alpha.” “Besides you’re the future Beta Female.” “Lily” I say but she cuts me off. “Introductions now and conversation with Michael later.” I chuckle because she isn’t asking me. She leads me to another room where Iris is waiting.

Michael POV

I feel like I’m losing my mind sitting here like a love sick pup just waiting to get a glimpse of my mate. “I don’t care if we have to sit her all night” Jaxon growls. I ignore him and a few minutes later Lincoln comes through the double doors. He looks at me with a look of confusion. “What’s going on” he asks. I explain everything with Lily’s mother. “That’s wonderful news.” “I know Amelia was worried so I’m glad we can put her mind at ease.” “Me too.” He looks at me for second trying to read me like the Alpha he is. “What aren’t you telling me Michael?” “The witch that helped Lily’s mother escape is my mate.” “Oh, my goddess that’s awesome Michael.” “Why do you look so sh**ty if you found your mate?” “I think she plans to reject me.” I see his eyes flash black. “Calm down Talon” I say and his eyes turn back. “Why the f**k would she reject you?” “Honestly Lincoln, I don’t know.” “She hasn’t even spoken to me.” “I’m

on the verge of losing my mind and Jaxon is ready to shift.” “Well I understand why.” “I would have lost my mind if Amelia had denies our bond.”

He puts his hand on my shoulder, “have faith that she will make the right choice.” I stand and Lincoln pulls me into a hug. “Why don’t you come to Amelia’s room and I’ll make sure that she doesn’t leave until you get a chance to speak with her.” I nod and follow him to the room. When we get inside, I stop

in my tracks. Jaxon is pushing to the surface and I push him down. “Lincoln, this is Pheobe, she helped Iris escape”, Amelia says. My mate looks at me and all I want to do is wrap her in my arms and breathe in her beautiful scent, but I keep myself rooted to this spot. Lincoln walks over and takes her hand to shake it. I can’t stop the growl that escapes me. Amelia’s eyes shoot in my direction and then to Pheobe.

Amelia POV

Lincoln left because I was hungry and I wanted ice cream. He really is the best mate and I was lucky that the goddess blessed me with such an amazing man. Bean is moving all over the place and I’m so happy to feel it. I know the doctor said he would be fine if I delivered early, but I’m glad he has more time. A knock sounds on the door and Lily comes in with two women. “How’s my bean doing?” I laugh “he’s doing somersaults in my belly.” The older woman comes over and places her hand on my belly. I smile looking at Lily. “Amelia, this is my mother, Iris.” I reach up and pull her down into a hug. “I’m so glad you’re safe.” “I knew you were strong, just like your amazing daughter.” She pulls back with a huge smile on her face. She takes my hand “this is Pheobe, she helped me escape.” “Pheobe, welcome to the Nightfire pack.” I see her look at my belly. “I’m very pregnant, do you want to feel the pup move?” Her eyes get big but she still walks toward my bed. She slowly places her hand on my stomach. A few seconds later, I watch her smile when bean kicks her hand. “That’s amazing”, she says.

The door opens and Lincoln comes in, followed by Michael. Michael stops when he sees Pheobe. The minute he growls when Lincoln takes her hand, I know. She is his mate, but why haven’t they accepted each other? She drops her head and I look at Lily. She nods and I need to help this happen. Michael needs his mate and if I’m right, Pheobe does too. I look at Lincoln and Michael. “Gentlemen, I believe that girl talk is in order.” “Are you kicking us out love” :Lincoln asks. “Absolutely, now give me a kiss and hit the road.” He laughs but does what I ask. Michael looks back at Pheobe one more time

before he leaves. I turn to her, “so Michael is your mate.” “Yes, he is my beloved, but I have to reject him.”

Chapter 37

37 Fight for The Bond

Amelia POV

I feel my heart break to hear those words leave her lips. How could she even think about rejecting Michael? “Let’s talk before you make any rash decisions.” Lily and Iris take a seat on the couch and Pheobe sits in a chair by my bed. “Pheobe, do you mind if I speak freely?” “Of course you can, Luna” she says and I smile. Even though I’m just meeting her, I can see she is a beautiful sweet girl. I think I already know why she is so determined that rejection is her only choice but I need to hear it from her. “Pheobe, why would you ever think about rejecting your goddess-given mate?” I see her furrow her brows thinking about how to answer my question. “Pheobe, you don’t need to sugar coat anything.” “Just tell us what you’re thinking,” She takes a deep breath. “There is more than one reason but the main one is that I’m not worthy of a fated mate.” “What would ever make you think you’re not worthy of having the mate the goddess chose for you?”

“For starters, I was born a black magic witch and he is a wolf.” She looks at Lily before she continues. Lily puts her hands up in surrender. “Secondly, he deserves to have a mate that is strong.” Lily stands up and walks over to stand in front of her. “Now I stayed quiet about the whole black magic witch thing, but I will not stand for you saying you’re not strong” Lily says. Pheobe stands up. “He has been torturing her for months and I finally just got her out of there” she says, pointing at Iris. “I wasn’t strong enough to get her out of that place the minute it started.” Lily’s face falls and my heart breaks that they are all being tortured by the actions of this ba**ard. I take Pheobe’s hand in mine, encouraging her to sit on the edge of my bed. She does what I ask and I look into her eyes. She looks broken, but that doesn’t mean she has to stay that way. “Pheobe, you cannot take on the actions of someone else.” “I was born a wolf?” “Do you hold that against me?” “Of course not, but your kind isn’t exactly known for being evil.” I laugh because I can’t stop myself and she looks at me like I have ten heads. I think about the ba**ard that will die very soon.

Pheobe POV

“Evil is not based on kind, I promise you that.” “I have known some very evil wolves and some wonderful witches” she says, looking at Iris and Lily. “You determine the kind of person you want to be.” “It is not determined by what type of supernatural you are.” I know she’s right but I’m sure that Michael would prefer to be mated to a wolf. I can’t tell them the biggest reason is Lucas. I know what Lucas will do if he finds out that Michael is my mate. My mother won’t allow him to kill me, but killing Michael will be worse than death for me. I have to protect him from the monster that Lucas is. Lily bends down in front of me. “I understand your scared and that you have doubts, but I promise you that you will regret rejecting your mate for the rest of your life.” She is absolutely right about that but I have to live with that regret to protect Michael. “You’re right Lily, I will.” “I think I need to take a walk and think about things.” “I won’t go far and I’ll be back shortly.”

Lily stands up “I’ll come with you since you’re not familiar with the pack lands.” “No” I say harsher than I mean to. “I’m sorry I didn’t mean it the way it sounded.” “I just need to be alone to think, I won’t go far.” Iris comes over and hugs me before I leave the room. As I walk down the hallway, I pray that Michael won’t be waiting in the lobby. I breathe a sigh of relief the minute I walk through the doors and the lobby is empty. I walk out the front door and the night air is crisp. It feels good against my skin. I walk toward a path that passes through the trees. As I walk I hate myself even more for leaving this way, but I have to protect them like I should have done the minute he started torturing Iris. Once I’m deep in the trees I mask my scent so I won’t be scented by any patrol guards.

I’m just about to teleport when I hear that same voice whisper again. “Don’t do this Pheobe.” “Who are you and why are you helping me?” “That’s not important right now, but you staying safe is important.” “Your brother has to be stopped and you leaving will make that impossible.” I’m just about to ask why when I hear a noise and turn to see a wolf stalking toward me. The voice is gone and I start to back up. “Please don’t hurt me, I’m no threat to you and the pack.” “The Alpha and Luna know I’m here, you can ask them.” I back up until I bump into a tree. The wolf keeps stalking forward. I put my hand up to stop

him but it doesn’t work. What the hell? Why isn’t my magic working? As soon as the wolf is close enough that I can feel his breath on my face he lays down in front of me. As soon as I look into his eyes, I know I’m in no danger. “Michael”, I whisper. He shifts standing in front of me completely naked. I look up to avoid looking at his naked body. He walks to a tree and I can’t help

myself but to check his backside out. Oh, my goddess, his body is gorgeous. I can feel the heat rising in my body and I'm sure my face is flushed. I pray he doesn't notice.

Michael POV

As soon as we left the room, Lincoln suggested we go out on a run. I'm glad because right now I need something to take my mind off the fact that my mate hasn't acknowledged my existence yet. Jaxon is on edge and he wants me to just act like a caveman and claim our mate. As we run, I try to focus on the run as we weave in and out of the trees. As we reach the clearing, Talon slows down and stops completely. They shift and I do the same. "What's wrong Lincoln?" "The girls are concerned that Pheobe is trying to go back to the coven." "She left the room saying she needed to be along to think and Lily doesn't believe that's true." Jaxon comes to the surface. "I told you to throw her over your shoulder and claim her." "Now she is probably gone." "Calm down Jaxon, we will find her." Then I think about her teleporting and I feel shattered. "Michael, Lily blocked her magic to protect her from herself." "I could kiss that woman right now but Neal would probably kill me." He laughs "that he would." "Why are you still here, go get your mate." I fist bump him before we shift and take off toward the woods.

I immediately catch her scent and stay at a safe distance to see what she does. "Just go to her now." "Jaxon, I will not let her leave, but I can't just force what I want." "That will just push her away." He quiets because he knows I'm right. I notice she has stopped and it almost looks like she is talking to someone. That's when I notice her scent is gone. She is hiding her scent. We start to move closer and step on a branch. Her head whips in our direction. The minute she sees me I can see fear flash across her face. She hasn't seen Jaxon yet and she needs to see his eyes to know who he is. I watch as she backs up until she is against a tree. I want to shift and make her mine right here, but I keep us both

under control. She raises her hand and I see the moment when she realizes her magic won't work. We are right in front of her when Jaxon lays down at her feet. He looks into her eyes and she gasps. When she says my name, it goes right through us. I cannot let this woman leave me. I shift and grab shorts from behind the tree. When I turn back, she is definitely blushing. I try not to acknowledge that I noticed. I want her to be comfortable so we can actually talk.

Pheobe POV

Once Michael, comes to stand in front of me, I look everywhere but his face. I feel like a child that was caught taking a cookie. "Pheobe, we need to talk." "Michael" I start to say but he stops me. "Pheobe, we need to talk about why you haven't accepted me yet." I finally look into his eyes and that was a mistake. I can see the love he has for me in his eyes. "Michael, we can't for many reasons." "Bullsh*t" he says with anger in his voice. "There is no reason on the goddess given earth that we can't be together." "I'm not a wolf." He laughs "does it bother you that I'm a wolf Pheobe?" "Of course not, but you" he gives me a look and I stop. "I want you so what else do you have." He is starting to piss me off by dismissing my points so easily. "I am not a light witch like Lily." "I was born a black magic witch which means that my coven is not pure." "What your coven is has no bearing on the person you are." "I know you are good person whether your a black magic witch or a light witch." I feel warmth in my chest at his words.

"Now give me the real reason Pheobe." "You're starting to piss me off Michael." "Don't dismiss what I'm saying like it doesn't matter." He steps into my space. "I'm not dismissing your feelings, love, I just need you to understand that I love you not what you are or where you come from." "I wouldn't care if you were an alien, you are mine." He is killing me with his words. I can feel the tears in my eyes. He reaches up wiping the tear away. "Now please, tell me what would make you leave me." "I cannot put your life in danger." "It would kill me if anything happened to you because of me." He smiles and pulls me into his arms. He buries his nose in the crook of my neck and I don't fight him this time. I melt into him, loving how it feels to be in his arms.

After a few minutes, he pulls back and goddess he is the sexist man I have ever seen. "Pheobe what is your full name?" "Trust him" I hear in my mind again. "My name is Pheobe Brin Williams." "I, Michael Forest Masters, accept you, Pheobe Brin Williams as my mate." I feel the bond start to form the minute the words leave his mouth. Am I really going to do this? "Pheobe, I would rather have five minutes of happiness and love with you than a lifetime of misery without you." This damn man, I will kill Lucas before I will let him take him from me. "I, Pheobe Brin Williams, accept you, Michael Forest Masters as my beloved and mate." As soon as th words leave my mouth he slams his lips down on mine. I give into the kiss and I pray that I am strong enough to stop him.

Chapter 38

38 Complete

Atlas POV

“Alpha, Walker and the others have just entered the territory” a patrol guard links me. “Good send them to my office.” I send for Thomas and he joins me before they arrive. “Atlas, are you sure these men can be trusted?” “How will you even know that James is truly dead except for their word?” “You make a good point Thomas but honestly tomorrow it won’t really matter.” “If they betray us they will die just like that ba**ard Lincoln and his pack.” A knock sounds on the door and the men walk in being led by Walker. “Gentlemen it’s good to see you finally returned.” “Give me a full report Walker.” As soon as Walker finishes, I look at the other warriors. Walker goes to speak and I stop him. I walk toward the warrior who looks like he is ready to sh*t his pants. “What is your name boy?” He looks at Walker and I growl. “I asked you a question and I expect an answer.” “I’m sorry Alpha, my name is Jacob.” “Well Jacob, is Elder James dead as Walker says he is?” “Yes Alpha” he says a little too quickly for my liking. “He’s lying” Silas growls. “Snap his f**king neck” Silas says and I push him down. I need to find out what happened and I can’t have Silas go on a killing spree.

I turn to Walker who looks worried for the warrior. I grab Jacob by the throat. “Alpha” Walker says, and I shoot him a glare. “Now do you want to tell me the truth, Walker, or should I snap his neck right here?” “He isn’t dead.” “Max killed Elder Brandon before he was killed.” “We were captured and honestly after speaking to Amelia we can no longer fight by your side.” I laugh at this pathetic wolf. I drop Jacob and slam Walker against the wall. “You spoke to my mate.” “It seems she isn’t your mate because of what you have done to her.” I can feel Silas at the surface and I make no effort to stop him from killing this pathetic wolf. I slam my claw into his stomach and pull it out dropping him to the floor. A puddle of blood pools around him. I link the warriors to come clean up the mess and take the other three traitors to the cells. Once the ba**ards are gone, I sit behind my desk. “You did the right thing, Atlas”, Thomas

says. “Leave me, I need to be alone.” “Atlas” he starts to say, but I’m sure he realizes I’m in no mood to talk. Once he’s gone, I flip my desk.

She is turning my pack members against me. First Neal and now Walker. She is going to be so sorry when I finally have her. “You will not hurt our mate

when we finally get her back” Silas says. “You’re not angry with her for f**king another man and turning our pack members against us.” “I blame you for all those things and you will not drive her away again.” “Fine but I will f**k the sh*t out of her for ever letting another man touch what belongs to us.” “Agreed” he says. “Let’s go for a run and get your mind straight Atlas.” “The worst thing you can do is to scare her.” “She is carrying our pup and we need to regain her trust.” I definitely need to shift before I rip my whole office apart. We head downstairs and shift when we get outside. As I run past the border, I catch the scent of rogues. I smile to myself, I would love to rip some rogues apart right now.

I cross the border and as I stalk forward, I see an older woman, a child, and a woman around my age. I shift and step out where they can see me. The older woman pushes the two girls behind her as soon as she catches my scent. “Why are you this close to my pack, rogue?” “Sir, we mean you no harm.” “Alpha, I am the Alpha of this pack and I asked you what your business is here.” I see her eyes get big and fear flash across her face. “Alpha, we are just passing by and we did not cross into your territory.” I step forward “I don’t care if you are in the territory or not.” “You could be trying to determine if my pack has a weakness so your collective can attack.” She tries to back up. “We aren’t part of any collective.” “Please we will leave, there is only three of us.” “We couldn’t possibly be a threat to your pack.” “She is just a child.” Three of my warriors come through the trees. “Take them to the cells until I decide what to do with them.” The little girl starts to cry and I shift not wanting to hear her.

Michael POV

As soon as I pull back from the first kiss I’ve ever had, I am ready to make her mine in every way. I place my forehead against hers. “I know you’re afraid of what your brother is capable of but you need to understand that you’re not alone anymore.” “You are my mate and this pack is our family.” “I just

need you to be safe and we have to stop Lucas. “We will I promise.” “Pheobe I don’t want you to feel rushed but I want you to know that I am ready to make you mine when you’re ready.” She blushes and I expect her to shoot me down immediately. She takes my hand “let’s go get Lily to lift her spell and then we can talk more.” I smile that she realized what Lily had done. I start to lead her toward the pack hospital. Once we head into Amelia’s room, Lily looks like the cat that swallowed the canary. “Did you have a nice walk,” Lily asks her. “So you knew the whole time I was leaving.” “Let’s just say your not a very good

actress”, Amelia says with a laugh. I wrap my arm around her pulling her into my side. All the girls smile when they see she has accepted my touch.

“Lily, can you lift the spell from Pheobe please?” I see a look of concern flash across Lily’s face. Before I can say anything, Pheobe walks over and stands in front of Lily. “I’m sorry I thought leaving was my only choice to protect Michael from my brother.” “There is always another choice” Lily says. She waves her hand and Pheobe smiles. “I promise I won’t leave but we need to talk about Lucas tomorrow.” “I know my brother and he is not going to wait to get what he wants.” She hugs everyone and Lincoln links me.

“Congratulations, she is a very lucky woman.” “Thank you, Lincoln.” He turns back looking at his mate. “We will meet first thing in the morning and in the afternoon, we will be having our Luna and Beta Female ceremony.” Before Pheobe can protest, I take her hand leading her out of the room. “Michael is he really going to make me a pack member.” I stop and turn to look at her. “You are my mate and this pack’s Beta Female.” “I have no idea how to be that.” “Well, it’s good that your mate will teach you everything you will need to know.”

I lead her up to our floor and she looks around. “This is our floor.” “The whole floor is ours.” The amazement in her voice makes me smile. “Yes, we have four bedrooms to fill.” She blushes again and I sweep her up in my arms carrying her to our bedroom. I set her down on our bed. I take a step back “remember there is no pressure and I can wait as long as you need me too.” She stands walking toward me. “Michael, I have never done this before and I’m afraid I won’t know what to do to please you.” I lift her chin so she is looking me in the eyes. “We will learn together and what we are about to do is for both us.” “This is about us completing our bond and pleasing each other.” I can see the shock

on her face. “You’re a virgin too” she says with disbelief in her voice. I chuckle “not all wolves are dogs.” “I saved myself for you.” The smile on her face is brilliant.

Pheobe POV

“Michael please make me yours.” He pulls his shirt over his head and his body is a work of art. Without thinking, I place my hands against his chest and the feeling of the his skin makes my body hot. He reaches down, taking the hem of my shirt and pulls it over my head. My first instinct is to cover my breasts but I resist it. My breasts are bared to him. He takes them in his hands and just him caressing my breasts is making my core drip. He leans in kissing my

lips and then my collar bone. He is on his knees in front of me when he starts to pull my pants off. I'm left in just my panties. He takes off his own pants but he is completely naked. When I see the size of his member, I probably look like a cartoon character with how big my eyes get. He is huge. I look back up at his eyes and he has a huge smile on his face. He lifts me without saying a word and lays me on the bed. His scent surrounds me and I can't wait for him to be inside me.

He loops his fingers in my panties and drags them down my legs. I see his eyes flash back as his eyes land on my p**sy. He climbs on the bed and his face hovers over my core. "Michael what are you" my words transform into a moan as he licks into my core. "Oh, my goddess Michael", I say in breathy voice. He is relentless and I can feel the orgasm building in my core. He bites down on my cl*t and I scream out his name as I fall over the edge. He climbs up my body and slams his mouth down on mine. I can taste my own juices and I feel his fingers at my entrance. When he pulls back, I need him inside me. "Michael please, I want you inside me." He places his member at my entrance. "I'm pretty sure this will hurt in the beginning but I'll do my best to make that part quick." "I'll be fine, just take me." I feel his blunt head against my entrance. I feel the minute he pushes forward and when he is at my barrier. I can see concern on his face. I place my hand on his cheek. "I'm ok I promise." He kisses me as he pushes forward and he was right it hurts like hell. The only good thing is it doesn't last.

Once the pain is gone, there is only pleasure. He starts to pound into me and I want to mark him. I reach my hand up, placing it on his marking spot. I pass my magic into his skin and I watch his eyes turn black. He bends down, putting his head in my neck. I feel the minute his canines penetrate my skin. The minute he releases the bite and licks his mark, I feel whole. I never thought I would feel this. It pushes me over the edge once more and I scream out. "I love you, Michael." He places his face to my ear "I will love you until my last breath." After he empties inside me, he rolls off pulling me into his side. I lay my head on his chest and for tonight I am going to pretend that my brother isn't a monster that will be here soon trying to take all that I have found.

Chapter 39

39 Rogue Plus Two

Unknown POV

I wrap my arms around my mother and daughter as the warriors drag us to the cells. I wish we had never rested near this f**king pack. We had been running for the last few hours and I knew Penny would need to rest. I cannot let those ba**ards find us. I refuse to be his personal breeder. I still don't understand why he wants me so desperately when many of the other rogue she-wolves would be willing to do his bidding. There is no way he could ever know about my gift because I have never told anyone what I can do. My mother is the only one who knows about my abilities and she would never tell anyone. Once we walk down stairs, Penny starts to cry and I pick her up, holding her close to my chest. "Mama it's dark in here" she says in her tiny voice. She is just about three years old and she is the sweetest little girl. I hate that she is mixed up in all of this and I will die before I let these wolves hurt my pup. The warrior opens the door to the cell and ushers us inside. Thankfully, he isn't cruel to us and when he locks the cell, he says nothing. I notice we are not alone down here. The cell next to us has a few wolves who definitely smell of pack. One looks severely injured and the others look worried.

The men look toward us and my mother grabs my arm. "Don't even think about speaking to them or using your gift." "If they put their own pack down here, imagine what they must have done." I love my mother, she is very protective of me and Penny. We are the only family she has left. She wasn't honest with the Alpha, but he would never have believed us if he knew we were from a collective. We aren't here spying for the collective. That part was true, but he didn't seem like the most reasonable Alpha to explain the real reason we ran. A few minutes later, we hear the door lock and we are all alone with no guards. "Are you alright" one of the men ask in our direction. He is young and his question seems of genuine concern. "Don't you answer them." "They don't care about us, you know how pack wolves feel about rogues", my mother whispers. "Mom, we are in no position to be judging these pack wolves." "Maybe if we help their friend, they will help us." She looks past me "they are in the same position we

are so just stay quiet and think about how we can get out of this wretched cell" she says. I hear a moan and turn to see the man spitting up blood.

"Mama he's got a boo boo" Penny says with fear on her face. I bend down "would you like mama to fix his boo boo little one." The smile that spreads across her face warms my heart as it always does. I stand and walk toward the cell, stopping a few feet from where the man who spoke, is standing. "We are alright. besides being locked in here but your friend looks like he isn't." "What's your name" I ask him. "Jacob ma'am and these men are my fellow warriors and friends." "Jacob I can help your friend." He looks at me with

confusion written all over his face. "Maureen please" my mother pleads with me not too but I can't just watch this man die if I can help him. "Can you bring him closer to me." The men pick him up and lay him down so I can reach through the bars. I look back to ensure there is no guards to see what I'm about to do and there isn't. I reach my hand through the bars, placing it over the wound. The glow begins and the energy flows from my hand into the man. After a few seconds, I pull my hand back and step near Penny. She puts her arms out to me and I pick her up. "Mama, is he better?" "Yes, little one he is."

The men help him to the cot in the cell. He looks over and he smiles "thank you for saving me." I nod and we take a seat on the cot with my mother. I know she is upset with me for showing these men what I'm capable of, but she will get over being mad. A few minutes later, I hear the door open and three men walk down the stairs. They come to stand in front of the cell the men are in and we stay quiet. Penny lays her head on my chest and we just listen to the conversation.

Walker POV

As the men carry me to the cells, I know I am losing blood too fast. I can feel myself fading. "Walker, you need to hold on, I'm trying to heal you" Rowan is growling at me. "That ba**ard is everything Amelia said he is and he needs to be stopped." I can't even respond. I feel so weak. I close my eyes and pray that this isn't the end. Jacob is putting pressure on the wound and I'm glad I was able to stop Atlas from doing this to him. I am not old by any means, but Jacob is only nineteen. I have had thirty-

five years of this life and if that's all the goddess sees fit to give me, then so be it. "Stop talking like that and fight to stay alive" Rowan says. "It is not our time, we still have more to do." I want to believe he is right, but in this moment, it really doesn't feel like it.

I can hear voices all around me. Some are familiar and some I've never heard before. I feel myself being lifted and placed on the cold hard floor of the cell. I can't even open my eyes to see what's happening. A few seconds later, my whole body feels warm and my connection to Rowan feels strong again. "Rowan, what's happening?" "I believe the goddess has sent someone to save us." If I could I would roll my eyes at him. The goddess has bigger things to worry about than saving us. I'm finally able to flutter my eyes open and the men help me to the cot. I look in the cell next to ours and at that moment, I know this woman is the reason I'm alive right now. I smile and thank her for saving my life. A few seconds later, three of our fellow warriors come to stand

in front of the cell. There is silence before he takes the keys from his pocket, unlocking the cell door. Jacob and the others step in front of me and I love that they are so loyal as to defend me even after everything that has happened. The warriors step aside and I think we are all confused. Tristian looks at me with sympathy in his eyes. "Walker, take these men and leave before we are given orders." "No warrior will stop you." I make it to my feet feeling much better than I did just minutes ago.

Jacob and the others help me and we head out of the cell. I stop and turn back, looking at these women who are the only reason I'm alive. I put my hand out to Tristian and I can see he is torn, but after a few seconds he sets the keys in my hand. I free myself from my friends and walk to the cell unlocking it. "Ladies let's go." The woman who healed me smiles and they all head out standing next to Jacob. I hand the key to Tristan, taking his hand. "I promise you this won't be forgotten." He nods and we head out the back door of the cells. I manage to move on my own two feet but I notice Jacob keeps checking on me. "Jacob, I'm fine just move your a**." Tristan was truthful when he said no warrior would stop us. We don't even see one warrior as we head for the border. Once we're at safe distance from the pack we stop for a moment. The woman walks up to me and sticks out her hand. I take it

"thank you for helping us get out of the cells." "What is your name" I ask her. "My name is Maureen." "Thank you, Maureen again, for saving me."

Maureen POV

I was shocked when the warriors opened the cell for the men to leave. I'm not sure what is happening. I thought for a second they were going to leave and we would still be stuck waiting for that ba**ard Alpha to decide our fate. I was waiting to hear, I told you so from my mother, but thankfully, he is a wolf of honor. Once we cross the border, I feel like I can breathe easier. "Thank you for saving us and we wish you luck" I say to the man. I turn taking Penny's hand and we walk about four steps before he says my name. I turn back and he smiles. "Maureen, I have no idea how you ended up in the cells but we would like you to travel with us." My mother squeezes my arm and I know she wants to leave and get away from these men. Something in me feels that we can trust them. "I promise we will take you all to a pack that is safe until we can figure out how to help you." "What makes you think we need help" I say a little defensive. "Maybe we were just traveling and that stupid Alpha kidnaped us." "I meant no disrespect Maureen, we just want to help you I swear." I look down at Penny and she is shaking her head with a huge smile. I hear my mother sigh because she already knows my decision. She speaks to the men

for the first time, “if you hurt my girls in anyway, you will know what it means when they say don’t mess with a mama wolf.” “Yes ma’am”, they say in unison.

“I promise you ma’am we will keep you safe.” “Don’t call me ma’am, my name is Judith and this is Penny.” He reaches out his hand shaking my mother’s first and then Penny’s. She giggles and I take her hand. We follow them and I pray to the goddess this is the right thing to do. We all shift and Penny climbs on Clarice. We run until we reach a patrol gate. The pack looks huge as we can see it from the gate. There are many cottages and one huge pack house. “State your business at the Nightfire pack.” “We are here to see Alpha Lincoln.” “Please let him know that Walker and the warriors have returned.” “What about these rogues” the guard says with disdain. “Be very careful or I will be sure to tell your Alpha how you treat guests.” I smile as the guard starts to sputter. A few seconds later, he opens the

gate and we follow the men to the pack house. I squeeze Penny’s hand a little tighter as I pray one last time that this wasn’t a mistake.

Chapter 40

40 Tell It Like It Is

Amelia POV

“Are you ready to get out of here, Luna” the doctor asks when he walks into my room. “Absolutely, considering I wanted to go home last night.” He smiles and takes one last set of vital signs before he officially discharges me. We are meeting with everyone today about Lucas and Atlas. I want that sorry excuse for a wolf out of our lives before our son actually arrives. Lincoln brought me a light blue sundress and a pair of sandals. I grab my fresh clothes from him after I give him a kiss and head into the bathroom to get dressed. I feel like my bump has grown just in the last few days as I look in the mirror. Once I feel human again, I pull my hair into a high ponytail. I walk out and Lincoln’s eyes light up. “You look beautiful, my love.” He wraps his arms around me. “I can’t wait to make you Luna in front of the pack today finally.” I never expected to be a Luna but I’m excited to lead our pack by Lincoln’s side. He gets down onto his knees with his face to my belly. “Little bean, I can’t wait to meet you and love you.” “You are my son and the next Alpha of the Nightfire pack.” I can feel the tears in my eyes at this man’s words. I would never take back

anything that's happened because it led me to him. He was my destiny, I truly believe that in my heart.

He stands and wipes the tears off my cheeks. "I love you Amelia Thomas and I will in this life and the next." The warmth that spreads through my body when he calls me using his surname is indescribable. The last piece of me that was a connection to him is officially gone. "I love you Lincoln, more than you will ever know." He takes my face in his and kisses me with all the love we have between us. He pulls back when we are both breathless and places his forehead against mine. After a few moments, he takes my hand, leading me out of the pack hospital toward the pack house. Once we're inside he starts to lead me toward the stairs but I stop him. "Lincoln, can you do something for me." He turns with concern on his face. "Absolutely love, anything." "Take me to see Jenn." "Amelia" he says and I can already tell he is about to oppose my request. "Lincoln, she is in a cell and you are with me." "I want to

say my peace to her." "Love I know she can't physically hurt you but what about her words." I put my hand on his face. "Her words are just that, they mean nothing to me." "I need her to know that evil doesn't win." "That you and I are going to live a happy life and she won't." He takes a deep breath and I can tell that he isn't happy about his decision. He takes my hand, leading me through the kitchen to a door that has a guard standing next to it.

Lincoln POV

"Alpha" the guard greets me as he looks concerned that Amelia is standing next to me. "Please open the door so we may go down to the cells." He seems to pause for a minute before he does as I ask. I feel the same way but I can't say that to him. I know how strong Amelia is but I don't want anything stressing her out after that b**ch Maureen tried to make her go into labor. I lead her down the stairs and we walk down a long hall to the last cell. When Jenn sees me she jumps up with a smile on her face. She really is a delusional b**ch. If it wasn't for Amelia, she would be dead already. When she told me that she was helping that f**ker Atlas and her parents, I wanted to rip her head off her body. Amelia made me promise to keep her in the cells till our pup is born. As soon as she sees Amelia by my side, she smirks at her. "I see you still carrying that little ba**ard." I roar at her words and Talon is ready to say hell with it and kill her. Amelia's touch is the only thing that stops that from happening.

"Our son, the next Alpha of the Nightfire pack, is just fine" Amelia says. The smirk falls from Jenn's face and she looks at me. "You are making a mistake

taking on that wh*re and her ba**ard pup.” “I would hold your tongue because I’m about to forget the promise I made to my Luna and snap your f**king neck.” The hurt flashes across her face at my words. She thought she was alive because of me when it was Amelia’s doing. Amelia steps in front of me. “That’s right Jenn, Lincoln was going to kill you but I stopped him.” /”Make no mistake it wasn’t because I’m having mercy on you.” “I plan to be the one to end you after I have my pup.” “So, get comfortable and count your days because they are numbered.” She laughs and I wrap my arms around Amelia to keep myself under control. “Amelia, you are the last

person on this planet that I’m afraid of so I can’t wait.” “When I kill you, Lincoln will finally see who the true Luna of this pack is.” I can’t help myself I step around Amelia grabbing her neck through the bars.

Her eyes get big and I squeeze just enough to let her know how close to death she really is. “You will die by Amelia’s hands and I will throw your body outside this pack so the rogues can feed on you.” “You are nothing to me or this pack you b**ch.” I drop her to the ground and turn pulling Amelia into me. I bury my head in the crook of her neck, breathing in her scent to calm both me and Talon. “I love you, Lincoln.” “Her words mean nothing.” I pull back kissing her forehead. I take her hand “you ba**ard, it was supposed to me.” “You were supposed to love me, not her.” I don’t even respond to her delusional statement. Once we are back upstairs, the guard locks the door and I head into the dining room to get Amelia something to eat. Once she is at the table with my parents, I go up to get our food. I’m setting the last bit of eggs on my plate when I get a link from the guard at the gates. “Alpha Walker along with the warriors have returned and they have rogues with them.” I can hear the disdain in his voice and I do not like it. “You show our guests to my office now.” “Yes Alpha” he says.

I head over to the table, setting Amelia’s plate down in front of her. “Amelia, Walker is at the gate and he has rogues with him.” “I have the guards bringing them to our office.” She stands as I knew she would and I smile. She is the perfect Luna. “Amelia dear, you need to eat” my mother says. She leans down hugging my mother. “I promise I’ll eat.” She picks up her plate and I take it from her. We head upstairs and when we reach the office, I set it down on the table. I cover both the plates to keep them warm and we take a seat behind the desk. A knock sounds and the guard leads them inside. I can tell by the look on Walker’s face that I was right about the guard’s behavior. “Anthony, no matter the rank of a visitor, they are to be treated with respect, am I clear.” He drops his head “yes Alpha.” He turns toward the women “my apologies.” The

two women nod and I notice the little girl sticks her tongue out at him. I chuckle to myself.

Walker POV

Once we are in the office, I offer the seats to Maureen and Judith. They both sit and Maureen pulls Penny onto her lap. "Alpha, Atlas has completely lost it and he knows that Elder James is alive." He waits and I continue. I tell him everything that happened, including him almost killing me. Amelia looks at me with concern. "You need to be checked at the pack hospital." I raise my hand to assure her that I don't need to go to the hospital. "I'm fine Luna, I promise." I lift my shirt to show her the area that is completely healed. Both the Luna and Alpha look like they can't believe what I'm saying. "I understand why you did what you did to protect Jacob." "I would do the same for my own men" Alpha Lincoln says. "I think the warriors have realized who Atlas really is." "They are the only reason we are here right now." I hear Penny whisper to her mom about how big Lincoln is and I chuckle. I forgot to introduce them with all I needed to share about Atlas.

"Alpha I'm sorry I didn't even introduce you." "Alpha and Luna this is Maureen, Penny, and Judith." "Atlas had locked them in the cells for being too close to the pack territory." I don't say anything about what Maureen did for me because that is her story to tell. "It sounds as though Atlas is quickly losing his grip" Alpha Lincoln says. "I believe he plans to attack and we will fight by your side if you let us." "Of course, Walker, you and the men are welcome to stay here." "I will tell you this, there is a coven that is targeting our pack." "We will fight beside you Alpha Lincoln after all you have done for us" I say as I look around at the men with me who are nodding. "We will be having a meeting about both Lucas and Atlas this afternoon if you and the men would like to join us." "Absolutely, what about Maureen and her family." Lincoln looks at his Luna and smiles. The Luna stands and comes around to the front of the desk. She looks beautiful with the child growing inside her. Penny turns to look at her with wide eyes.

Maureen POV

I feel like we are intruding on a private conversation as they talk about threats to their pack. I have never seen an Alpha wolf so willing to accept non-pack members and offer them help. When the Luna comes around the desk, she is very pregnant. Penny turns and hops off my lap before I can stop her. "Do you have a pup in there" she says pointing at her belly. The Luna smiles "yes I do, do you want to

feel him?" Penny jumps up and down like she offered her a million dollars. "Yes please" she says, and Luna leads her over to the couch. They both sit and she puts Penny's hand on her belly. I smile at my innocent little pup. "Mama, he's moving" she says as she smiles. I'm just about to answer her when a knock sounds on the door of the office. The door opens and I hear a growl that scares the hell out of me. I rush over to Penny, scooping her up before I hear the word "Mate." My head whips in his direction and I smile.