

Ch 10

Nathan POV

He could see the caller ID, Tim, felt Havoc growl a little inside his mind, still didn't like the thought of another touching his Mate. Nathan had to remind him, that she had not been theirs for many years, that it wasn't like they hadn't had another either.

'Mine now.' Havoc snarled at him.

'Yes, and she will end it with him. Knows she has to. Has accepted us Havoc.'

'Do it now?'

'I don't know.' Nathan was watching her, could tell she was trying to decide on whether to answer it or not, looked at him, and he knew she did not want him in the room. He didn't like it, but he couldn't force her to take that call or end that relationship while he was standing watching her, wanted to tell her to do it, but he couldn't.

Her human life; one he had forced upon her by banishing her, was something that she still had to close out and Tim was part of that world for her. Unfortunately, Tim was a consequence of his and Havoc's own actions.

'Tell her to.'

'No.' Nathan told his beast "Jay-la answer it, I'll give you some privacy." He stated and then pushed off the counter and walked from the room to do just that 'We have to trust her, let her do it on her timeline.' He told Havoc as he walked towards his bedroom. He'd shower and change, leave her to it. She needed to sort things out with that man, her way. Telling her to do it was only going to make her angry with him once more. Like it had this morning and he really didn't want that. Didn't like it to be honest, when she cut herself off from him. Didn't like it at all.

She'd never even gotten mad at him when Sophia had come along, just stepped back instantly, given him what he wanted, she always had, he now realised. Perhaps now was the time to return that favour, show her he could be the same. Give her the time she needed.

Showered and wondered about that very day, those brief days that led up to he and Havoc banishing her, wondered how she'd felt. He'd not cared at all at the time, to swept up by the Mate Bond. He'd not gone near her at all.

Abandoned her the instant Sophia's scent had hit him, Jay-la had been right there inside the pack that day, she'd known about it. Seen them together, seen that they had been Marked and Mated within a day.

Closed his eyes and leaned back on the wall in the shower, wished he'd never bloody met Sophia. None of this would be happening right now. He'd have been shocked by the news of her being pregnant. But he also knew that he would have claimed her, he'd not desired to be with anyone else why he was with her. He never even looked at another she-wolf from the moment they'd come together.

She would have been his Luna before the triplets were even born, likely just have looked at her and after getting over the shock of becoming a father, pulled her into him and buried his fangs into her and mate the hell out of her on the spot. Probably wouldn't even have asked her permission, would of just claimed her.

His children would have been born here and grown up here inside the pack, spoiled bloody rotten by not just him but his parents, her parents. There would be no issues between him and little Nate at all. Would be happy riding around on his shoulders calling him dad.

Sighed heavily as he leaned there, mind-linked to Stephen and asked the question he really didn't want to know the answer to 'Stephen, back when I met Sophia, did you sense anything from Jay-la?'

'Why ask me now?' was the reply he got from his Gamma.

Nathan frowned at the man's response 'I'm curious.' He asked. It wasn't like Stephen to dodge a question.

'I didn't really see her, she stayed away mostly, I think.'

'So, you don't know then?'

'No, though I could hazard a guess, considering how she felt about you at the time.'

He did not need to hear that from his Gamma, Jay-la had always kept things fun and playful with him. Knew she wasn't his Mate, didn't seem overly attached to him, that he recalled, they had a lot of fun, thought that's what it was for her till now, till those words 'Do I want to know?' he asked.

'She loved you. Stepped aside the second Sophia was here and then...'

'I was a complete asshole.' He nished his Gamma's sentence.

'Yep.' Was the reply, zero hesitation at all. Likely everyone thought the same thing.

Nathan cut the mind-link, his own Gamma had known she was in love with him, would likely have sensed it, but had never said anything, not once. Not even after he'd banished her. It might have gone down differently if he'd known.

Couldn't guarantee it though, banged his head back against the wall three times, before snapping the water off and getting out. Just one more thing on his list that he was going to have to apologise for. It was going to be as long as he was tall at the rate he was going.

Dried himself off and leaned on the sink, just stared at his reaction in the mirror. He'd banished a woman in love with him, pregnant with his children. He was going to go down in the history of this pack as the most stupid Alpha that had ever reigned. He was damn lucky she accepted him back at all.

No wonder a part of her had fought so hard to stay away, his father had told him it was because she was afraid of Sophia. But what if another part of her had been broken by him and she just didn't want to see him at all, ever again?

Now she was Mated to him, to a man that had hurt her, abandoned her and banished her, made to fend for herself out there unprotected and alone because of him. Lost everyone she had known and loved in the blink of an eye. Because he'd been a selfish asshole to her. Punched his own reaction and shattered the mirror.

Sighed heavily as it rained a million sharp shards all over the vanity and into the sink and down onto the oor around him. Pushed himself away from the sink and stalked out of the ensuite to get dressed and wipe the blood from his knuckles. Mind-linked to his personal omega and asked her to come and clean up the mess in the bathroom, a shattered mirror.

It didn't take her long to arrive with an empty box and a dustpan and broom. Waved her into the suite and thanked her for coming after hours.

Saw that all three of the children were looking at her as she walked across the suites living area heading for the master bedroom, then found three sets of eyes on him. "I broke the mirror, she's here to clean it up is all." He told them, to clear up any confusion about a girl going into their parents' bedroom that was not their mother.

He had enough to deal with at the moment, did not need Nate or the girls for that matter, thinking he was cheating on their mother. Did not need Nate hating him for any more reasons than he already had right this minute.

Nathan pushed the door to the dining room open to see if she was nished with her phone call. Jay-la was just sitting at the kitchen bench, her call ended. The phone was in front of her on the counter. He wanted to ask her if she'd ended it with Tim but didn't. The man had been heard yelling about marriage and her reply had been; when you ask me.

He wondered if Jay-la was in love with the human, and now was dealing with being Mated to him, did she have to contend with having two in her heart? Perhaps that was why she'd shut him out, got so annoyed with him and angry with him. She'd not even told him why she was angry yet.

"Everything alright?" he asked instead.

Saw her nod, but she didn't look at him, was staring at nothing on the other side of the kitchen. He had no idea if that meant she'd ended her relationship with Tim or not 'Ask her?' Havoc shot right at him.

'Leave it Havoc, you're the one who told me not to make her angry.' Felt his beast stalk off. Bloody wolf couldn't make up his own mind, they were both conflicted right this minute, it seemed.

"I broke the bathroom mirror; Misty is here to clean it up." He told her, saw her turn, and look right at him now.

"How bad is your temper? I don't recall you really having one growing up."

Noted she said growing up, not when they were together. "It can get out of hand some days...I won't lie to you. Got it while Mate to..." stopped that sentence in his tracks, didn't want to bring up the reasons he'd banished her.

Saw her raise an eyebrow at him, didn't know if it was because he'd refrained himself from saying Sophia's name or because he'd stated, it got out of control "It's currently under control. Mostly, Havoc is the problem, when he gets ticked off. I can't always contain him."

"I don't want the children seeing that."

"Agreed and I have told him. Though I have also noticed, he's easily calmed by Kora's presence, he was more than angry this afternoon and I was struggling to control him, keep him inside of me. Jackson brought you into the room and Havoc calmed down considerable...though."

"Though?"

"Still managed to take control of me to get to her. Sometimes he is a force to be reckoned with. Rips out of me at will, mostly though only when really ticked off."

"Good to know." Jay-la nodded "What ticks him off, I'd like to avoid that if I can. Don't know how well I would handle it to be honest with you."

He looked right at her, she didn't even know how she would handle it, wondered if a part of her was still afraid of him, she'd seen that side of him. It was possible. All he could do was answer her question honestly, 'Many things, though mostly pack related threats, you're not something that ticks him off, your presence calms him mostly.' Smiled at her a little "He likes looking at you, just...sitting and looking at you." He shook his head a little "he's a little different around you, not what I'm used to at all, a good thing though. He will not stand for anyone hurting you, that much I do know. Likely rip out of me and take full control if he even thinks there is a treat to you."

"Not pretty in other words."

"Not for the one aiming to hurt you." He shook his head. "Is an Alpha Wolf and I imagine death will come swiftly and violently to anyone threatening his Mate."