

The Defiant Luna Chapter 31

Nathan POV

Dinner in the private dining room went well. Jay-la's whole family attended. Brad arrived with his Mate Victoria, who got an introduction, finally to her new sister, also the Luna to the Pack. He watched as Victoria hugged Jay-la openly, like she was a long lost friend. Bradley even greeted him as he walked in through the door "Alpha." Was all he said. But it was a start.

Alpha Austin and his Gamma Clark were also there for the dinner, it didn't really surprise him all that much, when the two men followed Clara into the dining room. He was there to watch Jay-la interact with him and would now get to see her in her family unit. His Gamma would be feeling her out during this dinner, and then likely comparing it to when she went on that walk with Austin later on.

Nathan himself got to sit back, and watch himself, as they all talked and chatted amongst themselves. He smiled when she laughed at something funny, though he did notice it was always at something her dad and brother were recanting to her, things that they thought were funny or embarrassing for each other. They were trying to make fun of each other, it seemed, the entire time.

They might not have had any interactions with him over the past six and a half years inside this pack. But it did appear that they'd still lead their lives and had fun family moments. Those two did work together nearly every day of the week, her brother and father were closely bonded. As she had once been to them both as well.

He sat next to her and was just happy to watch them all talk and catch up. He had a question here or there, directed at him and he answered them. But mostly he stayed out of their interactions. Nathan didn't want them to feel uncomfortable around him, and he knew they all normally were. He was just trying to get along with them for the first time in a very long time. Also, he wanted them to see that he was not going to be imposing on their dinner.

He sat with his arm draped along the back of her chair when they were not eating. She didn't seem to mind that his fingers trailed across her back occasionally or her arm, she even smiled at him a few times. He smiled right back at her, it was a really nice feeling to see her smile right at him, have it reach her eyes even.

She was happy right this minute and he knew it. He could also feel it.

Kora had an open link to Havoc, her wolf seemed to like letting them know when Jay-la was happy. Which could only imply that he and Havoc were shut out when she was not happy at all. That Kora didn't want him to feel what Jay-la was feeling at times. Definitely why she had bitten him, he thought, in response to something Jay-la had been feeling.

Victoria offered to cook next time, stated she could do justice to any meal. Brad vouched for her, as did both Jodi and Vera. Jay-la had smiled and told her that would be nice, it seemed this family dinner thing was going to happen again. He really did like it when Jay-la said things that meant she was going to be there in the future.

He walked with Jay-la and the children to see her family out. It was once again snowing, though only a light flurry, he stood and watched them all hug her one by one. He even got a handshake himself from Jodi, Vera touched his arm gently and thanked him for the use of the private dining room. Nathan smiled at her "Anytime you like Vera." He returned.

She'd smiled right up at him and he knew she was not only happy about it, but was likely going to take him up on that offer. Alpha Austin had taken a moment after her family was gone to ask him if he was always that quiet during dinner.

Nathan had told him the truth, "Jay-la's family and I have not been on good terms for a very long time." He was certain Austin knew this.

Clara would have told him "So I limit interacting to make them feel more comfortable around me. I'm hoping they, like Jay-la, will forgive me my errors of the past. But I know it will take time, so time I will give them."

Saw the man nod his head, seemed happy with his explanation, then Austin turned to Jay-la after looking at the time.

"We'll walk tomorrow.

How's your human sister doing?"

"Alright, she is up in her Mate's room, hasn't left him alone at all. Is fully Marked by him now."

"That didn't take long."

"It did not, thankfully." She nodded.

"We'll turn in then." Austin looked back to Nathan with a nod, and he watched both Clark and Clara turn and walk with him up the stairs to do just that.

It was just after nine and he had yet to talk to Jay-la about her being adrenalized all the time. Slipped his hand into hers, she knew it was coming, she had talked to Stephen about it, he'd also mentioned

- wanting to talk to her after the children went to bed.

They all returned to the suite and once the children were settled in their beds and this was easily done, they'd had a big day and a long dinner. The children had been animated

during dinner, talking about their wolves and the fun they'd had riding them. Settled in well now.

They even allowed him to help Jay-la tuck them into their beds, and smiled down at them when they all said 'Good night daddy' even Nate had said "Good night dad."

That had made him very happy, both he and Havoc. Seems, today riding around on Havoc had finally bonded him with their son. Nathan stood just outside the room and watched her pull the door closed all but an inch like she always did and then just hugged her so tightly, he couldn't keep it in any longer. His joy.

"He called my dad." He murmured softly, heard his own emotion in his voice.

"I heard." She chuckled softly and hugged him back. He squeezed her just that little bit more, before letting her go and smiling down at her, knew she would actually be able to see how much it meant to him.

Wanted her to see it, she was smiling right back up at him.

"We should go and chat before I get distracted by that smile." He grinned at her, with her looking at him like that, wanted nothing more than to take her to bed

"There will only be sleep tonight." She told him.

He chuckled himself, knew that she wanted to sleep because she intended to go to training in the morning. Didn't know how he was going to keep his hands to himself, he would try. Had never been able to back in the day, he didn't think he was going to be able to now.

He let her sit and read both entries in that Luna Communications book, just watched her quietly, didn't interrupt her at all. Saw her look at her blood results and then sigh, "I have this, don't I?"

Nathan nodded "It does appear that way, but it is curable, so that is good." He told her as he watched her close the book and push it away across the desk.

"Not an easy fix, from what I read."

"No, not so much." He agreed. "But Franklin is doing research now on it.

That last entry was over a hundred years ago. Modern medicine might be able to help you out."

"How concerned are you about this?" She asked a little on the quiet side, sounded a little nervous to him.

"I'm not concerned about you having this. You're still you Jay-la, just a

• little more of a flight risk is all. But I won't ever hurt you, or make you feel afraid of me. You have nothing to fear here inside this pack. Inside our pack."

Saw her nod her head slowly. "It concerns me though, that I could hurt anyone. I know Kora and I, we were ready to take on your father."

"I know, I heard about that."

"Doesn't that concern you at all?"

"Not really no." Nathar shook his head "Do you want Havoc's thoughts on it?" he half smiled at her.

"I guess." She nodded

"He told me 'Good, I want a strong Mate.' There was no concern from him at all."

"Well, he's got that in Kora. She's much bigger and faster now too.

"That's true, her new size could be to do with all the adrenaline. She used to be so tiny and so cute. She always kind of looked like a puppy to us. Now she's big and strong. Havoc likes that about his Mate." She just smiled at him a little, then was quiet for a long while as she looked at her blood results once more. "Do you think we should test the children? I likely got that way when I was pregnant with them."

"I don't think so, they are happy and well adjusted from what I can see.

Felt safe with you all the time. If it did affect them, it is probably gone now. You need yourself to be calm and happy, feel safe to resolve it, they will be fine, but if you want to test them, we can."

"Better to be safe." She sighed a little on the heavy side.

"Alright.?" He nodded "How do you feel about all of this?"

"Concerned. I've lived with it for years, so I know it's not out of control, but now I also know that it can get out of control, and what triggers it.

Surely that has got to help reduce stress and bring levels down, right?"

"I'd think so. We'll also follow along with what they did for Madeline, let you flee and calm down. I just want you to promise me one thing.

"Mm,"

"That you'll always come home to me."

Saw her now, looking right at him with a slight frown.

“No one is going to be able to catch you in full flight mode, likely not even Havoc. He barely kept up with Kora last night. So when you go into flight mode, that extra adrenaline flooding your body, you’ll out run everyone, I imagine.”

“I don’t even know where I went last time it happened, when we stopped that night. We had no recollection, or didn’t take in our surroundings as we fled.”

“Hmm, I could lo-jack you, if you like.” He smiled right at her, and saw her roll her eyes and shake her head a little.

“You’ll never get away from me then.” He teased her just a little, was trying to lighten the mood around her concerns.

“I’m not going anywhere. I meant what I said earlier, I would never separate Kora from Havoc.”

He smiled at her gently, would have rather have heard her say she wouldn’t want he and her to be apart, that she would stay with him, that was going to take time still. For now he would just take what he could get. “How is Kora doing with all this?”

“Mmm, she’s quiet, we knew something was wrong with us, or likely to be. Is Havoc concerned at all? Even the smallest bit.”

Nathan snorted “No,” he shook his head. “He is of the belief, you’ll never hurt anyone, even in fight mode he thinks Kora’s love for him will stop her or calm her down.”

“He’s got some real faith in his Mate.”

“Yes, he’s never doubted, not for a single second she would want him and accept him. He was also not wrong. He has complete faith in Kora and their bond with each other.”

“Well, let’s just hope, fight mode doesn’t get activated by anything”

“Honestly I don’t think it will.” he sighed a little on the heavy side, though “What I took from this, how you became adrenalized..” looked right at her apologetically “It’s my fault, I did this to you.. Your fear was always present due to you being afraid of myself turning you rogue, and Sophia being a full threat to the children.you should blame me for this affliction, that you and Kora now have... though I will never hurt you Jay-la. Sophia has also been gone a very long time, so here inside this pack, you are completely safe. With the exception of rogue attacks and the usual pack waring.”

She was watching him now, maybe she’d not thought of blaming him and now he’d given her a reason to. But he didn’t want to let it slide, everything about her not being here,

where she belonged, for the past six years and a half years was his fault, and he was willing to own that.

To show her he was willing to accept the blame for it.

She didn't really say anything much, just stared at him. He didn't know what she was thinking either. She needed time to absorb everything she'd read today and get her head around it all. "I'm a bit tired." She finally said in the end "Let's go to bed. But.." she pointed a finger right at him "If I'm getting up for training, I need proper sleep."

He smiled right at her, that was a bit more difficult to do. He stood up." You know Jay-la, we never ever, just actually slept, in a bed before this.

Not once to my recollection did you have a hands-free night with me. I couldn't keep my hands off you then."

"Well, you will tonight." She murmured.

"Hm, I will certainly try for you." he chuckled "But I'm not promising anything here."

He got hit by her in the arm as she walked around him. "Behave." She said, and when a playful growl came from him, saw her eyes widen as she turned and looked at him, then she was just gone.

He laughed, and shot after her. No sleep for her tonight it was. Found her in their bedroom, both hands out in a stop manner, as he closed the door behind him, "No, I need proper sleep." She was shaking her head.

"I'll help you to get that proper sleep." He grinned at her.

"Nathan!"

He took a step towards her and saw her footwork adjust to get ready to run from him, smiled right at her "Please, do run sweetheart, I did always love chasing you, it just excites me more."

Watched her as she bit her lip, there was no where to go, he was barring the door, but reached behind him and opened it, to give her an exit, so he could hunt her, stepped away from it even "A game of hunt the prey?" he offered, he hadn't done that it years and she was the fastest thing in this pack, was itching to stretch his legs.

"Nathan?"

"Just you and me, no wolves, I'll give you a ten count." Could already feel pure excitement running through him at the thought of chasing her all over the pack. He took another step away from the door. She looked more than a little nervous to him, she had yet to move, he

was willing to bet Kora wanted her to. He'd said no wolves, but without Kora he'd catch her easily and she knew it.

"You'll mate the hell out of me if I run." She murmured.

His grin was huge,

"Yes I will, and wherever I catch you." he nodded. His

whole body was tense and ready to go after her and she knew it. There was nothing more wolves and their human counterparts liked than a game of hunt the prey. Especially mated pairs, this was pretty much what Kora had done to Havoc for nearly half the entire night, last night.

Saw her move slowly, she was not dumb, knew any sudden movement could set him off after her, watched her edge towards the bedroom door, put her hand on it and then just push it closed, he raised an eyebrow at her. She didn't want to play, all wolves wanted to play. She'd always loved to play as well. Knew she was faster than everyone else, that only he could catch her, or his dad.

"You, just calm down." She said softly "you're not going to hunt me today." She told him and walked over to him.

It was a pity, he did want to and he knew she could see it. She put a hand on his chest. "Settle down."

"But I really want to chase you." he murmured.

"You just want to have me."

"That I do." He nodded as he slid his hand over hers as it rested on his chest, held it to his chest, she'd be able to feel his heart racing with excitement. Wanted her to feel it.

"Calm down." She stated again.

"Kiss me and I'll calm down." He smiled at her.

"Oh, I'm not falling for that, I've heard that before."

He smiled right at her, yes she had. He had tricked her more than once or twice with it back in the day, to get her into his arms, close enough to grab onto her. It was good that she could recall their old times, the fun they'd had together. He also liked that she referred to it as well.

"It's just one little kiss, what harm could it do?" he smirked a little, slid his hand down along her arm and pulled her closer to him, "Just one." His voice dropped to that rich deep

baritone, full of desire, "I just want to kiss the woman I love." He told her sliding his other hand around her waist and pulling her body gently up against his.

"You bastard," she gasped as her belly met with his hardened c**k, straining at his clothes, rocked it against her "Mm, I can be." he smiled "One kiss is all I ask." He murmured softly and leaned down to kiss her, she didn't even object to it, tilted her mouth up to meet it even.

He kissed her long and slow, a hand on the small of her back, ground himself against her slowly, picked her up the moment her arms wound their way around his neck and walked her right over to the bed. "T'll be gentle." He told her "You'll sleep well, I promise."

"Shh," she murmured and pulled his mouth back to hers, enjoyed the feeling her hands pull at his clothes, helped her from her clothes and leaned over her, looked down at her beautiful n***d body beneath his, slid a hand down her body softly, slowly to stroke her intimately smiled as he saw her eyes close as a soft moan came from her lips.

Leaned down and kissed her neck in light lingering kisses, he was going to take his time with her, trailed slow kisses down her neck, lingered on her mark spot just a little. Smelled her arousal increase and then moved lower to take a hardened n****e in his mouth, the whole time his finger was rolling over her c**t in firm circles, he could feel her building to an o****m, let her. Didn't take anything for himself.

Just enjoyed hearing her, knowing that he could please her; slid his mouth down over her belly to between her thighs to taste her and groaned deeply, as he did. She was the most delicate thing he'd ever tasted, tasted every part of her, till his tongue was pushing inside of her, sliding in and out of her, he was never going to tire of tasting her, the scent of her was all he could think about, as he breathed her in, felt another o****m roll through her body and groaned as he got to taste her c*m, drank it all down.

Then he was kissing her a moment later. Her hands in his hair, "Jay-la," he asked against her mouth, his c**k was so hard, ached to be inside of her, it was damn near painful as he slid it through her folds in long slow strokes. "I want you," he told her.

"Yes." She moaned right into his mouth two strokes later, he took her in a long slow stroke, pushed himself inside of her, allowing himself to feel all of her as she took him, she was so tight around him "F**k" Moaned himself as his hips finally met hers, was buried all the way inside of her.

Kissed her deeply, and moved slowly but firmly, taking her gently the whole time, held back his urge to mate her furiously, and just kept it slow and firm till she was gasping and moaning, crying out and clinging on to him. Even ignored her pleas to pick up the pace, he wanted to show her he could love her, in their bed as well as out of it.

Felt her nails digging into him and smiled as he felt her o****m reach its peek, her body clamping tightly all around him, fluttering all over his hard c**k. But he still didn't stop,

was not even close to being done pleasing her, rolled her right into another, smiled as he watched her body writhe and turn, twitch and arch up as another o****m was starting to roll through her body, knew this was it even for him, her whole body was arched up and her eyes were closed, saw as her mouth parted and a scream of pleasure erupted from her as he pushed inside of her one last time and came himself.

His seed spilled into her and a guttural groan came from himself, he slipped from her body a minute later and smiled down at her, kissed her softly and settled on the bed next to her, tugged her gently over to him and she came willingly to lay in his arms, her n***d body pressed up against his. "I love you Jay-la." He murmured as sleep came to claim him.

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Jay-la POV

Jay-la woke to find Nathan watching her sleep, blinked at him and he smiled, "Morning sweetheart." His hand brushed through her hair"

Sleep well?"

She closed her eyes and shook her head. Damned man, he knew she had, looked at him once more to find a happy amused look on his face.

"Training in the gym in like ten minutes."

"Alright." She nodded, only to find his mouth on hers. "We'd better have a quick shower, you still smell like me." He smiled at her.

"What happened to letting me sleep for one night?"

"Hmm," he looked at her as he got up, and pulled the sheet back, looked her over "I can't, I love your body, crave it all the time, even now." His eyes met hers and she sat bolt up right "No." she stated. She knew that look, bloody horny bastard, she thought.

"shower and training then." He nodded, but then he tilted her face up slightly and frowned.

"What?" she asked, curiously.

Saw him reach out and touch her hairline. "Are you feeling alright? You look a bit hot." Saw him, look at his own hand, a single bead of sweat there.

"I feel fine, probably just a bit hot from your body heat."

"You sure?"

She thought about it, felt Kora use her senses. “Yes, we’re good, Kora agrees.” She got up while he was distracted from his thoughts and had a quick shower, dressed in tights and a gym top, pulled on shoes as did he, his eyes, though were on her.

“I’m fine, just need a solid eight hours’ sleep.” She chided him.

“Well, in that case we need to go to bed much earlier.” He chuckled.

Jay-la shook her head and stood up, actually saw his eyes move over her and frowned herself, because she knew he was using those alpha senses to assess her. I’m fine, though I might be ticked off in a minute, if you don’t stop that crap.”

“Alright. It’s just not common for wolves to sweat, and it’s winter as well.”

“I also haven’t shared a bed with anyone in a very long time, not used to the heat you produce.”

“I am hot.” He grinned right at her.

Jay-la rolled her eyes and shook her head as she headed out of the bedroom, stopped walking to find an omega sitting in the living room.” Hello, Stephanie.”

“Morning Luna.” She smiled up at her.

Jay-al turned to look at Nathan questioningly “I asked for someone to come and stay here, watch the children while we train, in case they wake up.”

“Oh, okay.” She nodded.

She walked out of the suite to find his whole unit coming out of their respective suites. Watched Jackson kiss Margaret and saw Ethan wrinkle his nose at it. He still wasn’t used to his baby sister with the packs Beta.

“Morning Luna.” Ethan smiled at her “Training today, are we?”

“I am.” She nodded, they all walked together to the gym.

“It will be good to have you train with us once more.” Jackson smiled at her.

“Well, I don’t exactly train like I used to, so you’d better take it easy on me.”

“Nope.” Jackson shook his head. “Not going to happen, you need to get your a*s back in shape.”

“Watch it.” she heard Nathan chastise him, looked at him curiously. “

Her a*s is just fine.” He chuckled softly and winked right at her.

She shook her head once more and trotted off down the last of the stairs ahead of them, she could feel that Kora was a little on the restless side. ‘Its alright Kora, I know it’s been awhile, we’ll do just fine.’

Got growled at by her own wolf, shook it off. Kora appeared to be concerned about fighting other wolves, training with them after what they’d learned about themselves. She didn’t want to hurt anyone.

Stepped into the gym to find 30 or so warriors in there for training. She knew all of them, they all smiled at her and she smiled back, though she could still feel that Kora was restless, felt annoyance roll off of her wolf ‘Calm down. We’ll be fine. Stephen is right here, if anything happens, he’ll use that Gamma charm on us. You know it works.’

Got snarled at and sighed, looked at Nathan, he was watching her.” Kora is a bit uncomfortable, doesn’t want to hurt anyone.” She told him.

“Then how about sparing with me only today then? Does that help her?”

Jay-la put the idea to Kora, and then shook her head. “Not really, is annoyed and..” she thought about it, “Angry I think.”

“What for?” the whole unit asked.

“I don’t know to be honest, not really using her words, likely is stressed about having to fight.” It was odd, that was for sure, it was also unlike Kora to growl and snarl at her, was usually very chatty, was articulate and good at communicating things she wanted, it was unlike her wolf to be so primal in her responses.

Stood in front of Nathan, for hand to hand training he was smiling at her now “No funny business.” She muttered up at him.

Saw him smirk just a little and narrowed her eyes on him, didn’t like that look Better be fast Kora. She tried to gain her wolfs attention, Kora was prowling around inside her mind, felt her stop and look at Nathan, snarled a little, seemed angry with him. Which was not, the normal for Kora. That was more Jay-la’s thing, it was usually Kora trying to placate Jay-la.

She dodged and weaved, blocked his hits, he pulled all his punches today, that was not how they’d trained back in the day. Wondered if he was doing that now, because he was their Mate and didn t want to make contact with her.

She was sweating up a storm in like twenty minutes, put a hand up to halt him, and tried to shake it off, felt a little bit on the weird side, dizzy even she realised, saw him stop and frown at her, reached out to touch her forehead and Kora surged forward and punched

him, two quick full hits the first to his solar plexus the second to his jaw, full wolfen strength. A full snarl ripped right out of her as she did so.

Saw him stumble backwards, eyes wide as they landed on her, and he tried to suck in a breath. Kora had winded him, she shook her head herself as Kora receded and then just whined in pain. She felt that pain roll from her wolf to herself and groaned, curled both her arms around her abdomen as she staggered about, trying to figure out what the hell was wrong with her and Kora.

Was pinned down on the ground by Nathan a second later and he was yelling at everyone to get out, she could hear a lot of yelling going on,

- felt Kora snarl inside her mind and then she was grabbing at him.

“Breathe Jay-la, focus.” He was telling her.

“I don’t...l.” pain was rolling through her and neither she nor Kora liked it.

“You’re going into heat. Breathe” He told her.

Gasped as a deep ache rolled through her body. “It hurts us.”

“The first time is the worst.” He murmured, though his eyes were not on her, they were looking elsewhere in the room.

“I have to get you up to the suite.” He finally looked back down at her” Hang on another minute, the way will be cleared...breathe.” His hand slid down her face as his body moved against hers. Grabbed right on to him and ground herself harder against him, wrapped her legs around him and gripped him tight to her, rocking her body against his “Please,” she begged him.

“F**k” He groaned and his mouth found hers.

She was pulling at his clothes rubbing and rocking and grinding herself up against him. It was helping to ease the pain a little, heard him swear again, then he was getting up, wrapped herself around him tightly and humped the hell out of him.

Felt him press her up against a wall at some point as he moved them through the pack-house, her mouth was devouring his, and his hands were pulling at her clothes, then they were just ripping each others clothes off. She didn’t care where they were, the ache to have him, her need to Mate and be Mated was too strong, nothing else mattered, cried out when he took her hard and fast up against the wall, till she was digging her claws into his back screaming in pleasure, felt him slam home with a deep groan

“f**k,” he muttered “We have to get to

our room.”

She looked around them, her need sated for the moment. “Where are we?”

“The omega stairwell.” He muttered and looked at her. “Safest place for you right this minute, the doors are always closed.”

She nodded “Hold on to me, Havoc and I are going to move us, at full wolfen speed.” Then they were moving up the stairwell. Out into the Alpha hallway and into their suite.

She sighed when he put her down in the ensuite, “Shower, you’re hot and need to cool down.” She stood and watched him turn the shower on “Is it always like this?” she asked, could already feel Kora prowling inside her mind once more.

“I can be.” he nodded “I should have known, realised when you were sweating this morning.”

“I didn’t know.” She sighed and rubbed at her abdomen, saw his eyes move to what she was doing. Pulled her into the shower with him. She let him wash her down, the water was cool and just having his hands

on her body was helping. Did not however, think that they were going to make it out of the shower. She could already hear Kora snarling, she didn’t like the pain of her heat at all.

“Nathan.”

“I know, the bed will be..

Kora shot forward fast and aggressive, shoved Jay-la violently to the back of her own mind and was on him, he’d not been expecting it and was slammed into the shower door, it shattered under the weight of being shoved into it as Kora tried to Mate him.

Kora snarled right down at him as she held him down on the floor uncaring of the glass underneath him, her hand was gripped around his throat tightly and the other was on his chest to hold him down’ Calm down. Jay-lay tried to talk to her wolf, got snarled at herself, and saw through Kora’s eyes as Havoc stared right back at Kora his Mate, had taken over Nathan’s body.

Felt his hands grip on to her tightly and then their two wolves were in a battle for what she could only think was dominance, as they tried to Mate each other aggressively, though Kora not once let go of his throat, snarled and growled at him and appeared to be trying to choke the life out of her Mate. Havoc snarled and growled right back at her as they rolled around on the floor trying to take control of the Mating.

Seems both of them had turned primal in nature due to Kora being in heat. She could not stop Kora, no amount of talking or yelling at her to calm down worked and then she was just sharing the pleasure of being Mated as Kora took to Havoc in her desperate need to be sated.

She was left lying on top of Nathan's body on the bathroom floor as Kora finally receded. Her need to mate passed, her breathing was ragged and heavy, took her a full minute to catch her breath and push herself up off of him to look down at him. He had a full handprint around his throat from Kora's grip on him. "Are you alright?" she sighed

"Kora choked you." she stated as she got up off of him.

"We'll be fine." He told her "And it was Havoc, not me." He got himself up, turned and looked at himself in the mirror.

Jay-la sighed heavily. She could see there was glass embedded in his back and arms, practically all down his body. "Let me." She shook her head and started pulling the glass from him, she knew Havoc would heal him in no time, but that didn't excuse Kora's behaviour. "I don't know what's wrong with her."

"Don't worry about it." he tilted her chin up "Havoc actually liked it." saw him shake his head a little. "Likes how strong she is, that she'll fight him for control...Excites him actually."

"Both our wolves are crazy." Jay-la muttered.

"It does appear that way." He nodded "Turn around, let me look at you." he said when she couldn't find anymore glass in him. she did and felt him pluck out half a dozen pieces himself, and shook her head.

"She seems so angry, doesn't like the pain at all."

"Jay-la, it's okay. We are fine, is she settled?"

"Yes, laying down, but not sleeping." Looked up at him. "It's not over, her ears are flat."

"Alright." He turned her back to the shower, they washed down once more before picking their way through the glass to the bedroom. "You get into the bed, I'll clean up the glass."

She did as was told, and watched him pull on shorts, and did just that, looked at her after he'd cleaned up all the glass. "You hungry? We should eat while you are sated."

"Probably a good idea." She nodded and went to get up.

"You stay here in the bedroom, I'll get it" he commented "Just rest up, you have several days of heat ahead of you, you just rest. I will get food and things for us."

She nodded and let him go about doing what he wanted, she wasn't going to stop him, knew this was generally what it was like. The male could leave the safety of the bedroom, but the she-wolf in heat should not. Others could scent her so it was safer to stay put. Had seen her father always take care of her mother during her heats. Had once been told 'It's what we males do, protect, feed and mate, during a heat.'

Her heat lasted five days and in that time Kora took control of her many times to Mate furiously with Havoc, though thankfully, most of the time it was just her and Nathan. She couldn't believe just how much pleasure she herself derived from being knotted by him. It was like fireworks going off inside of her, just lay there afterwards curled into him, pressed all up against him, didn't want to be away from him. begged to be knotted by him on more than one occasion.

Woke up on day 5 to find Kora sound asleep inside her mind, curled up all comfy like, and knew it was over, finally felt normal once more.

Looked at Nathan sleeping in the bed next to her. Didn't know how he had managed to mate so many times. He never once complained that he was tired, though she knew he had to be, he slept well between her needs flaring up and taking over her.

Was sleeping well right this minute. She didn't want to wake him either. She was taking the opportunity to just watch him sleep. She had not done that in a very long time. He'd not only taken care of her needs,

he'd also made sure that she had eaten properly, stayed hydrated and had even checked on the triplets, mind-linked to his mother who was looking after them in their suite.

Made sure they were safe and doing alright with being separated from her. They didn't much like it, but were okay. Other than that all his attention was on her. They'd even managed to talk and hold down normal conversations, even discussed Christmas, that she had all the-children's gifts back in the apartment in L.A.

He'd told her he'd have them sent out and even suggested that perhaps Suzy and her family could bring them. She'd agreed to call her about it after her heat was over. She'd not brought up going back to L.A. with him. didn't want to fight with him, not when it seemed they were finally getting along

Her walls where he was concerned were down right this minute, she knew their bond was even stronger than before. He'd barely left her side, and only to get things for her. She had woken up sometimes to him just trailing his fingers over her skin lightly, or brushing his hand through her hair, like he'd once used to. It was really nice to feel that with him once more.

They'd even slept together without her need to Mate. She'd looked up at him a few times and he'd just smiled down at her as those fingers trailed her skin and she'd just wanted

him like she'd always done, reached up and kissed him and it had gone from there. No wolves, just her and him.

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Nathan POV

Alpha Austin had stayed in the pack the entire time Jay-la was in heat. He didn't seem to mind being away from his pack. Apparently, he took the time to speak with the children and Jay-la's family, settled himself nicely inside this pack, it seems.

Jackson was currently with Margaret, she'd gone into heat just two days ago and Ethan had been in charge since. Stephen had not left the pack, this surprised Nathan, but he had started video calling Suzy during the past five days. Her mother's place had nearly been completely destroyed

He had called her on behalf of Jay-la for some reason and had actually gotten to lay eyes on Suzy himself, he was much more settled, he got to flirt with her over the video chat and gotten her to smile at him quite a bit. Now he just called her to talk to her. It seemed the two of them were getting along

He'd even extended Jay-la's offer for her and her family to come here, once more. A trial and a place to live. He'd gone so far as to show her a three bedroom suite on the first floor, fully furnished for them if they came, walked through the room and showed it to her while he was video calling her, so he could actually show it to her.

Right this minute, Jay-la was off walking with Alpha Austin and his Gamma Clark. Nathan was not allowed to interfere or interrupt them in anyway, no one was, he'd had to send out a pack wide mind-link on the matter. He was only mildly concerned right this minute. The last five days he'd not spent more than a few minutes away from her, and they'd gotten along as well.

More than gotten along at times, he'd see the way she'd looked at him a few times, with those green eyes full of lust for him, not even when her heat drove her to mate either, he had not denied her anything.

Smiled to himself, it had been like the old days when she had come home from uni, for semester break or on the weekends. They would just lay in bed and talk. She'd not once stopped him from touching her, running a hand through her hair, had seemed comfortable in his presence, stretched out in their bed next to him. Not once had she gotten annoyed with him or shut him out either.

They had chatted casually about the small things, changes he'd made here to the pack, things that she did outside of work, though he tried to keep the children out of their conversations. He found that to be really hard to do, for when she wasn't at work, she was with them. He had been trying to keep it all about her, but being a mother of three on her own out there, meant that her life revolved around the children when she was not at work.

He'd let her bring them into the conversations, better if she brought them up than if he did. He didn't want her to continue to think he just wanted them and not her.

Though he didn't think that was the case anymore, Jay-la had told him a lot about them now, the things they liked to do, had even told him she had been really happy to see them riding around on Havoc and her father and brothers wolves. That it made her happy they were adjusting to life here.

He'd commented that he thought Nate had been wanting to see Kora, the way he reacted to her, he thought Nate had probably always wanted to see her, hug her. That he liked how Nate had really just hugged into Kora, wished he had gotten some pictures or video of it. Told her it was the sweetest thing he'd seen, ever. She'd smiled right up at him.

Nathan looked at the time, it was nearly midday and she'd been off with Alpha Austin for well over an hour now, pulled on her tether to him and found that she was all the way on the other side of the pack, pretty much as far away from him as one could get he thought.

Exactly what Austin wanted, what he'd told her. They weren't going to be back anytime soon, though they were moving, still walking, it seemed. He couldn't mind-link to her, no one could, it would be more than frowned upon if he interrupted council business.

He was only told that it would take as long as it would take, there was not a standard amount of time, he would ask what he wanted to ask and they would walk for as long as he saw fit. He'd watched the three of them walk away from him and the pack-house and had gone to his office, the children were with Bradley and Victoria and would be having lunch with them as well. Their time, while Jay-la had been in heat, had been split between his parents and Jay-la's family, but they had slept in his parents' suite, inside the packhouse.

He took the time that she was off with Alpha Austin to catch up on pack-related business. He looked up from the emails that needed his attention, from over the past five days, as his office door opened. He saw a worried looking Michael coming into his office. This was the first time he had seen him since his mother had beaten him. He was all healed up. "What is wrong Michael?" he asked.

"Rae-Rae is freaking out, about the full moon, tonight. Yelled at me to get out of our room."

“She’s likely scared, Michael. This is the consequence you get from your actions and not following proper protocol with your human mate.”

“She wants to see Jay-la. I tried to explain she was in heat, and that she couldn’t see her right this minute.” Shook his head “She didn’t really understand it.”

“Mm,” there was not much he could do about that. Usually, the process inside this pack would take a month and marking one’s mate would be done the day after the full moon, the human would have agreed to let their mate Mark them, after it had been explained to them what they were and what would happen, then they would have a full month to get used to the idea, and see other wolves shift and be given full education and all their questions answered, not just a few days.

This full moon would be upon them at 1926 tonight, and Rae-Rae knew it. “What’s your plan for the full moon and has she met your wolf

Yet?”

“I don’t really have a plan. Every time I brought it up, she just shut me down and snapped she didn’t want to talk about it.”

Nathan sighed, it sounded like she needed her sister or mother. Jay-la had been out of action and she couldn’t tell her mother anything. “Your wolf?”

“Yes. She got to see him. He was very well behaved, shifted for her, Stephen was there and Robin even lay down so he was not so imposing, gave her time to come to him.”

“He’s more patient than you, I see.”

Michael glared right at him for a moment and then muttered “I guess so. When is Jay-la coming back?”

“When Alpha Austin is satisfied with her answers to his questions about her being here, watch your bloody tone Michael, I’ve not dealt with you and your error with Rae-Rae yet. You’re on reprieve due to her first shift is all.” He warned his brother, but internally sighed a little, he hated that thought of Alpha Ausin out there trying to pick apart Jay-la.

He knew that Jay-la felt that Kora didn’t give her a choice in being Mated to him. Although there was nothing he could do about it, he only knew that she was not going to leave, she still said she would not separate Kora from Havoc.

Would like to hear her just once state she was not going to leave him.

Still going to take time on that front, he supposed. He was not going to ask her to reword it or state it the way he wanted to hear it. It needed to be on her terms in her own time. He knew that.

“Do not interfere with Jay-la and Alpha Austin.” he stated flatly, “You do that Micheal, and I will toss your a*s in a cell for a month.”

“I’m aware I got your mind-link.” Michael sighed “But the moon will set in just hours.”

“Jay-la will come back when Alpha Austin is finished questioning her, that is all I can tell you. I suggest spending the next few hours working on setting up for Rae-Rae’s first shift. She’s not going to like standing out there n**d in the freezing cold snow. You need to prepare a place for her. She is still human, remember, other than that. I suggest you wait for Jay-la to become available. Now you get to see what consequences your actions have.”

“Well you’d know all about consequences, wouldn’t you, brother.”

Michael shot right at him.

Nathan’s eyes moved right to Michael. “State that again, I dare you, because you have Havocs’ full and undivided attention right this second. Or get the hell out of my office and sort out your own s**t, before he is out of me.”

Watched as Michael turned and stalked out of his office, away from him and sighed. Yes, he understood the consequences of his actions, was currently working through them every day as best he could to try and regain Jay-la’s trust and the need to get her to realise he did love her and that it wasn’t just Havoc. This still weighed on him.

He mind-linked to Stephen to have him go and sit with and talk to Rae-Rae, until Jay-la was available to be with her. He could keep her calm, all he had to do was get her to let him in the door.

It was just over an hour and a half later when Alpha Austin and his Gamma strolled into his office. Gave two brief knocks on the door as he walked in, Nathan waved him in, not that the man had stayed out, watched as his Gamma closed the door behind him.

“She’s an interesting young lady, who gets annoyed and cranky quite quickly, I see.”

“I’m aware, been on the receiving end of it more than once.” Nathan acknowledged.

“Likely not going to be easy with her. She has a single-minded purpose at times. Is confused a lot about being here as well.”

“Yes I know. There is a lot to work through, which I am willing to do. To be patient on, and work through it with her.”

“Good to know.” He sat himself down casually across from Nathan.

“May I ask, why you decided to come here? I wouldn’t think this would be council business.”

“It can be, I saw your battle, the state of her injuries, it didn’t really add up to me. Clara and I, we were hedging our bets that she was your mate, but that wolfsbane in her system didn’t let her know what you were to her. Though I’m curious as to when you yourself knew, realised what she was to you.”

“When she stepped into this office, covering in wounds from trying to escape, I had no idea until then. Though my wolf had an inkling, but didn’t bother to tell me about it. If he had, things would have been very different, I assure you.”

“If you had known and tried to bring her in like that. It would not be so good for you, right this minute. I would personally have collected her and removed her from here on council orders and put her and your children as well, some place safe.”

Nathan frowned now, he did not like hearing that. He did know the council had secret places they put wolves for safe keeping.

“I’ve been around a long time son. The fact that you wanted mediation, to be in a room with her, that spoke volumes to me and Clara as well.

I’m not particularly impressed that you brought your children out into the open, which could have put them in danger. That was stupid of you, no-one knew about them, being yours until you outed them.” He already knew that “Your offer to her?”

“Was very sincere. In fact, I had every intention of bringing her in, settling her into my pack, contacting you for what I suspected and then letting you do things the right way, but something’s just don’t go to plan.” Saw that man shake his head. “I believe your sister took matters into her own hands.”

“She did and I de-ranked her for it. All the way to warrior status.”

“A fairly good punishment, how’d she handle it?”

“Cried like a baby.”

“Effective then.” He nodded.

“I believe so.” Nathan nodded, “though Jay-la is still mad at her, looking for a piece of her once she’s had that pup, I heard.”

“Not much I can do about that.” Austin shrugged,

“Wolves fight, I’ll stay

till your human gets her wolf and then Clara, Clark and I will head on home. I’m satisfied that young Jay-la will settle and be happy here. It might take some time, but it will happen. She loved you once, will again. Her wolf is very happy.”

“I know,” Nathan smiled. “As is mine.”

“Good keep it that way.” Austin nodded “I have one request.”

“Ask.”

“Let her close out her human world, the way she needs to. I feel it’s a sore point. If you don’t, it is likely to be a potential problem, I feel it could well be the make or break of your Bond.”

Nathan sighed now “She wants to do that without me.”

“I’m aware of what she wants. You should let her, she’s lived her life alone, without a pack Alpha telling her what to do for a very long time.

That is all on you. Her defiance, so letting her close out her humans world life her way, will go a long way to showing her you love and trust her, care about her feelings and what she wants, respect her and her choices, likely stop the defiance as well.”

“It’s difficult, my enemies could still be there.”

“Again, that is on you, young man. You should have just strolled into her office or home and knocked on her door, not attended a press conference and out the girl to all of the wolfen society, monumentally stupid of you.”

“My image.”

“I don’t care for your human world image Nathan, you could have addressed everything that needed to be done, without bringing your relationship or the children into public knowledge. It was stupid and very selfish of you...put more fear into her is all it did. Fear you were going to come and take those children from her. It’s one of the reasons she refused you at every turn.”

Nathan could feel Havoc getting agitated by Alpha Austin’s words, but they did both know he was right, couldn’t and wouldn’t argue with him.

He simply nodded his head “In hindsight.” He agreed.

“You must learn to think before you speak son, in future. I’ll be visiting and checking on her regularly, there is something different about her.

Her aggression is off the charts at times. Clark here picked up on that.””

Nathan nodded and sighed heavily “It is.” He nodded “She’s got a condition, is over adrenalized all the time.” He told him, he was a council member and did seem to genuinely care about Jay-la,

“Let me

show you what we know. I have told her what I know, she is aware and has her own concerns about it.”

“Alright.” Alpha Austin nodded though he was frowning deeply now

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Jay-la

Her walk with Austin was more than annoying for her, it was cold out and she didn't like the trudging through the snow. She answered all his questions and stared his Gamma down on more than one occasion, didn't like it when he was trying to read her. She liked to keep her feelings to herself.

They got snarled at by Kora on more than one occasion. Every time Austin brought up something that insulted Nathan or Havoc, Kora took offense to it and let him know it. Kora pushed forward on several occasions just to glare at him. Rolled her aura at him more than once.

His head tilt at her but he didn't seem overly concerned about her wolf's attitude towards his line of questioning, though he did tell Kora to calm down and let Jay-lay answer questions on her own. He was there to make sure she was happy, not Kora herself. Kora didn't much like that either, snarled right at him all aggression, letting her displeasure be known, before receding away to prowl around inside Jay-la's mind.

She just shrugged at him, at her wolf's response to him, and Alpha Austin had shaken his head. He'd asked her many questions about her previous life in the city, how she'd come to be there, how she felt about now being here inside the pack. If she was afraid to be here, if she wanted to be here. Did she want to go back to the city? With each question his Gamma stared right at her, she wasn't going to get past him and his stupid sensing of her out.

So, she'd told him the truth of the matter, she hadn't wanted to come here, hadn't known Nathan was her mate, did not like being tricked into coming here by Abbey, that she and Abbey were going to have it out when that pup of hers was born, that she also hadn't been happy with her parents for that matter, in their part of her coming her.

That Kora and Havoc had mated to each other without much thought to how she felt about it. Hadn't gotten a say in it, and that yes she did have doubts about Nathan and how he felt about her, or if it was just his wolf wanting his Mate. Him just wanting his children and not her.

There was no point in lying to the man, not with his Gamma right there, though that man didn't say much at all, barely a word. She knew he was all Gamma the whole time.

She also knew that he was not trying to contain her feelings or

“Well, what do you expect, when she has less than a week to adjust?

Not enough time Michael.” She told him and it was the truth, she let herself into the room.

Rae-Rae looked up at her and then just got up and hugged her. “It's going to hurt so much.” She whispered.

“Yes it is. won't lie to you. But you'll get used to it, with time, and then you won't even really feel it.”

“It looked like it hurt.” Rae-Rae looked up at her.

“The first time will be the hardest, then your body will know what to do.

“You're going to be there right?”

“Yes, of course I am. I'll be right next to you.” Jay-la reassured her, got her to sit back down.

“I would like you to answer me something though.

Saw her nod her head. “Okay.”

“Are you scared about the pain or is there something else, scaring you, like say.your mind feels heavy and fuzzy, weird thoughts or perhaps you feel like your talking to yourself.”

“Is that normal?”

“It can be, do you feel like your talking to yourself a lot? Inner dialog, so to speak.”

“Yes.” She half whispered “I think I'm going crazy”

“No you're not. It is likely your wolf is emerging. She's probably trying to talk to you.”

“Its not clear all jumbled up inside my mind.”

“Okay, I want you to close your eyes.” Jay-la told her and indicated for Stephen to come over and put his hands on Rae-Rae's shoulders. “Now just breathe and let yourself relax. Calm yourself down and just breathe for me, nice deep slow breaths.” Waited for her to feel relaxed.

It helped that Stephen was working on her with his Charm. Both his hands on her and his thumbs on her bare skin. Saw him nod to indicate she was relaxed “now I want you to focus on that inner voice, listen to it” gave it a few more minutes “Rae-Rae ask her what her name is?”

There was silence for several minutes and then she watched as Rae-Rae’s eyes snapped open “Pearl, her name is pearl.” She gasped Then watched as her hand reached up and clutched at the single light pink natural 16mm Edison pearl that sat in a rose gold tear drop pendant with a few diamonds around the edges, something that she always wore. Had been a gift to her from Grandpa Hill on her fifth birthday.

It was a Hill family tradition that went back generations, Lauren had one much the same but no longer wore hers all the time, Rae-Rae never took it off.

Jay-la smiled at her. It was fitting that her wolf would be called Pearl.” Talk to her, get to know her, before the moon sets.” Jay-la encouraged her. “I’ll stay with you.” she looked up at Stephen.

He smiled, mind-linked to her ‘She’s happy and excited.’ Jay-la nodded ‘Family connection to pearls, you can probably go, I’ll stay with her.’

‘Alright.’ He let go of Rae-Rae ‘I got a plan Jay-la, to get Nathan out of pack territory. He smiled right at her.

Good, how’s Suzy doing?’

‘Sad but alright, they can’t go back to their house, I’ve put them up in a suite in a local hotel, took some convincing, but I managed to sway her.

Mostly though it was her mother that was against it.’

‘Feicely independent. Jay-la nodded back at him. We’ll talk later

Yes.’

yes.’

She spent the rest of the afternoon with Rae-Rae. The triplets were brought up to her, they were excited to hear Rae-Rae was going to be like them, to get her wolf this very night. It was good to see her excited and not afraid to settle down and watch her actually talk to her wolf at times. Though Rae-Rae said it was difficult to do so, she was not always there.

To be expected until her first shift, the triplets were disappointed that they weren’t going to get to see her shift and meet her wolf pearl. They had asked and both she and Nathan had said “No.” at the exact same time. A first shift from human to wolf could be painful

and traumatic to watch. She was not going to let them see that asked her parents to watch them. They were happy to do so.

Her parents lived on the other side of the pack's town so that triplets would be well away from Rae-Rae and any pain that she might issue out vocally during her shift.

They walked into the woods behind the pack-house and hour before the moon was due to set, there was a clearing a little way away into the woods that the pack used for a wolf's first shift. Out here were usually those that were due to shift their family's and the Alpha and Luna.

Tonight there would be just Rae-Rae out here. The other three teens that were due to shift for the first time tonight as well, were with their family's and Alpha Blaine and Luna Darla, down off by the woods near the training ground. They didn't want Rae-Rae to be interrupted or upset if her shift took longer than others around her. Which it was likely to be.

Rae-Rae was all rugged up, out here in the woods with snow falling gently and swirling about the area. She was going to have to strip off n***d at some point. Not fun for her out here in the freezing cold.

Michael had set up a full privacy screen, and there were several chairs lined up on the far side for everyone there to sit on. To wait it out, no one knew if this was going to be quick or agonisingly slow and very painful.

Only Jay-la and Michael would be with her behind the screen, Nathan, his unit and Alpha Austin would all be sitting around waiting on the outcome. He'd be mind-linked about the other three teens when they shifted. They were all wolves and their first shifts were likely to go as planned without any issues.

Michael had not only put up a privacy screen, he'd cleared the area of most of the snow and laid out a small fur rug on the ground for her to stand on keep her feet off the bare cold ground. There was even a fire burning away in a pit to help keep her warm.

She had to disrobe and Michael pulled a warm blanket around her and stood there holding onto her to help keep her warm while they waited it out. Seems he was going to be a good Mate after all, taking care of his human Mate as best he could out here in the middle of a snowy winter night.

He was talking to her quietly, trying to reassure her that everything was going to be okay. Told her he loved her and that he was never going to leave her, that they were going to be happy, he was going to do everything to make sure she was happy.

Jay-la felt the moon set, as did every other wolf inside the pack, saw Michael look right at her, could actually see fear in him. He'd not likely ever seen this before, neither had she, for that matter. But now that she was the Luna it was likely she would see it more often.

Heard that first c***k of Rae-Rae's shift and a scream rip out of her as she felt the first of her bones break. Saw her look down at her hand as it began to deform, and then another bone break.

One after the other, a new scream of pain rip from her with every c***k of her bones until she was in so much pain she couldn't even scream anymore, was just staggering about and falling down and trying to get up, "Try not to fight it, Rae-Rae." Jay-la told her more than once. When she kept shaking her head, 'no'.

Even Michael was trying to keep her calm and encourage her to accept it, not that it seemed to be working at all. It was clear Rae-Rae didn't want this to happen, was fighting it, which was only making it worse for her and likely her wolf.

20 minutes later, and finally there was a light brown and tan wolf standing before her, it looked up at her. Jay-la knelt down before her and smiled at her gently. "Hi Pearl." Reached out and touched her face stroked her soft fur. "You did really good, girl."

Watched as Pearl turned and looked at Michael, she already knew he was her Mate, and would be able to smell him now as a wolf, but it was his Marking of Rae-Rae, that gifted pearl to her human counterpart.

She watched as Michael stripped off and shifted into his wolf Robin, a fair-sized black wolf with a few white markings on his face.

She stepped back to let them get acquainted, smelled each other and touched their heads together, as of yet unable to talk to each other until Rae-Rae Mark him back and connected their beasts properly.

Jay-la watched as Nathan, his unit and Alpha Austin strolled around the privacy screen to look at the new wolf themselves, Pearl looked up at all of them, then bow her head in the direction of her new Alpha, Nathan inclined his head towards her in greeting as well. Jay-la walked over to Nathan and hugged him, mind-linked right to him "That was horrible.

She felt both his arms slide around her 'Not pretty to watch I know.' Her hugged her into his body Faster than a few I've seen before though.'

'I don't ever want to see that again.' She murmured softly, and then looked up at him 'Suzy?'

'I know,' he sighed down the mind-link to her 'It does get easier with each shift. He reassured her four or five in and they won't even worry about it anymore.'

'Four or Five?' she worried.

'Yes.' His hand was rubbing the small of her back, trying to comfort her,

“I don’t think Rae-Rae is going to be happy about that.’

‘Unfortunately, it is what it is.’

She did know that, moved her eyes to Stephen and wondered how he was going to handle seeing Suzy go through all of this, wondered if she was going to have to be standing right next to her when it was her turn.

Didn’t know if she really wanted that. It had been horrible watching Rae-Rae’s struggle.

Jay-la turned as she heard him tell both the wolves to go off and run, watched as both wolves moved off away into the woods, trotting off together. Robin was a good deal bigger than Pearl was, they would go off and Mate she imagined, it was “updated by jobnib.com” the full moon and when Rae-Rae was back to her human form she would be able to Mark Michael. If her wolf didn’t do it first, there was always the chance that Pearl would complete the process in wolf form.

Though Jay-la had a feeling that Michael was going to get a beating from Rae-Rae for all that pain she had to go through during this first shift. Had the wolfen strength to do it now as well, likely the man would stand there and take it. After the way, he had screwed up with her. He had better bloody stand there and take it or he would be on the receiving end of her beating him.

“How did the teens go?” she asked him as they walked back to the pack-house.

“Good, no issues. Three new wolves.” He smiled down at her “Two timber wolves and a grey wolf”

“That’s good.” She sighed

“They’re all out running with their family’s right now. As would be expected, they were all excited and jumped all over each other, they were all friends and hang out together at school. A good night for them.

“You might have to deal with humans shifting for the first time, I barely held it together out there.”

“You did fine, the first one to see is the hardest” heard him sigh, “even I wanted to force shift, the first one I saw. It took nearly 40 minutes and that man, he was in agony. Mum and Dad stopped me, told me it’s best to let it happen on its own, even if it takes hours. I didn’t much like it myself.”

“How many have you seen now?”

“About a dozen with human Mates here inside the pack, since I took over. All shifted so far, much better in the warmer months than out here in the freezing cold snow too.”

“I bet, but at least when Rae-Rae comes back she won’t so much feel it anymore.”

“That is true.” He smiled down at her.

“Michel’s punishment for this will be what exactly?”

“I think we should let Rae-Rae, decide on that. She is mated to him now. It will affect her. I think he deserves at least a lashing, but depending on their bond.” heard him sigh “so partners can feel their Mate’s pain. I’d need to know that first. I wouldn’t want to cause Rae-Rae any more pain than she’s already been through this last week.”

Jay-la sighed “I guess that is fair. You and I can bring it up to her. I probably need to get that rule book out with our pack laws, and acceptable punishments to go along with it. There is one in there for this, right?”

“There is, I believe.” Nathan nodded. “A good idea. We’ll give it to Rae-Rae and see what she thinks is fair. It was her who he rushed and hurt.”

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Nathan POV

Christmas came and Nathan walked Jay-la out the front of the pack-house. He had blindfolded her up in their suite for the entire walk and the children were all excited running about, telling her the best present was yet to come, he could only smile at them, in their excitement.

He had let them help not only pick the car but pick the colour of the new car he’d bought her and they were all excited themselves, to show her. The car had arrived yesterday and been put in his personal garage out of sight at the time. Now it was parked right out the front of the pack-house with a big white bow on it.

Jay-la herself was laughing, the children were yelling excitedly all around her, unable to walk sensibly, were bouncing all over the place, and it seemed their excitement, was spilling over onto her. The children had helped him pick out many presents for her, though this was the one they were the most excited about and he had to remind them, twice already, not to tell her what it was. Hurriedly shushed them in his effort to keep the secret.

Nathan smiled as he saw the car itself, recalled how he had sat in his office with the three children just last week and showed them several different cars. He had allowed them to not only choose the colour, but the make and model as well. They were so very excited to be gifting her this. A gift from all of them to her, a gift from her family.

He knew she had a Nissan Navara Ute back in L.A., a simple nondescript silver truck with a full canopy on the back, big enough to have her with the three children in it all the time. It probably came in handy having three children, needed something large.

Now she had, at the children's choice, from all the vehicles he had lined up for them to look at, an Alfa Romeo, Stelvio Quadrifoglio, in the colour alfa red. The children had liked it had the word alpha in the name of not only the car, but the colour as well. He'd had the windows tinted for privacy when she was out of the pack's territory, but didn't kit it out with roof racks or a bulbar. Didn't think there was a need for that.

If she wanted to go offload, she could take one of the pack's four-wheel drives, there were plenty of those around.

Nathan stood at the top of the stairs to the entry of the pack-house and slid his arms around her waist and dropped his chin to her shoulder and murmured softly "I hope you like it, the children helped me choose it." then pressed his lips to her cheek and let her remove the blindfold finally, so that she could see her new gift.

He watched as she stood and looked at it and then turned to look right at him "You bought me a car?" she questioned

"Idid." he smiled "do you like it?"

"It's very red." she commented, but was smiling up at him.

"alfa red." the children all yelled excitedly up at her and then they were tugging at her to go and look at it, dragging her down the steps of the packhouse in their excitement for her to see the new car. Nathan held out a set of keys, as she smiled and then took them from him. "You do know I have a car, right?"

"I do." he nodded, "but now you have a Luna's car. Something that fits your rank and status here inside the pack. Do you like it?" Nathan was hoping she would say yes, that she would like the car, accept the car and be happy about it.

The last one he had brought someone had not gone down so well.

He watched her nod and say 'yes' as she unlocked it, then open one of the doors and helped the children up into it, they were all over it, and they were all smiling and laughing. She herself, was smiling, just watching the children be so happy, made her happy.

Nate sat himself behind the steering wheel and pretended to drive and Nathan got to watch on. He chuckled at the boy, who was grinning away and making car sound noises 'vroom vroom.' it was very cute. Even Havoc with chortling inside his mind.

Nathan could almost picture his boy at 16 behind the wheel of a car, his first car with Nathan sitting next to him, teaching him how to drive his very first lesson. He smiled to himself at the thought, of his son all grown up and ready to drive.

His attention moved from his mate to his children as he watched them still excitedly climbing around inside the car. They were very happy to be here, to have been part of this gift for her. When he felt her slide her arms around him, he looked down at her and smiled. She looked really happy right this minute, he realised. Leaned right down and kissed her, long and deep and felt her lean right into him, and growled a little at her, as he could smell her arousal lite in the air around him, then heard her chuckle “sorry” she murmured.

“Don’t ever be sorry for that.” he told her and meant it.

He really did love knowing a single kiss from him could make her want him, enjoyed knowing she wanted him, and she did actually want him and he knew it. She had pulled him into their bedroom on more than one occasion in the past week to push him down on the bed and have her way with him.

Though last night she climbed right on top of him on the couch after all the children’s presents were laid out for them to find in the morning.

Had wound her arms around his neck and kissed him long and deep as she ground herself against him, he’d smiled at her “Horny sweetheart” he’d asked, sliding his hands over her body, he’d taking great delight in the way she was with him over the last week.

Everything seemed to have changed with her, that one week of her heat, had brought them closer together than he expected, but he was pretty sure that it had actually been the time he’d spent with her without Havoc which had showed her he actually loved her. That it wasn’t just Havoc that wanted her here.

In the past week he kept Havoc at bay, so it was just her and him together, was trying to make her realise and feel that it was him who wanted her, not just his beast. It seemed this approach was working and she was more like the old Jay-la around him in the bedroom, she was also was happier and smiled more at him outside of the bedroom.

Which in turn just made him happy, made his beast happy.

Though last night had been more than fun for him, he’d watched her kneel right between his thighs and unzip his pants, slide her tongue down along his hard c**k and then take it into her mouth and sucked deep and hard, until he was groaning and then cumming.

She smiled right up at him afterwards “like that do you?” she’d teased him. She knew he did, she just wanted to hear his answer.

His response had been to yank her up off the floor and growl “yes, now it’s my turn.” He’d picked her clean up and carried her off to the bedroom, kick the door shut needed that soundproofing of their bedroom, so he could have her in all the ways she liked all the ways she wanted, till she was crying out his name and cumming for him.

He had brought her to o****m several times, before taking her for himself, made her beg for him last night. More than once, and she had, he’d heard the raw wanton need in her voice, the ache of her words, and only then had he taken her for himself. He really did love how much she wanted him, knowing how he could please her in every way.

Loved even more that she started it, wanted it, encouraged it.

Finally, it seemed that their relationship was on track, that she was going to be happy here. Not only were Kora and Havoc happy so were he and Jay-la. So were the children. No longer did Nate shy away from him, called him dad all the time, this too made him happy.

They spent Christmas Day hanging out with their families, it was not just her and the children but his family and her family. All there enjoying each other’s company. Though he noted Jay-la and Abbey, were still stand offish and apart from each other. That had still not been resolved at this point. But they were managing to be in a room together without arguing with each other, that was a good start.

They took a video call from Lauren and Tony, who got to see everyone all in the room having a good time and getting along. They talked to Rae-Rae and Jay-la, smiled at the triplets and promised that they would see them tomorrow. They were coming to visit for Boxing Day and staying for a couple of days. Nathan had put the video call up on the TV, so that they could see everyone in the room and interact with each and every one, which would alleviate any fears they had of Rae-Rae and Jay-la being here.

They got to watch him interact with his parents and her parents, full introductions made to her brother and his wife, as well as Abby and her husband, little Halley as well. So they could see everything that was going on in the room, which made them feel fully included in the events of Christmas Day.

Lauren and Tony said goodbye, they were off to see grandpa Hill and then Tony s family. Rae-Rae promised to pick them up at the airport with Michael first thing in the morning and waved goodbye. She was sporting a lovely diamond engagement ring, Michael had given it to her this morning. A pink diamond in a pair cut, with diamonds encrusted around it. Cost quite a pretty penny. He’d actually called Nathan and asked for approval to spend that much money.

Nathan had told him he didn’t think it was enough to be honest, had switched to a video call and told him to show him which ones he was looking at, what was his actual pick, he’d got the distinct impression his brother was choosing something of lesser value to save pack money. He was a scrooge.

He'd seen them all lined up and looked at the prices on them, then just stated which one do you really like Michael, be honest with me." Michael had touched the pair shaped ring with a price tag of nearly 60 thousand dollars and Nathan had told him to buy it, Michael had looked nervous "I's fine Michael, you never spend money, don't think about it, just get it." The one he was having made for Jay-la was nearly triple that.

The only worry for the day was that Rae-Rae was concerned about telling her parents that she and Michael were now living together, instead of her having her own suite and waiting until the day of the wedding. Though Jay-la didn't think that this was going to be an issue, reminded Rae-Rae that her parents were not actually prudes. That they also knew Rae-Rae wanted to marry Michael. So, it was kind of expected that at some point she and Michael would move in together.

Later that night, the two of them relaxed on the lounge and just watched the children play with their new toys, having fun and enjoying themselves. It was the quintessential family moment for him. A perfect day, how it should have always been, how it was always going to be, he was never going to let anything come between them ever again.

He was mildly concerned about the amount of chocolate and sweets the children had eaten today, but none of them looked green, or like they were going to throw up. Jay-la didn't seem concerned at all, was comfortable just watching them as she leaned into him. Smiled up at him every time his lips brushed her hair in a gentle kiss.

He got down on the floor and played with the children when they asked him to join them, Smiled even more as Jay-la took photos of them all playing together. Havoc and Kora got to chase the children around, in wolf form out in the alpha hallway, the two wolves prancing and pouncing about, making the children squeal and laugh. It was not the normal thing to do letting their wolves out inside the packhouse, but it was too cold now outside for the children and both Kora and Havoc had wanted to play with them, and the children had wanted to see their wolves today. They would not deny their children what they wanted, it was Christmas.

Nathan couldn't really recall a time when Havoc was ever this happy.

His beast was not only calm, but joy filled him, he was purring and chuffing, and rolling around acting almost like a puppy for his children.

Letting them climb all over him and ride him around the hallway.

His own parents were standing in the corridor, leaning against the wall, his mother all leaned back against his father, they were just, watching, laughing, even they thought it was odd, but funny behaviour for his wolf to display. They'd never seen Havoc like this, no one had.

Nathan got a mind-link from his father to tell him he was proud of him and his wolf, that it seemed they had finally learned what it meant to be an Alpha and a father, what must

come first the happiness of his family, for with that came the happiness of the pack as well. A happy Luna, meant a happy Alpha, which in turn meant for a happy pack.

Nathan could only agree with that, the way the pack were, they smiled at Jay-la, liked her and respected her and she was nice to everyone. She still had those moments, where she was annoyed with him. But she never took it out on the pack. Kora hadn't shut him out, not once either. Things were definitely better. He hoped they stayed that way.