

Denied by Destiny: Trapped in the Shadows of the Mate Bond

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Kaia POV

What did she want?

I had already been informed that she wasn't alone, had Than found me? Was this them coming to harvest

me...

I order for more warriors to be available, to form an outer ring around the alpha house grounds...this might not be a pack attack, but this was an attack on me for certain.

I'd found a new life, I'd travelled so far away yet my past has come to hunt me down.

I have a pack behind me now, a pack that would defend me with one given word. This isn't the Amber Desert pack, I couldn't be silenced any longer....I was stronger now, different. If they come for me, they will feel the wrath of my father's pack.

I open the front door, walking down the steps, every footstep heavy knowing what awaited me.

Samson remains by my side, his arm close enough to touch mine letting me know he would be by my side throughout this.

I had let his hand go, I was the Luna...a Luna didn't hold the hand of a Beta. I could do this alone. However, as soon as Father returns the first thing I will insist on is that he makes Samson a pack member, it's frustrating that I can't mind link him in a situation such as this. Before even looking her way, I can sense her there...she's standing with our warriors, closely being guarded. I could feel their apprehension through the pack bond, they didn't trust her...and they shouldn't.

I look up...looking into her eyes. It's odd seeing a person standing when you've only ever seen them lying practically dead on a hospital bed.

This person's very existence that has caused me so much heartache, is standing before me...smiling.

It's like a magnetic pull looking into her eyes, not the same as a mate bond..something else. Recognition.

"Kaia?" My name echoes as it leaves her lips. My eyes narrow in on her mouth, as the K of my name vibrates her bottom lip before she bites down on it, aware of my intense scrutiny.

A silence creates around us and I don't miss the gasps that surround us as pack members walks past. It does feel uncanny, like looking in a mirror.

She's the evil witch, the devil that haunts my dreams, so having her smiling at me looking sweet and innocent doesn't sit well with me. Doesn't register with my own version of events of what she, why they have done to me.

"Kaia..." Another voice calls my name as the person walks towards me, arms stretched out.

'Freya?" I take a step back, I thought it would be Than.

'I'm so relieved you are okay..."

You are?" She reaches out to take my hand, I can feel the warrior's wolves bristling in the pack bond, vaiting to shift. They could feel something was wrong, my usual happy disposition was confused and

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wary of our new visitors.

"Of course..." She responds before telling me that she had been worried, that I left so abruptly...without saying goodbye.

She's talking with such energy but all I can do is look at my mirror image....I can't take my eyes off her.

Freya returns to stand next to Alora, and I don't miss her taking Alora's hand in hers. Freya might well have worried about me but I'm not foolish enough to think the female bela's loyalty is with me, it is with the luna she now stands back next to. I take a step forward, Samson replicating my move.

"Not too close..." Samson growls in my ear...not missed by Alora whose smile diminishes and a frown forms across her face.

I was now standing face to face with Alora. She's not as pale as she once was but she's still not back to full health, has she really come here to ask me to help her...

It's like some kind of alternate universe and I'm spiralling down a portal. It's one thing to have her back there, a memory I could try and forget, but to be here in my new pack...standing before me is unreal.

"What do you want?" I mutter, she might have expected a different welcome being a luna, but tough shit. Here, I will treat her as I see fit.

"I found something, something I wanted to talk to you about."

"To me?" I scoff back wryly.

She pulls a piece of paper out of her bag and I know exactly what it will be...her medical chart. She's here to plead to me to help her.

I prepare myself for her forthcoming words, a mocking smile already forming upon my face....a smile that drops as soon as she utters words that I didn't expect.

Never in this lifetime.

"I found an adoption certificate..."

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Kaia POV

"Shall we take this inside?" It's Samson that speaks, suggesting we take things into a more private setting.

"Kaia?" He presses by my ear...pressing for me to do something...not just stand here staring at the piece of paper in Alora's hand. Words seem to fail me at this moment in time, any single coherent word has fallen out of my head.

A nod, a simple nod is all Samson needs to perform his duties as acting beta.

"I want warriors to move in, I want 2 to be inside at all times with the pack-link fully open." He orders, taking a step towards Alora.

"You best come inside." He gestures to both Alora and Freya to enter the house, 2 warriors now leading them into my home.

I overtake in the hallway, leading our guests into the alpha office, closing the door as the warriors stand at their post outside. I know why Samson has done this. Without a pack-link should we be attacked he wouldn't be able to get word to the wider pack. By having warriors at the door, they'll sense any untoward behaviour by our guests.

I turn from the closed door to find Alora already talking about their journey here, about finding us. For someone who has been asleep for 4 years, she was sure making up for lost time. Maybe it was a level of nervous that kept her talking, that only by interrupting her will she stop.

"You shouldn't be here!" I cut her off with a loud sigh as I move to sit in Father's chair. A stress headache was forming and I had a feeling it would develop into a full migraine by the time we were done here today. Her arrival will only cause me undue stress. She's lucky Father isn't here, he would have marched her directly to the cells.

'Can we talk alone?' Her eyes flicker to Samson before landing back on mine.

'With all due respect, I am the beta and promised the alpha not to leave the luna alone.'

Alpha? Are you marked now...." She asks credulously.

burst into laughter before turning my neck sideways for her to glimpse at my mark-free neck.

No. The Alpha is my father. I am acting as luna to assist him in his duties."

s he here?"

de is off site, why?" Samson replies moving to stand behind me at the desk. He doesn't need to be a pack member for me to pick up on his distrust of her.

ook Kaia, I've come here to talk about the possibility of us being family..."

amily?"

es, I found this adoption certificate....I didn't even know I was adopted. I found it in my parent's things

en I was going through them at Than's...."

deafening growl cuts her off. A ferocious growl that think at first was from Samson, until I realise it

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came from my own chest. My wolf took control at the mention of his name.

"I won't have his name mentioned here. Not that monster." I seethe out and I witness the change in Alora's demeanour at the mention of him being anything but her prince charming. "He's not a monster..."

"Blinded by love I see."

"I'm not blinded by anything. Kaia, I've not come to discuss them, I've come to discuss us." Them...she means Hector as well. So she has seen him. He did go to her the night I left, as I thought he would. Looking closely from where I sat, I can't see a mate mark on her neck...has Than not marked her. Did Hector break up their ceremony.

"Us?"

"Yes Kaia, you and I. It can't be coincidence we are identical, that I am adopted. We are sisters, we have to be. Twins..."

"Twins?" Samson gasps by my side as my head rests in my hands at the desk. I couldn't do this, not now.

"I don't want this..."

"Kaia..." she tries to plead with me, but I'm done listening. She needs to go back.

"No, Alora...I don't care...too much has happened. I can't go back...I'm only going forward now. I need you to leave."

"Kaia.." She pleads with me again, standing up and placing her hands on the desk. On my father's desk.

"I need you to leave. I don't want to hear of this again, do you understand?" Flashbacks enter my mind and I can feel my own head moving from side to side to shake the memories out.

No I won't be that person again, I am not that person.

"Fine, I'll leave if that's what you want. But I need to know....what did you take?"

"Excuse me?"

"What did you take from him. He says you took something, he has been searching for you....to get it back." Does his lies know no boundaries.

She needs to hear this for herself. She needs to know who she loves and what lengths he will go to keep her alive.

Are you aware of your current health issues?"

...wait...what do you mean.."

About your organs?"

How do you know about my organs?"

because that's what I took...I took away the only way to save you Alora. That's why he is looking for me, I

mean nothing to him. That's why he was with me, from day one. To save you."

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Kaia POV

"What does that mean, to save me?" She stares at me flabbergasted, perhaps she finally needs some home truths to be delivered to her.

Truths that I had never planned to share....never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be sharing

them with her.

I turn to look up at Samson, his eyes haven't left Alora's once. As if she was going to pull a knife out at any second and lunge for me.

"Samson, I need you to leave."

"I'm staying!"

"Please Samson, and move the warriors away from the door!"

"Luna, your safety?" His eyes break away from Alora for the first time, looking directly at me. This would go against his role of temporary protector but I needed it to be just her and me. "I'll mind-link them if I need them. I'll be quite fine...trust me. Freya, I also need you to leave."

"I'm not sure..." She turns to her own Luna anxiously.

"It's fine Freya, I'll use the mind-link if I need you."

I wait for everyone to leave, for the warriors to leave their posts and for only myself and Alora to be the only ones in the Alpha house. I didn't need an audience for this.

There's no way to know how to begin a story of a traumatic time in your life, I can't strip it back or making- it shiny for her sake...I'll just have to be honest, to speak from my experience. From my heart.

With a deep breath in, I close my eyes and picture pack to the first time I saw Than. The untainted version

of him.

I first met Than at college. I was alone, I didn't know anyone and that was what I wanted. I was meant to be hidden, I wasn't meant to stand out. But he found me and I couldn't fight the connection between us. He was warm...funny, caring and attentive. It didn't take long for him to tell me that he loved me. That he could feel the mate bond between us and that was all that mattered.

He wouldn't mark me, not until I married him...he was a gentleman, he wanted all of me. Body, heart and

soul.

He asked me to go home with him, to marry him and become his pack's Luna. I was so naive...so trusting. How could a mate bond be anything but divine...magnificent. I never thought for one moment my own mate would manipulate me.

ou don't have to believe me, but I married him and then the night of our wedding...he rejected me.

hought at first I had done something wrong, I tried to repair the bond between us, but he just ignored

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Do you know how that feels to be ignored by your own mate...no probably not." A small shake to her head informs me that she doesn't but she continues to listen without interrupting me.

"I didn't accept his rejection because he was supposed to be my everything, and I his. Until I found out about you. Then I saw you..."

"You saw me?"

"I sneaked into the hospital one night. I needed to see for myself the woman that could outwit the Moon Goddess, steal another woman's mate...." I pause as Alora shifts uncomfortably in the chair. She can disagree with that all she wants but it's true.

"Then I saw you.....me...laying half dead on a hospital bed. I couldn't believe my eyes, what I was seeing. How was it possible...some kind of mix up." I think back on that moment when I found her covered in tubes and how different my life could have been if I had pulled out the plug.

"What did you do?"

"I wanted to leave...I spent time planning my escape. Than had said he needed a baby... that his parents were putting pressure on him to secure the future of the pack."

"A baby?" She abruptly stands up, running her hands through her hair before pulling at the ends.

"I overheard him one night talking to Beta Zane about what would happen if I did have a baby with him.. Than rejected any idea of waiting for you to wake up to have a child...his plan was to use me as an organ donor to save you. That he would have any child that was his and raise it without me, because I wouldn't

be there."

"Wouldn't be there?"

"I would be dead Alora, he would use me as an unwilling donor to save you."

"No...no I refuse to believe this...lies!" She shouts out at me, covering her ears.

"Luna?" A warrior pushes on my mind-link from her sudden shouting.

"I'm fine...hold back."

"Then why did you stay? Why not run...."

"I was a prisoner Alora, my every move watched. I spent most days alone...I didn't leave until 2 months later. Which I know now was too long."

"Why did you leave then?"

"Because...I found out I was pregnant."

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Alora POV

Kaia was talking about a Than I didn't recognise, a Than I didn't know.

Or so I thought.

Her words are like bullets attacking at the ears and making their way to my chest. I wanted her to stop but this is what I have come for isn't it, to hear her side of events.

Hearing of their time at college together made me feel sick, how he said he loved her...her claiming it was all a ruse. But you can't outwit the mate bond, I'm living proof of that. So he must have felt something for her, he married her.

How he got her pregnant...I feel sick just thinking of the possibility. I've never touched another, but he slept with her...as his wife.

I was standing up, holding my hands to my ears not that it would stop me hearing her words. My eyes flicker to her stomach, if she was carrying Than's child this would change everything.

"I escaped, knowing the only pack I needed was the notorious Dark Phantom pack, the alpha that was Than's enemy. If I could gain safe sanctuary there whilst looking for Father, I could breathe long enough to think of my next step. No pack can storm the borders of the Dark Phantom lands.

Hector accepted me, sheltered me but when I found out that he was also your mate, I knew I couldn't remain, that I couldn't be safe. I knew he would trade me and the baby in for you. But he made me believe he wasn't like that, and like a fool I believed him. He was very manipulative, in some ways more damaging to me than Than. The mate bond always weaving its webs of lies.

When I found out he loved you, that you were mates...I miscarried."

"You miscarried?" I gasp, I wouldn't wish that on any woman and I can see in her eyes, the horror she still bears from what she has been through. No matter what, an innocent has been lost.

I sit back down in front of her, as much as it pains me I need to hear everything, I need to hear more. If she was my sister, my twin, I needed to know what she had been through because of me, because of them.

"I'm sorry Kaia, I didn't know you were pregnant. It's clear to me now that I don't know the whole truth." But what I don't get is why finding out Hector was my mate and that he loved me would cause her so much pain it would result in her miscarrying. Unless...she said the mate bond and its web of lies. Was she....

"Wait...are you and Hector mates also?"

"am mates with both, as are you. Hector can't feel the bond, I presume, because Than rejected me. But you haven't rejected Hector, so like me, he is stuck in limbo, in the shadows. The mate bond still humming until both parties reject one another. Worse in fact, because I know differently now, I've moved on."

""Why didn't you reject Than?"

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"It's hard to believe even now, but, I loved him. I hoped the Than I knew at college was still there somewhere. That he would come back to me. I left when you reawoke and I just assumed he would mark you, that the mate bond between us would be severed by you becoming his. Now I can see he hasn't marked you..."

"We were meant to have a ceremony..." I mutter quietly, ashamed of what my actions of a stupid 16 year old has come to.

"But Hector stopped it... That's when I left. I knew I could never win."

I sit quietly thinking everything over, trying to absorb all this information she has given me. If Than was wanting her organs to save me, is that why he hasn't marked me. Was he relying on the mate bond with her to track her down. To try and manipulate her back. I don't know this man...he's not the kind loving boy I grew up with. 1 "Then we are twins!" I blurt out, trying to find some positivity in this dire situation.

"No Alora, we aren't."

"Think about it Kaia, why else would we have these mate bonds entwined between us. Us being Sisters... Them being Brothers..."

"Brothers?"

"Yes Than and Hector are half brothers, did you not know?" Now it was Kaia's turn to have all colour

drained from out of her face.

She was a stronger woman than me, in mind and body. She was beautiful, the sun having only sunkissed her skin for the better. I could feel the full strength of her wolf waiting just beneath the skin's surface.. waiting....watching.

Whereas mine was struggling to even come close to the surface. I was running out of time and that didn't

matter anymore.

All that mattered was this...was her.

"Hector was raised by a human mother.."

"He's human?"

"Half human, yes. He didn't join the pack until he was 8 years old. He was meant to be the Alpha, being the first born and then something changed. Than started training as the Alpha heir. Hector went away for a long time, returning for Than's 18th birthday...well a few days before. That's when the nightmare began.

Hector claimed I was his mate, but Than refused to believe him. He wanted a few more days until he turned 18, until we knew for certain.

I was torn, I was only 16. I couldn't cope. I had lost both my parents within 6 months of each other, then I moved in with the Alpha and Luna. They became my family.

I have loved Than for as long as I can remember but I knew whoever I picked I would be breaking up a family. A family that was already only holding on by a thread." I close my eyes, letting my back rest into the chair for the first time since arriving here. you took the wolfsbane?"

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"So I took the wolfsbane.."

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Kaia POV

"So I took the wolfsbane..." She slowly nods, her eyes closed as she rests back in the chair.

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For so long she has been the villain of my story, but I'm seeing now I've been blaming the wrong person. She's just as caught up in this as me. She wasn't a monster, she was 16 when she went through something similar to me.

I can picture it now, both men trying to tear into her with sharp teeth each fighting to claim her as theirs. Not once stopping to ask what she wants, which one of them deserves her.....if either of them.

Not once did they think she was a 16 year old child needing parental help, that she needed support. She took the only way out that she could think of at the time...death.

She didn't have a family telling her no matter what happened they would love her, be there for her. She was the key to her new family's destruction. She was in an impossible position.

She was a just as much as a victim of these alpha's powerplay... these men that should know better. The alpha family should have protected her better.

"What do you want Alora, if not my organs?"

"I don't want your organs Kaia. I promise I didn't even know. I would never do that, never expect that. I signed my own death certificate when I drank the wolfsbane. I made my peace with the moon on that day, my soul laid out bare for her to witness. Me being here is a miracle gifted from the Moon Goddess, she has brought me to you to make amends."

"What of Than?"

"I love him...I can't lie, he is so deeply rooted into my soul that I'll never not love him. I just need to figure things out for myself right now....what is best for me."

It is on the tip of my tongue to tell her, to tell her that the pregnancy wasn't from love...wasn't from want. But I can't bring myself to say it, to utter the words themselves.

She was hiding it well, but I could tell our conversation had taken a larger strain on her than she wants to admit.

"You should rest. I will send for a doctor."

"Yes I will rest, but there is no need for a doctor. I just want you to know, if we are related. That leaving this world, I do so without any regrets. I have so many as it is, but I am glad I am here...with you. And if possible to meet the parents I have never known..that you have been lucky to share a life with."

If we are related then she was right, I have been with Father most of my life...and she hasn't. She has been raised by strangers. But why... Father has never once mentioned of another baby.

"I will instruct my doctors to perform a blood test on the both of us."

"Really...that would be amazing."

But Alora, my Father has never once mentioned another pregnancy or child. Also, my Mother died in

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childbirth, I have never known her. You mustn't let a fantasy wish get your hopes up. I wouldn't want you to be disappointed."

"I understand."

"Will you stay until the results are back and Father has returned?"

"Yes, I will do that."

I push on the mind-link to one of the warriors to let Freya and a member of staff in the office. Both were very quickly escorted back in by Samson. 1

Who had a face of pure thunder at my blocking him out.

"Samson, Alora will remain as a guest until my Father returns. Freya, can I suggest that you return back to the Amber Desert pack...I wouldn't want your mate to struggle with your disappearance." I suggest to Freya.

"Thank you Luna, but if I return...I will be asked where I was and I fear, I will not be able to lie to my mate directly in front of him." Yes she was right, Zane even back then was a jerk to her and I was impressed she managed to help Alora this far. As long as she willingly remained in this pack she would have my protection.

"Very well. If you could kindly settle them in please.." I request of the staff member before continuing with our new guest.

"You should both rest and refresh, I will instruct some food to be made and then I will give you a small tour of the site." "Thank you Kaia."

"Thank you Luna." They both respond in unison standing up to leave the room.

"Oh and Alora.." I call out to her before she leaves the office.

"Yes Kaia.."

"Be prepared for some whispers and stares."

"I'm used to it, but thank you."

Yes I imagine she was, being which pack she has come from.

The staff member gestures for them to follow her where she will set them up in their own rooms. Once they leave Samson growls next to me, his hoarse voice annoyed for being shut out.

"I had no choice Samson. They will remain here for as long as needed. But you best inform the warriors to expect pack alphas knocking on the gate doors anytime soon. She won't remain hidden for long, and they aren't to be granted entry." "Understood Luna."

"Also, did Father leave a way of contacting him?"

Yes, for emergencies..."

en you need to call him...this is an emergency. He needs to come home."

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Kala POV

I couldn't sleep. I felt safe, as safe as I could in this pack...and I had no concerns that Alora would try and murder me in my sleep....yet I couldn't sleep.

I was looking up at the moon from the sitting room window, and had been looking at it all night. Snuggled up with a blanket and a low roaring fire lit, I stare at her ethereal beauty hoping she might show a sign of what she wants me to do, of what her plan is. What exactly does she expect me to do....

him yesterday

In truth, I was also waiting for Father to return. Samson had been able to get word to him afternoon and I know he can't be that far away. Surely he'll be back by early morning.

I haven't acted upon anything yet, not without Father knowing...I had to wait.

What was more surprising than hearing Alora's side of the story, was that Hector was half human. And the biggest bombshell. that he and Than were actually brothers.

I was right, from the moment I stepped into that coffee shop, Hector had a plan for me. His revenge, I believe, now runs deeper than the mate connection with him and Alora. It is complete revenge and he has been plotting for some time against his father, Than and Medea.

Yet my wolf refuses to believe that, she just refuses to accept that the private moments with him...the laughter shared, was an act. Perhaps some moments we shared were genuine but it still doesn't change the fact that he lied to me.

I'm not sure what time I feel the cool morning air breeze through the front door, but Father's arrival wakes me from my cuddled up state on the sofa.

"Kaia? It's late my child, why aren't you in bed?"

"Father, I needed to tell you immediately..."

"The guards refused to tell me what the emergency was, you panicked me...I expected to come back to a battle field. What is it?"

Father and I have always shared a special bond and I've never lied to him....never before leaving him. What I need to say is difficult but I need to just say it, like pulling off that bandaid.

"We have guests Father, one in particular I need you to be prepared for..."

"Sounds intriguing..." He yawns with a slight chuckle.

"One Father, that is claiming to be my twin..."

Once I had informed Father of Alora being my identical, that was it...he also was unable to sleep. We both remained in the sitting room where Father paced the rest of the night by the fire, stopping every so often before shaking his head and continuing to pace. It took all my energy to talk him out of marching up the stairs and demanding to see her immediately, she

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needed to rest.

She also didn't need a powerful Alpha bursting into her bedroom at night and scaring her to death. She was weak as it was. Father was kind to me but there was no denying his power and if he thought for one moment this was a trick, he would turf her off the pack with his own hands. She wouldn't cope with that, she'd already been through enough.

"Kala?" I can hear her voice call me from upstairs as she tapped quietly on my bedroom door. Standing up, I walk out of the sitting room into the hallway to greet her from the bottom of the stairs. Freya exits her own bedroom, and now stands by Alora's side. "Alora, I'm down here. Freya, if you want to start breakfast we will be in shorty..."

As Alora joins me at the bottom of the stairs, I do something I never expected in my wildest dreams...I take her hand.

"Father is here. I have told him..somethings..." I give her a pointed look to warn her not to overshare too much.

"...he would very much like to meet you. But we will need to go to the medical centre after breakfast." "Yes, of course. Lead the way..." I could feel her hand shaking slightly within my grasp.

She was nervous and had every right to be, but I fear she will be disappointed by what Father has to tell her of my birth and what the blood results will reveal.

I lead her into the sitting room where Father stands leaning against the mantle piece of the fire place. The fire was almost burnt out, we hadn't fed it since the early hours of the morning, yet it still provided a soft additional warmth to the start of the day. A day I fear will be just as momentous as yesterday.

"Father, this is Alora." I clear my throat forcing Father to finally look at our guest. Father was sweet to me, yet he was fiercely protective and possessive of me. It had only ever been just the two of us.

With his lack of sleep I was dreading his reaction, of poor Alora being kicked out of the pack and branded

a witch.

But what I wasn't expecting was the soft smile that forms upon his face, as his arms open wide to welcome Alora. "Alora, my child...welcome home!"

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Kaia POV

"Father?" I watch on in bewilderment as Alora walks up to Father hesitantly, before his arms wrap around her gently.

I don't understand..."

"Neither do I Kaia. But this must be some kind of miracle, a gift from the Moon Goddess. Here to declare our pack sacred in her eyes. How she sends a lost child to me..." His hands now cup Alora's face as he takes her in,

"A lost child? Father you aren't making any sense." His words were clear but to me it was as if he were talking in riddles. I was finding his words hard to hear.

"You are a twin Kaia, but your twin died at child birth with your Mother. Or so I was lead to believe. I am so sorry my child, I didn't know...I was so distraught by my mate's sudden death I believed the hospital staff."

I can feel the ground shattering beneath me, my legs numb as I reach for the sofa and sit back down before collapsing. 1

"What are you saying?" I gasp.

"Alora has come home to us Kala.."

No, no, no this can't be happening..

"My child resurrected from the dead. We must celebrate this news... Samson." Father calls out to Samson, who walks in as commanded.

He automatically walks over to me, his closeness adding a support I didn't know I needed. I must look awful, ghost like in myself from the news.

"Alpha?"

"We need to celebrate the news, we need all the pack members congregated outside late this morning.." "No Father...we need to do a blood test. Just to be certain." He was moving too quickly, too eager to just accept the news. Accept Alora, without any research. "Kala..." Father growls at me, as my head goes in-between my legs to stop the dizzy spell taking control. This was too much.

"I'm happy to do a blood test Alpha...it has been agreed by Kaia and myself." Alora smiles softly but doesn't give much else away. I think she was in shock just as much as me.

"Very well, we will go straight after breakfast."

He walks out of the room, his head held high humming to himself, not once glancing at my shocked state

on the sofa.

Jf what he is saying is true...a child he thought had died 20 years ago has come back to him. But I need a moment to absorb the information he has just shared. He has never once spoken of another child, of another baby. +25 BONUS

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How could he keep this from me...

"Father." I roar, my growing anger taking over me as my need for more information takes precedence over breakfast.

He stops in his tracks, his alpha aura rolling off him and aimed at me for my outburst.

I could feel the thickness of his alpha command held within it and it took my breath away. There was a reason Than could never use his aura well on me, I was an alpha's daughter....which he didn't know. As well as being a rightful Luna wolf. He takes a threatening step towards me, and I can see it in his eyes...for a brief moment he considers me an enemy. I'm not, I'm not going against him but this was too much too soon. I just needed time to catch up, to understand how I have a twin. "I can't....you need...." I find the words hard to communicate, as my body trembles with a sensation different to anger...hurt.

I was hurt.

Hurt that he would use his aura on me. That his eyes would look at me in that way.

As a tear starts to run down my cheek, my face reddening from the audience of our father and daughter argument...his demeanour changes. Softens.

"Forgive me my darling..." He takes a step towards me, his hand stroking at my cheek.

"You were born first...my beautiful baby girl. We were expecting twins, she was so happy...twins.

As soon as you were born I couldn't put you down. I was holding you in my arms when Alike started to push again but there were complications she had lost a lot of blood.

The doctors did all they could but the strain of the labour was just too much for her.

She died whilst I cradled you to my chest. I was told the second baby hadn't survived. That I had lost both mate and baby. I just believed them..."

"What does this mean?" I gasp from his words.

"We will do the blood tests, but I think you already know don't you. That Alora has come home, that Alora is your twin sister."

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Alora POV

The man before me, the man holding my hand is my Father. I know it. I can feel it.

I don't need a blood test to prove it. I believe it.

I can feel it deep within me...he was who I was meant to be raised by. I was meant to be with him and Kala.

What happened...why was he told I was dead. Was there some kind of mix up in the hospital. There must have been.... 1

Kaia may not feel it yet, but I can. Maybe because my wolf is weaker, it isn't able to protect me as hers can, but I can feel the connection between the three of us. How this is how it has always meant to be.

I'm scared, scared of what might come but a happy scared. This is happy news, I have found my father. No one can replace the happiness of my parents growing up, but having found my birth father...I feel a step closer to being home. I can even see myself in him, see some resemblance between the two of us.

I was his, there was no doubting that.

He had black longish hair that was greying to the sides and a scar across his eye. Was that a battle scar... Kaia mentioned she was sent away when their pack was attacked, is that from that attack.

I want to know everything, I want to know it all...but I'm conscious I am entering into their duo family...it's been just the two of them for so long...I need to take my time.

Especially with Kaia, I don't want to overwhelm her. So much she has been through has already been because of me.

His reaction to this news is better than I could have ever imagined. He wants to celebrate and excitement floods through me until I see Kaia stumble to the sofa.

Samson enters and automatically stands by her side. She was pained. she was distressed. But he couldn't see that.

He lets go of my hand to walk out of the room, not glancing at Kala's state, as she starts to crumble before me.

"Father!" She roars, an aura rolling off her aimed at her own father, our father. I suddenly felt as if I was intruding on a family argument.

Even Beckett turns his soft jubilant face at my return turning into the thunderous glare of an alpha...a scary alpha. As that aura is thrusting onto Kala.

I can see the alpha he once was, the alpha he is. I very much believe he could be scary to go against at

times.

I've never seen anything like it. I would crumble under his aura, I know I would.

My wolf quietly whimpers in the shadows, uncertain, but I reassure her that Kala is strong...and I was

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proved right when his aura is dropped and he rushes over to her..

With a limp...was that also from his battle years.

He comforts Kaia, as tears start to fall down her face. I was intruding now and need to leave. I take a side step away, creeping out of the sitting room until he starts to talk about her birth, about our birth.

He talks about how Kaia was born first, then our mother ran into complications...how she lost too much blood.

How I was born but in his grief he believed the claims that I was dead. He must have been heartbroken, to lose a mate....and a child at the same time. Goddess knows how he survived, how he managed to raise Kaia all alone for all these years. He mentions her name...Alik. My Mother was called Alik.

"We will do the blood tests, but I think you already know don't you. That Alora has come home, that Alora is your twin sister." He looks to Kaia before turning to look at me. Even without the blood test he can feel it too...feel the connection between us. Family.

"Yes Father." Kaia responds with a slight final sob before standing up and wiping away her tears. They both hold hands, mind-linking, before Beckett extends his hand towards me and I hesitantly join them.

He takes a moment to look at us both, a soft smile forming upon his face. In my peripheral vision I notice Samson leave the room, glancing back at Kaia before stepping out.

I look down to Kaia's hand that was holding mine before looking up at her. Her eyes were sore but held a determination within them, a spark I know I didn't have

Beckett pulls us both towards him, wrapping his arms around us.

"We are stronger when we are united, strongest together...remember that my girls."

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Kala POV

We were now in the hospital, having had an awkward breakfast between us, even Samson and Freya were quiet.

Freya kept glancing Alora's way and I could see them mind-linking a couple of times.

Even I was quieter than usual. Usually the conversation flows freely at meal times with Father and I, but I was still in a level of shock.

Father seemed unaware of the tension around him, even of Samson trying to gain my eye contact to understand what was happening. I hadn't had a chance to pull him aside and update him, all he knew was Alora was my twin miraculously returned home to us. A twin he also had no idea even existed.

My mind was racing, flashbacks coming forward from my childhood...guilt settling in from having a childhood with my Father. Memories that Alora didn't share.

And why...why did someone lie to Father at the birth, unless they thought she had died as Mother did, and then some kind of confusion ensued.

We were now at the hospital, Father keen to get the blood tests completed before announcing of his lost daughter's return.

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"This will sting!" The doctor states, bringing me out of my own thought process. The only way to gain blood from a werewolf was to use instruments laced with silver.

He was right, it stung like hell and I couldn't help the grimace that followed.

Once he has finished with me I exit the room, finding Father and Alora waiting outside.

He was talking about Mother, of what she looked like. How we both resemble her more than him...that we have her beauty.

I take a seat opposite them, rather than interrupt their conversation. Alora seemed to be enjoying hearing of mother, I didn't want to spoil that for her. Even though it felt uncomfortable.

It pained me to share a mother I never knew, to know that she was also somebody else's.

I was thinking selfishly, Alora must be questioning every detail of her own childhood and the parents that raised her. Parents she had no idea had adopted her until recently.

I needed to think outside of my own hurt, if the blood tests came back confirming the positive match, I'd have to be more sharing. I'd have to start being more open to Alora.

No matter what had passed between us, she was apart of me and I had to accept that.

"They are ready for you..." I call out to her when their conversation comes to a natural stop. Father looking up only just noticing my return.

He stands up walking over to check my arm. a growl forming in his throat. It was heavily bruised, the silver leaving its imprint on my skin for now.

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"I'm fine Father...they had to use silver to extract the blood. Alora, it will hurt but it won't last for long." I smile at her, being honest but not wanting to worry her! "Would you like me to come with you?" I offer, as her eyes take in my arm.

"No...thanks, I'll be fine."

As Alora enters the Doctor's room and closes the door behind her, Father takes the seat next to me.

"Why didn't you tell me about her before?"

1..." I try

y to think of my answer without informing him of every detail Alora and I had retrospectively been through.

How our lives crossed already before we even met, how looking at things now, the shared mate bonds made sense....if we were twins.

"I didn't really know what we might be to each other. I thought it was just a coincidence.."

"You didn't feel a connection with her?"

"I do now..but her coming here is the first time I have ever met Alora awake." I shrug.
"Awake?" He creases his forehead at my words.

"Father, I need you to know something." I turn to face him, taking his hand in mine.

"Alora isn't well...when i first met her she was in a coma. She has organ failure..."
"What?"

"Father, listen...you need to stay calm.."

It takes seconds for him to burst open the doctor's room and demand for Alora to be given a full health check.

I follow him inside, trying to calm him, trying to diffuse the situation he was causing when I see Alora laying on the same bed I was just on, but her eyes looking at me with sadness.

I couldn't keep this from him, he was my Father and I loved him dearly. I can't let him open his heart fully only for it to be ripped away again. He has already experienced more heartache for one lifetime, let alone gaining a daughter only to lose her again.

The extra medical checks overshadowed the results of the blood tests. Father not giving them any mind.. he knew already, he knew the moment Alora walked into the sitting room this morning.

I don't know why, but I needed the results to confirm what I already knew

I could feel the connection between us growing the more time we spent with one another. But I had been tricked before in so many ways, I needed for once to have it 100% confirmed...and it was.

Father might not notice the doctor passing me the results, but Alora does.

She watches me intently as I read the results...

Positive blood match.

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Kaia POV

Alora insisted that she didn't want to rest after the doctor's appointment, I needed to give her more credit, she was strong in so many other ways.

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were giving her a short tour of the pack grounds, Samson doing the same with Freya.

I had asked for Samson to give Freya the full tour knowing she could handle the distance whereas Alora might struggle.

This was very different to the pack Alora grew up in, the majority of the pack members being previous rogues would give her a level of insecurity, when she is used to a safe pack members and safe borders.

"Security is a bit different to your previous pack....but with some time you'll get used to it." I offer out to her as she gives me a concerned look of the number of guards on boarder patrol.

The Amber Desert Pack had security measures of course but nothing to this level, not with guards and warriors so openly out in eyesight.

She'll get used to the threat of an attack at any moment, she'll learn to live with it as I did.

That's if she chooses to stay.

"What pack did you grow up in?" Father asks conversationally at me mentioning her old pack. Her eyes flicker to me with panic.

"Don't worry child, I won't be demanding that the pack's alpha and luna inform me of how you ended up in their pack.....not yet anyway." His comment, which he says with black humour behind it, does nothing to quell her fears. "Alora grew up in the Amber Desert Pack." I answer for her as a warrior starts walking over to Father, gaining his attention.

"I haven't told Father certain things, please don't overshare.." I plead with her quietly in her ear, the moment Father's concentration is temporarily lapsed.

"Don't worry I won't." She whispers back, nodding in understanding.

"So, what title did your parents hold in the pack?"

"My parents were friends to the alpha family... they both died and I moved in with the alpha family. They took care of me."

"Can you see you aren't marked?" Father follows glancing at her neck, which doesn't hold a mate mark.

"Well no, not officially yet..." Her eyes glance to me in awkwardness.

"Good."

"Good?" She chuckles at his bluntness.

"I wouldn't want a mate turning up to take you away from your new pack.."

"Away from my new pack?"

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"You will join this pack, no? As my daughter, as Kaia's sister..." I can sense Alora increasingly becoming more uncomfortable.

"I hadn't given it much thought yet...I haven't thought that far ahead."

"But you're home with us now and my wolf won't be satisfied until he can feel you through the pack link. That's why you came yes to be reunited with family?"

I roll my eyes looking away from Father as he lays it on thick, pressuring Alora. He didn't mean to, he just wanted her back. To him, nothing else mattered. "I'm not sure..."

"Give it some thought Alora....there's no rush..." I cut in, giving her some breathing space.

I understood Father's keenness to have both daughters under the same pack-link, but I know for a fact it will force Than to take action.

He won't have Alora in any other pack than his and it will lead to him being at the pack's gates. Something, I wasn't ready for,

"Kaia...honestly." Father huffs at me.

"Father, Alora has a mate from the same pack. He will feel the pack-link break when she joins ours.." "The only person that can feel a pack-link break is an alpha...are you a Luna Alora?" His eyes light up. "Erm, I'm not marked so..." "But your mate is an alpha?"

I could see Father already thinking, see the cogs turning in his mind. For the sake of our people he wouldn't be opposed to asking for help, asking for more fighters from an alliance pack.

"Yes, my mate is an alpha." She looks to me hesitantly

"Good, good."

Father suggests that Alora and I head back to the alpha mansion as he checks the borders with his warriors.

As we walk back to the alpha house, I feel torn between my needs and Alora's. If she joined the Nightshade Reformed Pack, Father would be ecstatically happy but Than would feel the break in the pack-link with Alora. That is what fears me, that Than would find her here and all my dirty laundry would be aired out in pack public. He would tell Father I held the key to Alora's survival and I couldn't put Father in that position of choosing. "Alora, Than would feel the pack-link break....you would need to consider what that would mean for the both of you.

"You don't want me to be in this pack?" She stops at the bottom of the staircase.

"...erm, no that's not it. I just...I haven't shared things with Father and I don't think I could cope with Than turning up at the gates. But that's my problem to bare Alora, you must do what you want. If you want to be +25 BONUS

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in this pack then I will support that, but if you want to go back to the Amber Desert Pack...then being at member of this pack might take that option away from you.

Once Father is your Alpha, he will protect you as his...he won't take lightly to Than's demands."

"What are you saying?" A small frown forms upon her lips.

"You need to make peace with the fact, that you may never see Than again."

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Alora POV

Things were progressing quickly. Kaia is cautioning me in what I decide on the side, but not in front of Beckett

I'm not sure what to do but I haven't got the heart to tell him I am not sure.

Even now, he is planning a pack party to announce me as a new pack member, as his daughter. But what would that mean for Than and me?

Can I get word to him somehow of what is going to happen. the snap of the pack bond...he might think I have died.

With me not being marked by him he might not feel the connection between us, I can't... the strength of my wolf is reducing every day and I'm struggling to feel the mate connection day by day.

Kaia and Beckett were exceptionally close, they knew each other's movements and thoughts before even talking or moving.

I've sat in on a few warrior meetings and she's exquisite to watch, and I find myself unable to match her Luna abilities. Why didn't Than give her a chance, or Hector for that matter..she was a born leader, a born Luna.

But something nagged at me, something Beckett said in a recent meeting. That she wasn't to join the training sessions and that Samson was to lead them.

She protested, claiming she needed to train and what better way than doing it with the ones defending the pack...but Beckett was adamant.

She was only to train in the parameters of the alpha house's gardens, and only Samson and himself was to be present. Even me, he didn't want me present for some reason.

He was w

He was very possessive of Kala...

I can see now why she hasn't told him things. He was very protective of her, and I understood why he thought he has lost me. He thought he had lost a child already, he didn't want to lose another one.

Part of me wants to accept the Nightshade Reformed pack-link, to feel closer to Kala. I think the only way we can work on our bond as sisters is to share the same pack-link.

Something we have never done in our lives. But I can't deny a level of worry of what it would mean to the Amber Desert Pack....to Than.

"Alora, you can take longer. there's no rush.."

"I want to sort this out as soon as possible Kaia. The security of the pack depends on it." Beckett interrupts Kala's kindness towards me. She was being very gentle with me, taking time to make sure I was taking things slowly. Set things at my own pace. "How so?" I question.

"I can't feel you through the bond, I won't be able to think in threatening situations. I'll worry of where you are, which will impact the safety of the pack. I might make a bad decision in the heat of the moment,

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worried about you

He was right, I was endangering the pack by not being a fully initiated pack member. Beckett needed to feel me through the pack-link.

"What if my mate..."

"Look sweetheart, I'm not going to pry and when you are ready to tell me I will listen but I'm not a fool. You have a mate but aren't with him, which means you left for a reason.."
"Yes to find Kaia..."

"And when he comes for you, and when he marks you. You will leave, if that is mate bond.

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But for right now, you not being a pack member and as my daughter it puts us in a really dangerous situation. What if we are attacked....yes, I need to see your defence moves. I'll get Samson to train you privately before Kala every day." He changes his thought process completely half way through the sentence leaving me spinning, trying to catch up.

My mind was becoming more foggy, but he moved at such a fast speed..sometimes I was left behind and Kala would explain it to me later at bedtime so I knew what was happening.

"I don't think that is wise..." Kaia interjects.

"Why?" Beckett's eyes dart to hers. She keeps speaking for me, keeps trying to protect me...I need to be more vocal around them.

"Because my wolf is too weak to train...I haven't shifted in a long time...I don't think she can shift anymore."

His eyes glaze over into a mind-link, an authoritative aura rushing off him.

It doesn't take long before the pack doctor rushes through the office door, summoned from the medical centre as Kaia and I sit in silence with Beckett in his office.

Samson is another funny one, he is also very protective of Kaia and I keep questioning to myself why.

It's not like he was her mate, I know that, as does she. From what she says they grew up together and were close friends. The pack was attacked when he was away training to be a beta. But something still didn't sit well with me. "Alpha?" The poor doctor burst through the door instantly submitting his neck under Beckett's powerful command, clutching a file in his hand.

"Alora is hesitant to take on the pack bond, now tell me what you found out of her results. I'm keen for her ceremony to happen within the next 24 hours, so tell me only good news Doctor."

The doctor has the floor but I know, as does he, he doesn't have good news.

"Well, actually Alpha....I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news..."

"Excuse me?" A rumble leaves Beckett's chest.

"I've run test after test, looked for a range of remedies but unfortunately the results are the same."

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"Which are?"

"Alora's organ failure is too great, all we can do is make her comfortable..." Both Kaia and I look to each other, we both have heard this plenty of times. Whereas Beckett's face is frozen before he looks to Kala with anger. "You knew this?"

"Yes Father..."

"Why didn't you tell me."

"I tried to..."

"You will be intitated this evening. Samson start the preparations."

"Father..." Kaia bites back.

"You've withheld information from me, information about your own sister. I'm disappointed in you Kaia." How could he say that to her, why hasn't she told him what she has been through. He wouldn't be saying that if he knew. An overwhelming need to protest her takes over me and I raise my own voice.

"It's not her fault, please...Kaia has been through enough...this is my fault. I did this to myself..."

"What do you mean?" The doctor turns to me his eyebrows furrowing.

"I drank wolfsbane at 16, my dying kidneys are a result of my actions. Nobody else's...especially not Kaia!" Ebony Woods

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Thank you for reading. Don't forget to vote for your favourite

stories as the month's gem count comes to a close.

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Kaia POV

I'm watching Father's reaction to what Alora has just admitted. The pack doctor staring at his new patient in shock.

"You drank wolfsbane...and survived?" The doctor asks flabbergasted,

"Barely, I was in a coma for 4 years. The machines kept me alive."

"Have you considered a transplant..." The doctor's words are like a sick nightmare that just won't go away. 1

1 won't be having a transplant, I don't want to overthink it...I'm happy just spending time with Beckett and Kaia." She firmly states, her eyes carefully not looking at me once. "I'd advise...."

"Thank you Doctor but I am fully aware of my health and have had all the tests, the best of the best have examined me...just some pain relief if you'd be happy to prescribe..." "If the Alpha is happy for me to prescribe...."

Father's eyes gaze upon me before returning back to the Doctor.

"Yes I am happy with that. In fact Alora, you may be excused. There's just a few pack things I need to discuss with Samson and Kaia...then we will join you."

"Okay, I'll put the kettle on." She offers, standing up trying to hide the wince as her hand goes to her lower back. She leaves the office with the doctor, Samson standing up to close it behind them. 1 knew immediately what was coming...

"Did you know about this?" Father whispers, knowing Alora wasn't far away enough not to hear at his usual decibels.

"I knew she needed a transplant yes..." I sigh out.

"That's why she's here...to get you to be the donor." Samson snaps out.

"No...she's not. I truly believe she just wants to know Father and myself. She didn't know until recently..."

I suddenly felt quite protective of Alora against Samson's accusation.

He of all people should understand what a second chance looks like. This entire pack was about second chances.

"We've built a pack based on second chances, you need to give her one Samson." A low growl emits from me. I turn to find my father quirking an eyebrow at my reaction.

"And what of this mate...this alpha." He asks.

"He might pose a problem if she becomes a pack member."

"Can't we invite him here? He must be worried sick about her." Samson suggests and I can feel the panic raising within me. Something I know Father will have noticed by my sudden hike in heart rate. +25 BONUS

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"I can't have him here..."

"Why Kaia?" Father places his hands together, touching them to his mouth.

Now was my chance, to tell them. To tell them both.

The words were almost there....

"Kaia?"

"He isn't a good person Father. She is better off without him, but she needs to decide that for herself."

"So you've met him?" Father pushes and I realised I've already said too much.

Shit....

"Briefly..."

He knows I'm lying, I've never been able to lie to Father.

"Samson leave us!" His command is strong, the acting beta following it instantly even though he wasn't a pack member.

"Kaia...you need to tell me. If it puts the pack in danger, of yourself in danger..."

"I'm not in danger any more Father, not now I am with you. It was suggested I was a donor for Alora..." "By who...her mate?"

My head sinks down, as I try to control what I say carefully.

"Kaia, is your involvement with her mate more than you are letting on?"

Involvement....that's quite a way to put it.

I can feel my neck already trying to submit, of the words fighting to come out of my mouth as I bite down hard on my tongue. His command was strong. "Kaia...." He growls out to me, for fighting his command

I take a deep breath in through my nose, trying to control myself but he was the alpha after all.

"I am married to him." The words come out unwillingly against his command.

"Married to him?"

"When you sent me away I met him a few years later at college. I didn't know...I didn't know about Alora. I thought...."

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"Is he your mate too?" Father gasps, realisation dawning upon him.

A slow nod by myself answers his question.

"So he used the mate bond to trick you..."

"I didn't know...I believed he loved me..." I cover my face with my hands.

It was like the flood gates had opened.

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I never showed much emotion in front of my Father since returning, I had been careful to keep it hidden. I didn't want him to feel the burden of what I have been through. "Are you still married to him?".

"Yes...I was waiting for the divorce papers when I was at my last pack. But now he won't know I am here."

"So you are the rightful Luna of the Amber Desert pack?"

"I'm not marked..."

"No, but the contract is binding. Wait did he marry you to be a donor?"

"Yes, that was his intention."

"I'll wring his neck....you refused to give an organ I hope... Father roars out, his clenched fist hitting against his desk.

"He...it wasn't just for the one...he wanted both kidneys."

*Til kill him...."

"No Father...yes....when the time comes. But Alora is innocent, she didn't know. Please don't make her last few weeks bitter, pained... let her just be with us."

He nods slowly, taking in my words as he takes deep breaths in to control his flaring anger.

"Then I can kill him?"

Kill him. he'll want to castrate him when he knows what Than really did.

"Yes Father, then you can kill him."

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Chapter 0113

Alora POV

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The dull grating pain that has been suppressed thanks to the tablets the doctor prescribed wears off in my sleep and a piercing pain wakes me up. The doctor wants to

assess me further, put me back on machines. but I don't want that. It will only be delaying the inevitable.

Even taking blood...the silver the doctor used burnt at my skin, I couldn't go through that on a daily basis. I am not that strong. I know my fate, I will only be adding days on to it in the end.

I've been asleep for the past 4 years, I want to live every moment to its fullest, as fullest as I can.

I head downstairs into the kitchen to get a glass of water to take with my tablets when I hear giggling from the sitting room. It was gone midnight, who would be up at this time.

Then I hear Kaia's low laughter, a sound I didn't often hear.

Peeking through the gap in the door, I expect to find them both on the sofa, but they aren't. They are both sat on the floor by a fire, roasting what appears to be marshmallows. Looking cosy...too cosy for my liking.

I should leave, I was being nosey... rude watching but I couldn't help myself. Something within me clawed at me not to trust him. Both Kaia and Beckett seemed grateful for his return, but I felt it was too well timed.

According to Kaia he had been communicating with her even during her time at the Amber Desert Pack. So why now, why return now when she was reunited with her Father. Why not help her when she was alone, at her most vulnerable. Maybe I was overthinking it but I felt his return had an ulterior motive. "This is totally unhealthy..." Kaia giggles as she wipes melted marshmallow off her chin.

"Don't worry about it, you'll work it off in training tomorrow."

"Uh oh, sounds like a threat." Kaia giggles as she leans to the side pouring wine into her empty glass.

"I'm just following the Alpha's orders!" Samson smiles before placing a fresh untoasted marshmallow on the stick and holding it above the fire.

"Which you do so well.." She slurs, was she drunk?

"Huh, I think you're the only one who thinks so." Samson scoffs as he pulls the stick out, blowing on the marshmallow.

"What do you mean?"

"Beckett isn't in a rush to make me Beta. In fact, he seems to have forgotten." I can't believe what I am watching..a beta totally over stepping the mark. Not only with his

moaning of the alpha to the alpha's daughter but now he is feeding Kala the marshmallow, wiping her lips clean with his fingers.

"No, of course he hasn't. He's just been preoccupied, what with Alora's return....he plans to Samson. He Just wants to make her an official pack member and then he will make Samson, just give him time."

you the beta. You know he will

Do I want to be in a pack with Samson as the beta, I'm not entirely sure? He doesn't seem to trust me, but then I don't trust him.

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It works both ways I suppose.

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Kala wasn't at breakfast and judging by Samson's dark circles under his eyes, they remained up until the early hours of the morning. He can sense me watching him across the table, as he butters his toast and pours freshly squeezed orange juice into his cup.

I had decided in the early hours of the morning that being a pack member would afford me the opportunity to keep a closer eye on Samson, that feeling the pack bond running through me and as the alpha's daughter, I might finally understand his intentions with my sister. She might trust him, but I don't..

For once in her life, Kaia needs someone who selfishly would look out for her and I don't think Samson is that person. I know what it means for me but I feel this is exactly where I am meant to be, that I've come back for her.

"Where is your Sister, its not like her to miss breakfast She's usefully the first up." Beckett asks as he puts down his morning pack report.

"I think she had a late night." My eyes flicker to Samson who holds a small smirk to the corner of his lips. "Alpha?" The doctor enters the alpha house and I have to smother the moan that wants to escape me. He was persistent in trying to treat me.

"In here.....dont worry dear, he isn't here for you. Why don't you go for a walk this morning, only the inner pack lands mind. Give you some more time to think about your future here." Beckett suggests as he stands up to join the doctor in the privacy of his office "I don't need more time." "Oh?"

"I'm ready to join the pack." I stand up facing Beckett, deliberately blocking Samson from him. "That's fantastic news, I will get things in motion. Just think, my girls...back

with me under the same pack link. Oh your mother would be so happy." Beckett walks over to embrace me, holding me tightly.

I take Beckett up on his suggestion for a walk, but I do go further than he suggests....I go to the cliff tops overlooking the ocean. Enjoying the morning view of the bay down below I close my eyes, letting my legs overhang the edge as I take in the sun's mornings rays. A light breeze runs across the cliff tops only adding to the tranquility of my surroundings. For a pack under constant threat it does feel peaceful at regular intervals, I can see why Beckett is keen to protect that peace.

My own tranquil current moment however is under threat when I hear someone running to me from behind. I swing my legs away from the cliff's edge, turning to find an enraged Kala running up to me.

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Kaia POV

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The moment I open my eyes I know I've made a mistake...I've overslept. Completely unlike me.

I leap out of bed frantically throwing clothes on and pulling my hair up into a high knot bun, before racing to the bathroom to freshen myself up.

No tim

time for a shower this morning, the deodorant spray will have to work on overtime today.

I should have gone to bed with the rest of the household but when Samson flashed marshmallows and wine from behind his back, as I retired towards the stairs, I couldn't seem to find it in me to say no.

I race down the stairs, taking 2 at a time to find the house staff already tidying up after breakfast. I really have slept in, even the premade coffee was on the verge of being cold.

I head to Father's office in search of Samson having missed our morning training session as well...this really wasn't good for a Luna. I open the office door to find Father

behind his desk, a grimace upon his face as he watches a silver laced needle enter his arm. An almighty growl emits from me as I can smell blood in the air and the stinging scent of the silver also reaching my nose. What had I walked in on.

"What is going on?" I close the door behind me, my eyes searching Father's, Samson's and the doctor's faces for an explanation. Nobody answers me, not even when the doctor removes the needle and the vial of blood, placing it in his suitcase and locking it away. "Father?" I ask again as the Doctor hastily walks past me not making eye contact, his head held down sheepishly as he exits the room. My eyes take on a pointed look as I look back at my Father, still in his chair.

"It's nothing..." Father starts to reply as he rolls down his sleeve and buttons up his shirt's cuff.

"It doesn't look like nothing." I reply with annoyance.

"...I just wanted to check."

"Check for what?" I ask looking between him and Samson for a hint. Then it dawns on me.

"No Father!"

"I might not even be a match...let's just wait and see what the results reveal."

"No..."

"It's okay Kaia, it might be she can survive and have a fulfilling life as before, with just the 1 kidney. Let the Doctor do his job first and complete the tests.

This had never been on the cards before, Father had never once mentioned the possibility of him being a donor option and I hadn't once thought of it. But he was already weak from his leg injury, potentially also other lasting wounds I'm certain I do not know about. Could he survive himself with just 1 kidney.

"What about you.....you'd only have 1 kidney?"

"Let the doctor do the medical part....I've given blood that's my part for now. If I am a match then we can

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discuss it then. She has agreed to be a pack member so I need you to start the planning of the ceremony." He pauses with a happy smile upon his face before looking at my bewildered and quite frankly annoyed face.

"Look let's not get ahead of ourselves. He says she is so weak that even just the 1 might not work..."

"Then I'll give the other one.." If Father gave a kidney, his sacrifice would have to work.

"No Kala, under no circumstance.."

"But it's okay for you to do it?"

"No Kaia, never."

I storm out of the office, Samson calling out to me from behind but I don't stop. Did she put him up to this?

I mind-link some of the guards for her current location, and they tell me she is on the cliff tops, further away than she should be...especially on her own and unable to shift in case of an attack.

I locate her at my favourite spot, her legs swinging on the edge my anger having not decreased in my walk over here. If anything the walk had made it pump faster around my body.

"Did you put him up to it?" I shout out to her.

"Excuse me?"

"The kidney transplant...he's being measured up as we speak?"

"What? Kaia no, honestly I would never. I told you I didn't come for that."

"Really?"

"Yes really... He's not mentioned this to me. He said the Doctor was for something else and sent me on my way. Otherwise I would have stopped him.." My wolf can't sense Alora's, but she can sense her sincerity...she wasn't lying. "So you didn't ask him to check if his blood matched?"

"No Kaia...I swear on the moon herself...I haven't."

Her response does seem to offer me a level of calmness, Father did have a way of doing things without permission...hence why we were on these lands in the first place.

I decide to sit down beside her, taking a deep breath in as I join her as she gazes back out at the horizon. My old insecurities had been triggered and I felt embarrassed for automatically blaming Alora.

"Father says you have agreed to join the pack.."

"Yes, I think it is the right choice."

"You've made his day...and it isn't even 9am." I chuckle, Alora joining in with me.

"And you?"

"We have some mountains to climb, but it would be good to do it together." I smile at her. To truly move on with Alora I had to let the past go, and concentrate on my future...on our future, We shared the same +25 BONUS

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womb once, we can share the same father and pack going forward.

'Ebony Woods Author

Please drop a gem if you are enjoying the book. I know you want more chapters which believe me as an author is amazing and I'm so grateful, but I wouldn't want to rush it and have incorrect story information and loads of grammar mistakes. That would truly ru

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Bond 115

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Kaia POV

I had spent the next few days planning Alora's ceremony to join the pack. Usually joining the pack didn't have such a celebration unless you were the Alpha's mate coming from another pack...but the returning lost daughter of the Alpha was a reason to celebrate. It was difficult to have all pack members attend, as they would at a more secure pack, but I had managed to organise a rota that would keep us safe and also let everybody attend. As long as eyes remained on the borders at all times

everyone could share on this marvellous event.

Father had suggested an outdoor event, where music was to play loudly, drinks were to keep flowing and food was to be roasting before our very eyes.

I had ticked off all of his requests...adding a few myself.

I had asked some of the female house staff to help Alora get ready, doing her hair and makeup

already ordered the perfect dress for her from a local clothes store that I have good connections with. I

I had.

didn't want Alora to worry about a thing, just concentrate on the event itself.

We hadn't invited guests outside of the pack, this was a pack member event and it felt appropriate to look after our own and celebrate our own tonight rather than work on political status for a change. It was freeing to not have to look over my shoulders and think ahead. eyes. We were

I had chosen a high-end dark emerald green satin dress to compliment Alora's dark green eyes. similar but our eyes were the real give away, mine had the blue rim around the pupil.

I had created an aisle for her to walk down, no seats...the ceremony wouldn't last long and all would remain standing as Alora pledged herself to the pack from the slightly raised stage I had installed this morning.

Large white hydrangeas decorated the area along with self standing candle lit lanterns and white paper lanterns dotted around high above adorned with fairy lights. For an evening ceremony on a hot day...it worked out beautifully.

"I think you deserve this..." Samson walks over offering the wine glass in his hand. He was right, I needed it I had been flat out arranging this. I went above and beyond Father's request...I know I had. This was the beginning of a new era...a clean slate. This was about the 3 of us now...us as a family, finally reunited.

I had been feeling anxious all afternoon, that knot in the middle of my stomach just wanting everything to go to plan.

"I definitely needs this, thank you Samson. I've been anxious all afternoon, I'm actually looking forward to letting my hair down tonight." I beam up at him as I take a long sip on the crisp cold wine. 1

"Then you'll let me have the first dance with you tonight, before the queue gets too long. "Ha...a queue of who? Father...or you...or Father..." I chuckle before realising he was being serious. "Yes, a dance would be nice..." I smile peering around him as Alora starts to make her entrance. She looked beautiful as she walked from the alpha house, Father escorting her through the crowd. She was nervous, I didn't need the pack bond to know that, having spent more time with her...I was

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picking up on the twin bond that was growing by the day.

Something that a childhood together should have made strong, indestructible...but we had now.

"Today we mark not just 1 miracle but 2...my daughter that I had thought lost at birth has returned home to me and now she makes our pack even stronger by pledging her allegiance to us. She will join her older sister Luna Kaia in supporting our cause, and defending our people." Father bellows out into the crowd. There's a loud cheer from the crowd before Father continues, turning to Alora and slicing her palm open with a dagger...placing his hand within hers. His blood entering her system. "Alora, I need you to repeat after me...I Alora Glace, Daughter of Beckett Glace, Alpha of the Nightshade Reformed pack do pledge my allegiance..."

"1. Alora Glace..." She pauses for a moment, taking a deep breath in before continuing.

"Daughter of Beckett Glace, Alpha of the Nightshade Reformed pack do pledge my allegiance..."

to the Nightshade Reformed Alpha and pack members...

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"and swear to defend the pack's lands and beliefs for the remainder of my life."

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It was the ending that I had never given much thought of before, remainder of my life. I had to say it, it was the exact same words I pledged.....but knowing Alora's life could end any day...the words left a sour taste in the mouth.

I could feel her pack link spark to life, as the crowd cheered, clapped and whistled. She was now an official pack member...an official member of the alpha family.

Her eyes find me in the crowd, as I stand near the pack with Samson watching over proceedings.

"Come join us on stage..." She gestures to me through the pack link, as I hear her voice within my head. A small smile forms upon my lips, from feeling closer to my own twin sister.

Handing Samson my glass of wine I push through the crowd that were now in the mood to celebrate. I step on to the stage, as Father places a kiss on my cheek and raises my hand up high with his.

"Let us give thanks to Luna Kala for arranging our celebrations this evening, and for being the one to reunite me with my daughter, her twin sister." The crowd of pack members continue to applaud as I bashfully nod.

"Now let the celebrations begin!" Father roars out in laughter as he steps away and down into the crowd... the pack members patting him on the back and walking him towards the drinks stand.

Everything had gone smoothly, every part of my plans so why did I still have that feeling in my stomach... that feeling that I had thought was nerves for this evening, of Alora backing out last minute.

Why, when things had gone perfectly, when I can now feel her through the pack bond...why was that feeling only deepening.

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Kaia POV

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Kaia POV

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"Any movement on the borders?" I command through the pack link to the guards on border duty, opening the link up to Father whose eyes find me amongst the noisy party crowd.

The music was now in full swing, alcohol starting to flow freely and the hog roasting nicely.

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"Nothing Luna..." 6 of the 8 posts reply, but I wasn't getting any response from posts 1 and 2, which were based North and North East of the pack grounds.

"What of pack 1 and 2, they aren't responding. Post 7 and 3 send one man out each to check." I command.

""Yes Luna.."

"Kaia? What's going on?" Father joins me.

"I don't know Father, something doesn't feel right and I can't get hold of posts 1 and 2."

"Kaia, Beckett...whats the matter?" Alora comes over to me also as she sees mine and Father's concerned exchange.

"Nothing dear, go back to the celebrations... Samson, dance with my daughter." Father demands, Alora's eyes widening as she looks at me for help.

For some reason her and Samson have a tension between them. I think it just comes down to Samson being protective of Father and I, from being of our old pack and adjusting to another alpha's daughter.

I know what Alora's reason is, she sees how close Samson is to me. I think to her, she finds it hard to *believe I would be with anyone but a mate. Not that I am with him, not yet.

Well, I've lucked out of mates, if I want a mate in the future my options would be chosen. But I am talking years away, I would have to be certain my chosen mate had no fated mate still alive...I couldn't do that to somebody. Not somebody I would spend my life with. Or the Innocent soul.

If I did choose Samson and he did have a fated mate, I couldn't do that to her...not having been rejected myself.

"I had promised Kaia the first dance." Samson was as bad as Alora, they'll need to sort out their differences soon enough, a dance together would be the perfect situation. "That's okay Samson, I think it would do you both some good...also I need to check

something out." I reply playfully before witnessing Father's change in posture. Father suddenly gives out an almighty growl, a growl I have heard too many times.

I'll never be prepared for it or those bells to start ringing. The attack alarms blaring out. They reach my ears before the guards start pushing back on my mind link. "Alpha, Luna...attack." The guard just finishes before Father growls out again, another pack death I

presume.

"Attack! Get to the borders.." Father commands out, his aura turning from that of jubilant only a few seconds ago to now dark and intense. Thick and heavy, even outside it weighs heavily on me. +25 BONUS

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"They're already here." A high pitched scream calls out as intruders start to come through the pack's inner treeline, running straight towards us.

"Get to shelter!" I order out, starting to grab the hands of children as they scream from fear.

Fighters already here race towards the attackers but I also need warriors at the borders to stop more getting in. Samson joins the ones looking to take out the immediate threat.

"Get to the borders, take them out...don't let them get any closer." I roar out as I prepare to run to the borders where the main attack was taking place. Men and woman already racing, leaving their younger children in tears as their older siblings try to comfort them. The parents fight to defend the borders. If the attackers make into the inner pack grounds, no one will survive...not even the children. They want us gone, they want the land back.

"No Father

I round on Father as he heads to the borders.

"Kaia, I am the Alpha.."

"Father, you can not be serious....Children, come..come to the Alpha house... the Alpha will guard you...as will Alora."

"What, no Kaia I can fight." Alora argues back, just as Father does.

"Here children.." I make them huddle around Alora, the littlest grabbing hold of her hand.

"Take them and keep them safe in the alpha house, their parent's will fight better knowing they are safe.." "Kaia I am trained to fight." I'm sure she is but without a wolf, she is no use. She'll be dead in seconds and Father will take too long to get to the battle. "Go inside both of you, that's an order..." I let my Luna aura roll off me onto Alora, it wont work on Father and it shouldn't particularly work on Alora but where she is weak it does.

I can't worry about their safety, I need to get to the borders and defend our people as best as we can.

As soon as they follow my orders and hastily gather the children and head for the alpha house, I start to sprint towards the borders, shifting mid-way to increase my speed as I yet again, race towards the throes of a battle. Ebony Woods

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That's better, 2 chapters for you to enjoy. Thanks again for your patience as I got better.

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Kala POV

I race towards the fight...aware that this one seemed the most dangerous to date. I curse myself for ignoring the warning signs as anxiety for Alora's pack welcoming event, it was my wolf trying to warn me of an imminent attack, The fact that attackers had reached further in land than ever before means they have increased their numbers this time.

I wasn't wrong, they were applying more pressure this time which would mean more deaths overall. Why can't they just let us be, let us integrate...give us a second chance.

By the time I reach the battle, we had managed to push them back but at the cost of many of our pack member's lives already. Bodies laid strewn across the grass field, parents that would never return to their children. It breaks my heart every time.

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I have no time to think about it... to dwell, or be strategic right now, I just throw my wolf into the mix. Joining the sea of fur.

Letting my wolf side take full control as she defends and even kills.

This attack felt different, more murderous on their part we'd have to play by their rules to win. We would have to be as vicious as them.

"Attack to kill!" I order through the pack link, their collective confirmation of my order hits me through the shared bond.

It doesn't take me long to realise the only time I am fighting is when I am joining into a fight...defending my pack members. Otherwise nobody is attacking me!

In fact, when I kill a wolf I look up to find a circle has been formed around me...yet not one of them goes in for the kill. It's as if they are trying to hold me.

In my peripheral vision I can see Samson's wolf trying to push through the circle, trying to get to me...then all of a sudden they turn and attack on my people.

As soon as their back's are turned I attack the one closest to me from behind...taking him out by his neck. The fight continues until I feel his presence join the fight, the presence of an enemy alpha wolf. I find him amongst the sea of fur, he was hard to miss. Just as before he was huge, the large dark grey wolf is already prowling towards me. His teeth flashing towards my wolf as he tries to intimidate her and me.

Not a chance.

I snarl back at him, letting his wolf know that we wouldn't just roll over... if he wanted a fight...he'd have to coat my wolf's white fur in her own blood to win against us.

He stops 20 feet in front of us, as 2 of his warriors guard his back...attacking and killing those that want to take the alpha wolf out for me.

This was Father's battle, but Father couldn't beat this wolf...he was too old and his leg wouldn't last 2

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minutes in a fight.

It is better I am here...that I can defend Father's title and claim on these lands.

Samson's wolf breaks through this alpha's defence barrier that encircles me to stand next to me, even trying to stand in front of me until I growl my dissatisfaction of his implied movement. This was my fight not the betas.

The alpha's growl mirrors my own, as he takes a step towards us, Samson responding.

They both prowl one another in a circular format, both carefully watching one another's footing as they assess the strength and build of the other wolf. If Samson could keep him moving so that the alpha was Infront of me, I could attack him from behind....I could take him out before he got the chance to see or hear me coming, preoccupied by my pack's beta.

But it doesn't work like that, this alpha is cunning and an expert at combat. They both go in for the kill, both mauling each others necks, slashing at the ribs, biting into the sides...both wanting to pause whimper out in pain but not giving each other the satisfaction..not giving one another the chance to make

and the killing move.

My wolf sends me a warning. I don't believe it...there was another alpha wolf amongst the mix. No wonder he had more fighters this time, he had teamed up with another pack to attack us. My eyes scan the battle field to find the new alpha wolf but I cant see him. That's when a whimper escapes Samson as he lets his guard down, the alpha male throwing Samson to the side. his unconscious body shifting to that of his bloody and bruised skin form. Samson....no..I gasp internally worried for my friend.

I don't have time to remain worried as with Samson down, the Alpha male realigns his full attention to me. He was demonic, even licking Samson's blood off his own wolf's snout and swallowing it. I had to kill him, before he killed anybody else.

I build up my speed, readying to charge him hoping the fight with Samson has tired him out somewhat, that he was weakened slightly from the brave attempts of my beta to protect me.

He picks up his own speed preparing to counteract my charge...his jaw wide, teeth sharp as he prepares to bite into me...I wont go down without a fight...

My wolf pushes her legs preparing to leap over him....when a black wall stands before me.. the wall so large it momentarily cuts off my vision of the other wolf...until I realise it wasn't a wall, a wall didn't have black charcoal coloured fur.....this was a wolf.

Bond 118

Chapter 0118

Kala POV

I growl at him for blocking my path...burnt oranges and dark chocolate....his scent calls out to me. Not only was I sensing another alpha entering the battle...I was sensing a mate bond....the weak buzz of the mate connection informing me he was close by. Unbelievable.

Not only has he entered onto my Father's lands without permission...now he was blocking my path... blocking me from fighting this monstrous alpha. Stealing my fight.

"Who is that?" Some of the warriors push on my mind-link but I push them out...they need to concentrate on the task in hand, and so do I.

He was huge, bigger than the beast before me...he was more the size of a bear. A charcoal black grizzly bear, if I didn't have a beast already before me...I would say he was the monster.

I can't see much else...all I am getting is fur in my face, my wolf tempted to bite into him to show him I can handle my own fights.

My wolf sidesteps, out from his fur wall he had created in front of her, to face the other alpha again..

But Hector's wolf has the nerve to growl at me, leaping back in front of me. He gives me no mind as he launches a full on attack on this enemy alpha, leaving me now standing by the sidelines...watching my own fight, with me not in it.

Frustratingly I am not afforded the time to watch, or protest my outrage as a wolf knocks me over... pinning my wolf down to the ground, it's jaws snapping at my throat, telling me to stay down.

So I was wanted alive, the daughter of the Nightshade Reformed Alpha would fetch them a great price, or a ransom to give up the lands. I don't think so, I wouldn't let Father do that...not my life for our people, not when they have come so far even in the 4 years whilst I was absent from them.

I push up off the ground biting into the wolf's hind only for Samson now in human form to pull at its tail and swing it away from me. He shifts back instantly, back to fighting by my side as I keep an eye on

Hector and this other alpha battling for dominance.

What was he doing here, how had he found me...

Anger fuels my wolf's fighting methods as she tries to get back to the alpha wolf only for Hector's wolf to continue to block us. What was he playing at. These were not his lands....I was Luna here and without our alpha in battle, I was in charge. Without the link to the Dark Phantom pack running through my veins, I am unable to mind-link him to tell him to stand down.

I have no choice but to shift.

I shift into my skin form in the middle of a battle field, surrounded by venomous wolves snapping at each other

"Stand down Hector!" I order at him, letting my luna auga roll off me. His wolf stares at the length of me before growling at my order, using his snout to push my behind him.

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"No Hector, these are my lands, my Father's lands...back down now. This is my fight!" I'm concentrating on Hector's wolf that I do not hear the sprinting beast behind me, the beast that is using our distraction to take out the Hector's bear wolf. Hector sees it last minute as he knocks me to the ground. I shift mid fall as I surround myself with fur and extra muscle to cushion myself on impact, I'm instantly back in the throes of battle when I feel the presence of another alpha wolf join the fight, this time a sandy brown wolf jumping over me and backing up Hector's wolf.

Who the hell was this?

Both wolves attack the beast, both sinking their teeth into his flanks...a whimper of pain surrounds us as Hector and the new wolf snarl in warning. Alpha Jude...it had to be.....

The enemy alpha must call to retreat, as the attacking wolves start to back away...running back into the treelines that surround the pack grounds.

"Luna Luna do with give chase?" Warriors push on my mind-link, their wolf forms preparing to give chase.

I pause for a moment, not wanting to lose any more of our people, my eyes stuck on the 2 new wolves before me.

"No, let them go. See to our injured, we need to get them to the medical centre." We still haven't got enough medical staff, and just looking at the injured that litter the fields...we didn't have enough beds. I hadn't had a chance to revise provisions since our last deadly attack. Samson shifts before me which forces me to shift also, I can't talk to him without the pack link in place.

"I need you to get the injured to the medical centre, for the dead to be prepared for burial." I need to check on Father, I could feel he and Alora were safe and well, but he never found the loss of pack members easy, but then which alpha did..

"I will first check on the alpha house, then I will come to the hospital...I need you to remain there and wait for me."

"I think we should determine who our guests are first, don't you?" Samson whispers to me, his eyes on the 2 wolves standing watching our conversation. Tongues panting by the side of their mouths as if they were- waiting for a welcome bowl of water and a bloody bone to say thank you. They've just made things a hundred times worse.

"They can do as they please...but ideally they will leave as they came." I snap before turning and heading towards the alpha house not caring at this moment in time whether I am followed or not.

Bond 119

Chapter 0119

Kaia POV

I was needed at the medical centre but I had to check on Father and Alora first, to make sure the children were safe. I also needed to prepare Alora. He hasn't come this far to just walk back off the back grounds. he was here for a reason, whether he knew she was here or not.

I could feel my own blood boiling, the uncomfortable heating of my own bodily fluids as they run throughout my veins. He has just made me look weak in front of another alpha. An alpha that would keep on attacking until we gave up these lands, but we had come so far. We were more than a rogue resettlement now, we were hope for another chance in life, a second offering to those that had been hurt, shunned away.

I enter the alpha house to find Father and Alora entertaining the children when bubbles as children fought to pop as many as they could. A soft giggling ambience fills the house, their minds distracted from the impending threat that had just almost knocked on the door, They all stop as I enter, all faces turn to look at me....a haunting silence now descending upon the house.

"Luna? Where is my Mummy?"

"Luna...my Daddy...is he okay?"

So many

children rush up to me trying to find out if their parents would be returning home to them.

My heart breaks knowing I couldn't update them fully until I had been to the medical centre, but Father would know already who has died and who has survived, I can already see it in his eyes, we have lost more than before...this was a deathly battle.

"Who's hungry?" I ask out, I can't answer them...I can't tell them it will be okay when I can't guarantee that So many of the parents will not be returning, so many before me were orphans now. With every child raising their hands, I usher them into the kitchen where I pull out snacks after snacks to keep them occupied whilst I talk to Father and Alora. I needed to take their minds off things and food seemed to offer a temporary option.

"What happened Kaia?" Father demands of me through the mind-link as I climb up on the kitchen worktop and reach for a box of crisps in the top cupboard.

"It was that same alpha that attacked...how many have we lost?" I sigh as I reply through the mind-link, that was also opened up to Alora.

"20 maybe 30."

Goddess, that was too many and most will have been our fighters. We were now in a vulnerable position. We wouldn't survive another attack...we would have to consider relocation. "Father...we might have to think.."

"Don't Kaia, don't worry about that right now. You won, you've given us enough time to breathe again. Yet again you have done more than what is required of you Let's see to our injured and bury our dead. Where's Samson?" His pride in me is misplaced and I have to tell him what actually happened.

"He's helping get the injured to the hospital. Father, the alpha..he...I didn't beat him. He retreated."

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"Then you won, the dick knew better than to go against my well trained daughter." His arms reach out to me and he pulls me into a strong embrace. I could sense his pride seeping out of him, I didn't deserve it.

"Another fought my battle."

"Samson..."

"No...did you not feel 2 alphas enter the lands."

"...I did I just assumed that was the enemy, that they had other packs with them." I've never once cursed at my father but if there were more packs, more alphas involved....did he really think I would return alive? "I wouldn't have returned alive if that was the case." "Yes you would have done...." He is adamant, a low growl in his tone at me. He really believes I would have been alive, I would have been spared.

"Who are the 2 other alphas?" Alora asks me through the mind-link inquisitively as she starts making chocolate spread sandwiches for some of the children a young one now held on her hip. They had taken to her, like that had me.

"Do they mean us harm?" Father demands to know.

"I don't know Father, I'm not sure..." I wasn't sure what their game was, why they were both here.

"It was Alpha Jude and Alpha Hector..."

"Hector?" Alora gasps as she drops the knife in her hand, the sound of it dropping to the floor rattling between us.

"Alpha Hector of the Dark Phantom pack?" Father asks me and I reply with a simple nod.

"Then we must welcome our visitors but hopefully they will not feel the need to stay for long. I'm not in the mood to entertain snobby spoilt alphas right now, not when I've got dying pack members in the medical centre." Father growls as he turns on his heel heading for the front door.

I didn't want to wait around for this, for Hector and Alora to reunite. For them to exchange stories of their childhoods together, I can't be present for that. For them finding one another again.

"Kaia..." Alora reaches her hand out to me, but I was already back in warrior mode, my mask back on.

I had pack members to attend to in the medical centre, those that needed saving still.

I had checked on my family...now the alpha guests can visit the alpha house while I am out. I have nothing to say. Father will thank them and send them on their way.

"it's fine, I'm needed...I just wanted to check you and Father were safe. Don't wait up!" I exit through the back door, climbing over the garden's back wall breaking out into a run in the direction of the medical

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Hector POV

Jude and I had been pressing the Alpha Marc of the Shadow Rock pack for information on this white wolf claim of his, He only granted us access to his lands this morning, having been a pain in the ass for letting us on pack lands.

Jude had to even quote the alliance terms and conditions to him for him to grant us access. Which he is doing reluctantly.

I'm doing my best to remain calm but this asshole alpha is every bit as arrogant and annoying as my reports had claimed him to be. I'm surprised Jude has been able to tolerate him for so long. Our journey here hadn't been the easiest...I had left Than all but dead laying at the side of the road. FLASHBACK

"I need Kaia...."

"Why?"

"She can save Alora."

"What do you mean she can save Alora?"

"She matches.....her blood type matches...she will be her donor." He sneers as he wipes away blood from the corner of his mouth. Was that his plan all along...marry Kaia so that she could donate an organ. "I think Kaia would have noticed if she woke up an organ short..." I scoff out at him, did my Father really go along with this plan. Did he come to my pack demanding Kaia's return only to be a donor. Than laughs out, as if I am missing something...which causes my wolf to take immediate action. Insulted I growl in his face, my hand now at his throat.

"She wouldn't wake up to notice....I would have take both kidneys." He says it matter of factly, as if deciding which should live and which should die was easy to him. As if he were the moon goddess himself. No.

"She needs both kidneys to survive. Kaia is only a vessel that has been keeping my love's future save... that is all."

"You disgust me." I toss him to the ground, to join the dirt and ants that he deserves to live with.

How was I related to this monster.

"You know they are most likely twins, if what you say is true....that they match...then my thoughts are right. They aren't just sisters...but identical twins. She'll never go for it, I don't think you know Alora at all." I snarl at him. Only in Than's world would a twin forgive him for killing their own sibling.

Twins! That's the strongest of bonds...Alora would never have forgiven him.

"She would never have forgiven you." I add.

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"I don't care, she would have been alive. She is my mate, no one knows her better than me. I even know Kala better than anyone.

Something shifts within me, as if a wall had been knocked down...my wolf not liking the way he claims to know Kala better than anyone, better than me. My wolf pushes forward, smashing down that wall, grabbing Than by the throat and slamming him down into the bonnet of his red car.

1 should kill you right here for what you did to her..."

"And what did I do? Offer her a home..." He wheezes out trying to pull at my tight grasp.

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"You forced yourself on her."

1 did no such thing."

"You've never liked to be told no, have you Brother. So you take by force..." This was it, I could feel him struggling to breathe...just a few more moments and I'll rid the world of him.

"Argh." I growl out as he stabs a dagger into my upper ribs, through the rib cage...slicing through tissue and muscle...between the rib blades. My hands let him go as I reach for the dagger pulling it out and chucking it to the ground.

I couldn't fight the mate bond anymore, my wolf wanted his mate..."

"Your mate was unconscious in the hospital thanks to you not letting her go, you drove her to suicide. Then, you took what you wanted from the other...destroying her also." Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Bullshit! We gave into the mate bond...that was all."

"You disgust me, stay the fuck away from Kaia." I land a blow to his temple, knocking him to the ground. 1 END OF FLASHBACK

I had wanted to kill him, how could he do that to Kaiase her for all those years. Make her believe he wanted a life with her, only to betray her when Alora woke up.

No wonder she ran...she ran from me too.

I remember the night I raced back to the Amber Desert pack to stop Alora's ceremony. I feel so foolish now, like a dick. Kala knew all along, she knew what Than had planned for her.

She came to my pack for protection and I stupidly thought she had landed in my lap as a gift from the moon goddess to help save Alora.

I can't stop thinking of what if..what if Than had traded her for Alora, I would have been sending Kala to her death

Bond 121

Chapter 0121

Hector POV

"What do you want, I'm busy!" Alpha Marc scoffs as we are finally shown into this office. His pack was very different to mine.

This was a coastal pack but nothing screamed deckchairs and ice creams.

This was built and run like a city pack. Even his office was on the top floor of the alpha tower. Not alpha house...he lived in a tower, as if it were just offices to the outside world.

But I know this tower affords him protection for the lands surrounded by sea...in case an invasion started by boats. I was getting the feeling he suffered from paranoia. The camera screens dotted around his office only confirms my theory.

"Now is that anyway to greet alliance members?" Jude jests, arms held out adopting a non-threatening approach. Jude was a smart alpha, he always knew how to approach difficult alphas. I've just had a proposal refused..."

"You've found your mate, you're getting married? Congratulations buddy!" Jude tries to offer his congratulations but this Marc just growls...his eyes looking firmly upon me.
""You are?"

"This is Alpha Hector of the Dark Phantom pack"

"Alpha Hector. I've heard a lot about you....welcome, what can I do for you both." His tone seems to change as Jude introduces me to him, my pack's reputation once again speaking volumes.

He was a beast, he didn't suit the tower block scene, he looked as if he should be wearing a plaid shirt working as a lumberjack. He had a pale blue shirt on that pulled at the buttons and strained at his biceps. the shirt was far too small, or his was just too big for all clothing.

His rolled up sleeves gave me a glimpse of the tattoos adorned on his arms that no doubt also run across the rest of his torso and limbs. His brown hair was tied up in a bun with a rugged brown beard and bushy eyebrows.

"I'm looking for someone." I reply, remaining sceptical of how much I share.

"Aren't we all. Paula, Paula can you email Beckett back and tell him I won't take no for an answer. It's that or we attack!" He calls out to his secretary that had collected us from the bottom floor. Her desk directly outside his office. 1 Beckett...

"Beckett, as in Alpha Beckett of the Nightshade Reformed pack?" Jude asks acting nonchalantly.

"Yes, I want his daughter as my new bride, but he's refusing..."

Shit what have we stumbled across. I was trying to remain careful of what I shared.. yet he seemed to know more than us.

"Daughter?" Jude looks between me and Marc.

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"Yes, she's the white wolf I told you about..."

"Really? A white wolf?" I scoff out, he had reported this to Jude. But I still struggle to believe in children's

tales.

"I thought that, believe me...I don't believe in fairy tale nonsense...but I saw her for my own eyes."

"Maybe the light shone on a blonde wolf..."

"Her father knows it, that's why he's refusing...unless I grant him those lands."

"Then you'll marry her?" I ask out.

"No, not even that...I tell you what, he's a fucker. He'll start communications with me, but only if I grant him the lands...stop attacking, sign a treaty. He won't even guarantee she will be mine, he won't even start talks until those lands are his." He moans out, flicking through paperwork before signing his authorisation on them.

I look to Jude who was tilting his head, gesturing me to ask more.

"Paula? Alpha Marc roars out, his secretary coming back in trembling under his alpha aura.

"He said fuck you!" She reads out from a tablet, her voice high pitched.

"Right, I'll show him. I'll take her myself..."

"Where are you going?" Jude stands up as Marc begins to storm out of his own office, any thought of entertaining his guests flown out of the top storey window...this alpha was on one that's for sure. Hot headed and impatient.

"I'm launching an attack. "He reponds to Jude as he opens his own office door, leaving us inside.

"Can we join? Watch from the sidelines...I'd love to see if this white wolf actually exists." Jude calls out, Standing up beside me.

"Fine..." He growls out.

"But don't get in my way."

Bond 122

Chapter 0122

Hector POV

We followed Alpha Marc down his tower block in the lift, by the time we reached the bottom floor, Head Warriors already swarmed the reception area waiting for orders.

We step outside to a sea of fighters ready to follow their alpha's command. As any fighters should...but did they know they were being sent to potential death because their alpha didn't like a rejection of arranged marriage. They didn't even use vehicles, at his command they began marching out to battle, weaponry at the ready.

Jude and I kept towards the back as Marc rallied his troops. The alliance would love to hear of a member declaring war for personal gain...what was he thinking. Putting an alliance at risk of corruption doubt because he wanted Kaia.

Kaia...why did he damn think he could marry her...he obviously hadn't been in talks with Beckett for long... she was still married to Than.

We keep walking until we come towards a dense woods, Marc shouting back to us that the contested pack lands were on the other side of the woods.

As I step out of the wooded clearing I expected rogue camps, tents and put together wooden fencing. but what I was witnessing was quite the contrast.

Tall look-out posts made out of strong wood with concrete bases..this was a well guarded community.. not a rogue camp. Jude and I keep by the trees as silent bullets are used to stun the guards on border patrol watch. Once they collapse to the ground, cleverly not being killed as not to alarm their alpha, Marc launches his attack.

Several Shadow Rock fighters are sent forward to breach the border when they are attacked by warriors from the Nightshade Reformed pack as bells start to ring out in the distance. Thankfully someone has raised the alarm.

Marc launches his full attack, sending his fighters towards the low fences that were more for aesthetic purposes, the look-out towers offered the real protection.

With an explosion, a large length of fence is knocked down, fighters gaining access in volume onto the pack grounds.

A blood bath...led by a blood thirsty war leader, that's the best why to describe it.

They are met by running fighters on the opposite side. trying to defend their grounds. But they were taken off guard, the way they raced...they had been running for some time. They must have been in the central pack grounds. So many were dead already, as Marc continues pushing his fighters in this blood thirsty battle.

"You aren't joining?" I raise an eyebrow to him as he now stood beside Jude and I, watching his fighters do all the hard work. He'll want to reap all the rewards without breaking out into sweat. The worse kind of alpha in my view. "Any moment now...See there...there she is..." His fingers point at an area as he shifts into a beast of a

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wolf and runs towards the fight.

What was he pointing at...then I see it.

White

The White Wolf.

My eyes cant believe it, neither can my lungs...I feel as if the air has been knocked out of me. He was right...there, right before me was the figure of fairy tales,

The white wolf immediately joins the battle. An impressive fighter, it doesn't take long for me to see Marc's strategical plan...do not attack the white wolf. He wanted it alive...he wanted to capture her.

Fear strikes through me as the wolf is encircled by a group of fighters, Marc's wolf leaping over dead bodies to join the inner circle.

I get ready to run but stop when a sandy brown wolf also jumps into the circle, attacking the alpha wolf.... trying to guard the white wolf.

That wolf won't last against the might of Marc's. I start running towards the scene, Jude joining me.

"He can't get her!" I growl out to Jude as we shift mid run our target of getting to the white wolf, getting to Kaia. Jude takes out a few wolves, opening the gap for me to continue. He's just declared war on a fellow alliance pack, this will come back to bite us. I'm in front of the white wolf in the blink of an eye, keeping her blocked behind me. I could smell it was Kaia instantly...her coconut and lime scent making my wolf's mouth water.

Her scent was stronger than ever before, incredibly intoxicating.

Then she does something so brazen I wonder for a moment if the white wolf is even Kaia.

She shifts mid battle, completely naked to shout at me but I can't concentrate on her lips...all I can look at is the goddess before me. Ebony Woods

Author

Thanks for reading. I need to concentrate on my day job tomorrow but will try and get some more chapters over.

Bond 123

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Hector POV

"They can do as they please...but ideally they will leave as they came." Kaia seethes at our fur forms, before spinning in her nakedness and walking away.

I didn't expect her to bring out the welcome parade but at least a warm smile at my arrival, at our saving their pack members...we were friends after all. Weren't we?

I watch her walk away into the distance, the blonde male that had fought along side her stepping up to us.

"I'm not really sure what just happened but I know the Alpha will want to see you...follow me." He sighs out, gesturing for us to follow.

We shift into human form and it doesn't take long for someone to run up to our new tour guide handing over clothes for us to use.

We continue to walk until we start to descent upon a large white mansion surrounded by cypress trees, it was cleverly designed to match the coastal scenery. Is this where Kala had been all along...

As soon as I see him exit the grand front doors, making his way over to us I remember him instantly. How could I have forgotten him...he had a limp to his walk and the scar across his eye was still prominent. "Alpha Hector...it's great to see you again!" He extends his hand out to me, shaking it with enthusiasm. He clearly remembered me.

"Alpha Beckett, I'm glad to see you finally made a new pack for yourself."

"It's getting there, I hear we have you both to thank for winning the battle. I hope you haven't been injured." "This is Jude, he is an alpha of a neighbouring pack of mine. No, no injuries."

"Pleasure. You are welcome to come inside and freshen up but I'm not in the position to entertain right now, as you can imagine."

"Of course, we will come in... I was keen to catch up with Kala actually...." My eyes dart towards the door, was she watching from inside.

"With Kaia?" His eyes narrow at me for mentioning Kaia's name to him.

"Yes, she stayed with me for a while, it would be nice to say hello properly." I narrow my eyes back, I'm assuring she doesn't know of his talks with Alpha Marc about her being used as a bargaining tool. "Then we will be on our way." Jude adds with a diplomatic smile, elbowing me in the side. It's all for show, he like me had no intention of being on our way any time soon, but he was right....I need to come across as unthreatening to learn more of this new pack and how it effects Kaia.

course, I'm sure she would be happy to be reacquainted. She is the acting luna, my daughter has been Instrumental in our pack's cause.

"Instrumental?" Jude questions as we follow Beckett into the alpha house.

"Yes, she's been working hard for peace agreements with local packs...unfortunately not all packs being as open minded, as the attack confirms. I will ask a staff member to show you to the guest rooms, you +25 BONUS

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are welcome to freshen up and stay for a meal but then we must continue with our efforts for securing" the borders."

He had only welcomed us into his home and he was already trying to get rid of us.

"We would be happy to help, while we are here.."

"Very generous, how did you stumble upon our pack?"

"We were at the Shadow Rock pack when...." That's when I smell it, sweet mangoes...

I barge past Beckett in the hallway, following her scent when I find her in the kitchen, surrounded by children

"Alora?" I gasp out to her, as children fight for her attention.

"Hello Hector!" She doesn't seem as shocked to see me as I am to see her.

"You know each other?" Beckett asks baffled as he stares at Alora, who is now refusing to meet Beckett's gaze.

"It's a long story." She nervously chuckles out as she picks a child up on to her hip, planting a small kiss on the little boy's head.

"Where is your sister?" Beckett glances around the kitchen before looking back at Alora.

Sister, so I was right. But what had happened for them not to be raised together...

"She's gone to the hospital..."

"Damn it, she needs to be checked out herself."

"She's fine, I'll check on her myself later." A voice states in a matter of fact tone behind me. "Thank you Samson."

I had forgotten of the blonde male that had escorted us from the battle field to the alpha house.

He was an arrogant little shit, I could tell that already.. he was leaning against the kitchen door frame with his arms crossed watching Jude and I intently.

"Samson?" Jude nods to him, a small greeting now that we know his name.

"Where are my manners, Alpha Hector, Alpha Jude, this is Samson... he is my Beta

His eyes gaze upon me, a small level of warning in his eyes, he didn't trust me..it was common for beta's to be wary of visitors whilst the alpha played the happy host character. But I was getting a vibe off him, a kind of...don't step on my turf vibe.

"Samson, can you check on my daughter. She's blocking me out, you know what she is like, it will be hours before she looks at her own wounds."

"Yes Alpha, I know exactly what she is like." He smirks towards me before pushing off the door frame and leaving

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Kaia POV

I could feel Father had been pushing on my mind-link for hours, but I couldn't stop. He would want me back, but too much needed to be done here.

He had already sent Samson to check on me but I had just entered surgery and refused to leave...instead ordering Samson to help out where he could.

I had only just come out of my 3rd surgery since the attack. I was untrained and spent the night having the surgeon bark orders at me as I tried to keep up. I didn't take it personally, he had a job to do, as did I. save as many lives as we can.

I was redressing a patient's wound that had only just stopped bleeding out, a blood transfusion was needed yet we were low on blood also. We were on the verge of complete crisis, I don't think we had another attack in us.

I was exhausted, I hadn't stopped, I hadn't eaten or had any drink...I could feel my own wounds still sore but I would be fine, my wolf healing was almost complete. If I sat down and replenished my stomach I would heal faster, but I can do that later. I would rather be here than go home, I didn't want to face him. I didn't want to witness the two of them together, reuniting.

I had given up on the mate bond with Hector the moment I left his pack, but that doesn't mean it wouldn't hurt to see them together, to see them laughing about the old days.

I know I couldn't cope with that, I didn't have that in me.

I've lost all sense of time, I didn't even realise I had fallen asleep until I am startled awake by someone touching my shoulder.

"You should go home, you're exhausted."

"There's too much to do." I place my hand over my mouth to hide the yawn I just gave Samson.

"It can wait until you have slept and healed. Then you can come back...come." He takes my hand and I sleepily give in to him. It was the early hours of the morning, everyone would be asleep now. Hopefully I can creep in without being noticed.

I am that tired that I have to rest my head on Samson's shoulder as we walk back to the alpha house. He slowly walks us back, letting me set the pace as my legs struggle to keep one in front of the other. He offers to carry me a few times which I refuse, I can walk. As we enter the alpha house and start to walk towards the stairs I notice Father's office lamp light on, his office door slightly ajar.

He was still up. I didn't want a grilling from him for not attending to my own wounds first, I had been grilled at the medical centre by the surgeon all day..I just wanted my pillow and duvet to hide under and sleep.

I take the first step on the stairs and curse myself internally for its creak.

"Kaia, is that you?" Father calls out.

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"Yes Father." I groan internally.

"Can you come in here?"

I can already smell Hector's scent, it was the first thing that hit me as I entered the house. Like a mist wall of the most tantalisingly beautiful scent in existence...so I held my breath.

I have no desires on entering that office, of being in close proximity to him right now. Of smelling him properly.

"I'm tired father, I need a shower and rest."

"Did you walk back alone?" His voice calls out to me again from his office, as I hear other voices talking. "No, Samson is here."

"Okay, well you go to bed, it can wait until morning. Samson can I speak with you?"

I turn to look at Samson who rolls his eyes and I have to muffle a snigger. I walk up the stairs, keeping my eyes forward not daring to glimpse at the small gap through the office door. I needed my bed, the rest would have to wait until morning.

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Thanks for reading and for those gems, they so really appreciated x

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Bond 125

Chapter 0125

Hector POV

It is late, or early... either way we've not slept and we are sitting in Beckett's office as he shows us the borders to his lands on a map.

Alora went to bed hours ago, I've not even had a chance to speak with her alone. She wasn't at dinner, and barely spoke to me before retiring upstairs. She was ignoring me, as was Kaia.

I had so many questions, how did they find each other How did she find out Beckett was her father...how were they separated at birth....

"Kaia, is that you?" I hear Beckett call out to a creak on the stairs.

"Yes Father..." I glance at the grandfather clock in Beckett's office, 3am...she should have been back hours ago.

She was also trying to avoid me.

Beckett doesn't push her to come in which frustrates me, I wanted to see her...to make sure she was okay.

She was thrown around the battle field even though she had put up a good fight...she should really be checked on also.

Where Kaia fails to enter, this Beta Samson seems to take her place. He walks into the office, standing by Beckett's side in an instant.

"Did she get seen to?" Alpha Beckett openly asks, why didn't he use the mind-link.

"No, when I got there she was in surgery, she's been on her feet all day and night. I'll cancel her training

tomorrow."

"Very well, switch it to Alora then.."

"Yes Alpha."

"Now Alpha Jude, Alpha Hector, I need a favour. I need you to take our case to the alliance council, to help plead our case." Beckett turns back to Jude and I.

"Hhmm that may be difficult now." Jude replies.

"How so?" Samson quirks an eyebrow, crossing his arms in front of his chest.

"In coming to your pack's aid, I might have killed a few of Alpha Marc's fighters..."

"And I challenged Alpha Marc when he tried to charge at Kala..."

"Charge at Kala?"

"Oh yes, she was quite the fighter... in her wolf form. Quite the colour..." My eyes don't move away from Beckett once, this might be his pack but I'm the strongest alpha here. This was a battle of auras.

"Her colour...." Samson starts to respond but is cut off as Beckett puts his hand up to silence him. "Is my daughter in danger here..."

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"No Kala might no longer be my pack member but I maintain my pack's protection for her....I would treat her as if she were. However, you have a very angry blood thirsty alpha that seems to think he is in some sort of marriage negotiations with you for the white wolf." "What?" Samson looks at Beckett in disbelief.

"Fear not Samson, I have no desires to give my daughter to that dick, I was just trying to bide us some time."

"Which you no longer have." I respond with a sigh. Alpha Marc will only increase his efforts in destroying this pack.

"You didn't know about Kaia, especially as she was in your pack?" Beckett observes me, his finger drumming along his bottom lip. He was testing me.. "No..."

"She never shifted, attended pack runs?" Samson cuts in and I have to bite my tongue to be mindful of what I say.

"No.." I think on what Ezra told me, about how he followed her and witnessed her shift just the one time. But I wouldn't put a target on my own beta's back. "No, she

never shifted. But Alora is light grey...why isn't she white?"

"How do you know that?"

"Alora and I grew up together..did she not tell you."

"You're from the Amber Desert pack?" Beckett's eyes widen in surprise.

"Yes, until I left and started the Dark Phantom pack. What I don't understand is how Alora ended up at a different pack?"

"I was told she had died at birth..."

"You felt the link break?"

"The link?"

To your child? You felt the link break...her death."

1"

Something wasn't adding up. Not only was he an alpha but also a father, he would have felt every single person in his pack, children born even if they aren't his so how could he have not felt Alora still alive. His own child.

"I was distraught by my mate's death..." He bangs loudly on his desk with a closed fist, the memory seemingly too difficult for him. But something doesn't it right with me.

"We can't imagine what you went through." Jude interjects, trying to ease the rising tensions in the office. Things were...odd and I had no intention of leaving any time soon.

Bond 126

Chapter 0126

Kaia POV

I don't want to wake up but I can feel gentle soft hands stroking my face, a feminine voice calling my

name

"Kaia?"

"What time is it?" I turn moaning into my pillow, still half asleep. Eager to go straight back to sleep as that level of dread returns to me.

"It's time for breakfast, what time did you get in?"

"I don't know...3am..."

"3am? Were you at the medical centre the entire time? Alora clicks her tongue at me, concern in her voice. It was starting to feel nice to have someone other than Father care about my welfare.

Yes we still had a long way to go, but I could feel that sisterly bond... that twin bond, moulding into place. "I had no choice, we are short on nurses...I should go back actually." I sit up, already mentally preparing myself for another long day of blood and bandages. "I'll come with you, but after breakfast, you need to eat first."

"I'm fine..."

"No arguing, you skipped dinner, you need breakfast..."wonder which one of us was more like Mother... I can imagine mother would have been assertive yet maternal as Alora is being just now. And to think I was the older twin,

"Or is it a certain someone you are trying to avoid?" She really just hit the nail on the head. I was hoping a late night would result in missing breakfast, and being able to get straight to the medical centre without seeing anyone...especially him. "Maybe..." I sigh out, running my fingers through my long bed slept hair.

"There's nothing to worry about.."

"I'm not worried..."

"Good, then we will face him...together. Come on...it's like a band aid...once it's done, it's done. You shouldn't be walking on eggshells in your own home or pack. Besides, imagine he will leave today, Beckett seemed keen to see them gone. Said something about not entertaining whilst the pack is in mourning from yesterday."

I don't miss the way Alora continues to call Father Beckett, she may never feel comfortable in calling him that. Her parents are the ones that adopted her and raised her, but we still needed to ask questions of why she was taken from us, why she ended up at the Amber Desert pack in the first place.

She holds her hand out to me and I hesitantly take it, I'd still much rather skip the breakfast reunion.

I quickly throw on some leggings and a vest preparing for training before breakfast and the medical

centre.

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When we walk downstairs, hand in hand, the breakfast table is already set. Father, Samson, Hector and Jude already sitting at the table conversing lightly amongst themselves.

As we both enter, all eyes dart towards us...Hector's eyes landing on my hand tightly clasped in Alora's.. Who, is gently stroking the back of my hand with her thumb to remind me she is there....she knows this is difficult for me.

"It will be okay, I promise." She says to me through the mind-link, a small encouraging smile forming on her lips.

"I didn't expect to see you for breakfast Kaia, should you be awake?" Father asks as he pours me some breakfast tea from the teapot.

"It's fine, I need to get to the medical centre to check on the patients. I'll do that immediately after training and remain there all day." My eyes inadvertently flicker to Hector who was considering my words as he gently blows out on his cup of coffee. His mouth in an open pout as he cools down his drink. I have to swallow the lump that forms in the back of my throat.

My mind darts back to the memory of the first time we met in his coffee shop. How at the time I thought finding the notorious alpha of the dark phantom pack was all I needed to keep me safe from Than.... I close my eyes tightly as my eyes look down at my flat belly, a memory I haven't had for a while... that feeling of emptiness still deep within me. A rounding belly no more.

Alora must somehow pick up on my emotions as she places her hand upon my thigh.

"No training today..." Samson smirks at me from across the table as he reaches for a croissant in the central basket.

"Oh?"

"Yes, Alora will take your place this morning. Just gentle exercising though Samson, I'm still waiting for the results.." "Results?" Jude questions.

"Yes, I'm waiting for results to see if I am a match to Albra..."

"For?" Hector looks between Alora and Father inquisitively.

"For a kidney transplant." I could curse Father for not only openly discussing this, but being so laid back about his own health.

"Well...we haven't decided on anything yet." Alora chips in, her eyes side glancing to mine.

"No, but the results are the first step."

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Bond 127

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Hector POV

together.

Learning from across their breakfast table that Beckett wanted to donate a kidney to Alora was shocking news. But maybe it would work. It would mean Kaia would remain untouched by the operating knife and both sisters would have a chance of a long happy life. Because that's how they were starting to appear... together. As twins should be.

They came down holding hands and if it wasn't for the difference in eyes, you could be forgiven for not being able to tell them apart. But I could.

Except for their wolves, why was Kaia a white wolf and Alora not. Why would the skin part be identical but the wolf side be different.

If Beckett thinks I will easily walk away from this pack then he has a rude awakening coming.

Both females were ignoring me, Kaia by spending all day in the medical centre and Alora barely looked me in the eyes yesterday.

"What I'm struggling to understand is why Beta Samson isn't a pack member yet...I mean he is your Beta right?" I ask outright at the breakfast table.

"Yes, he is my acting beta. We have every intention of making Samson a pack member but Alora's return

and now the attack has put everything on hold." Beckett responds, his scarred eyebrow slightly raised to

1. me.

"But how can he support you, protect the pack members and even your daughters if he can't feel the pack bond..."

"Does it affect his abilities you mean?" Beckett confirms what I am actually asking.

"Well yes, I mean even in the Shadow Rock attack, he had to shift to talk to Kaia...."

"Don't worry Alpha Hector, I know Kaia well...we grew up together...I know her wolf's every move, even her every thought..." He sits back in his chair, rolling his eyes at me.

"Her every thought? Is that so?" I wryly reply.

"Samson and Kaia grew up together in the Clearwaters pack. He is the son of my late beta and had always been on track to support the alpha family. He is also responsible for reuniting Kaia and myself. I believe he and Kala were emailing each other even whilst she was at your pack."

I don't know why but that seems to irritate me slightly, that she has history with this Samson. He seems hell bent on all but pissing on her to mark his territory. I don't know why it should annoy me so much.

After breakfast I take a stroll around the pack grounds with Jude, to check the defence model they have in place as Beckett checks on emails in his office, Kaia escapes to the medical centre and Alora attends training with Samson.

By the time we return to the alpha house, I find Alora sitting alone on a stool at the kitchen island, drinking down a glass of water as if her life depended on it.

"Tough session? Jude overtakes me and joins her at the kitchen island as I remain at a distance. Her

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scent was still alluring to me but I know it can never be, and part of my wolf was starting to accept that. However, I didn't want to test his resolve by getting too close to her.

"You could say that, I haven't trained like that for a while..."

"Did Samson go too hard on you?" I demand to know.

"No not at all, it's just odd...my mind is getting more energetic but my body is still very much lethargic.

"Would you accept Beckett's offer of being a donor?"

"No, that's not why I am here. I didn't come for that...then I found out..."

"Found out?" I take a step closer to her.

"Found out exactly what Kaia has been through. She's been through enough, I'm just happy to get to know my sister and father, for however long the moon goddess grants me." She responds placing her glass down on the counter top, stepping off the stool. She seems a lot happier, but I can help but feel this new life she is creating, is a facade.

"Alora..."

"No Hector, I know you won't leave today now as Beckett wants. But if you are going to stay don't force a wedge between Kaia and I. She's finally starting to let me in, she's finally starting to see that I am more than the person that took her mate from her.." She pauses almost stopping herself from saying something else.

"Things are weird, don't you think it odd that Samson has returned to them years away as soon as Kaia arrives, and he isn't even a pack member, yet is carrying out beta duties. He knew where Beckett was all that time, why not come to him before." She must understand as a recent outsider how bizarre the set up

1. is.

"He is protective of Kaia that's all, they've shared a childhood together...but..."

"But..."

"Yes, he does seem too keen around her but I'm keeping a close eye on things, on him."

"And Beckett, his story doesn't add up.."

"What do you mean.."

"About you as a baby, surely..." I look to Jude whose eyes are wide, warning me to stop. Stop over

analysing in front of Alora, and he was right. Plus Alora seemed defensive of her new family, I needed to tread lightly.

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Kala POV

I've been at the medical centre all morning and it was now coming up to lunch time, not that I'll stop for lunch. We had too much to do.

I had been checking on each patient to redress wounds and just be a hand for them to hold, I didn't want anyone to feel alone.

Alora arrives wanting to relieve me and let me rest but there is still just too much to do.

I give her a walk through, show her the wards that had the less severe patients and where to go for more dressings.

She looks completely overwhelmed and I have a moment in judgement when I don't think she is up for this, but then she turns to me and assures me that she's got this, that she will be fine and would mind-link me if she needs help.

I have to let her try, it would be good for her to be out of her comfort zone...to not be so sheltered. I tell myself as I leave the ward.

I enter a corrective surgery as soon as I bump into the surgeon in the corridor, he calls out to me to scrub in which brings me a flicker of hope in such dire surroundings, he must of thought I was doing a good job. By the time I finish the surgery and find Alora again, she is talking to a female patient as she redresses her head wound, I decide to leave her, I wasn't her keeper and she could decide for herself when she needed to call it a day, when she needed to rest. Although I do ask one of the doctors to keep an eye her and encourage her to leave not too long after me.

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As I walk into the alpha house's kitchen, I know it's the plated up meal I should be reaching for but I don't, I go into the fridge and grab the cold bottle of wine that has been calling out to me all day.

I needed this. I deserved this.

I enter the sitting room, placing my feet up and almost for a second, a tiny second, forgetting we had visitors and thinking I would be left alone. How wrong was I.

His clearing of his throat comes after the scent of dark chocolate and burnt oranges swirls around the room. My eyes open to find him leaning against the door frame, his grey ash eyes holding a level of concern in them.

"I don't think that's a meal..."

"I don't know, it seems to be hitting the spot." I take a sip letting the flavour rest on my taste buds, sinking into the sofa.

"You're avoiding me..." He states taking a step into the sitting room, walking towards the non-lit fireplace, seemingly inspecting the small trinkets that adorn the mantelpiece.

"I'm not..."

"No lies now Kala!" He smirks at me through the mirror above the mantel piece, his handsomeness

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catching my breath. I had tried my best not to look at him for too long since he showed up, I have been avoiding him. But what did he really expect.

A sigh escapes me, my peaceful moment no more as I stand up to join him by the fireplace. I place the wine glass on the mantelpiece before looking up in his eyes. I forgot how tall he was, my neck pulls slightly as I have to look up the little bit higher. "What are you doing here Hector?" I sigh out.

"I was at the Shadow Rock pack when they launched the attack on these lands..."

"No, I mean...what are you doing here Hector?" I repeat, trying to get to the real reason.

He tilts his head, his eyes looking down into mine.

"I needed to know..."

"You needed to know....what?"

"That you are okay, that you were safe..."

"By coming all this way? If you knew where I was you could have sent a letter, or an email....my email address hasn't changed." I scoff, I hear a door open somewhere and I turn from him trying to walk away from his cryptic words.

I feel tingles erupt on my skin as I look down at the cause, his hand now gripping at my elbow pulling me back around to face him.

"Rosa told me..."

"Rosa told you what?" I laugh out at his cryptic ways, before his eyes give me a knowing look...

That knowing look...

Suddenly, I feel my walls break...those strong walls that I had built brick by brick, shielding me from the events of the past, to no longer tarnish my future....Rosa told him. "Get out!" I growl at him.

"Kaia."

"I said get out!" I push at him, I didn't want him to know, it's something I never wanted him to know. Ebony Woods

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I have another chapter coming, it's just in editing.

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Hector POV

My hands go to her waist instinctively, preventing her from falling in case her legs threaten to give way. But they don't, she's stronger than I give her credit for. already knew that, I don't know why I am so surprised. "She told you?" Her eyes widen, stunned by my admission.

"I'm sorry Kaia..."

"I don't want your pity." She continues to growl out at me, her body trying to move out from my grasp but not putting a lot of effort into it.

"I'm not, I'm sorry what that bastard did.."

"You've seen him? You've seen your brother?"

"You know?" Now it was my turn to have the stunned look. In her being reunited with Alora, of course she would know things now. Alora would have told her about her past, about me.

"I know a lot now Hector, lies...your lies wont work here..."

"I didn't...okay fine.." I stop when she gives me that look, that look that reminds me of how my own mother used to look at me as a child when I was caught doing something I shouldn't be doing. 1 "I was wrong Kaia...I did wrong by you but believe me when I say I want to make up for it, let me make up for it. Do they know?"

"Father and Alora?"

"Yes."

"Alora knows I was pregnant, but I didn't tell Father. And no, I couldn't bear to tell her. I don't think she would be strong enough for that." Her head goes down, her shoulders slump slightly. "She should know."

"Why, so she can reject him and take you instead..."

"Because she needs to know you are hurting." My thumb touches her chin and lifts her face up, her glowing us looking directly into mine. For a moment I get lost looking at the blue-rims around her pupils until she pats my hand away.

"Don't bring that bullshit on my door Hector. I've worked too hard to forget him, to forget you. You can't Just turn up here and make me look weak."

"How have I made you look weak?" I growl out at her slightly, my wolf not liking the accusation.

"I am the acting luna, that fight with Alpha Marc, was my fight. You made me look weak infront of him."

I take a deep breath in, trying to remember why I am here. I don't want to argue with her and I was too late. to protect her from Than. But I will protect her from others, whether she likes it or not.

"I wanted to kill him!"

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"I'm sure you'll get the chance soon..."

"I'm not talking about Marc...I'm talking about Than. To imagine what..."

She puts her finger up to me, warning me to stop. But I can sense something between us, something that is calling for me to reach out to her. I know she has her Father, her sister now...even the Beta Samson to protect her but...something inside of me wants to do the same. How I can't let them fail her as I did. "Kaia!" I pull her into me, she hits my chest at first before finally giving in, finally letting me wrap my arms around her. I wasn't there then, to keep her safe but I will be from now on. My wolf has strong intuition and I was going to follow that.

"You need to tell them, they already think it odd you didn't join my pack runs. That I hadn't seen your wolf before."

"Why what's wrong with my wolf?" Her eyes look up at me, as she pushes away from my chest, wiping at her eyes.

Did she not know what she was.

"Nothing, it's just there aren't many white wolves..."

"My mother was one, I imagine Alora is as well."

"No Alora is light grey...how do you know your mother was a white wolf..." I quirk an eyebrow at her, she died giving birth...how would she know that.

She pauses for a moment before answering me.

"I don't know, I just know." She turns a small smile forming on her lips. Lips that only a moment ago. where quivering and I wanted to....I shake my head out What was wrong with me.

"Friends again?" I offer out with a hopefully smile.

"That depends, are you here to cause trouble...because can tell you now, Alora won't leave with you. She's starting to see a life outside of the mate bond...a life without the two of you, as am I." My eyebrows furrow at her words, as am I? What did she mean by that. "No trouble from me." I put my hands out playfully.

"Fine, then if you get a glass you can join me..." She picks up her glass of wine up from the mantelpiece and walks back over to the sofa.

I leave the room heading towards the kitchen to fetch a glass, when the lingering scent of mangoes hits

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Kaia POV

I could feel my face slightly pinkened from my Father's use of his command on me. I hated it when he used it on me. I had gone years without one being able to affect me, as a powerful alpha's daughter Than could never command me or his parents, which they also hated.

Standing up, I walk out of the office, everybody else following me...Alora trying to push on my mind-link but I didn't want to talk about it, I just wanted to be alone...I needed to be by the cliff tops.

Things were getting too complicated, too many strong voices were in this alpha house right now, I needed the peacefulness of the ocean waves and soft salty breeze.

Alora leads Hector and Jude into the kitchen, whereas Samson doesn't follow. He starts pacing at the bottom of the stairs, his behaviour completely out of character and starting to concern me. He has never gone against Father, never. His own father a loyal beta until his death, Samson holding that same character trait.

So why now, why speak against Father.

"Samson?"

""He's never going to make me Beta.."

""He will."

"No Kaia, he won't and I have other things I need to concentrate on." He's all over the place, his mind as chaotic as his footsteps.

"Like what?"

"My pack, the one I was at before coming here, they need me..I need to help them."

"But you're a beta....you're our beta."

"I can't be a beta without a pack bond Kala." He uncharacteristically growls at me and I hear the swift movement of the chairs in the kitchen move, figures rejoining the hallway from the kitchen,

His eyes glare to someone behind me, my eyes turning to see Hector mirroring that same glare. Had I missed something...

"Samson..." I whisper.

"I need time to think." Samson's hands go to his forehead, leaving red marks from his own roughness. "Think about what?" I take a step towards him, why was he so agitated. He must see that Father was only in talks, that he would never make me marry such a monster. "Come with me..." He whispers.

"What?"

"Come with me, I'll take you away from all of this. Help you to forget them and start anew. You could be mine...like it should have been."

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"Samson I..."

A low guttural growl vibrates from behind me as Samson takes hold of my hand and places it to his lips.

"I could help you break free..." His words were certainly hypnotic on my ears, tempting to hear.

To break free...

But I had a duty, I had pack members missing limbs, relying on me in the medical centre. Their only crime was following me to battle. I couldn't abandon them now.

I can't leave my no

Samson, stay I know he will make you a beta....it's just..there's been a lot going on."

"I understand." He drops my hands abruptly from his lips, a level of hurt in his eyes as if my staying was some kind of rejection to him. I go to reassure him when he turns and rushes up the stairs, my hand resting on the bannister. "What had just happened?" I whisper out more to myself.

"I think you have just lost a beta.." Jude cuts in.

"No, he just needs time to calm down, to think. We are all tired, all getting over the recent attacks. They take their toll on us all...never fully relaxing always being in fight mode...this is his first time feeling this, he'll get used to it.... My words trail off as Samson heads back down the stairs with a hold-all draped over his shoulder.

"Where are you going?" I ask in confusion, he wouldn't leave surely. He was my family's beta. He wouldn't leave us.

"I'm leaving. My other pack needs me too Kaia. I can't keep fighting a losing cause." His eyes flash over my head, his wolf channeling forward and I know instinctively who he is looking at.

"Please don't leave...we need you." My plea is desperate as I start to walk alongside him as he exits the alpha house. My steps break out into more of a jog as try to keep up with his long strides.

"Last chance Kaia!" He stops suddenly, turning to me his face avoid of any emotions.

What was going on, this isn't the Samson I've known all my life. This person was different, why was he acting like this.

surely.

What has happened between him and my Father. This can't just be about the Shadow Pack "Samson!" I call out as he enters into one of the pack cars, revving up the engine and drives off...leaving dust swirling in the air around me. My eyes turn back to Father who is limping towards me, his eyes furious as he watches Samson drive off.

His eyes soften as they fall upon me....

"Come Kaia, there is much to plan."

My mind races from the events that had just transpired our beta, my friend had just left the pack. The pack he promised to protect.

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Should I have gone with him...no I couldn't have done. Maybe with some time away he will come back, he will see....

Rather than follow my Father into his office I needed time to breathe, to think.

His head turns, his eyes looking at me, as I disobey his order and walk towards my sanctuary, my safe place. Ebony Woods Author

Thanks so much for reading and giving this book a chance.

I'm going to test your patience soon, please trust the process... please trust me. X

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Hector POV

I watch Kaia walk away, the reverberating annoyed growl of her father continuing until he enters the alpha house and slams his own office door. Things had certainly escalated in such a short space of time.

With both women at the medical centre Jude and I had taken a walk around the grounds, checking border patrol. When Jude and I returned to the alpha house a few hours later, we had heard a comotion coming from Beckett's office. Bursting through the door, I found Samson threatening Beckett with a document. They had only just calmed down when Kaia and Alora returned.

"Where is she going?" I ask Alora as she also watches Kaia walk away in the distance. She can't go back to the medial centre surely. "Samson and her were close...she's upset. I think she thought..." She sighs out as she continues to stare off at her sister's fading figure. "What?"

"That they would be chosen mates..."

"Chosen mates?" I focus on Alora's side profile before casting my eyes out also into the distance.

at me.

"Yes, why does that irritate you?" An eyebrow raises up at

Yes, that thought did irritate me, even the way he put her hand to his lips irritated me.

"We need to talk...preferably alone." Her eyes fall upon Jude, who claps me on the back and heads off towards the training grounds.

"No beta now, I'll give the warriors the heads up."

"Where has she gone?" I ask as now it was just her and me.

"She's gone to the cliff tops, to her happy place. She spends hours there sometimes...I am in awe of her level of connectivity there. She says it reminds her of Mother's pack. I don't have that pack memory, that connection to her." "You need to look into your birth, get closure on who took you."

"What's the point, it's in the past. I can't change it. I'm more intrigued by this entwined mate bond." "Entwined mate bond?" I chuckle out, is that what she is calling it now.

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"Hector, have you never considered the possibility that you have 2 mates, just like me....just like Than does."

"2 mates?"

"You have a strong connection to Kala, even without feeling the mate bond. You can't deny it is there." "I what are you saying?"

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A mate bond with Kaia. No, I would know. My wolf would know.

"Just think about it...think about what it might mean to you if she did accept Samson on an offer. If it's not him it could be Alpha Marc or quite honestly, any unmated alpha or beta.

Beckett will need to come up with something. I've been to the medical centre, I've seen the low supply levels, the lack of trained medical staff. As a pack, we haven't got another fight in us. Beckett will need to form an alliance and knowing how much Kala cares for this pack, she will accept." She smiles sadly before walking towards the alpha house. Leaving me to ponder her words.

Kala, my mate....

"Alora?" I call out to her.

""Yes Hector?"

"Where did she go?"

"Follow the scent of the sea, you'll find her."

didn't need the salty fresh sea air to find Kaia, her scent alone aided me in gravitating towards her.. Something was pulling me to her.

I find her sitting on the cliff tops, her legs crossed as she hugs her arms around her knees.

How could I have been such a fool. It had been there all along, the scent, the desire to protect her...even from my own twisted plans.

Was she also my mate... The twins somehow locked in a strange mate connection between Than and I. I had been the answer to Kaia's torment all this time, I could have saved her from Than.

I could have made her mine,

I think back to the night of the banquet ball when she first arrived at my pack, she asked me if I had a mate. She knew even back then, knew perhaps that we were mates...but that I was also mates with Alora. She not knowing then of their sister bond, as none of us did.

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At first I feel more clarity, less guilt towards Alora for caring for Kaia...for betraying my mate bond with Alora...who had given up on me for Than.

This wasn't as easy as taking the second sister, Kaia wouldn't be second best, I just knew Alora first. But Kala wouldn't see it as that.

And I'm starting to strongly believe as I watch her long brown hair flow in the breeze, that had I of met Kaia first, my connection to her would have been stronger, that I wouldn't have been this torn.

Because I felt torn, what I do to the one, I hurt the other. I'm starting to realise how Alora felt as a 16 year old alone and afraid of her next step. What a harrowing experience she went through,

I was a full grown adult with a pack behind me, yet my own resolve threatens to falter.

I was mates with Kala....

My wolf finally understands as do I. In not having rejected Alora, my bond with her remained stagnant, stuck, for all those years. With her still alive, the bond festering beneath the surface...never dying, never coming fully to life.

I was blinded in my revenge for Than that I didn't let my mind even open up to the possibility that Alora's mirror image might be something more to me. My own chance at happiness.

Someone who I have done wrong by.

I groan internally as I remember the night when she wanted me to stay, not to leave her to stop Alora's marking ceremony. The hurt upon her face, having already lost her own child and I left her, I left her too selfish in my own actions.

I will never be good enough for Kaia, I will never be able to take those things back, my bad choices. She will never forgive me...too much as happened. But I need to keep her safe, as I swore to do.

I don't approach her, instead I walk back to the alpha house, entering Beckett's office without waiting.

He isn't surprised by my bursting into his office, in fact he is relaxed, two empty glasses sitting by a bottle of whiskey...I think he had been waiting for me.

He pours us both a drink and I down mine in one go, placing the empty glass back on his desk.

"I'll go to Alpha Marc, I'll negotiate for your pack...but Kaia stays out of this. He is not to have her..... agreed." My resolve is absolute. She is not a bargaining tool, she is off limits. "Agreed. Hector..."

"She's my mate..." I cut him off, he needs to know I won't fuck this up.

"Who?"

"Kala..."

"Ah.." He slowly sips on his own drink, not surprised by my revelation. "You don't seem surprised.."

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"They are both mates with your brother, I presume the same for you. Plus I'm not blind...my daughter has gone out of her way to avoid you. Which means she is hurting. Was it her that told you?" "No Alora did."

"That's a surprise."

"What happened with Samson?"

"He made me an offer for Kaia, for being the future alpha..I refused. Things are complicated when mated to a white wolf, as I well know. Only a true mate can protect my daughter. Are you that mate Hector?" "I would need to reject Alora... Which.."

"Is something you can't do. I understand. She needs to be at her fittest, she'll need the kidney transplant for that. To reject a mate bond tears at your soul, I don't think Alora has the strength in her. You will need to wait." Ebony Woods

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Thanks for reading. Please drop a gem if you enjoyed the chapter. I'm

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Kaia POV

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I lost track of time by the cliffs, which is always easy for me to do. But when the sun started to fade and the moon grew in strength, I started to feel both Alora and Father pushing on my mindlink, eager for me to come back,

My walk back was slow, my footsteps felt heavy... unnatural.

Really my questions.

wolf and I wanted to remain by the cliff tops. All we were returning to was arguing and

So when I walk back into the alpha house to find Father, Alora, Hector and Jude sitting quietly in the sitting room, I did a double take of what I was seeing...some kind of civilised flow of conversation.

"Kaia, please come join us!" Father pats the seat next to him as Freya walks in with a tray of drinks. She had been amazing in the efforts in tidying up and had spent most of her time in the hospital. In fact this was the first time I had seen her in days. She had been assigned a house to herself, giving her space as Alora stayed here.

But she was looking tired, she had been blocking out her mate bond, something that wasn't suggested for long periods of time. What she was doing was for Alora, I just hoped Zane would understand when they were reunited.

"What's going on?" I question as I take a drink and sit next to Father, looking at everybody else's expressions.

"We are just waiting for another....ah there you are."

"Apologies Alpha, I came as soon as I could." The Head Doctor walks into the sitting room after letting himself into the house.

"I have asked the good doctor here over as he has news...is that right?"

"Yes Alpha. Well as you know I ran a match between you and Miss Alora and can confirm that you are an eligible donor.."

No, this can't be happening.

"Excellent news, and my daughter can continue to live with 1 organ?"

"With medication and a well thought out recovery plan, yes Miss Alora should be able to live a happy and full life." The doctor beams out at my father.

My eyes scan the room, was this really happening? The only person looking at me being Hector, he was gaging my reaction and I his. He was her mate, surely he would say something against this.

Now, we have a short window, being a beta down, where we can have both myself and Alora out of action. For security purposes, Alpha Hector and Alpha Jude have offered to

approach the Shadow Rock pack in an attempt to smooth out the negotiations... buy us some time before another attack.

During this time Kala, you will be the only one responsible for the pack's safety."

"With that in mind, I have asked my Beta, Ezra, to attend this pack, to aid Kaia whilst you are in recovery..."

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"Thank you Hector, that would be a great help..."

"Doctor how quickly can we move on this?"

"Our medical provisions are low but I did put aside some supplies as you requested Alpha. With both parties giving their consent my team and I can have things prepared with 24 hours notice..."

I listen to their conversation as if I were not even present, spying somehow as a fly on the wall. My eyes look to Alora who seems just as shocked as me by this turn of events.

"Speak up, say something!" I mind-link her. I can't believe Hector would side with Father on this, the 1 person I at least expected to disagree. Yet he had already been having private discussions, making arrangements to visit Alpha Marc in my place.

"I told you I didn't want this." She quietly speaks up against Father and the Doctor.

your refusal of dialysis this is our only option."

"I told you no more machines, no more medical tests..."

"Let me do this for you Alora, let me make up for the mistake I made believing you were dead. Letting my own grief of Alike take me to a dark place that I failed you back then..."

"Father..." I seethe out.

"No Kaia, I robbed you of your twin sister....your mate connections are a mess because raised in different packs. You both need more time, and I need my daughters by my side if we are going to

you two were

win this land once and for all. We have a short timescale to act and this might be our only chance."

I shake my head in disbelief, this can't be happening.

"Let me do this for her, for you. What are you so afraid of? Father's voice enters my head.

"That I will lose you like I lost mother."

"You won't lose me, and with Alora by our side think how strong we will be as an alpha family. Kala, my mind is made up...with or without your blessing I will do it. But I would like to think you wouldn't stop me in trying to save my own child." His words pierce deeply into my soul. As much as I hated this, he was right. He just wanted to save his own child. Something, I of all people, can understand.

"Very well.." Reluctantly I nod to him before standing up and facing the doctor

"I want to be in the operating room throughout!" I'm not asking, I'm demanding.

I can arrange that Luna. I will give my team the approval to start preparations."

"Wait, I said no...." Alora stands up calling out to the doctor.

"Hector, you must at least agree with me..." She turns to Hector and I feel nausea bubble in the pit of my stomach as he stands up and takes both her hands in his.

It pains me but at least he will be on her side, he will refuse and pull rank against my Father for the sake

of her.

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What I wasn't expecting was his choice to agree with a Father.

"You need this Alora, you need to live."

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Chapter 0135

Kaia POV

I'm angry at everyone.

At Father, for him so easily putting his life on the line, I get it, she was his daughter and he spent years thinking she was dead. He wanted to show her what a father's love is, that he can protect her...keep her safe. But that doesn't stop the anger rising in the pit of my stomach, anger hiding my true feelings... intense worry.

Even Alora, she said she didn't want this, that she wouldn't agree. That it would make no difference now, so why put Father's life at risk. Because that's what was going to happen, he isn't strong enough for this. Which leaves the question....me.

I can feel him following me up the stairs, most of my anger aimed at him. I wanted to shake him to see sense.

scream at him,

t least.

He of all people should have refused this surgery, I thought I could rely on that at "Kaia?" Hector calls out to me as I open my bedroom door wanting solitude. I was better alone when angry, to work through my thoughts.

Just as I slam the door shut, his hand prevents me from doing so.

"What the hell was that?" I growl out to him as he pushes the door open and he steps past me into my bedroom.

"Get out!" I seethe at Hector which earns a raised eyebrow from him.

He finally moves, listening to me, and I breathe a sigh of relief thinking he is leaving when he doesn't, he moves to the side of my bed, inspecting my bedside table. Inspecting the picture of my mother. Realising he wouldn't be leaving any time soon, I close the door behind is, moving myself towards my window.

A chuckle escapes him when I open the window, his scent was already overly perfuming the room. My eyes glare daggers at him, wondering what he found so amusing.

"She can't die Kaia you must see that.." His humour vanishes when my expression remains murderous. His hands gently placing my treasured photo frame back down, before he moves closer to me.

"Of course I know that Hector, she is my sister after all. But I at least expected you to be against this.." "You think I want her to be cut open?"

"Then do something..." I growl at him, my hands tearing at my hair.

Why was everyone only saying words but not taking any action.

"Do what?"

"Stop it, stop them from making this bad mistake. I'll do it...I'll give my kidney instead!"

"Not a chance!" He snarls at me.

"I can't lose my Father Hector..."

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"And I can't lose what is mine."

"Exactly, but you will, she isn't strong enough for an operation.."

"Kaia..."

Why was he so calm about this, why wasn't he marching downstairs and threatening to remove her from this pack.

"Hector, you need to protect your mate..."

"But she's not my only mate, is she?"

His words run my blood cold. I can feel my heart stop beating and my lungs freeze from his words.

He knew...

If I didn't know any better I would say someone had stood over my grave. The very sensation leaving me feeling anything but alive. Like a walking corpse.

I step back, reaching out to the window needing some kind of sensory stimulation to bring myself back to the land of the living. My hands lean backwards, using the windowsill for support, my back now pressed up against the glass pane.

He must sense my unease, my shock as he moves now, blocking my only escape.

"Kaia..." His purring voice calls out to me.

"Don't.."

"Why didn't you tell me...."

"Tell you what...that not only did I have a mate bond with my sister's mate, who is my legal husband...but that you...who from the moment I met has done everything in your power to try and win her back, to seek revenge on Than for taking her...was also my mate. That I was also linked to you." I shout, my voice crackling under the strain of the speed I am using to finally get my anguish out.

"I was blinded by revenge...but had you of told me, I would have listened."

"Don't insult my intelligence Hector!" In no way do I believe he would have felt the bond between us, even if I had told him outright. His actions were on the point of obsessive in getting Alora from Than

"I've done wrong by you, I know I have Kaia but believe me when I say I am going to make amends. I am going to be the mate you deserve." He takes steps towards me, his fingers wanting to touch me as they reach out.

"And what makes you think I would want you after everything?" I spit out, my anger now at the point of being out of control.

"I don't expect you to want me Kala, not after what I have done. How I have behaved. But I will do right by you and I will destroy any threat that stands in your way." His hand drops at his words.

From where I am standing, you are the only threat to me, to my family. I want you gone, I don't care what you think you need to do, how you need to make your own inner being cleaner..

My anger is at boiling point, my wolf warning me not to take things too far, not to do something she thinks

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is stupid, that she thinks we would later regret.

But there is no coming back is there, I can't spend my life loving somebody who will never love me.

I'm angry at having not known him first, in a way for being the first born, for not being adopted and living in his pack, with him.

Where I would have told his brother no, and accepted him instead. I would have been the one to do that. It should have been me.

I take a shaky breath in, my wolf battling me internally as she realises what I am about to do.

"I...Kaia Glace of the Nightshade Reformed pack..."

"Don't you dare!" His growl is venomous as he moves with such speed, closing the distance between us and covering his hand over my mouth.

The roar of the notorious Dark Phantom Alpha. Tingles dance upon my lips, his smooth skin so close to my teeth, I could just bite him and finish my words.

"What is going on?" Jude bursts into my room, Alora standing next to him.

Hector's eyes remain on me, his hand still held across my lips. Not once does his eyes waiver, not once do they flicker to her. They remain locked on me, and for a moment...a fleeting moment my wolf lets me hope...lets me believe that we could be. She's begging for me not to do this. Not to make a mistake I can't come back from. "Hector?" Jude takes a further step in the room, his eyes looking at his friend cautiously, his own alpha aura starting to swirl around the room.

"We are going to Shadow Rock pack. he has attacked my mate's pack and will not be given another chance." His hand surprisingly moves slowly from my lips, his thumb pulling at my lower lip.

"You are mine Kaia, from the moment I found you in the coffee shop, and I yours. I will make amends... watch me!"

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Hector POV

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This time we aren't escorted into Alpha Marc's office but instead a different floor with a large meeting room. The room looked like some kind of court room with a line of tables and chairs in a semi circle format..with, surprise surprise, Marc sat in the very middle, elevated above the other positions.

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"You've got some nerve, re-entering my pack grounds after what you pulled." He snarls at Jude and I prematurely, before the door has even closed.

"You had no authority to attack the Nightshade Reformed pack." Jude addresses Marc as he steps in front of me, the council members taking their seats, judgmental eyes gazing upon us.

I don't believe it...we were at a hearing...our hearing.

This was absolute bullshit. Jude and I were the ones being treated as if we abused our positions within the alliance, whereas, Marc was the one that attacked them for his own gain.

"This is bullshit!" I growl out as Jude had spent the last few hours trying to explain why he took out Marc's fighters. We had gone round in circles.

"Alpha Hector may I remind you..." One of the council leaders starts but I cut him off. I was buying time but their lack of intelligence was frustrating me.

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mumbling amongst themselves meaning not all will have heard.

"Alpha Hector will you sit down!" The same council member shouts out at me, trying to gain back some level of authority.

"Why would Alpha Marc attack his mate's pack?" Zederick, one of my council contacts asks.

"She isn't his mate." I growl out looking Marc directly in the eyes.

"Marriage negotiations aren't a council matter." Zederick states loudly.

"Exactly so let's get back on the topic of why my men are dead..." Marc growls, things weren't going as smoothly as he hoped.

"Did you launch the attack because the alpha refused his daughter..." Zederick reaches behind, his associate or for a better word Beta, handing him information.

I launched the attack because they have settled, without permission, on sacred land. These are rogues.... don't want rogues on my doorstep."

"Then Alpha Hector and Alpha Jude were right to defend the pack in question. You attacked out of prejudice." A smile forms on my lips as Marc is openly called out.

"I attacked to protect my people, how would you like rogues living next door...."

"Let's get the other pack alpha's here, the ones that have entered a peace treaty deal. It could be the new pack might benefit from joining the alliance, we all have a role to play in supporting rogues that want a second chance." Zederick suggests, the board nodding in agreement.

"Fine for

r you to say when it is happening a 100 miles away from your pack." Marc's temper and frustration was getting the better of him.

Which was working wonders for Jude and I. The more pack alphas that attended this hearing, the longer it would take and would give Alora longer for the operation and her recovery.

"The daughter, she is the acting luna?"

"Yes." I answer the board of council leaders.

"What's so special about her then, if she is a resettled rogue herself Alpha Marc...why the interest in her." Zederick pulls her picture out of the file of documents, my breath catching in the back of my throat for her being identified among these power hungry men. Marc's eyes dart to me, a smirk forming in the corner of his mouth. He won't want the board to know a white wolf exists and I don't want them to know either

We are at stalemate, and he knows it.

They will demand that she attends before them, something that I would prevent from happening by any

means.

The power playing continues with us getting no closer to the council making a decision.

was ready to remain here for as long as necessary, to be that smokescreen but something starts to change within me.

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Something forms in the depths of my stomach that only strengthens...to the point that I have to sit back down.

My hand going to my chest that was burning. Was I having a heart attack?

Then I feel it, the surge of the mate bond...

"You can't leave, after him!" Someone roars as I head to the door, abandoning the room full of council leaders.

I don't look back but I can feel Jude on my six, following me as I take the stairs 2 at a time desperate to reach Kaia.

Something had happened, something to strengthen my mate connection to her.

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Bond 137

Chapter 0137 Kala POV

"Watch me!" My mind refuses to so easily forget his parting words. In fact, it's all I can think about as Alora and I sit on the cliff tops, letting the hours pass before she needs to go to the medical centre for her pre-op assessment. I was worried, I was scared.

I had only just found Alora, now I had to prepare myself that she would leave us before she was meant to.

I was worried she would be too weak for the surgery, and my Father too old to be a kidney down for the rest of his life. I know that she didn't have long as it was, but tampering with the Moon Goddess' plan for us all, left that feeling of dread festering the insides of my body.

I couldn't shake that anxiety, that doom that was trying to tell me, to warn me.

"Kaia?" "Hmm?"

"What do you think she was like?" Alora and I were now at the comfort stage of being in each other's company but without having to talk to fill the gaps of silence. We were comfortable just being in each other's company. How far we had come. I knew instinctively, that she was referring to Mother.

"Father found it hard to talk about her, his loss very much narrated my childhood years. But on the occasion he did speak of her, he would say she was caring, confident but not

arrogant and a rare beauty. I smile thinking of Mother as I gazed out on the gentle moving

waves.

"I wonder what she thought about having twins.." Alora wonders and it's a similar thought I have had recently.

Rightly or wrongly Father didn't tell me I had a twin, a twin that died at birth. He was just protecting me, protecting himself.

How strong he had been, how every milestone of my life he must have thought of the other...of how Alora never got to do the same. How Mother missed out on watching me, watching us both grow.

"Kaia?" I can feel her own anxiety through the twin bond, a bond that was going from strength to strength.

"She would have loved having twins, I'm sure of it." I smile.

"I can back out of this, I can refuse..."

"No Alora, Father is right. It's the right thing to do." After Hector left I tried one last time to plead with Father for me to give the kidney instead but his words were so headstrong, so decided on himself, I just knew there was no talking him out of it. When Father has his mind set on something, that's it. "Kala?" A male voice calls out to me from behind, interrupting our joint solitude. His eyes widening and his voice gasping as he sees both us females together

"Ezra." I beam out as he closes the distance between us.

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I was now sitting outside the doctor's room, Ezra sat next to me, as Alora underwent her pre-op assessment. Father was due at the medical centre and as long as Alora's pre-op went well, they would both be in theatre within a few hours.

That level of dread still continuing to grow within me however and I was struggling to even talk. I could feel how pale my face was, I didn't need a mirror to tell me I was ghostly with concern.

"Luna?" A pack member pushes on my mind-link and as soon as I grant him access, I identify him as one of the gates guards.

"Yes?"

"I can't get hold of Alpha. Were we expecting an alpha visit today?"

"An alpha?" I query, trying to think of a prearranged visit. It could very well be, I know Samson was reaching out to more packs when he was here.

"Yes Luna, demanding entry."

"Ezra, has Hector contacted you to say he was on his way back?" I couldn't think of any alpha appointment today, unless Hector and Jude had returned earlier than expected. Security levels remain high, they wouldn't be given free movement at the gate. They would still need access granted.

"No why?"

"The guard on the gate is saying an alpha is demanding entry."

"Never mind Luna, Alpha Beckett has now granted access." The guard's voice tries to reassure me through the mind-link, but I feel anything but reassured.

The pack had always been fast paced, but events in recent weeks had increased the busyness of the pack and I was starting to lose track of things. Had I asked a local alpha to attend the pack?

"What pack is the Alpha from?" I push back on the mindlink to the guard, expecting to hear a local pack being named,

"Says he's from the Amber Desert pack, wherever that is!" The guard responds instantly before continuing. "The Alpha request he be escorted to the alpha house)

"Is he alone?" I stand so abruptly I knock the chair over

"Kaia?" Ezra reacts to my sudden harsh movement.

"He has his beta with him."

"Kaia?" Ezra's hand touches my shoulder.

"He's here.." I gasp out.

""Who's here?"

"Than... Than is here."

Bond 138

Chapter 0138

Kala POV

"Where are you going? Ezra starts walking with me.

"I need to stop Father..."

"Luna!"

"Just...stay here with Alora. Please Ezra, as long as she is here, he can't get to her."

I don't wait for Ezra to confirm that he will follow my request, I'm too hasty in my exit. Running in the direction of the alpha house. Father can do what he pleases for all I care, cut his heart out and feed it to the fish, but anything he does do will cause Alora distress. "Father?" I push on his mind-link as I run as fast as I can towards him.

"Stay with Alora!" He replies.

"Father, if you kill him...forget the surgery..she won't survive. They are mates."

He blocks me out and I curse out loudly, as I run past children playing in the manmade sand pit I had constructed a few weeks back.

As I close the distance on the Alpha house I find warriors stood in a circle, my Father standing in the middle with Than and his beta Zane.

Zane seems to be concentrating on the house and when I follow his line of vision, he is looking at Freya staring at him from the sitting room window. "What do you want?" Father snarls out.

"I have come for my mate!" Than demands, his shoulders stretching out and his chin held high.

"You've been keeping her from me, holding her against her will."

"Oh I have, have I?" Father chuckles sarcastically, trying to agitate Than..trying to get a f

a further rise out of

him

He was goading Than to attack him, so that Father can say he killed through self defence... Father was a clever man, he knew how to work the system.

"Give her back to me!" Than growls out, his posture starting to show the tell tale sign of an imminent attack.

"Alora is a pack member now, she willingly joined my pack..."

"You must have manipulated her, blackmailed her. There's no way she would have abandoned my pack, the pack she is the Luna of... her family pack. Now where the fuck is she? I swear to the moon goddess if you've laid a finger on her I'll burn your pack to the ground." "Really? You and what army?" Father scoffs as he gives the signal for his warriors to move in.

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"My warriors are poised, waiting for my command. We can spare your lives if you give me Alora now!" Than's face was starting to turn red from his anger, his hands clasp into fists at his side...only earning a scoff from Father. Than was threatening a seasoned Alpha, whereas to Father, Than was like a child.

"Fetch Alora for me!" Father commands a warrior not taking his eyes off Than once.

"Father...no!" I quietly plead with him through the mind-link..his eyes finding me as I remain back.

"And my female beta, Freya!" Than commands.

"Freya is free to go as she pleases...fetch her!" Father nods to another of the warriors who heads into the Alpha house and within seconds walks back outside with Freya.

"As you can see I have done as you asked. There is no need for hostility...why don't you come inside while Alora is on her way."

"Kaia Kaia...what's going on?" Alora pushes on my mind-link.

"Than's here!"

"What? I'm coming..."

I try to tell her to stay back, to keep away but she has already cut the link and refusing me entry.

What do I do? If he enters the house he won't come back out alive.

That's what I want, that's what I need...but....what will it do to Alora.

They say you cannot survive losing a mate, that in time it eats away at the body and mind. Unless you take on a chosen mate, a second mate to help fill that void.

That's why I've always been in awe of Father's strength he has survived.

"Father!" I roar out, my Luna aura exiting from me as I walk into the clearing. I need Than to know I'm not the same person anymore, that here...I am the Luna by right and by strength.

"Kaia?" Than seems shocked by my presence here, his eyes looking between Father and I.

"Father?" He looks to Beckett, his eyebrows furrowing.

"My daughters...Kaia...and ah...Alora!" He smiles as Alora arrives from behind me...she and Ezra standing by my side. Than's upper lip curls into a snarl baring his teeth at Ezra. He'll now know Hector beat him to

1. it.

"Daughters?"

"My twins..." Father exclaims arms stretch out as if revealing a new invention.

"Than?" Her voice cracks at his name.

"Alora?" Than charges forward pushing one of the warriors aside but is soon held back by 6 of our fighters at the snap of Father's figures.

"Get off me!" Than roars in his desperation to get to Alora.

"I've been waiting for this!" Father walks to Than, his hands rubbing together in an open clasp.

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"Take them to the cells!" He roars at his group of warriors who have now also captured Zane in a similar tight hold.

"No!" Alora yells from next to me, her feet moving and I brace myself for her protest towards Father but she does quite the opposite.

Her actions taking me and it seems Than, completely by surprise.

She walks up to him, the warriors releasing him....Than's arms rising to touch her face. But before they get the chance she punches him, square on in the nose with as much strength as she can muster. Chapter 0139

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Alora POV

I wanted to hurt him, like he hurt her.

But he was still my everything...my joy, my heart...my soul.

"Alora?" He gasps out as his eyes start to sting from the impact of my fist reaching his nose. I had put a lot of effort into the throw of that punch, as I place my hand back down by my side I can feel the drain on my already depleting energy levels.

"How could you be so cruel...how could you do all of that to her?" I can hear my own voice wobble with my emotions.

"Everything I have done is to save you, for you."

"What about...." My eyes flicker to Kaia who looks still stunned by my actions.

I've not said anything, I didn't want her to have to relive what happened. I didn't want her to know that I overheard Hector and her. She loves him, and he loves her.

Its clear to see. But the mate bond was leaving everything confused.

I was confused. Conflicted....

My mate stood before me, now kneeling, as he wraps his arms around my waist, clinging on to me. "Alora?" Unease hits me through the twin bond with Kala, strengthening every day since I joined this pack. "I want to kill him for what he did to you....I'm so sorry. I'm sorry for everything Kaia. For them knowing me and not you, for you losing the baby..." I respond to her through the mind-link, tears threatening to fall. We had made our peace, I thought I had but seeing Than before me it has only triggered underlying anguish. "Shh it's okay, I'm okay now...as you can see. Why don't you go inside...." She takes steps towards me, her tone in my head calm and soothing.

Even now she was thinking of others before herself. She was the most selfless person I had ever met. From the moment I walked into this pack she has been forgiving and kind towards me.

"I want to hurt you like you hurt her....you don't even realise what you did...the impact of what has happened to her." I seethe out at Than. The only way to hurt him would be to reject him.

"Alora, you won't survive rejecting him, it will eat away at your soul... at your very being." She whispers in my mind.

"You survived him rejecting you."

"Yes, but he never loved me, not like he loved you. Please, go inside with Father."

"Stop....stop trying to protect me, even now." I roar at her through the mind-link, how could she be so calm, so selfless. "Stand down, this is a family matter now...not a security risk." Kala orders at the warriors who start to

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back away and only leave with Beckett's confirming nod.

With the warriors now dispersed, Zane walks over to Freya and pulls her into him by her elbow, claiming back what is his.

"Thank you Freya, you may return if that is what you would like to do." I offer out to her.

"What about you?"

"I'm staying.."

"Staying..." Than stands up now looking down from his great height, as his hands touch my arms.

"I belong here now Than, this is my home."

"No...no I am your home." He shakes me slightly, as if I wasn't thinking correctly. As if he could change my decision by shaking it out of me.

"This is where I should have been all this time, with Kaia, with Beckett." I respond remaining unmovable in my decision.

"I'm not leaving without you."

"If

you stay I will reject you where you stand Than. You need to leave, I'm not ready to forgive you yet." "You would pick her over me." He lets go of me, his voice trailing off.

"I would pick her over you...after what you did..." I don't believe he knew what he was doing, that he did give into the mate bond. I understand the gravitational pull, the building pressure of refusing it. He had a lapse in judgement but I can't deny how Kaia feels, of her experience.

And I maintain my stance, I will stand by her...no matter how much it pains me.

"Alora, please, Father doesn't know....I can't have him know..." Kaia's voice pleads in my mind.

"You need to leave..." I take a step back from Than.

"Please Alora...I love you." He looks broken. Nausea rises in the back of my throat, he needs me and I need him, But it can't be....not like this.

"And I love you, but I can't choose you over her...."

I notice movement in my peripheral vision, Beckett slowly yet powerfully walking towards me.

"Alpha Than, you are hereby banned from the Nightshade Reformed pack. Lban you from being near my daughter and if you step one foot back on this pack, I will kill you.

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For Alora's sake I will not kill you today, but for how you have manipulated and cruelly tricked Kaia into marriage for the sake of an organ you deserve a slow and painful death, which I will grant you if you again." Beckett seethes through clenched teeth, his hand placed on the tip of my shoulder. "There isn't anything I wouldn't do for my mate..." A low growl emits from Than. "And there isn't anything I wouldn't do for my daughters. So I advise you to leave before I put my daughter through pain she cannot cope with, because believe me when I say...you fucking messed with the wrong alpha family."

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"Alora is mine, chosen by the moon goddess herself, if you think you can go against her divine providence. Than's chest is rising with every word, if he didn't leave he would shift which Beckett would see as a challenge.

"I don't give a shit what you think the moon goddess owes you. She was born of me...her blood is my blood...I will only have the best mates for my daughters. As Beckett continues Kaia walks towards us, Ezra closely following her.

"Is that a threat old man...." Than growls but is cut off by Kaia's next words.

"I, Kaia Glace, acting Luna of the Nightshade Reformed back do accept your rejection Than Sable, Alpha of the Amber Desert Pack and in doing so, reject you in return." He takes a small stumble backwards, the mate bond he claims he never wanted still painful for him to lose.

Once he regains his awareness he turns to Kala.

"I Than Sable, Alpha of the Amber Desert Pack accept your rejection, Kaia Glace and remove you as Luna of the Amber Desert Pack."

Kaia doesn't flinch once, doesn't tremble, doesn't stumble. Her head remains held high, she was beyond

stoic.

"Good....we are finally nothing to one another. Now get the fuck off my lands and stay away from my family." Kaia roars. Ebony Woods

Bond 140

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Hector POV

"Ezra... Ezra talk to me!" As soon as I feel my link to my beta kick in, I push on it with strong force.

"She's fine..."

"What happened? I felt a surge through the mate bond.

"You felt that? Kaia rejected Than."

"Than? He's there?"

"Not for much longer. If he doesn't leave soon I think Beckett will serve him to the fish."
Ezra chuckles through the mind-link.

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He might think Beckett is all talk and no action...but I don't. Something still didn't sit right with me, hiding something and with both girls wrapped up in their admiration for him, Kaia more than Alora, it was hard to make them question their own childhoods. Some major information was missing from the most important event of their lives, their births.

We abandon the cars we arrived to the Shadow Rock pack in, running across fields to the border instead..

As soon as we step over the Nightshade Reformed borders, guards start chasing after us. This would need to change, Beckett would need to give me free movement in my own mate's pack.

Especially as she seemed in no hurry to leave. I hadn't even thought about that yet...her coming back to the Dark Phantom pack.

Her being my Luna.

Is that something she would consider...

Jude and I outrun the guards to the alpha house courtyard, where we find Than squaring up to Kaia. Pure fury flooded through me as I enter the scene, his nose all but touching hers as he tries to overshadow her. I immediately pull her back, standing in-between them both, baring my teeth in warning.

"I knew you wouldn't be far away...but judging by the guards you aren't as welcome as you would like to think." He scoffs at me, his eyes flashing to that of his wolf.

"You need to leave!" Kaia demands next to me, trying to push me back so that she can regain her position. This wasn't me doubting her ability to defend herself, I've seen her fight. This was me, not wanting her anywhere near him.

"I'm not leaving without my mate! Without my Luna. You think I didn't feel her link to the Amber Desert pack break, you don't think I would search high and low for her? Trust you to keep her hidden from me."

"Last chance boy....if you remain I will kill you." Beckett snarls out.

"Alora..." Than looks past my shoulder to Alora, his jaw tense.

"You need to leave!" She responds, her chest rising and falling too quickly.

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"Alora..

"Do I need to throw you out?" I seethe out at Than who was only making Alora suffer even more.

"No nee

Hector, don't get your hands dirty..."

Beckett chuckles before entering a mind-link, moments later warriors walking over preparing to take action.

"No Beckett please..." She wheezes out, her lungs struggling to breathe.

"Alora!" Than desperately roars as Alora's breathing quickens and she collapses to the floor, Kaia catching her in her arms.

"Alora!" Than roars as he pushes past me rushing towards Alora but I manage to tackle him to the ground, before he reaches them, "You bastard...." He growls at me, pushing at my face before landing me a punch to my temple.

"Ezra, get her out of here." I order through the mind-link to my Beta.

We wrestle, pulling punches, Than trying to escape my grasp to get to Alora who was now being carried by Ezra into the Alpha house "This way!" Freya tries to help but is pulled back by Than's beta Zane, leaving Beckett to take Ezra inside with an unconscious Alora, "She's mine!" He roars at me.

"No....she's mine!" Kaia's voice comes up from behind.

"I won't let you ruin her like you did me!"

"Ruin you?"

"I was pregnant Than... the night your men chased me. The night I left...I was pregnant with your child..."

"What?" His hands slacken from me as her words sink in.

"After you forced yourself on me..." She hoarsely whispers.

"Pregnant...why didn't you tell me?"

"Are you serious? You already planned to use me as an unwillingly, unknowing organ donor...you would have taken my baby..." "No..."

"I heard you Than, I heard it leave your own lips. You are a monster and if she was strong enough I would let her reject you." "She'll never reject me.."

"She might not...but I'm going to save her Than. Not for you, but for my Mother....for my Father. You took advantage of me, a young impressionable woman ready to believe the love of the mate bond.

Lies, all you showed me was lies.

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If she survives the surgery I'll let her decide. It will be her choice Than. And I'm going to pray every day that she chooses wisely."

"I'm not leaving without her."

"Yes, yes you are. I banish you, Than Sable, from the Nightshade Reformed pack. Banish you from these lands, banish your beta and female beta..." Her eyes turn with slight sorrow towards Freya before looking back at Than with complete determination. "I banish you, as Luna of the Nightshade Reformed pack and if you should ever step on these lands again... I will destroy you."

"Kaia..." He takes a step towards her before his face pales, his hands go to his chest.

The banishment carrying out its purpose.

I watch, my hand wrapping around Kaia's waist as he, Zane and Freya leave the pack lands..escorted by warriors who would attack and kill with one word from Kaia.

As soon as he is out of sight I feel her breathing even and her back become less rigid. Her head tilting slightly to rest on my shoulder...hope, the smallest amount builds within me.

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Hector POV

Coconut and lime.

Kaia's strong scent invades my senses and I have to stiffen my body to keep my wolf under control. Her scent was incredibly strong, now the bond with Than has been severed forever.

Tingles....tingles dance upon my skin that hadn't been there before. My inner arm touches across her waist, kissing her skin that is slightly on display from above her waistband of her leggings.

Had she felt them all this time, smelled my scent from the moment she found me.

I feel like a fraud, her fraudulent mate.

"Are you okay?" I whisper just by her ear.

"Yes, I'm glad he has gone. But I won't fool myself in to thinking he won't be back for her. He can't not be with her."1

She was right. He would seek revenge, me most likely on the tip of his list.

"Ezra?" I mind-link my Beta who was in the Alpha house.

"Alpha?"

"I need you to contact the Dark Phantom pack and put it on high alert. He won't let Alora go that easily." I cut the link when Kaia stirs beside me.

"I felt you reject him." I take another deep breath in, her scent tickling at my nostrils, possessiveness growing within me.

""You did?"

"Yes, I felt the surge in our bond..."

She doesn't say anything else, she just nods, her mind trailing off as she moves her head from my shoulder and steps out of my hold.

"What is it?" I frown, what was she thinking.

"Nothing...come on let's check on Alora."

I follow her into the alpha house, my senses in overdrive. My wolf wanted to reject Alora and claim Kala

now.

But Alora wasn't ready, she wouldn't be strong enough we needed the operation to be a success. I also can't deny the fact that Kaia wasn't ready to be marked, just because her bond with Than was now out of the equation, it still doesn't mean ours would easily heal her wounds...heal the wounds I have also created.

It wasn't an instant fix and I know that.

"How is she?" Kala asks the doctor as we walk in to find Alora on the sofa in the living room. She joins Ezra and Beckett who are standing over her, Kala now stroking her sister's forehead affectionately.

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"She's out cold." The doctor responds as his hand holds her wrist, checking her pulse.

"What can we do?" Kala looks up to the doctor, her eyes full of concern.

"Honestly, I think now would be an ideal time to take her down to theatre. Everything is prepared and her being unconscious means she won't change her mind last minute." The doctor suggests, gently placing Alora's arm down back by her side. "Father?" Kaia turns to look at Beckett.

"I'm ready, I just need you to sign some things...Hector if you could be the witness."

"Sign things?" I watch my mate's face frown as she stands up following her Father.

"Yes..." Beckett walks Kaia and me into his office where on his table he has numerous documents ready to bear her signature.

On closer inspection they seem to be documents signing all his business assets and the pack lands over to Kaia. Also a document stating his last wishes.

"What is all this?" Kaia seems taken aback, her eyes darting to me in confusion.

"These documents pass over control of the pack and my assets over to you in the event of my death..."

"What...Father no."

"Kaia..." I try to calm her, taking a step closer to cast my eyes as best as I could on the documents.

"No... you said that wouldn't happen..you promised." She turns to Beckett, picking the documents up and thrusting them into his chest.

"And it won't my child...this is just a precautionary measure."

"I'll give my kidney, let me do it. I'm happy to do it...I'm younger, my recovery will be quicker.." She blurts. out and my breath catches in the back of my throat.

I don't believe it, he is considering it...his eyes actually look as if they are considering it. A low rumble leaves my chest, a warning shot aimed at him.

"No, it is too late now, this was the plan. The doctor is ready..." I speak up, reminding him subtly of the commitment he made and will not break to protect his own daughters.

"I'm going to be fine Kaia. Now sign here and here, then we can get to the medical centre before Alora wakes up." He sighs out cupping the side of her face. He then very gently takes the documents from her clasp and points to the areas she needs to sign. I watch and witness Kaia sign documents not particularly happy that she hasn't even checked what she is signing, but I'm sure it is legit, she is the heir to the pack after all.

"Father are you sure about this? I wouldn't be angry at you if you wanted to back out. It is a lot to expect of you."

am, when this works and Alora wakes up, she will finally be back with us. She will prove to be an asset

to our cause

Now in the event of my death, I want your assurity Heal

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of your abilities.....mates or not, you will look out for them. Do I have your word?"

I can't help but feel like his request is for dramatic purposes....Kala silently crying as she bites on her lower lip, trying to silence her sobs.

"You have my word as a gentleman and an alpha, I will protect the girls from anything and anyone..." Even

you.

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Thanks for reading.

Bond 142

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Hello my pack wolves.

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So sorry for the delay but my entire household has come down with a bout of gastroenteritis. I've just needed a few days to recover and look after my little ones.

I will hope you get some more chapters to you as soon as possible and also Sins of the Father if you are also reading that.

your patience and support while I get better but also take care of my little ones.

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Thank you

In the meantime feel free to follow me on social media and contact me that way if you have any theories. you want to discuss.

Lots of love x

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Kala POV

I had put the increasing pull to Hector in the back of my mind for the time being. I had both my Father and my Sister about to enter a life changing operation, on both sides, and needed to concentrate on family for the time being.

I didn't have the mental capacity right now to think other than getting them through the operation and praying they both wake up at the end of it.

Father had asked me to sit with Alora whilst he was put into general anaesthesia. With Alora still out, the doctor had already given her the necessary medicine to keep her in a state of unconsciousness.

So here I sat, by the side of her bed, as she was hooked up to machines like the very first time I saw her.

Yet how different I felt towards her this time.....

towards her this time....

A memory stirs of how I very nearly pulled her plug all those months ago. Imagine if I had succeeded, how even more broken my life would have become, maybe even without knowing.

I was clouded back then, clouded with a burning hatred of how he had rejected me, of how he preferred another... it felt like a lifetime ago now.

Gone was the jealousy, the burning desire to remove her from my life, from Than's life. From the mate bond I so desperately had clung on to, which had now been cut and buried.

Because it was, the relief I felt from having no connection to Than filled me with inner joy, but joy I didn't dare to feel too strongly because we still had so much to get through.

I brush the top of Alora's hair gently, as I grip her hand closest to me. In such a short space of time she had become so much to me, she was starting to heal that part of my soul that had remained vacant since the death of my mother...our mother. A Mother we never got to know.

"I don't know if you can hear me..I'm sure you can somehow...but I just want you to know that I don't blame you any more. Now that I know you, know who you really are...how different you are from the villain I painted you to be, all I have is love and admiration for you. I don't know how you coped but if you wake up, I want you to know you will never be alone again. I will always be with you, as will Father." I continue to stroke her hair and draw circles on her hand with my thumb.

In goddess's honest truth...I didn't expect her to wake up. She was so weak, her argument with Than having only sucked any last energy out of her that she had. It would be a miracle if this worked and I knew better than to get my hopes up. But I would still pray to the moon goddess to show her mercy.

Even if for her soul.

But I didn't want Alora to think like that, I wanted her to be strong and if there was any chance she could hear me, feel my emotions through the pack bond, through our twin bond..I had to give her hope.

"Maybe when everything is settled and you are better we could go away...a holiday. Maybe I could take you to the Clearwater's pack lands..show you the packl grew up in, the pack Mother owned. Show you the waterfall I used to waste most of my early teenage years diving with Samson and some other

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I had to leave.

Maybe you could go to college...do what ever you want...you've missed out on a lot of time, you can do whatever you want Alora...go travelling...see the world. Find yourself..find who you are without the mate bonds. Like I have." I talk gently to her, continuing to stroke her hair...letting her know someone was here with her. That she wasn't alone.

A throat is cleared by the door and I turn to find Hector leaning against it, his eyes falling upon Alora unconscious on the bed before looking at me. His eyes flash to that of his wolf and I can only

imagine what memories he is reliving.

As his eyes find mine, a soft smile enters onto his mouth.

"I've been thinking...maybe you shouldn't be in the theatre during the operation.."

"But I want to be with them, I want to make sure it goes to plan... that I'm there if anything goes wrong." I sit up right, not liking what he was suggesting..

"The probability of something going wrong is more likely with you in the room." He cryptically responds. "What do you mean?"

"Your aura, it might put the staff under pressure. They might not be able to think clearly with you in the room. They may make mistakes, wrong decisions, from worrying about your reaction." His shoulders shrug slightly and I can tell what he says comes from a place of warmth, him trying to look out for both Alora and myself.

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As much as it pains me to not be in the same room as them, to be waiting and not knowing what going on. he was right.

I might in a momentary relapse in practical thinking, make an error of judgement that I can't come back from. That I perhaps shouldn't be in a situation where I could use my command to make a choice.

I don't think I could ever recover from that.

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There we go...that's better. I do miss you all when I can't upload chapters.

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Kala POV

It had been 3 hours already and to say I was a mess was an understatement.

My elbows were on my knees, my head in my hands as I repeatedly pulled at my loose hair...all horrible things going through my mind. I couldn't find any inner peace...all I kept thinking is that something must have gone wrong for it to take this long.

The doctor had said that 3 hours should be more than enough time to complete the transplant procedure and stable both patients. So why were we know moving into the 4th hour.

I don't even notice the female pack member walk in to offer us drinks until I hear her drop the tray on her way out.

Hector helps her put everything back on the tray and cleans up the now soaked floor as the female's hands were trembling too much.

"Kaia calm down. Your aura is affecting your pack members..."

"What?" I come out of the dazed state I was in as his lips moved but I don't hear the words he speaks. "Your aura. it's in overdrive. You're putting your pack members under undue stress and pressure. It's a good thing you didn't go into the operation after all, they'd be a mess with you next to them." "Oh sorry." I sigh out suddenly aware that I hadn't had my block up.

"You have nothing to apologise for..." He bends down in front of me, taking my hands into his before moving them to his lips and placing a prolonged kiss on them.

His kiss brings my senses back to life, igniting a spark from the tingles it causes before I remember to clamp it back down. I can't think of anything else in this moment in time, his actions removing all thoughts only leaving a blissful mind space.

Once they are both out and recovered, then I will start to even consider my future...but right now...just one step at a time.

I pull my hand away from his and I can see the slight concern flicker in his eyes. I might not be ready but Hector is, he wants to know what is next.

"Don't Hector, not right now.."

"I didn't say anything."

"You don't need to. I know what you are thinking."

"And what is that?" His eyes look past my pupils and deep into my soul, leaving me speechless.

"You want to know what is next, what the future is for you and me.."

"Well actually yes...but not right now, I can wait."

Wait, I scoff internally. Isn't that what I did for so long.

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I don't even know what to expect right now. Maybe we could work...maybe we could work things out. The moon goddess chose him also for a reason, as if knowing her own original design was flawed. "They are going to be fine Kaia."

"What if they aren't...what if..." My bottom lip quivers and all of my strength vanishes as my mask I wore to hide my inner turmoil...my worries, slips off.

"Shh, they will be fine. But, if the worse should happen then you aren't alone, I am here with you now and I will never leave your side again." He wraps his arms around me and for a moment I can't help but give into the urge to nestle my nose into his neck and breathe in his scent, it was helping to comfort me.

I was strong now, I was different...but even I can't deny that having him here was a source of comfort to

1. me.

"What if she doesn't wake up?"

"She feels strong...I can feel her through the bond...she is still with us, have faith my love." His words of endearment might have meant more if he hadn't of reminded me that he still shared a mate bond with my sister that he is still her mate also.

I pull away from him with a soft smile, I know he didn't mean what he just said...he didn't mean for it to come out like that but, old insecurities will never leave me.

"Knock knock.." The surgeon that I had worked with after the attacks knocks on the door to announce his presence.

"Doctor?"

"It was a success!" He walks over to me, relief in his eyes.

"It was? Where are they, can I see them?" I beam out, rushing over to the doctor. Relief now completely taking over me. They were okay..they were alive. thank the goddess.

"Yes Luna, you can see them. They are being moved into their post operation rooms now. Both have been responding well and Alora will be closely monitored but she already seems to be showing signs of her stats improving." "Thank you." I grab hold of the doctor's hand to let him know I truly appreciate all his hard work.

"You are welcome luna,"

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Hector POV

"They are both still unconscious, but you should be with them when they wake." The surgeon nods to Kaia, before leaving the room.

She watches the doctor leave, a relieved smile forming on her face and for a moment her carefree look takes my breath away. It only lasts for a second before she clears her throat as she catches me watching her. "I'll go with Father, you should go to Alora." Kala suggests in a monotone voice, her mask was back on.

"Are you sure?"

Of course I wanted to check on Alora, no matter what had passed between us I still cared for her, still wanted to make sure she was safe.

She had lived in my Father's house for years, eaten meals at the dinner table...been a constant figure in the Alpha family household.

Mate bond or no mate bond, I would still care for her welfare.

"Yes, yes I'm sure."

"You will tell me if Beckett wakes...Kaia..you will get word to me?"

"Yes, Hector I will get word to you."

Entering the room, I have to remind myself that this isn't 4 years ago, that her laying in the hospital bed isn't from her having taken wolfsbane to end her own life...but that she was now on the mend.

Yes there were machines around her but they weren't attached to her as they were before, they weren't artificially keeping her alive. She had an IV drip attached and that was all.

"Alpha? I have Alpha Zederick and other council board members demanding entrance on to the pack lands." Ezra's voice pushes on my mind-link.

Talk about timing.

Jude and I had ran out of the council meeting and I hadn't even gone back to them yet, everything had just become too chaotic.

"What do they want?"

"They want to speak with the Luna..."

"No chance." I growl back through the mind-link.

I know Alpha but they are being quite persistent."

"Even if I was okay with them seeing her, which I'm not I'm not interrupting her. She's with Beckett, they've only just come out of theatre."

Fucking Marc, no doubt he has applied pressure to the council and demanded they visit the site to learn.

more.

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"Ask Jude to see them off, they'll have to wait for me to contact them." I didn't have time for politics right now, I don't care if they feel angry by my lack of enthusiasm to greet them at the pack gates. This wasn't my pack and the pack's alpha was out of action right now... they'll just have to wait.

"Yes Alpha." Ezra cuts the link with me as I stand up from the chair needing to pace due to irritation flowing through my body.

"Hector?" Alora's hoarse quiet voice whispers as her barely open eyes watch my movement.

"You're awake? How do you feel?"

"Groggy..what happened?"

"You fainted during Than's confrontation. The doctor felt it would be opportune to take you straight to surgery..."

"Beckett?" She tries to sit up but winces when she does.

"He's still unconscious but the doctor said the operation was a success on both accounts."

"Where's Kaia?" She asks as she sits herself up.

"She's with Beckett. I'll let her know you are awake."

"No, don't. Let her be with him. Is Than here?" She looks to the door hopeful that he would step into it at the mention of his name.

"No, he was banished from the pack lands Alora.." I look behind me, only an empty corridor outside.

"By whom?" Her eyebrow's furrow,

"By Kaia..."

She doesn't say anything, just gives a confirming simple nod that she acknowledges what I have just told her. She must know it is for the best, that his absence from her life is what she needs, what we all need. She's quiet even as the doctor walks in and carries out his post operation assessments. I remain back by the door, giving him room to work when a nurse walks in with a tray of food.

"Well, this is wonderful news. You seem to be making a good recovery Miss Alora. If you can stomach it, do try and eat but fluid will help more than anything."

"Thank you doctor. Any news on Alpha?" She asks the doctor who places her chart at the end of her bed.

"He's not conscious yet, any moment now though. He, like you, responded well during surgery." The doctor replies as he leaves the room, leaving us alone again.

Bond 146

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Hector POV

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"What is it?" Alora sighs out loud, pushing her untouched tray of food away from her.

"Nothing that can't wait." I pull my phone out of my trouser pocket to check the time. Shouldn't Beckett have woken by now...

"Well, right now I have all the time in the world, try me I might be able to help."

I scoff without meaning to, not out loud anyway.

"Hector..." She presses, giving me a pointed look.

"During the council hearing, I felt a surge through the bond with Kala. Like...it had become more powerful. I abandoned the hearing, I came here... the council are at the

door, pissed off I didn't return. Not helping the current situation with Alpha Marc. Not keeping their eyes off my pack."

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"Yes..I assumed as much."

"And you felt it?"

"Not the rejection as such, but it's as if my connection to her has been supercharged. No longer split between two entities."

Two entities..." She whispers as she looks down at the cannula sticking out of the back of her hand before looking back up at me.

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Yes, yes I do.

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"I will, when you are recovered and the doctor discharges you." I nod in agreement.

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Kala POV

Can I stay and watch them build a happy life together, or does she leave...

Do I once again take her away from Father, a Father that was deprived from seeing her grow up....she,

stolen from Father's love.

I lived alone once, I can do it again.

I can even start my own pack... Father has founded lands and I have negotiated myself to keep them. Why can I not do the same alone.

No, Hector will take her back to his pack. But even then...do I spend my life remaining in the shadows of their mate bond, in her shadows.

Is it the right thing to do, she didn't grow up with Father, she didn't know our Mother's pack, Is this what I should do...to make it up to her.

I love her, I want the best for her...and that is building a relationship with Father...but can I stand aside and let them be together, let them love another.

Watch them grow babies. be the auntie that attends the birthday parties with a smile yet mask the fact that I am dying inside.

I can barely feel my wolf, she has shut down on me. She is whimpering, curled up in the corner of my mind...retreated into the darkness.

Disappointment again and again, rejection...she feels it more than me at times.

I will shield her from that pain.

"Oh good Luna, the Alpha is just stirring. I'm giving him a sedative to ease the pain..." My blurry eyes manage to refocus back on the doctor who is retracting liquid from a vial with a syringe, before injecting it into the IV solution bag. "A sedative?" I shake my head trying to bring myself back.

"Yes, not much mind. It's morphine laced with wolfsbane. This is the quickest way to get it into his system. He'll be drowsy as he comes to, he may even slur...try to encourage him to rest as much as you

can.

"Doctor!" A nurse frantically pokes her head into the door calling for the doctor.

turn to look at her, her eyes apologetic at calling the doctor away but judging by the alarm in the corridor, he was needed elsewhere right now.

"Go...I will watch him!" I command, my voice forced, as I take the doctor's place by my Father's side. "But wait." I call after him. In his hurry he left the vial and syringe on the medicine tray next to me. push the tray aside to gain closer access to Father. His eyes remain closed as I stare at him for a moment, before looking back at the door behind me.

My block is up, my only thought is on my father right now. But I feel the strange feeling through the mate

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bond, a similar feeling to when I rejected Than.

He has marked her...

Frozen, standing by Father's side, I don't feel the tears run down my face and drop on the floor beneath

1. me.

They didn't even warn me, give me a chance to prepare.

I'll have to put my best acting face on as they make the announcement, as Father plans the marking ceremony in the pack...unless Hector wants to hold the ceremony.

He should...I think that would be best.

Father can go, I can stay and watch the pack here. Keep the borders safe.

I can't watch that. I'm strong, I'm understanding...but I'm not without my faults. I can't watch them pledge to one another.

"Kala?" My mind is spiralling, and at first, I don't feel his hand grasp mine until his voice calls out to me.

"Father..." I pull his hand in mine, placing a gentle kiss on it.

Relief floods me and I wipe away my silent tears.

I had him back..

"Alora?" He winces out.

"Yes, she's fine Father...she's awake."

"You've seen her?"

"...I was heading there, then you woke up. Hector is with her now." I can't help the bitter tone as I mention

Hector's name.

"I actually regret letting her go, she would have been an asset to me. I was worried she would steal you from me. I was worried I couldn't fight a twin bond." His words slur, not sounding like him at all. The medicine the doctor gave him was too strong, it was making him delusional.

"Shh... Father you're dreaming. The doctor said to get some sleep. Try and rest, I'll be here when

up."

you wake

Rather than slip back under into unconsciousness, he laughs out. A demonic laugh...a laugh I have never heard from him before and it shakes me.

His hand continues to grip mine, painfully.

My eyes dart to the doorway wanting the doctor back. Father was delusional and it made the skin on the back of my neck stand up. Something was wrong.

His grip on my hand is so intense that I have to bend in towards him to ease the pain slightly.

"I couldn't have influential people in your life Kaia. But I didn't have the heart to kill her, her only crime was being born second after all.

It wasn't her fault she wasn't the white wolf. Fate that she would end up at a pack where she had two

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mates to protect her." He continues until he starts to cough, his breathing becoming difficult for him.

I remain quiet, frozen in a state of panic as he moans in pain....trying to sit up from where he lay.

"I need more morphine...call the doctor." He grunts out at me.

"Doctor?" I push on the mind-link with the doctor who arrives back at the door within seconds.

"He needs more medicine he's delusional." I repeat Father's demand, fear rushing through me for the state of my Father.

Something was wrong, he shouldn't be like this. The drugs were affecting his mindset. Making him-seem possessed by evil spirits.

This wasn't my Father.

"He's had enough..." The doctor firmly replies back

"Just do it..." I order at him, applying my Luna command when another alarm blurs out from outside.

"Doctor, he's crashing again." Someone shouts out from the corridor, as the doctor's eyes fall upon me, his brow sweating as he tries to fight my Luna command. Today's Bonus Offer

GET IT NOW.

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Kala POV

"Go!" I gasp out as I drop my command, the Doctor's body Instantly relaxing from having been tense, as he fought against my command.

If a pack member was crashing; they needed him more than Father did right now.

"I'll be right back..." He rushes past me, his concern at my Father's state clear on his paling face.

He was the pack's alpha, it was unnatural for us to have our alpha unable to rule over us. To have an unfit mental state. Once the drugs were out of his system, he should be back to the strong Alpha that they followed. My attention returns back to Father who continues to squirm in the bed as if something was troubling him under his back

I

"Just try and rest Father." I try to hush him back to sleep.

He must be so confused, the medicine is strong and is taking over his mind.

In his current drugged up condition his mind is playing tricks on him...he is making up things, his guilt eating away at him still from Alora's birth but the drugs are changing his memories.

"She found out. She could sense her." He growls under his breath.

"Who found out?" I humour him trying to wrap the blanket over him. Perhaps if I play along it will encourage him to return back to sleep quicker.

"Your Mother. I suppose a Mother always knows. She found out!" He growls again.

He wasn't making any sense, his words repeating back on themselves.

"Found out what?" I perch down on the side of his bed, my hand holding his for comfort.

I wanted him to know I was here, that once the drug daze wore off...he would remember that I had been here. Next to him throughout.

"That Alora wasn't dead, it was sending her mad. She knew." He cackles before it turns into a hacking cough

"For 18 months she knew. She threatened to take you away...I'm seeing it even now, the memory vividly clear, Bags packed, she was going to leave and take you with her. I couldn't lose you, I could never let her take you away from me."

I'm unable to move, my hearing drowning out the noises around us...only concentrating on the words flowing freely from his lips.

What was he saying...

My blood runs cold, my spine shuddering within me.

I couldn't move, I remained like a statue as if moving would stop him from spilling his secrets, spilling his soul.

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"Believe me Kala, I didn't want to do it. I loved her..she was my everything, but she couldn't take you... He was trembling, his hand shaking within my hold until that sinister side takes over him again and his eyes flash in anger. A murderous glare.

"She forced me to do it." He barks at me, making my entire body flinch.

"Forced you to do what?" I whisper as my lips part from one another slowly.

"I killed her, killed her with my own bare hands..."

I snatch my hand away as if evil spreads through touch

He looks at his hands, that demonic look staring at them as they shake.

"I can still see the blood, even now!"

I back away as he tries to reach for me, my body going into flight mode.

"You killed my Mother?" My voice doesn't sound like my own.

"She knew, she knew and was leaving me, but I couldn't let her take you. I couldn't let her get word out of what I had done. I would lose everything I had built. But it's okay...Alora is ours now. I own her. She will help me in my cause, she will help me with you." "Help you?" I swallow down the acidic taste that was burning in the back of my throat. I'm not sure at what point I realised his words weren't a result of drugs..but rather the drugs were letting him truly be himself.

My entire life, childhood had been a lie.

"She will help me...she is ours now ours..." He slowly trails off as he starts to succumb to

unconsciousness.

My heart was pounding as I put all my energy into ensuring my block was up.

I reach out for my wolf but she remains whimpering in the dark recesses of my mind, I was alone.

He killed my Mother, our Mother?

No it must be the drugs...it's made him temporarily mad..

But it would make sense that she would feel Alora, he told me she died in birth. But what if she didn't. What if she found out, threatened to leave and take me with her, to find Alora,

"I killed her." His lips murmur in his sleep.

It felt as if the ceiling and walls of this room were crashing in on me, the heavens continuing to fall onto me from above.

Like some kind of realisation hitting me.

He murdered our mother.

Alora was taken from her, raised by others. She didn't even know Mother because of me. Didn't even have a day, a cuddle...even a feed.

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Why..

An anger starts to blind me, something that I have experienced before. Where my mind switches off and my body takes control.

An eye for an eye.

A life for a life.

I couldn't protect Mother, but I can protect Alora. 1

My hands grab for the syringe and vial that had been left out.

Only a small amount would suffice.

If I did this, there would be no turning back.

There is no turning back...everything I have fought for has been a lie. Even my mate bond was in ruins_! can protect my bond with my twin.

I can protect her from a man that so coldly...so cruelly sent her away. Let his own mate believe that she had died at birth....then killed his own mate.

In my

robotic state my hands move for me...my eyes watching as if somebody else's hands are doing all

the action.

Me, just the spectator

Before I know what I have done, I have injected the entire vial of medicine, not leaving a drop remaining.

I watch down on him, like the grim reaper.

The need for revenge burning deep within my body that it feels as if it is boiling even my bones. He murdered my Mother and ruined my bond with my sister.

He killed two sacred bonds of mine.

His breathing starts to become heavy before his heart rate monitor slows....and flat lines.

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Thanks for reading. I will get some more chapters over tomorrow. Please drop some gems if you can. Thank you.

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Hector POV

An alarm keeps blurring out in the corridor and it's extremely annoying, while Alora and I put our pasts behind us and both start to think of our separate futures.

I have no doubt that rejecting Alora was the right thing to do, for me, for her and for Kala.

For so long I was driven by hatred and revenge on Than that it become a battle to come out on top. To be the victor having already lost the Amber Desert pack to him, I couldn't lose again. Even though it was turning me into a person I hardly recognised...until I met Kala. The beeping alarm continues but is suddenly muffled out by cries of pain from a room along the corridor.... woeful cries.

An unease washes over me as I start to pull on my collar, that feeling of dread spreading through my body.

s going on?" I stand up to look out of the corridor only for a nurse to run into me. She bounces back

me and I reach out to steady her only for her to rush back up the corridor.

My eyes follow her odd behaviour as a small crowd forms in the other side of the corridor.

"Hector?" Alora gasps from her bed, her hands tugging at her chest.

"What is it, what's wrong?" I walk back towards her, her face pale as she rubs at her chest as if it causes her pain.

"I'm not sure. I can feel the pack bond but I can't feel Beckett anymore. It's as if he doesn't..." Her eyebrows furrow in confusion until her eyes open wide in shock.

"The bond...the pack is waiting for Kaia to accept it." She maintains rubbing on her chest as her eyes continue to hold a horrifying look.

""What?"

More figures rush past in the corridor and I myself join them this time. I rush out of Alora's room, heading straight towards the room where the small crowd has congregated.

I have to push through the crowded hallway to get into the room, my eyes widening as they fall upon the shocking scene before me.

Beckett's lifeless body with the doctor performing CPR in-between using paddles to shock his heart back

into life.

Nurses rush around the Doctor, passing him instruments that he yells for and standing back each time he uses the defibrillator before their hands return instantly trying to bring their Alpha back to life. Their attempts weren't working as his heart rate remained flatlined on the monitor. The doctor turns looking down at a metal tray beside him.

"Stop." The doctor shouts out, now holding something in his hand.

An empty syringe.

"Stop proceedings....the Alpha is dead." The Doctor orders, his eyes looking up at the clock to announce

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his time of death, before they fall onto me.

My wolf tries to claw at me from inside..his only thoughts on Kala not finding him like this. She would have felt his death through the pack-link, but I couldn't let her find his lifeless body like this.

I dash out of the room, searching the corridors for her, even the waiting rooms and other rooms in the unlikely chance that she was sleeping.

"Ezra?" I roar through the mind-link to my beta.

"Alpha?" He responds instantly, registering my panic through the Dark Phantom pack-link we share.

"Kaia...is she with you, is she at the alpha house?"

"No Alpha. What's happened all the pack members have collapsed to their knees, some are even shifting "Beckett...he's dead."

""He's dead?"

"Kaia..If she returns to the house, keep her there and inform me immediately."

"Yes Alpha."

After I have exhausted every potential place in this medical centre, I return back to Alora's room to find her trying to get out of the bed. "He's dead....I can't find her, can

you feel her in the pack bond?" My hands claw at my hair, that panic feeling with me only strengthening. "...she's blocking me out but she is distressed. Something is wrong."

I want to scream at her but bite down on my tongue. Of course she is distressed, Beckett is dead.

"Where is she?" I roar at Alora, pure fear igniting within me. I pace the room once more, but this time like a caged lion.

"She's blocking the entire pack out... they are waiting for her to accept the alpha title, but she isn't. Why isn't she?" Alora turns to me, her face even more pale than before.

Howls echo through the medical centre, before howls from outside join in, sharing their pain of the news. Their Alpha was dead and they have yet to be claimed

Without an alpha, each of the pack members were becoming rogues again.

"Hector..." Alora's gasp is haunting as her balance gives way and she falls back on the bed.

"Where where is she?" I grip her arm to steady her but also to emphasise the urgency I feel eating away at me to find her.

the cliff tops...hurry!"