

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

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Kala POV

I had killed my Father.

My own Father who was everything to me.

What have I done...

The severity of what I had just done weighs heavily on me as the strong winds circulate around me from the cliff tops edge.

The waves were picking up speed as they crash against the usually tranquil beach below, large waves torturing the eroding rocks beneath my feet.

My mind was in turmoil...

Everything I had known was a lie.

The fact that my mother died when I was 18 months old and not at birth. I couldn't even remember her. Is that why he did it knowing if he had waited longer I would have had some vague memory of her. My own mother brutally killed because she discovered his lies.

Lies that had spun their evil web my entire life. I had finally woken up from my own fairytale of what I thought my Father was, who my Father was.

The medicine making him drowsy enough to forget his own fake persona, his own character he had played well for so long.

I could feel it within my very core..Alora had been sent away so that she couldn't be a positive influence

on my life. So that I wouldn't have another to whisper in my ears to challenge Father.

Would he have killed me the same if I had found out. Would he have killed his own child.

He couldn't kill Alora but still left her alone to be raised by another pack.

I feel dirty, tainted.

I had never understood why Alora wanted to take her own life, why she would let herself get so low, so depressed.

But I get it now.

Sometimes it was just harder to keep going, to live the lie. Why put your soul through it any longer when you could be at peace, be feeling nothing...the blank void of emptiness. That's what I craved. To feel nothing.

From the moment I was born someone has controlled me, plotted around my life. I would have thought the sacred mate bond would have given me hope, but that was just as tainted. My wolf has left me she's too heartbroken to come forward and try to talk sense into me.

I truly was alone.

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I could feel the volume of the entire pack's cries trying to push on the pack link but I had my block up. What would be the point in accepting the title of alpha, accepting them only to take it from them. Concern floods through me and I can feel Alora trying to push on the mind-link, as her emotions through the twin bond ram into me.

She knows, she knows Father is dead.

She'll soon know what I have done what I am about to do.

I close my eyes, inhaling the scent of the salty sea water below me. The wind continuing to pick up speed as the storm closes in, just a few minutes more.

I let memories of my Mother's pack swarm my mind, happy memories of the crystal blue waters. Complete utter tranquillity of those days, before I was sent away. Before it was attacked.

I open my eyes looking down further, waves crashing against the cliff wall below.

I walk, moving along the cliff tops more towards the crashing waves, away from the sandy beach below.

My eyes snap open when I feel a presence near me, I am no longer alone. I turn to find a large male figure closing in on me.

"How the hell have you breached our borders?" A growl emits from me when I recognise the beastly build of Alpha Marc.

"The borders are empty..it's as if something terrible has happened."

"Beckett is dead." I respond coldly.

"Ah, that would explain why I so easily stepped into my land."

"Your land?" I grunt out, yes I suppose if I don't take the alpha bond...then he will invade like a plague.

I can feel my wolf stirring back to life, her hatred of this male making her want to keep going, wanting her to protect our pack members.

She snaps me out of my selfish thoughts, I was about to abandon the pack....leave them alone when they had put their faith into me since I arrived.

I would have made them rogues...

I look down at my feet, I was so close to the cliff's edge....how could I have been so stupid.

I need to keep going for them, show them the alpha I can be.....the alpha they deserve.

"The white wolf has the be reborn..." His voice carries on the wind as I take a step back from the cliff tops.

I turn to find him already behind me.

He grips my wrist pulling me into him:

"The white wolf has to be reborn for your sake I hope its true. I'd like to see you survive.."

"Get off me..." I only just manage to roar in his face before his leg lifts and his foot kicks me with such velocity that it knocks me backwards....the only thing stopping me from falling from the cliffs is Marc's 23

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hand gripping onto my wrist still.

My eyes drop below at the stormy sea waters crashing against the cliff walls...before I start to fight against his hold but gravity has already taken it's hold on me as he lets my wrist go... Ebony Woods

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A hard chapter to write and read. Thanks for your continued support.

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"Ezra, get to the cliff tops!" I roar through the mind-link to my beta.

"What is it, what's wrong..."

"Kaia...she's...just get to the cliff tops, Hurry!" I throw my command behind my voice but deep down I know it isn't necessary. Ezra would race to the cliff tops if Kola was in trouble, he already thought of her as his

Luna.

My legs push themselves to their limit, my wolf forcing my every movement as he growls in my mind for not letting him shift.

Eyes were already watching me with concern, their alpha dead...I didn't want them to panic seeing an Alpha wolf, not their Alpha, rushing through the grounds.

They were already on tender hooks, they would'think another attack was imminent.

The wind was picking up as a storm approaches, I could hear the whistling wind and the crashing of the waves as I gather distance on sea front.

I'm one of the fastest but I'm not running fast enough.

I reach the cliff tops, her favourite spot, desperately searching around to find nothing. She must have gone back to the alpha house, nobody was here.

The wind was harsh as it hits against my cheeks....stinging at my eyes. Nobody would want to be out here In this blustery weather.

I turn on my heel only for my wolf to surge forward his voice a strangled growl.

"Check the water!"

I lean over the cliff's edge, searching the crashing waves below when I see something a figure sinking in

the waves.

"No!" I gasped out.

My heart stops working...even my breathing stops.

Before I surge forward, racing down the cliff's edge to a lower point to jump from

I dive, my body crashing through the freezing cold waves below. Ice stings at my lungs as I finally resurface, fighting to keep my head above water. "Alpha!" Ezra roars behind me as I push back against the stormy sea that would otherwise claim me for

its own.

I must swallow what feels like litres of sea water as I gasp for air each time a wave finally lets go of its grip on me.

The current created by the storm, feeling like an ice cold hand pushing me under by my

I can't stop kicking as I move my way closer to her.

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She has been sucked down by the waves and I have to use my last remaining energy to dive under to retrieve her.

The odds of both of us surviving this were against us now, but I didn't care...as long as I returned her and she survived...she needed to survive.

I can't live in a world without my mate.

"Alpha!" Ezra desperately calls to me in the mind-link and his eyes find me as I manage to get a tight hold on Kala's body and use strength that was deep rooted within me. The last of my wolf's strength.

"Ezra...take her..." I manage to get to the rock top that Ezra was standing on, his hand's reaching down and grabbing her.

"What about you?"

"Go I'll catch up...get her to the doctor!" I command.

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She was blue...panic and fear still gripped at my chest. Was I too late....

I watch Ezra run away, cradling Kaia in his arms, his own concern hitting me through the pack-link

between us.

She was blue...

I manage to pull myself out of the water, my body shivering but the adrenaline was still burning strongly within me.

I started running towards the direction of the medical centre, hating that I was now a few minutes be!

Kaia..

I burst open the doors to find absolute hysteria has reached the reception area, as Nightshade Reformed pack members fill the area, screaming for their dead Alpha...screaming for their Luna who must have been carried through here, past them "Ezra?" I scream through the mind-link as hands touch me, begging me to save their Luna.

"Emergency Room...Alpha, it's not looking good."

I clear the crowd, that would otherwise have me trying to reassure them, bursting through double doors that lead to the small emergency area where the same nurses that had rushed to help Beckett were now rushing to help save Kala. "Save her!" I walk

into find Alora screaming at the doctor and nurses, their hands working on her chest and I have to stiffen my wolf's growl within me for them touching my mate.

"They are trying to save her you dick!" I growl at my wolf through my

"Miss Alora, you can't be here...you have to rest."

mind.

"She's my sister.....ow..." Alora starts bleeding from her surgical wound.

"Alora?"

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"I'm fine....I'm fine.." She grimaces as she places her hands on her wound that was now dripping with

blood.

"Get her out of here!" The doctor roars, his eyes falling upon me

"Ezra....take Alora back....

"No...No..." She protests but I give her no choice commanding Ezra to remove her from the scene. He picks her up, as her hands fight at his chest, her voice screaming at me.

"Alpha, you shouldn't be here..." The doctor calmly looks to me, his eyes holding a fear deep within them that didn't sit well with me.

"Save her...save her as if all your life's depend

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I watch in silence, on the sidelines completely helpless as the medical staff try to revive my mate. I don't know how but they managed to get a pulse back, but she was now breathing only by machines their sterile inhuman tubes coming out of her like a nightmare. I can't believe this is happening all over again.

Her body

dy wasn't as blue now, a clammy grey dullness now taking over her body.

It took all my energy just to remember to breathe, to keep my wolf calm. To trust the doctor, trust the process...even though it is the hardest thing I've ever had to do....watch from the sidelines as my mate's life is in the balance.

You take for granted the simple things in life like breathing, until you struggle to do so and it becomes a battle.

My own lungs trying to drown me as if I was back in the stormy sea, the waves trying to pull me under.

My heart feels as if it is being carved out of my chest. Both my lungs and heart at the mercy of these machines.

"I'm going to move her into intensive care...but alpha she isn't out of the woods yet. You need to prepare yourself." The doctor's voice holds a caution within it.

"Prepare myself for what?"

"That she might not make it through the night..." The doctor's hand gently lands on my shoulder, his gesture trying to comfort me in what will be the longest night on my life.

"She was in the water for too long..." I groan out, I should have been quicker,

I shouldn't have waited. I should have known she would have gone there.

"You got to her as quickly as you could. Thank the goddess you found her..that you tried to stop her."

"Stop her?"

"Forgive me Alpha, I presumed she jumped." His voice is low, as he turns me towards the hallway... away from the nurses ears.

I was in such a state of shock from the event that it hadn't even occurred to me why she was exactly on the cliff tops.

"She jumped?" I can feel the furrowing of my own eyebrows as I ask the question myself.

"I found this by the side of Alpha Beckett's hospital bed... The doctor quietly murmurs in my ear, pulling out something from his white coat pocket. He reveals the empty syringe that he had held up during the attempts to revive Beckett. "What was in it.."

"It's the sedative I gave Alpha.....morphine mixed with wolfsbane to help pierce the skin. I left it out in error

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"What are you saying?"

"Beckett was slurring....she begged to give him more. But she either gave him too much by accident or "

"Or what?" I growl, I didn't like what he was insinuating

The doctor doesn't reply, just sighs out, his hands rubbing vigorously on his forehead, so much so that it leaves a mark. "Let's just see how tonight goes."

Was he saying what I thought he was saying? Why would Kaia do such a thing...she loved her Father, if anything too much.

She had put him on a pedestal, trying to impress him and also make up for the time she had been away. As if it were her fault that she left him...some kind of guilt she was trying to make amends for.

She is transferred into the intensive care unit and I make sure my eyes remain on her the entire time. I refused to leave, even when the doctor said I should at least put dry clothes on.

I hadn't even noticed that I was still soaking wet. My skin was warm but the clothes were the same I wore when I raced into the water.

Hours past.

I'm not clock watching however the room is blanketed with a darkness from the lack of sunlight and I only realise how late it must be when a nurse walks into switch the lights on. The soft beeping of th

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A fear gripping at my throat that if I close my eyes once, she'll slip away from me.

"Alpha...dry clothes," Ezra walks in, his voice trailing off when his eyes fall upon Kaia,
"Thanks Ezra..."

"I can sit with her if you want to go back and rest..."

"No, I can't leave her."

"I'll mind-link you if there's any change. She seems stable now.."

"No, the doctor said it would be a rough night...that she might not..." I can't even say the words.

"Alpha..."

"I've done everything wrong, found her too late. I wasn't ready for her...my heart was so angry still from everything.

Than... Medea...my Father, my Mum's death...all I wanted was for them to feel an ounce of anger I had felt all my life.

She was like a ray of light, a gift from the moon goddess but I was so hell-bent on saving Alora, that I've let Kaia slip right through my fingers.

She was there, in my pack...in my house. Now it's too late." My memory goes back to the time Kala entered the coffee shop, and I feel stupid thinking I held all the cards... that I was the one tricking her. When she was the one that had tricked me from day one. Using me and my pack to find details on

Beckett.

"She's a fighter. Keep your faith Alpha. I have a feeling she doesn't even know how special she is." Ezra's hushed tones try to bring me comfort.

"You're right about that." She really didn't know how special she was. I don't think she had even been told of the white wolf fairytale, Beckett no doubt keen to protect her...even from herself.

"Alora has requested to see her.." Ezra starts but I cut him off,

"No...not right now."

"She's being quite insistent."

"In the morning..."

"Alpha if this is her last night. Her sister should be allowed to say goodbye to her also.."
Ezra has a point, and although I can't fathom the idea of Kaia not making the night, I nod my head. He was right, Alora should be able to see her twin. I'm surprised when the same doctor returns into the room to check on Kaia's stats, he hadn't rested either, he hadn't gone home.

We don't talk, but my body leaps from my seat when her heart rate starts to slow down...and he presses the emergency button, his horror-filled eyes darting to me.

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Seconds later more medical staff enter, pushing past me in trying to get their luna, I suppose now alpha, through the night.

"Do something, save our mate." My wolf growls in my mind. A nurse pulls out the paddles and my heart. leaps out of my chest.

I wasn't ready..

"Don't you dare leave me Kaia, you hear me...you will not leave me." My command is thick as I let it roll over her.

But it has no effect on her...she was fading away...I can feel it..

My only option was....

I will not lose her.

I push the staff away, pulling her up by the back of her neck and lower back gaining good access to her neck.

"Do it." My wolf growls, pushing through the barriers as he sinks my teeth into her soft yet cold skin... marking her as ours.

My teeth push through flesh and I retract as soon as I hit bone. A moan escapes me as I grip on to her tighter, before running my tongue to clear up the small trickle of blood. Alora screams out at me, cursing me for taking away her sister's choice.

I feel part of the mate bond strengthen, that magnetic pull to her only intensifying.

I watch as the heart monitor comes back to life.

"I don't believe it...she may just survive the night..." The doctor gasps out as his eyes dart to me.

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Phew...thank the goddess.

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It is growls that wake me, something animalistic about them but I don't fear them.

Wherever I am, I do not fear for my safety.

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But, I don't know what to expect as I open my eyes. The bright light greeting me as I start to wake my sleep, almost blinds me and gives me a headache.

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The sensation that was now a burning ache on my neck, had stirred me out of my deep sleep was cooling now. Whatever it was, it felt nice though. Even when it burned. Something also smelled delicious, an aroma that lingered near my nostrils.

As my eyes adapt to the brightness of the room, a groan escapes my throat as I try to talk but no words

come out

"Kaia?" A handsome male leaps in front of me, my vision still slightly blurry and it takes me a moment to focus in on him.

Thank the goddess, you are alright. Try not to talk. A female appears to my other side, a female that something within me recognises but I don't know how,

"Fetch the Doctor, quick!" The male roars at the female and her eyes do something weird, before another person walks in, pushing past the male to look down at me.
"Luna. can you hear me?"

Luna, was that my name? I try to talk again but my throat burns.

"Luna...try not to talk, you swallowed a lot of sea water. If you can hear me, give me a gentle nod."

I do as the man dressed in a white long jacket asks as he shines a light in my eyes.

They burn under his bright narrow light only having adapted to the lights on the ceiling.

A moan escapes me as I start to become more aware of pain, as more parts of my body start to ache.

"Hush, Luna, try not to talk...you've been through a lot. You just need to rest. You gave us quite the scare..."

Where was I? I go to talk when a hand lands on my arm,

"Use the mind-link to talk.." The pretty female tells me as she strokes along my arm. Her touch isn't the one that left tingles

I shake my head at her, not understanding what she means when her eyes widen and she looks at the handsome male standing behind the doctor.

"Doctor? What's going on?"

"I'm not sure... Luna...can you tell me your name..

"Luna, my name is Luna?" I croak out.

"No, you are the Luna, well actually..." The Doctor stops when the handsome man behind him clears his

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throat and shakes his head. I was starting to panic slightly, who were these people and where was I exactly.

I'm Hector...you are safe here. We are just going to go outside into the corridor, and then we will be right back. You don't need to worry..." His grey ash eyes hold a warmth

to them as his hand strokes along my arm, the hairs on my skin reacting to his touch. He was the one that created that feeling on my skin, those tingles.

My skins feels cold now that he has removed his hand. I want his touch back.

I wait, my eyes darting around the room trying to make sense of what had happened... of where I was. My mind hurts as I try to think back, try to remember how ended up here.

But I can't remember anything, and that scares me more than being in a room full of strangers.

I sit up, slowly. My hands going to my head as my mind feels dizzy, foggy from the change in my positioning

I should be lying down but my legs wanted to stand, something inside of me was urging me to stand...to walk around.

Then I feel her..hear her.

Another conscious, a voice within my head.

And I remember what I was, a werewolf.

"I can't remember anything." Her voice enters my mind loudly and my eyes scrunch up trying to get used to the new sensation..

"Me neither...what's our name."

"I can't remember."

"Luna, they called me Luna just now."

I don't know how she does it but she strains on my ears, forcing me to listen to their conversation outside in the corridor.

"What's going on?"

"She is presenting signs of amnesia.."

"Amnesia?" The pretty female gasps.

"I need to run test to establish if it is likely to be short term or.."

"Or." The handsome male growls, like an animal. He must be a werewolf as well.

"Or long term."

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"Amnesia...no that can't be.."

"I'm sorry Miss Alora, you need to prepare yourself for long journey ahead of us." The doctor advises, who was looking more and more drained as the hours went by.

Amnesia?

I had been so careful when pulling her out of the water that it didn't occur to me that she could have already hit her head against a rock, or even received it from the Impact of breaking the watery surface from such a the great height. "She's forgotten...everything? Does she even have a head wound?" I ask slightly shell shocked by this turn of events.

"Yes,

when we first examined her, we found an internal wound to the back of her head."

"Don't you think you should have told us that, that's quite a big injury to leave out." I roar out before Alora tuts at me and I adjust my tone to a low growl.

She should be grateful I didn't push him against the wall by his collar, how could he not tell me that.

"In all honesty, it's a miracle she's alive, let alone actually awake and breathing by herself. I'll have to run some tests, but she shouldn't be alone. She'll be frightened."

As soon as the Doctor says these words the room door opens, a slightly bewildered Kala stepping out of the room.

She looked puzzled but hardly frightened.

"You look like me." Her eyes turn to Alora, intrigue laced within them.

"Yes, we are sisters, twin sisters."

"I don't remember you." Her voice is colder than usual, avoid of emotion.

"That's okay, we are going to figure this out, together." Alora places her hand around Kaia's back.

"Luna, you should be in bed.." The Doctor insists.

"Luna, and that's my name right?" Kaia looks to us all. Again, no softness in her demeanour.

"No, your name is Kala. Luna is your title." The doctor's eyes fall upon me with unease.
"My title?"

"Of this pack...you are the acting Luna."

"Pack?"

"Yes, you are a werewolf and we live in packs."

I can see the cogs turning in her mind, a mind that was having to relearn everything. She looked in pain from the strain she was forcing upon herself. Something I didn't like to watch.

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"Right

Yes, I've established I am a werewolf, she has made her presence known to me." She clicks her tongue as she nods to herself.

"Does she remember anything?" I ask, keen to know if her werewolf is also suffering with amnesia. My eyes gaze upon the red mark on her neck...she must have looked in the mirror to realise she and Alora are Identical...but she hasn't noticed the red swollen bite mark on her neck.

"No nothing, her mind is blank just as mine. I'm sorry this must be very disturbing for you all."

"Disturbing for us? Goddess Kaia, it's you that..." Alora starts to turn Kaia, leading her back into her room but I take the opportunity to start as I mean to go on.

She is mine, I'll protect her no matter what.

My destiny never so clearly pathed out by the Moon Goddess than it is now.

"I'm your mate Kaia.."

"Hector!" Alora growls warningly at me.

"Mate?" She lets the word roll off her tongue, as if testing if she likes the sound of it.

"Yes, you are mine, and I yours."

"Now's not really the time.." Alora again tries to usher Kaia back into bed but she is captivated by my explanation that she ignores her double. "How would I know that?"

"A number of things but to start with tingles...you would feel tingles from my touch. My scent would also be appealing to you."

"Yes, you

stroked my arm earlier and you left tingles on my neck..." Her fingers automatically touch her neck, her eyes widening as she feels my mark.

"I've hurt my neck..." She moves to the mirror, her hands running across the swollen mark through her

reflection.

"I marked you.." I take a step closer to her, my wolf coming forward with me.

"You marked me?" She watches me in the reflection, her eyes darting to my neck.

"You haven't marked me yet, I did it hoping it would bring you back to me..." I walk towards her, placing her hands in mine but she takes a step away from me. her hand swooping across her neck again. Did she not feel me through the bond... "Yes, I felt it when I was in a deep sleep. It was a burning sensation." She tilts her head slightly as she gazes at me but keeps her distance.

"Coma, Kaia, you were in a coma." Alora walks to her, trying to encourage her sister back into the bed.

"Sounds worrying." She dryly replies before glancing back at the door.

"Is there somewhere to eat, I'm starving..."

"I'll have some food delivered to your room, but really I must insist you go back to bed Luna. You really

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Hector POV

"What do you want to do?" Ezra asks in the stillness of the alpha's office, in the dead of night.

The only light was the desk top lamp and the glow of the moon shining through Beckett's office window..

It had been a couple of days since Kala woke out of her coma and the doctor had carried out as many tests as he could, too many in my opinion. But not once did she complain, in fact she seemed bored of the entire situation.

"I need to leave, to go home. I can't keep her safe here not being my own pack grounds. I'm shooting in the dark."

We had received a council demand for Kaia to appear before them, to discuss the future of the pack, especially now with Beckett dead and her having not taken over the alpha title.

There was no chance in hell that I was going to let her go to the council, which I know Alpha Marc has most likely insisted on. The pack wasn't under their control, but they will want to take advantage of her current state of...forgotten mind. Things had escalated so quickly, now I had a pack on my hands full of reformed rogues waiting to learn of their own fate.

"You're still up?" Alora knocks on the office door, pushing it open to find both Ezra and I in the dimly lit

room.

"What's wrong?" Her eyes dart to me immediately.

"We received this..." I place the document down towards the edge of the desk, letting her read it.

"What is this?"

"It's a council summons for Kaia to appear before them."

"Why?"

"They want to know, with Beckett's death, who is taking over the pack."

"That sounds like a fair request.."

"Although it isn't Alora, it's Marc trying to get close to her...trying to get the council on side. She can't stay here...it's not safe anymore." She sighs out, placing the letter back on the desk before rolling her eyes.

"Hector you're being a bit..."

"No Alora, time's up. She can continue her recovery at my pack.. I had claimed her as mine, she will have no choice but to come with me.

She backtracks, closing the office door behind her after peeking out to check the hallway was still clear,

"You're talking about taking the pack's alpha away from them. They won't survive that Hector, they adore Kaia. She is their's as much as yours." She seethes out to me.
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"Alpha, why don't you return and I'll remain to keep her safe." Ezra offers.

"No, I'm not leaving without my mate Ezra."

"But Alora is right Alpha, this pack won't last a day without some form of leadership. They are still anxious

from the recent attacks."

I felt responsible for the safety of this pack, for Kala's sake. But I couldn't deny the overwhelming desire

to take her home, to take her away from this pack even if just for a short time. Keep her away from prying eyes that would use her for their own power gain.

"I'll stay...I'll take on the pack." Alora boldly declares.

"What?"

"Not long term, just until Kala is ready. I'll be acting Alpha and then when she returns, I'll be her beta. I'll be by her side."

"That's a big task Alora.."

"Yes, but I need it Hector, I need to do this, for her and for me."

"With your permission Alpha, I'll remain, support Alora until you are ready for me to return to the Dark Phantom pack."

This might just work. Alora held as much right to the pack being the deceased alpha's daughter. She could take the pack-link on in Kaia's absence and with Ezra by her side, he would be an asset to her. "I'll send warriors, to help keep the borders clear. You will need to report into me every day though Ezra." "I'll report what I see fit to report Hector, you can trust me to keep the borders safe." Alora cuts me off. "It's not about whether I trust you Alora, the Shadow Rock pack have a vendetta against this pack as it is, plus Alpha Marc's interest in Kaia...who you are identical too."

"Yes but different in so many other ways. These are now my people, just as much as they are hers, were Beckett's. They need protecting, they need their second chance."

"So be it. Inform the doctor Ezra, that Kaia and I are leaving...as soon as our warriors are here." My command is clear.

"Yes alpha, I'll get word to the head warriors to make preparations."

"Yes

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Hector POV

Everything was arranged..

A selection of the warriors from the Dark Phantom pack had arrived and I was currently having a debate with the doctor who was refusing to medically approve Kala to leave, and go into the care of my own head doctor.

I understand his concern but he doesn't realise that my doctor has already built a good rapport with Kaia, something I'm certain he can quickly build again.

"I'm not happy with this, as a medical professional but also as a pack member and..."

"Someone who cares for her welfare. I understand doctor. But if I keep her here, things remain a ticking time bomb until the next attack. As long as she remains here, the borders will only get smaller and smaller."

He seems to consider my words for a moment before he signs her transfer papers.

"Fine, I'm approving her for travel and here are her notes so far to pass to her new doctor. Tell the doctor to call me with any concerns.

"My doctor is aware of Kaia's condition and will be certain to contact you should he have any questions. Don't worry doctor, I'll look after my own mate."

If he hadn't already handled Beckett's death certificate to my request I would say he was a doctor trying to challenge me.

"I'm going to look after the pack for you Kaia, until you return." Alora remained with Kaia in the room while the doctor and I spoke outside in the corridor.

"I told you, I'm not going anywhere!"

"It's best that you go with Hector, go with your mate."

"Says who?" She coldly scowls.

"Says me?" I walk into the room, my commanding aura swallowing up the room. She has been battling against my decision, she doesn't have to like it, but she will follow it.

"Like I said...I'm not going anywhere." She stands up off the bed, her shoulders back and her chest out. her chin high.

"No?" I invade her space, my nose now just above hers

"You don't have to like it, but you are mine now and you are coming with me."

"I'm not yours."

"The mark on your neck states differently." I can't help the smirk that forms on my lips.

Being a budget tight reformed rogue pack, Kaia didn't have a lot to pack. I was finalising things with Ezra

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In the office, having entrusted Alora to walk Kala back from the medical centre. Which was taking them longer than planned.

Exiting the alpha house, I find my warriors congregated at the front, waiting for orders to be given to

them.

"You may be following the orders of an acting luna but remember Ezra here is your beta first, and that you really report to me. Should you have any concerns of the pack leadership you need to raise them directly to Ezra, or failing that to myself," I allow my alpha aura to roll off me.

"Yes Alpha!" They reply in unison.

"The borders are at a disadvantage being contested land and as you are not part of the pack-link you need to be mindful of where the borders start and finish. The Shadow Rock pack will attack at any time, is your job to hold the borders and to protect the pack
"Understood Alpha."

"You'll notice the presence of humans more here, especially on the beach...let's walk there now.."

I hadn't returned to the cliff tops since that dreadful day, but had revisited plenty of times in nightmares.

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I was still waking up gasping for air, my hand stretched out trying to reach for Kaia....trying and failing.

As we approach the beach border, the wind is silent, the sea peaceful...no evidence remaining of how it hides its dangers right in plain sight.

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I was expecting to find some kind of tell tale sign of the horrors that had been. Instead...there were yachts in the waters and laughing humans on the beach below, bathing in the strong sun light.

It's how it should be.

But what I couldn't understand is how she had ended up in the waters...I just couldn't imagine Kaia doing what the doctor suggested.

What I shouldn't be witnessing to my own horror is Kala standing on the cliff tops next to Alora in the

distance.

My heart feels as if it has jumped out of my chest and was already running towards them. "Kaia?"

Her body stiffens as I head over to her, she wasn't even trying to hide her anger at me as she turns to

sneer at me.

"Hector, calm down, I am just showing her the view." Alora stands next to her Kala, whose eyes were bleeding out to that of her wolf.

"Am I allowed here...or does the great alpha Hector deny me even that."

"The great alpha Hector, so you've been asking about me?" I cock an eyebrow at her.

"No, I just assumed that's how you like to think of yourself." She huffs as she leans over to look at the great drop below.

"You need to stand back.." I growl out.

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C moves away from me and he takes a turning towards a building on the side of the road.

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"Let's get some food. We still have a long drive ahead of us."

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"Oh, is the big bad alpha afraid of heights?" She chuckles out playfully but she wouldn't be laughing if she remembered me pulling her out of the icy waters below "Now!" The full weight of my alpha aura washes over her.

"You know you could just ask nicely." She grits as she fights my command.

"I won't ask again..." I growl out, placing my hand out for her to take.

She does as I ask, hesitantly at first but as soon as her hand is placed within my palm, I pull her into me. Crushing her against my own chest.

"Don't ever do that again." My body is trembling with both fear and anger. I have a feeling this new version of Kaia was going to put me in an early grave.

The sooner we leave this place the better.

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Kain POV

I couldn't even be alone to pack for a journey i didn't even want to take.

If it wasn't Hector breathing down my neck, it was Alora

I gave myself a self-guided tour of the Alpha house, hoping something would stir a memory.

My wolf was still healing which meant we had no choice but to succumb to his command in leaving. Something I was already picking up on was Hector's wolf was stronger than he let on

Hector observed me carefully as I entered his office, lils eyes following my every movement with some kind of hunger hidden in the depth of them. This was the final room to explore but just like the other parts of this house...blank. Did I want to leave...no..

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But I don't particularly want to stay in a pack I also didn't know either.

My wolf said it was best to follow our mate but I didn't even know him.

I could feel something within me calling to him though, if I wasn't in the same room as him my wolf would pine in my head.

I had to shout at her a few times that she doesn't even know him...but she just responds with, "trust the mate bond".

I did feel I bad as we left, Alora was crying, and many had come out to see me off.

Maybe I was coming across as cold hearted but how else was I meant to act.

I didn't

recognise one face, yet they all seemed to want to touch me, give me their blessings.

I could tell Hector was growing uncomfortable as pack member after pack member kissed me or stroked me, to the point that he wrapped his arms around my lower back and jerked me into the car with him. Where we remained for the past few hours.

"Is everything alright, you're fidgeting." He sighs out, running his hand down his face..

I kept thinking of Alora, maybe I shouldn't have left her.

I don't know him, I don't know anyone.

But Alora looked like me, so maybe I should have stayed with her, a mirror image seemed like the safe

bet.

My eyes continue to watch the trees as we zoom past woodland after woodland, my body angled towards the door. My arms crossed around my chest. I don't even look at him as I answer.

"I just...I have questions but I didn't want to upset you or Alora by asking them."

That was an understatement, I had an entire piece of paper with questions that I tried to tick off in bed every night.

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I think he was strong enough to handle my questions but Alora looked as if she was close to breaking. down in tears every five minutes.

Again, another reason I left...she seemed like an emotional person.

Each night I write more questions on my list. If I didn't yet know the answer I would task myself with finding out the next day.

It helped me to sleep at night, calmed my over stimulant brain. My wolf, she was very talkative, especially at night time...she also relied on the list.

"You won't upset me, besides it's just you and me now, ask away." His tone is smooth, encouraging.

"Okay, well, I heard people talking of the alpha...my father right?"

"Yes that's right." His eyes come off the road ahead ever so quickly, flickering to me. I hadn't strapped myself in, I didn't like the idea of something tight and restrictive around my torso, so I refused. Much to Hector's dismay.

"But he's dead? Making me the alpha??

-"Yes.."

"Why not Alora.."

"Because you are the first born so naturally the pack goes to you, unless you reject it and then it will go to Alora to accept."

That makes sense I suppose.

"How did he die?" This question was near the top of my list but I hadn't felt comfortable enough to ask it yet, people seemed to find talking about his death too raw still.

His foot slams on the breaks my body flying forward not expecting the harsh movement.

An arm flies out to my chest, holding me back as I nearly hit my head on the inside car dashboard.

So much for ask me anything.

Judging by his sudden movement, Hector wasn't ready for this question either.

I look out of the front window to see if he had damaged the car in some way. Surely this can't be from my question.

"Hector?" I look to him, trying to move but his arm held me against the car seat.

"He died due to complications from surgery." He softly responds, as he restarts the car's engine.

"I see, was I close to him?"

"You could say that."

"And my mother.. Alora said she died in childbirth?"

He doesn't answer me, only nods as his arm

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Kala POV

I still had plenty of questions and I know Hector said I could ask him anything, but I couldn't shake the feeling that he was being careful with how he answered.

He seemed guarded, whether that was because he didn't want to upset me, or tell me things I wasn't ready to know...I'm not sure. Maybe it would be better to figure things out for myself, or let the past go. Start on my new beginnings.

This amnesia thing was weird. I remember-somethings but not others. Like I knew exactly to order the burger and chips, but if you ask me to remember what my date of birth was...I'd come up empty. Maybe a sign that things would make sense to me soon, that it was all still there, I just needed to let my head heal from my injury.

In fact, how did I get my injury. The doctor had been very blasé when I asked him, and quickly left my

room.

"How did I actually lose my memory?" I ask Hector before slurping on my milkshake with a straw. This was good, plus it cooled my flaming cheeks from his undivided attention.

He did things to me, made my cheeks blush, made my throat dry...and other things.

Things I'm not sure I like.

I don't like him having that kind of power over me..

'Could I not just forget his command, could I just not pretend to go to the toilet and make a run for it.

Our food arrives and as it does I feel the urge to sit closer to him, that this table between us was getting

in the way.

His dark eyes glaring at me as his knee touches mine. My breaths were becoming faster as his closeness started to ignite an annoying sensation within my stomach,

"It's the bond...you can't fight it." I look up to find him smirking as he bites into his own food.

My eyes watch him as he devours his own burger, mine remaining untouched.

How can he ooze such arrogance, such confidence in what we are to one another.

I will my legs to push up off the ground and my mind to ignore my wolf's own purr to be closer to him.

"What are you doing?" He looks up at me as I stand up abruptly.

"Toilet...I need to use the toilet."

I close the toilet door behind me, locking it before sitting on the toilet seat to catch my breath. How could he make me start to have a breathing attack just by looking at me and touching me in a certain way. I need time alone, I need to figure things out for myself. Not listen to a woman that claims to be my

and a male that claims to be my soul's missing piece.

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As I enter back into the restaurant I find him looking at me from a distance, his eyes penetrating through each waiter that walks in front of me.

I turn on my heel and walk out of the restaurant but I don't make it far. As soon as I hit the path my body freezes, my mind and body in conflict with one another, I want to move but I can't.

It is physically impossible, as if I have also forgotten how to move my legs.

"It's the command." His satisfied voice comes from behind.

"I can strengthen it at any time." He quips, amusing himself at least.

"Let me go." I seethe through gritted teeth. He might think this is funny but I certainly don't.

"And go where huh?" I flinch slightly as his hand moves a stray hair out of my eyes and tucks it behind my ear. I didn't want him touching me and yet I also wanted his hands all over me. "Don't make this more difficult than it has to be..."

"More difficult? You're the one using a command on me.."

"Because if I don't you'll run and I can't have that."

"Can't" I puff my chest out defiantly.

"Won't" His height suddenly engulfs mine, his hand wraps around my lower back...touching the skin that has become exposed between my waistband and T-shirt.

It slowly lifts up, as his hand moves towards the back of my bra, his eyes remain fixed on mine the entire time.

A skilled predator stunning his prey.

His lips move to my neck, to where he bit me. His soft wet lips press against the mark, before he sucks the skin in...a loud moan escaping me as my legs give way. ""You are mine Kaia."

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Kala POV

I feel tingles across my face, my own moan waking me from a sweet slumber.

"Kala, wake up...we are here."

My eyes slowly open to find the sun setting, the night sky an array of soft pink and orange, and us parked in front of a guarded gate.

"We are here?" I ask sitting up, it didn't look like much, just a gate.

"Before we enter I just wanted to prepare you...."

"Prepare me for what?"

"A select few have heard you are returning.."

"Returning?" I repeat, my eyebrows furrowing.

"Yes, you stayed with me before you left for the Nightshade Reformed pack. They will be outside the alpha house, don't be alarmed...you left abruptly. They will just be glad you are safe." I hadn't realised until now that his hand was touching mine, his thumb drawing soothing circles on my open palm.

"Okay..." I'm hesitant in how to respond. I had no memory of his pack, of his people. I'm also now very aware as his hand moves away to the steering wheel, my hand missing his touch.

He had almost carried me back into the car from the restaurant, each time I fought against him he applied his lips to my neck, making me succumb to that addictive sensation.

He was a cryptic person, one minute assertive....then playful as he would ignite sparks across my skin in a way only he can do.

He nods to one of the guards through his window, the gate opening and the car coming back to life. There was a lot of land, more so than at the Nightshade Reformed pack and at first I think it is just field after field, until we come into the central development. Plenty of buildings, mainly normal sized homes complement the landscape, nothing seems out of ordinary until he pulls up outside a large home.

It's not the size of the house that unnerves me but the very large crowd having already gathered outside.

"Shit." He groans as he slows the car down.

"This is a few?" I chide, there must be hundreds of people parting as the car pulls up and Hector stops the engine.

"You were clearly missed..." He humours, before stepping out of his side of the car and walking around the front to my door..

But before he opens it, he turns to face them all... their eyes all glaze over as one, their necks turning in -some kind of form of submission.

As I exit the car, the collective eyes of an entire pack dart to me.

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"Welcome home Luna." They all start to murmur, their heads bowing in a sign of respect to me.

"Luna?" I turn to Hector.

"Yes, as my mate you will be the Luna of this pack. Hector confirms to me, pulling me through the crowd

and into his home.

Not only was I an expectant Alpha of a pack but I was also waiting to take my place as a Luna. My head was starting to ache with this level of responsibility.

It was different to piss Hector off, to fight back on what he claims is our bond. But to have two packs now relying on me, expecting me to lead them....I'm not too sure about this....

"Are you okay?" He asks as we walk into his hallway.

"Yes, just feeling slightly overwhelmed." For once I drop the sarcasm and am honest with him.

"An honest answer for once." He chides back at me, earning a growl from me instead.

I'm about to come back with a witty reply when a woman flings her arms around me, and places her hands to my cheeks.

"Thanks the goddess that you are okay Kaia. I'm so happy you have come back to us." She was a sweet middle aged woman that gave off a motherly feel about her. Was she Hector's mother... ""Erm, thanks..."

"Are you hungry?"

"We ate on the road Aubrey, I didn't want to bother you Judging by the way he calls her Aubrey I'm guessing she is not his mother.

"I'll make some hot drinks and snacks to see you through until the morning.

I watch the interaction between the two of them, before they both look at me silently watching them.

"Tea?" She hums at me but I look to Hector for clarification.

"Do I like tea?"

"Yes...you like tea Kaia." He smiles at me before gesturing for me to follow him.

"Tea it is then." I nod to her, before following Hector on what I imagine is a guided tour of my new home for the time being.

As my hand touches the staircase railing, the front door burst open a young male and female walking into the hallway. A disapproving growl emitting from Hector.

"Kala?" The female runs up to me, just like Aubrey, flinging her arms around me.

"It's so good to have you home."

"It is?" I cough out. This little blonde she wolf seems to have winded me somehow.

"Excuse my sister Luna, I'm Riley and this is Rosa."

"Hello..." I nod to him, my eyes scanning them both before I turn to look at Hector.

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A gasp regains my attention as I find this Rosa girl taking a step back, her hands cupping her own face as she stares at the mark on my neck. Today's Bonus Offer

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Kala POV

1 week later.

All things considered, I had settled in well at the Dark Phantom pack. It's odd to think anyone would struggle here.

The only thing was they called me Luna...all the time. I was hearing it more than my actual name, which only Hector called me by.

Ezra's brother Edmund had remained for the last week and he is due back to his pack tomorrow. According to Hector he has been supporting the pack in his absence and was throwing a thank you party tonight for him.

A bit of a farewell pack party for keeping things ticking over, whilst Hector and Ezra were at my pack.

My pack...sounds weird to say.

Especially when I hold no emotional attachment to the land or pack people. I have since learnt that it isn't my birth pack, that I came from another pack.

Alora had been calling me daily, she calls just before bed time and we either talk for hours, me mainly asking questions, or we video call and just sit keeping each other company as we read.

It was nice to be building a sisterly bond with her.

When not in my bedroom, Hector insists I remain with him

I can feel a buzz between us and he informs me it is the mate bond, that it works by pulling us together. I can feel it working its magic, and I often have to hold my breath around him. He had a scent about him that no other male had... Dark chocolate and oranges. Every morning the pack doctor insisted on seeing me, to the point it was get laborious.

The lump on the back of my head had gone, no swelling remained yet the doctor insisted on seeing me every morning for check ups. I think he expected me to wake up after a night's sleep with a miracle... Nothing had changed, nothing was going to change. If I didn't remember now, I don't think it will come

back to me.

I open the doctor's door to find Hector standing outside waiting for me as he does for every appointment. I'm certain he can listen in, I would be able to..so having the door between us was pointless.

But it was a small win for me when everything else was going his way. And why should he have his way all the time.

His usual broody eyes don't greet me as they have been each week when I exit the doctor's room, this time he looks slightly troubled as he looks down at his mobile phone.

"Everything alright?"

"Yes, ready?" His eyes trail the length of me, stopping at my belly button. I was wearing jeans and a crop top today, my wardrobe selection picked out by Aubrey who shopped for me the day after I returned. I +25 BONUS

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wanted to go, but Hector was reluctant to let me leave the pack grounds at the moment.

"Do I have a choice?" I smirk back at him, his command had stopped me from walking out of the pack borders quite a few times this week.

"Oh good Alpha, I'm glad to catch you. I'm happy to sigh Luna off for training." The doctor walks out behind me, my records in his hand.

"Training?" Excitement rises within me from my wolf. She was desperate to shift but it had been advised by the doctor to wait until he was certain there would be no repercussions. "You are sure?"

"Yes Alpha." A tense eye battle seems to occur between the alpha and the doctor before Hector nods, pocketing his phone and placing his arm around my lower waist.

He took as many opportunities as he could to touch me, to be near me.

my movement.

I move out of his hold, his eyebrow rising in a challenge at my

"So can we train, now?" I ask with the same excitement as we walk down the hospital corridor together. The alpha house was starting to feel like a cage and me a canary. "Eager huh?"

"You could say that, my wolf is clawing at my skin to be released." She really was, she was driving me insane at night time wanting to stare at the moon,

She would be reluctant to sleep, stating that if she can't shift then she will enjoy the moon's glow.

"Then let's release her..." He states much to my surprise, I expected him to find another reason to prevent me from training with his pack.

Each morning I would walk towards the training grounds and watch Hector train with his warriors.

If anything for the sight of him with his chest out, sweating. But also, I wanted to see what I could do, to see if I could remember any training from before getting amnesia. To see whether it would come to me naturally.

As we exit the hospital by the main reception area, his hand grasps into mine, as he starts to walk and pulls me gently into the same direction of him. He usually tried to hold my hand but I often pulled it away, ignoring the warm sparks that erupted on my palm. Denying the bond between us.

"Hector...what are we to one another?" I ask in earnest which forces him to turn and pick up on my change in tone.

"We are mates Kaia."

"Yes, but if we were together before...why weren't we together?" This had been playing on my mind and each time I broached the subject with Alora she would change the topic quickly or claim something urgent had been reported through the pack-link.

If I had already lived in this pack, his people welcoming me back with open arms...why had he only just marked me. Was it only because I was on the brink of death that he felt that I was worthy enough to mark

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"Because I was a fool and I need to earn your forgiveness." He closes the small gap between us, his eyes now looking down at mine from his great height, his shoes touching mine.

"Forgive what Hector, I don't remember anything."

"No, but I do."

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Hector POV

I was intrigued to train with Kala.

To know at what point her memory stops and that natural instinct to survive kicks in.

She's an impressive fighter, I've seen that for myself but whether all her training will have gone with her memory or whether her wolf was born to fight...now that I was eager to find out.

The doctor might be ready to sign her off for training but I was hesitant to let her train in a group setting. I wanted to train her just with me for the time being...

"I thought we were training in a group?" Kala's eyes dart around the alpha home's secluded back garden.

"In time, I want to see what you remember first before unleashing you on to my warriors."

"For my protection or theirs?" She smugly smirks as she starts stripping her clothes off.

That feigned arrogant mask slips slightly as she starts pulling at her clothes.

If you want I can give you some privacy to shift."

"Why? Do you have a problem with being naked?" Her mask was back on now.

"On the contrary...I welcome it." I lick my lips as she continues to strip in front of me.

"Your turn." She smirks with raised eyebrows as she pops her hip out and crosses her arms under her breasts.

Two can play at that game.

I start to remove my clothes, letting my lower region spring free from my boxers shorts...her eyes trying her best not to look, to fight the bond...but she was losing. How best she tries, she can't beat the mate bond.

"Ready Alpha?" Her eyes roam me, leaving a warmth upon my skin.

"Ready Luna." I smirk back, as a growl escapes her.

And was I glad I held off to train her just by myself. She was miraculous.

I had never taken to fairy tales but here she was, an ethereal being gifted to us by the moon goddess. herself.

Her white fur shone under the day's blistering heat, her wolf diving out of my wolf's attacks, only to be covered with mud and grass from the ground below.

Yet she was not nearly as covered as I was, she was nimble, quick and made it look like no effort at all. J've never seen a she-wolf...scrap that...a werewolf like her. It was clear that amnesia or not, she was born to fight.

She was starting to enjoy herself, forgetting that she was trying to ignore the bond. She doesn't know but

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having marked her, I can pick up on her emotions without her knowing. Like, when she tried to escape from the restaurant, or the pack this week.

My wolf determined to get her on her back and remind her who the alpha is, takes a running charge at her.

She leaps out of the way at the last second and as I watch through my wolf's eyes she jumps over us, her back legs stretching out preparing to kick him even though he is already flying through the air at nothing.

She kicks at a tremendous force, my wolf skidding as he slides into the ground, grass turning into mud,

As we hit the ground it feels as if our strength was taken from us for a moment...we were immobilised even as we were falling.

I force the shift, needing to contemplate what might have just happened. I sit up, my arm resting on my knees. I wasn't particularly out of breath but I was panting, I just went against the white wolf...even if only in playful training. Her wolf stares back at me on the other side of the garden. Did she even know what she just did.

Before I know it her snout is rubbing against my arm, as it buries itself under my arm.

She was worried she had hurt me.

Me, an alpha wolf...one of the strongest I know. She was worried that she had hurt me, and quite rightly so, she had something I never expected.

She could fight this bond all she wants but her wolf was starting to accept me, even if she wasn't.

I stroke her white fur, tickling behind the ears as her wolf leans into my touch. This was certainly the

Kaia. No coldness, no witty remarks.

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I hear a rustling in the trees ahead of us. This garden was secure but I can't take any chances.

"Shift!" I command, letting my aura wash over her once again.

She was getting stronger at fighting it but thankfully for now she does as I demand.

"Hector?" She gasps as she shifts landing naked in my lap.

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Thanks for reading.

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Hector POV

The leaving party for Edmund was already in full swing, Jude was here, staying the night before driving Edmund back tomorrow morning. He didn't need to be here, but I know he is keen to see how Kala has been getting on.

Kaia had been ignoring me by helping Aubrey set up the food and drink for the evening all afternoon. For once I didn't seek her out, I had things to research.

I had spent the entire afternoon researching more on the tales of the white wolf, discovering a similar folk law that seemed to provide more information.

I didn't want to overthink what had happened at training, but it was hard not to.

"You should dance with her." Jude suggests as I watch Kaia from a short distance. She looked sensational in a metallic silver dress that had a low back and a short hem.

"I will, she's happy mingling right now." I groan back at him as I watch her dance in the short dress.

"If you don't ask her to dance, someone else will."

"Who?"

"Him." Jude points the top of his beer bottle to one of my warriors that was currently talking to Kaia. His arms were crossed over his chest, showcasing his vast biceps under his tight T-shirt but I wasn't jealous, I knew it was innocently just a pack member talking to his Luna.

"Cut it out, he's just talking to his Luna. They all know she is my mate, they wouldn't..." I stop as his hand goes to her shoulder as he reaches behind her to pass her a glass of wine from the bar area.

A growl resonates within me, maybe I was slightly jealous after all. These were my people...they wouldn't...

"Fuck, he's got balls asking his Luna to dance..." Jude roars with laughter and I want to jab the prick. He was really enjoying this.

"He's not asking her to dance..." I say through clenched teeth. Jude always knew how to wind me up.

"Do you mind if I dance with her then?" Jude asks as he takes a sip of his beer.

"The fuck? No, you aren't dancing with my mate." I growl out at him.

"Then you had better, before some else does."

"Like I said, everyone knows she's the Luna, no one would dare."

"In here maybe...but you can't lock her away here forever. She has her own pack to go back to."

"I've marked her. I know what I am doing Jude."

"Are you sure because you're getting close to friend zoned again. She might friend zone you. She's rejected one mate already, I think this one has the strength to do another. Besides, she can't remember anything.." He whispers into my ear. My strides eat up the length of the dance floor that seems to have formed for the evening judging by pack

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members already dancing to the soft music. As I approach the warrior seems to take the hint and excuses himself. Her eyes follow him leaving before she turns and finds me walking towards her.

Her eyes roll into the back of her head at my approach before she masks on that fake smile of hers.

"You scared off my date." She narrows her eyes at me. She was extra frosty this evening. I had thought spending the afternoon with Aubrey might have made her forget about commanding her to shift. "Your date?"

"Young, free and single, me." She playfully jests as she shrugs before reaching behind for another drink.

My wolf didn't like her referring to herself as single or free for that matter.

"Let's make one thing very clear Kaia, you aren't free and single..." Her aura rolls off me, letting her know I meant every word.

All humour leaves her, as she looks up at me, her eyes piercing into my soul.

"Is that so?" She raises an eyebrow at me.

"Yes, that is so, I've marked you..." I let my body engulf her, my wolf pushing forward to remind her she is

ours.

"Until I mark you...it isn't a done deal alpha...remember that." Her hand lands on my chest but her playful backfires as her hand lingers, feeling my muscle.

She was infuriating at times. Why couldn't she just trust in the bond, why did she have to fight me back on everything.

Ours eyes remain locked, a threatening rumble rattling from my chest.

"What are you going to do alpha, command me to mark you. Take all my choices away." She tiptoes up, her lips now close to my jawline.

"The sooner you realise Luna, there is a fine line between fate and choice. It just depends on which side

you

wish to be." My jaw tenses and her eyes flash with anger.

"Alpha?"

"What?" I tut through the mind-link to a pack member that interrupted my moment with Kala. I made it very clear not to disturb me tonight unless it was important. "I have the Beta from the Amber Desert pack at the gates."

"Beta Zane?"

"Yes Alpha. What do you want me to do? He says it's urgent."

A snarl escapes me as I cut the link, the pack members discreetly moving away from me. But not Kaia, she remains glaring up at me.

This had better be good to make me step away from her challenging behaviour.

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Hector POV

This wasn't wholly a surprise, but I did expect Than rather than Zane to knock on my gate.

There had been eyes on us for a few days now, and I was already prepared for one of them to make

contact.

I take a car to the gates with some of my warriors joining me, I wanted to be away from Kaia for as little as possible.

As we reach the pack gate, the arrogant prick was smoking a cigarette as he stood in a tight circle created by my guards.

They didn't trust his unannounced arrival here, and neither did I.

As soon as I arrived they backed off him, splitting to clear a path for me to enter.

Riley had joined me having proved himself under the training of Edmund during my absence.

you want?"

"What do I snarl at him..."

"Our men heard you had returned..." Zane smirks as he puts his cigarette out on the ground and stamping it out with his boot.

"Heard...or seen, I know you've had eyes on my pack."

"Only friendly eyes...they mean no harm."

"At the moment." I grunt back at him.

"I'm surprised it's you here and not your Alpha?"

"Yes well, he is preoccupied at the moment..."

Things haven't exactly gone his way have they, he's probably wallowing in his own self pity party. Than never dealt with rejection, with losing. Where it spurned me on to achieve more, to be more....he just sulked and retreated. "She isn't here you know, but you can tell him that I want him to sign these..." Riley passes me an envelope from behind which I thrust into Zane's chest.

I had these drawn up the day after Kaia returned with me.

"What are they?" He asks as he places them firmly in his hand.

"Divorce papers."

"You can't be serious.."

"Oh I am, and if he knows what is good for his pack and people, he will sign them. Make no mistake Zane, any loose favourable connections I may have kept intact between our packs has completely gone now.

This is my pack, these are my people, and Kaia is my family now...she is my mate and I will protect what is mine."

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I don't give him the chance to ask any further questions. My time visiting him at the gates served two purposes; one, he knows Alora didn't return with us for certain and two, he's saved me having the divorce papers delivered to the Amber Desert pack grounds. "Alpha?" Riley asks for orders as I enter back into the car.

"Escort him off the lands, make sure he returns to the Amber Desert pack. Make sure those papers are delivered." At least Zane will be able to get past Medea without her checking the documents.

This had the potential to play out negatively if she got involved. Kala still remained his wife and their Luna, they could still claim rights on her under werewolf council law.

I needed those papers to be signed.

"And of their trackers?"

"Keep eyes on them and push them back."

"Alpha." He nods in confirmation.

"And Riley?"

"Yes Alpha?"

"I mean it...they hold no special treatment...if they take one step over our borders we attack."

"Understood."

I had been conflicted in the past but not anymore. It may be the pack I should have led, the pack my father should have had the balls to give me.

But I've shown them my true strength by creating a new and far better pack. And I will defend it, no matter what.

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Kala POV

I must be sick in the head.

All afternoon I have been trying to avoid Hector, even at the party it took all my strength not to glance over at him, to look carefree as I danced the night away.

What did I want...I felt so conflicted.

If he is looking at me, I don't want him to. Then when he isn't looking at me, I want him to.

When he left the dance floor I felt empty, cold from the lack of his touch and eyes upon me. Even when he is infuriated at me, I like knowing I am pushing his buttons; creating that fury. But it's an exasperated anger at me...not the type of anger on his face as he headed to the gates.

When he stormed back into the alpha house and didn't return to the party, I wanted to know what had made him switch. This was different, something had happened at the gate. The anger he left the dance floor in, has only intensified.

The bond weaving its magic, making me want to know. To check up on him.

ady to retreat.

He hadn't returned at all and by the time the final song was played, I was also ready to retreat.

Jude and Edmund kept eyes on me for the rest of the evening and I took the opportunity to escape when they were having a final round of drinks at the bar.

Entering the alpha house, all I wanted to do was get this skin tight metallic dress off me.

In a twisted choice I wanted to make him suffer all night but wearing the dress, make him want me...but he left just when things were getting interesting.

Heading into the kitchen I fetch a cold bottle of water out of the fridge before slamming the appliance's door shut.

I shriek as a male figure stands in the shadows. I was so wrapped up in my own mental state that I hadn't noticed him walk in and stand behind the fridge door.

"What are you doing lurking in the shadows?"

"You know, that tongue of yours is going to run you into trouble one of these days." His voice is low, seductive and I have to swallow a lump that has formed in the back of my throat. My eyes dart to the hall way, we were completely alone. Suddenly I felt very exposed.

"I was just...water...I was getting some water." So much for my witty come backs, his eyes seem to have the ability to render me speechless.

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He was still almost in the darkness Qly-lit kitchen, yet his eyes seem to be burning with a fire rather than the grey ash colour I was used to.

"You didn't return.." I try and move to the side but he blocks me from leaving, his alpha god like body. preventing me from getting past.

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"I had matters to attend to."

"As your Luna, should I not be involved?" He had gone cryptic again.

"I didn't get to dance with you."

"I think my feet are done dancing with these heels..."

He moves like a gale force wind, prepared to destroy everything in its path that doesn't succumb to its might.

Before I know it his hands have gripped around my waist and hoisted me up onto the kitchen island. His hands moving to separate my thighs to give him better access.

All I can do is watch as a spectator suddenly completely not in control of my own body. His fingers trail up my thighs leaving an earthquake of sparks in their wake.

"Breath." He commands and until I suck in a much needed breath of air..I hadn't realised I was holding on to my breath.

My eyes continue to watch him as he artistically moves to the hem of my short dress, his eyes devouring into mine as I look back up at him.

"Hector.."

"Shh...trust the bond." He fingers stop at the hem of my dress before moving back down to my feet. He takes the shoes off my feet, placing a trail of kisses across my inner ankle my head rolling back at the sensation.

I'm frozen, trapped within my body as he continues to dart pepper kisses along my inner leg until he lifts my leg higher and runs his tongue along the inner parts of my thighs, under the hem of my dress and towards my heated lust. I can't seem to stop him, I don't want to stop him.

If this is how a mate bond feels, maybe I should succumb to it, let it finally take its grip on me.

Sink into the

Sink into that sensation.

His tongue moves pushing the fabric of my panties aside, his eyes looking up at me almost asking for permission to continue... "Words, I need words until our bond is complete and you can mind-link me..."

"Shall I continue Kaia?"

"By all means, continue for us..." Jude smirks from the hallway and I feel my face deepen into a beetroot red at us being caught.

A growl escapes Hector as he stands full up right, and very gently lifts me back on the ground.

My legs seem to be able to stand up right even if they feel like jelly.

"Goodnight." He winks at me before he leaves, p

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Hector POV

All night I thought of Kala's eyes watching me as I lick from her Inner ankle up to her upper thigh. Her big eyes watching my every move as I smelled arousal oozing out of her, I wanted to taste her at that very moment...until we were interrupted.

I had remained aroused all night and struggled to sleep, wanting to knock down her door and finally claim her as mine. But I couldn't, I know I couldn't... she deserved more.

She

needed more time, I won't be that asshole that forces the bond on her...I won't be him.

It was better I wasn't on the same floor as her, so I came down early to go through things in my office. All of the research I had read so far refers to the white wolf as being

a mythical being, something from the fairy tales except for something in an old language that was spoken by our ancestors. Something I can't particularly read well, but from what I can make out it mentions the white wolf belonging to the original shifters and was formed to protect the werewolf race from extinction.

It doesn't mention anything about special abilities to immobilise other wolves...maybe that was a fluke, maybe it was the mate bond that was trying to control me from attacking my

own mate.

Perhaps I shouldn't be reading into this more than a fairy tale and she just happens to be of white fur

colour.

Maybe there was nothing more to it....

Ezra has been updating me daily regarding things at the Nightshade Reformed pack and I was on the cusp of sending more warriors, sounds like the Shadow Rock pack is really pushing on their borders.

I have put a contingency plan in place with Ezra, that no matter what, he gets Alora out even if it is to the detriment of the pack.

Kala can't lose her Sister, I won't let that happen. Alora may think she is in charge, that she is the acting Alpha...and for performance purposes she is...but make no mistake how much more in control of things I am than she knows.

The Amber Desert warriors have been pushed back by my own, and I will keep pushing them until they get

the message.

Back off, nothing here concerns you anymore. Once he signs those divorce papers any attachment Kala has to Than will be completely gone.

I hear soft footsteps coming down the stairs, far too soft for either Jude's or Ezra's.

I kept her desk in here, not that she has been using it. She can't even remember her laptop log in details and each time I offer for my IT experts to look into it, she just waves her hands unbothered. She didn't seem ready to revisit her past just yet. But the past has a way of coming back to us all. Ready for it or not.

"Kala?" I call out to her, as I put the research away. I needed more books, I needed to visit Jude's library which held one of the best historical collection in the country.

Hesitantly she pushes on the office door, her eyes scanning the room. Was she expecting others to be in

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here.

"You're up early." I offer as she takes a step into the office.

"I couldn't sleep..." She mutters, refusing to look at me. But I don't miss the flushed pink of her cheeks. A smirk forms on my mouth from last night.

"...besides I'm used to getting up early to see the doctor." She shrugs as she enters deeper within my

wolf's den.

I watch her intently as she seems to scan my office, like a detective trying to find a hidden murder weapon. I could feel something troubling her through the bond, a sense of unease. "Kaia, I need to go off pack grounds today."

"Oh?"

"I need you to promise me something..."

"Promise you?" Her tone playful.

"Kaia, this is important." I could feel the pull of the bond, that gravity trying to pull me under.

"I need you to not shift when I am not here."

"Why?"

"Just, please for once, do as I ask."

I could see the cogs of her mind working, her eyes inadvertently darting to the window.

"Yes my command will work if I am off pack grounds." sigh out in exasperation.

"Where are your parents?"

"My parents?" Of all things, this was on her mind?

"My Father is a retired alpha and my mother...she died when I was young." This seems to shock her, her head whips back to look at me directly. "Do you remember her?"

"Yes I remember her very well." I smile sadly at her.

"What was she like?"

"Like you...kind, gentle...spirited." Her ears listen but her eyes watch my thumb as it traces across my bottom lip.

"Spirited?" She grimaces at the description.

"Unbreakable." I change my wording, which seems to land better on her ears judging by the way the corner of her lips perk up.

"How did she die?" Her question was born out of curiosity and I was fine answering it, I like that she wanted to know me more. Know me more deeply.

"She was human, she got an illness, she died." I hear my own matter of fact tone and even I don't believe

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"Wait...she was human?" She takes more steps towards me, forgetting that in her keenness to find out more she was losing against her own battle to not show any interest in me, to continue to fight our bond. "Yes.."

"That makes you.."

"A human hybrid...yes."

"But you are strong.." Her widened eyes scan the length of me.

"The strongest I know.."

"Not the humblest though." She scoffs out as she moves towards her own desk.

"My Father refused to give his pack to me, I have more to prove than any other alpha. I've had to carve my own future out Kala, create my own pack. Prove to other alphas that I deserve this pack not because I was born and it was handed down to me, but that I have bled for my people, bled for this pack."

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Kala POV

Learning that Hector was a human hybrid was quite the shock. He didn't seem to be anything but pure

wolf to me.

There was nothing hybrid about his eyes in the kitchen last night. He was a complete predator. The highest of his food chain.

I could feel him watching me at breakfast as I laughed at Jude's numerous jokes. His gaze left a burning sensation across my skin.

I catch him a few times and not once did he blink away, he didn't pretend he wasn't looking. His confident eyes hold my gaze and I can sense the challenge within them, the hunger.

After breakfast, we retire to the sitting room where Edmund provides a last handover with Hector but I have the feeling it is more a formality.

His eyes

remain on me as I sit on the other side of the sitting room, my wolf daring me to give him something to really glare at

Wearing leggings I could only use my tight vest to my disposal. Very discreetly I run my thumb over the swollen top of my breast before letting it trail towards my inner cleavage, then replacing it with my fingers, to cup my upper breast. His eyes watch my finger's movements, his mouth opening slightly.

I can hear Edmund talking but it is drowned out by the beating of my heart that I can feel in my ears. Until I hear him mention the Nightshade Reformed pack, which wakes me up out of my own seductive game.

My own interest in their conversation piqued when more warriors were mentioned for the Nightshade Reformed pack.

Why would they need more warriors.

Was Alora in trouble...

"Is there a problem at the Nightshade Reformed pack then?" I asked Edmund who stopped speaking, looking between Hector and me uncomfortably.

"It's just a precaution...." He vaguely answered and my wolf instantly knew they were hiding something.

"Hector?" I look to him daring him to be just as vague.

"It would seem the Alpha of the Shadow Rock pack is keen to invade the borders."

Why am I only just hearing of this.

If Alora, Ezra and the pack were under threat, I needed to be with them. Yet Hector doesn't seem concerned, he's acting as if this isn't the first time. Because it wasn't....

That's why he left the warriors behind, and insisted on Ezra remaining with Alora.

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"For how long have they been Invading the borders?" I ask annoyance clear in my tone.

"Long enough.

"Have I been involved with the defending of the borders?" I try to search my brain for anything....a flashback...any sign of remembering my life before the accident.

"You could say that." He sighs out, his answer cryptic.

"What does that mean?"

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"The alpha in discussion, you have a long standing...grievance with him regarding the ownership pack lands.

Beckett founded the pack on the lands that the local packs claimed were contested lands, sacred lands. You managed to turn most of them around into a peace treaty...but Alpha Marc..." "Why am I only just hearing of this?" I roar out, demanding to know.

"I wasn't sure if you could handle..."

"Bullshit...you just want to control my pack just like you want to control me."

"Watch your tongue." He growls out at me.

"If my pack is in danger I need to be there.."

"Your pack is in danger with or without you there Kaia. I made the decision to take you away from the danger.."

"Exactly, you took that decision....you commanded me to leave. I can't even leave this pack without your consent." My body is tensing as I feel my muscles tightened. "Kaia calm down."

"Is that another command?" I seethe out at him, before I stand up and go to walk past him. He grips my arm from his seat, stopping me from moving any further. "Where are you going?"

"I need air, I need some space."

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Kala POV

"Kala?" I hear Hector call out to me as I slam the front door behind me. I didn't want to be around him

right now.

He's commanded me to be here, commanded me not to leave and now I hear that my own pack, my twin sister are potentially in danger. Yet I bet if it was his pack he would be all over it instantly.

I could feel my blood boiling. I wanted to scream out and this pack was suddenly feeling too enclosed for

1. me.

Eyes everywhere.

I walk aimlessly, trying to lose this burning anger within me. I'm not sure how long I have walked but I come across a beautiful meadow.

Wild flowers boom and I have a sense of déjà vu wash over me before a couple of male wolves start walking towards me from the other end of the meadow. This must be one of the pack borders, I guess I had ventured too far for Hector's liking as they start smirking at

me.

I curse under my breath, eyes everywhere.

"You need to turn around Luna,"

"I want to pass." I state defiantly.

"Not today Luna." One of them responds before his eyes glaze over and I feel that oppressive suffocating feeling again that only Hector's command can create. Damn him.

"Luna?" A blonde male walks over to me from the side, his head gesturing for the others to go back to their posts.

"Is everything okay?"

"Riley right?" I remember him coming over with his sister.

"Yes, can I help?"

"I just wanted some space..."

"Rosa's at home, I know she is dying to see you...If you have the time that is."

I seemed to have all the time in the world right now.

Having entered into Rosa's family home and been made repeated cups of tea by her Mother, I finally venture upstairs to see if Rosa is alright.

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She didn't seem to want to venture outside of her bedroom, even knowing that I had come to see her.

As soon as I enter the room I find her muttering to herself in front of the mirror, alarm bells ringing in my

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ears.

Slowly I enter the room, my wolf warning me that someone wasn't right. As I enter the room I ensure my voice is soft and friendly.

"I'm told we knew each other?" I offer out, as she only just notices me entering her room. She turns around, placing some kind of garment that was in her hands back in her chest of drawers. "Yes Luna....we became friends even in a short space of time."

"I'm sorry, my amnesia..."

"No Luna, you don't need to apologise. In a way I'm glad.." What a strange thing to say to me. Everyone else has been concerned by my lack of memory, whereas she seems relieved by it. "I've been downstairs for sometime, did you not hear your mother?"

"No Luna, sorry...I've been busy.." She moves to her bed, clearing it of a number of dresses before dumping them on the floor. I watch her for a moment, as she sits on the end of her bed...watching herself in the mirror, Carefully, I approach her...taking a seat on the side of her bed, watching her start to mutter to herself

again.

She seemed to have some kind of sadness deep rooted within her, something that looking at a mirror helped her to communicate with. Before she sneers at her own reflection. Was she talking to her wolf? "Is something wrong Rosa?" I tenderly ask her.

"What do you mean?"

"Is something the matter with your wolf?"

"She's angry." Her face turns down, her shoulders slumping as she seems to admit defeat on herself.

"At you?"

"At everyone.."

"Why is she angry?"

"He...he hurt me."

"Who hurt you Rosa?"

"My mate...he..." She didn't need to continue, I knew exactly what had happened to this poor girl. Her mate had broken her heart.

"Do I need to kill him." I jokingly say, trying to ease the tension in the room. But it has the opposite desired effect. "You already did." She start to uncontrollably sob.

"Excuse me?"

"Well not you but...my mate. He's dead."

"Dead?" I feel like the wind has been knocked out of my lungs. How was she even still standing. The

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death of a mate, if you live through it, was meant to be soul destroying.

"When, how?"

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"You don't remember but when you lived here before. There was a security breach, well I stupidly went off pack grounds to him.."

"He wasn't part of this pack?" Why has nobody told me this since returning.

"No, he was a warrior of another pack. I went looking for my Dad on patrol and found him instead. I never knew a mate could be so cruel."

This was way worse than I thought, she didn't have a broken heart...she had a broken soul. He didn't, did

he?

Instinctively without thinking I wrap my arms around her, her back leaning into me.

I continue to hold her as she lets her tears fall. I had all the time in the world, she could cry for as long as

she wanted.

But she shouldn't be crying, she's done nothing wrong.

I'm not sure how long we sit like this, me slowly rocking her back and forth when I hear footsteps on the stairs, a knock then on her bedroom door. "Yes?" She wipes away her tears, just in time as Riley walks in.

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"You weren't answering..." His jaw is tense as he talks to his sister.

"I had my block up, why? What is it.."

There's a visitor at the gate Luna, someone wanting entry.." His eyes scowl at her before they turn to me.

Really, who is it?" I ask standing up and walking towards the both of them.

"He says he's your beta."

"My beta?"

"Yes Luna. Alpha is too far away for the mind-link and I can't get hold of him on his mobile..."

"No, don't bother him...did this beta say what he wanted?"

"He said he won't leave until he sees for himself that you are alive."

Damn this amnesia, it was actually starting to annoy me.

I had just put my foot in it with Rosa, now I couldn't remember vital information that I needed to know, as a luna...as an alpha.

"Leave it with me..." I pull my phone out of my pocket and call Alora.

She, as always, answers within the first few rings. I don't give her a chance to even greet my call.

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Kala POV

"Did I have a beta?" I don't give Alora the chance to greet me as she usually does when she answers my

calls. ""What?

"A beta, when I was there...did we have a beta?"

"Yes, he was from your childhood pack and found you here with Beckett. Why?" She answers but makes no attempt to hide her surprise from my sudden out of the blue questioning.

"There's someone at the gate claiming to be my beta..."

Silence...

"Where's Hector?" She asks after a pause.

"He's off site, he's at Jude's pack. What is his name?" I click my tongue, I don't need Hector here to meet with someone.

"Samson. Look, I'll send you a picture so that the guards can verify whether it is him or not. But don't engage with him until Hector is back on site." Her tone is more forceful than I expected from her, especially if he was meant to be from my childhood pack. "Did we get along?"

"Yes, you two were very close...I think that's why you should wait for Hector. He had a bit of a thing for you. Look, I'm sending a picture now, send it on to the guards.."

"Riley is here, I'll show it to him. Thanks Alora, I'll call you later."

"Wait, Kaia. I mean it, don't engage with him.."

"I'm well guarded here Alora, don't worry." I hang up the phone call and open a text message from Alora to find a picture of a young blonde male.

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pass the picture on to Riley, who takes a snap shot from his own phone before walking back outside of the bedroom and down the stairs.

"I think I had better head back to the alpha house, just in case." I say to Rosa, as I pocket my phone in my back pocket.

I think Riley was more surprised than me that Rosa insisted on walking me back with him. His eyes watched her the entire time as we slowly walked, her arm locked in with mine.

I could see the alpha house from Rosa's front door yet the walk back seem to take longer thanks to Riley stopping every minute to redial Hector's number.

"Honestly, I'll just stay in the house..." I was eager to meet this male, to find out things that perhaps hadn't been as scripted as it was with Alora and Hector.

Both of them seem to be careful what they say to me.

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"I'm not leaving you Luna, I have clear Instructions." Riley bluntly declares.

"You managed to get hold of Alpha then?" I stop to ask him, digging my heels firmly in the ground.

"No.." He responds checking back at his phone.

"Then what are your instructions?" I raise an eyebrow at him.

I wasn't trying to be a bitch but I was confident I could hold a conversation with someone by myself.

"To escort you.." He starts but I cut him off. This was madness, Hector himself said I was experienced with negotiating peace treaties and getting alphas on side. I'm sure I could handle my own beta.

"To escort me to yours and back to mine, I am here now. You can go. Honestly Riley, stand outside if you want. But I don't need babysitting, not when I am alone!"

"Kala..." Rosa starts but stops when Riley growls at her.

"Luna, it isn't about you not being trusted. We are targeted with keeping the alpha family safe.."

"I will decide my own safety protocols for the time being. Is the man still at the gates?" Their behaviour was really starting to annoy me. Yes I have a mark on my neck but I hadn't marked Hector, and didn't plan

1. to.

""Yes Luna."

"Let him in, if he claims to be my beta, he might have vital information that could help to bring back my memory."

I could see Riley's hesitation as my aura started to come forward. I know not being a pack member that a 'command wouldn't work particularly well on him, but something inside of me was willing to try if I was disobeyed on this. "He can only come in the pack borders if I remain with you at all times."

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"Fine." I finally agree to his terms out of frustration more than anything, before his eyes glaze over.

I wait in the sitting room, joined by Riley and Rosa, as they keep me posted on the journey of the guards bringing this visitor in via a car.

I hear a car pull up outside, and doors opening before being slammed shut...as the front door buzzer goes.

I didn't know what to expect, I had no memory of a beta. Of someone from my childhood, but maybe as soon as I see him, maybe all of this blankness will be flooded with memories, flashbacks.

His photograph hadn't stirred a miraculous recovery but maybe a face to face encounter will.

As Riley goes to answer the front door, Rosa places her hand on mine before reassuring me that she would remain with me.

A sour smell burns at my nostrils as I hear voices converse in the hall way as the front door is closed.

"That's the smell of a rogue." Noticing my reaction, Rosa whispers in my ear before a handsome blonde male walks into the room, his eyes darting to me instantly.

"Kaia..." He gasps out as he starts to gain distance on me, until Riley places his hand on his shoulder

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holding him back.

"This is close enough.

"She's my Luna...I'm not going to harm her. Kala, what has happened... why are you here?"

I can feel my brain searching for something, conscious that I am just staring at him.

But yet again, disappointingly no memory has come back...nothing. "Samson, right?"

Samson's eyes dart to Riley next to him for an explanation.

"Luna Kaia was involved in an accident and has amnesia."

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Kala POV

"Kaia?" His eyes continue to search mine for some sort of sign that this was surely a wind up.

I'm sorry, it's true." I look between Riley and Samson.

"What happened?"

"Well obviously I don't remember." I try to make light of the situation but it falls flat. Even Rosa, she was tensing her back as this Samson seemed transfixed on me. You

"You don't remember me?"

"I don't. I thought I might if I saw you, that your face might trigger a memory. But it hasn't.

I don't remember anything, it's like a do over. I didn't even remember my mate."

"Mate?" His eyebrows furrow, before they fall upon the mark on my neck. A deep rumble leaves his chest as his lips expose his teeth, unsatisfied by something. Yes Hector." I confirm.

"Oh I see."

An awkwardness descends on the room as I mention Hector's name to Samson. Thankfully Rosa breaks it by standing up and offering to make us some drinks. "What happened?" He asks me, running his hands through his blonde hair.

"Apparently I fell from the cliff tops.."

"Fell...from the cliff tops?.... You did love the cliff tops." He scoffs at first before sighing out.

"I did?"

"It was your favourite place in the pack, it reminded you of our childhood pack the Clear Waters."

I was focused on every word that left his mouth....gripped by what he was saying, learning about my past from a stranger. Although I wasn't a stranger to him. "My mother's pack right?"

"It was your Mother's pack but Beckett was the alpha...what happened to Beckett?"

"There was a complication with the kidney transplant to Alora, apparently he just never regained consciousness." I respond, not expecting his eyes to flash to that of his wolf's. His eyes continue to bore into me, as if searching for something opposite to what I am telling him.

I tilt my head looking up at him, trying to find out what he was thinking. I even try to find him through the mind-link, using the same method I had used with Alora before leaving. But I can't seem to find him...

"We don't share a current pack-link?"

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"No." He frowns, as he closes his eyes and inhales a big Intake of air.

"How are you my beta then?"

"It's complicated. I was going to be sworn into the Nightshade Reformed pack but then Alora arrived and well everything kind of changed."

It didn't slow us down not having the mind-link?"

"No...no you and me Kala, we've always had a strong connection." He takes a step towards me and I'm not sure if it is that step or his words that results in a warning growl from Riley. "Careful what you say, she is our Luna."

Samson's chest buffs out as he turns to Riley not phased, not threatened at all.

"She is my Luna, my Alpha now...I wish to speak to her alone." He demands through clenched teeth.

"You can fuck off." Riley growls, crossing his arms making himself look like an unmovable mountain. "Kaia...I have private things to discuss with you. Things that are

vital for the Nightshade Reformed pack." He turns to me, his eyes giving me a pointed look. "Really?"

"Yes."

"Riley won't say anything.." I offer out.

"Even so, I would be happier knowing it was said in private. Please Kaia." His plea seemed genuine, something he didn't want to share to anyone else but me.

"Riley.." I sigh out, knowing he would be against this.

"Luna, no." Riley tries to keep his growl back.

"Riley, I'll be fine. You and Rosa can go home or wait outside for privacy." I demand.

"Luna.."

"I mean it Riley, please respect my wishes." I firmly state, releasing my aura behind my request. I thought I would need to practice it more, but it comes naturally to me...like breathing.

As he leaves the room, he gives Samson a parting glare.

As soon as the door closes Samson takes a step closer to me, his hands gripping at my jaw as he tilts my head up to look closer at my mark.

"You let him mark you?" His tone has a level of disgust to it.

"No...not exactly.."

"What the fuck does that mean?" His grip on my jaw tightens as my wolf pushes, I can feel her looking out through my eyes.

"Get your hands off me!" I order, my eyes giving a death stare.

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"Forgive me Kaia.....I shouldn't have done that."

"No you shouldn't." I growl as my hand rubs at my jawne.

"So why weren't you at my pack when I came out of my coma?" I take a few steps away from him, putting a couch between us.

I wasn't scared of him by any means but I think it was best for us both, and for his hands to stay unbroken, if there was something between us.

"I left, I had an argument with your Father. Kala...is he really dead?"

"Yes, Alora is acting as the Alpha until I return. If I return."

"If, what does that mean?"

"I am Luna here, being Hector's mate..." I stop as he scoffs. Suddenly I feel quite protective of this pack and my status as their Luna. Even of my bond with Hector, yes I may deny it but having someone else question it seems to rattle me more than I thought it would. Ebony Woods

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Kala POV

"If you haven't been at my pack, then where have you been?"

"I have found sanctuary at a pack. But I haven't accepted a position with them because I have been waiting for you. Waiting for you to tell me what to do."

I search his eyes for some kind of mockery but he meant this...he had been waiting.

He was putting a lot of responsibility on my shoulders, and I didn't even know him anymore.

"I don't know what you should do Samson, I don't know anything myself anymore. This pack you live with, they are a good pack?" Alora said she would be my Beta and it made sense for my own sister to support

1. me.

"They...yes they are a good pack to me."

"Then, join them. You don't want to be a rogue forever."

"Well that was the plan, to join the Nightshade Reformed pack, because I was a rogue. It felt fitting as a rogue to join the battle for resettled rogues. To be the beta to the Glace Alpha family again...to support you. That's all I wanted...to be by your side." "Fate seems to have had other plans..." I add some words to help ease the tension. He nods before his eyes widen, and he moves around the couch towards me again.

"Kaia, the land...did Beckett leave anything in your name, did he give you documents?"

"Saying what?"

"About the lands, that's what we argued about...as well as him holding back making me a pack member, amongst other things. He didn't leave any documents indicating the history of the land?" "Everything is with Alora now. I can ask her to have a look....what would it be."

"I'm not entirely sure, he kept things close to his chest. Even you, his most treasured possession....he kept things from you."

""Possession?"

"Oh yes, your beloved father loved you as a father should, but make no mistake he possessed you Kaia. He controlled you." There's bitterness in his tone.

His comment immediately gets my back up. How dare he say I would be controlled. The recent memories of Hector's command washing over me each time I tried to leave comes back to me. I won't be controlled.

He could tell he had irritated me, that his comment was too much. I walk away from him towards the window, needing distance between us.

He was a passionate beta I'll give him that, but I couldn't do anything about not remembering.

So his attitude towards me was starting to piss me off

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"I think maybe it's time for you to leave." I turn, facing him with no hesitation.

"I'm sorry Knia I didn't mean to upset you."

"I'm not upset. Don't you get it, I have nothing to get upset about...I can't remember anything. All I know is I am an alpha of a pack and am a luna of this pack. That I have a mate." "A mate that didn't want you...." He mutters under his breath.

"What does that mean?" I growl out, he was starting to become vindictive now. I understood he was upset but that gave him no right to be bitter towards me.

"Nothing" He shakes his head, walking over to me...his footsteps slow and heavy. It's as if he has the weight of the world on his shoulders.

"I want you to leave." I say slowly and calmly.

"No, I can't leave not until you remember me Kaia."

"Then you'll be waiting a long time Samson. If I can't remember my sister...my, what did you say, beloved

before Father..." I repeat in the same bitter tone he had only just used himself a few moments ago continuing.

"Then I'm sorry to say but the chances of me remembering you are slim to none."

"I won't let you forget me Kaia, I haven't come this far, lasted this long for it to fall apart at the last hurdle."

"For what to fall apart?"

"Us, everything...there's a reason Beckett wanted that land.... His hands grip on my shoulders, as he pulls himself closer to me.

"Remove your hands." I seethe out.

"Please Kaia, you have to remember me." He starts to shake me as if that would magically realign my brain. He was becoming enraged by circumstances I had no control over. "Samson Stop." I go to push him back off me when the door bursts open, a thunderous growl escaping Riley

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Kala POV

As soon as the door bursts open, I expect Samson to hang his head in shame from the way he was shaking me, that Riley's roar would have snapped him out of his desperation. But it does quite the opposite.

He turns, moving fast towards Riley, launching himself at him.

They both fall to the ground, tumbling as they both try and get the upper hand on the other.

Both of their shifts imminent as they push against each other's chests, creating enough space for one another to stand again.

Samson clearly the beta trained and not waiting for Riley to get the advantage, as he rams into the warrior ...pushing his head against the wall.

"Luna, get out." Riley roars at me but I am not scared of their fight, if anything...it's unnecessary and I want to break it up myself.

I walk towards them both, trying to make them see sense when Riley breaks free of Samson and rushes towards me.

His arms snake around my waist as he pushes me away...I lose my balance, my body crashing into a glass topped side table.

A growl escapes Samson, his eyes flashing in anger as he snarls, watching me trying to move off the broken side table. That was now shards of glass and splintered wood beneath me on the floor. I flinch as I cut my hand on a broken piece of glass as I try to stand, my blood starting to trickle from my

palm.

"Kaia?"

"It's fine, I'm fine...you both..." I start to respond that it was nothing when Samson, in an even deeper rage, launches himself back at Riley.

It was an accident, he was just trying to get me out of the way.

They continue to completely destroy most of the sitting room within seconds. I wouldn't be able to walk now without cutting the soles of my feet on glass, Hector would be furious at his destroyed sitting room. "Take it outside!" I roar at them both, just as Samson picks up a broken piece of glass and slashes Riley against his chest.

I stop in shock, things had just gone up a notch and were turning more bloody, more aggressive.

Rosa runs into check on the commotion, her scream piercing my ears as she sees the blood running down her brother's chest from the attack Samson had just carried out.

-The glass still held in his hand, which he was pulling back to prepare for another attack.

"No!" I jump on Samson from behind, cutting my feet in the process, as I pull the shard of glass from out of his grip.

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His head turns to me, a smirk upon his lips as he flats His hand into a small ball. At first I think he might take a swipe at me until his eyes go back on Riley.

Distracted by her scream, Riley turns to Rosa just long enough for Samson to land a blow to the temple.... knocking Riley out cold.

"Rosa, call the warriors!" I command for her to use the mind-link but her eyes are looking down at her brother. Unconscious and bloody on the floor.

I move around Samson, checking Riley and pushing my hand against his wounds to stop the bleeding.

I can feel glass in my feet but push through the pain.

Samson stands tall as the victor, his eyes looking to Rosa who seems to be shaking in fear. Her eyes move up to Samson's as they start to glaze over into a mind-link, as she follows my command.

He lunges for her but I won't have another male dare to touch her.

"Leave her alone!" I growl out at him, standing up as I block her with my body. Could he not see she was in some state of shock. A flashback being triggered.

My hands are held out, blood covering them as I stand in his path. He'll have to get through me to hurt her.

"Use the mind-link Rosa!" I release my aura onto her, my words firm as I glare into his eyes. How dare he do this, how dare he come here and attack a pack member. He was acting like a rogue, not like a beta.

"I'm not going to hurt her Kaia." He scoffs looking at my held out hands.

"But you're happy to hurt one of my warriors?"

"One of your..." He shakes his head in a sign of disbelief as he turns moving away from me.

"Fucking hell, he really does have you fooled doesn't he." He screws up his face bitterly..

"You sound jealous Samson and the other warriors will be here now knowing one of theirs is unconscious. You need to leave..." I didn't want to harm Samson, if what he says is true then he had been a loyal friend and beta until something changed recently. I can't damn remember but that is something I can't fix, not right now.

"Jealous?" He chides as I step past Riley, keeping Samson away from them and more towards the inner part of the room, towards the window.

As I step away, Rosa gasps in fear from my getting closer to him. My arms want to wrap around her but I am very conscious of Samson acting unhinged at the moment.

I couldn't keep my eyes or mind set off him for a second. And I don't want him near her.

"Samson, what do you want from me?"

He looks at me, his hands clenching down by his sides. He was angry about something, something that I had no control over..

Kaia...the attack..." He stops when he sees a group of warriors running towards the alpha house from outside the window.

Panic in his eyes as he realises he is now out of time.

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"Kala...it's vital that you remember me."

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Hector POV

The sense of foreboding refuses to leave me, I just couldn't shake it off. I was trying to work as quickly as

I could.

I had felt it since leaving Kaia. My wolf was unhappy with me, but my pack was safe, well guarded. I also wouldn't do her harm to feel the pull of the mate bond, feel the tug on her heart from me being away from her.

She was fighting against it, fighting against that pull. She was strong, but judging by our time in the kitchen last night, she wasn't wholly capable of denying that call to be mine.

I was in the library at Jude's pack. He had records here that went back for centuries, things that not even the council had access to.

Some of the books I needed were in the far back, the dark and dusty part where my cell signal doesn't

reach.

I was reading through an old book, which was handwritten in calligraphy...the ink bleeding through the pages and making it difficult to make out most of the words. These writings were centuries year's old.

I wanted to cover all bases, make sure I knew as much as I could. From what I gathered so far, the white wolf belonged to the original pack and was created by the moon goddess to protect them.

I was trying to find out what happened to this original pack, to find out how far back our werewolf ancestry went.

I had always assumed the first shifters would have mixed with humans, resulting in the original shifters moving further away from the power of the moon.

Their powers blending or being watered down for a better word.

Was Kaia an original werewolf that hadn't been affected by centuries of evolution.

Checking my phone again, I'm struggling to lose that sense of foreboding.

Whoever said distance makes the heart grow stronger didn't have a mate trying to leave the pack grounds on a regular basis, only for my command to prevent her. I didn't want to put it on her, I could tell it hurt her.

As soon as I exit the library my phone starts to beep with notifications as the signal kicks back in. Missed calls, voicemails and text messages all from Riley's mobile number doesn't help soothe that dread growing within me. I listen to the first voicemail...a groan escaping me for thinking I could leave without drama unfolding.

"Alpha, a male is at the gate claiming to be Luna's Beta..."

The phone beeps onto his next voicemail.

"Alpha, Luna is adamant she wants to meet this Beta. Her sister has sent a picture and I can verify it is him ... How shall I proceed?"

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Adrenaline fuelled by panic makes me listen to the next message but I already know Kaia would have approved entry.

"Alpha, I'm not happy with the situation. Luna has kicked me out of the meeting, I am standing outside the alpha house waiting. I'm listening in as much as I can."

My wolf has heard enough, he pushes through the barrier and hits the call back option for Riley as I break out into a sprint towards my car.

"Alpha?"

"Riley, don't leave her alone with him." I command down the phone.

"Alpha?"

"Get in there now..." My growl is from sheer panic and desperation to maintain her safety.

"Riley?" I roar.

"Shit..." He growls and I hear a whooshing sound as he must move at speed with the phone in his hand.

I hear him burst through the door, his thunderous growl not quelling the rising panic within me as I continue to run towards my car.

On the phone I hear an almighty crash before the phone line goes dead, and I start my engine, hitting the gas pedal and zooming out of the pack grounds.

As I gain distance on the Dark Phantom pack I can feel the pack link starting to come back. Its frequency growing the closer I get to my own lands.

As soon as I hit the pack link barrier, I command my warriors to rush to the alpha house but they are already heading towards that location.

Their desire to protect their future luna driving them to run as fast as they can, as they report to me that Riley is unresponsive through the link. He hasn't died, I would have felt the pack link snap out of place, I would have felt his passing. I only just miss the gates, I wasn't going to stop, I would plough through them if I needed to. What was Samson doing here and why now...why was he here now.

I leap out of the car, leaving it running as my wolf pushes me to move...not that he needed to.

"Kaia...it's vital that you remember me." His hands are all over her, clinging to her face.

My eyes see red as he dares to touch my mate, dares to touch what is mine.

The smell of her blood circulating the room,

I don't wait for an explanation, I rip him off her, my brute strength flinging him back into the wall. I put my weight behind my fist as it hits at the corner of his mouth. "Don't you dare touch her." I roar out as my warriors surround him, gripping his hands behind his back.

I wish they didn't, I'd like to rip his arms of him myself. Burn his hands for touching my mate, touching my

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Kaia POV

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It had been there from the moment I woke up out of my coma, his command preventing me from being away from him or his pack...which although annoying I could live with. No matter how much it infuriated

1. me.

But this was different, his temper had exploded and for once I felt the need to soothe him, that pull to him to calm his anger.

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Hector had always been understanding of my denying of the mate bond, in fact I think he took some pleasure in it. He certainly seemed to enjoy testing me last night in the kitchen but this was different. This was a step too far, even for him.

This was something else, this was full raging red, burning flames of anger towards Samson.

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"Take him to the cells." He roars, his command like heavy drums as they shake me to my core. Samson smugly wipes the blood away from the corner of his mouth by the back of his hand.

For a human hybrid, Hector terrified even me. I could almost see the steam coming off him as his body 'trembled with rage.

My wolf comes forward feeling the gravitational pull to calm him, wanting to calm him...to touch him.

"Hector." I take a step towards him, reaching my hand out to touch him, to calm him.

"You deliberately put my pack in danger." He scolds at me through gritted teeth.

"How so?"

"By putting yourself in danger. They will defend you until the death Kaia. You are their Luna, why can't you fucking see that." He roars at me.

"He said he was my beta." I quietly respond, suddenly embarrassed by my actions.

"We'll discuss this later." He cuts me off curtly before taking in the horror of the room.

A feeling of guilt hits me as my eyes cast around the room also, broken glass, a warrior bleeding and passed out on the floor...my own blood permeating the room.

I look at my hands that were still covered in Riley's blood and I could feel the sharpness of the broken glass digging deeper into the soles of my feet.

It looked like a horror scene and I understand why he is so angry. This was quite a scene to return to. Especially not knowing the context of what happened. Chapter 0175

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"Hector..."

"Kaia, don't start.." Hector seethes at me for giving an opposite command.

"He didn't know about my amnesia, just... let me talk to him.."

""You can't be serious?"

"I granted him access because I thought he might have information that would help me remember...or something about my Father."

"Let me get this correct? One minute you deny our bond, make me feel guilty as hell for marking you without your consent...then you put my pack in danger by letting a rogue in..." "He said.."

"He's a rogue Kaia." His face is in mine now, I was feeling the full brunt of his anger. His frustration.

I must say, it was sexy as hell to see him this animated. Usually he was so cryptic, there was nothing cryptic about his emotions right now. He was pissed and letting me know.

"You knowingly let a rogue on pack grounds. You refuse to accept the mate bond, refusing to accept the pack bond... only to then use it when it suits you."

"I never once have refused the pack."

"Each time, each time you tried to escape you were rejecting them." His finger jabs me in the chest before pointing at Riley still unconscious on the floor.

"Look, look at my warrior. Look at you....look at your blood. How do you think it felt, smelling your blood as soon as I enter, feeling the unease through the bond miles always. I can feel it Kaia. You may not be able to...but I can feel the bond, feel your emotions. How angry you are at me, how much you want to leave, how much you despise me..."

"

"I don't despise you Hector." I gasp out.

I didn't know this, I didn't know he could feel my emotions. I assumed that because I hadn't marked him the only thing between us was still that feel of the bond, the pull. I didn't know he felt all of my emotions. Ebony Woods

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Kaia POV

My words linger between us, Hector's anger leaving an oppressive mood to the room.

His aura was so strong that I was finding the air too close, it was hard to breathe. As if a thunderstorm was threatening to shake the walls of this house.

Is it because I am his mate that his aura affects me in such a way. When I mark him...will it level itself out

My eyes remain on him, like a predator ready to attack. I can't turn my back on him...I know he wouldn't do any thing but still, my wolf is primed and ready.

Riley starts to stir on the ground, his pained groan grabbing my attention. He sits up rubbing at his head as he turns to look at me. His eyes widening when he realises his alpha is on the verge of bringing hell to this

room.

"Luna...Alpha." Riley loo

at his chest, his eyes looking to my hands stained with his blood,

"Rosa needs your help Riley." I offer as he turns to find Rosa still standing against the wall, her body still shaking.

She was locked in some kind of trance, some kind of panic mode and it pains me to see her like this.

"Open the windows, I can smell rogue in here." Hector growls at me before he moves, stopping with the crunching of glass under his shoes.

He looks down at my feet, a vibrating snarl escaping from his chest...he was only just noticing my cut feet.

He stalks back towards me and I backstep a little, he wouldn't actually eat me would he...he still had that predator look about him.

He moves at a masterful speed as he swoops me up in his arms, carrying me over the broken glass. I don't dare protest, and not that I would admit it out loud...his intoxicating scent... this close...was making me lightheaded.

He cradles me up the stairs, into my own room where he gently places me on the edge of the bed. He lifts my feet up, assessing my wounds.

His eyes take on a demonic black, the grey ash burning away into a deeper colour.

Any chance of him calming down had disappeared at the sight of my bloody feet. My hands, the blood was Riley's, but my feet and back of my legs were littered with broken glass and blood.

"Hector calm down." My eyes don't leave him as his nostrils flare and he pinches the bridge of his nose. "Don't tell me to calm down!" His words are still angry but his touch is gentle. He walks into the ensuite only to return moments later with a damp towel.

I try to pull my feet away, but he holds them steady into his chest as he pulls out pieces of glass. "He was only one man and he just wanted to check I was alive. You are over reacting Hector." I regret my words as soon as they leave my lips, his glare was scary as he stopped all movement...his eyes burning

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into mine.

If I don't know any better I would think that he wanted to teach me how to obey him.

"It could have been a decoy to get rogues on site. You are the Luna, start acting like one." He tuts at me as he continues to clean my feet.

but

"I am not your Luna yet Hector, but I am an Alpha and if I see fit I will make my own decisions. Especially when they come to my own safety." My jaw tightens as try to defend my actions. I try to move my feet away but he keeps them locked into his chest. "You made a decision based on just yourself and it affected my entire pack. Riley was old cold, Rosa is having a panic attack. The old you would never have been so blinded.."

"Blinded?"

"Blinded by self importance." His words stun me, that's not what I had done at all.

I just wanted to know if I could remember something. Anything.

I want to so desperately tell him what it is like to wake and not remember anything, not even your own name. What once was up is now down, and down is up. That the only reason I believe he is telling the myself.

truth about our bond is because I feel it f

But and as much as I hate to admit it to myself...he was right, I hadn't thought of it being a decoy, that others might have been waiting to attack.

I had gone above Riley's advice...I had acted purely for myself. I hadn't thought of the possible repercussions of letting an unknown person into pack grounds.

A rogue.

"I'm sorry, I didn't think of it like that. I just wanted to see if I would remember, if I could remember my beta...my childhood..."

"Childhood?" He cuts me off, not happy with what I might have continued with.

"Friend, I was going to say friend Hector. What's this really about? He didn't seem to respond well when I mentioned you as my mate, what issue do you have with each other?"

"I've never trusted him from day one, never liked his back story and now this..." He finishes with the towel, and I gasp trying to muffle my moan as he starts to lick my open wounds with his tongue. I watch him, his eyes focusing on mine as his tongue continues to circulate creating an array of tingles. Creating a flood of feelings to my lower core. My toes wanting to curl within his hold.

"And now what?" I clear my throat as he places my feet down and slowly stands me up, testing my balance. I wish he hadn't, I wanted him to continue.

I had noticed that although Hector was a very articulate individual, sometimes he had a way of talking in riddles. Of trying to be cryptic in the way he said things, rather than just say it for what it was.

"He put his hands on you, on what is mine."

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Hector POV

"On what is yours..."

Pinkish tones enter onto her cheeks, as she blushes under my intense gaze.

Something had switched inside of me seeing his hands on her, my wolf was pushing harder for me to finish the marking ritual, for me to claim her.

But I can't force her.

She has to go through her first heat cycle yet, she'll struggle to deny the bond between us then. I have marked her, it was only a matter of time before my mark as an alpha gives her that unbearable first heat.

I watch as she picks up the towel and walks into the bathroom, putting it in a laundry basket. Seeing her blood now as stains on the towel, my body tenses as I want to kill him.

I push on the mind-link to my warriors that were holding him in the cells.

"Alpha?" They collectively respond.

"Is he talking?"

"No Alpha, not a word."

"I'll be down shortly."

"Hector.." Kaia's soft palm cups the side of my cheek, the eruption of tingles bringing me back in the room with her.

My wolf has also slipped through the veil more as I was mind-linking. My concentration on the damn veil momentarily lapsed.

"Don't move." I tense at her touch. One wrong move and I'll claim her, I know I will.

"What's wrong?"

"I'm trying to control my wolf, keep him at bay."

"Why?"

"Because...he wants to finally claim you as his."

"He already has.."

"No Kaia, he has marked you, not claimed you." My chest rumbles.

"Hector.." Her voice is breathy, unbelievable...yet again she is trying to deny this.

"You are mine Kaia, you'll realise it soon enough." My hand trails up her arm and I swallow hard when red finger marks remain from his touch.

I'm going to kill him.

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Some of my best men were holding Samson in the cells, waiting for my arrival. I knew what to do, he claims to be a rogue but I don't believe him. Somebody had been keeping him in comfort, somehow he had heard about Beckett's death, that she was here. A rogue wouldn't have heard of Beckett's death, not this soon. He was in communication with someone and I want to know who.

Entering my cells, I can already smell his blood permeating the air I breathe. My men are the best, the best for a reason. Our pack's reputation wasn't unjust...we protected our own and severely punished those that sought to harm one of ours.

He's chained to the wall, like the dog that he is but in human form. His face had already been bruised and cut from my men's touch... things were about to get a lot more bloody for him.

His smirk as I enter is the wrong thing for him to do.

"Why are you here?"

"I needed to know..." He stops talking when I grasp his jaw in my hands and squeeze tight.

"To know what?"

"That she was safe."

"Her safety is no longer your concern."

"It will always be my concern..." His words rattle me.

He still thinks he has a place by her side, as her beta.

'My grip tightens, my fingers crushing in on his jaw as he struggles to breathe through the pain.

Needing him to still talk, I release my grip but land a blow to his jaw.

His body throwing back and the back of his head hitting against the solid brick wall.

"Who sent you?"

"Nobody sent me." He growls out pulling at his chains, his wolf trying to fight me.

"But somebody told you that Beckett was dead, somebody has kept you well informed and well dressed."

"I returned back to the pack that houses me..."

"A pack that we know nothing about, a pack that isn't part of the alliance... So how did you find out about Beckett."

"Word gets out.."

"Bullocks, somebody is drip feeding you information...."

He doesn't reply, only takes a deep breath in before the corner of his lip curls up into a smirk again.

"She looks good doesn't she..." His mouth spreads out into a devious evil grin. His eyes turning demonic. "What?"

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"All that past baggage gone. I bet you couldn't believe your blessings. A new start...a rewrite. You will never deserve her...she belongs

to.."

I see red, my wolf pushing forward meeting his demonic stare. If he came to see hell, then I will show him the devil.

"She belongs to me!" I roar out, my hand lacing around his neck and squeezing tightly. He wheezes as he struggles to breathe, his eyes bulging out of their sockets.

A few more seconds and this dick will be dead, I will rid Kaia's world of him.

But my wolf wants to set a trap. He wants to know who is working with him because his story of the pack that houses him is complete bullshit. Somebody is sharing information and I want to know who.

"I won't kill you. Because the old Kaia wouldn't want it..but if I ever find you creeping around our pack grounds again...I won't hesitate."

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Kaia POV

I've been in his office for the past hour, staring at the laptop Alora packed for me. I don't know why, it is password protected and I have no idea of what it could be...and I won't accept Hector's help in recovering

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I'm not sure I want him to have access to my emails just yet.

I hear the front door open and close, it's late and I couldn't sleep until I knew he was back.

By the time I had showered and came down to clear up, Aubrey had already cleaned the entire front room as if nothing had happened.

"Is he dead?" I call out, as he walks towards his office.

"No...I let him go. But he'll have eyes on him." He sighs out as he leans against the door frame.

"You've released him to trap him?"

"Exactly Kaia. You might think his intentions were good in coming here but someone told him about Beckett, he knew you were here.

He didn't go to the Nightshade Reformed pack, if he had heard...which is unlikely as a rogue, through word of mouth. His first actions would have been going to your pack.

But he didn't...someone informed him you are here. Someone has been keeping him well fed and well dressed. He might be packless but he is by no means a traditional rogue." I thought he would be dead....

Closing my laptop I move towards the other side of the desk, resting against it.

"For what it is worth, you are right. I shouldn't have let him on site...I should have handled it better."

"Thank you."

"What, that's it? No, I told you so."

"Nope...I'm a pretty reasonable person Kaia, when it is on my terms."

"That's not reasonable...that's just getting your own way." I roll my eyes, unable to stop the smile that enters onto my lips.

It's like a vortex has entered the room and I am being sucked into it.

The atmosphere between us changes as his body moves towards me and I have nowhere to go, my lower back already pressing against the desk.

He stalks towards me until he stops, one of his legs just by my knees that are pressed together.

His fingers touch my upper arms, I look down to find them dancing across red marks. I hadn't even noticed. Samson had shook me so severely that his fingers left marks on my skin. The telltale sign of anger washes over Hector as his jaw tenses and his eyes flash to his wolf. His head

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bends down, his nose now trailing along my skin, disgust falling upon his face as he smells something he doesn't like.

"His scent is on you.." His teeth open up under his lip that has snarled. I am frozen as his tongue runs across my upper arm to my lower neck and starts to suck on areas of my collar bone.

My head rolls back as he moves up to my mate mark, his wet lips locking on my neck and sucking on my sensitive part.

Where he has branded me.

I have no control over my body, my head rolls back from the pleasure he is causing me. I don't even recognise the moan that escapes my mouth, it doesn't even sound like me. It sounds animalistic... unworldly.

His touch leaves me, my body cools and I hadn't realised how heated it had become under his caress. My eyes open to find him kicking the office door shut before he stalks back towards me, an alpha on a mission as he hoist me on the desk and pushes my knees apart. "We can stop at anytime."

His words are like a distant noise, something happening miles away from the euphoria he had caused by his touch, the sensation I needed back. "Kaia, you need to tell me if you want to stop."

"Don't stop." I moan out as his fingers tease along my waistband, his fingers trying to gain access through my tight leggings. I don't ever want him to stop.

He manages to lift me in the air, pulling my leggings down to my ankles leaving me in my panties.

I am in a trance, I am unable to break away. Not that I want to... the tingles from his touch have accumulated to a burning desire.

I gasp out loud as his fingers separates my lips below.

"Kaia..."

I don't want him to stop... Is this what the mate bond can do...is this how it feels.

I can feel the lust take over me, like an unquenchable thirst. An addiction that threatens to take over me. I can feel my eyes turning sultry as I look up at him.

A smirk enters onto his lips as he starts to move his fingers below before entering me, his thumb circulating around my clit.

"Hector..." I groan out, my husky voice calling for more.

He hushes my moans by placing his lips upon mine, his tongue already invading my mouth tasting every part of me.

I moan out from the intrusion, wanting more....wanting to give into something I had held back on for too long.

To trust this bond between us.

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Kaia POV

At first he is gentle, he lets his finger explore the outer area until it plunges deeply into my womanly depths.

His finger seems to go in deeper into my lower core, twirling around and reaching a spot I didn't know even existed.

He presses against an area and whatever it is, it causes me to scream out in pleasure. A satisfied smile erupts onto his face as I hear his own wolf purr from his chest.

He continues to pump his fingers, pressing against that spot, and I can feel tingles spreading up into my

lower stomach.

His mouth continues to eat up my moans, his body pressing firmly against mine.

My hands need to hold something, to clamp down on something and I go to reach for him but his free hand grabs mine, placing them and holding them behind my lower back. I gasp out when he adds another finger into my depths.

His fingers continue to move in and out of me, as I hear my own juices increasing and the sensitivity of the area intensifying.

Nothing else matters in this moment, not what might be happening outside the door, what might be happening in our packs. Only this. Only him and me.

His relentless movements make me forget the forgotten, make my mind blank...and I know this is a feeling I could easily get addicted to.

My eyes roll into the back of my head as I pant out his name only for him to place a kiss on my neck.... until he sucks again at my sensitive spot and that blows me over...

I feel my walls tightening, I feel my muscles clamping down on his fingers until I lose all matter of my senses and my head turns dizzy from the mind shattering eruption within me.

He continues with his touch within my womanly folds, letting me ride out my orgasm....my body heating as tingles explode like fireworks across every inch of my body.

I want more...I don't want this to stop.

I pull at his T-shirt again, wanting it off him...wanting any material between us gone.

I want skin on skin only.

He pulls his fingers out of me and I watch in horror as he sucks my juices off him. His own eyes closing as he tastes me.

They reopen with an even deeper level of lust in them, desire so strong that it takes my breath away.

More, I need more and so does he.

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But...something pushes forward in my mind. A small level of doubt. He picks up on it as he brings his face towards mine, his forehead pressing against mine. ""What is it?"

"Nothing...it's just...I don't know if I've ever done this before." My words are between my rising chest.

It was clear that of all things he wasn't expecting me to say that. His eyes bore into mine, searching for something but I'm not sure what. Had we already been together and he was now hurt I couldn't remember. "Hector?" My hands loosen within his grip giving me the opportunity to release one and place it to his cheek. Helping him to come out of his own thoughts, as I gently cup the side of his face.

""You're not..."

"No?" I chuckle out trying to recreate the playful passion between us but something has changed and I groan internally at spoiling the atmosphere. For ruining the moment.

"Have we done it before?" I ask him, searching into his eyes.

"No, but you're right it should be at the right timing." His voice is stony, cold.

He moves away from me and I am cold again from his lack of touch.

I can't believe I just did that.

"I wasn't saying that, I was just..." My legs move off the desk but they are trembling still from my organism. I reach down and pull my leggings back up as best as I can.

"...I just didn't want to disappoint you because I don't remember anything. I didn't want to disappoint by not being any good at it." It is hard to navigate because I didn't know how much of sex is taught and how much comes naturally. But I have the feeling Hector would lead just like he did with the kiss and his fingers just now.

Damn, why did I say anything. Why did I let my inner doubt take over me. Why did I just ruin that.

"Kaia, listen to me carefully. You could never disappoint me...ever." His eyes find mine in a reassuring look, but his body moves to his desk. His words were saying one thing but his body language the other...

he couldn't be further from me now.

"You aren't pissed off?"

""What for?"

"For me ruining the moment just now."

"Did it ruin it for you..."

"Well no." I was still high from my orgasm, it didn't ruin it for me.

"Then it hasn't been ruined." He smiles up at me, but the smile doesn't reach his eyes. Something, something is bothering him and I know it is me.

I feel like an idiot, for letting the bond get ahead of me. For losing control,

I move to the door but his hand grabs at my elbow. I didn't even notice him move towards me, he was

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fast.

"You are the most important person in my life Kaia. Nothing matters more than you, more than us. We have time, we have forever." His words resonate in my ears, I was the most important person in his life. "Stop overthinking and trust the bond like you did just now." His lips move back on mine, his arms pulling me into him as his chest.

I try to deepen our kiss but he pulls away, his fingers tracing along my neck as they land on my mark.

"Trust in this."

Today's Bonus Offer

Bond 180

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Hector POV

I hesitate as I reach the top of the stairs.

"Alpha?" I feel Riley pushing on the mind-link, as I listen to Kala run the shower in her ensuite. She wanted reassurance for my change in behaviour but her question took me off guard.

I followed her, my own stupidity frustrating me as she went to escape the room. What should I have said...

"Riley?"

"Sorry Alpha to disturb you, Alpha Jude is here. I've told him to show himself into the alpha house." I can sense Riley's hesitation through the pack link.

"Received...." I was still angry at Riley, for leaving Kaia alone with Samson.

For taking her word of her safety over mine, his Alpha. He should have known better.

I hear the front door open and footsteps enter the hallway downstairs towards my office.

Heading down the stairs I try to think why Jude would be here. Usually we spoke on the phone if we needed to see each other, so why was he visiting out of the blue. Especially this late at night. Re-entering my office, I am astounded to find him not only sitting at my desk, but going through my paper

work on Kaia.

"What the fuck are you doing?" I growl angrily, closing the office door behind me.

"Seeing what you were researching. Does she know you are researching her ancestry?" He isn't fazed by my discovery of finding him looking through my things, Jude and I had a very open and honest friendship

I trust him like a brother, like a real brother. But even I find his forwardness in my office a bit too much.

"No of course not and what has it got to do with you?" I snatch the paperwork out of his hands and place them in my safe, which is hidden behind a painting on my office wall. I should have put them there in the first place, I should have known my desk drawers weren't safe.

"What are you doing here?" I turn to him once the paper work is safely secured away. Annoyed at myself for thinking my desk drawers would remain unopened.

"Look, you left like a man on a mission. It was reported you drove like a lunatic out of the pack grounds. When I went to the library to see what might have happened...did you know you left everything out...I mean everything. Even the books that aren't privy to pack members eyes?" He gives me a pinned look.

Shit, in my hastiness to contact Riley for an update when I had that ominous feeling that something wasn't right with Kaia...I bolted from Jude's pack. Leaving everything out.

"Shit, I was in such a hurry to leave...sorry man."

"Look, I took it upon myself to dig a little deeper and found some further information..."

"You took it upon yourself?"

"Cut the shit man, I'm your best friend...if you really like this girl..."

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"Like this girl...she's my mate Jude."

Then as your best friend, I want to help you to protect your Luna. What made you leave?" Jude demands

to know, not wasting anytime.

"Samson, the beta, he was here...I returned to a right shitshow. Blood on her feet, blood on her hands, Riley slashed and unconscious... Rosa having a panic attack." My fingers pinch at the bridge of my nose as I update him. "Rosa?"

"I think it triggered things for her."

He doesn't say anything, he just silently nods before handing me the file in his hands.

"Read with care...and read when alone." His eyes look into mine with deep seriousness. Jude was always ready with the banter but for him to give such a warning, it must be serious.

"I understand."

"I've also reached out to someone, I'll let you know if they come back to me."

"Who?"

"I won't divulge her identity right now, I owe her that at least. If she says no, it's a no Hector and we will have to find another way."

I'm intrigued by who this she is, who he seems to be keeping in the shadows. I thought I knew everybody in Jude's life, so who has he been keeping away from me, and even maybe his pack. "Where is Kaia now?"

"Shower."

"Cleaning up huh?" His eyebrows wiggle, a smirk forming upon his face.

"What do you mean?"

Bond 181

Chapter 0181

Kaia POV

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Exhaustion took over me last night and I gave into it. I let my body rest on the bed, wrapped in the towel from my shower...waking up the next day with the morning sun beaming through the gaps in the curtains. My body succumbed to the desperate call to sleep after my euphoric sensation with Hector.

I dressed myself to look irresistible, I wore a tight blue ribbed dress that enhanced my small curves and let my hair hang loose

No, I had nothing to feel awkward about, my question was a reasonable one...even if the timing was off.

Heading downstairs I hear Aubrey cooking breakfast until I reach the bottom of the stairs and his scent engulfs me, it seems stronger this morning than ever before.

Turning the corner I find him cooking breakfast, not Aubrey.

His white shirt was loosely open, revealing some of his chest. The pull to him is like that vortex from last night and I worry that if I get sucked in, I may never be able to climb my way out again. "Morning...sit." He orders as he glances behind him as he returns to the hob. Sitting at the breakfast island I peek over to the sight of eggs in the frying pan.

Soon enough he plates me up and I take a bite.

"Hmm I like these eggs."

"They are how my Mum used to make them." He casually states as he sits on the stool next to me and a sense of intrigue takes over me.

"What was it like for you....her passing I mean." As soon as I ask the question I wished I hadn't. Hector's mood shifts completely as he places his cutlery down to look at me. "Shit, sorry...I shouldn't have asked."

"No it's fine. I don't really talk about it much...I suppose my situation is different to others."

"Because your mother and father weren't mates?" I gently press...he knew so much about me, but I knew

nothing.

"My Mum was human and I don't care how much he denies it, he loved her completely. Then he found his mate and, well, Medea is very different to what my Mum was like,

Let's just say I think if there wasn't a mate bond he wouldn't have given her a second thought. Then Mum died and I moved in with them." The words roll off his tongue too matter of factly for my liking, his words well rehearsed.

"To your father's pack?" I take another bite out of the eggs, his eyes watching the fork upon my lips.

"Yes, the Amber Desert pack..." He pauses again, there's a rawness in his eyes, did he not like talking about his childhood.

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"Then what happened?" Now that he was sharing with me, making him less of a puzzle... wanted to know more. Wanted to decode this enigma before me.

"I commenced training as the alpha, but Medea made it very clear that my brother was to be the next alpha, because I was only half a werewolf. Father cracked in the end, so I left when I could." He shrugs her his eyes continue to watch my lips. "Where's your brother now?"

"He's the alpha, he runs the pack but we don't get along."

"Why not.."

"A number of reasons, the first being it was my birth right not his." A darkness takes over his eyes and I can see the hurt and resentment within them. He truly believes he was ripped off his title unfairly.

"But you have this pack."

I don't think I can think of Hector being in another pack. A pack that most likely wouldn't even exist if it wasn't for him.

"Only because I made it myself." I don't miss that resentment again in his tone, the bitterness towards his family.

"Sounds like you carved out your own future Hector. I wouldn't dwell on the past, as you can see it can disappear at the click of a finger. It seems the moon goddess had a clear path for you and you've proved him wrong anyway." "Who?" His eyes follow my fork again as I move it to my mouth, my tongue deliberately now teasing him knowing his eyes were on me. I was starting to like this power I had over him.

"Your father. You've proved that you are the strongest alpha around. Wait... the Amber Desert pack...isn't that the pack Alora grew up in?"

"Yes..."

"Then you grew up with her?"

"To a degree, yes."

What does that mean, to a degree...

"So, she knows your brother too?"

"Yes they are mates."

I shouldn't have cockily been teasing him, I was now choking on the piece of egg that had lodged itself in the back of my throat.

"What?" I bolt upright, trying to clear my airwaves...this was news I wasn't expecting.

"She didn't say?" His shoulders tense.

"She..." I try to think back, my brain did have moments of blurriness when it comes to recent memories,

and I think it is also down to it still healing. But I couldn't place a recent memory of her telling me such an important thing.

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"No...she hasn't mentioned a mate. Why isn't she with Him?"

"Their relationship has always been very toxic. Very controlling."

I felt guilty that she had offered to stay and run the pack even though she had a mate out there that would want, need, to be with her.

Almost sensing my internal debate, his hand reaches for mine.

"Them not being together...it's a good thing Kaia. It gives her a chance to grow, to come out of his controlling shadow." A level of coldness takes over Hector, an absolute...his opinion isn't for turning. He must know things, must have witnessed things. Suddenly it pains me to be away from Alora, a feeling of needing her close. Of making sure she is safe, happy. I would bring pain upon anyone that hurt her, past or future.

"You're not painting him in a good light." I scoff slightly, a bit concerned.

"No, and for good reason Kaia."

"I thought mates were destined for a reason.."

"In some ways they are, but not all mates bring out the best in each other Kaia. Sometimes the mate bond can be cruel. Sometimes people take advantage of the mate bond." Today's Bonus Offer

Bond 182

Chapter 0182

Hector POV

After breakfast I head into my office keen to continue reading the file that Jude had provided me with. From what I can understand the ancestors moved from pack land to pack land in search of their original land.

But some kind of conflict occurred within the group forcing them to break apart, to break away. Many joined other packs looking for a way to connect with the more modern shifter lifestyle, while a select few regathered. But I can't seem to find anything on whether this group still existed today and if they did, where they would be now.

I needed to know more, in time I would tell Kaia of my research but not until I knew everything, not until I knew all the information before sharing it with her.

She'll have questions and I want to be able to answer every one of them for her.

Continuing to read, I feel one of the gate guards pushing on the mind-link, they had only switched over from the night shift about two hours ago, why was he contacting me this already. "Yes?"

"Alpha, Alpha Than of the Amber Desert pack is at the gates, wanting entry."

"This early?"

"Yes Alpha, he says it's important." I bet he did. For Than to be here this early, he must have been up even earlier than me this morning.

I'm reluctant to let him in, especially with Kaia upstairs in this house, but if my feelings serve me right, he will be returning the divorce papers. As soon as he delivers them, I'll kick him out. "Grant access, but he needs to be followed in." I command through the mind-link.

"Yes Alpha."

I quickly gather the documents spread out across the desk and place them safely back in my safe. Only H and Jude knew about my research and I planned to keep it that way.

I hear the cars pull up outside but I have no intention of welcoming him into my house, I wouldn't move from my spot. I don't want him to feel welcomed in the home I built for myself. The home my children would never be casted out of.

"Aubrey, can you direct our arrival into the office please."

"Yes Alpha." Aubrey quickly responds through the mind-link.

Silently, Aubrey walks him through the house and towards my office where she taps on the door and opens it.

Her jaw is tense, her hands pulling at a tea towel in her hands as she lets him walk past her. She remains stood in her spot, staring daggers into his back and I have to command her to leave.

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He enters my office not as confident as he usually was the strong smell of whiskey seeping out of his pores. He was a drunk. He had lost weight and his hair was a mess, hadn't been cut for weeks. He looked awful. "You stink." I grunt out at him.

"Nice to see you too Brother."

"We aren't brothers, what do you want." I snarl at him as his eyes look around my office, his eyes casting on things that make me wonder if he is trying to find details on what I have been doing.

But I think it was just my paranoia, Than had clearly been hitting the bottle since he was forced to leave Alora.

I don't think he was in a fit state to underhandedly gain information from me or even run his own pack at

the moment.

"I come with a gift." He throws the envelope onto the desk and I recognise it instantly as the divorce papers that I had given to his beta Zane.

"Are they signed?"

"Of course they are signed." I check all the same, just to make sure.

"How is she?" He asks about Alora as I look through the papers, checking his signature is in fact where it should be.

"Yes fine, I haven't spoken to her for a few days." My answer is aloof, as my eyes search through the documents satisfied that I just now need to get Kaia to somehow sign them, without her realising what they actually are. "No...I actually meant Kaia." My blood boils as his lips even mention her name. My wolf gives me a warning that he doesn't like her being upstairs and him downstairs. I needed him to be gone as soon as possible. Ebony Woods

Author

Another chapter on its way tonight (just editing).

Bond 183

Chapter 0183

Hector POV

"She's doing well." My jaw tenses as I feel my wolf making the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. His fur was being ruffled. I did not like answering that question.

"She's forgotten everything...everything?" He looks at me with a quirked eyebrow, was he really questioning the validity of the reports. That the acting Luna of the rogue pack had lost her memory. This wasn't an opportunity for him to take advantage of, for him to cast doubt on what he had put Kaia through.

He still doesn't understand the severity of what he did, he still truly thinks that he just gave into the mate bond. He really was beyond redemption.

If I didn't need him alive for these papers to be signed I would kill him where he stood.

I can't make Kaia a widow, she needs to be completely rid of him. All traces of him gone from her life.

Once the papers were filed and the divorce final, if I ever lay eyes on him again, it would be a fight to the

death.

"Yes, but I haven't so watch your tongue." I bite back, my body standing... leaning over my desk in an aggressive manner. One wrong word and I will jump over this desk and knock him to the ground. "Are they signed?" I seethe.

"Yes."

"Good." I go to put them in my desk drawer for now until he has gone and I can put them in my safe, when I hear her coming down the stairs.

Goddess, no.

"Hector?" Her sweet tones call out to me just as she enters the door frame gently tapping on the door.

"Oh, I didn't realise you had company. I'll come back." She looks at Than from the back and he tenses, not daring to turn and look at her.

She looked sexy as hell in a pair of exercise shorts and a sports vest, her hair tied back in a high pony tail... a few loose strands cascading down around her face. She was dressed to train.

A part of me wants her to run back upstairs, wants her to be miles from him, oceans away from him. But why should she be the one to hide, why should she be the one to cower.

"No Kaia it's fine." I gesture for her to walk farther into the office. My wolf is pushing beneath the surface asking me what the hell I am doing. But she would see him, at some point, and if seeing him triggered a flashback I would rather it be with me, in the safety of our home, of our pack.

I would rather we were together when she faced her past.

Her eyes continue to scan him as she makes her way past him towards me.

I can tell she is looking at him to see whether she remembers him, whether she recognises the man before me.

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"This is Than, Alpha of the Amber Desert pack." I announce, her eyes widening as she understands that this is my younger half brother.

By blood only.

"Oh hello, nice to meet you." She smiles softly at him and he could be a better actor. He is looking at her as if she has 2 heads. It's like hearing sharp nails scrapping down a chalkboard as she greets him with

going against the balance of the world.

warmth. Her kindness to this m

He takes a step towards her and she doesn't flinch, but I do.

It takes all my energy against my wolf to let her continue to stand upright before him. To show him the luna she truly was, the luna he should have let her be.

He was a coward in my eyes and she was a heroine in mine.

A part of me hopes that one day he will realise what he let go, what he destroyed...but part of me also doesn't want him to ever think of her.

She was mine, and it makes me feel sick to think he ever had his grubby paws all over her.

She doesn't shy away, she doesn't react at all to his presence...relief washing over me, she really doesn't remember him.

"Come here." I demand softly at her, needing her next to me.

At first she eyes my hand with suspicion and I think she is going to leave me hanging in front of him. But she doesn't. She grasps at my outstretched hand, her touch creating an explosion of tingles on my palm. As she takes it I sit back down, pulling her into me and safely keep her placed on my lap.

Ebony Woods

Author

Thanks for reading. If you enjoyed the last 2 chapters please drop a gem to vote, thank you.

Bond 184

Chapter 0184

Kaia POV

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"Than was just delivering something..." Hector answers my subtle eye movement to him as I settle into his lap.

The tension from when I entered the room was only thickening, to the point of suffocating.

So this was his brother, the one that has usurped his pack...

His eyes hold a privileged look to them, especially when looking at me. Holding my chin high, I nestle into Hector's lap more...I'm not completely there but as the days continue I was starting to accept our bond. Something telling me to show this male that we are united, that we are mates. "Than..." I let his name roll off my tongue.

I didn't recognise the face but maybe saying his name would stir a memory, but no, nothing.

Hector's grip on me getting tightens. I turn my head behind to look at him, his eyes were solely focused on the male before us. He didn't seem to like me being in here with his brother, they had some kind of history.

Both males glare at one another, both fighting for dominance.

"Have I met you before?" I ask out.

"Yes." Than clears his throat, his eyes momentarily shifting from Hector's onto me. Hector shifts in his seat as if preparing to launch me behind him and dive over the table.

What was with him.

"I'm sorry, I have amnesia.." I start but Hector cuts me off.

"You don't apologise to him Kaia, you never apologise to him."

This was more than an answer, this had a command behind it. I could feel his aura trying to force me to submit on this. Perplexed by his behaviour I accept what he wants of me, I trust Hector and if he doesn't want me making pleasantries with Than, then I won't. "Alora..." Than starts but seems to choke as soon as he mentions her name. His eyes slam shut he mentions my sister's name.

In fact, his entire demeanour changes as he mentions my sister. I could smell the alcohol pouring out of him, this wasn't a happy person.

This person was tormented.

"She is a member of my pack now, she is under my leadership." My eyes narrow, if he thinks I will let her leave to be in a toxic relationship with him....

He may have had his parent's protection when it came to Hector but the Nightshade Reformed pack is mine and she is my sister.

He won't have control over her or me.

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A sinister look enters onto his eyes, he's true self perhaps coming through.

I stand up from Hector's lap, a growl rumbling in my chest from his challenge.

In this moment I wasn't Hector's Luna, I was an Alpha and responsible for the safety of my sister and my pack.

"Kaia, why don't you give us a minute alone.." Hector stands behind me, his command whispering into my

ear.

It isn't strong, it isn't meant to cause me pain...I can fight it.

But I don't want to, I don't want to be in the same room as this male. Something deep rooted within me is telling me to leave, to not be near him.

As I close the door I shake off a strange sensation...like déjà vu again.

I get that a lot, it usually means I have met someone or been somewhere before.

I have no doubt that I have met Than before. I must have done if he is Alora's mate.

I head into the kitchen, pulling my phone out of my short's pocket to call Alora. I let the phone ring out a few times but she doesn't answer, which is unlike her. I hope she isn't annoyed at me for not checking in for the last few days....

"Luna, are you okay?" Aubrey asks as she walks into the kitchen, finding me with my phone in my hand and my eyes on the closed office door.

Her own eyes turning to the now closed office door.

"Hector is with his brother, I think they need some time alone."

Her eyes consider mine for a moment, her mouth slightly opened.

I wanted to call Alora, I had so many questions but how would it help her knowing her mate was here, especially if she decided to leave him.

Hector might have marked me but he did it to save me, he did it because I am his mate and he couldn't

lose me.

I get that now... He made a choice in the moment, and truthfully can I say I wouldn't have done the same

thing..

It's his actions after arriving here that have shown me what kind of a mate he is, what I mean to him. Alora left the pack she grew up in, left her mate...whether it was to find me or not. Something tells me she did that for a reason, that she left him for a reason. "Luna?" Aubrey touches my hand which was still holding my phone.

Suddenly an overwhelming sense to shower takes over me.

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Hector POV

"Eyes on me!" I growl just as Kaia closes the office door.

"She seems different." He flatly states out, as his eyes move back on to me.

I thought it would come back to her, that the trauma he caused would trigger her memory...that she would remember. Maybe this amnesia was a gift, maybe forgetting her past is what she needed to get over all that hurt. "How is Alora?"

"She's acting Alpha of the Nightshade Reformed pack until Kaia is ready to return, if she returns."

"I had heard about Alora being the acting Alpha. But what do you mean by if Kaia returns?"

"She's my Luna, and the divorce documents mean you have no legal claim over her anymore. I'm surprised you didn't fight harder..."

"I'm banished remember?" He retorts, his lip curling up into a sneer.

I watch him as he moves around my office, in no hurry to leave.

"You marked her?" He tries to sound unbothered, but I don't miss the tensing of his jaw.

"Kaia and I are not your concern.."

"When did you mark her?"

"At her pack, after her accident."

"So you marked her without her consent?" He has the nerve to growl with his delivery of selected words.

"Really? You want to talk about consent?" I push up off the desk effortlessly, my palms resting on it which is a good thing, it stops me from throttling him.

"I just think it's funny how I've be painted as a villain, lost my mate and you have yours sitting on your lap.. yet we did the same thing."

"And what was that Than?"

"We both gave into the pull of the bond. Perhaps we aren't so different Brother."

I travel the length of my office to him in one swift movement.

He sees me coming, pushing me off him...using my own weight against me. I reach for him, pulling his shoulder almost out of its own socket as I swing him and throw him into the wall.

My elbow lodges itself into his throat, momentarily causing him to suffocate until I release my hold against him.

"Let me make this crystal clear for you...you and I may be related but we are not brothers. I marked Kaia to save her life, she was dying in my arms."

I lower my voice knowing she was only outside in the kitchen, she shouldn't be able to hear but I didn't

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want to chance it.

"What I did wasn't based on my own desires, on my need to control someone, to abuse her. You and I are nothing alike. Hell has a special place for you."

"You tell yourself that brother if it gives you comfort." There's a hint of amusement on his face.

"Listen carefully you piece of shit. I've made mistakes. A day doesn't go by where I don't think of the pain I caused her, the anquish I caused both of them. I marked my

mate to save her, to bring her back." Everyday I have had to rebuild her trust in me, fight for us. Yes I marked her without her consent but to let her die. I would never have been able to mark her, I would never have been able to bring her back...to repair the bond between us.

I made that choice in the moment and I stand by my choice..and would make the same choice today.

I would always put her life first, even if it meant consequently sacrificing my soul to the darkest depths of hell.

If I need to be tortured their for eternity with Than next to me, then so be it. That was the difference, that is why we aren't brothers.

Because I know my mistakes, I'll admit them. But he still thinks what he did was just give into the bond, that the bond protects him as a form of immunity. He'll believe until his bitter end that he is rising up, when he will be rising down. Atleast I know I will be sinking...

"Your pack's luna and bride is now mine, your mate is her acting alpha, you have lost Than. You have no reason the be in our lives anymore. If I ever see you again...one of us will die." Today's Bonus Offer

Bond 186

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Kala POV

After staying clear of the office, I hear the front door slam shut and Than's vehicle drive away.

I wasn't in a hurry to be anywhere near him any time soon, he was odd and I wanted to know more from Alora. It made more sense why she was keen to remain at the Nightshade Reformed pack when I wasn't there...she was hiding

I head downstairs just as Hector walks out of his office, alone. He doesn't notice me lingering half way down the stairs, lost in his own thoughts as he cracks his knuckles. His eyes focuses on the door, almost torn between whether to chase after the visitor or not. I take a backstep, only for the floorboard beneath me to crack, his attention darting fully onto me

His eyes trail up my body, that hunger present in them as always.

A hunger I wanted to melt away with again.

I wanted a repeat of what happened in the office last night, my body walks down the steps towards him. when the front door bursts open.

"What the fuck do you think you are doing?" He roars as Riley runs into the house.

"I'm sorry...I didn't... it's Rosa. she's... The fear in his voice is unmistakable.

"What is it, what's wrong?" I ask, my body already going into Luna mode.

"She's gotten worse. She can't seem to shake the panic attack." He looks broken and my heart goes out

to him.

"We are coming, give us a minute..." I order at him, his eyes refusing to hold his alpha's glare.

"You are not going!" He barks at me as his eyes follow Riley's as he exits the alpha house

"Like hell I'm not. I thought I was her luna?"

""You are!"

"Then she needs help. I knew she wasn't right, I should have followed my cut instinct and checked up on her." I angrily reply, the anger only at myself.

"Kaia, I don't want you going. I will go.."

"Hector..." I start to protest as he grips my elbow, preventing me from moving away from him.

"Let go!" A growl vibrates from my chest, my aura emitting from me.

His eyes search mine, his glare boring into my soul. I will not back down, he'd have to lock me away to stop me from seeing her. Something I think he would be capable of doing.

He's changed, his demeanour has become cold. no longer playful. But I will not back down. His grey ash eyes continue to glare into mine, before he sighs out releasing my arm.. following behind me

Entering Rosa's home was different this time, the house was void of any joy.

The atmosphere was tense as soon as Riley opened the door, her sounds of whimpering coming from within. Like a wild animal trapped.

Both their parents were standing above her....watching her as she sat in the corner of the sitting room, as if being backed into the corner was the safest place for her.

"We don't know what to do, she's been getting worse Her Mum turns to me, her own face drawn and withered. she hadn't been sleeping

"Has she been taken to a doctor?" I ask

"She refused to go

"I think it's time one came here Hector "I turn to him, wanting him to mind-link a doctor here

"One is on the way." He confirms once he comes out of a mind-link.

"We are at our wit's end. We don't know what else to do." Her Murn continues, her hands pulling at her

hair

"Has she eaten anything? I take a step closer to Rosa slow step I didn't want to alarm her, to frighten, her.

"Nothing Whatever we prepare, she refuses to wat

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"Rosa Rosa it's Kaia.can you hear me "I bend down getting close to her, letting her mother stand back. Maybe a different face will snap her out of her internal or with herself

Now that I am closer to her, I fully take in her state. How much has changed in less than 24 hours. She has scratch marks upon her lower and upper arms, self inflicted I presume. Her knees are bent upwards to her stomach...her body rocking back and forward as she mutters inaudible words.

"Rosa can you hear me?" I try again as she continues to rock just back and forth

"Kaia, that's enough." Hector warns from behind, not happy with my closeness. But she was too weak to do anything

"Kaia?" Her eyes flicker to mine, Hector having called out my name seemingly helping to snap her out of

her trance

"Hector, say my name again" I shoot back at him, his eyes not leaving Rosa

"Kala

At the mention of my name she looks up at me, her eyes focusing as recognition registers on her face. "Luna?"

Yes Rosa yes I am here."

Her rocking slowing down as her eyes dart around the room at the eyes on her

1 envy you" She mutters, but I have difficulty understanding what she means

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"What did you just say?"

"I said I envy you. You got to forget!"

"That's enough Rosa." Hector pushes his way towards me, his aura adding to the tenseness of the atmosphere.

"Rosa? Forget what?" I ask completely bewildered by what she had said. What did she mean by it...I got to forget.

"Leave me alone." She scream as she launches herself at me, her finger nails digging into my face as she scratches me, claws me.

"I said that's enough!" His roar vibrates the very walls of this home.

His command falls heavy on her and her alone.

She is too weak to fight it, her body caving in against its might just as a doctor burst through the doors and I am pulled away. Pulled away from a sobbing broken Rosa.

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Hector POV

The Doctor bursts through the door, as Kala slowly stands up as I rip her towards me, placing her safely within my arms, pissed off at myself for letting her get so close to potential danger. Something was wrong something was wrong through the bond with Rosa. She wanted to cause harm, she wanted to make Kaia feel the same pain as her.

Rosa retreats back in on herself, huddling back in the corner a complete contrast to the she wolf of only a few days ago.

My command lands on her thick and heavy, the command of her alpha but also of the mate of the pack's luna.

If I didn't get Kaia out of here soon I knew I would shift, my wolf was bubbling under the service... preparing to force the shift and remind pack members that violence against their Luna would be severely punished. "Luna?" The doctor takes a look at Kaia's face as she covers the majority of the scratch marks with her hands.

"I'm fine..." She mutters out to the head doctor.

"Alpha, I would suggest removing Luna and I'll pop by in a bit...."

"No. I want to stay." Kala looks up at me, determined.

"She just tried attacked you.." I growl out.

"She just needs to sleep." Kaia whispers looking back at Rosa. She was right, Rosa was sleep deprived and needed a chance for her body and most importantly, mind, to heal.

"Sedate her.." I order at the doctor as I remove my command from her.

*Alpha?"

"Sedate her, we will reassess after she has had some rest."

"I should have clawed you." Her voice is demonic, low not our Rosa's.

"What did you just say?" I take a step closer towards her.

"You...you aren't any better. You took her choice away just like he did to her...like he did to me."

My eyes bore into her, daring her to say another word.

"Sedate her, that's an order!" I roar out, my body trembling with anger.

I take a reluctant Kaia away back to the alpha house, her initial angry protests at me for removing her from the scene, have now quickly turn to silence...my chest tight with knowing exactly what she was thinking. She was thinking on what Rosa said.

I walk her into the kitchen, lifting her onto a stool at the kitchen island without her even realising what

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was going on.

She was so deeply in her own mind that her wolf was moving her body for her. I wet a kitchen towel to clean the slight blood off her face, the cool compress bringing her back to the present. Her hand going upon mine that is holding the compress against a cheek. Her healing was already kicking in, the scratch marks fading away. She opens her mouth, prearing to speak...I groan internally at the incoming questions.

"What did she mean..forget...what did I forget that she would be envious of?" I knew this was coming, I had worked on my reply on the walk back from Rosa's but I still can't think on what to say.

I can't tell her, I can't break her.

"I don't know." I lie, keeping the truth from her. To me it kept her safe, kept her from the harm the past brought. Why would I so willingly let her relive that?

I had already mind-linked the head doctor to not come over, that Kaia's scratch had almost healed.

He updated me on Rosa; he had put her under sedation and had agreed with her family to admit her, When she awoke, he would assess her completely and discuss a plan going forward based on how she is after some rest.

He was hoping as was I, that with some rest she would get back on track. The fight between Riley and Samson had obviously triggered her memories.

I was with Kala and Aubrey in the office, talking about Jude's upcoming alliance gathering, when my phone starts to ring.

Alora's name coming up on the caller's ID.

I excuse myself as I leave the office and walk out the front of the house away from listening ears.

She never called me, she only called Kala, which meant whatever she had to say...wasn't for Kaia's ears.

"Alora?"

"Than's men are here. Did you know?" She shouts down the phone to me, I could hear her footsteps pacing on the other end of the line.

"No." But it didn't surprise me. Than was readable, knowing I am not there, he has sent his own warriors to keep any eye on his own Luna.

A Luna that no longer wishes to be part of the Amber Desert pack any more. He can't help himself, always trying to control her. "Why would he do this?"

"Than was here." I admit out with a sigh.

She pauses, the footsteps stopping.

"Why?"

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"He needed to deliver something."

Another pause.

"Was Kaia there?"

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Now it is my turn to pause.

"Yes."

"Is she okay?"

"She was fine Alora, she didn't remember him." I roll my eyes, what did she take me for.

"She could have, you need to be more careful." She scoffs which only increases my raising irritation.

"If she did remember him I would have rather it was with me. Don't speak to me as if I don't know what I am doing..." I snarl down the phone to her, her attitude angering me.

"Do you know what you are doing? Because she is with you only because I allowed it." She seethes down the phone to me.

"What the fuck does that mean?"

"She's the alpha here Hector."

"She's my luna."

"And she has a pack here... if I need to take her from you I will." She can't back her threat up with anything. but it fucks me off nonetheless.

"Don't you dare threaten me..." I roar down the phone to her as Kaia walks out the front door looking at me perplexed.

"Who is it?" She mouths at me.

"Alora."

"Can I talk when you are done." She whispers.

"We are done." I place the phone out to Kaia before heading back inside to cool down.

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Hector POV

I had questions for Jude and I'll be damned if I leave Kala alone at my pack. It was his pack's turn to hold a group pack banquet and I wasn't going to go, but I think it would help Kaia to get to know other pack leaders, especially before her council hearing. Also long term, it would help her cause with the Nightshade Reformed pack having carved out her own alliances.

The journey in the car, albeit always short when going to Jude's pack, was quiet.

Kala was quiet, she was overthinking things again. She was even quiet with Jude as he greeted her, before taking her with him and Edmund for a tour of the pack.

I needed to visit the library, and I needed to visit it alone.

I had been in the library for about an hour when Jude walks in checking up on me.

"Don't worry, Kaia's with Edmund. How's it going?"

"Nothing new." I sigh out. I was now just going around in circles with the research, I wasn't learning anything new which was frustrating me. Whoever this person Jude has contact with, it was time I met with her.

"I need you to make contact with your source." I start to place the research books back, I wouldn't need these any more. I had read them all cover to cover plenty of times.

"I have..." His admission excites me.

"And?"

"She is willing to meet with you."

"Great, where...when?"

"I have to warn you Hector..I had no choice but to tell her."

"Tell her what?" I seethe through gritted teeth. I was keeping Kaia's true identity away from her inner circle ...I hadn't even told Alora of my findings yet.

"She has only agreed if you bring Kaia with you."

"Not a fucking chance."

"I get it, but the only reason she agreed was if she got to meet the White Wolf herself. Just think about it." Jude perches against the desk as I place the last few books away.

"Can she be trusted?" I turn to him, I could trust Jude but what about this contact of his.

"I have no reason not to trust her, but we can play it safe. We can keep Kaia out of the first meeting, but..."

"But?" I don't like buts.

"She's a rogue from the original pack...she was casted out from what I understand for speaking up against

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leadership. We will have to deliver on our promise at some point."

I didn't like the sound of that. Kaia wasn't a bargaining tool and if I wanted to keep her out of this, then I will. Once we are marked it's going to be harder to keep things from her, keep my emotions in check. We walk back towards the direction of the alpha house, when Edmund walks towards us. No sign of Kaia

in sight.

"Where's Kaia?"

"She's fine Alpha, she wanted some quiet time. She's in the pool." Edmund replies calmly.

What?" Pure panic erupts through me and it's my wolf that reacts before me, and I don't try to stop him.

My clothes shred to pieces around me as I let him control the shift. He rashes towards the alpha home, jumping over the back wall into the garden where the pool comes in sight.

"Alpha wait..." Edmund shouts out, both he and Jude racing behind me, still in their human forms.

I find her lying face down in the pool. She was only in her black bra and panties.

My wolf shifts me back, as my mind skips back to when I pulled her lifeless body out of the ocean that would have otherwise claimed her for itself. Flashbacks force themselves onto me, I was back at the cliff tops...

"Kaia." I roar as I jump into the pool pulling her outstretched arm to me.

Relief washes over me when she reacts to my abrupt motion, as she fights against me, gasping for air. "What are you doing?" She pushes against my chest shouting at me as she wipes her eyes of water.

"I thought you were drowning."

"I was floating."

"Floating... What the fuck are you thinking." I roar at her exasperatedly.

She moves away from me, her body fighting against the water as quickly as she can. Her eyes turn to Jude and Edmund standing by the edge of the pool. She swims up to them, lifting her hand out for them. to pull her out, leaving me naked in the middle of the pool. She wraps a towel around her before turning back, glaring daggers at me, her anger pushing at me through the bond.

I was happy I could remember to swim Hector. Alora said my mother's pack was by water. I wanted to know if I could still swim." She roars at me before she storms off, picking up her clothes on the way.

She was so angry that she didn't realise half of her panties had risen up her bum. My eyes glare at the two males to find them staring at her as she walks away.

They both turn their heads back at me when I growl threateningly at them, their eyes watching me as I pull myself out of the pool.

"What the fuck were you thinking?" I round one Edmund. How could he leave her alone in the pool like that.

"Alpha, I was with her when she first went in. I even watched her do a few laps. She's a natural...I tried to

Bond 189

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Kaia POV

What was he thinking...

I hear him call after me as I traipsed wet around Jude's house, leaving soggy footprints on his carpeted stairs, but I was too fuming to stop and dry my feet.

All I wanted to know is if I could remember to swim, and I wanted to do it privately. Beta Edmund had agreed but only if he waited with me for a while, which he did and was happy with my natural ability to swim.

I was feeling proud of myself until I was nearly drowned.

"Kaia, wait." His wide strides outstep mine and he is close to me already. I pick up my pace entering our guest room only to slam the door...but his arm and shoulder block it and he pushes it open.

I need to insist on separate rooms. I don't want to be anywhere near him right now, let alone share a

bedroom.

"Look...I'm sorry." He offers as he pushes through the door. It's the only thing I hate about the mate bond from time to time, my body already trying to give into his charm, trying to change my mindset. I could feel my anger already trying to dissipate.

"It was an overreaction, I see that now." He takes a step towards me, closing the door behind him, making no attempt whatsoever to cover his naked body.

"An overreaction? You don't say..." I chide back as I firmly wrap the towel around me.

"I just panicked...saw your head down in the water....it brought back memories..."

"I get that but your level of protectiveness is sometimes overwhelming. I don't know if you were like that before, but I need you to back off at times."

"It's because I wasn't like that before Kaia, that mistakes were made. I understand that you are annoyed at me, but when it comes to your safety, I won't make the same mistakes."

"Even at the cost of my happiness.." My eyes roam upon him, my body tensing as I try to fight against the gravitational pull. The call to touch him, to not fight with him...my wolf wanting to forgive him for what just happened. But I have to stand my ground, I was an alpha wolf myself, he can't pull this shit.

"If you are dead then you can't be happy." He coldly shrugs at me, his words were true but bloody brutal. They leave a lingering atmospheric shift between us...I was more determined now to not back down.

"Samson said my Father was controlling, are you also controlling?"

"No, your Father was another level of controlling." He scoffs. Why am I only just hearing this from his lips

now.

"Why has it taken a stranger to tell me that, why didn't you tell me that. What else are you not telling me?" I growl at him, my arms crossing as I feel the anger continuing to build within me.

He doesn't answer me but I can feel his command trying to push itself upon me. He might be standing

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before me naked but he was still that powerful alpha that earned respect across the nation.

My hot eyes glare back at his and I can feel my internal power strengthening, the Alpha side of me now trying to come out. Trying to combat his own aura.

"I'll come down when I'm ready.." I turn my back on him

"Kaia?"

"No Hector, I want some space, I'll come down when I'm ready."

I had picked out a satin orange tight fitting long dress for the banquet. At the time of ordering it I thought it would suit my sun-kissed skin tones and if it made me look irresistible around a group of Alphas to make Hector jealous....that would be a bonus.

But now I would much rather wear sweatpants and a vest. I didn't want any flirtatious efforts from single alphas, or jealous glares from Hector this evening. But this was Jude's event and I wouldn't let my argument with Hector outshine another pack's efforts. The pool that had caused our argument earlier had now been closed off, I wonder if that was to stop me from swimming again.

However, it was now well lit by fairy lights adding only to the ambience of the beautifully decorated Alpha house and garden. Rows upon rows of tables covered the garden that were covered with white linen table cloths. Each place setting was decorated with lavender plants and candles. It looked beautiful.

I could feel him watching my entrance, feel his eyes on me and I was already annoyed at my wolf for wanting to go to him. To touch him...she was becoming more and more difficult to navigate around this 'mate bond.

He had returned to the room earlier as I was getting ready, only to grab his tuxedo and walked back out of the room...without a word spoken.

I can feel his glaze following me, threatening to eat me like the hungry wolf that he is. I have to bite down on my inner cheek to stop the moans my wolf wants to give out for his burning stare. His hot eyes rising from my ankles up to my cleavage and when I turn, remaining on my behind for quite some time.

If he thought I would abide by his rules then he had another thing coming. We were at a stalemate and he knew it as he slowly sipped back on his bottle of beer. surrounded by a group of males that were also looking at me.

I try to ignore him as a waiter offers me a drinks tray and I select the champagne flute that was adorned with a strawberry on top.

I down the drink, knowing his eyes remain on me before smiling at the waiter and taking another drink. An elderly couple walk over to me, the Alpha and Luna introducing themselves as I met their attempts

I gave me the opportunity to pretend I didn't notice his attention. with small talk, in fact welcoming it. The

I nod and make sure I look animated for my audience as I giggle at the older alpha's joke...until they want to introduce me to their heir... their very handsome son

I've never seen Hector move so quickly and our stalemate seems to have finished, me the victor.

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"Excuse me Alpha and Luna...I need my mate and Luna for a dance." He pulls me into his arms, excusing me before walking me to the dance floor and placing his hands on my hips.

"It would seem I won..." I whisper as his hand is pressed against my lower back, pulling me closely into

him.

"Won?" His closeness makes my heart beat faster, his eyes no longer looking at mine, but at my very low neckline.

When he licks his lips, I feel my wolf trying to push forward.

"The stale mate, you cracked first." I push my wolf back, my eyes locked on his lips, on that tongue that continues to trace across his lower lips. Images erupt into my mine as I

continue to stare at his tongue, naughty images. "You mean did I want another male sniffing around my mate...no.

"So, I did win?"

"Love, I'm not sure what game you think we are playing but let me tell you know....you willn ever win."

Bond 190

Chapter 0190 Kala POV

It is half way through the banquet and I have been introduced to mostly everyone, apparently a new alpha was still expected this evening but hadn't turned up ye

I remembered a few names from the list Aubrey talked me through but there were a lot of Alphas and Lunas to remember. Some spoke as if I had already met them, their eyes turning sympathetic when I would then say I had amnesia and couldn't remember anything before my accident.

"I need to have a private word with Jude in his office." Hector whispers into my ear before he places a gentle kiss upon my neck.

Bastard, he knows I don't want to make a scene....his kiss landing completely on my mate mark. An elderly Luna even makes a noise thinking his interaction with me as adorable. I turn sarcastically sweetly smiling

at him.

"Don't go far." He orders as his hand remains on my lower back before he has the nerve to tap my backside before he walks away. His spot tactfully taken by Edmund as he moves in next to me.

don't need babysitting Edmund." I roll my eyes as I watch Hector and Jude swiftly leave the banquet. "I'm not.."

"Edmund..." I tut at his pathetic attempt to try and fool me.

"I have orders to follow and I feel bad for the pool incident earlier." He admits, although he did nothing.

wrong.

"Bad for whom?" I quirk an eyebrow at him.

"For Alpha Hector, I didn't think. His face when I told him, it stopped my own heart....the panic in his eyes." Really, I start to think of a quit witted response but then I look at Edmund...his sincerity was pouring out of him.

Something inside of me changes..

Maybe I was being unreasonable, maybe I needed to look at it on Hector's point of view. If our roles were reversed, would I be as protective and possessive of him...maybe. But I would let him make his own decisions still.

My head was starting to ache from trying to remember all these new faces and names, and I also didn't need a chaperone.

"There's a bench over there. I'm going to sit on it and enjoy the view overlooking the pack grounds. You will see my back the entire time.. "Luna..I must insist.."

"And so must I Beta Edmund. Not as a Luna but as an Alpha in my own right." I don't wait for his refusal, I pick up a fresh glass of champagne from the bar area before walking over to the bench and sitting myself down.

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The bench was at the end of the garden, overlooking the pack lands in the distance. It was getting late but the pack lighting and the glow from the moon afforded enough light that I could see pack members in the distance. I continue to watch before a male comes over and sits next to me.

"Luna Kala, it's good to see you." A big bullt male with a heavy beard sits down next to me. I could tell immediately that he was of alpha parentage, he was built like an alpha, oozing confidence and strength. He had a heavy beard that was starting to curl in on itself. "I was sorry to hear about your Father. He was a good man, a great lost to the pack.

"You know my father?" This piques my Interest and although I just want to be left alone, I am keen to learn more.

"Yes, I knew him back when he was the Alpha of the Clear Waters pack..and your Mother the Luna." "You knew my Mother?"

"Yes, what a beauty...I can see it runs in the family." I had been receiving compliments all night but something about his eyes, the way they trailed up my body left me

squirming. I'm not entirely sure I felt comfortable under his gaze. Twish I could remember them."

"He was a game changer. Those not willing to join the game...they got lost behind." I'm not entirely sure how I feel about that description.

"I was hoping to speak to you actually about your pack lands and what your father was up to." He adds.

"Oh I don't know, I can't help you there. My sister is running the pack for me."

"You haven't read through his last will and testament?"

"No...I left everything with my sister to arrange."

He keeps his face forward not once looking behind, not seeming to be keen to excuse himself and rejoin the banquet. I wasn't particularly keen in starting a new conversation...I look behind to see if Hector has re-entered the garden. "Who are you looking for?" He follows my gaze as he also turns around.

"Alpha Hector, of the Dark Phantom pack. Do you know him?"

"Oh yes, Hector has quite the reputation..."

"Reputation?"

"You know...for being a bit of a ladies' man."

Slight jealousy comes forward at his words, a feeling that was new to me.

"Oh!"

"I'm sure nothing since he met you of course. Do you have any returning memories of the night you fell into the waters?"

"No I....how did you know about me falling into water?" Not many people outside of my pack knew that.

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"What did Hector tell you?"

"What did he tell me..."

"Of that night.."

"Erm...that he found me in the water and pulled me out why?"

"Kaia you need to listen to me and listen to me carefully. I was visiting the pack, I was visiting your Father. I found you in the waters, I'm the one that pulled you out. I saved you." "No, Hector...he's the one

"No, he just wants you to think that...so that you give into the bond. He's been lying to you for a long time. I pulled you out..."

My mind becomes dizzy at his words, why would Hector lie about such a claim...would benefit would there be for him.

"Why would he lie?"

"He wants to control you, use your amnesia to control your pack. To control you like your father did. Those words again...control. That I had been controlled. I have to remind myself where I am, at a banquet, at another's Alpha's pack but really I wanted to launch every prettily dressed table into the air.

After a moment and a deep intake of air, I collect myself.

"Why were you visiting my father?" I shake my head, trying to stop the confusion and doubt make its claim

over me.

"To advise him on the pack lands." Hopefully when the time is right it will come back to you. Hopefully you can put an end to all of the mess."

"Mess?"

"At the Nightshade Reformed pack..." He continues looking at me with a frown.

I shake my head at him not understanding what he means.

"I'm sorry to have to inform you, but your Sister and your mate's beta are planning on a deadly attack on the Shadow Rock pack lands." His words surprise me, Alora wouldn't do a thing without telling me....or Hector, especially Ezra. He wouldn't jeopardise his own relationship with his Alpha

"Whatever for?"

"The lands your pack have settled on...they are blessed by the moon goddess. It was agreed long before our time that the lands would remain untouched... that they would wait." "Surely a

all shifter lands are moon goddess lands." I huff out with small laughter.

"No, these lands are blessed...you can't just turn up and declare ownership. That's how a dictatorship works, and you don't come across as a bully and dictator to me."

That's because I wasn't. I'm not. If Alora and Ezra were indeed planning an attack, I needed to find out the facts and quickly. But I wouldn't publicly go against Alora, against my pack, publicly I was aware of everything. That's something I have learnt from Hector
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"Alpha Zederick, my father must have had good reasons to settle on those lands. Perhaps it's where rogues feel closest to the moon goddess having been shunned by their own packs. I don't remember my father but I believe in his cause, and if my sister is preparing for an attack...It is only because she is looking to protect my borders. I thank you for bringing this to my attention but as an alpha yourself, I'm sure you wouldn't appreciate me giving advice on your own pack leadership." He senses the tone in my voice, the hint informing him to back off.

"I have spoken out of turn, I didn't mean to upset you."

"I'm not upset." I respond immediately.

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"Really?" His eyes point to my own hand that had been resting on the wooden arm. It was now digging into the wood, my nails clawing at the bench's arm.

"Your drink is empty, let me get you a refill." He offers.

"That's okay, I need to check up with Alpha Hector anyway." I keep myself civil towards him, but I wasn't sure on his character...he seemed polite at first but then why make claims about my father and sister. Why mention a possible attack, what was he trying to gain. Was he warning me not to allow it, was the council trying to warn me..

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Kaia POV

If Alora was in trouble, I needed to do something and couldn't wait. I can see eyes of the guests looking at me as I hastily move through the crowd, whispers at my change in demeanour, excusing myself as I knock elbows, squeeze past males who glimpse down my cleavage from my closeness...stopping as soon as I make eye contact and growl at them. It's a good thing Hector hasn't caught them.

I head into the alpha house searching for Hector, Edmund catching up with me as I step over the threshold.

"Luna?"

"I just need to speak with Hector."

"He's in a private meeting with Alpha Jude."

"This can't wait Edmund." He won't stop me, even as he tries to reach for my arm I sidestep out of his way. I won't be stopped.

Edmund quickens his pace, moving in front of me...his hand knocking on the office door before I reach it.

"Hector?" I don't wait for them to refuse entry, I needed him and I needed him now.

He opens the door to me, any disagreement between us this evening disintegrating as soon as our eyes

locked.

He knows I need him, he can sense the pleading in my eyes.

"What's wrong?" He steps out to me, his hand touching my hip in a comforting manner. Letting his touch soothe my rapidly increasing breathing.

"I think Alora is about to do something dangerous." I close my eyes trying to recall what the Alpha had just told me...I had been worrying about Alora doing something foolish that for a brief moment, I had forgotten what he said about the sea water. About Hector trying to control me....

I take a step away from him, my eyes glancing behind me.

I wanted to leave.

"What is it?" He takes that step towards me, concern laced in his eyes. Would he have left me to die? Would he have taken my pack from my Father and me for his own causes.

"Kaia?" His voice is controlled, powerful as his thumb travels to my chin, lifting my face up to meet his eyes fully.

"I think she and Ezra are about to launch an attack..." I just hope we aren't too late.

"What? How do you know this."

"Just now one of the guests mentioned the lands being sacred.." I was careful not to name Alpha Zederick.

His jaw tenses...was my new source right...was my so called mate trying to control mé.

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"You knew? This is what I'm talking about Hector. I need to know these things. If the pack is in danger would never have left them."

"Kaia focus. What were you told.." Hector was watching me intensively.

"That they are about to launch an attack on the Shadow Rock pack..." I repeat what Alpha Zederick has said to me verbatim to verbatim.

"When was the last time you spoke to Ezra?" Edmund asks Hector.

"He calls every night with an update. He wouldn't plan to launch an attack without informing me." Hector declares.

"No, but if my brother believes in the cause, and he does...then he would think out of side...out of mind." Edmund responds, and I don't miss the way all three males look at each other. Their looks towards one another do nothing to still the racing panic within me. I should have faced my responsibility the moment I woke up, I had been selfish. I had put Alora in a position she didn't want. I was the Alpha, not her.

I had fallen into a trap from the moment I woke up, the mate bond trap.

I should have concentrated on my people, given them my all...fought Hector... fought his command more.

He wouldn't have hurt me, he wouldn't have killed me.. not if he needs me alive to control me.

Hector pulls his phone out of his pocket and hits a number to dial. Ezra doesn't answer the call and I hear it click to the voicemail, causing Hector to growl down the phone.

"Is there something you need to tell me?"

"I need to leave...now. I look up at him as he hangs up the call and pockets his phone again.

"We...we need to leave..." He corrects me.

"No Hector, this is my pack, my fight."

"If you think I will let you go alone..."

"What are you going to do...command me? Stop me from returning to my own pack... because I'd like to see you try..." I don't wait for his reaction. I am leaving this second, and nobody, nobody is going to stop

1. me.

I hadn't changed, I didn't want to waste a second. My orange dress had a split to the side, my thigh exposed to his touch as his fingers continued to draw calming circles for the entire journey.

I was torn, I didn't want him touching me...but even I couldn't deny how his touched soothed me.

It was as if I had split personalities....my wolf all for the bond whereas I was pushing back, fighting it.

I was quiet, my wolf and I debating...thinking back on what Hector had said when he explained what had happened to me. How I got my amnesia. I had doubted his version of events, not until now. As soon as the pack grounds come into view, the guards at the gate took one look at Hector and myself and approved access.

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Hector's aura emitted out of the car and even though I hadn't accepted the alpha position yet, I was still pack member and mind-linked for the guard not to warn ahead that we were here.

As Hector pulled the car out the front of the white alpha house, the front door opened to a sleepy Ezra who must have heard the engine of the car approaching.

"Where's Alora?" Hector roars at his own beta, who has now snapped out of any

"Alpha?"

drowsiness.

"Do you not check voicemails anymore? Do you not tell your Alpha of impending unauthorized attacks? Hector is trembling with rage, and I'm not surprised. I am just as angry at Alora. "Where is she?" I command of Ezra.

"She's on night watch..." Ezra responds as he struggles to fight Hector's aura.

"I'm going.." I inform Hector, as I start to move.

"No...you aren't leaving my side." He reaches for me and pulls me tightly under his wing, his command overwhelming me. Bastard.

"Tell her to come here...get someone else to cover her...NOW!"

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Kala POV

A crowd forms, even though it is the middle of the night. Word has gotten around, plus they must feel my presence through the pack bond,

Even now, more pack members come out of their front doors to my return for themselves.

I wasn't prepared for what greeted me...

They are like the walking dead.

I can hear their whispers....

The Alpha has returned.

Will she accept us now, will she help us.

My heart breaks for them. I didn't once think me not accepting the alpha position would make them feel rejected, make them feel unwanted. It wasn't like that. I didn't even know who I was, where I was I just needed time.

Hector remains stuck by my side as I see her slowly arriving in the distance, down the gradient path..... flanked by a group of warriors. Warriors I couldn't feel through the pack link.

"Who are they?" I ask Hector.

"Warriors sent by the Amber Desert pack."

What, sent by his estranged brother's pack. This was my pack and I knew nothing of the real risk it was under or the latest addition of warriors.

"You knew?" I seethe through a false smile as pack members look at me expectantly.

Again...his silence speaks volumes.

As she walks towards us, down the path that leads to the alpha house. It's like there is an invisible strain upon her shoulders, something weighing her down...her eyes looking downcast she hasn't looked up at me at all. Yet I can see how tired she is, the dark circles under her eyes.

She Halts in front of Hector and myself, the Amber Desert warriors standing just behind her like body guards.

"Alphas this is a surprise.."

"Is it?" Hector growls but I throw my arm out, stopping him from continuing...I would handle this.

"Alora...." Any anger I had at her has melted almost away. I couldn't be angry at her, she looked awful...she was skinny, pale and exhausted..

"What are you doing here?" She looks at me half excited, half worried.

"I received word that you were planning to attack a neighbouring pack?"

"You did?" Her eyes dart to Ezra.

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"Not by Ezra." I correct her, he wasn't the leak.

"Is it true?" Hector's words rattle from his chest, his eyes staring at the Amber desert warriors. These would have been his warriors, had he been allowed.

"Maybe we should discuss this inside." She responds with a tick to her tone at Hector, she wasn't afraid to stand her ground with him.

I look to the pack members that have congregated outside, their eyes looking between my sister and myself.

"You, what has been happening?" I ask a middle aged male who was covered in fading bruising. He looked as if he had been in a fight but it was days ago. The bruising fading into a yellow before the skin adopts back to its original colouring. He, like the rest, looking like they were half zombie, half alive.

"Alpha?" His voice croaks under my rising aura.

"Speak truthfully!" I command at him.

"We have been bombarded with attacks, constant attacks. We have lost so many. Those of us that still stand we continue to fight but we know it will not be long..." "Long?"

"Before we join the moon Goddess."

"How many attacks?" I growl out my eyes looking back to Alora, my alpha aura starting to press forward even more, overruling any attempt of her trying to out rule me. This was it, I could feel it.

This was my defining moment. I couldn't go back to before, to not knowing now.

"Every day since you left, even twice a day...until.."

"Until?"

"Until the other day when Alpha Marc was on the border." Her eyes finally look up to mine, guilt heavy on

them.

"Please don't tell me you made a deal?" Hector steps forward, his aura was overlapping mine, he was the notorious Dark Phantom Alpha...and moments like this could see why. The Amber Desert warriors close in around Alora, protecting her.

"No of course not. She's my sister..I would never." She gasps.

"Never what?" He growls back.

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"Alpha Marc has paused the attacks whilst I

template his proposal but Kaia, please believe me!

would never trade you in. I only agreed to think about it to buy us valuable time, time to rebuild our defences, time to get medical supply in...to burry the dead." The dead.

Her words sit heavy on my heart. I had been frolicking around at banquets, trying to remember if I could

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swim...when I was needed here.

"I'm keen to meet this Alpha Marc...set up the meeting. I demand at Ezra.

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"Luna, I must protest." He moves down the Hector's command lifts off him.

"I want to discuss a peace treaty." I defiantly state.

"Not a chance." Hector growls possessively in my ear.

"The deadline was this morning, I've missed it. That's why I was going to attack." Alora adds.

"Then we attack." I declare loudly.

"Kaia?" Hector pulls me to him but I unravel his arms. His disapproving growl makes the other pack members shake with fear, but not me. I could feel the change within me.

I ignore Hector, taking a step closer to Alora and cupping my hands to her face. I pull her into me, wrapping my arms around her, before placing a kiss on the top of her head. "You've done me well Beta. Prepare for the attack, show me everything you have..."

"What are you saying." She looks up at me, eyes only for me.

"I, Kaia Glace, Daughter of Alpha Beckett Glace accept my position as the rightful Alpha of the Nightshade Reformed pack."

I feel the pack bond strengthen, each pack member's position within the pack...within the bond grow within my chest...I had accepted the position, I was now their Alpha.

I feel their welcome of me through the mind-link, their relief, their celebration.

I turn to them, the ones that had come out to see me.

"Thank you for protecting the pack in my absence. I am here now, spread the word. Tomorrow we attack. We defend the lands my Father sought out to claim. These are your lands, these are our lands and we will not be pushed aside. We will not be silenced, tomorrow we make our stand. Whoever comes for us, they will understand a female alpha's wrath."

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Kala POV

"Five hours, give me five hours and my warriors can be here." Hector slams his fist down on the desk in my alpha office.

He was pissed off at me for not giving him any warning on what I have just done, on the attack I am about to launch.

"Thank you Hector, but your pack is on the council, I don't want to involve you in this." I straighten out the documents on my desk that have become creased under his fist. "Involve me in this, fuck sweetheart, you're my mate. This does involve me."

"Alora, are these the only blue prints." I ask my sister, now my beta, ignoring his outburst. I have to make the decisions as the alpha of this pack, he can advise but this is my pack.

"Yes Alpha, I've stared at them for days, I can't find a way in." Alora walks around the desk to stand behind me. Hector also moves to stand behind me, all three of us looking at the blueprints together.

Could enter on the pretence of wanting to hear him out." I think out loud.

"You're an alpha now Kaia, so think like one!" Hector growls in my ear. He was right, that would be an easy way for me to get myself isolated from the pack. I wanted to avoid casualties, but I couldn't put myself in the line of danger. "There's just no weakness to it." Alora claims, I can see how disheartened she had become trying to find

a way in. I had been looking at the maps for only a few minutes and was getting frustrated by the lack of

access.

"What's this?" I point to a long line that seems to run under the base of the concrete tower.

"That would be the waste water infrastructure." Hector responds to me.

"Big enough to walk through?" I turn to ask, his face was exceedingly close to mine, his scent invading my

senses.

"Yes...yes that might work." He runs his hands down his face.

"Kala, you can't be serious. There's no way of knowing if that will be big enough for one person to access, let alone an army." Alora tries to change my mind.

"It's the only option we have Alora. One more attack and the pack will be gone. We have to attack first."

"Let me go, let me do this. I don't want you anywhere near that tower or him." Hector's emotions were all over the place.

His wolf was trying to push forward, his eyes kept flashing a darker colour, a sign his wolf was trying to force a shift, but he was fighting him back.

"No need, I can handle..." I gather the blueprints and start walking towards the office exit. It was just the two of us now...Alora and Ezra were preparing the warriors.

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"What the fuck is going on?" He grips me by my elbow, preventing me from leaving. An eyebrow rises as I look down at his hand, expecting him to remove it but he refuses to.

"What do you mean?"

"Ever since Jude's banquet you've been cold, distant again...like you were..."

"When I woke up with amnesia..." I seethe out at him.

"Remind me...what exactly happened again?"

"I found you in the waters and pulled you out.."

"And that's all?"

"Fuck Kaia, what else is there. You blue, you were dying...I had no choice but to mark you."

My wolf and I were still locked in an internal debate, she was routing for Hector, she believed in Hector... but I couldn't let the words of both Zederick and Samson leave my thoughts...control.

It keeps coming back to whether Hector used my unconscious state to control me, to mark me as his. But now wasn't the time, I needed a level head, to think clearly entering into this fight. Hector also, needed to be cool headed.

"I need you to keep close to Alora..."

"No Kala I stick with you, I can't lose you. That is unnegotiable!" He pulls me into him even closer, possessively. He wanted to run the attack, he wanted to wait for his warriors but I didn't want to involve his pack.

This was about the Nightshade Reformed pack being bullied, being pushed to the point of extinction and if I had Hector's help...it might make me look like a weak alpha in the eyes of the council. Being a female Alpha I had more to prove. I shouldn't, but I do. "You have nothing to prove by walking into a potential trap." His voice is strong, powerful and wolf

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tries to sink into his chest.

But I push back, she was letting the mate bond control her actions.

"I need to do this Hector, I've let my own pack down, I feel as if I have abandoned them. Alora is turning into a ghost, I've put too much on her.."

"She should have told us." He growls out, his wolf's fingers tightening around my body.

"Even so, I should have been more decisive, been stronger for her, for them. This attack will end in our favour, and I will secure my pack member's safety."

From his great height his eyes look down upon me like a god-like figure, he was an incredibly powerful wolf even being half human. I think like me, he had something to prove.

Can I trust him? What would he get out of trying to control me....

"You stick by my side no matter what.." He heavily commands.

"Hector." I start to protest.

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"I mean it Kala, you stick by my side. Human form or wolf form, you do not leave my side, not once."

With the blueprints rolled up and under my arm as a source of reference I walk us out of my office heading to the front door.

"Is everything ready?" I ask as Ezra walks into the house, I could hear the engines running outside_feel the tension through the pack-link of those that worry we may not come back.

This was going to be an early morning raid, the sun having not yet risen. Hopefully by breakfast time a new agreement will be in place and this Alpha Marc will understand his place in the shifter world. "Ready Alpha!" Ezra confirms back to me. As I leave the front door, vehicles line up outside the alpha house...ready to move.

This was make or break for the Nightshade Reformed pack.

Everything and everyone has a weakness, and hopefully I have found Alpha Marc's.

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A new month and lots of chapters already. If you are enjoying the speedy updates please drop a gem or 2...thank you.

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Hector POV

Things had accelerated zero to hundred in a space of only a few hours.

Ezra was driving, leading the convoy of vehicles to a human facility where we would launch our attack, gain access through the tunnels and up into the alpha tower. Break through their fortress from below right into the heart of the building and take down the electrics. Once the electrical systems were down... the tower would be ours to take. But we would need our strength and muscle to finally succeed.

Warriors, myself and Ezra were armed with weapons, we need this to be quick and thorough. The guns were to stall the need to shift, so when the time comes...our wolves were at their strongest.

The Amber Desert warriors insisted on accompanying, their luna was in potential danger with this

orders. mission. I approved it but made it very clear my word was law and they followed my

I was in the front, Kaia and Alora in the back seats looking over the blueprints one last time. I had them burned into my memory, my years of training better equipped both me and Ezra for such an attack.

I was still furious at him and he needed to answer for not letting me know how bad things had gotten here. How he let Alora get into his head, she was good like that when she needed to be.

The journey was short, Ezra pulling the car up to the human wastewater treatment centre that had no security whatsoever. So far so good.

Exiting the vehicle I open Kaia's door, my wolf keen to already keep her close to him. Something was wrong, something had made her distant to me...it couldn't be just still from the swimming pool incident. Under complete silence we launch our attack

The Amber Desert warriors move in first, they take control of the small porta-cabin type building before moving on in stealth mode to the large building.

It felt bittersweet working with the warriors that I was born to lead, the ones that should have followed my orders. But instead they are temporarily following Kaia's.

I don't think they have had time to inform their own alpha that there has been a change in leadership.

With no mind-link to Kaia, they use torches to signal for us to move in.

"I mean it Kaia, stick by my side at all times." I demand in Kaia's ear, it was not up for discussion.

Easy...too easy.

We access the tunnels which thankfully were large enough as long as we remained crouched down and moved in single file.

The stench was overwhelming, every single one of us having emptied our stomachs to the smell. It helped to not think of what we were treading through, trying to hold my breath for as long as possible.

Only for the inevitable breathing in and the smell hitting me as if for the first time all over again. Kaia was currently crouched over, gagging as I gripped on to her. Alpha or omega...it didn't matter who you were, +25 BONUS

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the same smell caused the same reaction.

We move in silence, as a joint force. We knew our plans, we knew our target.

I move ahead of Kala as we find a small manhole exit above us with a ladder attached to the wall.

Kala opens the blueprint maps as Alora shines a torch upon it.

"This is it." Kaia whispers to me, her eyes looking to Alora as they both mind-link each other, only for Alora to shake her head in refusal.

"Weapons out!" I order to everyone as I climb the ladder and slowly open the manhole cover above. As I push it open I find we are in the basement of the tower block, Judging by the cables and switches on the wall, exactly where we wanted to be... the alpha tower's electrical room.

This room housed the mains to the entire tower. Jackpot.

I move out of the hole, turning to help pull Kaia out. We act quickly, turning off the main switch before cutting through the wires plunging the alpha tower, and hopefully the pack's defences, into darkness.

I already hear movement outside the room as both Alora then Ezra climb up into the area.

"Alpha?" Ezra pushes on the mind-link to me as he steps aside for the warriors to follow up out.

"This feels too easy..." I respond hesitantly.

"You think it's a trap?"

"No I don't think it's a trap...but something isn't right."

The electrical room door bursts open to security pointing guns at Kala and Alora, but I move before them, firing my gun shooting all 3 in the head.

"Move..." I signal at the warriors who move past me, pushing through the outside corridor, moving to overthrow the leadership here.

The building's emergency generator has kicked in, the room and corridor flashing as I hear fresh gunshots. I look to both females, their identical faces staring at me with each flash of the strobing light. "Alora you stick with Ezra, no matter what...you understand?" I let my alpha aura thrust itself onto her. "Yes Alpha." She swallows hard as her eyes dart down to the dead bodies now lying at my feet. "Kaia, you..." I start to order at her to remain by my side when she cuts me off.

"Give me a gun." She looks at me expectantly.

"Not chance."

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"I want a gun..

"No."

"Hector." She growls before continuing.

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Kaia POV

"I want a gun." I demand.

"No." He growls at me, his demonic eyes even more monstrous with the flashing overhead lighting.

"Hector... Give me a bloody gun." I insist, putting my hand out expectantly.

He glares at me and I can feel the fight between our alpha auras. There was no denying how strong he was, stronger than me. I push harder on my aura, trying to push his back into him.

It was like an invisible weight trying to push down on me. His command over me was gone, the moment! accepted my position as the alpha of the nightshade reformed pack, his command withered away.

I could leave him at any time now, leave his pack...my body wouldn't fight me from leaving him now.

"You aren't trained." He responds in a matter of fact manner.

"Does that matter?"

"Of course it matters." I could see we weren't going to agree on this and I didn't have time for another argument, not in the middle of a dangerous invasion. My warriors were armed, I would need to trust in them. "Clear." We hear a male's voice shout out from the corridor, Hector pulling me into him as we rejoin the gathered warriors.

"The floor is ours Alpha." One of the Amber Desert warriors confirms to Hector.

"Excellent, let's move up." Hector orders.

We push up the stairs onto each level, moving swiftly to take out any threat inside knowing the majority of their warriors are outside, locked outside...unable to get in with the systems down. Our plan had worked perfectly thus far.

As we continue to secure each floor, the ratio of warriors to civilian pack members lessen, meaning we had almost taken the building, almost taken the pack.

All that was left was the Alpha floor, the pent house suite.

Smoke cannisters filled with wolfsbane are used to eliminate any threat on this level. We were told to wait back, for the smoke to settle...the warriors having masks to push forward through the smoke. This is where the Alpha Marc would be housed, would be hiding. The warriors move in first, working as a unified unit even though they are from mixed packs and do not share a collective pack bond. Alora has done well to train the Amber Desert Warriors to work alongside our fighters.

"Clear!" A warrior pushes on my mind-link, updating me with the final part of the mission.

Is he there?" I ask back.

"No Alpha, no sign of him. No one is here."

Chapter 0195

+25 BONUS

I start to walk down the corridor with Hector, Ezra and Alora hot on my tail.

"He's not here." I update Hector, who moves past, in front of me and enters the alpha rooms before I do. If he wasn't here, where was he.

The alpha rooms were decorated like a bachelor pad; black leather sofas, a dark humid living room, gadgets and the most on trend technology richly filling the space.

Whoever this alpha was, I'm sensing we may not see eye to eye on things. On things that matter.

"Alpha? You need to see this." A warrior pushes on the link again and I move to join a group of them in what seems to be the alpha's office. The lights were still flashing as the taste of the wolfsbane gas grenades remained in the air. My eyes streaming from the lack of a mask.

"What is it?" I look around the desk and floor hoping to find this alpha cowering at our attack when I see it.

"Welcome my Luna 2421"...written on the wall in red paint.

What the... how did he know I would be here.

I step closer to it, a metallic smell coming off the paint

As I go to touch it, I realise it isn't paint....it's blood. What kind of sick bastard leaves a note in blood. He also knew I would be here...that I would launch an attack...so why did he leave his people so vulnerable. "Kaia?" Hector moves in behind me, his eyes widening as he looks at the message on the wall. "Inform the pack that we have taken control, that their alpha has abandoned them. Tell them I am coming downstairs to discuss their options." I order at Alora who is followed out by Ezra.

"He knew Hector. He knew yet he left them." As the room clears I turn to Hector.

"Yes but how did he know?"

"It doesn't matter, what kind of an alpha abandons his pack knowing they are about to be attacked." I growl out, my fists clenching by my side.

"One that doesn't deserve a pack in the first place. What are you going to offer options wise?" He asks me, his eyes remaining on the sick message on the wall.

"A truce for now. Until we find him and put a peace treaty in place. I don't want his pack, I just don't want ours to be attacked any more. I just want my people to live peacefully. What would you suggest?"

"Exactly that. They won't refuse you, I get the feeling that they will be grateful for a new leader, even if only temporary."

My eyes turn back to the message...2421.

"2421...what does that mean?"

"Hhmm not sure. Why don't you wait for me outside and I'll take a photo of this as evidence for the council." Chapter 1196

Bond 196

Chapter 0196

Hector POV

I knew it was too easy, that he wasn't putting up a fight

He wanted her here.

Hence this sick message he has left for my mate on his office wall.

As Kala steps out of the room I take pictures to send to the council, the council that had been swallowing up his lies. Now they will see what kind of a sick fuck he is. 2421..I knew instantly what that was, even though Kaia didn't. The only reason because I have one myself.

A safe code.

I move quickly knowing Kaia is only on the other side of the wall to find a hidden safe.

When it isn't behind the posters or pictures on his wall, I look behind his book case but come up empty.

Sitting at his desk, I look through unimportant paperwork, before pulling on his desk drawers.

The top two are as expected...keys, pens, cigarettes...but the bottom drawer, as soon as I pull on the handle I feel the heaviness...the safe that I had been looking for.

Not wasting any valuable time, I key in the code keeping an eye on Kala outside who was now trailing her finger along a side-table inspecting the amount of dust which had been added to by the smoke bombs. Opening the safe I reach down to find a number of files...one titled The White Wolf.

My breath catches in the back of my throat as I quickly flick through the papers to find pictures of Kaia from before her accident, standing on the cliff top, walking with Beckett..and even pictures of her and Alora

The sick prick even circling Kaia and putting a thick red line through Alora.

I feel nauseated ready through reports of the repetitiveness of his attacks, the attacks Alora and Ezra pushed back on whilst Kaia and I were playing happy couple.

I had been blinded by the need to get Kaia out, to make her mine before anybody else made a claim for her that I had allowed her pack to be punished. I had been selfish.

I continue to search through the documents when I find a terrain map, with lines showing the pack borders of the Nightshade Reformed pack. He had everything...aerial view pictures of the map including birdseye views of the alpha home and the medical centre. But what I didn't understand is why he had added markings with handwritten notes for a grander scale hospital, a military training camp and even a temple.

A temple for what?

"Hector? Are you ready?" Kaia's rejoins the office remaining by the door, hesitant to come in as her eyes stare back at the message on the wall. I quickly place the documents away back in the safe before joining her and deliberately blocking her view of the message +25 BONUS

Chapter 01196

"Yes, let's go give them their options." She is already walking away from me...touch...I need to remind her what we are to one another. I pull her into me, placing a sensual kiss on her mark. Her moan comes before she has a chance to fight it, her hands raking up and pulling at my hair. There...she craves me...so why is she fighting it.

Her heat couldn't come sooner. For her safety and my wolf's heightened possessiveness of late, it

couldn't come sooner.

We head downstairs where Alora and Ezra have secured the outside of the tower building, all pack members now congregated outside, our warriors surrounding them with their weapons armed. "There's no need for violence." She waves at the warriors, informing them to lower the guns.

"This was a necessary operation to keep the peace between our 2 packs..." She starts to address them but is cut off.

"Operation this is more like an invasion. What do you want?" A pack elder has the nerve to shout back at Kaia.

"Your alpha has continued to launch deadly attacks on my pack. Yes you are right this is an invasion but I mean you no harm...if you abide by my rules.

Your Alpha has left you, he knew the attack was happening, yet he left you. For now, you will all be placed under curfew and any weapons will be surrendered to my warriors. I repeat we mean no harm." "Without our weapons we will be killed." A female shrieks from the crowd.

"I stand by my words, I mean you no harm. We are a peaceful people.."

"Rogues...you are all rogues.." A man spits out at Kaia's feet, my immediate reaction was to throttle him but Kaia needed to show unwavering strength. They needed to see that she was a strong alpha by herself. "Your Alpha has abandoned you, you are alone." As her unsettling words hit them I take the opportunity to mind-link Ezra about the files in the office.

"Ezra, there's a safe in the bottom drawer of Marc's desk. I need you to take the documents out and keep them hidden from Kaia and Alora."

"Yes Alpha."

"Good, go now.

"What is the code for the safe?"

"It's on the wall."

Bond 197

Chapter 0197

Kain POV

The threat of the Shadow Rock pack had been eliminated for now.

The mass majority were anxious but accepted my terms for peace and somehow, Hector had managed to get the council involved.

I was relieved to hear they weren't going to charge me with war crimes myself for the attack, and that they were being supportive in monitoring the pack.

In time I would need to attend a hearing to discuss my involvement.

I just wanted to secure the safety of my people, and it feels like Alora and I have finally done that. Finally the Shadow Rock and Nightshade Reformed weren't at war, our people could finally enjoy some rest.

I have to admit, I don't think it would have gone as well as it did, had Hector not have been by my side. Maybe being an alpha myself now, I know I can't be controlled, maybe that is what has changed...

I was looking forward to some respite, to sometime at the Nightshade Reformed pack.

"Kaia?"

"In the office." I respond to Hector as he calls out my name as he enters the front door. He had been at the Shadow Rock pack again, tasking himself with liaising with the council.

He walks in, his hair messy...he's been running his hands through it. He does that when he is stressed. His eyes lock on mine, a smile entering onto the corner of his lips. My lips copy his until my eyes sink lower to the holdall bag casually hanging over his shoulder. My heart sinks, I thought we would stay here for a few more days...not that I didn't want to go back to the Dark Phantom pack..

"We are leaving...already?"

"No, I am leaving...you are staying."

"I thought wherever you went, I went?" The delivery of my words are like a joke, but I mean quite the opposite. Standing up, I move around the desk and towards him. I wanted to stay here but why was I hesitant for him to leave without me.

"I need to go check something out."

"How long for?"

"A night...two nights...I won't be long."

"And you're going alone?" My wolf, she was the one letting the hesitation wash over me.

"Yes alone." He chuckles at my reply.

"You worried about me?" He mocks, taking a step closer dropping his bag down on to the floor. Yes

Chapter 197

+25 BONUS

"No, you're a big boy, you can look after yourself." I smirk back at him, placing my hands on the desk.

behind me.

"Where are you going?" A frown forms on my face that can't hide.

"I'd rather not say.."

"Why..."

"I need you here, safe. I need to check something...and I won't be able to think straight if you are in

my neck. potential danger." His hands land on my hips, trailing up my ribcage and resting gently around

"I won't be long..." His lips smash against mine and a form of panic grows from the pit of my stomach. He was about to enter a dangerous situation....alone. What If...mates aren't meant to be apart. What if he doesn't return to me... Was this a kiss goodbye.

My hands leave the desk...locking behind his neck and pulling him down into me...deepening our kiss. I for once instigate my tongue running along his bottom lip.. wanting access.

He moans into my mouth as he grants me access and I taste his minty tongue as it presses forcibly against mine as he now takes control.

His hands run back down to my hips before landing on my ass and lifting me up on the desk. He separates my thighs, his hard groin pressing against me.

It was my turn to moan out loud as I press myself against him..

His lips snap away from my mouth and passionately kiss across my jaw line before his tongue licks across my neck...his lips finding my mark...sucking on my mark. I need to close my legs, I need to stamp out the fire burning within my groin...the sensation growing in my lower core.

But his body is preventing me.

I don't hear her enter, but Hector's annoyed growl brings me back from my high.

"For fuck sake." He whispers under his breath as he hoists me back off the desk.

"Impeccable timing Alora...I'll let you know when I'm on my way back."

"Sorry!" Alora mimes to me by the door.

Hector's lips kiss my mark one more time before he bends down to grab his bag and leaves the office.

Leaves me....

"Do you know where he is going?" I turn to my sister.

"No..."

"Can you..."

"Can I watch the fort, keep things

nover whilst you be with your man.....sure.

"Really?"

Chapter 0197

"I meant what I said Kala, this is my home now."

+25 BONUS

I can't believe I am actually doing this...but something is telling me to not let him go alone. To be with him. Wherever it is he is going.

Ezra is talking to Hector through the passenger car window...the car engine on as Hector prepares to leave.

With a small bag packed, I walk over to the car...Ezra's eyes watching me as he straightens up. An understanding smile enters onto his face as he opens the passenger car door for me. "What are you doing?" Hector looks at me in disbelief as Ezra closes the door and I strap myself in.

"Coming with..."

"Kaia...there's a reason I want you to stay."

"Well you should have thought of that before you marked me...we are mates and mates should be together."

Bond 198

Chapter 0198

Hector POV

"Is that why my mother died in childbirth, because she had me?" A sadness to her tone.

Honesty...I was being honest with Kala. Sharing with her the research I had uncovered this far. It was a long journey and the opportune time to work on us... the trust between us.

"Yes, I think so. From what I have read, only one is alive in the world at one time." I continue.

"So... if I have children..."

"Then we won't have children." I bluntly reply.

"Hector, be serious. We are alphas. Our packs depend on us having heirs, keeping the future of the packs secure."

Her horrific miscarriage comes back to me, she barely survived that. And I think she only survived it by turning her heartache into hatred towards me at the time. I don't think she can survive that happening to her again.

"Let's not worry about things that are years ahead of us. Let's just see what information we can find from your past pack.

The council don't even know if another pack took over it or if the land was divided up and merged into other neighbouring packs. There isn't a lot of information before the attack on the Clear Waters pack." "Maybe we should have brought guards?"

"No, bringing guards makes it look like we are expecting trouble. We are just a recently mated couple

basis. You do not mention your connection to this pack, you pretend you exploring packs for a historic have no attachment to the pack. We are just visitors, do you

understand?" My command is heavy, she had to follow my lead on this. "Yes Alpha!" She smirks, before giving a playful salute.

"We still have some miles to cover so if you want to rest, I suggest you do that now."

"Do you want me to drive?"

"Can you drive?"

"I don't actually know."

"So we will add driving and gun handling to your list of training." I smirk at her before putting my foot on the gas pedal, as I leave the small human town behind us..

We still had a good hour to cover but I was growing more sceptical of this blacked-out pickup truck behind us. It had been following us for a few miles now and my wolf was growing anxious of its closeness.

The satnav had taken us down some country lanes in an attempt to avoid an incident on a main road which had resulted in long queues.

+25 BONUS

Chapter 5198

It could just be that this pickup truck was doing the same route as us, avoiding the main roads. But I couldn't ignore the tingles of warning on the back of my neck.

As I come to a cross roads, I take the opposite direction of the satnav's suggestion, ignoring the diversions and going off route. If this pickup truck was innocent, it would follow the correct route.

I slow down, wanting to see what they decide...they seem to take their time even with no other traffic around, the roads were clear.

I let out a deep sigh when it continues on the correct path, and I continue on this road...as the satnav calculates its new route,

I pull up, parking my SUV on the side of the road. There were gates up ahead, that were currently unmanned but locked. I wanted to scout the area first before rolling up in a car and demanding entrance. Although...things didn't look very active. Maybe these were the outer gates to deter humans entering on to lands, which was quite common.

Removing my seat belt I lean over, stroking Kaia's hair before kissing her on her temple.

"Wake up Kala."

"We are here?" She hums out, snuggling her face into my chest.

"Yes, we need to walk."

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"They won't let us in?" She instantly becomes wide awake.

"I want to do a surveillance first, get an idea of their numbers."

"Okay, I'm ready."

We both walk over to the gates, getting an idea of what level of security this pack had.

Only to find things didn't seem to sit well with me. There was no one at the gates, not even the outer gates...which should have some kind of eyes on.

Kala pulls on the locked gates which do not budge under her strength. With my disapproving growl she starts climbing the railings, jumping down and dusting herself off.

I follow suit and even as I land, I'm surprised that no alarms blare out, no guards jump out of their hiding space to question our unauthorised entry.

"Let's keep moving." Kaia suggests and we walk down the path, as signs of buildings start to come into

vision.

In the distance you could hear the sounds of trickling water, and as we push through overgrown grass and wildflowers we come to a beautiful waterfall surrounded by rocks. "Does this look familiar?" I turn to her, her eyes watching the falling water with wonder.

"No nothing, let's keep moving."

As we keep moving Kaia points to the coastal line, the crystal waters below which ironically now remind her of the Nightshade Reformed pack. This wasn't right, something was wrong. Where was everybody. +25 BONUS

Chapter 0106

"Kala, maybe there wasn't a resettled pack. Maybe the pack that attacked..just left everything as it was. It would explain the overgrown landscape and the lack of people." I mean this was like a ghost pack. As we push in more towards the central reservation of the pack, my wolf is now on high alert readying to shift at any second.

And when I see them, I understand why.

"Hector...look." Kaia's voice quivers at my side, my arms wrapping around her pulling her in to me.

Skeletons scattered across the ground, outside the small pack member's houses and even heading up to the path to the alpha house.

This was a pack that had been terminated in one swift attack. This was a destroyed pack.

Chapter 0100

Bond 199

Chapter 0199 Kala POV

These bodies...skeletons had been here for some time, years even. Were they the remains of the pack members that were killed in the attack that I was supposed to have escaped when I was 16.

My wolf was stirring, if that was the case these were our people. My parent's pack...my Mother's pack. How could they be so coldly slain.

"Hector....these bodies look as if they have been here for a while. Do you think they are from the attack that my Father made me flee from?" I whisper, it felt inappropriate to speak at a normal volume around this mass burial...not even a burial.

"They could be. But if the attackers didn't remain and take on the pack, why didn't Beckett return to bury his people, and more importantly to claim back your land?" Hector was right, I could feel the unease from my wolf, something smelled off.

"I want to give them a proper burial, they deserve a proper burial." They had been so coldly left, not given the burial for the moon goddess...who could do such a thing.

"They do, but not now. If we start disturbing them it might bring unwanted attention our way. We haven't come across anyone yet...let's keep it that way." Hector whispers into my ear, my emotions were all over the place but his gentle caress on my cheek help to ground be back to my centre.

His grip around my waist was super tight, the tightest I think it has ever been.

Stepping carefully over the fallen, we move towards what we assume is the pack house.

My family home.

The grounds have no unpleasant smell of death, that scent left years ago, replaced by the floral perfume of overgrown greenery and wild flowers. Nature had taken back its control on these lands and she was thriving,

The house is like any other Alpha house, bigger than most buildings in the pack to differentiate between the Alpha family and the pack members. It had cute white but now stained and rusty french panel shutters outside of every window, a tall archway outside the front door that had now overgrown with roses. I have to in fact pull back the stems...cutting my finger on a few thorns.

Hector pushes ahead of me pulling out a pocket knife and cutting at the roses to make a semi walkable pathway.

Once through, he pulls me towards him, placing my fingers to his lips and sucking out the thorns before licking his tongue along my skin.

His eyes hold a deliciously devious glare to them, the mate bond coming to life as I feel his intentions. My cheeks blush under his seductive gaze and if our current location wasn't so dire, I would let my body be his for the taking.

He holds me back behind his outstretched arm as he turns the knob on the front door.

I'm not really sure what I was expecting...a skeleton to jump out at me...but as the now open door hits.

+25 BONUS

Chapter 0190

against the inside wall, the place looks spotless. Except for a few cobwebs that show the sign of time.

Whites and blues decorate this home, in keeping with the coastal location.

My footsteps echo against the wooden floor as I walk in...testing my mind for any memories

But again no luck.

A picture hangs on the wall of a male with black sleek hair and a teenage female with sunkissed skin and long flowing brown hair.

"That's me?" It was more of a rhetorical question, I knew it was me..but as I looked into the man's eyes that stood behind me with his hand on my shoulder...nothing, no memory stirs.

Father...he looked younger than in the photos Alora had shown me.

In those pictures he had a white stripe in his hair and a scarred eye.

There was also no sign of the limp Alora told me he had suffered with. This was him, the proud Alpha of the Clear Waters pack, before the attack of course.

Before I had left him.

"Kaia?" Hector's hand gently touches my shoulder as I remain transfixed on the large photograph. "Hmm?"

"Let's keep moving." He encourages me to move on, we didn't want to spend a lot of time here.

"Okay." I nod in agreement, we can always come back.

We stick together, Hector continuing to hold my hand and enter each room first.

We enter the Alpha office, where I gasp at the picture of my mother hanging on the wall. She was standing in a flowing cream dress, her hand proudly holding her round pregnant belly...Alora and me. Other than her Greek goddess-like beauty there is no sign that she had a hidden ancestry, that she was a white wolf like me. She looked like a happy female that was excited to meet her babies.

"Can we go upstairs?" I murmur to Hector keen to find my old bedroom. He nods in response having searched through the desk, but nothing to help him with his research of my past.

We head upstairs where the house starts to become darker, the bedroom curtains still drawn. I think I find what must have been my old room.

The biggest sign was clothes that would still fit me today...a few magazines but nothing that would help me with my memories.

I let my fingers brush against each item, each piece of furniture to help create new memories.

"It's time to leave." Hector's voice comes abruptly.

"What's wrong?"

"I don't think we are alone anymore."

Bond 200

Chapter 0200

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0200

Hector POV

"Get her out!" My wolf roars in my head and it's that warning that makes me take flight.

This entire pack was wrong, and I wasn't going to wait to find out exactly what happened with Kala by my side.

My wolf never backs down from a fight but for him to give such a warning, I know it is not to be taken lightly.

She almost slides down the stairs as I take three steps at a time to get to the exit.

"Hector wait, it might be someone that can tell us what happened." Kaia calls out but nothing will persuade my wolf. The front door was insight and nothing would stop me from getting her out.

Act now, questions later.

As soon as we exit the house, the dreadful realisation hits me...we had been watched from the moment we arrived.

"Trust me my love, whoever is here means us harm." I growl as I jump over a family of skeletons, Kaia doing the same.

She understands my emotions, my importance of getting us as far away from these lands as possible. This was a mistake, I shouldn't have brought her.

'She keeps up with me, her hand tightly grasped within mine as she tries to be careful of what is on the ground, of what we are disturbing by running..she gets that we need to leave. Even though it is defiling the final resting places of her people. We run as my wolf tries to sense out the threat. I can feel eyes on still as we reach the pack gates by the country lane.

Every bone and muscle in my body wants to turn, to rip to shreds who dared to watch us...but if I shift...so will Kaia. And I just can't take that risk. Not here, not in her mother's pack.

This could be a trick to prove she is the white wolf after all, I should never have brought her here.

My eyes search the landscape behind us as I let my aura crash into Kaia.

She doesn't wait and climbs over the gate, myself only a few seconds after as we then rush to my car. As soon as we are in the vehicle, I start the engine and shift into gear, even before the doors are closed. We don't even stop to put our seat belts on.

As we pick up speed I recognise that same blacked-out pickup truck from before.

"Fuck!" I curse out, Kala whipping her head back to look behind me.

"Do we need to be worried about that truck?"

"Worried, no. But for now, we have a shadow following us." Shit, I knew I should have trusted my gut

Chapter 0200

instinct... that truck had been following us all along.

+25 BONUS

They didn't intimidate me, I was a bloody good driver but having my mate next to me...my priorities in my world have now changed.

She comes first, her safety comes first.

I won't make mistakes, poor decisions that will put her at risk...and that is what truly frightened me. I can't have her put at risk..

If I can get us safely to an alliance pack we should lose this tail, they won't dare to follow us into pack grounds.

Especially when I am in the alliance.

Thinking quickly I press Ezra's mobile number on the car's media system to call him as I continue to weave around sharp corners, my arm spread out and pressed against Kaia's chest to keep her held back in the seat. "Kaia...seatbelt!" I command heavily and she does as I order.

"Alpha?"

"Ezra, I need to know the nearest pack in the alliance. I need...fuck me!" I roar out, pinning Kaia against the chair more as the dickhead behind rams into my rear bumper.

She may have her seatbelt now on but she still flung forward too much for my liking.

"What is it? What's wrong?" My beta goes into action mode.

"Ezra..." Kaia starts as I hit the breaks to turn a sharp corner. I needed to get on a straight road, on a highway to lose this bastard.

"...we've picked up a tail. What's the nearest pack to us that is in the alliance?" I demand to know, my eyes sharing their time between watching the road ahead and glancing through the mirrors to the road behind. "I'll check..." Ezra responds before Alora can be heard in the background.

"Kaia..what's going on?" Alora's voice is higher than usual.

"We are being chased...Alora, the entire pack..they were brutally killed." Kaia gasps as she clings on to the dashboard as I plough through a fence to cut across a farmer's field.

"What?" Alora gasps in disbelief.

"They weren't even buried, they were left where they were slain." Kaia roars.

I glance at her just long enough to find the blue rims around her pupil bleeding out into her green eyes. Her wolf trying to take control.

"Come home!" Alora growls down the phone which is met by my own angry growl...her home was with me.

"Ezra, the damn pack name?" I roar out.

"Red Thorn."

"Who else?"

Chapter 0200

+25 BONUS

"It's that or...it's them, Red Thorn."

"Ezra?" I tense my jaw. The Red Thorn was not an option.

Not only were they not in the alliance but they were closely linked to the Amber Desert pack. The alpha being Damon's best friend...a lot of my own teenage years spent at that pack with the alpha family. Memories I choose to forget.

It also happened to be the pack Medea was from, the alpha being a cousin of hers.

"Kaia?" I can sense Alora's worry for her sister as she gasps out loud as I slam the breaks on to hit another sharp corner.

"I'm fine..."

Relief hits me as I see the highway ahead...as soon as hit that I can out run this prick. I'll drive straight on to the Dark Phantom pack.....

"Hector watch out!" Kaia screams, her hands flinging out to me as a van drives out of nowhere blocking the small lane, blocking my view of the highway. I slam my foot on the breaks but it is too late.

I don't feel pain from the impact, the only pain was the shrieking desperate scream of Kaia as my world blacked out.