

## Chapter 13

### Maddox's POV

Between the late night Friday and the half day meeting Saturday and then looking for my mate and Kurt's I was exhausted from the lack of sleep. It wasn't long into the trip that the sound of the tires on the asphalt of the road lulled me to sleep.

#### *Maddox's Dream*

*I opened my eyes to see that I was in a familiar cave. It was the same one I woke up in with Selene all those years ago. I knew she was here somewhere. This was her go to spot to talk to me when she had something important to say. I headed for the unlit fire pit and started to work on lighting it up. This may be a dream world, but it was still a bit chilly in this cave.*

*Once the fire was started I sat down and warmed my hands up with the heat from the flames. I waited for a good while before*

Selene popped up on the other side of the fire from me. She gave me a sad smile and said, "I'm sorry that you were pulled away from your mate for the second time. This isn't how you two were supposed to meet, you know."

"What do you mean?" I asked, intrigued by what she was about to tell me.

"You were supposed to meet at the party, but she wasn't supposed to be drunk on that gods awful wolfsbane liquor. She didn't know she met her mate when she ran from the room. Well she did, but by then it was too late. Her past relationship made her build a wall around her heart to protect herself from further pain. You were both supposed to mark each other that night, but because her wolf was subdued by the alcohol the instinct didn't trigger. Though a different instinct still triggered though, didn't it King." Selene said, giving me a knowing look that caused me to blush slightly.

King however thought it was hilarious and was puffing his chest out in pride. Stupid



wolf. I shook my head. "Will I ever find her again?" I asked in a small voice. I internally scolded myself for sounding weak like that. I am supposed to be the Lycan King for goddesses sake.

"Oh don't you worry about that. Your mate will come to you sooner than you think. Actually she is seeking you out right now as we speak." Selene said, with a mischievous glint in her eyes. I wasn't sure if I liked that look or not. "Oh before I forget and since you have to leave in a minute. Be wary of who you allow close to your mate. She isn't a weak wolf by no means, but she has been hurt badly in the past. Some things may bring back those painful memories for her and cause a strain in your mateship." Selene said. After she spoke I knew I was about to be back in the "real" world again soon. I just waved to Selene and closed my eyes.

### *End of Maddox's Dream*

I woke up with a start when I felt Kurt nudge my shoulder a bit to wake me up. "Hey,

Madd. We're home. It looks like we have a welcoming party too." Kurt said.

I looked and was pleased to see Jed and Ralf waiting for us. I know we were only gone for the weekend, but I would like to know how things have gone in the kingdom while I was away. I also wanted to make sure that the girls were all out of their wing so that I can get the redecorating started. If my mate was really seeking me out it wouldn't be long until she came here, and I don't want her to have to witness my shameful past. If I could change anything about my past it would be not waiting for my mate. After meeting her all of my past transgressions with other females feels like a betrayal to her.

The car pulled up and I noticed that not far down the road another car was making its way towards the castle. It must be the girls. Good thing we left when we did. They must have been notified the moment I agreed to offer my protection. I got out of the car the moment it stopped and walked up to Jed



and Ralf. "Anything exciting happen while we were gone? How did vacating the girls go? How did Moni..." I was interrupted by the she-devil herself running out of the castle squealing and jumping into my arms. I caught her out of reflex so she didn't fall and hurt herself. I'm an asshole, but I am not so much as to let anyone get hurt.

"Baby your back! I was so happy when you told me you were getting rid of your harem. I moved my things into your room, and I hope you don't mind but I redecorated it a little bit. Now that I am going to be your queen I needed to put a few feminine touches to that old outdated bedroom of yours." Monica said with excitement. I glared at my gamma and he only had a smug smirk on his face. This bastard doesn't realize what he has done.

Before I could say anything to refute Monica's claims I heard car doors open and then my mate's scent about knocked me on my ass. I turned quickly to see she was here with Kurt's mate and smiled real big,

but the look of hurt and betrayal on her face was enough to shatter me. She looked so heartbroken and I couldn't understand why.

*'Maybe it is the she-devil in your arms, dumbass. Drop that trash! NOW! You are giving our mate the wrong impression.'* King shouted in my mind.

I looked down and realized he was right. Monica was still in my arms. I threw her unceremoniously to Jed. *'Get rid of her NOW! That girl who just arrived is my f\*\*\*\*\*g MATE! Now she thinks I left her because of this w\*\*\*e!'* I growled down the mindlink to Jed who now looks like Casper's cousin by how white he is.

"Monica, I told you that you needed to vacate the castle Friday. Your services are no longer needed. King Maddox has found his mate and Queen. You are not her. So pack your belongings and leave!" Jed snarled at her.

Monica looked like she was about to



explode. I ignored her and rushed down the steps to my mate, but she backed away from me. It hurts. I admit that my mate stepped away from me, but I can understand why she did. It didn't mean I liked it at all, but I understood her actions.

"Please. It isn't what it looks like." I tried to say, but I was interrupted by Monica's screeching.

"You are dumping me for this child! Baby, we have been together for twenty years. Didn't what we shared matter to you at all." She cried. I looked at her like she was crazy. What the hell is she talking about? "We were planning on starting a family once you marked me. You promised that you would when you got back from the academy. You said you wanted one last fling before you sealed yourself to one woman for the rest of your life. I thought that was why you had me get rid of your harem."

Oh this b\*\*\*h was good. She was laying it on really thick with convincing lies. The

gasp and sob from my mate made me whip my head to her quickly. The broken look on her face before she shifted and ran off will haunt me for the rest of her days. The girl beside her walked up to me and slapped me before she said, "You men are all the same. Assholes. Now I am glad I ran from my mate. If this is what his king deems appropriate behavior." Then she turned and shifted as well trying to catch up to my mate.

"Kurt! Have ten of our best trained guards follow them. Ralf you are in charge of their safety. Jed, my office NOW and bring that w\*\*\*e with you!" King snarled out. He was furious that his reunion with his mate was ruined by my orders not being followed. For Jed's sake I hope he has a good explanation for this or King might just rip his head off. Friend or not.



