## **Chapter 30**

Dexter

The ride back was quiet I was lost in my thoughts.

My mother seemed to notice she left me alone.

I see the palace gates as we turn into the driveway. The car doesn't stop and has the royal flag on the front of it the guards just open the gates letting us through.

The car stops at the front I look over seeing my trucks still there. I see Jon hummer sitting there. I know he is going to be pissed at me.

My door opens I step out turning to help my mother. I hold my hand out for her to take. She steps out looking up the steps I see my father walking down.

He doesn't even glance at me as he walks to my mother and pulls her into a hug.

"I've missed you", He says kissing her forehead.

"I missed you as well," She says softly to him.

He still doesn't look at me. I see them looking at each other. I know they are linking to one another.

He looks over at me. "Dexter," He says so dryly, It's nice to see you came home.

"Father," I say bowing my head a little, "It's good to be back, I'm sorry for taking off."

"Hmm," Is all he says.

He takes my mother's hand placing it in the crook of his arm. He leads her up the steps into the house.

I let out a sigh, I knew he would be mad at me. I know they all are even moms.

She just hides it better than the rest.

I start walking up the steps going through the door. I see my parents standing at the bottom of the stairs.

I walk over to them.

"Everything ok?" I asked they were staring at me.

"I've already told you that Maxine has moved from your floor, She is staying in the servant quarters", My mom says to me.

"Yes, I remember you saying that," I was just about to say I wanted to go find her when my father speaks.

"You are not to see her!"

I looked at him with confusion.

"Why?" I asked, "I know I have a lot of explaining to do. I know she will be angry with me."

"Because I don't want you to see her, I know she isn't ready to face you, These last six months have been hard on that girl, My dad grits through his teeth.

"I know dad, I'm sorry I didn't mean to hurt her I thought I was keeping her safe,"

"By leaving her alone, Sleeping with others, Do you even know the pain you caused her?" He's now yelling. I see his face is becoming red from anger,

I hang my head feeling the power coming off my father.

"Your mother as well as Jon would have to sit with her, We would hear her screams in the night, You don't deserve her Dexter, She is a sweet person you have taken the life out of her!"

"Dad," I try to say.

He holds his hand up showing me to be quiet.

"I'm giving you an order, You are not allowed to see Maxine, You will not seek her out, You will not speak with her, Until she has permitted you to do so, Until the such time she is off limits, Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes," Father I say softly while keeping my head hung low,

"Also, If you sleep with anyone in this house, You will be kicked out I will cut all ties with you, You will no longer be Prince Dexter, Is that in any way unclear?"

I snap my head up to look at my father I see his eyes are glowing yellow,

I then look at my mother. She nods her head at me.

"Yes, Father I give you my word, I will not lay with anyone other than my mate, When she has forgiven me When she allows me to be back in her life,"

"Good, Now you can go to your floor and get settled back in,"

I don't say anything I just bow my head.

I don't take the elevator I head up the stairs,

I reach my floor walk down the hall and stop at my door. I go to open it but stop I turn to look at the door across the hall,

I walk to that door open it walking into the room.

I take a deep breath in, Her scent is still in here. It's faint seeing how she hasn't been in here lately,

I walk around the room walking to the bed. I reach down grab the pillow bring it up to my face. I hold it close breathing in I smell her scent.

However faint it was I feel a pain in my chest for leaving her.

What was I thinking? Then all the women come to my mind that I've been with god it must have caused her so much pain.

I sit down on the bed holding the pillow against my chest.

I feel a single tear roll down my cheek.

Closing my eyes.

I feel the bed next to me dip down. I open my eyes looking to my side to see who was there.

"Mom?" I say with my broken voice.

"How could I hurt her like that? She will never forgive me."

"It's going to take some time dear, You will have to win her heart, You had it before you left before she fully understood what was going on, When you left then sleeping with other women you broke her heart."

"I know mom, I was trying to protect her, When you guys got jumped in the woods seeing her back cut up bleeding, It caused a pain in my chest knowing it was because of me, I felt as if I wasn't around people would leave her alone."

"Dexter, I can understand what you are saying, You didn't look past any of that you didn't think what would happen if you left, You jumped at the first thing that came to your head."

"I know, Now dad's mad at me I also know Jon is going to be as well."

"Your father will get over it here soon, He's hiding his hurt behind his anger."

I just hug the pillow closer to me. How could I be such an idiot?

"How am I going to win her back? Dad is forbidden me to speak to or see her."

"You will figure it out, The mate bond will help pull her to you, Now that you guys are under the same roof, You just have to be patient."

"I know I'm not to go looking for her but do you know where she is? I'm not gonna go there I just was curious."

I see my mother sigh. "Yes, I do know where she is but I'm not sure telling you will be a wise thing."

I look over at her scrunch my eyes brows together, "Why? Is it not a good place?

"She is completely safe, She is with Jon."

"Jon? Why is she with him?"

"They have become very close, There is nothing more than a friendship there, So don't go thinking the wrong thing."

"I wasn't mom, I know Jon well enough to know even though he pissed at me he wouldn't cross that line."

"Yes, I will agree with you there, He has helped her a lot, He's even trained her."

"Trained?" I raise my eyebrow at that,

"She didn't want to feel helpless again, She came to me about learning some self-defense, I introduced her to Jon who has been training her."

I nod my head. "That's good, At least he was there for her."

I feel my mother's hand on my cheek, I look over at her. "I'm very happy you came home, You have been missed, Even your father has missed you though he won't admit it."

"I've missed my home, I should never have left it, I won't make that mistake again.