

## Chapter 4 - Claiming the Fated Mates - Raina Lori

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Savannah's POV

Two days later....

"Have this, our special healing soup," mom said, placing the bowl on the table, then smiling. Her smile is so warm and gentle that it chokes me everytime she is with me. I never felt what mother's love would feel like but now that I am currently experiencing it, I couldn't help but feel so grateful for my choice to leave.

"Savannah what happened? Why are you crying my dear?" mom stroked my head lovingly. She has a concerned expression on her face.

I shook my head "nothing, I was just glad I decided to leave from the previous pack. If it was not for that I would still be stuck in there"

Mom smiled as she grabbed my hand and held it tightly. "You know even if you stayed there you wouldn't be the same as before. Before you shift, your body will be similar to those of an ordinary human but once you shift your body gradually takes the change. It will increase your hearing, make your eyes sharper, and your bones will be stronger. And the mark on your back will enhance you and your wolf 2 times in each eclipse"

I was stunned. Do things like that really happen? I have never heard of such things before. Though there is some myth saying in books, who will believe those written words without any evidence? But now that mom placed these words, I couldn't help myself but truly believe.

"Enhance 2 times more?"

Mom nodded "I know it's hard to believe. You will understand these things once you experience it personally. The mark on your back still blur so in next eclipse it will bloom and we will know what kind of mark you got"

"Mom, what kind of mark does dad and bro have?"

Mom laughed "your dad has a Snake mark on his back and about your brother..." She sighed "I don't know how that child got Eagle?"

Seriously Eagle? I really wanted to see those beautiful wings spread wide with a piercing stare. Isn't it amazing?

"Mom, are you joking behind my back?"

Mom and I turned to look at the annoyed face of my brother. He was holding a bouquet in his hand and slowly strolled inside still looking annoyed.

Mom threw a boring look at him "who got free time to talk about you? Do you think I don't have other things to do?"

I pressed my lips in a thin line trying not to laugh loudly. Mom is really a tease while knowing Devak is annoyed. My brother did not bother to continue arguing as he turned to me and flashed a heart warming smile.

"Here, I have got all the fresh flowers in our garden. It will definitely make your day" he handed me the bouquet.

I can smell the freshness of the flowers. After the shift I can even smell things which are far away.

"Thank you" I grabbed the flower and smelt it again. My whole body relaxed instantly.

"We have a garden too?" I asked.

Devak nodded "of course we do. Once you feel better Tanea will take you for a tour so that you see the pack. Besides dad also planned to declare to the pack about your arrival"

My arrival? Yes, I was lost years ago and came back like a stranger to everyone. If I was not taken from my family that night, my life would be better and I wouldn't have faced those insults again and again. Back then I thought there's no one who will stand by my side and raise my voice for me. Besides Ben no one respected me at all, not even my so-called mate who always pretended like he didn't know me in public. Just thinking about it I can't help myself but feel burning inside.

"Savannah, are you okay? " I heard mom ask.

I nodded "I am fine, just remembered some past moments"

"You should try not to think of that" Devak said "if you feel annoyed then just let me know, I will invade their territory and make everyone pay for it"

His voice sounds like joking but gazing at his face I could say that no, he is not joking at all. His purple eyes flowing like ready to kill anyone. And instead of being scared I only feel warmth in my heart. This is how a brother should be isn't it? Protective towards his sister.

"Devak don't scare your sister like that" mom scolded.

Devak rolled his eyes "mom, we, the Snow Moon Pack are not cowards. Even the five years old kids in our pack can fight with tigers in the forest. Let Sav's mark grow fully then everyone will see how powerful she is"

Mom shook her head and turned to me "don't listen to your brother. This man only knows how to kill and torture people. I always wonder how Tanea manage to handle him"

"I have ways to make her listen to me, " Devak replied shamelessly.

Mom's head snapped towards him again "you brat, you dared to say such things in front of your sister. You have become too bold Devak do you want me to put you in your place personally? You want to ruin my daughter"

My brother pursed his lips but didn't reply. So he really fears mom. I giggled.

"Mom, it's not like she is a kid anymore. Besides, she will find her mate soon" Devak retorted.

Hearing that the smile on my face suddenly faded. It said that a werewolf only finds their mate once in their lifetime. And I have already rejected the bonding. May moon goddess be angry for rejecting me but I could not live with such a cheater in this life. But the pain of rejection will always hurt me no matter how much I try.

"I don't think so," I said slowly.

"What?" Devak frowned.

I looked up " I already got mate when I was living in the previous pack but at the end I rejected him"

"What?" Devak looked shocked.

"Savannah" mom gasped "you have already found mate?"

I nodded.

"Why did you reject him?" Devak asked.

"I rejected him the day I left the pack. That night was supposed to be a great one because it was the throne ceremony. But unfortunately I found out my mate was cheating with my so-called sister. They asked me to compromise and live in the shadows. I didn't agree so I rejected him and left" I explained.

"That bastard" Devak clenched his fist "how dare he betray you like this. Is he asking for a death? A small wolf like him is not a match for me. I can even strangle his neck without shifting at all"

"Devak calm down. Don't rush things. Those low lives, first they stole my daughter and now they wanted her to be a substitute. They dared to do such a thing, your father and I will discuss it thoroughly but before that you are not allowed to take any action. Do you understand?" Mom asked.

"Fine" Devak nodded.

"Mom it's fine, you don't have to do anything. I don't even want to hear their names. Whatever they had done, I want to do it personally" I held her hand and found it slightly warm.

"Are you sure?" Mom asked with her gentle voice.

I nodded "yes"

"Since you have decided then I won't come in your way. But your dad still need to know about this matter" mom replied.

I nodded again "okay"

"You need to rest well and heal your body completely. Since you have awakened your wolf it will take a month for her to finally get consciousness for sleeping so long. And in next eclipse you will get your full power"

"When will be this next eclipse?" I asked.

Mom smiled "2 years later. Till then you need to take good care of your body so that you can prepare yourself to handle the change"

I nodded "okay"

I never thought the process would be this long but it's worth the wait because this time the waiting wouldn't hurt me and I can find ways to learn everything in the meantime.

"Rest well, I will go and prepare lunch" mom said and got up.

"I will send Tanea" Devak smiled then followed mom out of the room.

I leaned back on the headboard of the bed and closed my eyes. My life finally changed after all those struggles.

2 years later....

"Are you ready?" Tanea peeked inside the room.

I brushed my dress over my thighs then sighed. 2 days ago dad told me about a Pack Union Party which is held every 3 years. Where all the Pack will join. It is a kind of arrangement to meet people from other packs and also to find your mate. I am not worried about finding a mate because the last betrayal was enough to teach me a good lesson. So whether I have a mate or not doesn't matter anymore. Besides I have found my family which treats me like a treasure and a pack which showed me what respect is.

2 years ago when dad announced about me before the pack members I almost had the idea of being rejected. But to my surprise all the members cheered saying my name and welcomed me so warmly that I almost cried. Then after a month as mom said I also found my wolf. She has been sleeping for so long that I could hear her yawning lazily. When I heard her mind linking me I was overjoyed. I always thought I am someone without an inner world but reality is far different from the imagination we predict in mind. Because you won't know when nature takes its action and changes every prospect.

And now staring at myself in the mirror I felt complete.

"I think so," I replied, still looking in the mirror.

"I told you this dress suits you. But unfortunately you didn't believe me" Tanea, my brother's mate and also my sweet sister in law flashed a smile as she walked in.

Tanea almost dragged me to shop from one store to another. And finally after a good torture of dressing she pointed towards the dress I am currently wearing.

The purple gold design dress is too beautiful to resist. It is off shoulder and has split cut from thigh to the end of the dress. What is more attractive is the golden design on the silk dress. My purple eyes matched the dress so well and it fitted on me like a second skin showing my perfectly curved body. After the shift my body structure also transformed and there was no sign of past me reflected on current me.

"Hmm...I love the dress though" I nodded.

Tanea laughed "of course you do. I knew it already. Your eyes glittered when you saw this"

"Your observation is too good"

"Am I not good? That's why that arrogant brother of yours is head over heels for me" Tanea chuckled.

I rolled my eyes "uh..Na..na....no lovey-dovey now"

"Why are you jealous?" She smirked.

"What if I say yes?" I raised my eyebrows.

Truly speaking I am jealous of her and my brother. They are sobin love that for a single person like me would like to burn myself alive for living. Inside my heart I wanted to be such a mate too but it's not like everyone is dated to have a happy end like those stories in novels.

"Oh... You-" Tanea could not complete as the door opened again and mom showed up.

"You girls are still talking here. Your dad and brother are waiting outside and oh my ... My dear girl you look so beautiful"

I smiled "thanks mom"

"And Tanea you better watch your mate. Don't let him get jealous at the party. You know last time ..." Mom warned.

Tanea grinned "don't worry mom. I got it"

"Let's go then. Those men are too impatient to wait for another minute" mom said and we laughed.

It didn't take too long to reach the venue. It is two km away from our pack house. The venue was located in the huge mansion which was built during our forefathers' time. The mansion is decorated in old style but it still looks classy and beautiful. This is my first time in 2 years to attend a party. Even in my previous time, though I have heard about it but was never able to see it personally.

When we walked inside the hall, it was crowded. Many alphas and their families joined the party. It says that in another wolf family there are only three packs which have acquired the top three positions and managed to stay stable. The number one Pack is the mysterious Dark Forest Pack. Second one is our Snow Moon Pack and the third one is the Bright Shine Pack which is also my ex pack.

"This is crowded" Tanea commented looking around.

"You better stay by my side, woman" I heard Devak warn her.

I rolled my eyes. Where will she go leaving him anyway? This man seems arrogant but he is too possessive about her.

"Come on Dev, it's not like I am running away or something" Tanea almost chuckled.

"I will tie you to bed if you even dare to think like that," Devak whispered. But I heard. Hell with my sharp hearing power. I really don't want to hear their dirty talk and spoil my mood.

I moved closer to mom and held her arms. The announcer suddenly announced our arrival.

"Here comes the Snow Moon Pack"

I followed my mom's lead and entered the main hall. Everyone's head snapped towards us but I didn't feel shy or awkward. I have already changed from my previous temperament. I put on a small smile and looked at everyone confidently. But while switching my gaze from one face to another my gaze met with a certain someone which immediately boiled my blood to its highest peak.

The familiar face of my ex.