

Chapter 14

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Vince linked Tyre about all of this because it was dangerous knowledge for anyone else to know about her.

'She was visited by Selene the first time when she was ten and told that she'd face great adversity, but it would make her stronger and would need that strength in the future. Elle was told that her destiny would be painful but would be worth it. The night that she was rejected, Selene brought Elle to her realm and told her the truth that she was Selene's descendant. There's great power inside of her that'll make her pack prosper, become unstoppable, and become the most powerful pack in history. The pack will do many great things for our kind according to Selene. Her power will be blocked for now until the right time comes and is where she needs to be in your pack. This is the destiny that you both share.'

I was absolutely stunned as I listened to what he was telling me. That was the truth that she wanted to share with me. The one that she felt I could be trusted with. I remembered her words to Gabriel when she told him goodnight. She said that if anyone deserved it then it was me. I would not necessarily agree because many were far more deserving than I was, but my mate wholeheartedly believed that it was me. I was humbled by that.

This would also explain her connection to the Goddess and why there was almost a direct connection between them. My mate was related to our deity. It was a blessing to be mated to such an amazing woman, even taking the lineage and destiny out of the mix. The wolves' reaction to her also made a lot more sense now. It was not just the fact that she was touched by the Goddess. Instead, it was because part of her held the same grace that the Goddess held within herself. It was truly remarkable in all honesty.

'I unintentionally overheard your conversation with her when you mentioned that your Alpha might know about her destiny. Do you think he's involved?' I asked.

My gut said yes because he demanded a tribunal, and now she was gone. I watched Gabriel closely as he clenched his jaw and nodded his head.

'Yes. He brought her into the pack when she was five. She didn't remember anything from before that day. He told her that she was randomly found. Then he put her in the care of Omegas and put in charge of the packhouse when she got older. We've always believed it was to keep an eye on her for whatever reason. Once she learned about her destiny from Selene, we began to question whether he knew about that power or not. Everything points to him. We just have to be careful because he wouldn't have grabbed her himself because he never gets his hands dirty, so we don't know who did. However, you would be naturally skeptical of him.

He might give up some information if he's pressed because that bastard is not brave in the least. I think you should get the Council in here before you go to see him though,' he advised. ¹

If that was not a neon sign that pointed to him knowing, then I did not know what was. How did she not remember anything from before then? He had to have wiped her memories or at least blocked them.

We had someone in our pack that would be able to tell if there was an erase or block on her mind. If that was the case, we might be able to retrieve them depending on what was used. Witches sometimes could depending on the type of magic used. Certain potions could erase the memories. It was also possible that a block was placed on her before entering the territory and would remain while she was within these borders.

He messed up when he said that there was a blood oath because that would give us more arsenal against him for being the culprit who wanted her taken before the tribunal occurred because it was a crock of shit in the first place. There was no way that he had a blood oath on her like he claimed.

'When we go to see him,' I corrected. He looked surprised with those words. 'You've been there for her all these years. You have even more of a right to be there than I do. You're extremely important to Elle, and you're also going to be

there because you deserve this too. This pack took too much from all of you. I'll be damned if they take anything more.'

"Let's head back to the house because I have some things I have to do," I said.

"Can one of you show me where the pack hospital is because we need to get Jesse seen to?" Felix asked. The Omegas looked around nervously. "They won't harm you or even be allowed to talk to you. We were given full authority to act in the Council's best interests. You're safe with us," he promised.

Two of the men stepped forward and said they would lead the way. Felix shifted and let us get Jesse situated on his back. Gabriel told them to hold on for a minute as he took off running towards one of the trees in the distance. He reached into it and brought some rope back over.

"Omegas aren't allowed here, but Elle and I made sure to hide supplies around in random places throughout the woods just incase we ever needed them," Gabriel explained.

The way they took care of these people was just like Alphas. It made both Tyre and me insanely proud of them both. I thought that Gabriel deserved to have that recognized, and I swore that I would find the perfect role for him in our pack. I just was not certain what that would be yet but would think about it more once all of this was over and done with.

Apollo helped Gabriel secure Jesse on Felix's back. He looked like he was beaten severely. There were gashes all over the parts of him that were exposed which were not healing as fast as I would have expected that they should. It was possible that he had also been injected with wolfsbane to slow his healing process. That would also explain why he was still so out of it.

Two more of the Council's warriors went off with them while the rest of us shifted and took off back towards the house. Ironically, we did not see a single warrior on the way back to the house. It was good because we would more than likely kill them all at this exact moment. Every single one of us were beyond furious that they took her.

I picked up her clothes and folded them before they were brought into the house with us. Paula was pacing at the top of the stairs, waiting to find out about her mate. Luckily, we had already slid on some shorts that were kept outside. She flew down the stairs towards us.

"Jesse was taken by some of the Council's warriors, Caleb, and Jedd to the pack hospital to be tended to. Don't worry about them harming him for being there. The Council's warriors were given full authority to act in the Council's best interests," Gabriel said as he pulled her into an embrace.

Her arms circled around him, holding onto him as if he was the only thing keeping her together right now.

Gabriel made it sound like Omegas were not even tended to. Who doctored them up when the warriors took their sadistic pleasure out on their bodies? I visited many packs in my lifetime, both as an Alpha heir and as an Alpha, but I had never come across a more disgusting excuse for a pack than this one. They were only four hours away from us, and one hour away from the Coverstone pack, yet neither of us knew about the horrors these people faced at all. There had to be something that we could do to rectify this oversight.

'Vince said Omegas aren't allowed to be seen by the pack doctor. Gabriel was the one who tended to Mate whenever she needed it. She tended to him too. They never let anyone else see what they went through to protect them. They both tended to everyone else and taught them how to do it as well,' Tyre explained in a pained voice.

Add that to the list of bullshit to present to the Council. This entire pack was going to be torn apart piece by piece and combed through with fine-toothed comb. There was no way that anyone would go unpunished that participated in such fuckery. Their Alpha allowed such behavior, but they chose to act upon that allowance. They participated because they wanted to. They wanted to establish their dominance over those who should have been protected.

How many of people in this pack forced themselves upon an Omega? Were any of them pups at the time? I swore to the Goddess above that every single person who touched an

Omega would end up wishing for death. Anyone who touched my mate would not be granted it until their bodies finally gave out only for death to lay claim to them.

I told Gabriel to meet me and Apollo in Elle's room when he was done. I wanted him to be present when we called the Council in. I also needed to explain to him about our pack and which pack members might be able to help out.

Paula's head snapped up as she looked around. "Where is Elle?" she asked, her brows furrowing.

"We're not certain yet. Jesse was used to lure her out there in order to get to her. There were quite a few rogues that we had to fight that were going after Jesse. When we got rushed, someone got to her and got her out of there before we even realized what happened. If you get anything regarding her please let us know right away. Don't you dare go blaming yourself either. They would've used any of us to get her out there. She wouldn't want you to feel responsible because she'd kick your ass if she found out. Go back to Denny. Be with him while we figure this out. They'll keep us updated about Jesse," he told her as he turned her towards the stairs.

She nodded and left to be with her son. It seemed that Elle had everyone wrapped around her pinkie in the best way possible. I had no doubt that she would kick anyone's ass had they felt guilty about it. It made a lot of sense knowing who she was related to. It was said that the Moon Goddess

could tell what was in the hearts and minds of her creations. It would appear that Elle seemed to have good intuition when it came to what people kept hidden. I was not certain if Elle had ever thought about it in the same context, but it would almost be a sixth sense to her.

Gabriel closed the door and leaned against it. He looked like hell, and I was certain that I did not look much better. I grabbed my phone and sat on her bed, trying not to think about where she was right now, but it was hard not to. Was she still out of it? Was she in pain? Did they hurt her?

I never imagined that my mate would completely imprint herself into my being so quickly. Then again, I never anticipated having someone as incredible as Elle. Sure, I always contemplated the idea of what my mate would be like or what it would be like to meet her, but I sincerely underestimated this.

We needed to find her, and I was terrified of what could happen to her while we searched. She was at the hands of monsters who did not give two shits about being kind.

It seemed like Gabriel must have been able to sense my line of thoughts and sat next to me. I wanted to thank him but did not know what to say that could convey how much his presence comforted me, so I remained silent and dialed Thompson's number.