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Chapter 26: CHAPTER 74 In His Arms

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Madeline's POV

"How are you, princess?" Dimitri asked softly as I sat down on the bed.

He wrapped his arms around me and every ache in my body and soul was gone.

"Tired," I said. "And a bit relieved maybe."

Doctor Jackson confirmed that I wasn't crazy. We did a small experiment. Dimitri left the room so I could hear doctor's thoughts. It worked and I was relieved to know that I wasn't crazy. Well, maybe I still was. Reading other people's minds wasn't exactly a sane thing to do.

"We will talk to a healer as soon as we find one, princess," Dimitri said softly.

I lifted my head and looked at him.

"I know one," I said, making his eyes widen.

"You do?" he asked, surprised. "How?"

"There is a healer in my former pack," I said. "He helped my mom to cope with the pain. We could ask him to come. I am sure that he would be willing to help."

Dimitri smiled and leaned in to kiss my cheek.

"I will bring him here tomorrow, princess," he said softly. "We will figure this out. I promise."

He bent his head down and placed a small kiss on my shoulder. I shivered and pressed myself closer to him.

"Goddess, how much I love you," he mumbled, making my heart skip a beat. "I love you with every part of my body and soul, Madeline."

I cupped his cheeks and kissed him. He groaned quietly and wrapped his arms around my waist.

"I love you too," I said quietly. "I never thought that I would love someone so much. I never thought that I would even find my mate. I am so happy that I did. I am so happy that it is you. I love you."

I could tell that he was holding back tears. I leaned in and kissed him softly. He tangled his fingers into my hair and held me close to him.

"You are my greatest treasure, princess," he said quietly as he buried his nose into my neck. "I will love you even after I take my last breath. I will love you until the end of the world."

I ran my fingers through his hair and he kissed my neck. His words made me melt and my knees buckle. It was a good thing I was sitting down.

"Are you hungry?" he asked me and I shook my head.

"Not really," I said. "I want to take a shower."

Dimitri nodded and kissed my neck again.

"Would you mind taking one together?" he asked quietly, making me tense up a little. "I don't have any other intentions other than showering. I promise."

He lifted his head and smiled at me. I studied his face for a moment.

I was nervous. What if he didn't like what he saw? No one ever saw me naked before. What if he thought that I was ugly? What if he rejected me after he saw me naked?

Dimitri leaned in and placed a soft kiss on my jaw.

"Skye is the biggest tattle-tale of all," he said with amusement in his voice. "I think that you are perfect and I am not going to reject you after seeing you naked."

I groaned and rolled my eyes.

'Skye!' I whined, but she ignored me.

"Will my thoughts ever be just mine again?" I mumbled angrily. "Why is she telling you everything?"

Dimitri lifted his head and snorted.

"You can read other people's minds," he said. "It is only fair that I get to read yours from time to time."

I rolled my eyes and Dimitri slapped my butt.

"Don't roll your eyes at me, Madeline," he said, lowering his voice and making me shiver.

My breath got caught in my throat when he gently started pulling my shirt up. I lifted my hands so he could take it off. My heart raced when I saw him staring at my breasts with a lustful look in his eyes.

"Oh, fuck, Maddie," he mumbled as he ran his fingers against the seam of my bra.

I shivered and gulped. He looked up at me and leaned in to kiss my lips softly.

"Can I take it off, princess?" he asked and I gave him a small nod.

He reached behind me and unclasped my bra. He looked down and groaned when it fell on my lap. My nipples were hard and my chest kept rising hand falling rapidly.

"Oh, fuck, fuck, fuck," Dimitri mumbled as he raised his hand and cupped one of my breasts gently. "You are so fucking perfect."

I shivered when he leaned in and kissed the area between my breasts. His warm breath made me moan quietly.

I reached out and started pulling his shirt up. My hands were shaking, but I needed to see his perfect body. I needed to touch him. He helped me take his shirt off and I groaned when my eyes landed on his muscular chest. I reached out and ran my hand down his abs. He shivered and grunted. He was breathing heavily and I could see his muscles clench.

"Goddess, Maddie," he mumbled. "I never want you to stop touching me. This is yours. I am all yours."

I leaned in and placed a soft kiss on his collar bone. He growled quietly and tightened his arms around my waist.

He picked me up and started walking toward the bathroom. I kept placing soft kisses on his neck and muscular shoulders. He kept shivering, groaning, and squeezing every part of my body he could reach.

I was in heaven and I never wanted to leave. I wanted to stay in his arms forever.

He put me down on the ground and I really wanted to whine. He reached behind me and turned the shower on. He cupped my cheeks and kissed my forehead.

"Can I take your jeans off?" he asked and I nodded, trying to swallow the lump in my throat.

I was pretty sure that the lump was actually my heart. My whole body was buzzing with tingles and need for him.

He unbuttoned my jeans and got down on one knee. He started pulling both my jeans and my underwear down my body. He kept his eyes on me the entire time and I thought that I would pass out. He leaned in and placed a soft kiss below my bellybutton. I couldn't help but cry out in pleasure. His lips felt amazing against my skin. He stood up, never moving his eyes from mine. He took my hands in his and placed them on his hips. I tucked my thumbs under the waistband of his pants and started pulling them down. "I can stay in my boxers if it will make you more comfortable," he said as he stopped me from taking his pants off.

I shook my head and continued pulling his pants down. He cupped my cheeks and kissed me hard. I moaned and let his pants fall down to the ground.

He picked me up and I wrapped my legs around his waist. I felt everything and all I wanted to to was moan in pleasure.

I flinched a little when my back touched the cold tiles of the shower wall, but everything was forgotten when I felt his hands grab and squeeze my butt.

His touches were like a drug and I knew that I would never stop needing them.

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CHAPTER 75 Savannah

Madeline's POV

"Are you sure that you will be okay alone, princess?" Dimitri asked as he bent down and kissed my neck. "I can stay. Will can handle it."

I looked up at him and shook my head.

"It's okay," I said, giving him a small smile. "I will be fine. You are an Alpha. You have to work."

He smiled and ran his fingers through my hair.

"I want to get started on these anyway," I said, pointing at the books on my desk. "You are a bit of a distraction." He gasped, faking hurt. I tried to hold back a smirk.

"Me?" he asked, raising his eyebrows. "A distraction? Is it because I am hot?"

I chuckled and nodded.

"And because you can't keep your hands off me," I said, making him grin.

He leaned in and placed a soft kiss on my lips.

"Of course I can't," he said. "I can't keep my hands off something that's mine."

I smiled and he kissed me one more time. I sighed contently, making him chuckle.

"We have to stop because I will never leave," he mumbled and I nodded.

He let me go and walked to his desk. I watched as he picked up a few folders. My eyes fell on his muscles and I couldn't help but remember how it felt to be wrapped up in his strong arms last night when we were showering together. He caressed every part of my body. He kissed and sucked on my skin until I felt like I was about to burst into flames. I ran my hands up and down his body and felt every part of him pressed against me It was one of the best nights in my life and I couldn't wait to repeat it.

"Stop it, Madeline, or I will never leave," Dimitri growled and looked back at me.

I chuckled and looked back down at the papers on my desk, trying to focus on something else other than him. He approached me and kissed the top of my head.

"Mind-link me if you need me, princess," he said. "I will come back immediately."

I looked up at him and nodded. He wasn't going far. He and Will were just going to see if the preparations for the upcoming Alphas meeting were going according to plan. They were going to the training center and to the throne hall. The training center was 10 minutes away and the throne hall was right here at the packhouse. He would be close at all times.

He caressed my cheek, smiled, and walked out of our office. I couldn't help but watch his muscles clench as he walked. He smiled at me one more time before he closed the door on his way out.

I took a deep breath and shook my head. I needed to focus. I looked back down at the book in my hands. I was familiarizing myself with the pack and Kingdom laws. Dimitri said that I didn't need to know them all, but I wanted to. I wanted to be a good Luna. I needed to prove to myself that I was worthy of sitting in this chair.

'You are really annoying,' Skye sighed.

I rolled my eyes and focused on the book in front of me. I ignored her completely. I was a bit angry at her because she kept telling Dimitri everything.

'Of course I'm telling him everything,' she said. 'He is our mate. He deserves to know everything. He even deserves to know about Janet and...'

'No,' I interrupted her. 'I am not ruining his relationship with his mother. Stop it, Skye. You can never tell him about that.'

She sighed and remained silent. I focused on the book and took a deep breath.

Section 4: Dispute Resolution

4.1. Council:

A Council shall be established, comprising respected members of the Kingdom, to address specific issues and concerns the subjects have. The council will act as an advisory body to the King and shall facilitate communication between the palace and the subjects.

'I didn't like the council members,' Skye mumbled, making me nod a little.

'Me neither,' I said. 'But we only saw them once. We should give them a chance. We will have to work with them.'

Skye mumbled something I couldn't understand and I tried to focus on the book again. I had no idea how much time had passed. I was completely focused on the book and I flinched hard when a loud knock on the door interrupted me.

I raised my head and opened my mouth to tell the person who knocked to come in, but the door opened before I could.

My breath got caught in my throat when I saw Janet and Savannah walking inside.

Janet closed the door and growled at me.

"Aren't you embarrassed to sit in the chair that was meant for me?" Savannah asked, making me look at her.

"Of course she isn't," Janet answered before I could. "She came here to destroy everything, didn't you, Madeline? She came here to take Dimitri from his mother, his mate, and his child."

Hearing Janet calling Savannah Dimitri's mate felt like having a knife stuck inside my chest. She wasn't his mate. I was.

I clenched my fists and took a deep breath. I knew it would be pointless to fight with them. They were clearly never going to give up on the idea of Savannah being Dimitri's mate and her child being his.

"Can I help you with something?" I asked, trying to keep my voice from trembling.

I needed them to tell me why they were here and I needed them to leave as soon as possible.

"You?" Janet snickered. "The Orphan Luna? What would you be able to help me with?"

I tightened my jaw and gulped. I couldn't let her get to me. I needed to be strong. I was a Luna and I wasn't going to let her insults affect me.

"Why are you here?" I asked, looking from Janet to Savannah. "Are you here to talk or to insult me? If it's the latter, please see yourself out."

Savannah's eyes widened. Janet growled.

"You can't kick me out," Savannah said. "I have more right to be here than you do. I have a child with Dimitri. I am his mate, not you."

I sighed and furrowed my eyebrows a little. She was really delusional, wasn't she?

"I would be afraid if I was you, Madeline," Janet said, making me look back at her. "I told you that I will get rid of you and I will. I won't let my son suffer next to a pathetic little girl like you. You will never be a Luna. I will not allow it."

I studied her face for a few seconds. The anger and the hate I saw made my whole body shiver.

She was serious, wasn't she?

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Chapter 28: CHAPTER 76 Traditions

CHAPTER 76 Traditions

Dimitri's POV

"Are you going to fight at the tournament?" I asked Will as we were watching Mike explain something to one of the new trainees.

"I don't think so," Will said, shaking his head. "There will be too much work to do. I am sure that Ellie will fight, though." I chuckled and nodded, keeping my eyes on the newly shifted boy. Mike was at a wit's end with him. He kept making the same mistakes over and over again and Mike was losing his patience.

"That will be interesting to see," I said. "I wonder if any other pack will bring their female warriors to compete."

It was a tradition to organize a tournament during every Alphas meeting. The Tournament of Three Kingdoms was held in the battle arena and a large clearing in the middle of the forest. There were three different challenges the participants had to complete to win.

Moonlit Duels was a challenge where the participants engaged in oneon-one combat on the clearing and under the full moon.

Pack Hunt was a challenge that consisted of participants creating alliances with werewolves from different packs. Together, they tracked and hunted an object or a person of my choosing, showcasing their hunting prowess and ability to work harmoniously.

The final challenge was a Moonstone Gauntlet. It was an obstacle course created by Mike that combined physical endurance, mental agility, and determination.

At the end of the tournament, the werewolf who emerged as the victor received the coveted Three Kingdoms Crown. It was an emblem of honor and recognition throughout the kingdom, ensuring their legacy lives on for generations to come.

Watching the tournament was a delight and it got better every year. Each pack brought their best warriors and the stakes in the tournament were high. I enjoyed it every year so far, but I knew that this year it would be different. The reason for Alphas Meeting was different this year. We weren't gathering to discuss light topics this year. We were gathering to discuss an imminent threat to our Kingdom.

"What is Maddie doing?" Will asked and a small smile spread across my face.

I was so fucking proud of her. I was more in love than I ever thought possible. My heart and body were melting just thinking about her. That shower yesterday was something I couldn't only ever fantasize about. I never knew that there could be so much pleasure in just touching, caressing, and kissing. I didn't even have to make love to her to enjoy every part of her body. It was amazing and I couldn't wait to do it again tonight.

"She is at our office," I said, trying to stop the images of her naked body from appearing in my mind.

It was not the time for a boner.

"She is looking through some books about our Kingdom's laws," I said. "She is determined to learn them all."

Will smiled and shook his head.

"She is amazing, isn't she?" he said. "I am so happy that she is our Luna. You got a good one, Dimitri."

Warmth spread through my entire body. My smile grew. She was so much more than just good. She was fucking perfect.

"I did," I said as I watched Mike slam the poor boy on the ground.

"Goddess, Reece!" Mike exclaimed. "How many times are we going to go through this?!"

Will and I chuckled and I decided to give poor Reece a break.

"Mike!" I shouted, making him look up at me.

I waved him over and he looked down at Reece with a pissed-off look on his face. He told him something before walking toward Will and me.

"Where is Maddie?" he asked with a hint of worry in his voice.

"In our office," I said. "She is working."

Mike smiled and visibly relaxed.

"I tried talking to Janet about her, but she refused to listen to me," Mike said, shaking his head. "I don't know what to do." I tightened my jaw and clenched my fists. I was so fucking angry at my mother and I knew that I would explode if I had to deal with her.

"I can't understand why she isn't pissed at Savannah," Will said. "She fucking lied and tried to all of us. She lied to her as well."

Mike sighed and furrowed his eyebrows.

"Your mom really wanted a grandchild," Mike said. "I think she is still hanging onto that idea."

I took a deep breath and gritted my teeth.

"She is insane," I said. "She knows that Savannah lied. She knows that Savannah's child isn't mine. I don't know why she likes that bitch so much, but I won't tolerate it."

Mike looked at me disapprovingly.

"I know that you are angry, Dimitri, but don't talk about your mom like that," Mike said. "She will come around. She needs time to warm up to Maddie, that's all."

I scoffed and rolled my eyes.

"She can warm up to her from afar," I said angrily. "I am not letting her near Maddie again. Not after everything she said."

Mike sighed again, but I didn't give a shit. I wasn't going to allow my mother to insult my princess. I wasn't going to let her hurt my mate.

"We should be careful," Will said, clenching his jaw. "We can't let her hurt Maddie."

"Oh, come on," Mike said, shaking his head. "Janet would never do that. She would never hurt Maddie. She can be a bit mean, yes, but she would never hurt her."

Will looked at him and narrowed his eyes a little.

"It is my job as a Beta to protect my Luna," Will said sternly. "I think that we should be careful when it comes to Janet and we will take every precaution needed." A small smile spread across my face. I was proud of Will and how seriously he was taking his oath to me.

'Dimitri!' Skol's panicked voice made me flinch.

My body froze and my heart stopped beating.

'What happened?' I asked, trying to stop him from taking over. 'Is Maddie okay?'

'Skye told me that your mother and Savannah are in your office!' Skol shouted. 'Skye is panicking, Dimitri, you have to go there!'

He didn't have to tell me twice. I was running toward the packhouse before he finished talking.

I could hear Will following after me and Mike shouting our names. I couldn't stop, though. I had to go to Maddie. I had to make sure that she was okay.

I would kill them both if they hurt her.

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Madeline's POV

I tried so hard to ignore Janet and Savannah, but it was so hard. They refused to leave and they refused to stop insulting me.

I was on the verge of exploding, but I didn't want to give them the satisfaction of knowing how much their words affected me.

"You look pathetic, Madeline," Savannah growled. "You don't belong here. You don't belong at that desk. You don't belong in this office. You..."

"Enough!" I exclaimed as I stood up abruptly.

I was breathing heavily and I kept clenching my fists.

"Enough," I repeated, trying to calm down a little. "I've been nothing but respectful to both of you ever since I came to this pack. I don't know why you hate me so much, but I don't have to put up with this. Leave my office now."

Janet growled and Savannah snickered.

"Respectful?" Savannah said mockingly. "You call stealing my mate respectful?"

I tightened my jaw and took a deep breath through my nose. I needed to remain calm.

"Leave my office," I repeated calmly. "Now."

Janet approached my desk and narrowed her eyes at me.

"Who the fuck do you think you are, Madeline?" she asked. "Are you forgetting who you are speaking to?"

Unfortunately no. I could never forget who I was speaking to. I could never forget the things they said and did to me.

'Don't worry, Maddie,' Skye cried out. 'Dimitri is on his way. They won't hurt you again.'

'What?!' I asked, trying to hide my surprise. 'Why did you tell him, Skye?! He is busy! I can deal with them!'

'Stop it, Madeline,' she growled at me. 'You are more important than work. We need to protect you.'

A wave of anger washed over me. I clenched my fists and breathed out slowly.

She had some nerve talking about protecting me. She was putting me in more danger by refusing to shift. She was keeping me in the dark about me and her. She wasn't protecting me. She was putting me in more danger by forcing me to be without my wolf.

I never expressed how angry I was about that. I pushed it aside because I had other things to worry about.

But I was angry at her. I was so angry and she had no right to talk about protecting me.

'Protect me?' I asked her. 'Like you are doing by refusing to shift?'

'Maddie...,' she spoke, but I pushed her back.

I didn't want to deal with her. I was angry enough and I didn't need to listen to her excuses.

"I am Luna of this pack!" Janet continued, her voice becoming louder with each word she spoke. "I am your father's mate! You can't talk to me like that, you spoiled little brat!"

She started to approach me and I knew what she was going to do. I recognized that look in her eyes immediately. I didn't back down, though. I wasn't going to give her the satisfaction of knowing how scared I really was. I stood up straighter and raised my head high. I wasn't backing down. Not again.

My stance angered her even more. She grabbed my arm and pulled me away from the desk. She dug her nails into my skin and narrowed her eyes at me. She started to raise her hand when the door burst open.

The look on Dimitri's face made me shiver. I knew that he would never hurt me, but even I was afraid of him.

He looked at Janet's hand on my arm and a feral growl escaped him.

"Let her go," Dimitri said, his eyes changing color.

Janet's hold on my arm only tightened.

"We were just talking, Dimitri," Janet said. "Your precious little mate is safe."

Dimitri growled and grabbed Janet's hand, pulling it off my arm. Someone grabbed me and pulled me back immediately. I looked up and saw a very angry Will.

"Dimitri...," Savannah spoke, but his loud growl interrupted her.

Two warriors ran inside the office and grabbed Savannah. She started screaming and thrashing.

"Dimitri!" she screamed. "Help me!"

She tried to get out of their arms, but they were too strong for her.

"Let me go!" she screamed. "Dimitri!"

Will pulled me behind him and pressed me closer to him. He never stopped growling.

I could hear Savannah screaming until one of the warriors closed the door on their way out. The only sound that was left was Will's growling.

"What were you about to do, Mother?" Dimitri spoke, his voice a mixture of his and Skol's. "Where you about to hurt my mate?"

A breath got caught in my throat.

Janet's eyes widened. She looked at me, but Will stood so she couldn't see me. I tilted my head so I could see her.

'Tell him, Madeline!' Skye shouted. 'Tell him what she was about to do. Tell him what she did!'

I ignored her and pushed her back.

"Dimitri...," I called him, but his growl interrupted me.

"I would never hurt her," Janet said, her voice trembling slightly. "We were only talking."

Will tightened his hold on me. He started shaking.

"Interesting," Dimitri said. "Why was your hand raised when I got here, Mother? Why did it look like you were about to hit her?"

I froze. He saw that?

"I wasn't!" Janet exclaimed, shaking her head. "I would never hit her!"

She was a good liar. She looked offended that he would even suggest that.

"Tell him, Madeline!" Janet shouted, looking back at me. "Tell him that I never hurt you!"

I gulped and tried to take a little breath. I didn't want to ruin his relationship with her. I didn't want him to have to choose between her and me. I didn't want to hurt him.

"She never...," I spoke, but Dimitri interrupted me.

"I am not talking to her, Mother," Dimitri growled. "I am talking to you."

She looked back at him and her eyes widened.

"Try not to lie, Mother," Dimitri said, his claws elongating. "I will order you if I have to."

She gulped and shook her head.

"I never...," she spoke, but Dimitri's growl interrupted her.

"I told you not to lie to me!" he screamed, making her flinch hard. "I know the truth, but I want to hear it from you!"

My heart stopped beating.

He knew? How did he...

'I had to, Maddie,' Skye whispered. 'I had to.'

My body went numb.

No.

No, no, no, no, no!

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Chapter 30: CHAPTER 78 Blinding Rage

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Dimitri's POV

I wasn't angry.

No. Anger wasn't a word I would use to describe how I felt. I wasn't sure if the word even existed. No one had ever probably felt the way I did the moment Skol told me that she had already hurt my mate so there was no need for a word to be invented. The feeling was completely new and I didn't even try to name it. It was impossible anyway.

My own mother hurt my mate. My own mother hurt the most treasured part of my heart and soul. My own mother wanted to get rid of my mate. My own fucking mother hurt me more than anyone else ever did.

How was I supposed to feel?

I wanted to strangle her and watch life leave her pathetic body.

"I never hurt her!" my mother screamed. "Whatever she told you was a lie!"

Anger blinded me for a second. I grabbed her neck and squeezed, making her eyes pop out. I snarled at her and got into her face.

"Tell me what you did to her," I spat out an order. "Tell me everything you said and did to my mate right the fuck now."

I loosened my hold on her neck so she could speak.

"She didn't do anything, Dimitri," Maddie cried out, her voice trembling. "It's okay."

'She is lying,' Skol told me, his voice shaking with anger. 'Skye told me what the bitch did.'

I knew that Maddie was lying, but I couldn't figure out why. She should have told me. I would have protected her. She was my heart and I wouldn't have let anyone hurt her, not even my own mother.

Why didn't she tell me?

"Don't fight the order, Mother," I snarled. "I will only make it more painful."

My mother whimpered and tried to get out of my hold. I took a few steps forward and pinned her against the wall.

"Tell me," I repeated my order, making her body jerk.

It was painful and I knew it. I didn't care. She hurt my mate and she would pay for it.

The door burst open and I heard a loud gasp. I knew it was Mike. He felt my mother's pain and he rushed to her.

"Dimitri!" Mike shouted. "What the fuck are you doing?! Let her go!"

Grab him, Will. I mind-linked my Beta. I don't want to hurt him.

I heard Will approaching Mike.

"What the fuck?!" Mike shouted. "Let me go!"

Both Will and I ignored him. I focused back on my mother who was whimpering in pain.

"Tell me," I snarled into her face again.

"I hit her!" she screamed. "I insulted her! I tried to get her to leave!"

My heart broke. A tiny part of me was still hoping that she didn't do it. A tiny part of me was still hoping that my mother cared about me. "I didn't want her here because she looks too much like her mother," my mother continued talking. "I was afraid that she would remind Mike of his fated mate and that he would start questioning our relationship."

I moved my hand from her neck and took a step back. She was panting hard and I could tell that she was still trying to fight the order. Little beads of sweat formed on her forehead.

"I've been trying to get her to leave from the moment she came here," my mother continued. "It started with insults. I started hitting her when you refused to mate with Savannah."

I didn't think my heart could break even more. My mother knew that the child wasn't mine the whole time.

"I helped Savannah come up with that plan," my mother said. "It made me angry when it didn't work. I noticed how much you liked Madeline even then and I wanted to make sure that you can't end up with her no matter what."

The room was completely silent the whole time. I couldn't speak. I couldn't fucking believe that my own mother would do something like that.

"Savannah would insult her and hit her too," my mother said, making the rage inside me rise to a whole new level. "We would threaten to kill her if she told anyone."

"Are you fucking serious?!" Mike screamed. "Are you fucking serious, Janet?!"

My mother glanced at Mike and sobbed.

"I am sorry," she cried out. "I told you that I didn't want her here. You should never have brought her here! You should have left her in her pack!"

Mike growled loudly.

"That is my daughter!" Mike screamed. "I couldn't leave my child without a parent!"

"You did it once!" my mother screamed back at him. "You could have done it again!"

"Oh, you bitch!" Mike screamed again.

I could hear him trying to get out of Will's arms.

"What else?" I asked, making my mother look back at me. "What else did you do to my mate?"

My mother gulped and shook her head.

"Nothing else," she said, her voice trembling. "I did it for you, Dimitri. I wanted what's best for you. She isn't good enough. She isn't worthy of..."

I grabbed her neck again, stopping her from talking.

"You are digging yourself a very deep grave, Mother," I said, squeezing her neck again.

My skin was burning and I just wanted to wash my hands. I wanted to wash away the feeling of my skin touching hers.

"You are picking her over me?" my mother asked in disbelief. "I am your mother!"

Was she fucking crazy?!

"Of course I am picking her over you!" I exclaimed. "She is my heart and my soul. She is my entire world. You are not my mother. You are nothing."

Her eyes widened and she tried to speak again, but I wasn't going to allow it.

"You are going to the cells until I decide what to do with you," I said. "You will never be free again. Your life is over."

She sobbed loudly and started shaking her head.

"Take the trash out, Will," I said with disgust. "Place her in the cell next to Savannah. We will decide what to do with them later." I took one last look at the poor excuse for a mother before I turned around. I immediately looked at my princess and my heart broke.

She was leaning on her desk, with her head bent down. I could see her trembling and I could tell that she was crying.

I didn't say a word. I approached her, picked her up, and started leaving the office. Having her in my arms was keeping me from killing my mother. Having her in my arms kept me from screaming in pain.