

Ch 18: Desert Moon

I feel a tingle of excitement as I look out the window. The small city is full of werewolves walking around. I can taste the excitement in the air.

As we drive through the city, I see large brick buildings, one after the other blend with the city lights. "You've got some drool, right there," Gabe says pointing at my mouth. "Shut up," I laugh and wipe my face just in case.

We make a right and drive up and down a few treeless hills until it brings us to a driveway. The driveway looks like it goes on forever. The sun is still blazing mercilessly in the sky as we drive up the driveway.

At the end of the driveway, there's a massive house. I don't mean mansion big, I mean 10 mansions big. The concrete driveway turns into a red-tiled driveway and we're surrounded by tall stone buildings.

"We've made it," Gabe whispers. "And holy shit it's nice." His black Audi pulls to a stop and someone appears from the door under the stone archway. ¹³

I look at the sasquatch of a man walking over to us. He's huge, he's got on a clean suit, and he's handsome. Like really handsome. He's got blonde hair that's a little messy, I'm guessing due to the heat. He's muscular like a bodybuilder.

Is this the Alpha? Gabe opens his door and runs over to open mine. "Thanks, Gabe," I say genuinely. Gabe's a manwhore but I swear his mate is going to be very lucky. 2

"Good evening," the blonde man says with a professional smile. "My name is Odis, I'm the Beta of Desert Moon. Welcome to our humble home."

"Hi, my name is Gabe and this is Adea, we're from Half Moon pack. Our Alpha arrived earlier this afternoon," Gabe says reaching his hand to give the beta a handshake.

They shake hands and Odis gives me a nod. "If you head in, our Gamma Olivia will let you know where your room is."

"Oh, we're not together," I say quickly.

"We've shared a bed before Ady, don't be like that," Gabe says putting his arm around my shoulders.

I push him hard and shake my head at him. "Our Gamma can help you with room arrangements," Odis says with a small smile on his lips.

When we walk through the door we're greeted by a busty girl with long red hair and green eyes. She eye fucks Gabe as a wide smile spreads across her face. Gag.

"Hey, my name is Sasha, and I'll be helping you today," she purrs while staring at Gabe. "Where's Olivia?" Odis asks. "She said Alpha needed to speak with her," Sasha says, never taking her eyes off of Gabe.

"Well, hi, my name is Adea and this is my friend Gabe," I tell her.

"I've got your rooms on the second floor of the building behind this one. The fifth floor is where the Alphas and their Luna's are staying. The fourth floor is where the Betas and Gammas stay. On the third floor, we've put the children of the Alpha's."

"Please stay away from the fifth floor unless you're called up there. Our Alpha doesn't take rule-breaking lightly," she says firmly. "Understood," Gabe says pretending to be hanging on her every word.

"Thanks," I say while Gabe reaches for the keys. We turn to leave when she grabs Gabe's hand putting a small card in his hand.

"What was that about?" I ask in a hushed voice when we get into our building. "What can I say? The bitches love me," he says earning him a scowl from me. 1

We make it to the second floor. "My room's a few doors down from yours. So make sure you let me know if you need anything," he says seriously.

"Mhmm," I say as I open my door. Gabe follows me in and drops his suitcase by the door. "Wow," I say in awe while I look around the room.

The room is decorated in a minimalist style that blends perfectly with the theme and setting. It's designed in an earth tone and furnished with wooden furniture.

It's beautiful. I inhale and smell that all of the amenities are made with organic products. There's a large queen-size bed and the pillows and blankets are pure white. The throw pillows are a beautiful deep red.

I walk over to the bathroom and love the curved doorway. Opening the door, I stare in awe at the large shower and a beautiful tub. I can't wait to soak in there. 'So, do you need help unpacking?' Gabe asks sarcastically looking at my one and only bag.

I breathe in and smell that the amenities are all organic products and the room has a queen-size bed, that has a beautiful wooden headboard. The pillows are blankets are pure white and the throw pillows are a beautiful red. 3

"You can hang up the dress for me if you want," I say unzipping my bag. I take the dress out and hand it to him.

He lets out a low whistle as he eyeballs my dress. "Damn son! You're going to have unmated wolves wagging their tails at you all night!" I burst out laughing and swing at him, "Oh hush!"

"What time should I be here tonight?" Gabe asks while scrolling through his phone. "About that..." I say while avoiding eye contact.

He puts his phone down, looks at me, and his eyes hone in on me. "Ady...? Do you have something to tell me?"

"Shane is escorting me tonight." I rush out. The room's quiet and I can feel his gaze on me. "Hmm... well... I'll be here too. I've got someone I can bring," he says and I look at him as he flashes me with a crooked smile.

"Gabe! You shouldn't take a date to the Desert Ball! What if you meet your mate there! She'll be devastated," I say angrily scowling at him.

"You can NOT take another girl to the ball," I say firmly. "But I would like it if you were there," I tell him. "I got you," he says while hanging up my dress.

Walking over to me he wraps me up in a big hug. "I'll be close by tonight," and I can hear the sincerity in his voice. "Don't worry about me Gabe," I murmur as I hug him back.

The Goddess blessed me with a good friend. I shoot her a thank you as he steps away and grabs his bags. "I'll meet you downstairs in 2 hours," he says as he walks out the door. 1

I jump on the bed when the door closes. "Finally," I sigh in content as I snuggle into my bed. "I could get used to this," I smile into my pillow before knocking out.

Author's Note: I'd love to hear what you think is going to happen at the Ball!