

Greetings

Chapter 21 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Throughout breakfast I can't help but glance at Nova as she chats animatedly with Flo and Theo. Hearing her soft giggle has me smiling into my food like a love struck puppy.

"She has to be our mate" I hear Zeus tell me with conviction, "I hope so" I reply.

Thinking back to how peaceful she looked when she fell asleep on me last night, her long lashes fanning her face as she breathed lightly on me I grin at the fact she was so happy to spend the night with me. It felt right having her snuggled into my arms and I slept peacefully through the night. Plus this mornings actions made the thought of her being my mate more convincing. Never before has a woman made me feel such pleasure, each sound she made spurred me on more and I loved the feeling of her soft toned body moving against mine.

"You look happy" Laurence links me as he sits down beside me.

"Nova stayed last night" I tell him.

His eyes met mine in shock, "seriously?"

"Yeah" I shrug, "after she fell asleep on me I couldn't stop myself from asking her."

"And?" He probes looking excited.

"Best night in a long time" I chuckle through the link.

Speaking aloud to the table I gather their attention, "the other packs will be arriving within the next hour, I need to head to the office and make sure some paperwork is finalised. Laurence, Nova and Theo can you come join me in 30 mins or so. Florence can you come up with me now as we run through what I'd like doing in my absence?"

"Yes Alpha" they chorus as their business mode switches on.

Standing I nod bye before sneaking a wink at Nova.

"I saw that" Florence sings to me as leave.

"And?" I reply bluntly.

"I like it" she replies giving me her approval.

"Good" I smile knowing she thinks of Nova as her family.

"Theo and I always hoped she would meet someone who loves her for her, she's incredibly special" she tells me with a slight warning in her tone.

"That she is" I admire.

After entering the office I run Florence through the training plans I'd like her to make whilst I'm out along with a few visits to new mums and pups I'd like her to make on my behalf. "Can you assure them I will be round tomorrow to offer my personal congratulations" I check.

"Of course Alpha. I'll make sure everything is done" she replies confidently.

"Thanks Florence" I say just as a knock sounds on the door. "Come in" I call out and they all walk into the office.

For the next 20 minutes I explain the cause of the meeting and say what I'd like to achieve from it. Hearing that Laurence and I had found no trace of a family with the Prince name ever residing in our pack made Novas eyebrows furrow as a thought passed through her head.

"I assume they believe this lady resides In the White Mountain Pack due to them only showing aggression towards them, however I can assure you I checked the history information myself and found no trace of a Prince family either" Nova informs everyone.

"Do you think the pack would have been able to keep any information hidden from you?" Laurence asks her making me realise that thought had never crossed my mind.

"No I did think that but not that I'm aware of. I basically did all the paperwork during my time as Luna so I had access to everything. I could check with Luca but I can't think of a reason for them doing so" she answers him.

"Worth asking" he shrugs looking a bit lost.

"Let's head down, I've just been told Alpha Brent has arrived at the gates, he'll be here shortly" I say standing up and gesturing for everyone to head downstairs. "Florence if there are any issues then link me, I'll stay in range" I tell her.

Walking down Nova falls in step beside me, "how are you feeling about seeing Axton again?" I ask quietly for her ears only.

"To be honest I'm not putting much thought towards it, it hurt yes we were a chosen mate pairing where we grew to love each other. He was kind, supportive and good to me, but unfortunately his

recent actions quickly erased all that. All I hope is that he continues putting his pack first" she says looking up, "plus I love it here. The pack members are so lovely and supportive, I feel like I belong here I can't explain it. Plus there is you.."

"Me?" I ask cheekily distracting her as I open the front door seeing the others has disappeared ahead.

"Yes.." she drawls not elaborating.

"I'd love to hear more" I wink as she dips under my arm and outside allowing me a great view of her behind in her tight navy summer dress. Following her I see she has spun so is now stood facing me.

"You've been understanding, patient and I've never met someone like you before, plus you're pretty good at making me feel good" she says smiling at me widely hiding her meaning from any potential ears that are listening, making me dip my head and whisper in her ear, "you're blushing."

Hearing her melodic giggle I lift my head proud that I've accomplished making her smile.

"Nova" I hear a voice shout from a car making us turn around.

Seeing Luca leaning on the car waving enthusiastically at her I see her smile as she runs down the steps to give him a big hug.

"Hey" she exclaims happily, "I've missed you."

"So have I" he says putting her on the ground, "it's not the same without you."

Looking to my right I see Laurence speaking to Alpha Brent so I follow Nova down the steps until I'm in front of them both, "good morning alpha Jax" he says reaching his hand out for me to shake.

"Good morning Beta, how was your journey?" I ask politely.

"Let's not go there" he grimaces before the other door of the car open and Alpha Axtons large frame steps out followed by his new Luna Rose and a warrior.

Peering at Nova out the corner of my eye I see no hint of hurt or upset cross her features, instead they stay nice and relaxed as she continues chatting to her brother.

"Good morning Alpha Jax" Axton says as he shakes my hand gazing at me questioningly.

"Good morning Alpha, how are you today?" I ask as his Luna walks around and slips in his arms looking at the pack house behind me in awe and with a hint of greed.

"This is gorgeous" his Luna interrupts making Axtons mouth form a straight line of disapproval.

Chuckling slightly as I'm aware of how much grander my territory is compared to the White Mountain Packs own, "thank you Luna Rose. I appreciate hearing that."

Just then Nova and Luca join us with Nova standing to my left. As Axtons gaze lands on her I'm surprised to see the longing still lingering in his eyes as he takes her in.

"Good morning Nova" his deep voice says.

"Good morning Alpha Axton, Luna Rose" she says politely bowing her head, "I trust you had a safe journey?"

"No need with the formalities Nova, I will always be Axton to you" he says quietly.

Laughing lightly as she shakes her head, "oh I couldn't, you're a visiting Alpha it's only polite."

Turning her attention to Rose she ignores the cold glare directed at her, "you look lovely today Luna" she compliments.

"Thank you, the dress is the latest Ralph Lauren release, gorgeous isn't it?" Her nasally voice replies. I look at her dress and have to hide a scoff behind a well timed cough, her dress couldn't be any tighter showing off her assets but not in an attractive way. For an expensive dress she somehow managed to make it look cheap.

"It certainly is" Nova replies as her eyes flash to Axtons, "I didn't realise the pack was splurging on such luxury."

With that Roses face drains of colour as Axton shakes his head, "she shouldn't have been" he growled.

"Ah.." Nova replies simply having made her point.

Turning to me her eyes light up as I catch her gaze, "well played" I link her.

"Let me greet Alpha Brent then we can begin heading towards the meeting place, I would suggest changing to wolf form as running would be much quicker" I mention so they're aware.

"Of course" Axton replies.

Holding my arm out for Nova I gesture my head towards Laurence and Brent, "come say hello, he wanted to speak to you previously but obviously past events stopped that from happening" I explain casually.

Her soft hand reaches out to wrap round my arm as I bring her in close to my side, "thank you Alpha" she says with a slight flirtatious ring in her voice gazing into my eyes.

"You calling me Alpha does certain things to me that would be highly inappropriate right now" I growl playfully through the link making her let out a cute snort of laughter.

"Shush" she exclaims out loud hitting my chest slightly as a warning.

As we reach Alpha Brent I don't move my arm, instead I hold out my other for a handshake as I greet him.

"Good morning Alpha Brent, how are you?" I ask.

"I'm grand mate, Laurence here has been filling me in on the meeting plans. I've got to say you've got it all covered" he admires.

"Thank you" I acknowledge, "I brought Nova over as I'm aware you wanted to speak to her before"

Seeing his eyes take in our closeness I swear I see a small smile grace his lips before he nods politely at her, "good morning Nova, I trust you're being taken care of well?"

"Very much so thank you Alpha" she replies a faint tinge of colour reaching her cheeks.

"I just wanted to see how you are dear after our last meeting. I have to say your strength was admirable and you are a born leader" he says graciously.

"You're too kind Alpha" she waves off, "but I'm doing very well. The whole pack has been wonderful at accepting Alice and myself."

"Im glad to hear that young one" he says gently, "you look happy" he notes knowingly as they share a smile.

"Hi Alpha, sorry to interrupt, I just wanted to check everyone was ready to go?" Theo asks as he heads over hugging Nova as he did.

"Theo?!" I hear a voice exclaim from behind us.

Hearing his name Theo spins to spot Luca, "Luca, man how are you?" He asks a wide smile on his face.

"Hmmp" Luca shrugs off the question, "you're back with Nova. That's brilliant" he exclaims.

Theo wraps his arm around Nova bringing him into his side, "yes we've been reunited" he says softly looking down at her with love.

"Moving on?" Luna Rose comments as she sneers at Nova, looking at her gazing at Theo I see her take in his muscular form as a hint of want appears in her eyes.

With that Nova, Theo and Luca burst out in a fit of giggles, "you've misunderstood Luna, Nova here is my sister" Theo informs her proudly.

"Brother?" Axton interjects as he shakes off Roses tightening grip.

"The two young children I helped for a couple of years when I was 17, they became fine warriors and are now Alpha Jaxs Gammas" Nova says looking up, "I had no idea they would be here, it was a lovely surprise. I've missed them terribly as you're aware Alpha Axton."

Realisation dawns on his face as the information links to what he's been told previously. "That's great to here" he replies flatly.

"Plus Theo here is Alice's mate" Nova adds on grinning at Theo as she reaches up to ruffle his hair playfully.

"You are the only one who gets away with that" Theo growls.

"I know" she laughs, "I'll never stop."

He laughs shaking his head at her, "come on then everyone, let's go run" he says letting me lead us towards the forest edge.

History

Chapter 22 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

As we reach the forest line everyone separates to strip their clothes before shifting, I wander behind a large tree with Jax following close behind.

Turning to him I stare into his eyes as I slowly lift the top over my head and undo my bra leaving my breasts on show with my nipples hardening in the fresh air. I step out my shorts leaving myself bare in front of him, hearing him growl lightly as his eyes flicker over my form, he quickly strips out of his clothes his eyes dark. I glance down and see his quickly hardening member making me bite my lip and wink at him quickly, before stepping back with a grin and shifting to Kia quickly making him huff out a laugh as Kia runs out from behind the tree.

Seeing Reed she bounds forward licking his face to show she's missed him, he rubs his face into her neck gently purring in greeting. As Kia stands proudly looking around we see Axtons wolf

Rex hesitantly stepping towards us, staring down at him for a moment we then hear Zeus pad out from the tree and she turns her head away from Rex wagging her tail at Zeus. Padding to meet him they join heads softly as they nudge each other rubbing their bodies closely together. Rex drops his head pawing at the ground showing slight distress at what he sees and turns away from Roses scraggly brown wolf who walks up beside him. Zeus lets out a loud howl as the others join us and breaks into a fast run leading us towards the meeting place.

After 20 minutes of running Zeus slows to a stop gesturing towards some trees indicating everyone to shift and get back into their clothes they carried in their mouths.

Slipping behind the trees we all get dressed quickly as curiosity towards the imminent meeting grows. Stepping out everyone gathers together with Jax's hand on the small of my back keeping me close to him.

"He will be here any minute" Jax informs everyone as we wait patiently.

"Zeus and Kia seem closer" he links me whilst we take a seat on the ground enjoying the warm sun.

"They do don't they" I agree, "Kia adores him."

With that he smiles before leaning over and brushing a lock of my hair away from my eyes, "better" he whispers looking at me clearly.

I reach over to squeeze his hand as I tilt my head towards the sky but not before I see Axton staring at us with hurt across his features and Rose staring at me with hatred clear in her eyes.

"Ready?" I hear Laurence ask as he stands looking towards the far side of the small clearing.

"Always" I hear Jax agree standing up, he reaches his hand down to help me stand up being the gentleman that he is.

Everybody follows suit and comes to stand alongside us as 5 large brown wolves and 1 tall muscular brown haired man walk out from the bushes. Gazing at him I get a sense of familiarity but taking in his appearance of a tanned body littered in scars and his bright blue eyes I cannot explain it.

"Good morning Beta Kingsley" Jax says clearly reaching a hand out to shake the man's calloused one.

"Good morning Alpha Jax" he replies, "thank you for organising this meeting."

"My pleasure. As you can see I have gathered Alpha Brent who you have met before" hearing that the man named Kingsley reaches his hand out to shake Brent's outstretched one, "and I have also brought along Alpha Axton and his new Luna Rose from the White Mountain Pack for you to meet."

"Good morning Alpha Axton" Kingsley says shaking his hand also. He turns his attention back to Jax ignoring Rose as he does so. Kingsley takes in Laurence and Theo next to him and nods in greeting before his eyes settle on mine.

"And who do we have here?" He asks softly looking at me.

"Good afternoon Beta Kingsley" I gently say, "I am Nova."

"The Nova?" He enquired with a cocked brow.

Laughing awkwardly I lift my hands in a show of acceptance, "I am the ex-Luna of the White Mountain Pack, I have previously reached out to you to try and discuss what you are after."

"It's a pleasure to finally meet you Nova" he says with sincerity clear in his voice.

Smiling graciously I look back to Jax shifting the attention from myself, "I thought I would let you know Beta that the packs in attendance today have all looked into their pack history's to see if we have had any families under the name Prince, unfortunately no packs have. The Moonbeam Pack unfortunately couldn't make it today however they assured me they also had no history of a Prince family residing in their territory's."

Hearing that information I see pain flicker across Kingsleys face momentarily before he hides it behind an expressionless mask. "Thank you for enquiring Alpha Jax, I appreciate the effort in which you have gone to."

"I'm aware it may be overstepping our boundaries but after the show of aggression on the White Mountain Pack we were wondering if you could explain why the Rogue Beta was looking for Athena Prince?" Jax questioned.

With a deep sigh Kingsley looked away before turning his bright gaze back to Jax and myself, "the aggression was not part of the agreement. Unfortunately we could not be in 4 places at once so another segment of the Rogue Pack offered to patrol the White Mountain Pack borders. I strictly ordered no aggression however they broke that order. I would like to extend my apologies to you whilst you are here Alpha Axton, I assure you I meant no harm" he informs us shifting his gaze to Axton.

"Is that why they were killed?" I ask quietly.

His unwavering gaze moves to meet mine as he nods slowly, "all rogues who wish to be a part of this pack take an oath to cause no unreasonable harm amongst other things. We have a pack witch who creates a binding spell, if they break their oaths they die. It is brutal but it is the only way of order within the Rogues. It also helps us realise who is turning feral and who is not."

I nod in understanding before Jax speaks up again, "so are we to understand your pack runs like ours?"

"Yes it does, I wish no harm to one's that are undeserving and I hope that I am able to show that not all Rogues mean harm. There are some of us who are Rogues through no fault of their own" he explains.

"And Athena Prince?" Jax probes.

"It may help if I explain my history" Kingsley begins. Making sure everyone in attendance nods in agreement he continues, "my fated mate was a human. It is rare but it does happen, unfortunately she was the daughter of hunter. She was aware of our species and she most definitely didn't agree with her parents lifestyle or decisions. She left her parents at the age of 14 and was adopted by a family friend, she met me aged 21 and I was 25. We had some blissful years together and I introduced her to my pack where she settled into her role well and was loved by everyone. One day we were out running in the woods and we were attacked by a group of hunters, two of which were her parents" his eyes turned downcast at the memory.

"It was a horrible fight and her parents ended up threatening her with her life if she continued to defy them and everything they stood for. My mate stood by me that day and we managed to escape with a few others. Over the next year she continuously got horrible letters sent to her in the post at work with threats from her parents, she was harassed at her work day in day out as she continued a role in finance alongside her pack duties so she had to make the decision to stay on pack lands and work at the local hospital. Then one day she came home and she was torn, she was both over the moon and terrified, once speaking to her she told me she was pregnant with my pup. I of course was overjoyed but I understood that if her parents ever found out then none of us would be safe" he continued.

"So we disappeared, we relocated away from the risk of hunters and settled into a new location. We had our pup and she was the most magnificent creation to grace our lives. For a few short days everything was perfect, but after 2 weeks her parents found us. I ended up being separated from Lizzie and my pup and I told her to do anything she could to keep themselves safe. I led the hunters away from them, or at least I thought I had. Her father followed them both, he almost caught them the night before I lost them both. She rang me at the time and was beside herself, the only option she had was to give our pup up."

"Athena Prince is my lost daughter, her mother sacrificed herself to protect her and I gave an oath I would find her and I will never give up" he ends with conviction.

I pause slightly at his words as the sense of familiarity grows stronger, seeing Jax dart a look at me I continue to stare at Kingsley.

"You're not a Beta" I say once I'd realised the power excluding from him as he told us his truth.

He laughs lightly before looking at me again, "no..I'm not."

"But you're not an Alpha" I say slowly.

He continues to look at me without saying a word for a few moments.

"Nova yes? I think it could all be explained if you saw my wolf" he murmurs quietly.

As he steps back behind some bushes to strip Jax links me quickly, "Nova that power.."

"I've sensed that power on one person before.." Laurence links me at the same time whilst staring at me.

As we hear the bushes rustle I lift my head to look up from where I'd been studying the ground to make eye contact with a magnificent 10ft white wolf with rippling muscles and shiny fur. His bright blue eyes bore into mine as he walked to face me before sitting and bowing slightly.

Looking down I see the birthmark showing through his fur of a moon on his right front paw, I gasp looking up at him before grasping Jax's hand in mine as I hear him make a quick intake of air as he makes the same realisation I do.

"Nova?" I hear Jax ask as he brings me into his side, "are you ok?" I can hear the concern in his voice but all I can do is stare at the magnificent wolf in front of me.

After a few more minutes of silence as we study one another the Wolf dips his head once again before padding back behind the bushes for Kingsley to shift.

"Nova that Wolf looks like Kia.." I hear Axton say quietly in amazement from my left, glancing at Luca I see him looking at me with understanding showing in his eyes, stepping forward he gives me a quick squeeze of my shoulder as he stands behind me in support.

As Kingsley walks out I look at him through watery eyes as he holds my gaze.

"Can someone please explain?" Alpha Brent asks looking around in confusion.

Kingsley stops in front of me as he holds his hand out to me his eyes asking silent permission, with a slight nod he pulls me into his arms burying his head in my neck scenting me as the sobs finally escape my throat making me body shake.

"My daughter..Athena" he whispers stepping back and looking at me with wonder.

Finality

Chapter 23 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

As we arrived back at the pack house and said farewell to Alpha Brent after promising to keep him updated, I ask everyone to gather in the lounge before I lead Nova to the office silently. As we walk through the door I turn to look at her and see her eyes tinged red from crying.

"Are you ok?" I ask gently.

Pausing for a moment she looks at me before nodding, "I'm just shocked" she murmurs.

"We all are" I agree bringing her into my chest.

"My father is alive" she breathed laughing softly, "never did I expect that I would meet him."

"He's a Guardian Wolf Nova, you're not alone in this you have someone who understands and can support you" I whisper into her hair.

Stepping back I see her look up at me biting her lip, "it's all a bit overwhelming" she whispers.

"I know love, but you're not alone. We are all here for you, your dad will be coming for a private lunch tomorrow. We can get more answers then but I think for now you need to relax" I suggest quietly, "let's go and speak to the others but I think an afternoon spent watching movies and eating ice cream is in order."

"Yeah I'll do that" she agrees.

"We will do that, goddess knows I deserve an afternoon off" I say making light of the situation squeezing her hand as we walk back downstairs, I drop a quick kiss on her forehead before we walk into the lounge to meet everyone's stares.

"Nova are you ok?" Luca asks stepping forward and grasping her hands in his.

"I'm ok Luca truly" she assures him, "I am just shocked."

He lets out a deep sigh of relief as Axton steps forward, "are you sure?" He checks knowing what this means.

"Yes Alpha Axton, thank you for your concern" she says graciously. Seeing his eyes narrow slightly at the title before clearing he nods and steps back.

"So you've met your long lost dead daddy" Rose sneers at Nova earning a soft warning growl from myself. Nova simply looks at her but doesn't respond.

"What's so special about this anyway?" Rose continues, "pups grow up without their parents all the time. It's not that big of a deal" she scoffs.

"Luna if you do not start showing some respect to my sister there will be a problem, you may be the daughter of an Alpha but you do not act as such" Luca growls glaring at Rose before shooting Axton an angry scowl.

"What? I'm only asking Luca. Nova here appears to win over men's affection very easily, I'm only wondering why" she says trying to get a raise from Nova whilst smirking at me looking me up and down.

"If you're trying to get a reaction from me Rose you will have to try a lot harder" Nova says with a slight mocking tone in her voice making me chuckle.

"Rose if you do not have anything helpful to say I suggest you do not speak again" Axton growls angrily causing Rose to send him a look of surprise.

"You're defending her?" She screeches.

"You do not have any understanding of this situation, I didn't want you here but you insisted on coming once you realised Nova would be present. The least you can do is be respectful and follow my instruction" he growls back with narrowed eyes.

Hearing this she gulps before muttering, "I had to see what was so special about her to make everybody fawn over her."

"How is your Luna training going Rose?" Nova suddenly asks causing Rose to grow quiet.

Turning her attention to Axton she asks further, "I do hope elder Angela is been helpful in her advice?"

"Rose refuses to attend any Luna training organised by yourself, which is something we do not agree on" he adds on throwing Rose a slightly dirty look.

"I am not being preened to act as your previous lover Axton, I am a Luna by right and therefore I will act as I see fit. I am there to strengthen that pack I'll remind you" she replied haughtily.

"Oh so what have you done to help Rose?" Nova asks.

"Luna Rose" Rose replies angrily simply making Nova raise her eyebrows for her to continue.

"I have supported pack members, organised the Luna ceremony and helped with the food preparation" she says glaring at Nova.

"Oh because from my understanding you have refused helping pack members causing them to be upset with your presence, you've refused the training I willingly organised to help you despite the hurt you caused me. You have delegated the Luna ceremony organisation to my brother in which I helped point him in the right direction of what companies to contact to help organise. It sounds to me like I've had to help do the Luna duties even when I am not part of your pack"

Nova says looking at her calmly. "And May I remind you there is much more to being a Luna than what you have claimed you have done" she scoffs adding on at the end making Roses face drain of colour.

Hearing that Rose opens her mouth to reply before snapping shut.

"I would suggest you continue your training Rose, you are no Luna yet" Nova says coldly to her before turning her gaze to Axton.

"Get her sorted Axton, I did not commit 3 years of hard work to help your pack for her to go and spend all the finances on her own self image. She needs to learn manners and have empathy and understanding towards others. I am saying that because I do not want to see the White Mountain Pack go downhill not because I am some scorned "lover" as she so eloquently put it but because I am the ex Luna. I hope at some point our relationship actually meant something to you. Please do not cause me further pain by allowing that to happen just so you can get laid at night" she says bluntly. "I apologise for my harshness but I have been incredibly patient with what has happened but I am nearing my limit with her ignorance."

Axtons eyes soften in understanding at hearing her words before he nods, "of course Nova. You're right..you always are" he laughs lightly looking ashamed.

With that Rose glares at him before stomping from the room to the waiting car.

"Nova you are welcome to see me at any time, please don't be a stranger" Luca says stepping forward and giving her a warm hug. "Ring me tomorrow if you need to speak to someone, I am always always here. Remember how proud mum and dad are of us ok."

"I love you Luca, you'll always be my brother" she says emotionally to him.

"Always" he promises before he heads towards outside stopping by me on the way.

"I can see the love you have for one another in your eyes, treat her well and I hope and pray you are mates in a few days time" he says quietly for only me to hear.

"Always" I promise just as he had a few seconds earlier, "I'd like to personally extend you an open invitation to this pack if you wish to visit Nova. Her family will always be welcome here."

With a shake of my hand he nods and leaves the room leaving Axton behind.

Turning my attention the Axton I see him gazing at Nova with an unreadable expression on his face, turning to me he looks at me before speaking, "could I request a few minutes alone to speak to Nova please Alpha Jax?" Looking at Nova I see her nod slightly before she links me, "I'll be fine. Wait outside the door for me."

"Of course Alpha Axton, I'll be outside."

Turning to leave I head out before leaning on the door letting a sigh escape me as I think back through this mornings events.

Turning my attention to the quiet conversation from within the room I wait patiently as I listen.

"Nova I know what I did was wrong but I would like to apologise for my actions in the last few days of your time within my pack" Axton says his voice breaking slightly.

"Thank you Axton, I accept your apology" I hear Nova say emotionlessly.

"Rose is..a unique individual" I hear Axton start earning a scoff from Nova.

"Well she must strengthen you in one way" Nova mutters, "I suppose that must be why you hid in our bedroom with her for days as I struggled in pain."

Hearing a loud groan from Axton at her words I can imagine the grimace on his face, "that was wrong and I wish I could go back to change things. I wish I hadn't marked her I truly do, you were perfect for me Nova and I will never get over losing you. She's not like you, in all aspects and I miss you."

"I'm going to stop you there Axton, that is your future Luna you are speaking about. You have marked her already, it may have been too soon but that is something you have done and are going to have to learn to deal with." Nova interjects fiercely.

"But what if I end the mateship Nova, is there no chance for us?" Axton asks desperately making me gulp air in in panic.

"Calm down" Zeus mutters to me.

"Chance for us?" Nova laughs before coldly speaking, "no Axton. You ruined all chance of us when you broke our agreement. You caused me emotional pain and physical pain, you hurt me so much. But I can also never go back to someone knowing they had more interest in fucking another than myself. Can you imagine if that was the other way round?"

"No" he whispers sounding broken, "I've truly lost you.."

"Yes you have" she states, "I will always be there for your pack members and nothing will come between my brother and I. But what there was between us is no longer there, my love for you is no longer there. You made your decision now you have to live with it. How you go forward from here is down to you, I just hope you listen to my advice."

"And have you made your decision?" He asks quietly.

"My decision?" Nova asks but I don't hear him respond.

After a minutes quiet I hear Nova speak again, "you know I cannot find my mate until my 25th birthday, I have a week to go..But I will say this. Kia is certain as to who has her heart, and so am I. He is caring, loving, a gentleman and a true leader. I have never felt more secure or more cared for as I have recently. I truly hope the moon goddess is showing me early that this man is my future, the sparks I feel are an indicator of that, they grow every day and he feels like home."

Hearing those words my heart misses a beat, a large grin spreads across my face as Zeus puffs his chest out in pride.

"Alpha jax..?" Axton asks quietly.

"Yes" Nova replies simply.

I hear a quiet sniff from Axton before he speaks again, "well you do look good together, I hope you get the future you deserve. I can never tell you how sorry I am."

"Then show me..work hard and pour all your emotions into your effort of continuing our dedication into strengthening your pack" Nova says slightly softer, "I hope you find your happiness Axton." With that I hear their footsteps heading towards the door so I shift myself to the opposite wall and pretend to be deep in thought scrolling my phone.

Hearing the door open I snap my neck up to meet Novas gentle gaze, "hey" I murmur as she comes to me and I drop a soft kiss on her lips.

"Hey, I'll be outside" she says after kissing me back.

Axton stops in front of me looking after Novas retreating figure.

"Look after her" he says gruffly to me.

"I will" I say meeting his gaze.

"She was never truly mine" he whispers to me, "but that doesn't make what I did any easier. She may not be my mate anymore, chosen or not she will always hold a special place in my heart."

I nod in understanding before we walk together outside to his waiting car.

"Thank you for today Alpha, I will not breath a word of what transpired. I will keep Novas secret to the grave if necessary" he says with strength in his voice.

"Take care" I reply simply as I wrap my arm around Novas waist. "Oh and Axton, please make sure your Luna does not feel the need to share Novas information."

"I'll Alpha command her" he says solemnly showing us how serious he is.

"Take care Alpha Axton" Nova says politely.

"And you Nova" he says quietly before smiling slightly at us both and turning to enter the car.

We stand waving as they leave before Nova turns burying her head in my chest, "I'd love a sleepy cuddle right now" she murmurs.

Lifting her from her feet into my arms makes her laugh in surprise, walking upstairs I kiss her cheek before cheekily replying "your wish is my command" making her giggle more.

Next Morning

Chapter 24 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Waking up I realise I'm tucked once again against Jax's warm body in his room. I wriggle closer to him listening to his heartbeat finding it soothing.

"Mmm" he groans as he shuffles slightly waking up. "Mornin" he murmurs in my ear.

"Morning" I whisper, "fancy the gym?"

"Sounds great" he says sitting up and stretching before jumping up and going into the bathroom to freshen up. Getting up I quickly see some of my clothes on the desk in the corner of his room and get dressed in my workout clothes.

"Ah you found some clothes" Jax says a bit sheepishly as he comes into the bedroom, "sorry after you fell asleep last night I didn't want to wake you so I asked Alice to get you some bits to have here if you ever need them."

"That was really thoughtful thank you" I say reaching up and giving him a quick peck on his cheek.

"How are you feeling today?" He asks as we head downstairs.

"Good, I finally have some answers about my biological parents although I have to admit I grew up in such a loving family it was only since my parents passed away I wondered about my biological ones. It was a lot of information but Kia and I are happy to know there is another Guardian wolf." I let him know walking into the gym.

I see him nod in understanding, as we start stretching he looks at me curiously, "how are you feeling about seeing your father today?"

"A bit anxious but I'll be fine, I'm ready to hear more" I say simply, "plus working out will help me release some pent up emotions, I like to keep busy."

"Well let's get working out then" he says brightly. As we work out I realise he truly has my best interests at heart, he doesn't push any subject and let's me say what I feel comfortable sharing.

"How are you feeling coming up to my birthday?" I broach the subject as we finish up our last exercises.

With that he bites his bottom lip nervously making him look gorgeous, "I'm nervous I can't lie. Everything points to that we're mates, the sparks have grown stronger, your scent is like my own personal drug, our connection, the way we work together, how you have settled in this pack so well, how we are able to help one another, our chemistry..I'm struggling to think of anything showing we aren't. But I'm hesitant because there is still that possibility. What about you?"

"You've just basically voiced my thoughts. I'm struggling because if you're not my mate I can't imagine feeling this naturally connected to someone else.." I trail off.

"Hey, it's something out of our control and we will cross that bridge when and IF we get to it ok? I'm not giving up what we have unless you find your mate Nova..I hope you understand that?" He says looking into my eyes sensing my reaction.

As my body fills with warmth at his comment I smile across at him, "I wouldn't want it any other way."

"On that note though, I have kind of arranged a bit of a get together for your birthday" he mumbled quietly.

I spin around in excitement, "you have?"

He laughs seeing my eyes wide with anticipation, "it's just a BBQ at the pack house and I invited your brother this morning. He said he will definitely be here."

Skipping over I wrap my arms around his neck and kiss his hard, "you're amazing..thank you" I breathe.

"Well I've left it up to Alice to finalise so you'll have to thank her when the time comes. 5 more days love" he says with hunger in his eyes as he looks at me. Making me shiver at the thought of what could be.

"Let's get some food before training or you're going to distract me" I giggle shaking my head to clear any naughty thoughts away.

"Probably a good idea" he laughs taking my hand and leading me upstairs. "Here I'll get you a plate" he says passing me a coffee as I sit down.

"Hey Beta how are you?" I ask as Laurence sits down opposite me.

"Ah drop the title Nova, I'm just Laurence to you at all times" he says waving his hand at the mention of his title, "but I'm very well thanks, how are you after yesterday? It was a lot to take in huh?"

"Just a bit" I let out a deep breath, "but it's answered some questions and we can find out more later. I'd like you to join us for lunch if Jax agrees."

"Really?" He checks.

"Yeah definitely, you have been so helpful in my time here and we work closely. Plus with your knowledge and interest in Guardian Wolves I think it would be beneficial if you join us" I explain.

"I'd like that Nova, thank you" he says squeezing my hand.

"Here you go" Jax says in my ear as he bends over with a plate of food for me.

"Eee that looks amazing" I squeal as I take in the food in front of me making Jax and Laurence burst into laughter.

"What's so funny?" I ask pausing with a forkful of food halfway to my mouth.

"We have never met someone who loves food like you" Laurence splutters out.

"Food is life" I state, "it's my warrior side coming out" I add on before devouring my plate.

"I've asked Laurence to join us for lunch Jax, but I did say I'd check with you if that would be alright?" I say as I finish.

"Yes of course it is, you have whoever you want there. Luca said he'd be expecting a call after" he lets me know.

"That's great thank you" I reply. Sitting back I wait for Theo and Flo to come meet me to head down to training whilst I run through what I want to speak to my father about.

Speaking to Kia we agree we should find out more about our mother and what happened to her. From what he said yesterday and the hurt that was in his eyes we have to assume she is no longer alive. But it would be nice to know for certain. We also want to know more about Guardian Wolves, he has lived as one and has more experiences..especially with Kia awakening when we turn 25. The council has been helpful but I can imagine hearing a first hand account would be better for us.

Seeing Theo and Flo by the door I stand and excuse myself before jogging over.

"Morning Nova" they say in unison.

"Still not used to that" I laugh at them.

"It's a twin thing" Theo shrugs punching my arm lightly.

"How are you both?" I ask.

"Good, we are actually going away next week for a couple of nights with our mates. Jax has granted us leave which is amazing" Flo exclaims excitedly.

"That's awesome! You'll love spending time with Alice, you two will get on brilliantly I just know it" I say happily.

"Get ready though Theo" I say playfully.

"Why?" He asks nervously.

"Because if you think Alice will be there to stop Flo being her typical mischievous self then you are royally screwed. Alice will 100% make it worse" I say laughing at his panicked expression.

"I never thought about that" he mumbles.

"Well you and Andrew best get prepared, plus if you let Alice have any wine you will be in for a crazy night..although maybe that's what you want" i wink at him making him blush.

"Please tell me you didn't just make a joke about your brothers sex life" he says burning a bright red.

"Love it's not a joke..I'm telling you it will be crazy" I laugh, "plus if you don't want your sex life discussed with your sisters I'd maybe mention something to Alice" I add on innocently.

"She hasn't" he exclaims mortified.

I just shrug and look away laughing.

"Has she?" Flo linked me curiously.

"She tried but I stopped her, I figured Theo wouldn't want me to know the details. But he doesn't have to know that" I answer her making her giggle loudly.

"Right let's get training" i exclaim bumping their shoulders playfully leaving Theo looking a bit shocked.

Chapter 25 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Looking in the mirror I try to relax and calm my fast beating heart, the nerves I'd tried to ignore all morning are increasing as I know my father will be arriving soon. Nodding in approval at how my cream dress fits my boobs and waist perfectly before loosening into a short flowing sun dress, I glance at my shiny dark hair and admire the loose waves.

"You look beautiful Nova" I hear Jax say huskily before his large hands grip my waist as he steps behind me. Looking up at him in the mirror I offer him a small smile of thanks. Sensing my nerves he drops his head leaving me a lingering kiss on my neck, "I'll be right next to you love and Kia is with you always. Don't worry" he comforts me.

Turning round I give him a chaste kiss before breathing in his scent deeply which immediately calms my racing heart, looking up with resilience I walk towards the door as I say "ok let's do this."

As we head downstairs I can hear murmured conversation coming from the smaller dining room we will be using for our lunch. Opening the door I immediately meet the bright blue eyes of my father as he stands eagerly to meet me.

"Nova.." he breaths his nerves also showing, "you look gorgeous..just like your mother."

Hearing that I feel butterflies as it's the first mention I've ever had as to what my mother looked like. "I look like her?" I ask quietly.

He nods before gathering himself to reply, "you look exactly like her, but you have my eyes."

"Do you have any photos?" I inquire nervously.

"I actually brought you some for you to keep if you would like them" he says offering me a small envelope.

Taking it I look down at the envelope for a moment before opening it and pulling out the first photo slowly. Looking at it brings fresh tears to my eyes as my fingers shake slightly. Jax brings his hand round to cradle mine holding the picture lending me his strength. In the photo is a man who is clearly my father, he's younger with tanned skin and thick hair, his eyes shining brightly

looking into the camera with a large smile across his face, his dimples more prominent than now. My eyes shift to the lady stood tucked into his side and I gasp slightly, she is the mirror image of myself with the only difference being her hazel eyes which look almost golden with the sun shining on them as it is in the picture. Her hair is waist length and wavy just like mine, she has large eyes framed by thick lashes and her mouth is open in a large smile showing her perfectly straight teeth. In her arms is a newborn baby, wrapped in a blanket as she is sleeping peacefully.

"That's the day we brought you home, you were only a day old at that point. It was one of the happiest days of my life" my dad murmured as he came to stand in-front of me gazing down at the photo.

Holding the photo against my chest I smile through my tears, "this means a lot..thank you."

As we take a seat and Laurence pours us all a refreshing drink i glance at Jax seeing his eyes trained on me already. "I'm here" he links me.

I take a deep breath and turn to look at my dad, "is there anything you would like to ask me?" I start.

With that he lets out a deep breath I didn't realise he'd been holding.

"So much Nova..so much so that I'm not sure where to even begin" he starts.

"I can start from the beginning if it helps" I say with some amusement. Seeing his eyes wrinkle as he chuckles he nods, "I think that's a good idea."

"Well I was left on my parents doorstep when I was 3 weeks old, there was a letter left with me telling them my date of birth and saying that for the life I would have my parents couldn't provide me with the security and love that I deserved" as I said that I saw pain flit across his features as his eyes closed at the memory. Reaching my hand across the table I grasp his before continuing, "my parents immediately took me in, they already had a son called Luca who was 2 years old. Due to complications with his birth they couldn't have anymore children so they saw me as a blessing. I was cared for and loved by them and my brother. You met him yesterday..he is the Beta of the White Mountain Pack, we are incredibly close. I first shifted when I was aged 8, protecting Luca from a Rogue attack, I finished high school by the age of 15 and I went on to train with the Elite Warriors at the training academy. During that time i resided with the Red Moon Pack, there I met Theo and Flo - Alpha Jaxs Gammas. I rescued them from a group of rogues as they had fled their pack when it was attacked, they were only 12. I took them in and got them back into school when I found out their pack had been destroyed, after a couple of years the council contacted me saying there was an imminent threat and I had to leave immediately. I went to the White Mountain Pack where I agreed to become Alpha Axtons chosen mate, I helped the pack regain its strength and improve its finances, and now I'm here" I end rather vaguely.

"I sense that something happened?" My father probes.

"As you may have noticed Alpha Axton has a new Luna, he found her during a recent meeting where I was visiting Novas pack" Jax informs him, "he unfortunately didn't follow the mateship laws and marked Luna Rose whilst causing Nova to suffer through the pain of his betrayal. I offered her a place in my pack when she had recovered."

Hearing that harm had come to his daughter my father growled softly as his eyes brightened showing the presence of his wolf, after a moment he gains back control and offers a sheepish smile. "I apologise, hearing you've been through pain like that is making me feel rather protective of you"

Offering him a small smile I reply, "it's understandable. Although I'm not happy with how Axton conducted himself I am happy to have ended up here."

With that Jax squeezes my shoulder whilst offering me his kilowatt smile making me blush as Laurence smirks beside him. My father watches the small exchange as a smile breaks out across his face, "you two are mates" he says confidently.

Hearing that my smile falters slightly, "I'm not sure..my birthday is on the weekend. We will know for sure then."

My father chuckled before leaning forwards, "do you have sparks when you touch?" He asks, I nod in answer.

"Is his scent growing stronger and vice versa?" He asks again as we both nod.

"Beta what does Nova smell like to you?" My father asks Laurence.

"Like citrus fruit, orange and grapefruit. It's refreshing and I find it almost comforting" he adds on quietly making me turn my head to him in confusion.

"And what does she smell like to you Alpha?" My dad asks a smile playing on his lips.

"Raspberry and mint..my favourite summer drink" he says confidently.

"You're mates" my dad stated grinning at our shocked expressions.

"Seriously?" I whisper.

"Your Beta here finds your strength comforting as will anyone within this pack as you are its rightful Luna, your scent will grow stronger to Alpha Jax as it nears your birthday as will his to you, I'm sure you've noticed your sparks will have increased in intensity the more time you spend together. You also will tend to gravitate towards each other unconsciously..I already had a feeling yesterday but now I am certain that you two are mates. I met your mother 2 days before my 25th birthday and I experienced the same as you" he finishes confidently.

Gasping I turn to look at Jax who is smiling widely, leaning down he presses a gentle kiss to my mouth before whispering "well thank fuck for that."

Bursting out laughing I shake my head at his reaction, "so polite" I giggle rolling my eyes at him. He simply shrugs smugly before grinning at Laurence, "we have a Luna."

"I've considered her my Luna since she arrived mate, I just held back my thoughts as I didn't want to put added pressure on you both" Laurence says just as smugly causing Jax and I to drop our jaws in shock. "The whole pack has actually" he says innocently.

"Oh" was all I could muster making my father and Laurence laugh at my shocked expression.

"Congratulations sweetheart, he's a good man I can tell" my father offers me graciously.

"Thanks dad.." I softly murmur to him.

"Can I ask if I could meet your parents? I would be most thankful if I could express my gratitude at how you were looked after and brought up" my father then says hesitantly causing my breath to hitch slightly.

Seeing this my fathers eyes widen, "oh..no Nova, I'm sorry I didn't mean to say anything wrong."

I shake my head at him, "you didn't don't worry." Taking a few controlled breaths I continue, "my parents were unfortunately killed a year and a half ago."

"How?" My father asked slowly.

"By hunters" I whisper as the pain from the memory hits me hard.

Hearing that my father shoots off of his chair, "hunters? Which hunters?"

"I don't know..why?" I ask quickly.

"What if they've found you" he gasps holding his head in his hands.

"My grandparents?" I whisper.

"Do you have no idea who they were Nova?" My father checks.

I shake my head slowly, "no but.." I start before pausing.

"Well one of the hunters was hurt when they attacked, they were going to be killed but I had a gut feeling that was the wrong thing to do. So i transferred her to a hospital and she has been in a coma ever since. I hoped one day she will wake and be able to give us some answers" I explain feeling my voice shake slightly.

"I need to see her" my father says quickly.

"I can speak to Luca about arranging a visit if it would be suitable?" Jax mentions.

My father nods his agreement before Jax looks at Laurence gesturing outside, "on it Boss" Laurence says before striding out and upstairs to the office.

My father shakily sits back down, "I'm sorry for what you've been through Nova. Is there anything you'd like to ask me?"

"My mother..what happened to her?" I ask bluntly.

"I don't know" he whispers pain making his voice thick, "I never saw or heard from her again. I assume she was killed. I got told that when you mate to a human it is different though so until I find a new mate my bond will still be there just weak. I've searched for your mother and you everywhere over the last 24 years."

I nod my head as I had already assumed as much. "So you're a Beta of the Rogue pack?" I ask.

"Ah..about that. I'm not actually the Beta..I'm the Rogue King" he answers.

I gasp in shock as I look at him, "what..how?"

"2 years ago I had had enough of being a roaming rogue, I felt like I needed family..friends, a sense of belonging. I knew no pack could safely take me in and as I wasn't sure of the dangers the hunters could still bring I knew I would have to stay a rogue. One day I met the former Rogue King..he was a monster. He killed, raped, beat men, women and children. I killed him when he fought me after I'd rejected becoming part of his army and became the new Rogue King by right" he informs me, "from there I made significant changes. No more violence unless called for, no harm to others unless a named enemy. My pack runs just like any, there are positions and job roles and everyone does their fair share. I told you yesterday about the oath I make everyone utter with the pack witch, this was to bring order to them and I have to say so far it has been highly successful."

"That's incredible" Jax says admirably.

"Thank you son" my father says, "I apologise for not being honest with you from the start but many still fear the rogues and what they may cause. I wanted to show we are different."

The door opens and Laurence reappears, "we are travelling there this afternoon. They are expecting us."

"Thank you Laurence" Jax says as food is brought in behind him. "Let's enjoy our meal and then we can leave, is that all ok with you Sir?" He checks with my father.

"Kingsley to you is perfectly fine" my father says, "this afternoon is great thank you Beta for organising it."

Over the next hour we continue talking, telling stories of ourselves over the years as Laurence asks question after question about Guardian Wolves much to the appreciation of my dad. Feeling full I go to stand as Jax does the same, "I'll see you shortly, thank you for lunch I enjoyed it" I say as we wave goodbye slipping out the room.

Fear to Reality

Chapter 26 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Once we get back to the room I head straight to the bathroom to freshen myself up getting ready to journey to the White Mountain Pack. Looking in the mirror I see my eyes shining brighter than they have in a long time and my cheeks are rosey with colour, my lips plump curled in a slight smile naturally. After the initial emotional conversation we had with my father lunch had flown by, it was nice to enjoy some laughs and relax before we have to travel this afternoon.

Walking out my eyes fall on Jax's muscular figure sat on the edge of the bed, his eyes rise to meet mine as he lifts his arms up for me to join him. "Hello...mate" he whispers huskily in my ear making heat pool below and my body shiver.

Pulling back I see a smirk grace his lips knowingly, "behave" I laugh swatting his shoulder, "we need to get ready."

"Yes about that, Luca has just rang and said he has rooms prepared for us to stay in as we won't be finished until late. I wanted to check it would be ok with you before confirming anything" he says standing and heading towards the closet.

"Yes that's fine, it means we can leave early and travel back doesn't it so it makes sense" I agree rationally as I head through to the closet behind him.

Seeing he'd taken his top off and his rippling back muscles were on show as he took clothes off their hangers ready to pack I find my breath hitching. "Seriously Jax you're not helping a woman here" I say playfully fanning myself as I know my eyes have darkened.

He pulls a tshirt down over his head ruffling his hair as he try's to hide the smug smile that is stretching across his face. "If we had time you know you'd get to enjoy..all this" he says dramatically gesturing at his body.

Stepping forward i trail my hand over his stomach making him hold his breath as I reach up and whisper in his ear, "i don't doubt i would enjoy it" before I walk past him sniggering to get some of my own clothes ready to take with us. Turning I see he hasn't moved from his frozen position as he stares at me with lust filled eyes.

"I'm trying my hardest to restrain myself at the moment Nova but you're making it increasingly hard" he growls.

Looking down I see his noticeable bulge straining in his black jeans, "I can see" I wink at him before stepping back with my hands in mock surrender. "I'll behave..promise."

Seeing him control his breathing he walks towards me and drops a hard kiss on my lips before taking our bags to the bathroom and putting our toiletries in. Opening the door he turns to me "come on then love" and we head downstairs.

I offer to take my bag but he shakes his head in a stern no, "such a gentleman" I comment as he loads the car up making him chuckle.

"This is our ride" he gestures to the fancy Aston Martin in front of us opening the door for me.

"Thank you" I say looking him clearly in the eyes as I sit down.

"Laurence, Alice and Theo are following behind with your dad" he informs me as he pulls the car down the driveway.

Nodding I lean my head back and let my thoughts wander speaking to Kia as the journey progresses. Jax for all his due leaves me to relax for the ride aware that I need time to process everything.

As we enter the territory of the White Mountain Pack I reach my hand out to grasp Jaxs as he squeezes mine reassuringly.

Pulling up outside the pack house I see Luca waiting for us with a smile on his face, "someone is pleased you're back" Jax comments with a smile as he opens the door helping me out the car.

Grinning I turn my attention to Luca, "can't escape me can you" I laugh as he twirls me round in a hug.

"Never" he grins back, turning to Alpha Jax he shakes his hand as he says "good afternoon Alpha Jax, please let me welcome you to the White Mountain Pack..again, and it's lovely to see you."

Chuckling Jax shakes his hand firmly, “thank you Beta.”

“I’ll show you to your room, then Alpha Axton has said we should all meet in the downstairs lounge and we can go from there” Luca says leading us upstairs. As we pass the floor that used to hold my room I feel my heart tighten before I focus on Jax’s warmth and the feeling quickly dissipates.

Luca opens a door ahead of us and gestures us both forward, “your room” he says simply.

“Both of ours?” I ask sharply.

“Umm..yes?” He says quietly with doubt in his tone.

I look at him for a moment before giggling, “I’m just messing Luca, thank you.”

“You never change” he says shaking his hand in relief crossing his sharp features.

“We spoke to my father at lunch, he told us some information” I start before looking at Jax and quickly linking him, “can I tell him about us?”

He looks at me before answering aloud, “you don’t ever need to ask me that, I wouldn’t ask you to keep anything from your brother.”

With those words Luca and I both break into huge smiles, “thank you” Luca says gratefully, “you were saying Nova?”

“Well I’ll start with the worrying news. My biological mother was the daughter of hunters as you know. Our parents being killed by hunters could be a horrible coincidence, or it could be linked to my biological grandparents finding me..” I trail off suddenly anxious that Luca will be upset with the news.

He sighs in front of me before standing up to look out the window for a minute, he turns around and looks at me with a small smile on his face. “I already know you’ll be worrying I will blame you for if this is the case, but I want you to know that none of this is your fault and I would never see it that way. I had a thought yesterday when Kingsley told us about your mother that it could be linked so it’s not too surprising he is concerned about that. If it is the case then I know for certain our parents would have done anything to protect you and me..do not ever blame yourself for their fate.”

Hearing those words I lean into him giving him a hug, “thank you Luca you have no idea how much I needed to hear that” I mumble into his chest.

After a minute we step back and Jax snakes his hand round my waist bringing me in close, I look at him with a raised brow. “Don’t ask, I’m getting a bit territorial with you and other males. I know he’s your brother and Zeus and I understand that but..”

I smile and give him a kiss on the cheek, “I know, you don’t need to explain.”

Seeing him flush slightly at his actions I giggle, “my possessive Alpha” I tease.

I turn to Luca who watched the whole exchange with an elated look on his face, “I best explain” I say to Luca.

“You think” he teases.

“My dad is certain we are mates. He had a feeling when we all met the other day however when we had lunch earlier we explained the sparks, the fact my scent to him is different to everyone else within the pack, the need to be around each other. Plus my father met my mother two days before his 25th birthday and it was the same” I explain.

Luca studied us for a few seconds before answering, “I’ve been around plenty of people who acted as mates before they were confirmed and I could say the same thing. From where I am standing it’s pretty fucking obvious” he laughs. “Congratulations sis” he adds on smirking.

I simply shake my head at his honesty before thanking him.

“Shall we head downstairs?” Jax asks after we’d quickly freshened up. Luca and I both nod in agreement and we all walk downstairs to the lounge.

Walking in I see Axton sat on the sofa with Rose pushing herself against his rigid frame as much as possible, her breasts practically escaping her top trying to gain his attention. Seeing us walk into the room his eyes brighten before he hastily stands up.

“Ouch” Rose exclaims as she is pushed slightly onto the sofa. Axton’s lips simply set into a straight line as he doesn’t acknowledge her. Raising my brows at him he shakes his head slightly before turning to Jax, “good afternoon Alpha Jax, welcome to the White Mountain Pack. I hope your room is to your liking.”

“Thank you Alpha, it’s lovely” he says politely.

“Well I’d thank Nova to be honest, it was kind of her initiative to design the guest rooms as such” Axton says uncomfortably rubbing his neck.

“I know” Jax says winking at me making a flash of hurt cross Axton’s face.

“Good afternoon Luna Rose” Jax says politely turning to the lady standing from the sofa.

“Alpha” she drawls seductively as she smooths her dress sashaying over to us. “If you need anything for your room please don’t hesitate to ask” she says resting a hand on his arm and looking into his eyes through her lashes.

Jax's eyes harden as he focuses on her hand resting there before his eyes flash and he shakes it off with a grimace. "I've got Nova with me what more could I need" he says provokingly.

With that she blanched before turning to look at Luca, "I thought I suggested Nova's room be the floor below Alpha Jax's?" She says accusingly.

He simply looked at her in amusement, "I apologise Luna. I found your suggestion to be insensitive and not suitable for my sister's visit. I did run it by Alpha Axton and he agreed with me."

"Axton?" She asks feigning hurt.

"I'm sorry Rose but I am with Luca on this one. Having Nova in the room pretty much across from what was the two of our old rooms but is now yours and my own is insensitive. She is our guest and she will be treated as such." Axton says firmly.

"I was only offering her a room closest to what she was used to here" she claims innocently. "Why with Alpha Jax?" She probes.

With a sigh Luca rubs his face looking to the ceiling, "it's truly none of our business Luna. But if they wish to share a room I will in no way stop them."

"Even when they're unmated after Nova has come out of a chosen relationship?" She comments raising her brow.

With this she scoffs, "oh please Rose. You cannot comment on two mates sharing a room. I can hazard a strong guess you were no saint before mating with Axton, if I wish to share a room with someone then I should be granted that wish. It honestly does no harm to anyone." Stepping forward I look at her my eyes showing Kia's presence, "but if I EVER catch you touching my mate like that again there will be consequences."

Hearing a whistle from behind I twirl to meet the amused gazes of Alice and my father with Laurence smirking behind them.

"That's my Luna" Alice comments making me laugh.

Hearing Axton whisper to Rose "you cannot have Nova stay opposite us in the hope you can seduce me and use it to hurt her. I have held off for days now and nothing will be changing that until your attitude improves. She and Alpha Jax are together and we are not to stop them, she never opposed us..remember that" he growls at the end.

Seeing Jax smile in approval I look to Luca who is looking at Rose distastefully.

"Shall we proceed with the visit?" My father asks after greeting everyone.

“Yes certainly. If you’d all like to follow me we are going to head to the long term care unit” Axton says leading us outside.

As we reach the room where the lady is being cared for I see my fathers eyes darkening with anger, stepping forward I rest my hand on his arm before i ask “are you ok?”

He battles with his wolf for a moment before he takes any deep breath, “I know that scent” he growls before storming past Axton and slamming the door open.

Walking in behind him I see the frail older lady lying peacefully on the bed with the usual tubes attached to her.

Hearing a loud snarl from beside me I look at my father who is bristling with anger.

“Caroline” he growls.

“Caroline?” I ask fearing answer.

His eyes leave her before focusing on mine, softening when he sees the worry in them. “Your grandmother..” he whispers causing Luca and I to grasp each others hand as one my fears becomes reality.

Revelations

Chapter 27 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Hearing a gasp escape Nova as her eyes fill with pain I quickly step forward and bring her back against my chest and Luca grasps her hand.

“My grandmother?” She whispered looking at the older lady with horror.

Her father grimaces and tugs at his hair in frustration, “fuck” he growls before turning and storming outside.

“Let’s get out of here” I whisper to Nova pulling her from the room with everyone following close behind.

“That’s your grandmother?” Axton asks gently as we meet her father who is pacing in anger.

“Yes” Kingsley answers for her, “shitting hell it’s been 20 years since I’ve seen her.”

“20?” Nova asks sharply.

“Can we speak privately Nova? Alpha Jax and Beta Luca can join us” he says nervously.

Nodding the others step back and walk back towards the house to give us our privacy.

Sighing Kingsley sits down on the grass motioning for us to join him.

“I haven’t told you everything that has happened Nova” he says with a pained expression.

“Before I tell you I ask you to please be understanding with why I didn’t mention it earlier.”

“Ok..” Nova say apprehensively her hand growing clammy in mine.

“I was found by your grandparents 3 years after you’d gone missing. He managed to sedate me and he kept me caged like an animal for over a year. In that time..” he ran his hand through his hair once again and growled at the memory, “in that time he drugged me with an aphrodisiac basically bringing on a heat for a male wolf. He left me in a cage with a female also in heat that he’d captured for this exact purpose..it was inevitable. I couldn’t think straight I wasn’t in my right mind and neither was she. She ended up being pregnant and we had a pup. She’s called Sophie” he says quietly at the end.

Gasping Nova covers her mouth in shock, “I have a sister?”

“Yes” he whispers, “she turned 20 three weeks ago.”

“Is her mother your mate?” She asks her hands trembling in my own.

He vehemently shakes his head at that, “no. Her mother was killed by the hunters 2 months after Sophie was born. But even before then we were two wolves going through something together, but we weren’t together. There was no love, no romantic feelings between us just a beautiful baby girl and a shared experience. For her I will always be glad I have Sophie though I will say that and because of her I was able to escape with Sophie, and I have kept her safe ever since.”

I see her take a moment to process that information before she looks at him as a tear drops down his face, “I understand why you didn’t tell me dad. But I want to make it clear I don’t blame you. You were drugged, I can see the love you had for my mother was strong and I’m glad that Sophie is safe. It would be lovely to meet her.”

Hearing that his face brightens, “you’re a true Luna darling. You are rational and understanding and I am incredibly proud to call you my daughter.”

“Does she know about Nova? I ask quietly.

“Yes. She’s known about you her entire life, she knows everything. She also misses her mother so it is something the both of you share. But I have never lied to her, she wanted to come to meet you but I couldn’t bring myself to tell you about her because I didn’t want you to think I betrayed your mothers memory” Kingsley says to Nova.

With a sigh she looks to the sky, “you didn’t betray my mothers memory. Even if you hadn’t had Sophie there is no guarantee you wouldn’t have found you second chance mate. If you had found her I would have wanted you to be happy and to consider having a family with her.”

“Thank you Nova” he says quietly.

We all sit for a moment enjoying the suns warmth before I see Luca stiffen.

“You ok Luca?” I ask.

He looks at me with an unreadable expression before straightening, “sir can I ask you a question?” He addresses Kingsley.

“I’m just Kingsley to you son” he says, “of course you can.”

“What was the purpose of the hunters ensuring you had another pup?” Luca probes.

“Honestly I have no idea” Kingsley shrugs, “I have thought about it over the years and all I can think is they wanted to hurt me and take her away from me to show me the pain they perhaps suffered by their daughter choosing me over them.”

“Hmm” Luca hums.

“What’s on your mind?” Kingsley asks curiously.

“Have you seen Novas mums body?” He asks nervously.

“No..” Kingsley replies hesitantly.

“Please don’t take this the wrong way but the person who would suffer the most from you having a child with another is Novas mum. I don’t want to put this theory forward but I feel like I have to. What if she wasn’t dead at that point? What if she was captured by the hunters and kept captive, then when they caught you and drugged you she would have suffered the mates betrayal pains even if she was a human. After being marked she would feel it. What if they did that to make her suffer for her betrayal to them?”

With that Kingsleys face drains of colour, “no no no..NO” he shouts standing up, “what have I done?”

Nova quickly stands bringing him into a hug, “shushhh dad it’s ok. It was out of your control and it is just a theory.”

After a few minutes he whispers against her head, “what if she truly was alive and I broke her?”

Stepping back she holds his face up to look her in the eye, “don’t ever think that. We need to find out answers about my mother before we go further, but either way If my mother was anything like me she will have understood.”

“I’m sorry Kingsley I never meant for you to feel bad” Luca says apologetically from beside me.

“You have nothing to apologise for, I can’t believe i didn’t consider that before. They said they would kill her Nova, I have felt nothing in our bond since the last time I saw you both. Nothing” he exclaims. “She must be dead” he mumbles to himself.

“We don’t know how long they kept her alive for Kingsley. Focus on the present, you have Nova back” I comfort him.

Kingsley looks at Luca taking him in before allowing a small smile to grace his features, “Nova is extremely lucky to have a brother such as you. I’d like to extend my apologies for how my mateship has affected your life and that of your parents. I can never express my thanks to them for how they brought Nova up but I can say it to you. So thank you Beta, you are a credit to your parents, and I apologise for what happened to them.”

Seeing Lucas face soften I can see him biting his cheek to stop emotion from showing, “you don’t always have to be strong Luca. It’s ok to feel emotion.” I murmur to him grasping his shoulder. He simply nods in response not trusting his voice.

After a few more moments I stand and hold my hand up to help Nova up. “Why don’t we go inside? It’s been a long day and I’m sure everyone is hungry.”

“Yes dinner is almost ready for us all so let’s all head back” Luca adds as his eyes glaze over showing he’s been mind-linked.

“Can we keep this extra information between ourselves for now? I don’t trust Rose and I don’t want to fuel her for any more unnecessary comments to anyone” Nova says quietly.

“I think that’s a good idea” Luca replies with a closed off look on his face. “I’m struggling with her” he admits before holding the pack house door open for everyone.

“I wonder why” I comment sarcastically making him let out a loud laugh.

“Is everybody ready for dinner?” Axtons deep voice asks as he comes round the corner in front of us.

“I’m always ready for food” Nova comments practically dragging me to the dining room. Walking in I see a table set up similarly to when we had lunch earlier.

“Hi Boss, everything ok?” Laurence asks standing to meet us.

“Yes all good” I assure him before linking him, “Nova said she will fill you in after dinner.”

He nods slightly to show he understands and then steps back holding a chair out and gesturing Nova to sit. “Thank you Laurence” she says graciously just as Rose and Axton walk in.

I take a seat next to Nova as they sit opposite, Rose pausing to see if Axton will hold the chair for her but he sits down without sparing her a glance making her eyes turn cold.

As the food is brought out everyone chats amongst themselves with Axton and Rose making the odd comment here and there. As dessert with teas and coffees are brought out I hear Nova chuckle, “did you have Millie bake for me?” She asks Luca.

“I did” Axton interjects smoothly, “I know you love her baking and she was happy to hear you’d be back for the night.”

Seeing a look of surprise cross Novas face before she smiles slightly at him I tighten the hold on my fork, “calm Mr, you’re the only man for me” she links me before replying to Axton saying “thank you, that’s very kind of you.”

“Why haven’t you done that for me?” Rose asks taken aback.

“You told me you would never consider eating desserts as you don’t want to be fat” he points out flatly as he tucks into his pudding, “why would I request them make a dessert you wouldn’t eat. You’ve eaten the mains I requested for you.”

“Oh..yes I suppose that’s right” she says lightly trying to brush it off.

After a few minutes I see Axton put his fork down before sitting back breathing deeply, looking up I see his eyes are fixed in Nova and they are completely dark. With a growl he tears his attention away from Nova before looking at Rose, “what did you do?”

If I didn’t know what she was like by now I would believe her surprised reaction and her little gasp as she looks at him, “I haven’t done anything” she cries softly.

“Rose, tell me or I’ll command it” he threatens.

“What’s wrong man?” Luca asks confused.

Axton ignores him and continues trying to control his breathing, “she’s drugged you hasn’t she” Nova says quietly studying his face.

With a tight nod he growls again before leaning towards Rose with clenched teeth, “tell me what you’ve done to me” he commands.

Seeing her shake as she tries to avoid the comment she soon gives in, “I gave you an aphrodisiac” she whispers.

“WHAT” he roars, “why Rose?” He commands once more.

“To show you that only I can make you feel the way you do. You don’t need her” she spits at Nova making her growl slightly in response, “I wanted to show her how good I can make you feel. And I can make you feel good baby can’t I” she whispers seductively running her hand down his chest before he grabs it and slings it away forcefully with a snarl.

“You disgust me” he says breathing heavier as his eyes flicker between those of his and his wolf. “This isn’t the first time is it” he commands finally.

“N..n..no. I do it everytime w..we fight. I m..make you a cup o..of t..tea and then we end up f..fucking for hours” she stutters out her face flaming red with embarrassment at being outed.

“You fucking bitch, that’s why I couldn’t sense Novas pain before I marked her. The first time I was so upset I’d succumbed to the mating bond I promised you it would never happen again until I had followed the correct laws to keep Nova safe. YOU forced me to continue sleeping with you, for DAYS” he roars at her.

Nova gasps hearing that information and her cold gaze turns to Rose, “you bitch” she snarls.

“You messed up tonight Rose, you thought this would make me want you when the person I actually love is sat opposite. If it wasn’t for the fact her mate is right next to her and I know she is no longer mine plus the fact that I don’t EVER want to hurt her again I would be giving her my attention right now but Rex and I respect her far too much to be swayed by this aphrodisiac” he growls. “Luca take her away..to the cells” he adds on coldly.

“I did it because I love you and I couldn’t bear fighting for your attention” she cries.

“You should have trusted me” he says quietly before looking at Luca and pointing to the door.

A smile appears on Lucas face hearing those words, “with pleasure.”

“You might want to think of Alpha Jax” Rose taunts.

“Excuse me?” I ask bewildered.

She breaks from Lucas arms and jumps on me straddling my waist before there is a loud growl and Nova has thrown her against the far wall her eyes that of Kia’s. “You drugged my mate?” She snarls.

“His mug” Rose smirks off of the floor, “he’ll come for me later, I even had a spell performed on it where he will only be able to imagine me.”

“Nova love I haven’t even touched my mug” I call softly.

“Good” she snarls as I stand up to join her.

“Unfortunately for you Rose, even a spell wouldn’t sway my eyes from Nova, she is my goddess..my mate..my other half. You..are nothing” I say coldly kicking her away.

“You’re coming with me” Luca snarls yanking her up from the floor and dragging her behind him.

Breathing hard Axton looks at Nova in pain before glancing around the table, “if you’d excuse me I need to get the antidote.”

“Go..thank you Alpha Axton” I say making sure he heard my gratitude at his restraint as he storms out the room.

After a few moments Nova shakes herself off before turning to me, “you said the sweetest things then you know” she giggles.

“If this is the drama involved in your life Nova then how the hell do you look so good, I’d have aged 10 years in the past few days events alone” Kingsley jokes bemused by the situation.

“Tell me about it” Nova replies chuckling, “I’m going to head to bed everyone, I’m exhausted. I’ll see you for breakfast.”

“Good night everyone, Laurence, Theo and Alice meet us outside at 7:30am. We will fill you all in then.” I say nodding as we leave to head upstairs.

Breakfast

Chapter 28 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

I woke up early with my mind racing at the events of yesterday. For the past 3 years I had worked hard at being the Luna people needed me to be, I dedicated my time to the White Mountain Pack and strengthening them so they would be stable and successful when my time to leave them would be. Now I had a new path and this one in only 2 weeks had been more dramatic than anything I can remember. Going from being part of a loving family to finding out about my birth parents and my grandparents was a shock to the system. Not knowing what the future held was making me wary and nervous, and I needed to control that.

"Maybe to control your emotions you need to think about yourself for once" Kia suggested to me pausing my racing mind.

"How do you mean Ki?" I ask.

"There is obviously a much larger play in this than we ever imagined, with our grandparents being hunters, our biological mum being the daughter of them was something we didn't imagine. Finding out that they killed our parents is a hard find. But to help others we need to get to the bottom of this and find out why they haven't been stopped yet, what is their drive behind continuing to chase us? To protect those we care about we need to think for ourselves and get to the bottom of our family drama." Kia comments.

"True.." I reply pondering.

"You okay?" I heard Jax murmur in my ear as his arms wrap round my waist bringing me close.

"Just thinking" I reply quietly.

"Care to explain?" He asks.

"Ki thinks we need to delve into our family history a bit more and to get to the bottom of why my grandparents are chasing me by all accounts. To protect those we love we must otherwise people will continue to get hurt" I let him know.

Hearing that he turns me round and looks into my eyes steadily, "you're right" he agrees.

"Really?" I ask surprised. Hearing that he cocks his eyebrow and looks at me questioningly, "I thought you'd ask me to be safe and to wait till we know more."

"Well I think it would be beneficial to wait yes, I do know a way to bring your grandmother out of her coma..luckily our pack has some of the best doctors available. Plus there is the fact that in no certain way would I want you to do this without me by your side" he says calmly.

"So gain information first then decide what we do?" I check.

With that he nods his head.

"Together?" I ask quietly.

"Always" he promises dropping his lips to mine. After a moment we deepen our kiss naturally as our bodies press close together. Moaning into his mouth makes him lift me up so I can wrap my legs around his waist. As he nibbles on my bottom lip I gasp as the heat pools below, "fucckkk" I moan as I grind myself over his hard shaft through his trousers.

"You're stunning" he whispers against my lips as he pushes me against the wall. Taking his lips once again in mine our mouths move together passionately as we pour our emotions into our kiss. After a moment he pulls away breathing heavy, his eyes dark with lust.

"If we continue I won't be able to stop, and as much as I want to fuck you within an inch of my life I will not be doing that here" he groans.

Hearing those words has my heart racing as excitement builds in me, "do we have to wait till my birthday?" I ask biting my lip.

Seeing his eyes focus on my plump lips following my actions he takes a moment to respond, "I can't wait" he mumbles as he bucks his hips into mine making me moan at the friction it causes.

"Good" I whisper as I lean down and give him a gentle kiss.

"But you're right, getting carried away here is not a good idea" I chuckle pulling away as he lowers me to the floor gently before stepping back and running a hand through his hair in frustration. I look down and can't stop a small giggle escaping me as I see his cock straining in the confines of his trousers.

He quirks his lips before shaking his head, "don't..around you I loose all sense of control."

Looking down at his bulge he groans before muttering "we should really go to breakfast."

Nodding I hold my hand out but he shakes his hand making me frown at him slightly, "just give me a minute love, I don't think you realise the effect you're having on me."

Understanding I nod and offer him a small smile before asking, "what do you think will have come of Rose?"

His eyes flash to mine before he replies "if she was my mate I'd be devastated, she's honestly a nut job. Who drugs their mate to sleep with them?"

"Hmm it's weird. She seems very insecure to me" I shrug.

He chuckles softly, "well you don't have anything to worry about with that spell, she seems to have cured my problem" he gestures down to his trousers making me giggle.

"You wouldn't be effected anyway Jax, being our mate mean no one else can control you wether it be via a spell or a drug, nothing would work" Kia suddenly links making us both jump.

"Really?!" He exclaims amazed.

"Wait but he's not officially my mate because it's not been my birthday yet? How can we protect him now?" I ask bewildered.

"We have recognised him as our mate Nova, on our birthday it will be stronger the mate pull, the sparks, our connection..everything. But can you not tell how connected we are to him already compared to a week ago?" She asks keeping the link open so Jax can hear.

Looking at him with widened eyes I grin as I realise I officially have my mate beside me.
"You're protecting me.." he says with awe.

"With our life we would" Kia replies, hearing that my eyes being to well up as emotions surge through me.

"What's wrong?" He asks gently wiping away a few tears that have escaped.

"I'm just amazed that's all, I have a mate! And to hear Kia announce that solidifies how real this is, with a Guardian Wolf a mateship is so much more. It's our life...if you died we would also die" I tell him.

"That's why you are able to protect me.." he realises.

"Yes" I murmur.

"Then I am one incredibly lucky man" he says giving me a lingering kiss on the forehead.
"Come, I can't let my mate go hungry" he says playfully leading me towards the door.

He continues to make me giggle as we enter the dining room when silence suddenly falls across the room as I look around at my old pack mates faces.

"Hi" I say gently waving to everyone as they stare at Jax and I's joined hands.

It's silent for a minute before a large round of applause sounds up as people get to their feet cheering and shouting their happiness for me.

Seeing a little flash run up and grasp my legs I look down into Delilah's large eyes, "oh my gorgeous girl, I've missed you" i exclaim picking her up and holding her close. "Have you been looking after the big softy over there?" I whisper not too quietly.

"I heard that" Luca calls out amused as Delilah's little body shakes with laughter.

Her big eyes turn to Jax as she studied him, "are you Luna Novas mate?" She suddenly asks.

With that his eyes soften in amusement before she continues, "you have to look after Luna Nova, she's the best wolf we know" she says fiercely as I lower her to the floor.

Jax drops to her level before holding her hand, "I promise to look after Luna Nova forever, she's an amazing woman" he assures her making me eyes water again. With that her little face breaks into a big smile before she gives him a kiss on the cheek.

"You are adorable" he says ruffling her hair as he looks at her appreciatively before she runs off shouting about pancakes.

"You were really loved here weren't you?" He asks as we walk towards Luca where I smiled at everyone on the way.

"Yeah..I was" I say gently trying to keep the sadness from my tone.

"You still are" he comforts me.

"Morning you two" Lucas cheerful tone says as we take a seat beside him.

"Someone's chirpy" I comment.

"Well a certain so called Luna got put in her damn place" he shrugs with a smile quirking his lips.

Chuckling I shake my head as a plate of food gets put in-front of Jax and myself.

"Thank you so much, I could have got that" I say kindly to one of the warriors.

"It was my honour Luna Nova, it's great to see you back here" he says before bowing his head and walking back to his seat.

"You will always be seen as a Luna to them" Luca simply says as I turn to him in shock.

Everybody hushes once again and I turn to see Axtons broad figure walking towards us.

"Good morning Nova, Alpha Jax" he says reaching out to shake his hand.

"Good morning Alpha, how are you?" I ask softly sensing the conflicting emotions within him.

"Honestly?" He asks.

"You know I always appreciate honesty" I say calmly.

"Conflicted" he admits before tapping his knee as he does when he's got a lot on his mind. "She is my mate but the way she has acted makes me ashamed and embarrassed. She has drugged me from within the first two hours of meeting me..she didn't even give me the chance. I went to speak to her last night" he admitted.

"Would you like to say more?" I ask not pushing the subject.

With a deep sigh he looks across at me with regret in his eyes, "I'm ashamed of myself Nova. You did everything and more for this pack and myself when you were Luna, and the way I treated you was despicable. I thought I had been weak succumbing to the bond but last night she admitted to something she did when I pulled back on her. After continuing to kiss in the lounge I said I needed to do right by you she then offered me a drink and the chance to get to know one

another, but she drugged me. We have never had sex when I haven't been drugged" he admits quietly with hurt lacing his voice.

With that I feel my eyes soften at him, "I've forgiven you you know Axton" I say his name to show I'm speaking to him as his ex mate and not as another pack member.

"You have been wronged just as much as I by her I would say. But I have to ask as what's done is done, what are you going to do moving forwards?"

With that he gulps before looking away stressed, "I've spoken to the council of the elders. They're coming to hold a Luna trial where she will be deemed worthy or not."

"I sense a but" I say softly.

"I don't love her Nova. I know what love feels like and this isn't it. I cannot be her mate after what she did to me, she essentially forced the marking and has hurt this pack in the time she has been here. Our finances have taken a hit, it's only thanks to you allocating funds to different things that she didn't sponge us entirely. Luca has had to do an unreasonable amount of work since you left. She stopped me from being the Alpha this pack deserves, I took an oath when I was sworn in. I don't intend to continue breaking it." He says solemnly.

"You're going to break the bond?" I gasp.

"Yes" he nods, "I have to. If she had given me the chance to begin with then I could have followed the bonds connection and we could have finished our agreement. But she ruined all chances of that. I hope to be granted a second chance mate but that is up to the Goddess."

After a minute of looking at him I see Jax straighten next to me before he speaks, "I hope you don't mind my opinion but I think you are doing the right thing. The way you have dealt with what she has done has been admirable, by contacting the Elders it shows your sincerity as Alpha. I would also like to personally offer my thanks, yesterdays events will have caused a lot of restraint on your behalf..I am very grateful for your strength."

Axton looks at Jax as relief shows in his eyes, "thank you Alpha. I am truly happy for you both, I still love you Nova but I know it is not my place to have any type of hold over you after what's happened. It may take some time for me to adjust to seeing someone else make you happy but I want you both to know I support it."

I stand up and walk round to his side as he stands up. "Thank you" I whisper as I pull him into my arms, feeling his tighten around me I look at Jax where I see understanding in his eyes. After a minute we step back from one another as I see his eyes slightly wet from my actions, us both knowing it was a goodbye hug.

Clearing his throat he sits back down before speaking, "if you ever need my support you know where I am" he assures us both.

"And it goes without saying but should you need us during Roses trials you don't need to ask, we will be there" Jax assures him.

Returning

Chapter 29 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

After bidding a goodbye to the White Mountain Pack Jax and I settle into the car for the drive back to our pack.

"How are you holding up?" He checks.

"It's just a lot of information but I am good, I have time to process it and I know you and my dad are with me whilst I do so" I tell him.

"It's amazing that Ki has accepted me as her mate before your birthday, I'm honestly amazed she is so sure" he says happily.

"I never doubt her, she's my voice of reason" I assure him as a wide smile crosses my face.

After a few minutes of comfortable silence, he suddenly slams on the breaks as he looks at me in shock as the car comes to an abrupt halt.

"What the hell was that for?" I ask angrily as I'm thrown forward.

"Sorry" he quickly says stroking my leg, "you ok?"

"Yes but do you care to explain what that was about?" I ask confused.

"Just something you told me, you said if I die as your mate then you would also die. Is that the case for all guardian wolves?" He asks looking at me with an unreadable expression.

"Yes I assume so?" I reply questioning him.

"When did you learn that?" He asks.

"Elder Johnathan told me they found a book written by the last known Guardian Wolf from three hundred years ago, they found the book in a hidden archive at the council building about 2 years ago and they told me as soon as they found it." I said unsure as to where he was going.

"Nova..your dad is still alive" he says quietly.

"I know thank the goddess" I reply quickly.

"Yes but surely as he's also a Guardian wolf if your mum had died..he would have also" he slowly says looking at me.

Hearing that I freeze as I process what he has said. Suddenly my body begins to shake and he pulls me in close to him, lifting me over the middle console so I'm cradled in his arms.

"Shit shit shit" I cry into his chest, "she's alive?"

"If what you were told is true than yes" he agrees.

"I have to tell my dad" I say frantically.

"Wait Nova, telling him this moment will do no good. Wait until we are back and we can tell him then, think about how much this is going to hurt him..please love. Just be patient" he reasons with me.

"You're right" I whisper into his chest as he rubs soothing circles on my back.

After a few minutes I shift back to my seat and he continues driving whilst holding my hand right in support.

"Why didn't we think of this before" Kia wails to me upset at the thought of my mother being alone all this time.

"We've had so much to deal with the last few days Kia" I reply sadly back.

Drifting off into my thoughts the rest of the drive home is spent in a daze. Seeing the pack house in front of me I wait a few moments to get out of the car, Jax carries our things to our room in silence and I change into some comfortable leggings and a loose jumper. Sitting down I play with the hem of my top as Jax potters about the room putting things away.

Feeling the edge of the bed deep beside me I look up into Jax's concerned eyes. "It's going to be ok Nova" he reassures me whilst bringing my head into his chest.

Taking a deep breath I straighten and head towards the door, "let's go tell him" I mutter.

He walks down beside me just holding my hand for confidence as I walk into the lounge. Seeing my dad's eyes brighten when he sees me I offer him a small smile. A frown crosses his face as he takes in my rigid posture.

"You ok Nova?" He asks concerned.

"Dad I need to tell you something" I start.

Jax pulls me onto his lap as he takes a seat, rubbing me back soothingly, "a couple of years ago an Elder called Johnathan found some information on Guardian Wolves in a hidden archive at the council building. It was from the last known Guardian wolf dated 3 hundred years ago."

"That's intriguing, would I be able to learn more about it?" He asks interestedly, "I actually know very little about us apart from I have personally experienced."

"Yes, but that's not what I need to tell you. One of the pieces of information I learnt was about mates. It's said that when a Guardian Wolf's mate dies, they also die" I say quietly.

"Oh hunny, if you're worried about that then I can assure you Jax is strong and together you will be a force to reckon with" he replies trying to make me feel better.

"No dad, you're not getting it" I say looking at Jax for help as my voice shakes.

Seeing I'm struggling he sits up and clears his throat, "Kingsley I don't want to make you feel worse than you already do about the past, but if Lizzie had died...you would have also."

Hearing that my dad shoots off of his chair, his eyes wild in panic. "Fuck" he exclaims tearing at his hair.

"My mate" he whispers despairingly. "My poor mate" he cries as tears start to pour down his face.

Seeing his upset I jump up and pull him into my arms as he sobs quietly. "Nova I'm so sorry, I had no idea that was the case."

I hold him for a few moments before I pull away as a thought crosses my mind. "Dad does the council know you exist?"

"No" he shakes his head, "I only shifted when I was 16, I was a large wolf but my parents left me at an orphanage when I was 2. I have no idea who they are or where I came from. When I got to the age of 25 and Drake - my wolf - told me we were a Guardian Wolf I was travelling from my pack and Drake said I could not tell anyone who I was. I trust him, with my life and didn't question him. I believed it was down to my mate's parents being hunters."

"Ask him" I say quietly.

His eyes glaze over for a few moments before he looks at me solemnly, "what?" I ask.

"He said that the Moon Goddess visited him and she foretold that if people knew what we were then we would bring harm to everyone we loved. Our time would come when people would know what we were and that it would be at a time where we are needed..for our daughters.."he trails off.

"How did others you spent time with not realise what you were?" Jax asks.

"Guardian Wolves are thought to be myths. The few that did ask about my mark I played off as being a birthmark, although it didn't actually appear until I was 25. And my size..it's strange. It's only in the last year I have grown so much. Now I believe it's because I would find Nova soon."

"Drake was blessed by the Moon Goddess to protect their identity" Kia tells me.

"Kia says you were blessed to protect yourselves" I inform him.

Hearing that Laurence who has been watching quietly nods his head, "that would make sense. I read that with Guardian Wolves they are brought to their true strength when their time of need is greatest. You emerge when you are 25 yes, so you gain strength, size and power but when you are faced with danger or are needed by those you protect or support for better words, that is when you are truly known between wolves for what you are. The Moon Goddess plays a large part in your emergence."

"What does that mean?" I ask him.

"There is limited information available but from what I've read it changes given the circumstances. I believe a meeting with the Elders could be beneficial" he voiced his thoughts.

"I think you're right" my dad sighs, "Drake says we no longer need to hide, I need to inform them of us."

"I will contact them and request an audience for next week" Laurence tells us.

"What do we do about your mother Nova?" My dad asks nervously.

"We wait. It has been almost 25 years..I know it's hard but first we need to gather information. I am going to arrange the transfer of my grandmother to here with Jax's help. He has doctors who are highly skilled and will be able to wake her so we can get some answers. We will go from there." I say calmly trying to comfort my father.

"Will she ever forgive me?" He asks quietly, "I tried to find her I truly did. I believed I was looking for her body but I never stopped searching."

"I know dad, I'm sure she will..I can see the love for her in your eyes. Be patient dad, we will do this together" I hug him.

Kissing my forehead gently he pulls away, "I need to return to my pack and ensure everything is in order. Can I request to come see you again soon?"

Jax immediately steps up, " we are having a pack BBQ to celebrate Novas 25th birthday this weekend. I would love it if you could join us, you are welcome here whenever."

Shaking his hand my father allows a smile to grace his tired features, "I would be honoured, I can't wait to spend my daughters birthday with her, I have been waiting a long time."

"Keep in touch till the weekend dad" I say as he heads towards the door.

"I will call every morning" he promises as he leaves.

Sighing I look at Jax and Laurence, "do you think he will be ok?"

"He will Nova. That man is so happy he has found you, and now he has something to live for. 3 things to be precise, you..your sister, and now your mother. He is strong and has been through a lot, I don't believe he will give up now" Laurence says to me as he steps closer. "Permission to give our Luna a hug?" He asks Jax with a gleam in his eyes.

"I suppose so" Jax draws.

Laurence pulls me into his embrace and I hug him back finding it comforting, "you are so strong Nova and so is your dad. I've only known you a short time and for that I'm honoured and I'm looking forward to having you here with us in the future. Naomi and I will be with you every step of the way" he whispers into my ear dropping a quick kiss on my head.

Stepping back I smile through a few tears, "thank you Laurence, you have no idea how much that means to me."

Seeing him smile I suddenly grin, "on that note I think it's time you find your pregnant hormonal mate."

"Wish me luck" he chuckles as he runs from the room eager to see her.

Teasing

Chapter 30 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

It's Thursday and it's a couple days before my party when I'm walking into the office to help Jax and Laurence with the paperwork. I open the door and am greeted by Jax's warm smile before he freezes as he focuses on what I'm wearing. Waking up to the ever more intense sparks I feel whenever I touch Jax has had me on edge all week, growing more and more frustrated as he hasn't made an attempt to go further with me than we have already.

"Really babe?" He growls as his eyes darken.

"What?" I ask innocently looking over at him as I bend to put my bag down beside my chair giving him a great view of my ass in my right skirt. Hearing a growl I smirk to myself before standing and spinning only to come face to face with Jax's chiseled chest.

"My restraint only goes so far" he groans as he pulls my body tight to his as our lips collide passionately. I reach my hand down to rub over his hard shaft confined in his trousers and I bite his lip slightly as I chuckle.

"You know exactly what you're doing to me" he growls with lust-filled eyes.

Pouting I look at him as his breathing grows heavier. "I'll burst in my pants like a horny teenager if you keep going" he pants as his eyes flicker with those of Zeus.

"I'm just reminding you of what you've got" I whisper in his ear as I bite his lobe softly.

Groaning he pulls away from my grasp leaving me shocked as he runs a hand through his hair. "What?" I splutter in surprise hurt flashing through my body. Seeing my reaction his eyes widen in panic as he steps forward to grasp my hands in a tight grip, "no Nova don't get upset. Please love I'm only pulling away because I am this close to marking you whenever I smell your scent alone that I know full well if we do anything more I will lose all sense of control. As much as I want to bend you over that desk and take what's mine I also made you a promise. I will only mark you once it has been confirmed on your birthday, it's what you deserve."

Hearing those words my heartbeat slowed as my face softened, "oh Jax I didn't realise I'm sorry."

Shaking his head he drops me a soft kiss, "it's ok. You look so unbelievably hot all the time I'm just getting slightly wound up" he chuckles.

"Thank you for waiting" I say as I cradle his cheek.

"I'll make it a night to remember" he promises me looking into my eyes.

Nodding I smile and turn to sit down making another groan escape from his lips, "goddess you're tempting" he mutters as he sits down shuffling slightly as he rearranges.

After a few moments he stands and I see his bulge hasn't subsided. "Struggling" I ask teasingly.

“You have no idea, I think I need a cold shower” he mutters throwing me a slightly dirty look my way as he jokes.

Standing I walk over to the door and click the lock shut before turning to see him watching me.

“Nova?” He asks nervously.

“I have amazing self control, it’s part of my training. Admittedly you push the limit but I know Zeus would never force a marking when you care about us like you do” I remark casually as I saunter over to him and grab his shirt. Pushing him backwards into his chair I drop onto my knees in front of him.

“Nova you don’t have to” he breathes.

“I want to” I growl back at him demandingly. seeing his eyes widen in appreciation I smirk before undoing his belt and reaching my hand in to free his hard cock. “So ready for me” I whisper before licking his tip and swallowing him deep, bobbing my head I set a fast deep action eliciting guttural moans from him which make me hum against him as I suck hard.

“Fuck Nova, just like that” he encourages, looking up through my lashes I see his eyes trained on me as he wraps a hand in my hair creating a make shift ponytail before encouraging me to go deeper. Reaching a hand round I squeeze his balls slightly before he moans and his eyes roll to the back of his head, his balls tighten as his shaft jerks in my mouth exploding his warm release in my throat. As I continue to milk him through his high his glazed eyes focus on me once again, “if you don’t let go you’ll just get me excited all over again” he pants huskily.

I sit back on my heels smirking feeling proud I can get him to such a state using just my mouth before he pulls me up swiftly so I’m straddling his still hardened exposed cock. I automatically find myself grinding as I feel it twitch again making my juices flow coating my panties at the thought of what he will do to me.

“Time to return the favour” he whispers before lifting me onto the desk and holding my legs wide open for him. Reaching his hand over he swiftly rips my tights off of me before lowering himself to my soaked opening. “Goddess I can’t wait for your birthday” he groans against my sensitive clit before licking his way from my opening and biting down on the nub. “Ah Jaxxx” I moan in pleasure as he works his magic dipping his tongue in and sucking gently. As my breathing hitches he plunges a finger in and curls it slightly hitting a spot which has me begging for me, “please Jax..please” I moan almost incoherently.

He immediately slips another finger in and increases his speed as he rubs on my clit bringing my release hurting towards me. Shaking I tighten around him and he moans in pleasure as my juices flow. Looking at him though hooded eyes I focus on his glistening lips as he leans over and draws me into a slow sensual kiss, one that has all his feelings poured into it. Feeling his bare shaft press against my opening firmly I squirm in eagerness. Reaching down he holds his cock pumping slowly as he pushes his it forward through my wet folds. Gasping in pleasure at the sensation of him pressing against my sensitive clit after an orgasm has me shaking as i

immediately want more. Inhaling my arousal his dark eyes lock onto mine and he bucks continues to push forwards and backwards tantalisingly slow, I look down to see his extremely hardened dick coated in my juices glistening as he rubs against me.

“You have no idea how much I want to fuck you right now Nova” he growls huskily as he pushes his hips harder making me moan in ecstasy at the feeling.

Pushing my hips into his increasing the pressure he pulls away slightly as he looks at me taking in my flushed cheeks and swollen lips from him. “Perfect” he groans before pumping his cock quickly a couple times.

“Keep going, I was enjoying that” I whisper watching his movements. Seeing my eagerness he pushes forward surging his cock through my wet folds increasing the pressure. As it builds i buck my hips into him as we grind on one another, “fuck yes” he groans as he reaches a hand up under my shirt to squeeze my flushed boob and twist my hardened nipple that was training my top. “I’m going to cum” I moan biting my lip, “let go” he orders as he jerks above me a couple times. My core tightens as pleasure runs through me, my legs shake around him as I gasp his name. Looking at him he stiffens before groaning as his shaft jerks releasing ropes and ropes of cum out over my stomach and breasts.

“That was..” i pant, “amazing!”

“I can’t wait to be marked Nova, then you’d really know just how you make me” he tells me against my lips before pulling away and gathering his breath. Chuckling slightly he sorts himself out before depositing my ruined tights and underwear in the bin as I straighten.

“What?” I ask amused.

“After telling you I couldn’t wait I said to myself you deserved to know for sure on your birthday and have the true mate experience. I gave him some what as soon as you showed me the slightest bit of resistance to my plan” he laughs shaking his head.

“Oops?” I offer him cheekily.

“I’m not complaining” he smirks before we sit down and begin our paperwork in comfortable quietness.