

## Farewell

Nova POV:

Seeing the pack coming to bid me farewell I can't help the tears streaming down my face as I walk towards them. Seeing the young pups from the nursery standing in a group I head towards them rst dropping down onto my knees so I'm at their height.

"Y..you're having to leave u..us?" A young girl named Delilah snies at me.

"Oh love, I am. But you know what?" I whispered.

"What?" She asks.

Reaching up I put one of my hands over her heart, "I may be leaving today but I'll never leave here. You pups make this world a brighter place and I thank the Goddess every day that I was lucky enough to spend time with you all" I say as they all rush forwards into my arms.

"Group hug!" I hear a young boy named Joe exclaim happily making me giggle.

"We love you Luna Nova" another named Freddie whispered in my ear setting off a chain of them all saying they love me.

"Aw you darlings, and I love you all. I'm sure you'll see me again, after all my brother is the big scary wolf behind me and he's not going anywhere" I laugh.

"He's not big or scary, he's uffy!" Delilah exclaims running over to Luca to hug his legs. Seeing my brother narrow his eyes at me he playfully throws his arms up in the air, "I told you that would happen when you made me give them all a ride on Reeds back!" Causing their parents to chuckle in amusement.

Stepping forward I walk through the pack members squeezing hands reassuringly and uttering my thanks at their appearance here. Reaching the front I walk up the steps to look down at everyone before taking a deep breath to steady myself, sensing my emotions Luca walks up beside me and places a large hand on my shoulder lending me his strength.

"I just went to say thank you so much for allowing me to be your Luna for the past 3 years, I have truly loved every minute spent with you all and I am so proud of where we have gotten to. Without your hard work, dedication and most of all trust in me as your Luna we couldn't of gotten to where we are today. I'm proud to know I'm leaving a pack as gracious and strong as you and I trust you will provide your new Luna with the same support you gave me. Thank you all for coming and wishing me farewell, it truly means the absolute world to me" I say as I pour my heart into my short speech.

Hearing a chant go up "LONG LIVE THE TRUE LUNA, LONG LIVE THE TRUE LUNA" i sob and turn into my brothers chest needing comfort as I hear the love my pack has for me.

"That was just perfect Nova, they are all sad for you to be going but I am certain they will follow your wishes and support our next Luna, she has some hard enough footsteps to follow as it is" I hear Luca mutter in my ear.

Sniing I step back and wipe my tears away before rounding my shoulders in steely resolve.

Hearing the pack house door bang open rattling off of it hinges I step back in surprise as everyone quietens down. Luca steps aside and stands beside me grasping my shoulder once again as Axton marches over fury etched across his faces his eyes darkened with those of his wolfs.

"HOW DARE YOU TURN THE PACK AGAINST THEIR NEW LUNA" he roars at me.

"What!?" I gasped in disbelief.

Seeing his fated mate step out of the house with tears streaming down her face as her bottom lip wobbled I look at Luca in confusion.

"True Luna? The true Luna is my FATED mate here, Luna Rose! How dare you try and turn the pack against her before she has even had the chance to greet them herself!?" He spits at me in anger.

Suddenly a wave of red hot fury ashes across me as I take a step towards him. "How dare I?! HOW DARE you!? I have done nothing but support this pack and you, you would not be who you are today without me! And as for turning your pack against your new Luna I have done no such thing" I spat back at him.

Seeing him bristle in anger as he lets his aura out I refuse to lower my gaze or pretend to show my neck in submission. "You know full well that does not work on me Axton, release the pack immediately for they have done no wrong here." I say clearly with authority.

Snarling in anger he steps forward so he is looking down at me, his chest pushed out in a sign of dominance. "What lth have you been spreading for them to be chanting that?" He growls at me.

"Alpha if I may?" A warrior steps forward shakily raising his gaze to Axtons, seeing Axton nod for him to speak he continues, "Luna Nova here was just expressing how she wishes for us to show our new Luna Rose the same support we showed her when she became our Luna three years ago." Gulping he continues, "we were simply showing our gratitude at her dedication to her for her time here as Luna, we will all miss her, the pups are heartbroken she will be leaving us. I swear that is the truth and you can Alpha command me if you wish to verify that." He adds on bravely at the end. Hearing a loud ripple of agreement behind me at what he said I see Axton look down at me in surprise.

Scong I walk back to Lucas side before looking at him, "when have I ever acted in the manner you assumed I had just then?"

Seeing him look away in embarrassment I wait for him to speak. After a minute he swings his head back to me taking a deep breath, "I apologise for my rash reaction then, it was wrong of me and I won't be doing it again. Please accept mine and Roses apology." He says reaching his hand out behind him to clasp that of his new Lunas. Feeling tears threaten to fall I blink a couple of times before smiling graciously, "it's a pleasure to meet you Rose, I hope you enjoy the pleasure of being Luna to this wonderful pack."

Rose neither smiles nor speaks in response, rather I receive a cold nod of her head in acknowledgment to my words her gaze looking me up and down.

Luca clears his throat from beside me, "Alpha I will just walk my sister to her ride and bid her farewell and then I will be back to ll you in on what you have missed."

"Farewell? You're leaving?!" Axton exclaims.

Nodding my head I speak, "yes I am. Alpha Jax has been gracious enough to extend a position within his pack for both myself and Alice so we will be leaving with him now our talks between the packs have seized."

"YOU CANT LEAVE" Axton roars at me once again.

"And why is that?" I ask him softly not wanting to anger him further.

"You're still MY LUNA" he growls, "not only that but we have it in writing that you would stay and help the future Luna prepare for her role within this pack, it was a clause you ensured was within the agreement."

"That agreement is now null and void" I say calmly.

"Is it f\*\*k" he growls back at me, " you will be staying like agreed and that is nal."

Feel Kia push forwards as the red mist descends I stalk towards him before I am looking up into his eyes angrily, "I will be leaving Axton and you will not stop me. YOU are the reason the agreement is null and void, YOU broke the mateship laws whilst I still tried continuing with our important meetings, YOU were too busy f\*\*\*\*g your new Luna to think of the pain you were inflicting on me, and YOU were too busy marking her to care for the fact that it could have killed me."

Hearing a gasp of shock ripple through the crowd at my words Axtons eyes widen in surprise, "I didn't even tell them the pain you had caused me as I was still putting you rst despite my pain. But after the way you have behaved towards me just now it has truly opened my eyes that the man I thought I loved is no longer here."

Seeing his eyes begin to water he reaches out with his hand to cradle my face, jerking my head away I growl "you do not have the right to stop me and you most certainly do not have the right to touch me anymore..ESPECIALLY when you still reek of sex."

"You can't leave me" he whispers.

"Oh but I can, you forgot about me when I was still putting this pack and you rst, I have not once stepped out of line or done anything wrong to you. I encouraged you for f\*\*\*s sake to even take that rst step to your fated, or have you forgotten that in your lustful state" I continued to growl at him. "You hurt me" I whispered, "you put me in hospital all so you could f\*\*k your new Luna to your hearts content."

Grasping my hair I ing it to one side to show him the red angry scar on my neck, seeing him step back in horror he looks at me before shakily saying "Nova I had no idea, I didn't even think about the fact you could die. I know I said I'd wait but I just couldn't."

"No" I growled, "you didn't think..Alpha. As this shows I am no longer your Luna, I don't bear you mark nor do I wish to anymore" I add on in a mocking tone narrowing my eyes at him to show my displeasure. "I would have supported you both and you know it, now you won't have my support. I wish you all the best but my future is no longer here."

Hearing a whistle in the air to my right I lift my hand quicker than you could track and catch the dainty wrist in my hand a hair widths away from my face in a vice like grip. "Tut tut tut" I whisper shaking my head at Axton, "I'd suggest getting your new Luna under control before she embarrasses herself, or worse..you" I say inging her wrist away in disgust. Shifting my eyes to meet hers she inches at the cold look in my eyes, "don't you ever raise your hand at me again." I snarled, "you'll be pleased to know I have arranged elder Angela to help with her training...goddess it seems she needs it." I scoff as I turn away.

"Oh and don't think I've let it escape my mind how it's been over 3 days since you've marked her, 3 whole days of not giving a damn how I was suffering from YOUR actions" I shout over my shoulder as I glide down the steps towards the waiting cars.

Hearing a loud growl I turn and seen a scrawny brown wolf leaping down at me, lunging to one side as it snaps it's jaws at me I grab it by it's throat and pin it to the oor using my hand. Feeling it struggle under my hold I look in its eyes and command "SHIFT."

Hearing a crack of bones it slowly shifts back into that of Rose, "how..?" She whispers as she bares her neck in submission.

Leaning down to whisper in her ear, "because hunny Axton wasn't the strongest of this pack..I was..by a f\*\*\*\*g mile. Don't ever see me as weak again or the damage I will unfurl will be 100 times that of today. I have done nothing but support you despite the pain you've inflicted on me, I'd suggest not to think otherwise." Pushing her down again I turn my gaze to Axton. "I Luna Nova herby relinquish my role as Luna of the White Mountain Pack, I also relinquish my ties to the pack and now pronounce myself a rogue" I say not looking away from Axtons gaze as I feel the bond in place break and my heart ache.

Seeing tears fall down his face he looks down at the ground in defeat. Hearing Alice come stand beside me and relinquish her ties we turn our backs and head to meet Alpha Jax. He grins at me before dragging me into a hug, surprised I laugh.

"That was f\*\*\*\*g amazing" he exclaims.

Turning as I hear Luca cough behind me I give him a rm hug and whisper "I'm just a phone call away" to him.

"I'm forever proud to have you as a little sister" he says loudly ensuring everyone can hear the pride in his voice. Waving to the pack as they cheered and shouted their goodbyes to me I slide into the car and look out the window wondering what the future has in store for me.