

Arrival

Chapter 61 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"Do you think we are doing the right thing?" I ask Luca and Jax as we pull away.

"I mean the hunters will know I am going to see the council with them having 3 feeding them information. They will know that they failed in taking Florence and I doubt they will just give up, they will be scheming surely" i worry. "What about the pack? What if they use this time as one to attack?"

"I know Nova..fuck" Jax exclaims quietly as we drive away.

"I understand your concerns. But i also know that despite you both not being there the pack is in good hands. You have a Beta with Alpha Blood leading, you have twin Alphas there for added strength, your dad is a Guardian Wolf. I've seen you fight Nova, if he's anything like you then they will regret if they do attack. Plus you have Sophie who can fight like hell, as well as how many elite warriors? Not to mention the previous Alpha and Luna" Luca points out.

"Over 200 elite warriors including ex elite who are at the age to still fight, then we have almost 1200 others who can fight" Jax admits. "I had Evan call them all in so the pack is closer together, no one is staying remote or any further than 3 miles from the pack house. Theo is also returning this evening along with Florence. She is being escorted by warriors from my uncles pack and he has stated that he can be contacted to assist if any situation requires it."

"I actually think we are more in danger than your pack" Luca admits. "If they have 150 hunters then they could easily be taken out by that many wolves, it would be idiotic of them to attack."

"And what if they do have witches helping?" I ask nervously.

"Well I know Florence said she was certain only 2 took her and I believe her, but the extraction report states they killed 9 hunters, they must have been waiting in the vehicles. So I'm not ruling out witches being involved in actually taking Florence especially after the whole Rose fiasco. Maybe it was a need to know basis on your grandfathers end" Jax points out.

"Even then I doubt they would attack your pack, they wouldn't have that many witches to help" Luca assures us. "Us on the other hand" he frets.

"We are walking into a situation that is not ideal" I admit.

"The council approves of using witches when necessary, it could even have been the traitors suggestion" Jax muses.

"True" I sigh. "Well we won't know until we get to this shit show."

Hearing a splutter of laughter from Jax and Luca I smirk, "what?" I ask innocently.

"Shit show" Laurence laughs.

"Would you have preferred me refer to it as a bonding experience?" I ask with a giggle.

"Fair enough sis" Luca chuckles grinning at me in the mirror.

Settling in we continue our journey for the next hour and a half talking comfortably amongst ourselves as we try to keep our nerves at bay. Pulling up to the gates to the council building I look at the two men who mean the world to me.

"Whatever happens in there, we are in it together" I say to them with a comforting smile which they both return.

"Always" they chorus.

Pulling up I see two elders waiting for us outside the doors with expressionless faces. Jax parks the car and jumps out before opening my door and offering me his hand. Walking up to the council men with Jax beside me and Luca close behind I ensure a relaxed smile is on my face.

"Hello gentlemen" I say politely bowing my head in respect.

"Nova" they say stiffly back to me.

"Luna Nova" Jax says with a light growl, his wolf offended for his mate.

"Our apologies..Luna Nova" Elder Frost corrects before welcoming Jax and Luca. "If you could all follow me I will show you to your rooms. Luna Nova you will be staying on the 2nd floor, Alpha Jax, Beta Luca you will both be in your respective rooms on the 3rd floor."

With a laugh I look at them, "I will be staying with my mate councillors" I inform them.

"You agreed to stay in your own room when visiting" the other whose name I don't know pipes up.

Shrugging I smile at them innocently, "true. I did agree that when I visited with my CHOSEN mate I would stay in a separate room as ridiculous a request as it was. But I made no such

agreement when it came to my fated. So Elder Frost if you could show us all to the 3rd floor we would be most grateful."

Seeing them struggle for words they both stiffly nod their heads before gesturing inside.

"Can I request to know why I was still expected to stay in a separate room?" I ask as we walk.

"To control your anger" Elder Frost says coldly.

"I haven't struggled with my anger since I was 12 years old and that was through no fault of my own if I have to remind you, anyway..being around my fated would calm that so called anger if it was a true issue wouldn't it" I point out.

With clenched jaws they say nothing until we reach the 3rd floor rooms, as they hold the doors open for us to walk in I pause directly in front of them both as I take a deep breath. "Strange..it's almost as if you wanted me to be alone, to not have my mate there for me, or my brother" I murmur whilst at looking in their eyes.

" I can assure you Luna Nova that is not the case" Frost says as he struggles to maintain eye contact.

"Well Elder, if your eyes didn't give you away then your scent does..you reek of lies" I hiss as I step forward. Seeing panic flare in his eyes I cock my head at him, "now I just need to now why" I muse.

Pausing for a moment as I study them I step back before smiling lazily. "If you'll excuse us, we would like to freshen up, we will be done shortly." With that I close our door on their shocked faces and breathe a sigh of relief.

"Weird" Jax comments.

"They don't want you near me because they think you increase my strength, both physically and mentally" I explain as I head towards the bathroom.

"Does it?" He asks intrigued.

"Yes in a way" I say, "but even if you're not near me I'm something they should worry about" I add with a grin.

"Oh I know" he smirks at me before tapping my arse and striding past.

"Have they always been this strange around you?" He asks.

"Yes" I shrug, "bar a couple. I'm a rarity, one they don't fully understand so they are cautious around me."

"Because you're a threat" he says imply.

"Well I wasn't..but I am now" I chuckle. "They're in for a shock, I'm not the docile wolf eager to please anymore, I'm now one that is looking for answers and has been hurt and betrayed."

"And your anger they mentioned?" He asks quietly.

Rolling my eyes I chuckle, "it was nothing. An elder thought it appropriate to insult me when I was 12, called me a young girl who had no place in our world."

"Didn't go down well I imagine" he chuckles.

"It's the only time I had any sort of conflict with them before now, and well the man in question ended up 15ft away from me slumped against a tree with 3 broken ribs, a cracked eye socket and a broken leg" I shrug. "Needless to say from that moment onwards they worked well with me, or I thought they were."

"This should be entertaining then" Jax says mischievously.

"It could be" I wink.

Traitor

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Jax POV:

After freshening up we hear a knock on the door and I quickly open it to see a shy maid stood waiting, "hello Alpha Jax, I have been told to inform you lunch will be held in 30 minutes if you could meet in the dining room" she says nervously.

Smiling slightly to ease her nerves I nod my head, "of course, thank you for letting us know."

With a slight bow she turns and walks to Lucas door to inform him of the same.

"Who was it?" Nova asks as she walks out of our bathroom fastening her belt on her dress.

"A maid, we have lunch in 30 minutes" I say which she sighs loudly at.

“Ah goddess ok” she laughs before quickly heading over to the vanity in the room to make sure her appearance is in check.

“You ready?” I ask 20 minutes later as I hear Lucas door opening.

“I’m ready” Nova says turning and giving me a quick kiss.

“Who do you think will be there?” I ask.

“I imagine the council head Elder Martin and then I’m sure Frost and others will join him” she says with a slight shrug. “Do they know you well?”

“No” I answer, “I tend to avoid the council whenever possible, I never wanted their involvement with running the pack.”

“Im starting to think that was a wise choice” she says with a light laugh.

“Let’s head down then” I say with a smile as I open the door for her.

Walking out we meet Luca who is waiting on the landing along with Alpha Axton.

“Alpha Jax, Luna Nova” he says extending his hand for me to shake, “congratulations on your official mating, I’m happy for you both.”

“Thank you Alpha” Nova says politely seeing the truth in his eyes. “Are you ready for this?” She asks as we start down the stairs.

“Are you ever ready to meet the council?” He asks with a grimace.

“N..” Luca starts speaking before Nova holds her hand up effectively stopping everyone from speaking.

“Nova?” I ask through the link as we all look around in confusion.

“Wait..I can hear voices” she links, “I heard my name i’m intrigued.”

Lifting my finger to my lips to make sure Luca and Axton don’t make a sound I motion to Novas ears. They nod slightly in understanding as i try and strain my hearing.

“They’re coming closer” Nova links me suddenly.

Listening I hear two voices coming up the corridor adjacent to where we are.

“She won’t know what’s hit her..”

“I need to go back and inform master that Nova has arrived, you know the plan, don’t let us down..” a deeper voice says which makes my eyes widen.

“Not a fucking chance” Nova snarls through the link as I feel a wave of her anger hit me. Seeing Luca motion for us to move forwards we stalk silently towards the open landing. Seeing only one man walk round the corner Nova immediately moves in and grasps his arm twisting it behind his back and covering his mouth stopping him from calling out.

“I heard everything you just said so don’t you dare try and say otherwise. Where is the other?” She hissed in his ear releasing her aura making him submit instantly.

“He’s gone” he gasps.

“Gone where?” Nova snarls yanking his arm more.

“I don’t know. He comes to me when he wants to, it’s not on my terms” he croaks as she moves her hand to his neck pushing him into the wall.

“A witch? Who is he?” Nova asks with her eyes flashing brightly with Kia.

“Yes. He’s who checks on my reports, he works for the master and is his second in command” he croaks as he tries to fight Novas command to no avail. “I don’t know his name, they’re very secretive.”

“You dare to endanger my mate” I snarl moving forward and slamming my fist into his side making him choke out a howl as Nova tightens her grip on his windpipe.

“You fucking traitor” I spit out landing another blow to his other side as Nova drops him to the floor.

“You’re coming with us” she growls as she grasps his arm and begins to drag him behind her.

Lifting my nose I take a deep breath, “definitely a witch as suspected with Florence’s kidnapping, no scent here of the other man either” I growl annoyed.

“Do you want me to take him?” I link Nova although Zeus is putting at her show of dominance.

“No..this is my fun” she links me back as she turns and gives me a wink, “you just enjoy the show.”

“Why is that weirdly attractive” I link her with amusement.

Turning she looks at me with a raised brow, leaning forward she bites my ear lightly, “you dirty man” she whispers before chuckling and continuing dragging the man behind him.

“Who is he?” I hear Luca ask from behind us.

“Not a clue” I say taking a good look at the man, “I haven’t been with the council for at least 2 years but he looks new to me.”

“He is new” Nova says before gesturing for me to open the dining room door. Slamming them open we gain the attention of the council elders gathered for lunch as all chattering stops and silence envelops the room.

Suddenly with a cough the council head elder Martin stands and gathers Novas attention. “Care to explain why you are dragging Elder Anthony and appear to have caused him physical pain?” He asks.

Stalking in she throws him 15ft forward to land at Elder Martins feet. “Because he’s a traitor” she snarls with venom. “One who is working with a witch to help the hunters find me.”

Hearing gasps of shock around the room I carefully study each individuals faces trying to detect the other two traitors amongst them but there is nothing suspicious that catches my attention.

“He’s what?” Martin growls in anger. “Are you sure about this Nova?”

“Come here” Nova orders him, seeing him scowl at her instruction she chuckles darkly. “I’m not in the mood to be ignored.”

“I’d listen to her Elder” I warn him as Luca and Axton nod their heads in agreement. “You can’t feel the anger running through her at the moment..but I can” I add on with a smirk seeing his face pale slightly.

Seeing him move forward while motioning for two guards to restrain Anthony who is groaning on the floor I look to Nova who is silently seething.

Raising her hands she grasps his temples and closes her eyes showing him everything that she heard and saw whilst on our way downstairs. After a moment his head snaps up and he looks at her in shock, “the hunters are working with witches?!” He exclaims.

“It seems so” she says far too calmly. Walking forward I grasp her hand and pull her to my side slowly rubbing soothing circles on her back as she relaxes slightly under my touch.

As she looks at him I see him incline his head slightly as I realise Kia must have linked him also.

“Well it appears we need to question him” Martin says with an unreadable expression on his face. “Honestly Nova all you seem to attract is bloody drama” he mutters in what I believe to be a light hearted manner.

“I know you’re probably joking Elder but I know for a fact Nova is not in the mood for that from anyone here after the last few weeks so I would keep quiet” I warn him as I see the fire flare in Novas eyes at his words.

“Drag him to the cells” Nova orders the guards.

Seeing them look to Elder Martin for confirmation she snarls and releases her aura slightly causing everyone bar me and Elder Martin to bow their heads in submission.

“I don’t need his bloody permission, take him to the cells..the most protected ones. NOW” she roars her eyes flashing dangerously.

With that the guards immediately grasp Anthony off of the floor and drag him out to take him to the cells.

“Good” she says darkly as she watches them go.

“Bit of an overkill Nova” Elder Frost says snidely as he walks up to beside us.

“Kneel” Nova commands making him drop to his knees immediately in surprise as Luca, Acton and I chuckle.

Grasping his chin in her hands she forces him to look at her, “don’t test my patience Frost. I am no longer the submissive she wolf desperate to help whoever I can. I am now one that is desperate to protect those I love and end this nonsense with the hunters, I have no time for insults, snide remarks or ridiculous room arrangements. I am a grown ass woman who could kill you with one claw..do not push me” she growls before pushing him so he’s sprawled on the floor looking at her in fear.

“Take note” I growl as I look pointedly around the room.

“Shall we get some food love?” I whisper as I turn her to look at me and rub her arms slowly.

“Yes” she says calming down as she rests her hand on my chest holding me close.

“I’ll let you work out your frustration later” I link her cheekily.

Looking up at me with slightly flushed cheeks she grins as she links me back “I’m counting on it.”

Uncle

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Nova POV:

Gasping I stumble back staring into Johnathons bright eyes as he looks pained from Jaxs words.

“Yes” he whispers after a moment of silence. “But please Nova..you have to listen to me.”

“You’re my uncle?” I ask shocked.

“Yes” he says with a slight flush standing his cheeks. “But I didn’t know until the moon Goddess visited me.”

“Maybe explain everything from the start Elder Johnathon” Jax says quietly as he holds my waist lending me his strength.

“My parents were killed after Kingsley was born, they were attacked by hunters and died protecting us, I doubt he will have any memory of them. We were placed left at an orphanage by their Beta and not long after we were separated. I tried to find him as the years went on but the Moon Goddess visited me one night and told me for his protection and that of his future family I had to concentrate on my own path. Every decision I have made till now has weighed heavily on my mind as to if I would ever meet him again” he says sadly. “When you came into my world I started to realise my purpose, I guided you whenever I could and I offered my advice and support when needed. But the Moon Goddess had made me promise to never tell you who I was until that knowledge would be presented to you..or you figured it out.”

“You’re my family” I cry as Jax rubs my arm comfortingly.

“I am, and I am so proud to be” he assures me. “I swore the oath to pledge my loyalty to you.”

“Oh my goddess” I whisper as I stare at him. With a quiet sob I throw myself towards him as he welcomes me with his strong arms.

“I’m sorry I couldn’t tell you Nova, but it was safer this way. For both of us” he mumbles into my ear.

“Does anyone else know?” Jax asks.

“Elder Martin made the same connection you did but said it wasn’t his place to tell you” he says as I pull back and wipe my eyes quickly.

Smiling softly I chuckle as understanding hits me as to how they worked so well together to aid me. “That makes sense” I say shrugging.

“Kia did you ever feel the family bond with him?” I ask her quietly.

“No..but I think that’s to do with the Moon Goddess” she says thoughtfully, “we feel it now though. I have always trusted him.” It’s true, ever since Jax vocalised his realisation I felt the family bond snap into place as my uncle by blood was stood in front of me.

“We’ve gone from having only Luca to having a proper family” I whisper in wonder to Kia as she purrs with happiness.

“Wait..you said Kingsley” Johnathon says spinning to Jax who stands wide eyed in shock at what he’s done. “How do you know his name?”

“Crap” he mutters running a hand through his hair again.

“You’ve seen him?” Johnathan asks grasping my hands.

“He’s at our home” Kia links him making him laugh out loud.

“I thought this day may never come, my brother is home” he says in amazement. “No one will hear anything in this room by the way..you have my word.”

“How is he?” He continues.

“He’s good..considering” I say wondering what more I should say. “Just tell him” Kia tells me with a slight huff.

“He has a daughter Sophie who is 20, she was a result of one of my grandfathers twisted games and unfortunately her mother died when she was a baby. She is also my brother Lucas mate” I say with a smile. “My father, and this may be a shock, is the new Rogue King.”

With that he chuckles, “let me guess approximately 2 years ago he became the new Rogue King?”

“Yes?” I ask questioningly as he shows no sign of surprise at my revelation.

“Rogue activity significantly began to die down around that time and has continued to do so, there have been rumours of a new rogue king who is bringing order and reducing feral rates” he explains. “It would make sense for him..as we said Guardian Wolves are here to bring order and protect others. What better position to have to make that more successful, the changes he has made have made a noticeable difference to packs being successful. It also explains why the rogue king has refused any audiences with the council in the last two years.”

“When you put it like that it’s actually quite an obvious role for him to take” Jax chuckles in amusement.

“I was surprised” I said with laughter in my voice.

“Nova I need to tell you something” Johnathon says as his expression drops significantly and dread creeps into his voice.

“It’s about your mother..” he starts before I hold my hand up to pause him.

“I know” I say quietly as his eyes widen in surprise, “I know she is most likely still alive. You told me about what would happen to me if my mate died, I told Jax and he made the connection. It’s one of the reasons I asked to speak to you today.”

“I’m sorry Nova, I couldn’t tell you. I wanted to so badly but I couldn’t” he says apologetically as sadness fills his features.

“Let me guess..the Moon Goddess?” I ask with frustration as I frown at how much she has kept from me.

“I’m so sorry Nova. If I told you that then you would know of your father and the Moon Goddess made me swear I would never mention him to you until you brought him up. I knew he was alive I never lost that family bond so I knew your mother must be also” he says sadly. “She did it to protect you both. I’ve been thinking and it makes sense now, you found your father close to Kia fully emerging, this way you are at your strongest. Defeating your dad and you would be extremely hard to achieve, if you had found one another earlier then you wouldn’t be at your full potential and despite you being impressive your entire life, you may have made the wrong decision just simply because of biology and the fact your brain hadn’t matured fully or you hadn’t experienced enough of life to make the correct decision.”

“Decision?” I ask.

“Of who to protect” he says, “now it will be instinctual and I know it will always be the correct one. But that is because you have had the time to train and become the formidable woman you are today. With your mother if you had known earlier then your need to find her most likely would have outweighed your logical thinking of what was the best way to do so. Now you clearly know that waiting and coming up with a plan with as much information as you can gather is the smarter move, otherwise you wouldn’t be here.”

“Why do you think Novas grandfather wants her and her father to find each other even if it makes them more dangerous?” Jax asks suddenly.

“Because that will also be when they’re at their weakest, and by that I mean they will still be extremely hard to kill but they will be weakened by their love and their need to protect one another which makes them more vulnerable. Especially after everything you both have experienced in your lives” Johnathon says gravely.

“So he planned this” I gasp.

“Maybe not planned but definitely waited to see if it could happen” Johnathon agrees.

“And my mother?” I ask hesitantly.

Sighing he looks at me sadly, “I have tried to find her over the years but your grandfather is always one step ahead of me. But I think together we can.”

“Do you really?” I ask biting my lip to stop the cries from escaping.

“Yes” he says stepping forward and hugging me once again, “I will come back with you on Friday. It’s time I see my brother.”

After embracing for a moment he steps back and gestures to the pile of books behind him. “I will go get us some refreshments, why don’t you both have a look through these. I have included my notes I have made over the years and any information on your mother that i was able to find.”

“Thank you..uncle” I say with a shy smile.

His eyes fill with happiness at my words as he flashes me a toothy grin, “I have waited a long time to hear you say that.”

Interrogation

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Jax POV:

A couple of hours later and I look over at Nova to see her engrossed in an ancient looking book. Admiring her scrunched up brows as she concentrates on the information she's teaching I can't stop the small smile playing on my lips.

"Stare any longer and you might as well take a picture" Nova says before looking up with a smirk.

"Ah you caught me" I chuckle, "anything interesting in there?"

"There is actually" she says thoughtfully, "have you felt any different since we've marked one another?"

"Different how?" I ask confused.

Shrugging she just looks at me with her big eyes. "Umm I don't think so, although I don't know for certain. I mean it's been a very busy few days" I point out. "I haven't had time to train or work out or anything really."

"True" she says before looking back down, "why?" I ask gently.

"It says after being marked some of my gifts may transfer over to you or come to you in moments of need" she mutters making my eyes widen.

"Seriously?" I gape.

"Yup" she says with a pop before looking at me closely. "Your senses?"

"Same as always" I say with a shrug.

"Hmm well it's something to keep an eye out for isn't it" she says softly before turning her attention back to reading. "Don't take this the wrong way but I wish Laurence was here, he would find this all interesting and he would be a lot more efficient than us."

"Ha, I was thinking the same about an hour ago love. We will have to come back and read some more later love, we have to go and interrogate Anthony" I say bringing her attention back to myself.

"Are you happy to know the truth about Johnathon now?" I ask as we stand and ready ourselves to leave.

"Yeah and I feel pretty silly for not noticing how identical our eyes are, it's pretty obvious as well after seeing dad. They have the same cheekbones, eyebrows, ears..I mean now I know I can't stop noticing similarities" she chuckles.

"Well he's over the moon" I tell her as I recall the spring in his step as he dropped us off some coffee earlier.

"He'll be even happier on Friday" she smiles.

We walk down to the cells hand in hand and meet Elder Martin staring daggers at a pitiful looking Anthony who is chained to a chair.

"I'm going to hand the reigns to Nova for this one" Martin says without sparing us a glance.

My eyebrows shoot up at his words as I can't stop my surprise from showing through the bond, Nova's head snaps up to look at mine as she pulls a frustrated face.

"Don't you dare doubt me Jax" she growls dropping my hand. Holding my hands up in surrender I shake my head quickly, "no I know and I most definitely don't doubt you. I'm just used to leading interrogations or have Laurence do it when necessary. I'm sorry it was a natural response

but honestly I have no qualms with you leading. Quite obvious you can handle yourself" I joke at the end.

"Hmm good" she says narrowing her eyes slightly before turning to Martin.

"Limitations?" She asks quietly.

"No death" he says simply.

Nodding she turns and flings the cell door open making Anthony's eyes snap to her in fear as he attempts to shrink back into the chair.

Chuckling darkly she crouches down in front of him making sure he can't avoid her piercing gaze. "Well well Anthony..it seems you've ran out of luck."

"W..what do you want?" He stutters out pathetically.

"It's pretty obvious is it not?" She asks coldly, "but we will start with why you betrayed me? And why you went against the council by working with the hunters?"

He stares at her for a moment as he appears deep in thought before Nova's arm flies out and twists 2 of his fingers back snapping them before he has time to blink.

With a howl he bares his teeth at Nova as she smiles coldly in amusement, "scary" she whispers mockingly.

"Tell me" she commands making him tilt his neck in submission.

"Why not just do that to start?" I link her trying to bite back a laugh.

"This way is more fun, and what he deserves" she replies back throwing me a wink.

"My mum" Anthony starts through gritted teeth, "they killed her and have said if I don't do what the Master orders then...then they won't give my sister back to me."

"His sister?" Martin asks as Nova asks a similar question.

"You have a sister? Tell me more" she orders.

"She was travelling to Red Moon Pack for my mother's funeral and her mate was away helping protect another pack. She was ambushed on the way and I found her car abandoned on the side of the road shortly after the funeral. As I was checking it out I was apprehended by 3 hunters, i was injected with something to prevent me communicating with my wolf. They showed me a photo of Bethany, my sister, and she was tied up and unconscious. If I did what they asked she would be returned" he cries.

"That was years ago?" Nova asks shocked.

"They continued to ask things of me and like a fool I followed" he says quietly.

"And Bethany?" Nova asks quietly.

"I haven't seen her since a week prior to her being taken" he whispers.

"How often do they contact you?" Nova asks.

"There is no pattern" he admits.

"Have you ever contacted them?" Nova probs. After a moment of silence Nova cocks her head, "I thought you'd have learnt this by now."

Seeing his face fill with horror she lifts her hand and extends her claws before holding them up and admiring them, "amazing really isn't it? Something this deadly is hidden away in our bodies." Without giving him the chance to reply she slices a deep cut from his shoulder diagonally across his chest before repeating on the other side forming a large X as it begins to drip with blood.

"She's magnificent" Zeus purrs as I can't help but agree. Crying in pain he shakes his restraints to no avail as he growls at Nova.

"Don't you growl at me" Kia snarls to him making him shake in terror, "respect" she demands loudly making him quieten.

"I have a burner phone, hidden in my room under a floorboard of all things" he scoffs. "I used it once, when I saw you arrive today. I've never used it before as any information I had previously was not urgent enough. Elder Martin didn't tell everyone of your arrival until you were here so I had no way of informing them sooner."

"Ok" Nova says, "but I am intrigued. When I heard you talking to the witch I heard you mention a plan..tell me what it is?"

"No no" he whispers as he stares at Nova.

"Do I have to make you?" She asks taking a step towards him and grasping his chin before trailing a claw down his cheek and lightly across his neck breaking the skin.

He looks at her with horror before she huffs in annoyance and her aura pushes out once again making him submit.

"Friday morning I am supposed to ask you to just have a look at the guards training before you leave, there I would inject you with the vial I have by the phone in my room and it will make you loose your connection with your wolf for a short period of time. In that time I'd question you to

find out if you had found your father as you would be susceptible to being commanded without your wolf" he admits. "I would report my findings back using the phone and they would contact me again if I'm required."

Without a word Nova turns and steps out of the cell before looking at me silently.

"You did good" I say softly, "I expected more violence actually."

"What's the point" she says with a shrug, "he was doing this because of his sister. I doubt if they didn't have her he would be working with them. Don't you think he's suffered enough."

"You handled it perfectly" I say dropping a quick kiss on her lips before she turns to look back into his cell.

"We will find his sister, he needs to know she is safe before we decide on his fate" she says to Martin seriously.

"Why?" He asks.

"Because as much as what he's done is wrong, he must love his sister and I know what it's like to lose people. I may be ruthless when necessary but I still have a heart, he's gone against his morals for years to try and get her back" she says with a sad smile.

"You're too kind" Martin says as his lips curl upwards.

"No..he's just broken already" she murmurs looking at the shell of the man in the cell.

Relax

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Nova POV:

"So I've just spoken to Laurence and everything is going fine at the pack, Axel and Evan are busy compiling information on places mentioned for hunter meetings on Hannah's phone. I've suggested they wait till we are back to go and scout places" Jax says as he takes a seat next to me on the bed. "But I have some good news for you..Florence is back and recovering with Andrew. They should be ok to return to their suite tomorrow and I've asked Naomi and Alice to lend a hand if they need anything."

Hearing that I smile as relief fills my body, “oh thank the goddess.”

“How are you feeling?” Jax asks looking deep into my eyes.

“I feel a bit strange, I need to tell you something. I didn’t go that hard on Anthony one because he will suffer enough from the council alone and two because he did it out of desperation. But also I swear I could feel his emotion and it was quite overwhelming” I admit.

“You could feel his emotion?” Jax asks in shock.

“Yes. Not like how I feel yours through the matebond but when he admitted to what he did wrong it was like my body was doused in sadness and guilt. When he spoke about his sister I could literally feel the love he has for her pulse through my body” I try and explain. “I couldn’t feel anything from the pain I inflicted.”

“Have you felt that at any other time?” Jax asks intrigued.

“I think I felt it earlier when Johnathon admitted to being my uncle, I felt the love he had for me. I think I have been experiencing it since my birthday but this evening had me realising it and it’s become much more apparent. But it’s not all the time, I think it’s when there are strong emotions involved” I muse as I fiddle with the duvet sheet.

“We have a lot more information to read that Johnathon has found so we can look into it tomorrow, I wonder if there is a way Kia can help shield you from it so it doesn’t become overwhelming” he suggests thoughtfully. “Would you like a bath running? It will help us relax.”

Hearing that my ears perk up, “us?” I tease.

“Saves water” he winks cheekily before kissing my temple and walking to the bathroom. A few minutes later he calls me through and I gasp as I get to the door, in the bath are some white petals and he has lit candles basking the room in a soft glow. “This looks so welcoming” I whisper in shock, “how did you get everything?”

“Alice packed it for us, I think she anticipated a bit of relaxation would be in order” he admitted. “Oh and..” he starts turning round and opening a cupboard, “ta..dah” he exclaims happily holding out a bottle and two glasses.

“Wine” I say with a wide smile. “This screams Alice” I giggle.

With a wink he walks over and helps me out my clothes before dropping a kiss on my neck and guiding me to the bath, “get in” he whispers as he pours two glasses. “For you my Luna” he says with a dramatic bow before handing me a glass as I giggle at his playful antics.

Grinning he lifts his top over his head making my mouth go dry as I’m left faced with his well defined muscles and tantalisingly teasing v lines. Seeing he hadn’t moved for a bit I drag my eyes upwards to meet his amused gaze. “Like what you see?” He asks huskily.

“Hmm maybe” I shrug before biting my bottom lip gaining his attention.

“I’d stop eye fucking me love it’s not helping me right now” he says with a pained expression as I giggle. “Woman” he scowls playfully before undoing his buttons and stepping out of trousers and briefs fluidly.

“Oh” I gasp as his hard shaft bounces to attention making heat pool below.

“Told you” he says sheepishly before stepping into the bath behind me and pulling me back to rest my head on his chest trapping me between his muscular legs. “Sorry” he murmurs as I wriggle slightly brushing against his hard cock digging into my back.

“I like it” I tease making him groan.

Sipping my wine I enjoy the tingles surrounding me from touching Jax as we relax in comfortable silence for a little while. “Ah my head feels so much clearer now” I murmur as he puts his wine glass down and begins to massage my shoulders releasing the tension in them.

“I never enjoyed baths before, but they’re much better with you” Jax breaths in my ear, his warm breath making my body shiver and erupt in goosebumps.

“Oh yeah?” I ask looking up and raising a brow at him.

“Yep. I have quite a view when you’re with me” he says as he smiles down at me.

Giggling I feel my eyes darken slightly from his words as his hands start to wander from my shoulders. Moving down he cups my boobs before lightly pinching my hardening buds as I let out a small moan.

“Anyone would think this was your plan all along” I whisper placing my glass to one side as he continues to knead my breasts in his strong hands.

“Hmm I can’t deny that” he agrees before pushing his hips up to remind me of his hard shaft behind me. Feeling a flash of arousal flow through me I use my feet to slide myself up his body so his shaft is nestled between my thighs and I’m resting on his broad chest. Hearing his breath hitch as his cock grazes my folds I smirk proud of the effect I have on him. “Fuck Nova” he moans as he breaths in my arousal making his cock twitch against me. Reaching a hand down he gently rubs my swollen clit before running his hand through my wet folds and pushing two fingers inside my tight walls. “Ahhh” I moan in satisfaction as pleasure pulses through me from his slow movements. Rubbing his thumb against my clit he slips a third finger in and I gasp as I feel his love for me surge through the bond.

“So wet for me my Luna” he growls in my ear only increasing the pleasure he’s bringing to my body. Increasing his pace he plunges his fingers in harder making his palm brush my clit with each movement bringing me closer to release.

“Cum for me” he rasps slamming his fingers in and curling them finding my pleasure spot before pressing down on my clit hard. Hurtling over the edge I moan his name loudly “fuck Jaxxx!”

Grinding my hips into his hand whilst I ride out my high has his shaft twitching in readiness to be in me. “So sexy” he moans before removing his fingers and raising them to my lips for me to suck. Tasting myself I humm against his fingers before sitting myself up and turning round to straddle him.

“Perfect” he whispers in admiration as he rakes his eyes over my body. I slowly grind my wet core over his hardened shaft before rising myself up and sinking myself down onto his cock inch by inch until he’s fully in me. Seeing Jaxs eyes roll back I slowly rock my hips sending pleasure jolting through me. Lifting my hips and bouncing on him slowly I purr in delight as his hands grip my waist allowing me to keep a torturously slow pace. Increasing my tempo slightly I circle my hips causing him to moan before I lean forward brushing my flushed breasts in his face causing his eyes to flutter open before he sucks a breast hard leaving his mark.

“Oh goddess Jax” I moan as I grip the side of the bath for balance and start to ride him quicker, with soft grunts he raises his hips to meet mine whilst he watches me bounce on his shaft sloshing water around us.

“I’m going to cum” he rasps as my body becomes desperate in its movements chasing a release. His thumb presses on my clit causing me to jerk on top of him as he bites down on my mark hard, my body convulsing as my walls tighten and grip his cock.

“Jaxxx” I breath as my eyes roll back at my release causing his shaft to jerk and pump ropes of his warm seed deep inside me.

“Fuck Nova” he shouts as I lean forward and bite his mark causing him to shudder under me whilst he cums hard. Panting lightly I slump my tired body on top of his as he circles my back soothingly calming our racing hearts.

I’m barely awake he stands and lifts us both from the tub before pulling out of me and setting me down on my shakey legs. Handing me a towel I dry myself off as he does the same before lifting me into his arms and carrying me over to the bed. Lying me down he slides in beside me and pulls me to his chest.

“Sleep Nova” he rumbles in my ear before I give in to the darkness.

Trial Morning

Chapter 68 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

I wake up early with a lot on my mind, staring at Jax's relaxed face as I wonder what's going to transpire today.

"We just have to wait and see Nova" Ki sighs to me as she paces slowly in my mind.

"I know" I reply quietly, "there has just been a lot of unanswered questions and to find that Rose is Alpha Jacob's daughter was strange enough."

"It's too much of a coincidence I think" Ki agrees with a sad tone.

"It would explain why Elder Frost is so..well frosty with me I suppose" I murmur to her as I burrow my head into Jax's chest breathing in his scent to calm myself.

"He was a pig headed Alpha. I'm surprised Elder Frost is his brother actually, I mean how is an Elder related to that man" Kia mutters angrily.

"He may be an Elder but it doesn't mean he is respected" I point out, "we saw the way others looked at him throughout lunch yesterday."

"And he disrespects us" Kia snarls indignantly.

Hearing Jax moan as he stretches slightly I look up and meet his sleepy eyes, "morning" he murmurs pulling me closer to him. Enjoying the comfort he gives me I lie there for a few more minutes before pulling away and huffing. "Well we best get ready hadn't we" I sigh as Jax looks at me with concern.

"Hey" he says grasping my chin lightly stopping me from getting up, "I know today isn't going to be pleasant and there will be a lot of bad memories brought up but it is for the greater good. Zeus and I are right there beside you, we always will be."

My heart fills with warmth at his words and I can't help but smile as I see the affection in his eyes. "Thank you" I whisper before kissing his lips lightly.

Standing up I stretch causing Jax to groan behind me, spinning round I see him cover his eyes with his arm as his other fist clenches the duvet.

"You alright there?" I ask laughing as I see the very obvious tent he's pitching.

"I swear you make me like a horny teenager all over again" he mutters without looking to me. "I'll be a minute, I just need to think about pack finances or something."

Snorting at his words I shake my head in amusement, "there is always a cold shower" I giggle.

“Minx” he growls playfully as I walk into the bathroom and freshen up. Walking out I see Jax is finishing getting dressed and looks smart in a black shirt and dark trousers with polished shoes.

“Ooo my Alpha” I purr in his ear as I walk past him causing his eyes to flash before he takes a deep breath. Throwing me a glare I hold my hands up in mock surrender saying “ok, best behaviour today..promise.”

“Good” he sighs, “I don’t fancy having to explain my need to sit down at times in front of the council.”

Grinning widely at him I shake with silent laughter thankful for him distracting from my thoughts. Pinning my hair into a neat bun with a few loose waves framing my face I sit back and nod, happy with my appearance.

“Very smart” Jax says approvingly as his eyes take in my smart navy dress which goes to my knees and my white cropped blazer.

“Thanks” I say shyly before grabbing my bag and walking to the door.

“Shall we head down?” I ask as Jax finishes combing his dark locks.

“Yes. Let’s go” he agrees as we open the door to see Luca stood with his arm outstretched ready to knock.

“Morning Sis, Alpha Jax” he says with a small smile, “you look lovely.”

“You don’t look too bad yourself I suppose” I reply with a shrug before winking to let him know I know he looks smart.

“Alpha has had to go down already as he is being questioned first, he seemed quite on edge this morning” Luca mentions quietly.

“I don’t blame him” Jax says. “I may not like the guy too much after seeing the pain he caused Nova but I respect him for taking this step and righting some of his wrongs. Not many Alphas are proud enough to do that. Plus he has had a tough few weeks also, I imagine seeing Nova and I marked was tough for him.”

“It was” Luca agreed, “but he bears no ill will towards you both, I mean how could he?”

“I know” I say quietly before looking at Luca. “How are you doing?”

“I’m talking to you as family now” he says throwing me a look I understand means stay quiet, “but I am worried not for my alpha but for my friend. He has told me of the struggles of the White Mountain Pack that I am going to return home to and I know he is under a lot of pressure to change peoples opinion of him now. The result of this trial will help but still, he will be an unmated alpha. I will need to be there for him to keep him focused.”

Nodding as I understand his words I can't help the guilt that flashes through me.

"Nova..stop" Jax says suddenly throwing me a strange look. "Do not feel guilty for Alpha Axton, he may have been strongly influenced but what he did was still wrong. This is what he will have to deal with and what he deserves."

"I don't feel guilty for Axton, well I do to an extent and I hate that he was manipulated but it's actually the pack members I feel guilty for" I reply quietly.

Seeing his eyes soften in understanding he grasps my hand as we start walking again, "and that's what makes you such a good Luna, the care you have for others is commendable. But we have to trust Luca and Alpha Axton to build their faith and moral up again."

"I know, and I trust they will be able to" I reply confidently.

"Good" he says as we reach the large double doors leading to the trial room. Squaring his shoulders he holds his head high and reaches his hand to rest on my lower back. "We've got this" he reassures me before the doors are pushed open and we stride into the room.

Feeling the many pairs of eyes turn and focus on us I look to where we are seated and don't acknowledge their gazes. Hearing Jax growl lightly beside me I look up at him in surprise as I take in his clenched jaw as he scans the room.

"You are getting some very dirty looks right now" he hisses as he draws me closer to his side.

"Do you want to know something about me Jax?" I ask quietly.

"Yes.." he says looking at me in confusion.

Smiling softly I squeeze his arm, "the more judgment, more hate, more disdain and more anger that is thrown my way will only benefit me and do you want to know why?"

"Yes.." he says with a playful smile.

Biting my lip I gesture around at the many people looking at us, "because I may be here to help others and much more but this type of environment is where Kia and I thrive."

"Really?" He asks with a cocked brow.

Seeing Luca start to smile more as he takes in the gleam in my eye I grin up at Jax, "oh yes."

Luca laughs loudly throwing his head back earning a few surprised looks his way before he looks back at Jax and myself, "you haven't seen Nova when she has to prove herself. Things are about to get interesting" he exclaims making Jax grin as he looks at me with interest.

“People may regret what they’ve got themselves in for” Luca says with a knowing smile as I smirk at his words.

Alpha Axtons Explanation

Chapter 69 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Taking a seat next to Jax only then do I look around and take note of everyone who is in attendance. Seeing the rest of the council sat opposite all looking at me on and off has me cocking my head slightly as I look clearly at each individual trying to distinguish who the traitors are.

"Why don't we just command them all?" Kia asks with a huff.

"Because of the trial. If by the time it is finished we still do not know more then I would if Martin agrees" I say simply.

"But it would be easier if we did" Ki mutters.

"I know, but we need to focus on the trial" I say calmly to her as she lowers her head in acceptance of my words.

Moving my eyes from the council I see Alpha Jacob sat staring at me with a dark look in his eyes as I raise my brows at him questioningly. Seeing his eyes flare momentarily as I show no sign of intimidation I smirk before turning my head so my mark is clearly on show. Hearing a loud growl resonate throughout the room I smirk at Jax as he looks at me.

"Having fun?" He grins.

"Just showing someone I'm taken" I laugh as he kisses my temple softly.

"Good" he growls in my ear before biting my lobe as another loud growl sounds.

Everyone's attention turns to Alpha Jacob who is staring daggers across the room at me as his eyes flash with those of his wolf in his anger. "You must have seriously pissed him off" Jax comments as he drapes an arm over my shoulders possessively.

"He was the one that grabbed me after I'd politely declined his offer, if he hadn't gotten physical than neither would I. I suppose it did hurt him to be shown up by a woman both through rejection and then being kicked to the floor" I say with a shrug as I watch his Beta whisper in his ear to calm him down.

As I finish the doors open and everyone stops talking as two guards bring Rose into the room. Chained and dragging her feet on the floor she looks a shell of the woman we met a few weeks ago. Her hair is lacking any shine and is hanging limply on her head, her eyes are lifeless and shallow with large dark circles for her under eye whilst her skin is pale showing the lack of exposure to the sun in recent weeks.

Seeing Axton walk in and take a seat at the side without so much as sparing a glance at Rose I wait as Elder Martin makes his way to the front and begins to address the room.

"Good morning everyone. Today we are holding trial of former Luna, Rose Brown, for the known drugging of Alpha Axton of the White Mountain Pack to cause a forced betrayal of the mateship bond between him and his chosen at the time. We are also bringing into question the authenticity of the bond between Alpha Axton and Rose Brown" he says which causes a spread of muttering to extend throughout the room.

"Brown?" Jax whispers questioningly.

Shrugging I have no answer for him, "perhaps Jacob and Frost are half brothers or it could be her mother's name" I suggest quietly.

"To begin I would like Alpha Axton to take to the stand and tell us his version of events" Martin says clearly ending the muttering.

As Axton walks to the seat in the front booth he looks at me and Jax for a moment before turning his full attention to Martin. I see Rose out the corner of my eye look at him with a mixture of longer and anger.

"Alpha Axton if you could please speak" Martin says gesturing for him to begin.

Clearing his throat his deep voice resonates around the room as he begins talking, "last month we were holding an emergency meeting between 4 different packs regarding a Rogue matter. As we were greeting the guests my Luna at the time, Luna Nova, and I met Rose. I caught her eye and felt the effect of a mate bond snap into place, as Luna Nova headed the meeting I led Rose to the downstairs room as I wished to explain the mateship between Nova and myself. I did not wish to cause any physical pain to Nova and as I was intending to explain why to Rose. She asked if I would like some tea whilst we talked, I drank some before talking whilst I gathered my thoughts but immediately became overcome with lust for her and ended up taking her to my room and mating. We spent 3 days there where I ended up marking her, I didn't know why I was so lustful for her and was naive believing it was the strength of the matebond. I came to 3 days later when Nova was addressing the pack issuing her goodbyes. From then on whenever I had to speak to

Rose about a pressing matter we would agree to sit down and talk over tea only to end up having sex.” Taking a deep breath he narrowed his eyes before continuing.

“We had Nova and Alpha Jax return for a pack matter and Rose administered an aphrodisiac during our dessert which only I consumed. However instead of Rose being my focus of attention it was Nova who was sat opposite me. I fought the effects out of respect for Nova and commanded Rose where she told me she had drugged me and had also attempted to seduce Alpha Jax to betray Nova. My Beta Luca then took her away to the cells and the following morning I contacted the council requesting a trial and to officially break the mateship between Rose and myself.”

Silence followed his speech before Martin asks his following question, “do you know why she drugged you?”

“I don’t, but I assumed she was jealous and wanted to ensure my attention was on her and not my chosen” Axton replies.

“Can you explain why you wanted to speak to Rose about your relationship with your chosen?” Martin asks.

“Nova and I had signed a contract stating if either of us found our fated mate we would step aside and allow the relationship with the fated mate to progress. However we agreed to follow all mateship laws and not cause any physical pain to one another through betrayal. I have to mention this for people to understand, Nova did not in anyway pose a threat to Rose” he says whilst meeting my eyes. “When I first met Rose I froze, there were multiple witnesses with Alpha Jax being one of them, Nova was the one who pushed me forward to greet her. I got carried away with the bond and kissed Rose despite knowing I shouldn’t however Nova did not say anything. Instead she left us be and took charge of the meeting with the guests. I immediately regretted causing her pain simply by a kiss and that’s why I requested talking to Rose and explaining everything” Axton says his voice slightly wavering as he mentions the pain he caused me.

“Did you ever show any hint that you would perhaps reject Rose” Martin asks.

“No. Never. I believe my words were “shit that felt good but we have to stop. I can’t hurt Nova but trust me I won’t be rejecting you” I then led her to the downstairs lounge” he says with a grimace as he recalls the events.

“Ok, that is all I am asking for now but we will have some follow up questions later on” Martin says gesturing for Axton to return to his seat.

Turning to Jax he offers me a comforting smile which i return making him relax slightly as he sees I am ok.

“That was hard to hear” Luca mutters beside me as I look at him in shock.

“I didn’t ask too many questions at the time, I was upset with how much pain you were in and you were my priority after returning from patrol” he explains softly. Squeezing his hand I turn to Elder Martin as he begins speaking once more.

“Next I would like Luna Nova to come down” he says making everyone’s eyes snap to myself as I gently kiss Jaxs temple and gracefully head to the front holding my head hi.

“Time to show them our strength” Kia says with a wolfish grin.

Disbelief

Chapter 70 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

“Good morning Luna Nova, so to begin I would like you to confirm if what Alpha Axton has said is accurate and include any other relevant information you have” Elder Martin says looking at me with an expressionless face.

Nodding I sit up straight and look around the room before setting my eyes on Rose who’s face is contorted with anger.

“I can confirm that what Alpha Axton has said is true. The three days leading up to me leaving the White Mountain Pack and relinquishing my role as Luna was long and painful. I suffered betrayal pains throughout the meeting initially but as I left the pain increased in strength, I ended up passing out and the next thing I knew I was in the hospital. My mark was inflamed and angry due to Alpha Axton and Rose having marked one another. However from waking up the following day It meant I didn’t suffer any more pains from them both” I say clearly my voice strong. “I left hospital on day 3 and returned to the pack and offered my goodbye to those present. That is when Alpha Axton came down with Rose, he was angry however Rose did attempt to attack me. She wasn’t successful” I smirk looking at her as she growls at me.

“She attacked you?” Elder Martin repeats.

“Yes. The pack members were shouting “long live the true Luna” not at my request may I add. They weren’t happy with the way Alpha Axton and Rose had treated me, however I explained now the contract was null and void I was no longer required to stay and help Rose adapt to the Luna role as I had agreed when we signed the contract. I still requested Elder Angela to train with Rose to help her. Her initial attempt at attacking me was after I said I would not stay to train her. The second time was as I was walking away I reminded them of the pain they had caused

me. She lept at me from behind and I turned and grabbed her brown wolf's throat and pinned her to the floor. There I reminded her of the pain I could inflict if wanted and turned and relinquished my ties."

"Did you warrant the attack?" Elder Martin asks.

"No. I didn't warrant any of the events that took place those few days but I will always protect myself when someone wants to cause harm. Even to a pathetic wolf like Rose" I say with a cold smile directed at her as she snarls at me.

"How did you wake after 3 days? Marking another can cause someone to die but you recovered?" Someone interjected from the audience.

Raising my brows at Martin he shifted uncomfortably, "it's up to you to answer that as it wasn't an official question from myself. However people will wonder."

"Because I'm a strong wolf" I say simply.

Hearing a few sniggers from the audience I smile softly before clicking my tongue. "Don't test me."

"Did anything else happen between Rose and yourself?" Elder Martin asks swiftly moving on.

"She made judgemental comments when she visited our pack alongside my brother and Alpha Axton. She also arranged for Alpha Jax and I to stay in separate rooms when we visited their pack" I say. "Mine was to be opposite Alpha Axtons and Roses room, which was my room that they decided to originally fuck in. Whilst Alpha Jax was staying on a different floor. My brother and Alpha Axton didn't agree with her idea so I was showed to the room with Alpha Jax. She wasn't happy with it. Then there was the meal..she jumped on Alpha Jaxs lap so I threw her across the room."

"So you didn't initiate anything?" Elder Martin verifies.

"Not once, she tested my patience continually but I never once initiated anything" I reply calmly.

"LIES" she snarls whilst baring her teeth at me.

"You're not worth me lying" I coldly reply.

"Why would she be so set on causing you pain?" Elder Martin asks with a certain gleam in his eyes.

"Well I only was told yesterday that Rose is Alpha Jacob's daughter, I do believe it was due to me turning down Jacob's mateship proposal a few years ago" I say whilst leaning forward. "I clearly insulted the man's ego and he couldn't move past it."

Hearing him snarl I raise my brow and laugh softly, “would you like to deny it?” I ask him

“You kicked me” he snarls from beside his Beta.

“I did” I laugh at the memory earning a few shocked looks before I set my face and glare at him, “but maybe you should have accepted my polite refusal of your proposed mateship like a gentleman instead of getting angry and grabbing my arm painfully. If you hadn’t of laid a hand on me I wouldn’t have had to retaliate.”

Hearing that I hear muttering around the room. “There were also many witnesses there for that event including your own Beta” I shrug.

“And you say you didn’t know Rose was his daughter?” Elder Martin asks.

“Not until you told me yesterday. I knew she was an Alphas daughter from a few comments Alphas Axton and Luca made however I never questioned it further. Again..she wasn’t worth my time” I say coldly.

“You whore” Rose hisses making me laugh softly.

“Oh Rose dear, I’m no whore. Although like I said to you before, I’m sure you’re no stranger to spreading your legs.”

With that she stands and tries to lunge for me but I don’t even flinch as her restraints hold her back.

“Is there any other information you’d like to share?” Martin asks.

“Only that as Axton said, the moment I saw they were fated I knew my chosen mateship was over I was just waiting to follow the official steps. I was no threat” I reply.

“You were a threat to Rose clearly” Elder Frost pipes up making my attention turn to him.

“Please explain” I say slowly.

“You were mated to her fated mate. She would see you as a threat of course she would” he snarls slightly at me.

“I agree, she would initially assume I was a threat. However I pushed for Alpha Axton to greet her, I left them alone to head the meeting and I have always stuck to my word. If she had been patient enough to hear Alpha Axton out and trusted her supposedly fated mate then she would have seen that. I also was the one who included the clause to ensure she had adequate training, both for her benefit and the packs benefit. Those actions don’t strike me as someone who was a threat” I say loudly as I feel my temper flare at his attitude.

“But you were still mated to her fated mate” he points out angrily.

“Yes I was. And who may I ask requested the mateship between Alpha Axton and myself?” I snap.

“The council..” Martin answers.

Clicking my fingers I throw my hands up in frustration, “exactly. I didn’t love Axton at first. I did it to help the pack and to stop advances from other men. I did grow to love Axton yes but that was from his treatment to me and the way we ran the pack together before he met Rose. I also had a fated out there, I was never going to stand in their way.”

“Alpha Axton” Frost interjects coldly as he has no answer to what I’ve said.

“For someone who doesn’t remember my title Elder Frost you have a certain issue with pointing out whenever it skips my mind” I smirk at his pettiness.

“Luna Nova never has to refer to me as Alpha Axton, she does so of her politeness” Axton suddenly pipes up earning a few surprised looks.

“Why is that Alpha Axton?” Asks Martin who looks amused by the situation.

“For one I would never expect someone I was previously mated to and was my equal then feel they were below me because of my actions. Nova showed me complete and utter respect when we were together so I would never ask her to call me her Alpha. Secondly..” and with this he flicks his eyes to me with a certain look in them, “why would I ask someone who is much more powerful than myself call me the Alpha. She may be Luna by title but we know she is more of an Alpha than anyone present here today.”

Hearing a snort of laughter come from Jacob and his Beta I look at them with an unreadable expression.

“Is something amusing you gentlemen?” I ask quietly.

“Oh shit” I hear Luca mutter.

“May I remind you I am here to answer Elder Martins questions however I have answered many more politely. Do not disrespect me” I say glaring at the two men.

“Why is it amusing?” Elder Martin asks turning to look at the men, “it’s true.”

Snorting Jacob’s and Beta look between themselves, “we sincerely doubt that. She is a weak, small woman who is only good for bedding men.”

Hearing that Kia moves to the front and snarls loudly at their comments, releasing a little of my aura I stand up and slam my hands on the table in front of me. “Come here” I command as everyone in the room submits in shock. Seeing they can’t fight my order they stumble to in front of me whilst I begin to scent fear from them both.

Cocking my head slightly i smirk and take a deep inhale, “ahh I can scent your fear. Are you telling me that this small, weak woman is causing that?”

They don’t answer as I glare at them before his Beta stutters out “h..how?”

“Because as I pointed out to you, and you stupidly didn’t believe..I am a strong wolf. You disrespected me multiple times and Kia didn’t take too kindly to it. Now because you thought that me kneeling you in the balls was humiliating before, when you were the one that was disrespectful and out of line, I am going to show you how lenient I was with your disrespect.”

“Magnificent” I hear Jax say in awe as I step out from behind the booth. I release my aura further and my voice joins with Kia as I look at them with a grin.

“KNEEL” with that command they both drop to their knees with their necks submitted.

“Tut tut...an Alpha submitting. Whatever next” I laugh before I go and stand directly in front of them.

“You messed with the wrong she-wolf” I snarl as Elder Martin stands by with a wide smile. “Now you know, I was lenient before..but if you ever disrespect me again I’ll have you dancing naked in front of a crowd..or worse. It’s your choice.” With that I reign my aura in and they slump to the floor whilst I motion for the guards to drag them away.

“Does anyone doubt me now?” I ask raising my head and glaring around the room.

Exposed

Chapter 71 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Watching Nova command the attention of everyone in the room has my body filling with pride at her show of strength.

“She’s making everyone aware of her” I hear Luca mutter from beside me with worry.

“Why should she hide?” I ask quietly.

“She will become a target” he says.

“She told Elder Martin and myself she was done being disrespected and allowing people to walk over her. She’s not hiding anymore” I reply softly as he looks at me with wide eyes.

“Is she telling everyone?” He asks panicked.

“No..I don’t think so. But I don’t know, it’s up to her now. She is unbelievably annoyed I can feel it, but I imagine she didn’t release her aura fully for a reason” I shrug before turning my attention back to Nova.

Seeing the men dragged back to their seats I smirk towards them as they drop their gazes to the floor ashamed.

“Nova, I think that was needed don’t you” Elder Martin says as he looks at the two men pointedly.

“A few years over due” she mutters before taking a breath and looking at Elder Martin as he resumes his questions.

“Returning to the events that took place can I ask why you wanted the clause included to involve training the Luna that would take your place?” He asks.

“Because I wanted the pack to continue to thrive in my leave. I didn’t work my ass off to put it bluntly for years alongside Axton for the pack to fall with the new Luna” she says. “I had personal reasons, for example as people are aware my brother Luca is the Beta, but I also wanted the people there to continue to live in happiness and security.”

“Did Rose accept the training?” Elder Martin asks.

“Well as I’m sure it can be confirmed, she didn’t. I believe she attended a couple of sessions maybe 3 but she told us directly to our face that she didn’t want to be preened to act as Axton’s previous lover” she says with a wince. “I made the point that I hoped I was considered more than that to Axton and that she should take up my arrangements as it would only benefit her.”

After a few seconds silence she spoke up, “can I have permission to speak my mind about something?”

“Go ahead” Martin gestures.

“In the time I saw Rose she was always dressed in the newest designer clothes and preened to perfection. You couldn’t fault her appearance apart from maybe a slight lack of class. I know the financial situation of the pack when I left and I also know from her spending the effect it will have had..that is no way a Luna behaves and it’s one of the reasons I ensured the clause was included” she says calmly. “In my time as Luna i never got my hair done professionally, I never wasted money on other companies unless required when our pack members could do just as good a job, I never wore the most up to date fashion unless Axton got me a gift which he rarely did as he knew I would scold him.”

With that Axton chuckles as he nods his head in agreement, “I put the pack before myself continuously and I never once complained, why waste money when there was everything we needed right there within the pack. From what I know and saw of Rose I cannot say it was the same for her.”

“I am glad you brought that up..with the consent of Alpha Axton I am going to disclose how much money Rose spent directly on herself and her friends. In less than 3 weeks Rose spent £1.6 million dollars on herself” Martin says as he holds a financial document in the air.

“What?” I gasp turning to look at Luca who is gritting his teeth in anger.

“Now you know another reason for my displeasure towards her” he snarls quietly.

“That’s absolutely ludicrous of a Luna” Nova says in shock as everybody within the room begins to talk amongst themselves again.

“Luna Nova we are done for now. There may be questions later” Martin says as he smiles at Nova.

“Thank you Elder Martin” she says graciously bowing her head in respect.

As she makes her way towards us I smile at her proudly, “that’s my Luna” I whisper to her as she winks at me before taking her seat.

“I was fed up with those sexist excuse of men” she mutters rolling her eyes and pointing to Jacob and his Beta.

“Now if everyone can be quiet it is time we speak to Rose Brown” Martin says as my eyes flicker to her where she sits looking apprehensive.

“Come and sit before me” he says gesturing for the guards to move her to the booth.

“Now Rose, first I would like to ask you if what Alpha Axton and Luna Nova have said is true?” Martin asks.

“It is not true” she says quietly.

“You deny the accusations?” He checks.

“I deny them” she says simply.

“Ok. We have a truth serum here concocted by Elder Anthony who unfortunately cannot attend due to a..private matter” Martin says throwing Nova and myself a quick glance.

The guards quickly administer the serum as Rose doesn’t fight. “She was quite compliant” I hear Nova observe.

“She thinks she won’t have to tell the truth” I chuckle softly.

“As this is the first trial using the serum I will also be commanding you Rose” Elder Martin says as she nods her head slowly her eyes opening slightly in surprise.

“To begin, I will once again ask you if the accusations made by both Alpha Axton and Luna Nova are true?” Martin commands with raised brows as his aura is released.

Submitting she immediately responds “they are true” to which the room is filled with shocked gasps as I notice Jacob look at her in panic.

“So you lied when you denied the charges?” Martin confirms.

“Yes I lied” Rose says as horror fills her features. Seeing her gaze flicker to Frost who has shifted forward in his chair I whisper to Nova “look at Frost.”

“He was expecting something different” she agrees before I see her eyes glaze over and then Martins gaze shift to Frost.

“Martin knows” Nova says simply.

“Why did you want to cause harm to Nova?” Martin asks Rose.

“At the request of my father, I met Axton once before at an Alpha ball and I have always liked him. We found a way to break Axton and Novas matebond and we planned for Axton to be with myself and Nova to be with my father” she says with tears streaming down her face.

“How?” Martin commands coldly.

“We had the help of a witch, with the help of an Omega we managed to have Axton digest a serum which would give the effects of a matebond with another who had the serum, that being myself. I visited the pack under the pretence of finding my mate” she whispers.

With a snarl Axton surges to his feet angrily before Martin gestures for him to calm down.

“We are getting answers Alpha” Martin says quietly, “stay calm.”

Taking a breath he nods and sits back down, “apologies” he says through gritted teeth.

“Why was your father so focused on having Nova as a mate?” Martin asks.

“After her rejection he had a spy watching Nova during her time as Luna, he saw how successful she was but he also saw her wolf” with that Nova gasps as she looks at Luca with worry as Jacob begins to grin. “It was then that he said one way or another he would have her.”

“How did you get hold of the serum?” Martin follows.

As Rose's body shakes with the force of his command her tears splash on the surface of the table as she replies quickly, "we had a couple of people approach us saying they knew a way to break the bond between Axton and Nova and would be willing to do so for a price."

"The price being?" Martin asks.

"They got to meet Nova" Rose says making me frown with confusion.

"Only meet you?" I ask surprised.

"I have a bad feeling" she growls.

"Who approached you?" Martin asks.

"A witch and another man" she gulps.

"This has gone off of topic" Frost hastily interjects.

"I believe this is very relevant Elder Frost" Martin replies coldly. "Sit down."

"Rose don't say anymore" Jacob growls as he sits panicking.

Nova suddenly surges to her feet as she is glaring at Frost across the room, she swiftly makes her way down whilst I hastily follow. "Don't say a word Alpha Jacob" she commands making his mouth close.

"You know more than you're letting on Frost" she growls as she comes to a halt in front of him.

"I scent fear and deceit from you" she whispers as she cocks her head intimidatingly.

"Fuck you" he spits only making her grin.

"Are you working with the hunters" she suddenly commands as the room falls silent around the release of her aura.

He tries to fight her command only for her aura to increase, "y..yes."

"You fucking traitor" Nova snarls before grasping his hair and slamming him to the ground in front of her. Placing her foot on his throat she looks to Martin, "they're all in it together."

Mothers Killer

Chapter 72 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"How have the hunters got themselves intertwined with wolves?" Kia growls to me in anger.
"They're known enemies, hunters literally kill wolves"

"Guards bring Alpha Jacob down here" I order without taking my gaze off of Frost as he looks up at me in fear. Hearing him be seized and dragged over I finally move my eyes to him and see him shaking in terror.

"Was the other man accompanying the witch a hunter?" I command making his body shake further.

"I don't know" he forces out, "he was definitely human but I had limited interaction with him. We took the offer and that was that, any conversations after that point were with the witch."

"If they were also wanting me then why did you agree to try and get me for yourself?" I ask bewildered.

"I thought we could trick them, I've seen your wolf Nova and although I may not know what wolf you are exactly I do know that you're blessed" he says making everyone around us gasp.

"I want everyone out bar the council members, my mate, Alpha Axton and Luca, plus the ones restrained" I growl loudly. "No one speak a word of what has transpired so far" I command as I look around at those who begin to file out.

"You knew I was blessed but you thought I was a "small weak woman" did you not?" I ask.

"I thought you may be a healer" he whispers.

"I'm not, but I will say healers are far from weak" I point out.

"I was wrong Luna Nova please forgive me" he says as he looks up at me pitifully.

"I don't forgive traitors" I say simply as Kia howls in agreement.

I look to Jax as he had come to stand beside me showing his support whilst glaring at Jacob on the floor. "You endangered my mate" he snarls as his eyes flash with those of Zeus causing the broken Alpha to whimper.

"Did you not for one moment think it was highly suspicious that a witch and a human wanted to help you acquire me as a mate so badly?" I ask.

"My brother said it would be better this way" he mutters as he avoids looking at Frost.

"How long have you worked with the hunters Frost?" I command.

"20months" he admits.

"Jacob and Rose, when did they approach you?" I command.

"6months ago" Rose answers.

"Did you agree to work with them further?" I command again.

"No, breaking the matebond between Alpha Axton and yourself was our only point of discussion" Jacob replies.

Hearing that I laugh coldly, "you were used" I hiss. "Most likely your brother is the one that planned it."

Seeing the look that crosses Frosts face at my words I know I've hit the nail on the head with my assumption. "You are a member of the council, one who people are meant to respect and be able to communicate with to solve problems and celebrate success. How could you do this?" I ask him.

"I was sick of helping the weak. I was promised power, success and followers" he growls. "I finally had people who saw my worth."

"Your worth?" I ask with a dark chuckle. "You, Frost, are nothing but a weak excuse of a man who has no morals."

"You bitch" he snarls.

"Get up" I say calmly letting go of him and stepping back. "I'm going to show you exactly what you're worth. Fight me" I say with narrowed eyes as he stands to his full height.

Seeing his eyes widen momentarily at my words he makes no movement, "come on Frost. Fight me, it's not a trick. I'll even promise to not shift even though Kia is itching for blood."

With an engaged roar he leaps at my head shifting midair into a dark grey wolf. Sidestepping with a slight duck at the last moment I avoid his long claws as he lets out a loud growl in frustration.

"You can do better than that" I taunt him as he lunges once again at me. Opening his jaws wide he moves close and tries to snap at my side however I land a solid blow to his flank which sends

him skidding across the floor. "I can't be bothered for this to last I'm afraid" I shrug as I stalk towards him as if he was my prey. Despite being winded he jumps to his paws and lunges again, this time aiming for my legs attempting to get me on the floor however with a strong kick to the snout I send him flying back to the wall where he falls with a slump.

"You betrayed the council, the werewolf population and me" I snarl in anger. "You deserve a long drawn out painful death and I'm going to ensure that happens. Now SHIFT" I command as his bones crack leaving his naked bruised body curled in a fetal position on the floor.

Grasping his ear I lift him so he's forced to look at me, "you fucked up" I smirk before punching him hard in his side as I hear a satisfying crack of his ribs.

"Guards, take him to the cells. Put him in silver so he can't heal or communicate with his wolf" I order as they immediately rush to do as I've ordered.

"Love.." I hear Jax say quietly beside me. Spinning to look at him I see the care he has for me in his eyes as he reaches to embrace me.

"You need to calm down" he links me, "I know you're angry and I am also. But I don't think you can expose yourself just yet."

"Such a shame" I hear Frost wheeze as he's dragged past. Looking at me through swollen eyes he smiles maniacally, "I was expecting more from the lady brought up by two warriors. They warned me about you, but honestly...I expected more for what you are."

With those words the room goes silent. "Excuse me?" I ask quietly as a small flame of fear begins to flicker deep in my belly.

"When did you meet my parents?" I hear Luca ask in confusion.

"When I tore your mother's heart from her body" he cackles.

"Fuck" I hear Jax whisper as my body freezes momentarily.

"You killed our mother?" Luca asks as he advances towards him.

"That ex mate of mine was a nuisance, one I was only too happy to get rid of at the hunters orders, who do you think led them away for the hunters to attack. If that's what brought me power then it was necessary" he growls, "rubbing how happy she was everytime I had to visit to do the required council checks and how fulfilling life as a mother was. Pathetic."

"You're my mother's first mate? The one that rejected her?" Luca asks in disbelief.

"She didn't deserve me as a mate" Frost spat out as Kia growls loudly.

"You bastard" Luca roars as he lands blow after blow upon Frosts body in his anger.

"Nova?" I hear Jax ask nervously from beside me after I don't move.

"Im sorry for what you're about to see" I whisper without looking at him. With a loud roar I pounce on Frost and slam his head to the ground causing blood to pool below him.

"You took my mother's heart, so I'll take yours" I snarl before plunging my hand into his chest and grasping his heart in my hand. Seeing his eyes loose focus he howls in pain before I rip it harshly from his body as he falls silent and goes limp in death.

Standing above his body grasping his crushed heart in one hand I feel Luca come and embrace me from behind as my body shakes with silent sobs. "I'm here Nova" he whispers soothingly in my ear as I cry.

"Why?" I whisper, "WHYYYY" I scream in pain as my aura is released fully causing everyone bar Jax and Luca to drop to their knees as they watch silently in horror. Hearing Kia howl mournfully in my head I see Jax approach from the corner of my eye and take the crushed heart from me.

"Let it out love" he says softly as my aura continues to pulse around the room uncontrollably.

"He killed our mother, helped kill our father..he's a traitor" I sob as he pulls me close to his chest.

"And he deserved everything he got love" Jax says in my ear. Feeling broken I continue to flare down at the body of my mother's killer as disbelief courses through my body.

"You've exposed yourself now Nova" Johnathon says as he struggles to his feet fighting my aura, "you don't need to hide. What he did was wrong and he deserved everything he got. Calm down sweetheart, embrace your mate" he soothes in a deep calming voice.

"You don't need to hide" Jax whispers in my ear.

Stepping back I look around until I meet Elder Martins eyes, although filled with sadness I see the pride shining strong.

"I am done hiding and other people attempting to control me, from now on I vow to protect the people I love and I will do anything in my power to do that. People need to know a Guardian Wolf lives..and these hunters need to fucking die" I growl my voice mixed with that of Kia's as people submit around me.

"This is me...and I've emerged" I snarl before shifting into Kia's huge form and bounding from the room with a powerful howl, as Zeus and Reed follow to share in my grief and hurt.