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Nova POV:

As I sit for lunch I concentrate of the feeling of calm and love that Jax is sending me through the bond to help settle my anger.

“I’d like you to accompany me to my office after lunch Alpha Jax and Luna Nova, we have lots to discuss” Martin says calmly as he eats his food ignoring the subtle shocked looks the others are throwing towards me.

“We will be there” Jax says before looking at me, “we would also like to have at meeting with Elder Johnathon this afternoon if it is possible?”

“I will have to check” Martin says before looking down the table towards the man who is smiling reassuringly at me.

“I have all the time in the world for Nova as you know. Why don’t you link me when you are done with Elder Martin and you can come to my private library” he says politely.

“Thank you Johnathon” I say softly smiling slightly at the one person who is showing me some friendliness.

With a nod of his head he returns to eating his food in silence. As we all finish Axton raises from his seat and motions for Luca to join him, “if you could excuse us my Beta and I have lots to discuss. We will see you this evening” he says before smiling at Jax and myself and swiftly walking from the room.

As the other elders filter out we are left with just Martin and ourselves. “That was tense” he chuckles looking at me in amusement.

“Sorry” I apologise, “but I’m not going to stand by and let others think I am someone who can be walked over any longer.”

“And you shouldn’t have to” he says seriously, “let’s go to my office. These walls have ears.”

“Your strength is admirable Nova” Martin comments as we walk up to his office, looking at Jax he grins, “I suppose with a mate like him you have to be something special.”

“A mate like me?” Jax asks confused.

“Your leadership is something that others should learn from. Do you have any idea. how well you do as an Alpha?” Martin asks nonchalantly.

Seeing an Alpha lost for words has me chuckling as I wink at my mate. “Well not

anyone is mated to someone like Nova Alpha Jax, I'd do well to remember that, it takes someone with a certain strength to be a Guardian Wolfs other half."

"Oh..thank you Elder Martin" Jax says graciously, his deep voice making me shiver as his hand touches my lower back.

"In here" Martin says opening the door and ushering us in. "Take a seat."

Sitting ourselves down we wait for him to speak as he quickly shuffles through some documents on his desk.

"Ok, so Anthony joined us 23 months ago. He used to reside in the Red Moon Pack" he starts.

"The Red Moon Pack? When? Surely not whilst I was there" I say.

"No he was there for 3 years, he joined shortly after you left as his mother had fallen. ill and was residing there. His mother was the old pack doctor" he says making my eyes widen in shock.

"The lady who helped start me with my medicinal studies?" I ask in surprise.

"Valeria yes. She unfortunately passed away not long after he joined. A heart attack. of all things" he says quietly.

"I doubt that" I say furrowing my brows. "I mean a heart attack of natural causes is incredibly rare within werewolves, even ones who are ill

"I have had her information brought here as I thought you may say that after todays events, take them with you and have a look before we confront Anthony" he says. passing me a small brown folder.

"I will" I say holding it tight in my grasp.

"Why was Anthony called up to be an Elder?" Jax asks suddenly.

"He was taking after his father, his academic success was incredibly high and he had many recommendations. I'm surprised to be honest that he has done what he has" Martin says with a frown.

"Just because he is a traitor doesn't mean that he is one by choice" Jax points out.

"So fill me in on what's been happening" Martin says looking at us both clearly.

With a sigh I study his eyes closely, not seeing any deception I hesitate before asking “this may seem unusual but after we have told you the information we have it will make sense. I’d like to command you to ensure I can trust you” I say sitting forward as he looks at me shocked.

“It’s not a question is it Nova” he says with a sad smile.

“No” I say shaking my head, “I can’t risk anything right now and although I know of everything you personally have done to help me I have to make sure I’m protecting those I love.”

“I understand” he says with a nod and a reassuring smile, “go ahead.”

Releasing my full aura has him crippling in his chair and his neck tilts submitting to me fully, “can I trust you, Elder Martin, to not betray me or those that I love? To never speak of any information I tell you? And finally have you ever betrayed me or worked alongside the hunters?”

“I have never worked with the hunters, they are my sworn enemy ever since losing my daughter to them when she was just a year old. For the past 55 years I have worked tirelessly to bring them down. I will never betray you and I would do anything to help you succeed” he answers clearly.

“Thank you” I say retracting my aura as I release the breath I was holding.

“Help Nova succeed?” Jax asks intrigued.

“Novas life has been dedicated to others, it’s about time she does what she needs to do for herself and for that to happen she needs my support” he says with a smile.

“So will you tell me?” He asks looking between us both. Seeing Jax nod in agreement I take a deep breath and explain everything that has happened since Axtons betrayal right up until the event before lunch which he saw through my eyes.

Blowing a large breath out through his gritted teeth his eyes flare in anger as he stares in me in shock.

“We have 2 more traitors?” He hisses in fury as his eyes burn bright, his wolf moving to the forefront.

“Yes” I say calmly.

“s**t he exclaims, “well then we need to interrogate Anthony today. We need all the information we can possibly get before the trial starts this week.”

About the trail, what is this new method?” Jax asks.

“It’s a truth serum” Martin says absentmindedly before his eyes widen. “That Anthony introduced.”

“We can’t use it” I say suddenly. “I mean we don’t know if Rose has anything to do with the hunters but I do find it suspicious that she came into our lives right at the moment everything began to go downhill. She’s admitted to using a spell for Jax.

I mean it wouldn’t be too far fetched would it?”

“No it wouldn’t” Martin agrees as he furrows his brows which he does when he’s thinking deeply.

“I will still administer a serum, but it will be a placebo one have a feeling the serum wasn’t as such a truth serum but actually one others could influence someone to answer as they wish” Martin muses.

“Why do you say that?” Jax asks intrigued.

“Because this would be the first trial for it be used which is awfully convenient. Anthony pushed so hard for it to be used and we thought it was so he could prove himself, we’ve seen it in practise but again he was present and could have manipulated it. So therefore I am now doubting its validity. But I was planning on commanding Rose anyway so we would still get the truth, just not their twisted version now” he says thoughtfully.

“Can I ask who Roses father is?” I ask suddenly.

With a dark laugh Martin looks at me, “Elder Frosts brother..Alpha Jacob. You’ve met. him before” he reminds me

Freezing I think back before throwing my head back and letting out a deep sigh, “that fucker.”

“I’m missing something” Jax says looking lost.

“Nova upset him about 4 years ago” Martin says vaguely.

“What did you do?” Jax asks looking at me in amusement.

“I turned down his marriage proposal” I growl.

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Jax POV:

My jaw almost hits the floor at Nova's admission.

"What?" I ask in shock.

With a grimace she looks at me as she speaks, "he was old enough to be my father plus he was ridiculously S**t and as he so eloquently put it at the time "wanted a hot young jewel of a Luna to show off."

"That's disgusting" I growl,

"His mate died in a rogue attack 10 years previous and everything I had heard of him since was unappealing. He kept the information he had a daughter who was close to my age a secret from me" she reveals.

"I wonder why" I drawl.

"I would never have said yes" she shrugs.

"You did embarrass him though" Martin points out with a chuckle.

"He embarrassed himself, I mean who proposes to someone when you've had a total of 2 conversations and of all the places he chose to do it at a ball surrounded by other Alphas" she says with disgust.

"True" Martin agrees. "The kick was my favourite part of the night."

"Again..I'm lost" I admit as I struggle to keep up.

"He didn't take my rejection well, he grasped my arm and tried to pull me against him so I kicked him where it would really hurt" Nova says with a slight smirk.

"With her full strength at the time" Martin points out proudly.

"He deserved it" she says with conviction.

"So there is a high chance Rose was sent to upset your mateship" I point out as Nova nods in agreement.

"Yes" she says with a sigh.

"Have you seen him since?" I ask quietly.

"Oh goddess no, and for that at least I'm thankful" she says quickly as she holds my hand.

“Well that’s another person I’m going to have to put in place if I ever get the displeasure of meeting him” I sigh running a hand through my hair agitatedly.

“He’s not the only one” Martin says making me growl as Nova smoothly interjects.

“I think that’s enough for now Martin, Jax has got the message” she says firmly.

“Sorry Alpha” he says and at least he has the decency to look slightly embarrassed at his confession’s.

“I’ll tell you later Jax but it’s nothing to worry about” she links me reassuringly as I try to move my mind away from others liking Nova in that manner.

Sitting myself up I shrug it off before looking at Martin. “Shall we meet this evening to interrogate Anthony?”

“Yes, Johnathon is ready when you are so you can head down. Nova knows where to go, I’ll meet you outside the cells at 6pm sharp” he says as he stands and offers me his hand.

Shaking it firmly I hold my hand for Nova to take as we utter our goodbyes.

After walking quietly for a few moments Nova looks at me and suddenly speaks, “I’ve had 4 mateship proposals since I turned 18. It’s one of the reasons I agreed to become Axtons chosen mate, but I want to assure you I never considered any others.

The only two I’ve ever been intimate with is you and Axton. I’m sorry I don’t like to mention it but it’s the truth.”

With a little grimace I nod before squeezing her close to my side, “I had Genevieve before you and a couple of women from other packs when I was a teen. But as you know you’re the only one that’s ever made me satisfied” I admit. “So I would never judge you Nova, but to think others may still want you makes me feel possessive.”

“I know” she says with a soft smile, “but you’re my last Jax, you’re my everything.”

Stopping and wrapping my arms round her waist I claim her lips in a hungry kiss as I pull her flush to my chest, “and you’re mine” I whisper as we pull away for breath.

Pulling my head down she kisses me gently on my lips before trying to calm her breathing. Smelling the faint scent of her arousal I groan making her look up and apologise with a shy smile.

“I’m sorry Jax, your touch sets me on fire I can’t help it” she says with a blush on her cheeks.

Grasping her hips I push her against me so she can feel my bulge pressing against my trousers, “that’s what a kiss from you does to me” I say huskily making her shiver. “Even at the most inappropriate times” I point out with a raised brow whilst gesturing to our surroundings.

“Sorry love” she whispers with a giggle before stepping away slightly much to my dismay.

“Minx” I growl before she continues to pull me towards Johnathon’s library. Stopping outside a dark wooden door she knocks sharply 3 times before pushing it open and walking in.

With an impressed whistle I take in the huge bookshelves that take up the room full

of different books. “This is some collection” I admire.

“Thank you Alpha Jax” Johnathon says as he appears at our side. “It’s taken me many years to get to this stage.”

“I can imagine” I chuckle.

“Here take a seat, I had a feeling you’d drop by so I’ve gotten all the books I thought would be relevant ready for you” he says pointing to a table and some arm chairs by the window.

“Do you need to command Johnathon too?” I link Nova suddenly.

“No” she says confidently.

“Why?” I ask confused.

“I met Johnathon here at the council” she starts saying aloud, “he has been my confident and has been incredibly helpful whilst I grew up. But beside that Johnathon here swore a blood oath to protect all Guardian Wolves and their legacies.”

“Really?” I ask turning to Johnathon in shock.

“Guardian Wolves bring order to our kind, they are our silent protectors and without them we would turn on our selves. It is my greatest honour to serve and work alongside Nova, I would die for her” he admits quietly.

“That’s admirable” I say with a genuine smile on my face.

“Turn on themselves..” I hear Nova mutter and she spins around clicking her fingers excitedly. “That’s it!”

“Explain?” I ask. “I’ve asked too many questions today” I moan to Zeus which he simply huffs in agreement.

“Without Guardian wolves our kind would turn on ourselves. We would effectively do the job of the hunters for them, surely that is why my grandfather is so dedicated to finding my father. If he can get rid of the both of us it would mean the end of our kind sooner than imagined” she says as I can see her mind racing.

“I think that’s a very strong possibility” Johnathon agrees as I stand in shock once again. “There is a book here that states without the Guardian wolves other wolves become greedy, desperate for power and with no care for others. They become selfish and kill unjustifiably to get what they want, they use the mate bond to hurt others and to make packs weak and easier to take over. It would end in the werewolf population diminishing so much that it would be easier for hunters to kill.”

“So that’s his long term aim” I say with horror.

“I think it might be yes” Johnathon says with a concerned look as he goes to stand beside Nova. As I watch them open books efficiently I suddenly gasp.

“What’s wrong?” Nova asks quickly.

“Why did you swear a blood oath Johnathon if you don’t mind me asking?” I enquire.

With a little gulp he shifts his weight uncomfortably before looking at me, “to protect the Guardian Wolves.”

“He’s not lying” Zeus says.

“Is there another reason?” I ask quietly.

“No” he says quietly but I can hear his racing heart as I’m sure Nova can also.

“Johnathon you’re lying..I can smell it on you” she says looking confused.

“Your eyes Johnathon..they’re the same as Novas” I say suddenly making Nova move to look at him in shock.

“Ah..ah ummm” he stutters lost for words.

“And Nova got her eyes from her father...” I trail off as it all clicks.

“You’re Kingsleys brother”