## **Chapter 168 Own Decisions**

Alayah's p.o.v.

"Why didn't you send Crystal to a Mate meeting before?" I ask but before he can answer me there is a knock on the door and Dad gets up to open the door for the Omega that has our coffee.

We wait in silence as she is placing everything on the coffee table, she seems to notice something is wrong and her eyes keep glancing in my direction. Every time our eyes meet I smile at her and Topaz pushes forward to show her that we outrank her. Dad follows her to the door to close it behind her and I see her glancing at the tray she used to bring in the coffee, the moment the door closes Topaz pushes forward to grab the tray.

She had placed it against the side of a couch and normally I wouldn't have questioned it but for some reason Topaz was suspicious, the moment she turns the tray around Dad places his finger on his lips. "I was really in need of some coffee. What about you, Jacob." Mom says as Dad and Alpha Gordon are in a mind-link with one another, both of them staring at the bug on the underside of the tray and I listen as Mom and Beta Jacob are talking about the new name for the Packs.

I can tell the moment Alpha Gordon pulls Mom and Beta Jacob in a mind-link, "Do you think they will build another Pack-house, Baby Girl?" Dad asks and I tell him it had crossed my mind, "I even found the perfect location for a new Pack-house, but I think the biggest problem might be to agree on the lay-out and knowing Anton he will drive everyone up the wall before we have decided whether or not to build a new Pack-house.

How many funerals we will have before there might be a new Pack-house I don't know, but with so many different characters in our leadership it won't be easy to come to an agreement on the lay-out or the position." I tell Dad and Beta Jacob and Alpha Gordon take over the conversation while Mom links me through our family mind-link to explain to me that we will leave the tray where it is. We will discuss my question on the Gamma floor after dinner.

We leave the Alpha office about thirty minutes later and Mom and I walk back up to the Gamma floor, followed by two Warriors that will stand guard on the landing. Dad isn't willing to take any change with me or Mom and even though I hate the guards at the door I know Dad means well, he just wants to make sure no one can hurt me or Mom.

I sit down in the living room and Mom smiles at me as she says it is Noah's seat I am sitting in, "They have their own seats?" I ask Mom and she tells me that they don't but they always sit down in a certain seat when all of them are home, only when they now someone won't be home they sit in another seat. "They will even get up if whoever usually sits in a seat comes home, according to Xavier they have always done this and he doubts it will ever change." Mom says.

I look around the room to see if I can figure out who sits where, Mom sits down on a couch that is facing the kitchen and I know it is where Xavier sits to watch Mom as she is cooking. I know that the armchair I am sitting in is where Noah always sits and as I look to my left to the armchair next to me I know that is Nero's seat, because I doubt Nathan or Nikolay would sit on a couch I look at the armchairs on the other side of the coffee table.

I look at Mom as I point to the armchair next to me, "This is Nero's seat, the seat across from me is Nathan's seat and the other armchair is where Nikolay sits. None of them ever sits down on the couch and I believe they would rather sit on the floor than on the couch, but maybe that will change somewhere down the line." I say and Mom is surprised I guessed the seating arrangements, "That's not all, Mom. Xavier always sits on that couch to keep an eye on you while you cook, but something tells me he didn't sit in that position for a long time." I say.

We talk more about her life during the times she left the Pack and there is always a constant in her stories, she went to places my Dad wanted to visit with her. I also find out that Mom knew why Dad gave up the Beta position and she agreed with him that it would be too stressful for him, she never held it against him. "Grandfather wasn't sure if you knew or not and I just assumed you never found out he gave up his position, even though you had known him your whole life." I tell her.

Mom apologizes to me for not taking me to see the other half of my family, but I tell her I am grateful for the life I have and that I think things turned out for the best. Anton will be the next Beta for Autumn Moon Pack and he will do a great job as long as I keep doing the paperwork.

"I truly believe Anton is allergic to paperwork, but it will at least give me something to threaten him with if he is to annoying." I tell Mom and we both laugh as I tell her how he reacts whenever I ask for his help.

Time passes quickly even though we are kind of trapped on the Gamma floor, but Mom and I talked about a lot of things and I found it was easy to talk to Mom about certain things. I always thought I would never have a real Mother Daughter relationship, but today has proven me wrong and I am glad I gave her the chance to be a part of my life. Mom understands she can't tell me what to do, but I will listen to every piece of advice she wants to give me.

Just like I always listen to Grandma when she wants to give me her thoughts about something, not that I always take it into consideration. I just keep it in the back of my mind and make my own decisions.