## **Chapter 176 Walking Out**

Nikolay's p.o.v.

This morning when I woke up I hated the fact I hadn't dreamed about our Angel, I wanted to have a dream to remember my Angel by and now she is getting in the SUV with Dad and Mara. None of us told Dad our Lycans felt a connection to a female, Alayah did tell them about the connection she felt to all of us and I don't think either one of them was upset with finding out there was a connection between their Pups. Mara made it clear though, she would have Alayah's back no matter what and Dad will probably help her to kill us if we hurt Alayah.

I thought it was a good thing that Grandfather never told her the truth, she could have left for Blood Stone Pack to take her place as the rightful Alpha and we would have never met her the way we did. It would have been more difficult to get close enough to her for our Lycans to feel the connection and then we would have had to stay with her to form the Mate-bond, but she could have taken a chosen Mate by the time we finally had met.

However, seeing the look of hurt in her eyes, when she found out that all of us knew why Noah had lied about Blood Stone Pack, broke my heart and Khal had howled in my head. I haven't heard much from him since then and I fear he might be blocking me on purpose, blaming me for Alayah leaving us again. He had been so relieved to see her in the Alpha office, but we both knew we were in trouble when she responded to Nero calling her Angel.

I don't think I have ever heard a female talk like that, as if every emotion had left her body and I wanted to wrap my arms around her. I wanted to show her that I would keep her safe, I wanted to tell her that I would always be there for her and that she could always count on me for whatever she needed. Looks like that isn't going to happen anytime soon and all I can do is hope that she will forgive us one day.

Nathan's p.o.v.

I was confused when Yuma told me there was a connection between us, but the moment I wrapped my arms around her it felt as if I had come home and I didn't want to let her go. I wanted to keep her close to me, to be able to feel the Mate-bond form between us and don't get me started on the dream I had about her. If that dream was an indication on how our life would be together I would take it without hesitating, I still want that with Alayah.

When I heard who Alayah was and what her future was, I was torn in two. I wanted to keep it from her to protect her from males that would try to become her Mate and with what we did to her we might have accomplished that by ourselves. The other part of me wanted to tell her, to tell her she could have a completely different life if she wanted it and to tell her I would be there for her every step of the way.

I am not sure what the future for Alayah would be like if she accepted the Alpha title and I am not sure if she wants to be an Alpha, not that she wouldn't make an excellent Alpha. Fuck, the aura she released a few days ago was that of an Alpha and she doesn't even know she possesses it. What would her life be like if she had grown up in Blood Stone Pack as the heir? Would we have ever met her? Would we have ever found out she was our Mate?

I mentally shake my head to get rid of those thoughts because my main priority should be Alayah and not wondering about my life and my future, I should be thinking about the female I let walk out of my life because I didn't tell her about the connection Yuma felt between them. She is angry with us for not telling her the truth and I am not only talking about the connection between us, I am also talking about the truth about her bloodline and everything that comes with it.

I understand why Noah doesn't want Blood Stone Pack to see her, but they have a right to know their rightful Alpha is living in Crimson Moon Pack and Alayah has a right to know she has more relatives out there. Yuma hasn't said a word as those thought run through my mind and something tells me I won't hear a word from him until Alayah is back where she belongs, right here with us.

Noah's p.o.v.

I really messed this up in so many different ways and the only one I can blame is myself. I know we all feel the same about not telling her about the connection our Lycans felt with her and then the answer I gave Mara about not telling her about it, I don't even understand why I gave that answer. If I had taken a second longer to answer that question I would have known it would hurt Alayah and Topaz, but I said the first thing that popped into my mind.

I think the biggest mistake I made was lying to Dad about why I didn't want to invite Blood Stone Pack, she knew I had lied to Dad and she knew Grandma had lied to her as well. I don't remember Grandfather asking us to keep it a secret from Alayah and I wonder why he stopped Uncle Paul and Grandma from telling her anything, maybe he fears she might want the Alpha title.

Eiji and I doubt she would want the responsibility that comes with the job, she already turned down the position of Beta and she still hasn't accepted Crystal's offer to become her Beta. Even though there are some that think she has accepted the position, just because she hasn't turned it down yet. If you were to ask my opinion I think she doesn't want to be an Alpha or a Beta, she loves the job she has and I believe that is the reason she offered to help out Marc and Anton with the paperwork.

"If Grandfather didn't tell us to keep this a secret, then what are we still doing here?" Eiji asks and I thank him for opening my eyes, we need to go home to tell Alayah the truth. We need to tell her everything Grandfather told us and what that means for her. I look at my Brothers before I tell them that we are going home, "Don't tell anyone where you are going, just say you need some

air." I tell them before I walk out the door.