

Chapter 178 Disconnecting

Mara's p.o.v.

The day I had dreaded for so long finally came when Xavier told me that Crystal found her Mate in Marc from Crimson Moon Pack, a Pack that held happy memories and painful memories and I was forced to make a decision. I told Xavier that I needed to talk to Alpha Randell and without asking questions he made a call and drove me to Crimson Moon Pack, taking me back to a place I never thought I'd see again.

I was born and raised in Crimson Moon Pack, I spent many hours at the Pack-house with my best friend, Maxwell, and as we grew older I was convinced Maxwell would be my Mate. Everyone would always laugh it off, but Maxwell knew I was being serious and he would always tell me to ignore everyone. I was on cloud nine when my Wolf told me there was a connection between me and Maxwell and unlike what others believe I patiently waited for the Mate-bond to form.

I had six of the most amazing months with my Mate and then tragedy struck, even finding out I was pregnant couldn't pull me from my grief and as Alayah grew older it became even more difficult. Not only did she inherit Maxwell's hair and eye color, she also inherited his mannerisms and his quick thinking. Every day I saw and heard Maxwell when I was around Alayah, I tried to ignore the pain I felt in the first few years of her life and I thought I had learned to live with it.

How wrong had I been? After Alayah turned eight she even started to sound like him, not in voice but in the way she would respond to things happening around her. One of the things I had always loved about Maxwell and the thing I missed most about him, hearing her every day brought me back to the day I lost him over and over again. Every time I left the Pack I would visit a place Maxwell had wanted to take me and I hoped by doing this I would be able to come to terms with his death.

It took leaving my Daughter behind, cutting all ties I had to my family and a few years of talking to a therapist almost every day to get to terms with losing Maxwell. That is when I met Xavier and I found happiness again, something I thought I had lost the day I lost Maxwell. I never had the courage to tell Xavier and the Boys about Alayah and I hoped I would find the courage before I was forced to come clean about my past.

When Alpha Randell saw me stepping into his office he didn't need to ask why I was there and I could tell he was mind-linking someone. Alpha Randell understood I wanted to talk to my Daughter if she allowed me to say something and the moment she walked in I feared she would tell me to get the fuck out of her life, I couldn't and wouldn't blame her if she did.

After all, I was the one that left her behind with my Mother and I never gave her or my Mother an explanation for my behavior. I was surprised to hear she had her Lycan at the age of thirteen and she had been all alone when it happened, again I feared she would hold it against me. I was relieved to hear her say she was willing to give me a chance to build a relationship with her and I left Crimson Moon Pack feeling relieved, after I also talked to my Mother.

It didn't take long before I received a message from Alayah saying she was on her way over, Xavier and I both wondered why she was coming here and why she was on foot. The days Alayah spent with us were a rollercoaster to say the least, but I think we eased her mind when we told her we wouldn't interfere with her Mate-bond and I believe Xavier was surprised that she accepted him so easily.

Last night after Alayah went to bed Xavier and I talked about Noah's answer to my question and I can honestly tell you I have never seen him this disappointed in his Sons, I really mean all of them because no one corrected Noah. Neither one of us could understand why Noah made it sound as if he doubted it was a true Mate-bond, but both of us hoped it wouldn't hurt Alayah in the long run and when we finally went to bed I was curious how the meeting would go.

That was one shitshow as you might recall, Noah apparently lied to Xavier about why he didn't want Blood Stone Pack to get an invitation and then I find out my Mother also lied to Alayah. Driving back to Autumn Pack I noticed that she would answer questions that didn't concern her family or friends, to the question how she was feeling about the situation she didn't respond at all and as she walked past Beta Jacob he looked at me as he asked what was going on.

Xavier decided to tell them what was going on and I followed Alayah up the stairs to the Gamma floor, she walked into her room to lay down on her bed. Every once in a while I would check up on her, but I didn't get any response from her and I had to shake her shoulder to make sure she came down to the dining room with me.

During lunch everyone can tell she isn't there, but thank the Goddess she is eating. A Pack Elder tells me that this reminds him of a story his Mother told him and he asks me if she has ever done this before, I tell him I will call my Mother to ask. If Mom knew this could happen to Alayah because of what they did, I am going to keep my Daughter with me and follow her wherever she wants to go. I just hope that she will wait until Nero has taken over from Xavier, it will make traveling a lot easier.

Xavier and I follow Alayah back up the stairs as I call my Mother and the moment she answers I ask her what is going on with Alayah, "She has probably shut of her feelings to go through her memories to make sense of it, she will be like this until she has figured out what to do and it isn't always a good outcome. I have seen her like this only three times in her live and the first time it turned out just fine, the other two times it resulted in her to never talk to the person involved again." Mom says to me.

"Did you know this could happen when you answered her question with a lie, Mom?" I ask as Xavier and I follow her to her bedroom. "It only happens when her emotions are already running wild and I doubt finding a thief causes that much emotion to be running through her." Mom answers and I look at Xavier before I turn my attention back to the phone call.

"MOM, ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME!" I yell through the phone, "Mom, her emotions were on a rollercoaster. She found out there is a connection between her and her Stepbrothers, then one of them has the guts to say that he didn't feel a connection and then to make matters worse he made it sound as if he thought it was a false Mate-bond. Now tell me if there weren't enough emotions running through my Daughter to cause her to shut down BECAUSE YOU FUCKING LIED TO HER." I don't wait for a responds as I disconnect the call.