

Chapter 23 Storytime

Aspen's P.O.V.

I feel for my Daughter as she tells Daniel why she growled and why she left the room, I never knew this had been bothering her. I know she is smarter than most, I know she has no filter and I know that she is very strong, but I never realized it was troubling her.

"Princess, thank you for explaining yourself. I will do my best to keep in mind that I should listen to you and not treat you like a little Pup. It will not always be easy for me and I need you to bear with me, to explain things to me.

I need you to always be honest with me and I will make sure that you are always heard." Daniel says to her and she tells him that she will always tell him what is troubling her, that she will always be honest with him.

"Daniel, I asked Hunter to explain to all of you a few things about my family. I can't do it, because it causes me too much stress and I don't want to go down that road ever again." I say as I keep my eyes on my hands.

Daniel puts his hand over mine and I feel my nerves calming down at his touch. Hunter gets up from his lap and he quickly pulls me on to his lap, wrapping his arms around me.

I see Brent and Gabe sitting close together on a couch to my right, while the boys are slouching in armchairs and Hunter lies down on the couch to my left. She is staring at the ceiling and I see her clenching her jaw.

This will not be an easy subject for either one of us to talk about, but Hunter knows this is more difficult for me and I am grateful that she is willing to talk about this.

"My grandmother was born to a Gamma Father and a Mother with an Alpha bloodline. Her Mother raised her to be a spoiled little brat, she was raised with the believe that she would bring status to her family.

Her Mother always told her she was expected to be mated to an Alpha and her entire life she believed that she would find him on the Harvest Moon following her eighteenth birthday.

For the Harvest Moon the Alpha had invited four Alpha's from neighboring Packs and my Grandmother had already decided that her Mate would be the Alpha of the largest Werewolf Pack.

Unfortunately the Goddess was not on her side that night, the Alpha she had set her mind on was mated to her Alpha's youngest Sister. The Alpha also had three Daughters and their Mates were the other invited Alphas.

Grandmother was furious to say the least, but had high hopes for the next Harvest Moon. Unfortunately the Goddess had other plans for Grandmother, because every year after that the invited Alphas would find their Mate and it was never her."

I get her attention by holding a plate of food in her line of sight and she slowly sits up straight, taking the plate from my hand. We eat in silence as each of them is processing what Hunter has said so far.

Justin is the first to finish eating and after he sets his plate on the tray he sits down next Hunter. He puts his arm around her shoulder and whispers in her ear, making her giggle as she finishes her food.

Jayce takes her plate and places it on the tray with his own, before he sits down again. Hunter lies back down on the couch, this time with her head on Justin's lap and he holds her hand as she stares up at the ceiling again.

"After ten Harvest Moons of not finding her Mate, Grandmother was fed up and wanted to give up. Her Mother wouldn't hear of it and when the Alpha told her that he was invited to a Harvest Moon party she made sure that my Grandmother tagged along.

What the Alpha had not mentioned was that this Pack had a rather strange look on fated Mates and how to mark one another. In this Pack it was forbidden to take a chosen Mate and for that reason every marking happened in front of the entire Pack.

It was forbidden to reject your fated Mate and anyone attending the Harvest Moon party was to abide by that law. Grandmother had to sign a contract, but she didn't read it before she signed it and with that she sealed her fate.

This Pack was a mix of Werewolves and Lycans, Grandmother loathed Lycans as she was raised that they were vicious and that they abused their Mates. She was raised to believe that they cheated on their Mates.

As she made her way around the Pack-house she was followed around by a Lycan and every chance she got she made it clear she loathed him. He never responded to any of her stabbing remarks, he just looked at her with a knowing look on his face.

Grandmother made sure she knew every Alpha that was invited as she stayed near her Alpha as soon as the party had started and when the Moon was at its highest peak, she found her Mate." She falls silent and lets everyone think about what she had said.

Hunter's P.O.V.

Normally telling this story gets on my nerves, but with Justin holding my hand I feel strangely calm and I am grateful for his support. He had whispered to me that he would be here every step of the way.

"Her Mate was the man who had been following her around and he was just a Warrior within that Pack. He grabbed her and pulled her in front of his Alpha, claiming her as his Mate.

When his Alpha asked her if he was telling the truth she confirmed it, but before she could say anything about it he marked her and his Alpha order her to mark him after that.

Her Alpha went home and told her parents that she had found her Mate, but when her Mother heard he was just a Warrior she lost it. She screamed at the Alpha and when he tried to calm her down she attacked him, he killed her before she could do any damage.

Even though Grandfather and every other Lycan in the Pack weren't what Grandmother expected, she never gave up on her hate for Lycans. Grandfather tried his best to show her what she meant to him, but it was no use.

Knowing she could not fight the bond he took advantage of that and when she got pregnant he made sure she was watched twenty-four seven. Mom was raised by Grandfather, because Grandmother blamed the both of them for ruining her life.

Grandmother told this story to Mom over and over again, telling her she would abandon her the first chance she would get. Grandfather died when Mom was five years old and Grandmother moved to a Pack that didn't except Lycan Mates.

She never told anyone about the Pack she came from or who her Mate had been, Mom was talked down to by Grandmother and the Alpha didn't stop her. He had been without a Mate for a few years already and Grandmother set her eyes on him.

She got him in her bed and soon he marked her as his Luna, when their Son was born there was no more room for Mom. She was sent to live with the Omegas of the Pack and Grandmother would mock her and put her down every chance she got.

Grandmother never gave a damn about Mom and sold her out the first chance she got. It was the best and the worst thing that could have happened to Mom, she got rid of Grandmother and she had me." Tears are rolling down my face and I see Jason's face above me as he wipes the tears from my cheeks.

"Once Grandmother finds out who Mom is mated to she will be showing up, because a year after Mom was sent away the Alpha rejected Grandmother and sent her away.

The Council sent her back to Grandfather's Pack and she has been miserable ever since. Looks like the Goddess has never been on Grandmother's side." Jason and Justin smile down on me and I smile back at them.