

Chapter 258 One Of Both

Nero's p.o.v.

I am glad these trials are over, but I know we still have a lot to handle in the near future. I also fear that these trials won't be the last we will have to go through, because I doubt anyone will stop rejecting their Mate.

The trials were broadcasted live and we know that almost everyone saw at least one of them. It was a warning for those that still haven't accepted their Mate's rejection and a warning for those that might reject or get rejected by their Mate in the future.

Brock and Diya have decided to take things slow, Brock wants her to make the decision on when they will mark and mate.

"Grandma, stop. Maxie is right. Mice meet you. Me Maxie, you?" He says and I hear Grandma correct him, but I think she would have more luck if she talked to a tree.

Noah is just shaking his head, this has been a recurring ritual in the morning. Grandma tries to get our Pups to say Nice instead of Mice, but so far it isn't working and something tells me that it will take a while before either one of our Pups is willing to say it correctly.

Nathan and Alayah look as if they know a secret and then it hits me, our Pups are pulling Grandma's chain. Oh My, if she ever finds out, she is going to make them pay for it.

We fall back into our routine, going through the files from our Archive and preparing a case against a Pack's leadership or Pack-members. With our Beta and Gamma mated, we have an even larger team to go through the files and Harper seems to have an keen eye for deception.

She asks questions about files that I never thought of and even Alayah stares at her from time to time, but we are all grateful for her to be part of our team.

The Elders finally agreed to drop the Mate meetings, but they did have a request. Blood Stone Pack has to hold a Mating Ball once a year and every Pack gets invited with their unmated Pack-members. They still want to give everyone a chance to find their true Mate-bond and Alayah had to think about it for a few days.

Diya gave her a solution to the biggest objection Alayah had, to make it a week long meeting and conclude it with a Ball. On Sunday the Packs will arrive here to have a formal dinner, it will give everyone a chance to find out if there is a connection with someone and starting Monday there will be opportunities to have meetings between Packs for a variety of reasons.

It will also give everyone a chance to form a Mate-bond or to break the connection before a Mate-bond can be formed. Our Elite Warriors are trained in seeing the signs of a connection and they will report them to us, so we can keep an eye on things.

Our first meeting will be in six months and Mom is busy with the preparations. Mom took those responsibilities away from Alayah, because she felt it was best for Alayah to concentrate on more important tasks as an Alpha.

We believe she also does it to keep herself busy, Maxwell and Cassandra spend more time with Grandma and there isn't much else for her to do. At least not until there are other Pups to look after and so far no one in our leadership is expecting a Pup.

Days stretch into weeks and the weeks stretch into months. We are constantly traveling, either to pass judgment on the crimes that were committed or to make sure that a rejection gets accepted.

If anyone comments on our Mate-bond, Alayah no longer responds. She made the decision to ignore it all together, but I can feel through our Mate-bond that she still doesn't like it when someone questions our Mate-bond and I am waiting for the day that she will snap.

"Princess, what is wrong?" Noah asks and we all stare in his direction. I try to feel her emotions through our bond, but I come up short and I think this is why Noah asked what was wrong.

"I think we need to get the twins another room or we have to find an other room to function as a nursery." Alayah says and like last time, Nikolay runs out of our private living room.

"He does know he can just link Doc?" Nathan asks and the four of us laugh at Nikolay's expense.

We wait until Nikolay returns, but instead of Doc, Nako follows him into the living room. It seems that every time someone is in need of medical assistance, Nikolay gets Nako to take care of it and I believe it is his way of showing her that she is a part of this family.

Nako checks Alayah's vitals as she asks questions and Alayah answers each of them. "Sounds like we will be welcoming a new Pack-member in a few months. Come to my office some time this week, just to make an ultrasound and to be sure about your due date." Nako says, before she walks out of the room.

After announcing our pregnancy, we find out that Harper and Janina are also expecting and Harper probably broke Anton. He hasn't moved an inch or said a word, since she told us that she is due in two months.

"We can start with getting everything ready for Harper and Anton, than we can concentrate on getting our nursery done. I mean, there will be about a month between their Cub and our Kitten." Bastian says and now I think he broke a few others.

Grandma explains to Maxwell and Cassandra the difference in length of a pregnancy and that it will be a surprise to find out if they are having Pups or not.

"I want Kitten." Cassandra says as she leans closer to Janina's belly and Bastian is all smiles. Maxwell is more interested in Harper's belly and I look at both our Pups in shock.

"Do you think they don't want a baby Brother or baby Sister?" Noah asks and both our Pups turn to their Mom. They look at her as if they don't trust what their Father is saying and I can't blame them, because Noah has tried to trick them before.

Alayah gestures for them to come closer and she places their ear on her belly, both their eyes widening. "Thub." "Thub." "Thub." Both of them say and we all understand that Alayah is further along than we had suspected.

The next second they are arguing about the gender, Maxwell wants a baby Brother and Cassandra wants a baby Sister.

None of us have a preference for a boy or a girl and maybe we will have one of both again.