

Chapter 34

Dimitri

She was killing me, and she didn't even realize it. I shouldn't... no, I couldn't. Lily wasn't in her right mind; she was driven by her heat. This wasn't her.

"It's part of her. Aya told me about all her fantasies. She totally wants this."

"You're not helping!"

"Come on Dimitri. Show me what my Alpha can do." Lily whispered and I almost lost it. The amount of restraint I was showing right now was nothing short of heroic. Thank the Goddess I was wearing pants; My go-to was just a pair of boxers.

"Lily, we're not. Not for your first time, not like this." I tried to be firm, but somehow my tone came off as more of a plea.

"How do you know it's my first time?"

I growled and she giggled.

"I'm kidding. I've never had sex. Never even been kissed. You could change that though." She ran her hand down my shoulders and over my chest. I caught her wrists and sat up, looking her in the eye.

"I plan to. But not tonight."

Pain flashed across her features. Fuck. I wanted to help her, so damn badly, but if I did, she'd be pissed at me later. I knew she didn't really want this, not now. She only agreed to come to my room because I hadn't given her a choice; there was no way I was taking advantage of her heat.

"It hurts." She whimpered.

"I know. I'll start a shower for you, and then Thara can bring you something-"

"You don't want me."

I saw the pain in her eyes, and I knew it wasn't her heat now.

"That's not why I'm saying no Lily. You'll regret it, later."

"How do you know?" She spat.

"I just know."

She scoffed loudly, looking away from me. "I guess I shouldn't be surprised. You are the one who refused to kiss me after all. Twice."

"Really Lily?"

Yanking her wrists out of my grasp, she hopped off the bed and stalked to the bathroom. A minute later, I heard the shower running. Falling back on my pillows, I covered my face with my hands. The scent of her arousal was thick in the room, drowning me. On top of that, my dick was painfully hard, and all I could think about was joining her in that shower. Ajax was all for it, making me growl.

"You know we can't. Stop being such a horny beast."

"You were the one who told Thara you'd claim her when she healed."

Shame ran through me as I remembered that.

"Well, I changed my mind."

"She just threw herself at you! What more did you need?"

"For her judgement not to be clouded. You're no better than her right now, so I'm ignoring you before you make me do something stupid."

Effectively blocking him out, I grabbed my pillow and some clothes and quietly left the room, mind-linking Thara to bring Lily something for her pain. When I reached Bens room, he was already awake.

"Hey? Something up?" He let me in, taking in my state of undress and pillow.

"Lilys in heat." I grouched.

He raised an eyebrow. "So why are you here?"

"Because if I stay there, she's probably going to pounce on me again."

"She's in your room?"

I nodded. "I moved her last night."

Ben let out a low whistle. "Damn, if that doesn't qualify you to be Alpha..."

"Shut up Ben."

"I'm just saying-"

"Ben."

He chuckled, holding his hands up. "You get the room to yourself. I was just checking my things over, and then I'm heading out."

"Kay. Be careful. And come back."

"You sound like my mate now. You want me to bring you your favorite cookies on the way back?"

"Fuck off. I just don't want the hassle of replacing you."

"Thought you said I was irreplaceable?"

Picking up my pillow, I chucked it at his head. He caught it, tossing it back. I watched him pack the maps Luke drew up, his phone and various snacks and water bottles into a hiking pack; He gave me a salute and a, "Wish me luck!", before he left. Like a kid going to college for the first time.

Rubbing my eyes, I sat on his bed. I hoped Ben found a witch willing to help us. It was a long shot; we all knew that. But Lilys safety had become a top priority to me, something I had not anticipated. Which brought my thoughts circling back to the girl upstairs, who was probably super pissed at me for leaving. If I remembered correctly, her heat should only last a day. Maybe two, because it was it her first. And what a time for it to happen.

I'd have to make sure someone stayed with her, Hazel or Thara. She couldn't be around the unmated males in the pack. Thara wasn't stupid though- she knew that. I trusted her to make it happen. Since training was obviously out of the question, I decided to go back to sleep. It was rare I got the chance to sleep in, and I was going to take advantage of it.

My dreams stared around Lily and her little show earlier. This time, I didn't say no. I gave her exactly what she wanted, watching the pleasure on her face and listening to her call my name.

"Oh... Dimitri..."

"Dimitri... Dimitri..."

"Dimitri! Wake up!"

My eyes opened, my body shooting up. "What? What?"

"Calm down, it's just me."

Thara was standing beside the bed, an amused look on her face. I rubbed the sleep from my eyes.

"What time is it?"

"Two."

I blinked at her. "Shit." I sighed.

"Don't worry, nothing important has happened today."

I stretched, climbing out of bed. Thara tossed me my shirt.

"Thanks. How's Lily?"

She smirked. "Angry. But not in pain. Hazel is with her."

"Good."

She continued to stare at me and it was getting annoying. "Can you stop?"
I grumbled.

"I can't help it. Part of me wants to laugh, but the other part is proud."

"Proud?"

"Bro, never in a million years would I have thought you, of all people, would walk away from a she-wolf in heat. The fact that it was your mate is even more shocking. But yes, I am proud of you. You didn't take advantage of her."

"I wouldn't do that."

Thara pursed her lips. "No offence... but there was a time not so long ago when I believed you would."

An argument sat on my tongue, but I killed it. She was right, and I couldn't deny it.

"Things are different now." I mumbled instead.

"I know. Lily told us all about your beach day." She plopped down on the bed I'd vacated. "What else do you planned?"

"Uh..." I rubbed the back of my neck. "I'm not sure? The beach was kind of a spur-of-the-moment thing."

"Well, think it about it. She can't go anywhere for a while anyways. And, like I said, she's angry at you."

I cringed internally. "How angry would you say?"

"She may have threatened to let her wolf out on you. But that's just the heat talking." She waved her hand, but I gulped. Was Aya mad at Ajax too?

"Oh yeah. I'm officially in the dog house." He whined.

"Poor guy."

"I'm heading back up. If I were you, I'd confine yourself to your office or in here." She laughed.

"That was the plan."

"Dimitri?"

"Yeah?"

Thara threw her arms around me, forcing me to take a step back. I awkwardly patted her back. She hadn't hugged me in.... When was the last time? Maybe at mom and dad's funeral?

"What was that for?" I asked when she let me go.

"Because I'm happy for you. For both of you."

"Nothing is even going on yet."

"Yet." She grinned.

She left cheerfully, promising to update me on Lily when she could. I took a minute to bask in the realization that what I'd said was the truth. I planned on having Lily, on making her happy. I'd finally accepted my mate, finally accepted that I wanted her. My eyes caught a paper blowing in the wind through the window, Bens's calendar. Two days until my parents' anniversary. I knew what I wanted to tell them this year, and I had a feeling it would make them happy. Make them proud.

