

Chapter 6 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON'S POV

After I crawled my aching body into bed , my eyes locked with Emily's brown orbs , concern filled them as she stared at me but I couldn't keep my eyes open even if my life depended on it and I fell asleep right away while she was still asking if I was alright .

As the sun beams of dawn shined into the room , my eyes fluttered open on instinct , Emily was asleep so I stood up as quietly as possible , pulling on a black vest with my black running trunks and my black nikes and silently slipped out of the room without a sound , I didn't want to wake her up as I had no idea when she had fallen asleep .

I hope I didn't keep her up all night .

I jogged down the steps and right out of the front door , sprinting forward as I begin my jog around the pack lands .

After two hours of running , my muscles are tight and my breathing heavy as I make my way up the porch steps and as I enter the house , Emily sat on the little bench , waiting for me .

Her little foot was tapping uncontrollably as her fingers picked at each other .

"You're back ." Her lips were pressed in a thin line as she smiles . She stands to her feet and I felt my heart sinking at her beautiful appearance , even if she only wore a silk gown and her blonde hair was hanging down her shoulders .

She is the definition of beauty .

"Hi ." I breath out , cupping her cheeks and I bring her into my embrace , she stood on her toes , wanting to kiss me but I just couldn't , so I kissed her forehead instead .

I couldn't kiss her , thinking of causing Heaven - Leigh even more pain , it was hurting me too .

She slightly pulls her face in disgust .

Was she mad or do I stink ?

“I have things to do today .” I sigh as I step back and she frowns , her lip pouting .

“Like ?” She asks and I could smell how nervous she is .

“You know .” I sigh and her eyes flick down to the floor .

“Can I come ?”

“No . I can’t risk it . She will kill you . You need to stay here , please .” I take her hand and her lip trembles . She really doesn’t like it when I tell her no .

“I don’t like it . I don’t want you to be alone with her .” She fiddles with her silk gown .

Jealousy looks cute on her .

“I know , but I can’t risk your life . You’re my Luna and this pack needs you , alive .” I try to convince her to stay .

“And this pack needs their Alpha alive too .” She argues with me .

“And I will be . I am her mate and she won’t kill me , but you ? She’ll kill you out of jealousy and I won’t ever live with myself if that happened .” I cup her cheek with my hand and she leans into my touch , she sighs , nodding her head .

Thank god , she usually doesn’t listen .

“I need to go shower .” I mutter and she follows me back to our room .

“I’ll be quick .” I say as I walk into the bathroom , but I hear her foot steps follow me .

As I turn to her , taking off my shirt , her eyes trail over my bare chest and she loosens the rope of her robe and she lets it fall to the ground , her naked body completely exposed to me and I bite down on my lip .

Fuck she’s hot .

“I don’t have time .” I groan as I take off my shorts and shoes , stepping into the shower .

“I don’t know what you’re talking about , I need a shower too .” She smiles seductively as she stalks towards me .

She’s looks so innocent , yet plays so dirty .

“Okay .” I mutter , opening the faucet and I stand under the cold water , letting it cool me down .

“That’s cold !” Emily shrieks and I chuckle as I open the warm water a little bit more , it made the water turn warm faster .

She smiles and her arms wrap around my waist from the back , her hands resting on my abdomen and they slid down , her hands wrapping around my manhood and a groan escapes my lips as she twists her wrist and I grab her arm , turning around and I look down at her through hooded eyes .

“I said I don’t have time .” I grit out , brushing past her and leaving her dumbfounded .

She can be mad right now , but I can’t fuck her knowing I’m hurting my mate .

I’ll make it up to her later , when the bond is broken and all of this is over .

“Grayson !” She yells angrily but I ignore her , knowing what I’d do if I turn around now and look at her soaked naked body .

“What is going on with you ?” Emily asks as she walks out of the bathroom , her towel wrapped around her tiny frame .

I sigh as I pull my white sweatshirt over my head and zip up my black jeans .

“I’m in a hurry Em . I just need to get this over with .” I explain and I could feel her glare on the back of my head as I pull on my all stars .

“No , since you met her , you haven’t kissed me .” Her voice croaks out and I feel like yelling at her .

“Because I’m in pain Emily !” I say a little too loud and her eyes start to water .

“What pain ? Because you want her ?” She accuses me and my head falls as I look to the floor , shaking my head .

I didn’t want her .

But it was hard to look at Emily when all I could think about was Heaven - Leigh .

“I don’t . Do you know what even happened last night ?” I ask and she bit her bottom lip , shaking her head .

“No .” She sighs .

“She was spiteful , she fucked some one else just to cause me pain , for revenge ! I can’t let that happen again . If people find out , they’ll challenge me , they’ll attack the pack and when I’m in this pain , I feel lost . I wanted to rip your head off last night , that’s how much control she has and I’m not having it . Nobody messes around with me .” I explain and she gulps , nodding her head .

“So I’ll see you soon and I promise I’ll make it up to you .” I sigh before leaving the room , not looking at her .

I sit in my car in front of the Argent’s pack house , pulling all the confidence I have together before getting out and walking up the patio steps , the guards let me past and I’m glad Alpha Raymond didn’t stop me from coming here .

I lift my hand , about to knock when the door flies open and Heaven - Leigh stands in the door way , her face pale .

“I was about to knock .” I mutter nervously , her gorgeous green eyes looking as beautiful as the forest as the sun shines on it .

“Try again .” she mutters sarcastically and a frown forms on my face , but before I could ask her to explain , she slams the door in my face and I shut my eyes , trying to control the anger that was threatening to explode in my chest .

Do I just barge into this house and drag her by the hair or do I knock ?

Fuck sakes , this is awkward as hell .

I lift my hand , knocking harder and the door flies open , I was kind of surprised when another girl opened up .

“Hi , I’m looking for Heaven - Leigh .” I mutter as I try to smile and the girl froze , looking back before her eyes find mine again .

“I’m sorry sir , she just left .” She muttered softly and I frown .

She left ? That quickly ?

“What ?” I bellow angrily , my eyes flicking red accidentally and her eyes widen , looking down to the floor before she bowed .

“I’m sorry Alpha . I’ll inform the Alpha and Luna you are here .” She whimpers before scurrying away towards the spiral stairs .

Do I go in ?

Do I stay outside ?

I sigh , stepping inside and I close the door , standing with my hands behind my back , glancing around the white interior .

Perhaps her parents chose her name because they like white ?

I sigh as I think of her name , it's so pure and she's so .. frustrating .

“Grayson , how can I help ?” Alpha Raymond comes down the stairs , Luna Gina following suite .

“I'm here for Heaven - Leigh , but a little servant said she left .” I grit out , trying to control my anger .

“What ?” Luna Gina frowns , pulling out her phone and struts off towards another room .

“Well then stay and wait for her , she can't run around forever .” Alpha Raymond insisted and I nod .

“Come , let me show you her room and you can wait there .” Alpha Raymond gestures towards the stairs and I follow him up the steps to the fourth floor .

“The only door to your left .” Alpha Raymond nods before giving me a small smile and he walked further up the stairs .

How many damn floors do these people have ?

I take a deep breath in before walking down the hall , everything smelled like her .

I pause as I stand in front of her door , looking at the door knob before I pull it down , pushing it open and I freeze as my eyes meet hers . I felt so angry , but her scent is everywhere and it's intoxicating .

“There you are .” I smirk , I thought she really left .

“Get out .” She growls and another girl with light brown hair stands from the bed .

“And who are you ?” She snarls and I step forward , wanting to rip her throat out because of her tone , but Heaven - Leigh steps in front of her , her eyes flicking bright red .

“Back the fuck up .” She growls and I take in a deep breath , controlling my anger .

“Let's get back to business then .” I smirk and her face pales .

“Shut up .” She demands .

“No , you shut up and let me do this !” I growl .

“What the hell is going on ?” The girl asks and my eyes flick red as I glare at her .

Who does she think she is ?

“You’re a ..” her eyes widen with fear .

“An Alpha , so shut your trap .” I demand in my Alpha voice and she clutches Heaven - Leigh’s hand .

Finally .

My eyes flick over to Heaven - Leigh and she bites down on her bottom lip .

“I ..” I gulp , why can’t I say it ?

No , say it — for Emily .

“I , Grayson Coffin , future alpha of the ..” I began , but that girl opens her mouth again .

“He’s your mate ?” She freaks and Heaven - Leigh sighs , turning to look at her .

“Mia ..” she sighs .

“And you didn’t tell me ?” She asks offensively .

A deadly growl escapes my lips and both their heads snap into my direction .

“Shut up !” I growl and Heaven - Leigh snarls at me .

“How about you shut up and leave ?” She snaps and a low chuckle escapes my lips .

“You know I can’t do that . I have things to do , well someone to do — and I can’t quite do it while I’m bonded with you .” I glare at her and a smirk tugs at the edges of her lips .

“Can’t get me out of your head ?” She smirks and I run a frustrating hand through my hair .

“I’m about to fix that .” I cock my head at her and her smirk faded away . I notice her throat tightening as she gulps , her neck is so long , the skin looking so smooth — I had the urge to close the distance between us and crash my mouth to her neck .

Wait ? What ?

I don’t want to do that .

I love Emily .

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HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

I blankly stare into his grey orbs , the sun beams shining into his eyes , making the colour almost see through .

“Then fix it .” My eyebrow raising as I challenge him , instantly a regretting the words as they leave my mouth . I know I should probably beg him not to and try to convince him that I am the one for him , but my ego just doesn't work like that .

My palms start to sweat uncontrollably and I rub my hands against my jeans nervously .

A smirk pulls at the edges of his soft looking lips and I muffle a groan at his handsome appearance , my whole body felt on fire as his eyes trail over the length of my body .

“Right .” He clears his throat .

“I , Grayson Coffin , future alpha of ..” he says seriously and I couldn't stop the laugh that tore through my throat .

This didn't feel real , it felt like a joke .

Just like my mate bond , it's a joke to him .

So this rejection is going to be a joke to me .

“What is so funny ?” He asks , his eyebrows furrowing together as his eyes narrow into slits , glaring at me with anger swirling in his grey orbs .

“This .” I shrug as my finger flicks between the two of us .

“Mia , could you just give us a second ?” I glance back at my dumbfounded best friend who had worry written all over her face .

“Uh , are you sure ?” She asks nervously , her eyes wide . I nod and she glares at Grayson before turning and walking out of the room .

“Scared I might hurt her ?” He smirks and I scoff .

Who does this guy think he is ?

“You can’t hurt her even if you tried .” I shrug confidently as I grin at him .

“Oh really ? Why is that ?” He cocks his head at me , raising a eyebrow challengingly and I had the urge to break his leg .

“Because I’d literally punch a hole through your chest and tightly grip my fingers around your heart and pull it out of your chest before you could even think about laying a finger on her .” I threaten as I step closer to him , my hand trailing over his hard chest where I could feel his heart beat rapidly .

Good , he reacts to my touch .

I didn’t care who he was to me , Mia always comes first .

She is my family .

He chuckles as his eyebrows slightly raises in amusement .

“You think you can rip my heart out ?” He grins as his hand wraps around my wrist tightly and I knew he could feel my pulse beating through the roof as he rubbed his thumb of my wrist slowly and painfully comfortable .

“I think I can rip your balls off too .” I grit out as I tug my wrist free out of his grasp . His eyebrows furrow together at my statement .

“Watch your mouth .” He growls lowly .

Great , he didn’t like my language .

“Watch your head .” I smirk and he frowns in confusion before I shove both my hands against his chest , hard and he stumbles back , falling , hitting his head against the wall before I dart out of the room .

“Heaven - Leigh !” I hear him growl angrily as I get to the stairs .

He emerges out of my room , his hair messy , his eyes dark from afar and I could see it flicker between grey and red .

“Catch me if you can .” I tease as a devilish grin tugs at the edges of my lips .

This was probably the worst idea ever , but who cares ?

“Don’t . Stop running and face this .” He snarls demandingly as he points to the ground right in front of him .

“You don’t control me .” I shrug before darting down the steps , his foot steps heavy as I hear him chase me down the spiral stairs .

As I reach the bottom , I freeze as I meet the cold green eyes of my heartless mother .

“There you are .” She snarls , her eyes flicking up behind me and I could feel the hair on my neck standing up .

“Grayson , I’m glad you found her .” My mother smiles , a real smile and I muffle the growl threatening to rip through my throat .

How could my own mother look so happy knowing what Grayson wants to do ? I swear she lives to see me get hurt .

“Yeah , been in her room all along .” He shrugs , I could hear his foot steps coming closer .

“I’ll leave you two be .” She smiles , waving at us before she walks towards the stairs .

Goddess , someone save me from this .

My eyes flutter shut as he walks around me , his fingers grazing my shoulder as I inwardly groan at the sizzling of sparks erupting where his fingers touch my bare skin .

I gulp down the lump forming in my throat as he stops in front of me , his dark brown hair brushed back by his fingers , his grey eyes boring into my green ones .

His lips are slightly parted as if he wanted to speak , but the ringing of his phone erupted him .

A annoyed sigh escapes his lips , his eyes narrowing into slits as he slips his hand into his pocket , lifting his phone to his ear , his eyes still locked on me , as if ensuring that I don’t go anywhere .

“Yes ?” He asks in a rude tone and I listen in on the conversation .

“Where are you ?” His father asks in a furious tone .

“Where do you think I am ?” Grayson scoffs .

He really isn’t afraid of his dad .

“Son , rethink this . I heard by Alpha Raymond that she’s the first born Grayson , a first born female in an Alpha bloodline . Do you understand how special she is ?” His father says and I bite down on my teeth . His father was right , but I did not want Grayson to want me because of power , I want him to want me for me , because I’m his mate , not that little blonde bitch Emily .

Why can’t he just accept me ?

“Dad , I am in love with Emily . I’m not giving her up !” Grayson growls , his words shattering my heart again as he turns away , his hand running through his dark hair and I glance around us , slowly backing up into the kitchen as I notice that he’s distracted . I slip into the kitchen , climbing onto the counter next to the sink and slowly slide the window up . I bite down on my teeth as it made a creaking sound and opened it faster . If it was going to make noise , then I should be quicker than what I am . I hurriedly put one leg through and then the other .

I jump when I hear Grayson call my name angrily and I land on my hands and knees . I scurry to my feet as I dart towards the small village of people .

I run into the forest side , standing behind a tree where I could watch the pack house from and I see Grayson walking out of the house , his eyes trailing around the place before he struts to his car , getting in and driving off .

A breath of relief escapes my mouth as I watch him drive off of our lands .

He can honestly go and screw himself if he thinks he can just come to my home and reject me ? He must think I’m stupid , honestly . I know every inch of this house and I can escape as easily as he comes .

My phone in my pocket starts ringing and I look at the caller ID , Mia .

I answer the phone as I slowly make my way back towards the house , wanting to have a little chat with my parents .

“Where are you ?” She asks curiously .

“On my way back to the house , why ?”

“Because you’re not in your room and I thought .. are you okay ?” She asks worriedly .

She’s too kind for this world .

“If you meant to ask if he rejected me , he didn’t . I ran .” I chuckle lightly at my success .

“So you are okay ?” She asks again .

“I’m fine . I just need to have a chat with my parents and then I’ll meet you in your room ?”

“Yeah okay , I’ll wait .” She shrugs before I end the call .

I strut into my father’s office without knocking and his eyes flick up from the paperwork in front of him .

“You know you should knock .” My mother snarls as she sat on the opposite side of him , working on her laptop , but her back was slightly twisted as she looked back at me .

“Oh , I’m sorry .” I roll my eyes , walking to the couch and I plop down onto it .

“Sorry ?” My father chuckles , watching me through hooded eyes . He didn’t find my attitude amusing at all .

“I want Grayson banded from our pack . He is not to enter .” I demand as I pick the dirt out from underneath my nails .

“It’s not your call .” My mother scoffs .

“It is .” I snap at her .

“Dear , if he wants to reject you .. you can’t do anything about it .” My father sighs hopelessly .

“I can not let him .” I shrug .

“He doesn’t love you , you little brat . Stop being selfish and let the boy move on .” My mother mutters and I roll my eyes as I ignore her comment .

“Father , please . I just need time .” I plead , his eyes flicking to my mother who cocks her head at him and he let out a sigh .

“Yes fine . I’ll let Henric know .”

Relief washes over me as I stand up .

“I’ll let him know .” I smile as I walk to the door .

“Thank you .” I sigh as I turn to look at him before leaving .

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Chapter 8 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON’S POV

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Walking in into the house , I see my father awaiting for my arrival , anxiously pacing up and down in the foyer . I stood in the door , frowning as I watch him with curious eyes .

He seriously needs to calm the fuck down .

“What has gotten into you ?” I ask him , my eyebrows knitted together as I frown at my father , the man who understood my situation — and now all of a sudden , he changes his mind like I didn’t even matter to him .

“Grayson , you can’t reject your true mate .” The words fly out of my father’s mouth as if it didn’t hurt my feelings .

Is he kidding ?

He better fucking be .

“Excuse me ?” I chuckle , but there was no hint of humour laced in my voice . I was beyond furious with him .

“You have to listen to me , your mate is rare Grayson . There has never been a first born female alpha , ever . Don’t you get that ?” My father speaks so highly of her , it disgusts me . She disgusts me .

“What is so special about her ?” I scoff . I didn’t quite know why I asked , it didn’t really bother me in the first place .

If she is so rare , put a crown on her head and call her queen , but I would never choose anyone over Emily .

I wasn’t interested in Heaven - Leigh , all I want is Emily and I’m going to make sure I get what I want .

“The legend says that she , who was born first in the Alpha line , has strength that not even the strongest Alpha male possesses , she has speed that not even the fastest warrior can beat , her wolf colour is exceptional already , nothing like I have ever seen . Any male would kill to have her , to add her strength to the pack would mean that we will be the strongest . She can make you strong Grayson .” My father spirals as he talks , his eyes looking crazy and hungry for power .

Is that all what I am to him ?

A power grab ?

“I don’t want her . I love Emily .” I grit out as I glare at him .

“Grayson your duty is to this pack !” My father bellows angrily .

The pack , right . But the pack loves Emily .

“And to my Luna ! Emily !” I growl and my father shakes his head in disappointment . His eyes flutters shut as he tries to contain his anger .

“Emily is a lovely girl , but she’s an omega Grayson , her yellow eyes would never truly turn red like ours , only those of rank can shift from beta or gamma to Alpha , but never an omega .” My father sighs .

He’s such a liar , the pack already accepted her and I certainly don’t give a shit about what her eye colour looks like , my heir will have red eyes like me . With my blood running through his veins , he will be an alpha .

“It doesn’t matter , plus the pack loves her . I love her and I really thought you guys did too .” I shake my head at him .

Every bone in my body wants to launch at him , beat him until he takes his words back into his mouth and apologise — which he never does .

“We do Grayson , but your duty is to this pack and we have no shortage of enemies . Please son , reconsider .” My father sighs as he walks away and I felt infuriated , how many times do I have to tell him that I will reject Heaven - Leigh , that I will marry and mark Emily as my own true mate , that she would be the mother of my heirs .

He’s just hung up on power , I bet he’ll get over it and I’m sure as hell that he would have to deal with it when I reject her behind his back anyways .

What can he do ? Kick me out ?

I am this pack’s future .

Not him and certainly not her .

I scoff , my head turning to the stairs as I hear light foot steps rushing down them .

“Grayson !” Emily’s warm smile welcomes me back , her blonde hair hanging loose , her brown eyes wide as she runs down the flight of stairs and right into my open arms .

I inhale her scent , she smells like jasmine flowers .

“You’re back .” She sighs as she nudges her face into my chest and I protectively wrap my arms around her .

I love her so much .

“Did you miss me that much ?” I chuckle , placing a kiss on the top of her head .

“I was just worried .” She tilts her head back , looking up at me .

“I’m fine .” I sigh as a small smile forms on my face .

How do I tell her that I failed , again ?

How do I keep my hands off of her goddess sculpted body for another day ?

My body craves a touch , her touch .

“How are you feeling ?” She asks , her eyes trailing over my face for any source of pain .

“Em .” I sigh and her eyebrows furrow together , her lips forming a pout .

“You didn’t do it , did you ?” Her smile completely faded as I shake my head at her .

“Why not ?” She grits out angrily and I have the urge to roll my eyes . Why ? I don’t know — I never felt this annoyed with her before .

“Because she ran off .” I shrug , her running off didn’t quite surprise me . It is as if I expected it . I couldn’t decide if I was mad or relieved ?

I should be mad , she is ruining things between Emily and I .

“Why aren’t you mad ?” Emily asks baffled and I lose it , I finally snap at her rude whining tone towards me .

“I am Emily ! I am mad , but do you know what makes me even more mad ? Your fucking tone .” I yell at her .

I instantly regret it as her hand raises to her chest , her hand resting on her delicate skin , her fingers nervously fiddling with her necklace as her breathing became heavy , tears swelling in her eyes .

“I’m sorry .” I let my head fall , my chin resting against my chest as my eyes land on the tiled floor beneath my feet .

“I didn’t mean to .” I mutter as I run a hand through my dark hair .

She slowly stalks towards me , her hands lifting and she cups my cheeks , making me look at her .

“I know . You’re frustrated and I’m not helping — I’m sorry too .” She sighs as her eyes flick between mine .

Goddess , this is why I love her . She gets me . She sees me , she isn’t like everyone else .

If only my father could see how perfect she is for me .

“Forgive me .” I plead as I lift my gaze to her , my eyes flicking between hers as I look for any sign of doubt .

“Only if you forgive me .” She mutters in a mere whisper .

“Always .” I smile as I run my hand up her arm , she stood on her toes , trying to crash her plump lips against mine but I lift my head , pulling away .

“I can’t , not yet . I’m sorry my love .” I sigh frustratedly .

I don’t know why , but every time she comes to kiss me , it is as if I feel that pain all over again . My body literally rejects her kiss and touch , because I can’t do that to my mate — even if she pisses me off .

Emily lets out a frustrated sigh , her eyes flicking to the ground .

“Yeah , okay .” She mutters , her head slightly shaking in disbelief . It hurts me so much to see her upset .

Why couldn’t she just be my real mate ?

Why did fate mate me with someone else that would never understand me , with someone who would never truly love me like Emily does ?

“Fuck it .” I mutter as I snake my arm around her waist , hoisting her up and her legs wrap around me as our lips crash .

Her lips wrestling against mine felt amazing , but my mind thought back to when Heaven - Leigh fucked someone else , my mind started to play games as I thought it felt like acid , it actually started to burn my lips .

Or did it ?

I pull away , putting her down as my breathing was heavy , my chest rising and falling uncontrollably as I gasp for air .

“I can’t .” I croak out , my fingers running over my lips .

It wasn’t raw , so it must be my mind .

“Why ?” She asks , her eyebrows furrowing together .

“It just .. I can’t . It hurts .” I mutter truthfully .

“Did it hurt her too ?” She asks , frowning at me but I did not miss the devilish glint in her eyes .

She wants it to hurt her .

A strange angry feeling tried to break through my chest , but I wouldn't let it , I wouldn't lash out on her .

“I don't know babe .” I answer truthfully , but if it hurt me , then it probably did hurt her too .

I hate seeing her angry , especially at me . It made me want to go over to the Argent pack , tie Heaven - Leigh up and reject her and force her to accept so that I could come home to Emily and fuck her brains out .

Even if it meant that I would have to torture my mate .

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Chapter 9 - His Heavenly Mate

HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

As I make my way down from the fifth floor , I stop on the third at Mia's bedroom , knocking twice before I enter . Her room was half the size of mine , but it was still big .

“Hi .” I mutter hopelessly as I plop down on her bed , I laid with my back flat against the mattress and my knees were bent over the edge of the bed , my feet swaying in the air , mere inches from the tiled floor .

Mia didn't answer , she only glared down at me from her sitting position right above my head .

“What ?” I sigh , I know her glare , it isn't good and I know she is about to rant about why I did not tell her about finding my mate .

“Why didn't you tell me ?” She frowns disappointingly .

Here we go , at least she isn't yelling — yet .

“Tell you what ?” I ask confusingly .

I should really stop doing that , it really pisses her off .

Her blue eyes flick bright green at my stupid question and I smile warily up at her .

She didn't scare me , she was so soft and kind . She couldn't hurt an annoying fly if she wanted to and that is exactly why her brother is the next beta and not her , plus he is older and it is his birth right .

“About him .” Her eyes furrow into slits as she glares at me . She takes a deep calming breath before her eyes turn back to normal .

“Because .” My eyes flick to the ceiling , a shaky sigh escaping my lips .

I could feel her disappointing stare boring into my head as I avoid her glance .

“Because why ?” She asks , her tone impatient .

“Because it was your birthday and it felt as if I died when he rejected me .” I croak out , tears resting on the rims of my eyes as they threaten to spill over . I swallow the lump forming in my throat , my teeth dragging over my tongue painfully as I blink away the tears .

There were a few silent moments before my eyes flicked up and I looked back at her . She had guilt written all over her face and I hated it .

Why does she have anything to feel guilty about ?

She shouldn't be looking guilty .

He should , yet he doesn't .

“Don't look like that .” I frown at her , anger was bubbling inside my chest .

“Look like what ?” She asks confusingly , her eyebrows knitted together in a frown .

“Like you are about to cry .” I roll my eyes .

“I'm not . I just .. you acted so fine , so happy and all of it was just a lie .” She looked at me so confusingly that even I feel bad for her — and I'm the one who's losing a mate .

“Because it was your birthday and I didn't want to ruin the night with my whining .” I explain , shrugging it off as if it's nothing — because honestly , it felt like nothing , my mate bond is a joke , due to be destroyed .

How fun .

“It isn't whining , being rejected by your mate .. it's terrible ! And painful and you went on as if it didn't hurt at all .” She mutters in a judging tone .

“Because it didn't hurt , I felt a stinging pain for a few minutes but it all vanished when I saw how you enjoyed your party and I just shoved my problems in a bottle for the night .” I lie .

It did hurt , it hurt a lot — but what could I have done ? Run into her drunk arms and cry in the middle of the club because of some guy that didn't even want me ?

I refuse to admit to feeling broken because of some random guy I didn't even know .

I wasn't going to let him break my heart .

He wasn't even worth it .

Goddess , you definitely screwed up this match .

“How did it not hurt ?” She asks baffled .

She clearly does not believe anything I say .

“Because he's a random dude .” I scoff as I sit up right .

“He is your mate .” She frowns at me .

I shake my head at her .

Why does she always have to argue ?

“No , he is a random dude I don't know .” I argue back , making her roll her eyes at me .

“You are so unbelievable .” She scoffs irritated .

“Fine , you want me to say that he ripped my heart out and that I dread the thought of him rejecting me ? I confess , I convinced my parents to ban him from our pack lands and I am literally never leaving this place again .” I croak out , a tear slipping from my eye as I sit up .

“Leigh , we have school and if he doesn't want you , you can't stop him .” She sighs .

“Are you choosing his side ?” I ask baffled as I twist my back , looking at her . Anger was bubbling in my chest , I felt slightly betrayed — by my own best friend .

“Of course not , but perhaps there's someone out there that can make you happy — unlike him .” She pushes .

“I literally hate this .” I huff as I turn forward , looking down at my hands .

“He looked so kind , but he is so heartless .”

Just like every other alpha male douche .

“I'm sorry .” She sighs .

“It’s fine . I need to go talk to your dad .” I stand up from her bed .

“I’ll go with .” She hops off and follows me .

We silently walk down the stairs and out of the front door , finding Beta Henric training warriors .

“Uncle Henric .” I smile as I approach him .

“Heaven - Leigh , Mia .” He smiles brightly , he is so kind , so friendly — like a real uncle .

“Another fifty !” He bellows at the warriors who were busy doing sit ups .

Well he is nice to us .

“What can I do for you ?” Henric asks .

“I came to inform you that the future alpha of the red tower pack , Grayson Coffin , is banned from our pack lands immediately .” I say seriously .

Beta Henric’s face scrunches up in a frown , he seemed confused .

“First I have heard of it , I’ll confirm with your dad .” He nods , which makes my blood boil . I have to take over this pack one day and these people keep on treating me like I am incapable to do so .

“No . I just asked him and he accepted as it is my order as future alpha of this pack . It is to be effective immediately .” I growl . I could see Mia’s baffled stare from the corner of my eye as I stare her father down .

He is older , but I am his future alpha and he will obey me .

“Alright . I will let my guards know .” He nods , bowing his head and I whip around , anger boiling inside my chest .

Is my life just a joke like my mate bond ?

I hear Mia’s footsteps following me back inside the house .

“What the hell was that ?” She asks baffled , anger laced thick in her voice .

“I know he is your dad , but I am a higher rank and he shouldn’t be questioning my authority in this pack .” I shrug as I wander into the kitchen , grabbing a bottle of water from the fridge .

“I get that , but it seemed disrespectful .” She argues .

“Because he disregarded my command , so if he isn’t going to listen , I have to make him . As soon to be alpha , I can’t let people run over me — it will make me look weak .” I explain .

“Don’t get me wrong , I didn’t enjoy that Mia .” I frown as I watch her shaking her head at me .

“I know , but ..”

“But nothing Mia .” My eyes widening as I snap at her . Her face falls deadpan .

“Get it .” She nods before turning on her heel and striding off .

Why does she always have to be so soft ?

I plop down onto the bar chair at the kitchen island when I feel a wave of pain vibrating through my body , starting in the back of my neck and it moves down my spine .

I gasp in a breath as tears form in my eyes .

The bottle of water in my hand was squashed by my grip , the water dripping over the neck and my hand before falling to the ground .

“What the fuck ?” I growl as I fall forward , a dead scream escaping my throat as I crawl into a ball on the wet floor .

This isn’t me.

What is going on ?

Grayson .

I hear the kitchen doors swing open before I notice blurry footsteps running towards me .

“Heaven - Leigh ?” Kai bends down right in front of me , his arms wrapping around me as he pulls me off the floor . The pain subsided after a minute and it felt as if I could breath again .

I look at Kai , he had a worried expression on his face , his blue eyes staring into my green ones .

“What’s wrong ?” He asks as he places me down onto my feet .

My mate is fucking around , that’s what — but I wasn’t going to tell Mia’s brother that , AKA , Kai , my future beta .

He will tell her and she will literally try and rip Grayson’s head off .

“Nothing , just a muscle that pulled .” I lie , his eyebrow raising before his head turns , looking around before he steps closer .

“Why are you lying to me when no one is around ?” He asks in such a seductive voice , it irks me .

Kai has always been Mia’s annoying older brother , who teased us and told on us — but since we went off to college due to neither Mia or I finding out mates and we had time , he has grown muscular from this skinny guy , his hair had gotten volume and his features became irresistibly attractive .

We also became close as we started training together two months ago every Saturday morning , he is my go to when Mia is M . I . A .

I wonder if it’s even a coincidence that that’s her name ?

“I’m not lying Malakai .” I grit out , I know calling him on his full name irks him beyond his limits .

“Kai .” He argues , his eyes growing dark as he glares at me .

“If you weren’t lying , you wouldn’t have called me Malakai .” He scrunches his face up in disgust at his own name .

It must be awful to hate your own name .

But then again , he knows me too well and I just got caught .

“I just feel like annoying you .” I shrug as I try to brush past him , but he grabs my wrist in a firm grip .

“Heaven - Leigh , I know you better than you think .” His eyebrows raise .

“Then you better know to just drop this and let me go .” I grit out , my teeth clenching .

His blue orbs trail over my body , making me slightly uncomfortable before he lets my wrist go .

“Fine .” He shrugs and he turns his back to me as he walks over to the fridge .

That’s it ?

He isn’t going to keep on pushing like usual ?

“Thanks .” I mutter unsurely before heading for the door .

I freeze as the door flaps shut behind me .

Why was he being so cool ?

I turn around , glaring at the door before a sigh escapes my lips and I burst through the doors again , standing against it so that no one can just enter .

“What are you doing ?” I ask angrily .

He turns with a can of coke in his hand , his dark eyebrows furrowed together in a frown .

“What do you mean ? I am drinking soda .” He states the obvious .

“Not that .” I frown as my eyes trail over his body , he was wearing only a pair of shorts and a tank top that showed off his huge muscles .

“Then what ?” He asks unsurely as a small smirk tugs at the edge of his lips .

“You being all .. this .” My finger points up and down his body .

“A man ?” He chuckles .

“No , you’re usually more pushier than this .” I frown .

“Oh . Well I do as my soon to be alpha commands .” He shrugs and I roll my eyes .

Mia told on me .

“Did she only tell you or did she run to my parents too ?” My eyes narrow into slits .

“No clue , she came bursting through the door and I came down here to ask you about your crap but then all that happened .” He motioned to the floor .

“And I didn’t want to push because you seemed in an already angry state .” He shrugs as he lifts the can to his lips , taking another sip .

“Unbelievable .” I roll my eyes as I turn around , but as soon as I want to push the doors open , he’s right behind me , gripping both of my wrists .

One thing about us wolves ? We are super fast .

I cross my wrists before dropping to the floor and coming up next to his arms , twisting them uncomfortably before I slam him into the counter .

“Nice .” He nods .

“Well I don’t have such a shitty teacher .” I shrug , making him smirk before I take a step back , but his hand catches my wrist again , but not in a attack way .

“What are you doing tonight ?” He asks so curiously , it makes me shift uncomfortably .

“I have to study , finals are starting soon .” His thumb rubs over the inside of my wrist , I’m sure as hell he can feel my pulse beating faster and faster .

“Alright , too bad though .” He shrugs as he let’s me go .

“Why ?” The words left my mouth before I could stop myself .

I shouldn’t be curious about why my beta and my best friend’s brother is asking me what I am doing tonight .

I have a mate .

Who doesn’t want me , but still — I shouldn’t feel curious , right ?

“There’s a party out in the woods near the lake .”

He shrugs .

Outside of our border where Grayson can find me , no thank you .

“Oh , cool .” I nod before turning on my heel and rushing out of the kitchen .

Did my beta just ask me to join him at a party ?

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Chapter 10 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON’S POV

Emily hasn't looked at me nor spoken to me since I told her I couldn't kiss her — because of my dearest Heaven - Leigh , she has been walking circles around me the whole evening and for some reason , it isn't ticking me off like it should .

I should demand her presence , right ?

I should show her I care and that I only want her , right ?

I feel more relaxed than I should .

I should be more upset that she’s mad at me .

Fuck sakes , why am I not upset ?

I have to fix this .

She probably thinks that I don't love her anymore .

But how ? How do I fix this with her when I can't kiss her and show her how much she means to me ?

I sat on the couch , my knee bouncing uncontrollably when my eyes catch a glance at her as she walks past the open door from the screening room I am in , so I hurriedly jump to my feet and basically sprint out the room , watching her enter the kitchen .

I follow her suite and my gaze falls upon her standing next to the head chef , smiling and giggling .

"This is amazing ." Emily tells her , she sounds so happy and her voice is so soft . Perhaps I have a chance to fix this tonight if she's in such a good mood .

"Thank you Emily ." The chef smiles , she has this Italian accent going on — I guess that is why her food is so delicious .

Clearing my throat , Emily whips around with a smile on her face , but her million dollar smile fades as she locks eyes with me .

"Alpha ." The chef bows her head . Nodding at her , I step closer to Emily , extending my hand for her to take .

Her eyes narrow into slits , anger swirling in them , as she unwillingly takes my hand , she knows we aren't allowed to fight with people around because it will leave the pack to believe that we , as chosen mates , won't work out and the elders will stop me from making her Luna to our pack to prevent failure of reign .

"Food's almost ready ." The chef chimes as her body began to shake in a small dance as she continues to finish the food .

At least the chef loves her job .

As I lead Emily out of the kitchen , her eyes gaze around before she rips her hand from mine .

"What ?" She snaps , my heart aching at her tone .

I don't like it when she's like this , it means I am failing at my job .

"Emily , please . I'm trying ." My eyes fall to the floor in defeat , she is looking at me like I am a piece of shit on the bottom of her shoe .

"So am I Grayson ." She grits out , every word laced with anger .

"Tell me how I can make it up to you ." I look back up at her , but she turns her head away , her arms folding across her chest , her toes wiggling as anger flows through her .

"Em ." I sigh as I step closer to her , but her head whips back into my direction , the anger in her eyes making me halt in my steps .

"I need .." her eyes flutter shut as she takes a deep breath .

"What do you need ?" My voice coming out shaky .

I watch her expression relax , a small smile creeping up her face , her eyes shut and her body became still .

"I need her out of our lives Grayson !" She snaps unexpectedly .

Well I didn't see that coming .

"I know baby , I'm doing the best I can ." I step closer , cupping her cheek , but her brown eyes kept on swirling with anger , darkening with every second her eyes flick between the two of mine .

"Stop ." She pulls her face away in disappointment , grabbing my wrist and shoving me away .

Why can't she just let me make it better ?

Or at least let me try .

All of this isn't easy , after all these fucking years of accepting that I wasn't going to find my mate , we move here because of enemies we lost to and here Heaven - Leigh is , popping into my life and ruining literally everything I have worked for these past few years .

If only she fucking accept the damn rejection like a good girl , but no — she is stubborn as fuck .

I grab my phone out of my pocket , unlocking it with my fingerprint and dial alpha Raymond's number .

I need to try again .

"Hello ?" He answers on the second ring .

"Alpha Raymond , it's Grayson Coffin . Sorry to bother this time of the night , but is it alright if I come around tomorrow morning ?" I ask , I'm sure he won't say no .

The long pause makes my feet shuffle uncomfortably .

"I'm sorry son , you can't . Heaven - Leigh has banned you from our lands ." He mutters apologetically and I feel the blood in my face drain away painfully as realisation hits me .

I won't be able to reject her if I can't see her .

I will forever be bound to her .

The relieved sensation that fell over my body irked my mind , I am not suppose to be relaxed .

"Alpha Raymond , please reconsider . Your daughter is ruining my life !" I growl as anger rumbles in my chest , my eyes glowing red .

"My daughter is your mate ! You are the only one ruining your life Grayson . Don't call again , ever ." He bellows before ending the call .

I lower my phone , looking at the screen in front of me before putting my phone down onto the table .

Fuck this , she won't get away with this , I won't let her ruin my fucking life .

I turn on my heel and storm out of the house into the dark and cool night .

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HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

"Please come with me ." Mia begs as she sits on my bed with crossed legs , wearing an oversized sweater that hung like a dress . I swing the chair around that I'm sitting on at my desk , watching her with narrowed eyes as my pen flicks up and down between my fingers .

Why does she always have to drag me along to the parties that she wants to go to ? I don't want to go .

"I am studying and I think you should too ." Raising my brow at her , she pouts .

"Tomorrow is another day ." She pleads , her small smile and batting eyelashes trying to convince me isn't even working .

"I'm busy Mia ." I say sternly and she rolls her eyes at me .

"Of course ." She nods as she hops off my bed and walks to the door . She looks so disappointed , so sad . What if she thinks I am neglecting her ?

I hate that I love her .

"Wait ." A frustrated sigh escapes my lips as I swing the chair towards the desk , checking the time on my phone .

"We can go around nine . I just want to finish this section ." I glance at her with annoyance .

A excited smile crosses her face as she does a little jumping dance before running over to me , hugging me .

I swear I could feel every muscle tighten as she squeezes my neck in a tight hug .

"Thank you , thank you , thank you !" She squeals before I tap on her forearm three times .

She was literally choking me .

She instantly let go , stepping back with wide eyes .

"Sorry ." She smiled warily .

"All good ." I stretch my neck as a smile forms on my face .

"You have three hours ." Mia winks before skipping out of my room , closing the door behind her .

Great , I'm so going to regret this .

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As my eyes flick over the words in the middle of my last page of reading , my door slowly opens and Mia pops her head through the crack , a wide smile spreading across her face , showing her row of pearly white teeth , but her smile falls to a frown .

"You're not even dressed ." Disappointment fills her eyes .

"I'm just going to change tops then we can go ." I chuckle , my eyes rolling as I swing the chair around and stand to my feet , striding over to my closet .

"What ?" Her judging eyes trail over the length of my body

"You're wearing sweatpants ." She frowns .

"And ?" I shrug as I look down at my sweatpants and sneakers .

What is so wrong with what I am wearing ?

It's cold — not that we as wolves actually get cold , but I can feel the cold breeze blowing through the crack of my window .

"And it's not fitting , you're the future alpha , you're royalty to this pack and you need to look the role ." Mia strides past me to my closet like it's hers .

She pulls a black denim out and tosses it onto my bed , followed by a white tank top and a light blue cropped puffy jacket .

"You're unbelievable ." Rolling my eyes , she smiles brightly at me , making it nearly impossible for me to resist her request .

I guess getting a little dolled up and socialise isn't going to kill me — not yet anyways .

She plops down onto my bed in her black shorts and yellow tank top , only with a cropped black sweater keeping her warm .

She scrolls through her phone while I get dressed , looking into the mirror , I smile — I can't lie , my best friend has great fashion senses .