

Face-to-face

Nathan POV

Nathan looked away from his computer screen when his phone chimed, alerting him of an incoming news message.

Matheus Innovation and Technology CEO cleared of speculations of fraud after rival admits fault.

The lawsuit against the CEO of Matheus Innovation and Technology, M. Matheus, has been dropped after rivaling company admits mistakes were made.

Nathan scrolled through the rest of the article with a slight dissatisfaction. He had hoped to learn more about this mysterious M. Matheus, but was once again let down by the press. It seemed they were unable to get a good picture of this man.

Even on the Forbes list, no first name could be found. Nathan had been curious for a long time as to who his rival was.

Maybe he should try and get an appointment with him to find out if they could work together. Maybe they could be an asset to one another.

He placed his phone down on the desk, turning his attention back to his computer screen. He had gotten absolutely nothing done today. All he could think about were the words of legal advisor Moore.

"Well, sir, I have reason to believe that she is our missing Luna."

Nathan's temper had risen when he heard Madison being called Luna. She was not now, nor would she ever be the Luna of the Prescott Valley pack. He had just asked everyone to keep an eye out for her back then because he had wanted to get some closure.

But what did he want now? And why could he not stop thinking about her?

He sighed as he ran a hand through his black hair.

Though he was happy with Lauren, every now and then, his mind drifted to Madison and could have been. It was a beautiful relationship. A very happy relationship. But then he remembered the letter where she told him that she didn't love him and never had, and the photos... the photos of her cheating on him. They had been a punch to the gut. She had just been pretending. But why? That was the question that kept haunting him. Why would she fake their relationship?

Mr. Moore couldn't give him any more information due to client-attorney confidentiality, but he did give them an idea of the area where Madison lived. Nathan, directly after Mr. Moore had left, had put his Delta, Zachary on it, intending to find out the truth. Once and for all.

There was a knock on the door before it opened.

"You look like shit." Robert chuckled.

"I feel like s**t too," Nathan said while resting his face in his hands. He was exhausted. He hadn't slept a wink since he found out they may have finally found her.

"So, what are you going to do when you find her?" Robert asked the question that Nathan had been asking himself.

Suddenly, the door burst open, causing both Nathan and Robert to jump at the sudden intrusion.

"Zach, what the hell!" Nathan reprimanded his Delta for scaring the s**t out of him.

"Sorry, Alpha, but what I've found is... You might want to take a look for yourself."

As Nathan took a seat behind his desk, Zachary quickly took out the SD card from his camera and placed it into the laptop's drive.

"I've yet to hear from the P.I. doing a background check on her, but it wasn't that hard to find her place of residence, once we knew where to look," Zachery explained with a sly grin.

"Sir... I don't know how to say this, but..."

Nathan was hardly listening as the first pictures started downloading on his screen.

It really was her. It was Madison. His Madison.

He stared at the computer screen in awe. Other than looking somewhat more mature, she hadn't changed one bit. She was still a sight for sore eyes.

Goddess, she was still as beautiful as he remembered. Her long hair cascaded around her face as she walked through the streets of New York.

"Still an A+." Robert whistled through his teeth, causing Nathan to glare at him. He was confused as to why he still felt possessive of her. Even his wolf, Nyko, lifted his head from his resting position to get a better look at her.

"Good job, Zachery." Nathan praised his Delta. The man was the best at getting information and trailing people. "Keep following her, let's see what she's up to."

"Sure thing, Alpha," Zachary replied, before taking off again.

Zachery, Robert, and Christopher, all held a prominent position within Prescott consulting and IT. But Christopher mostly stayed behind in the Arizona office. It was closer to the pack. It seemed the man liked being close to his Luna, in case of an emergency.

Long after his unit and everyone else at the company had left for the day, Nathan sat behind his computer, staring at the pictures of Madison.

He didn't want to admit it out loud, but every time he saw, his heart would skip a beat. Why was he still reacting in this way? He was happy with Lauren, wasn't he?

He picked up his phone and called her. He needed to hear his mate's voice to soothe him and remind him of what was important.

After seven rings, the phone was finally answered.

"Yes!" Lauren all but snarled into the phone, panting heavily.

"Lauren? What are you doing?" Nathan questioned, removing the phone from his ear to see if he had called the right contact before placing it back against his ear.

"Nathan? Why are you calling me?" Lauren asked in a high-pitched voice. She seemed distracted. She suddenly let out a sound as though she was in... pain?

"Lauren, are you okay? Do I need to come home?" He heard stumbling in the background and what seemed like another voice.

"Are you with someone?" Nathan asked, suspicion growing inside of him.

"Oh, yeah, I'm sorry," Lauren chuckled while breathing heavily, "I was working out with Cally."

"Oh," Nathan's worry for his mate died down as a chuckle escaped him. "I thought something was wrong. That someone was hurting you."

"Don't be silly, Nathan. Who would want to hurt me?" Lauren laughed. Nathan joined her. But tonight...tonight her voice didn't give him the comfort that he was looking for.

He brushed it off, blaming his exhaustion for the heavy feeling inside of him. They talked some more about the ongoings of the pack and how their day was when Nathan let out a yawn.

"I'll talk to you tomorrow, I love you, Laur." He said, just as he saw an email coming in on his computer.

"I love you too, Nate."

He didn't know why he didn't tell her about Madison. He knew he should have. But he wanted to find out more first. And that was perfectly okay. Right?

"Dumbass." His wolf stated, icking his tail impatiently, before turning around and returning to sleep.

Okay, maybe he should have said something. But saying something would make it real. And how would Lauren react? She might get jealous, or uncertain about their relationship. He didn't want that. But he should tell her, he reasoned. Yes. He would do it tomorrow, he thought, as he finally turned his attention back to the computer screen.

Nathan clicked open the email he had received. It was from Matheus Innovation & IT, confirming his appointment for tomorrow with the CEO of the company.

He was surprised that he had finally gotten in. Robert had tried in his stead multiple times but had always gotten the reply that the CEO was busy or uninterested.

It seemed like he was in luck.

Tomorrow, he would finally meet his rival face-to-face.