

# The Unknown Lycan Princess

## Chapter 14 - The Unknown Lycan Princess

“Wow, the Moon Goddess visited you. That is quite an honor, sweetheart. hmmm I haven’t heard anything about Lupus since my grandfather told me the story when I was a young pup. In the beginning, there were two types of werewolves. Werewolves, as you know today, and then there were the Lycans. Lycan’s were stronger and faster than a normal werewolf, and they didn’t shift for the first time until the first full moon after their 18th birthday. They were able to stop their shift midway or complete it after the first shift. Depending on what they wanted to do. Lupus was the King of the Lycans and the last Lycan royal. When he disappeared, so did the Lycan race. No one has seen or heard of the Lycans in centuries. They are assumed to be extinct. I wonder why the Moon Goddess told you to ask about it. What else did she say to you little one,” Arthur answered me. Ethan had returned to the table in the middle of Arthurs' explanation.

“Well, she was sitting on a bench with two wolves. One she said was Dex, Ethan’s wolf. She had said he had been waiting for me for a long time, and that this was the first time his human side had waited for his fated mate.” I smiled at Ethan and held his hand. I continued with explaining my dream, “She said I was special and to ask you about the story of Lupus as soon as I woke up. She said I didn’t have much time because of the full moon tonight. Like I said, she was talking in riddles. I didn’t understand half of what she was saying. I’m human, how can I be special?”

“Hmm, I see. There is a story that pertains to Lupus. I don’t remember it all off the top of my head, but if you and Ethan want to join me in my office after breakfast, we can look through the books and see if we can find it. How does that sound?” Arthur asked. I nodded my head and thanked him. Then I went to town on my food. I felt like I hadn’t eaten in years. By the time I was full, I had devoured all of my food and the rest of Ethan’s while he went to get himself another plate. I felt bad because I ate his food, but Martha told me that it was completely normal for a pregnant woman to eat more, and especially one pregnant with triplets. She told me I would probably keep eating this much for the rest of the pregnancy or even more than a normal human, since it would take even more out of me for wolf pups.

We followed Arthur to his office after breakfast and he looked through the books to find what he was looking for. I was surprised to see his office looking more like a small library with all the shelves of books lining the walls. He bypassed the newer looking books and went to the older ones in an enclosed shelf. It made sense that a story wouldn’t be written down in a newer book. I wonder if they thought about putting the older books onto a computer database to make it easier to find and so it wouldn’t be lost if something were to happen to the book. Arthur must have found what he was looking for because he made a quiet cheer as he pulled a book off the shelf. He turned to us with a large smile on his face.

“OK. So this book is all about the lycans and anything pertaining to them. So it should have the story here somewhere. Let’s see. It says that the lycans were born from a union between a werewolf and the God of War, Aries. They were protected by the God. Ahh, here we go. ‘The King of the Lycans, Lupus, refused his destined mate because she was human. King Lupus thought that a human mate meant it would dilute his bloodline. He believed that a human in the bloodline would make them weaker and lose the favor of the Gods. Though he couldn’t resist the mate pull and bedded his mate. The next morning, he awoke ashamed of himself for sleeping with a human and made the 1st Lycan female he found his chosen mate. Causing his destined mate to feel the act of betrayal due to not taking the time to reject her the proper way. He didn’t know that she would still feel the betrayal because she was human. Unknown to Lupus, his destined mate had become pregnant from that one night. She fled the Lycan kingdom and hid herself away to mend her broken heart. She pleaded with the Gods to protect her child from Lupus. She was afraid if he found out about the child that he would kill it because it was part human. The Gods heard her prayer, and Aries and Selene, the Goddess of the moon, together decided that, because of Lupus’ actions, the Lycan race was not ready for the world. So, together they locked away the ability for the lycans to shift, essentially making them human. Aries showed himself to Lupus and told him that because of his actions with his fated mate, the Lycan race would be removed from this world. He told Lupus about his mate and the prayer she sent out. Lupus was furious and left the Lycan kingdom in search of his fated mate. He was determined to kill his mate because he blamed her for the curse that befell his people. After almost a year of searching and being unable to shift, his anger towards his fated mate turned to sorrow and his anger shifted to himself. He realized that in his arrogance he threw away his happiness. Not only had he lost his fated mate, his chosen mate had died in childbirth. His offspring died not long after. He returned to his kingdom as soon as he heard about his chosen mate, and he found it abandoned. It looked as if everyone had just disappeared in the blink of an eye. There was rotting food on tables, plates still half full. There wasn’t a trace of anyone. Lupus fell to his knees and prayed to the Gods. He begged for a second chance. The Moon Goddess Selene felt sorry for him and came to him. She told him his people were still alive, they were in the land of the Gods where time would stand still for them, and they would come back to this world when his bloodline produced a female child. He was confused because his chosen mate was dead and his fated mate was gone, so she explained that his fated mate had a male child. Lupus was happy that his mate and child were alive, though he begged the Goddess to take him to his people so that one day he could meet his descendent. Selene agreed to his request and whisked him away to the land of the Gods to be with his people where he would be waiting for his female descendent to come and set them free.’” Arthur finished the reading.

I was lost in thought trying to piece together the information from the story and my dream with the Moon Goddess. “So what was so important for me to know about this story? And why did the full moon being tonight mean anything to me? I don’t understand,” I said with exasperation.

“Well. It says here that a Lycan didn’t shift until the full moon after their 18th birthday. You just turned 18 and this is the 1st full moon since then. I think, and I may be wrong, but you Beth may be the female descendent of the story. It would make sense considering the Moon Goddess told you that you needed to learn this before the full moon. Did she say anything else to you?” Arthur asked me.

“Just what I already said. Wait! She said not to fear. That whatever is going to happen will not harm my pups. She also said to have faith. Could she mean that I will shift tonight during the full moon? How is this possible? I’m human. Everyone in my family is human,” I said.

“Well, does your father have any sisters in his family? It would make sense to look at your father’s line because of the male child thing. We could try to track it back generations if you like.” Arthur said.

Ethan was quiet as Arthur and I discussed this possibility back and forth. Suddenly he jumped up and exclaimed, “That is what Dex meant. When you marked me baby. He said you were special and that I would know what he meant on the full moon. It must mean that you are the descendent. I just know it does!”

His father looked at us weird for a minute until he said, “She was able to mark you? Why didn’t you say anything this morning? I knew your scent had changed, but I thought that was because you had marked and mated Beth. Yes, I think you’re right son. So now we just need to do a little more research on how a Lycan shifts for the first time. Give me a few hours and I will look this up. Why don’t you take Beth to lay down. She looks like she is about to pass out right here. We’ll meet back up after dinner. Does that sound OK to you guys?”

We nodded and left Arthur to his research after giving him my father’s name as he asked. We headed up to Ethan’s room and I went straight to bed to lay down. Arthur was right. I was exhausted. I fell asleep quickly and drifted off to the land of dreams.