

Messed up again

Chapter 10-11

Lucian's pov

I am totally stunned at the words coming out of Jessica's mouth. Why is she acting like that? She is always so nice and sweet.

I have no idea what to say. I just stand there while Aurora totally knocks her down to size, then let's out her wolf's aura.

Athena doesn't put up with any sh.it that's for sure, and everyone can feel how powerful she is. Jessica would be a fool to take her up on the challenge.

When Aurora called me out at the end, I tried to defend my lack of actions to her, but she won't listen. I have messed up again. Even the other members of my pack reacted badly to Jessica insulting her while I just stood there doing nothing.

"Way to go, brother. I thought you were trying to make things right. That wasn't a good start. The rst chance you got to prove it to her and you failed" Lee says, looking disappointed in me.

"I am planning on talking to Jessica" I try and defend.

"It's not much use now the damage has been done in Aurora's and the packs eyes but good luck, maybe one of these days you will see her for what she is" he says.

What does he mean by that? Why are they always saying cryptic things about Jessica? We have all known her since we were children its like they don't like her.

"Jessica a word please" I say loudly.

"Yes baby, is everything ok?" she says innocently.

"Boundaries Jessica, you can't call me that it's not appropriate. What was all that about in the meeting? You really went all out trying to make Aurora look bad" I say, annoyed at her.

"I didn't mean it to sound like that, I was just worried about your members. She said some horrible things about me too" she whimpers with tears in her eyes.

"Everything she said was true, after what we did to her. You have no right saying anything to her, let alone insulting her in front of the pack. Do you think I would make this decision if I didn't know she could do the job? Or do you not think I know what I am doing either?" I say angrily.

"No Lucian that's not what I mean I'm sorry, I won't question you again" she sobs.

"Last chance Jessica, leave Aurora alone or you will be out of the pack" I say, walking away from her.

I sit in my oce trying to work out how in the hell I am going to sort things out this time, I just keep making things worse. I try to get some work done, but my head is not in it. I just keep thinking about Aurora and how she must be feeling right now.

I hear a knock on the door, and mum steps in, "There is a lot of happy pack members, who are very happy about the new training. Not just the women, the men are pleased their loved ones will be able to look after themselves too" she says to me.

"How is Aurora doing?" I ask her.

"She is good, happy at the response she has received" she says.

"Is she angry at me for earlier?" I ask.

"She didn't mention it, but I imagine she isn't best pleased about it. If your father did that to me, I would have punched the both of you. A lot of the pack members are not happy with Jessica or you. Did you not notice how many growled in her defence when Jessica started up. That was your job" she said pointedly at me.

"I know I was stunned, I have never seen her act like that before. I don't know what came over her, I have warned her about her behaviour and told her to leave Aurora alone" I explain.

"You should have stopped her at the time, son. That girl has always been trouble. For some reason, you have always been blind to it, open your eyes before something worse happens" she warns me and leaves the room.

What is up with everyone and Jessica? I thought they liked her and they never gave me any reason to think otherwise, it must be the situation that I caused with Aurora. Mum is bound to be upset about that, especially with Aurora being her goddaughter.

I will give her a couple of days to calm down, then I will try and speak to her about everything hopefully with her starting the training it will put her in a good mood and give me an excuse to talk to her. I just have to hope nothing else happens before then.

Luca is also angry with me for not saying anything at the time after him managing to talk Aurora into staying. He's acting like I want her to leave, which is the last thing on my mind.

I avoid Aurora as much as possible for the next two days, only seeing her at meal times.

I am trying to give her as much space as possible. She won't even look in my direction when we are sitting eating, Jessica keeps appearing everywhere and trying to irt with me I never thought I would say this, but she is starting to get on my nerves.

Luca keeps threatening to snap her neck if she keeps trying to touch us. I have asked Aurora to meet me in my oce today when the door opens and Jessica walks in.

"What is it, Jessica? I'm busy right now can't it wait?" I say, trying to get rid of her before Aurora turns up.

She ignores me and walks over to my chair.

"I've been worried about you, you are always in a bad mood, and you have been treating me differently lately Lucian" she pouts.

"You know I have a mate now. We have to act differently" I say.

"But we have always been friends, now you act like you don't even like me" she says sadly.

"It's not like that I have already explained" I say.

Next thing I know, she is on my knee with her chest in my face, moaning "Oh Lucian" as the door opens, and I smell Aurora.

I push her off me and stand up "What the hell, Jessica?" I shout at her.

"This isn't what it looks like" I say pleadingly to Aurora.

Aurora walks in calmly, clapping her hands.

"Nice acting there, Jessica. I think you may have forgotten we are true mates, and I would have felt it if he was actually cheating on me, but nice try there" she taunts her.

I feel relief and anger.

"No I wasn't trying anything. I just slipped, and the position got me carried away" she tries to talk her way out of it.

"You are so full of sh.it. It's a surprise you can leave the toilet. I am this close to ripping your head off. I wouldn't push me any further by lying to me" she growls.

"Please you believe me don't you, Lucian?" Jessica begs with tears in her eyes.

I might have fallen for it before, but it was obviously intentional.

"Sorry Jessica, I don't know what game you are playing, but it stops now. Don't come in between me and my mate. I have already warned you to leave Aurora alone. Now I'm warning you to stay out of my relationship. If you can't accept us, then go home" I say firmly.

"I can. I know we are just friends, and I accept that. I am sorry for everything, Aurora, and if I gave you the wrong impression, I will leave you alone" she says, walking out the room with her head down.

"We need to be careful around her. She wants to hurt mate" Luca says.

"I know you don't like her, but Jessica wouldn't hurt anyone" I argue.

"She already has. She knew being with us would hurt our mate, and she tried to embarrass mate in front of the pack. Now she tried to make mate think we were with her" he growls.

"I know she has done a couple of silly things, but I am more to blame for most of it" I say to him

"Just watch her" he growls.

Aurora's pov

I roll my eyes as Jessica leaves, "You are not falling for that act, are you?" I scoff at Lucian.

"No, I am pretty sure she knew exactly what she was doing there. If she tries anything else, I will make her leave don't worry" he says.

"Whatever, why did you want to see me?" I ask.

"I just wanted to have a chat about the other day and ask how the training is going?" he says cautiously.

"Look I am not trying to be a bi.tch here, but you have had 2 days to talk about the other day instead you ignored me" I say calmly.

"I was just trying to give you a chance to calm down about it" he tries to explain.

"I wasn't angry, just disappointed you proved me right again" I sigh.

"I should have spoken to you straight away. I never seem to know what I am doing when it comes to you. I did have a word with her after, I know I should have spoken up at the time. I am trying here, I can't promise I won't make any more mistakes, but I will do my best not to hurt you again and there will be no one else in the relationship apart from you" he says.

"Ok, I am not ready to trust you or forgive you yet. You have done a lot of damage, and it will take a lot to change my view of you. You are lucky Luca is a good wolf, and we don't want to hurt him, but even he can't help you if you keep hurting us" I say.

"I appreciate your honesty and will do everything I can. We will take it at your pace, anything you need I will do" he says.

"How about for now, we just try and be around each other without pi.ssing each other off" I laugh.

"I think I can manage that" he chuckles.

We spend some time in the oce chatting about the training and how it is going, I am happy to hear the whole pack is positive about the change. We chat about a few other things to do with the pack and how I am nding it before leaving to eat together.

During the meal, Jessica still tries to irt and get his attention, but for the most part, he ignores her and brings me into the conversations and talks to his family and the ranked members.

I can see it is getting to her when she eventually gets up in a huff and stomps away from the table. At least the girl can take a hint at some point, although I am still going to watch her. I don't trust her one little bit.

I have gotten really close to Nadia, Lee, Shawn, Lisa, and Fred, I can see Lucian envies our easy-going relationships.

If he wants to be close to that, he has to put in the work. I won't give in easily, I have already passed through my heat the week he was scr.ewing Jessica. Those 3 days were agony.

So I know I can get through it again without the extra betrayal pains, and I know I have more time until I have to face it again.

"Have you thought about what you are going to do when you get your heat" Lisa asks straight to the point as always.

"It won't be an issue, I have already had one and made it through the rst week Jessica arrived" I say nonchalantly.

"Sh.it why didn't I know about it?" Lucian asks.

"No point in telling you, you made your feelings clear, and Shawn tried to get you to stop because of the pain" I say, shrugging.

"I am such an a.sshole. I don't know how you coped with all that pain, I will never let you deal with it again" he says sadly.

"Shawn kept everyone away, but obviously couldn't be near me for various reasons" I say.

"Thank you, man, he shouldn't have had to. I am so sorry for all the pain I have caused, I should have been making it better, not worse" he says, upset.

"It's passed now, so it's something that we don't need to worry about for a while" I say as he looks at me with guilt lled eyes.

At least he is nally starting to see all the damage he has caused. Athena wants to give him a chance she sees the effort he's making and how bad he feels.

She is also clouded by the bond. I, on the other hand, am too cautious. After living most of my life, I am used to being let down by the people who are supposed to love me.

I still haven't opened up about it to anyone here yet, not feeling fully comfortable. If there was anyone, it would be Nadia or Shawn as they have earned my trust.

I am just not ready for them to look at me differently after hearing my past. The last thing I want is pity.

Lee manages to get us on to more cheerful topics, brightening the mood up around the table again. He is always so happy and full of life. He is great at cheering people up.

I know Nadia is curious. She has asked some leading questions without being too specic, leaving it up to me if I want to elaborate more, I will soon just not yet.

I decided to have an early night and leave everyone after eating. Today has been a good day. I would like to nish it that way.