

## Suspect behaviour

### Chapter 14-15

#### Lucian's pov

These last two months have been better than I thought since I nally got my head on straight. I can't believe I almost lost my mate because I was too stupid to realise what I wanted. It reminds me of the warning the Queen gave me a couple of years ago.

I still don't understand that message properly, but I think she was talking about me losing Aurora, if I didn't change my attitude, I still don't understand the other part or remember it properly. I will have to try and remember it must be important or she wouldn't have spoken to me. I was too young and arrogant at the time. To be fair, I was still too arrogant a few months ago. I know I still need to work on it.

I am surprised and happy that Aurora is giving me the chance. The fact that even Athena was happy to reject me was a shock to the system. If it wasn't for Luca, I denitely would have lost them, I can tell she is strong and powerful. She also has had a bad life.

I still have a long way to go before I can get to the place where she will trust me with sharing her secrets and life with me. I don't deserve it, but I am not going to complain about getting the opportunity to prove myself to them and make amends.

I was so wrong about her being a spoiled princess type. She doesn't care about power or possessions. She couldn't care less if she became Luna or had expensive jewels or fancy clothes. She prefers her training clothes or jeans while she ghts or plays with the pack kids.

She is always at the playgroups or school interacting with them. The kids all love her. The teenage girls love her and have asked for their own training now. The boys all have a crush on her, which is cute only because they are still far too young for her.

All the older ones have far too much respect, and the fact they know she can beat the crap out of them helps stop their wandering eyes.

We are getting on better week after week. She even allows me to give her a quick kiss on the lips. Goddess, I feel like a young teen being so excited by a peck on the lips, but it was such an achievement that I was thrilled. It feels great to hold her hand or put my arm around her.

I am determined not to mess this sh.it up. I swear I have not m\*\*\*\*\*d so much since I was a young teen. Being an Alpha from the age of 15, there was always someone more than willing to step in to offer relief in one form or another.

It doesn't even bother me that Luca gets to be more touchy with her, I mean he's done nothing to her to lose her trust. I need to earn that place.

Jessica is being quite annoying, I hate ignoring her, I mean, we have been friends for a long time.

Her dad is also the Beta from a neighbouring pack, so I don't want to upset him either. The thing is, she still wants us to do things, just the two of us. I have tried to explain that it would be inappropriate now that I have a mate, and we are trying to sort things out.

She just doesn't get the hint, and she doesn't want to spend time with Aurora there, saying Aurora doesn't like her, or it would be awkward. Then she will irt with me in front of people, because that's not awkward at all.

I have tried my best to always have someone with me whenever she is there, so she can't try anything or get the wrong idea. Lee, Fred, Shawn, Mum, or Lisa are always happy to nip along to run interference between us.

I have to say I am a bit jealous she is getting on so well with my brother, but he has supported her from the start, Fred is mated to my cousin so he doesn't bother me and Shawn is going to be close to her, being her Gamma they share a bond totally different from the mate bond so I know he's not a threat.

I know Lee would never do anything to hurt me, and Aurora is not the type, but I am a possessive Alpha, and Lee is right it's exactly like when we were kids. I want her with me and not playing with him at all.

On the plus side, Luca and I have been getting along great lately since I saw sense. He's started to talk to me more and stopped ghting me all the time. I feel much happier and stronger.

#### Aurora's pov

I have been here for 3 months now, and things are slowly starting to improve between Lucian and I. Athena and Luca have spent some time together in human form, and I have also spent some time with him in both human and wolf form.

The big puppy wanted to show himself off to me and take me for a ride on his back, I am sure it was just an excuse to get closer to me.

Luca is a sweet, cheeky, and irty wolf. Both Athena and I like spending time with him, Lucian is also starting to grow on us more and more.

We have been on a few more dates, still taking it slow, I am not at the stage to start trusting him yet. The furthest we have gotten is holding hands and a peck on the lips. A few hugs and sometimes letting him sit or walk with his arm around me.

When Luca is in charge, he has his arm round me or his hand on me the whole time. We trust Luca more.

Lucian has been very patient so far. He seems to be more than happy at the moment to build trust and be given a chance to prove himself.

Jessica is still hanging around. She tries to get Lucian alone when she can and has tried to talk him into spending time together alone as 'friends', as if anyone is falling for that cr.ap.

Along with still irting with Lucian, she has started sucking up to and trying to impress Nadia and Lisa. She keeps trying to become more friendly with them, but they won't take her on at all.

She hasn't exactly had the pack members being warm to her after the debacle in the hall when she tried to embarrass me. That show didn't make her any friends. Many people are against her, and her part in me getting hurt. It pi.ssed them even more that she insulted me after sleeping with my mate and husband.

I, on the other hand, have made quite a few friends, I am very close to Nadia and Lisa and have become quite close to quite a few of the other women in the pack. This has annoyed Jessica even more as we have seen her pouting and stomping away several times, much to Nadia and Lisa's amusement.

I spend quite a bit of time with Lee, Shawn, and Fred. Fred has offered to start my weapons training as Lisa has shown an interest in learning since starting my training class too, and Lee and Shawn have decided to join us to give us a challenge, and help with the technique.

Lucian is ne with it because they are all people he trusts and his cousin will be there, so he is happy another woman will be present.

I am walking back to my room alone from a walk when I hear Jessica's voice in the distance. I mask my scent, thinking it strange she is in a secluded area to make a call. I sneak closer to listen.

"Yes daddy, don't worry, I know my earlier plans haven't worked to get rid of her" I hear her say, then a pause.

"No, it's ne he will come round to me again. I am working on it. If he didn't care, I would have been sent home by now"

Pause again. I can't hear what her father is saying to her.

"No I have plans, and if they don't work, I know what to do to get him to turn against her again and get him on my side"

Pause

"OK daddy don't worry a few more months at most, and I will have him to myself again"

Pause

"I love you too, Daddy, bye"

I wait for her to leave before I come out of my hiding spot and walk back to the packhouse. I knew she was still up to something, I would have to keep my eyes on her. I will have a word with Nadia and Shawn, but ask them to keep it quiet for now. We have no proof, so I will just come off as jealous.

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I spoke to Nadia and Shawn the next day, I asked them to meet me in Nadia's conservatory so we would have some privacy. I explained what I had overheard and asked them to keep it among the three of us for now as we don't have any proof of anything.

"I knew that little bi.tch was up to something. She has been over the top trying to worm her way into Lisa and my good graces" Nadia growls.

"I have never trusted her. I will keep an eye on her too" Shawn says.

"Just don't be obvious about it. We need to act like everything is normal"

"No problem that's what I have been doing with the little wh.ore for years now for Lucian's sake" Nadia spits out, causing us to laugh.

"I don't think she will try anything too drastic for a while by the way she was talking. It will be more subtle than that. If we can record anything on our phones or something, that would be good. Unfortunately, I didn't have mine on me at the time" I said.

"We will make sure to have them on us, I think we should bring Lee, Fred, and Lisa in. We don't have to tell them everything. I can just say she has been acting suspicious and ask them to keep an eye on her. I will tell them not to mention it to Lucian as he won't believe anything against her without proof. They hate the bi.tch anyway" Nadia says.

"I think it is a good idea. They won't say anything, and it means more eyes on her" Shawn agrees.

"If you are sure they will keep it to themselves, I trust your judgement" I say.

Well, it looks like everyone will be involved please goddess let them be discrete, I think.

Well, that was 2 months ago, Nadia decided to join our weapons training, so it would give us a chance to get together without it looking suspicious, and because she kicks a.ss anyway. She loves training almost as much as me, being allowed to do it in her old pack as a girl and keeping it up in private throughout her life.

Lisa also has the same attitude. She is from Nadia's husbands side, giving her Alpha genes like me, making her naturally more dominant. So her wolf likes to let loose in combat. I mean, some Alpha females are little spoiled princesses who want nothing more than to meet a ranked mate and organise parties, but the ladies with me are nothing like that. I think that's why my mum and Nadia got on so well.

My mum was an Alpha's daughter, and Nadia was the Beta's daughter, so they grew up best friends. My grandparents are all dead, but I think my uncle is still alive and has passed the Alpha title on to my cousin Frank. They are from the Clear Lake Pack, Nadia is still in touch with her brother, the old Beta and Lucian's cousin is the current Beta.

He has 2 children, a son at 4 and a daughter at 2, and my cousin has 2 boys at 4 and 2 as well. I have never met them that I can remember. My dad always kept me, Zander, and mum away from her side of the family after they mated.

It was worse after she died. We never saw anyone. That's when we lost touch with Nadia, too, her last link to her home pack and family.

So, I am getting distracted here. None of us has managed to nd anything suspicious on Jessica. She is still in full-on suck up mode, even trying to include Lee in on it now. Trying to get him to reminisce on them growing up together with Lucian.

Whenever she does, he brings up getting together with Zander and me when we were younger and how Lucian wouldn't even let my brother play with me he was so possessive of me.

Jessica gets so pi.ssed and jealous when he does that it's hilarious. I don't know why she hasn't given up with him yet.

Despite all of that, she hasn't done anything obvious like I had predicted. It is starting to get on the others' nerves. They are worried the longer it goes on, the more chance of something big happening, especially with me and Lucian getting closer.

We spend most weekends doing things together, I have started to help out a bit with the pack business, and Nadia has been showing me the ropes on the side.

I don't want to get his hopes up or mine if it goes wrong, but I want to be prepared just in case things work out.

We have been on another date, and things have been getting more passionate lately, I am still not ready to let him in fully. Something is holding me back. Aurora, on the other hand, is all in the horny little wolf has been wanting to jump her mate for a while.

It's just as well she's so loyal to me, or she would have taken over and had him ripped out his clothes by now.

I do want to move things on a bit, but I am still cautious and feel a bit self-conscious being so inexperienced.

As he drops me to the door and gives me a passionate kiss, I feel Athena take over at the same time my panties soak.

"Come in mate" I hear her basically order him.

His eyes ll with lust as he tries to hold back. "I don't think Aurora would be happy with that" he says, unsure.