

## Heat and rejection

### Chapter 18

My heat started when I woke up in the morning, the unmated guard was sent away, and Fred replaced him. All the dungeon guards have been changed for the next three days for mated ones.

Lucian, thankfully, does not appear at all on the first day. I am in so much pain I managed to get a shot from the pack doctor to help with it and Nadia and Lisa have been taking turns to press cold wet cloths on me to keep me cooler it is not doing much, but it is better than nothing.

They have all reassured me that the pack is still on my side. They all believe me it's just my mate that doesn't. Fred managed to get the micro camera in place before she noticed. It is working on a wireless link and sending the recordings to him. He, Lisa, and Lee have been going through them to find anything useful.

We plan on breaking me out once my heat has passed, Shawn wants to go with me, and the others agree with him. I don't want him to leave his pack. As far as he is concerned, I am his Luna, and he won't accept another, so where I go, he does, even if I never go back.

I eventually gave in, knowing he would follow me anyway.

I hear a loud roar and hearing as Lucian bursts through the doors, and makes his way down the stairs into the dungeon. Fred and Shawn quickly follow and hold him back.

"Stay away Lucian" Nadia tells him.

"My mate is in heat" he roars.

"You lost the right to care about that when you put her here and whipped her. She doesn't want you here" she growls back at him.

"She will be in more pain without me" he growls.

"As if you care, do you believe me yet? Have you come to let me out and declare me innocent?" I shout.

"No, you need to admit it, Aurora, then we can work something out" he says angrily.

"There is no working it out, yet again you made your choice" I spit.

"What the hell does that mean" he growls.

"I Aurora Storm reject you Lucian Grey as my mate and Alpha" I say, sharing my voice and body with Athena.

He bends over in pain "No, I reject your rejection. You won't reject us Aurora and Athena" he says, storming off.

"Don't worry, we will keep him away" Fred says, dragging Shawn with him, who was struggling with his wolf now.

"Don't worry honey, we will have you out of here soon. He will learn his lesson and so will that little bitch, we will make sure of it" Nadia tells me.

"I can't wait, I think my so-called father will be the first person I will be dealing with before Lucian when I am ready" I tell her.

"Are you going back to his pack when you leave here?" she asks, surprised.

"No, Athena says we need to go to the Crystal Moon Pack" I say.

"The Royal Pack, are you sure, why?"

"I am sure, but I have no idea why. I will find out when I get there" I say in pain.

"He won't think to check there, so you will be safe and the Queen won't tell him" she says happy with the idea.

"He will check my old pack if he bothers to look, maybe my mother's pack. No one in either will have an idea where I am"

"I will keep it between us so it doesn't put the others in an awkward spot" she says.

The pain from my heat is intense. At least this time, there are no betrayal pains with it so far, so I am managing to get through it.

Lucian stays away through the rest of my heat. They must have managed to convince him. Luca must be going nuts just now from it. I wonder what he thinks about the whole situation. Does he believe me or her? I would quite like to know. I asked Nadia naively on the last day of my heat, and she didn't know.

The next day she came to me and said she had confronted him about it and at first he wouldn't answer, but Luca managed to take over briefly to tell her he believes me over that lying slut. Lucian walked away from his mum furious after that, and wouldn't continue the conversation with her.

He's been spending a lot of time in the hospital with Jessica while she recovered. She is supposed to be a Beta, she should be one by now. Has she asked her wolf to slow down the healing to get more sympathy, or is she just acting for the extra care and sympathy.

When I leave, she can make her miraculous recovery for all I care.

I am naively through the heat, Nadia brought me warm, soapy water to wash myself and fresh clothes.

It is not perfect, but it's better than nothing. The plan is for Shawn to come and get me at around 3 am, for us to leave.

He and Fred have taken the shift tonight for the cells, and Lee is keeping watch for Lucian to fall asleep in his cage, he's been drinking himself to sleep every night since the stairs incident. Lee is going to spike his drink with a little bit of wolfsbane to knock out Luca and keep Lucian down for longer. It will give Shawn's scent a chance to fade so he can not follow us.

Lisa has packed a bag for me, we will be travelling through the night in our wolf form to make a good distance. If we don't stop much, we should get there before lunch tomorrow easily.

Shawn and Fred appear at the cells around 3, "Lee linked us. Lucian is out for the count" Fred says, unlocking the cell.

"Thank you guys, I won't forget this" I say, hugging Fred.

"It's nothing, I think she will call her dad when she realises you are gone, then we will have more proof. I will wait until tomorrow to show Lucian and give you an extra day" he says.

"That's great. Hopefully, she will" I reply, walking with them to the forest where Nadia, Lisa, and Lee are standing.

"What are you all doing here?" I say, surprised

"Did you really think you were getting away without saying goodbye to us" Lee says, hugging me.

"Stay safe dear, I love you" Nadia says, hugging me tight.

"I love you too, I love all of you and appreciate everything you have all done for me" I say, hugging her back

"I am going to miss you so much" Lisa says.

"I will miss you too. Keep training the girls for me please" I say, giving her a hug.

"No problem, I won't let you down. Auntie Nadia will help me too" she replies.

"I hate saying bye to you all, I hope we meet again" I say.

"We will, now get going and give them all hell" Nadia says.

Shawn and I turn into our wolves, and I hear them gasp. It's their first time seeing Athena with her eyes that swirl green and purple, with her pure white coat, and the size of a male Alpha.

"You are beautiful Athena, remember not a word to anyone about Athena. We are the only ones who know about her" Nadia warns them while stroking her fur as Athena enjoys the attention.

They all agree, and Athena licks her hand before racing away. Theo, Shawn's wolf chasing behind her.

We made fantastic time and decided to stop and get a few hours sleep an hour from the pack, when we woke up we ran to near the border before changing back and putting on our clothes then approaching a patrol guard.

"State your business?" he says.

"I need to see the Queen, my name is Aurora" I tell him.

I am not sure what else to say as I am not sure why I am here in the first place. I am just trusting Athena knows what she is doing.