

Facing things head on

Chapter 33

I got a call from Zander yesterday to check in on my and to let me know I was right. Lucian did turn up at the pack looking for me. He lled me in on their conversation, including the bit where he told him he was no longer welcome at the pack and to no longer talk to him if he sees him.

I thanked him for letting me know and told him I am looking forward to seeing him on Thursday. I suggested we could go to mums old pack after the sentencing if he wants for a night or two, and he agrees, so I let him know I will contact Frank to organise it for us.

Talia let's me know the Red Forrest Pack has arrived and she will be speaking to Mrs Fuller alone soon. I let her know I will be available if she needs me.

I sit in my room staying out of the way until Talia links me, asking if I can come to her ope, I let her know I will be there in a few minutes. I make my way there quickly so they are not left waiting and knock on the door entering when I hear Talia call to me.

"Come sit down, Aurora, this is Mrs Fuller" Talia introduces us as I sit down

"Pleased to meet you, Mrs Fuller" I say, holding out my hand

"Please call me Cath, Aurora" she says, shaking my hand

"Aurora I am deeply sorry for the actions of my husband and daughter, I knew my husband always spoiled her too much, but I never thought she was capable of this. She could be a handful at times, but to reject her mate and do all of those awful things to you. I am so sorry I should have done a better job with her, I tried to teach her the mate bond was a sacred and wonderful thing" she says, crying.

"I am sorry you have to go through all of this pain and lose your daughter over her actions if there was any other way, believe me I would do it" I say trying to comfort her.

"As much as her brother and I hate it, we understand this has to happen. We were both surprised my husband was spared his life. I still don't know what to do about him" she says sadly

"Take your time, you can visit him if you like. The Alpha and his heir have assured me he will take no action against you or your son, and he will still be Beta as he is loyal to his pack. Depending on your decision, we can nd a new pack for you or Jerry if you decide to remove your bond. If you decide to reconcile, then he will be welcomed back into the pack without his position" Talia assures her.

"Thank you both for your consideration towards my son and I, I really do appreciate that you have not condemned my whole family for their actions" she says

"Get in touch with anyone when you are ready, and I will make arrangements it can be before or after the sentencing or even months from now. Whenever you decide you want to see him, I will make it happen" Talia says gently.

"I will talk to Cameron and let you know what we decide, thank you again" she says and gives me a hug apologising again before she leaves

"Well that went quite well. It is such a shame she is a lovely lady. Her son is a good man as well, takes after her, it's a pity her daughter didn't" Talia sighs.

"I know, I hate this. I wish she didn't have to suffer because of them" I say.

"Oh that's your brother here. At least this meeting should be a bit cheerier" she says, brightening up.

We walk to the front of the castle to meet him, Shawn and the twins are already there with the pups. When we arrive, the car is just pulling up.

My brother gets out with his Gamma Callum and a couple of warriors. He walks over and gives me a huge hug before greeting everyone else. Callum comes over and gives me a hug, too.

"It's good to see you looking so well. Sorry I couldn't do much before. We were all told to stay away from you years ago" he admits

"It is ne. It's all in the past now. We were all children, and it is not like you could go against the Alpha and Luna" I assure him before Zander introduces him and the warriors to everyone.

We all go through to one of the private rooms so we are not disturbed by anyone and so Lucian won't see me when he arrives.

Zander lls me in on how things have been at the pack in the last couple of days since he has taken over. He has set things in place to make things more fair on the omega's. His Beta is overseeing his plans while he is away.

Suzie is really not happy about being in the cells, still not seeing why she should be punished at the moment, and insisting an Alpha's daughter should not be treated that way. Hopefully, a bit more time will have her seeing the error of her ways and humble her more.

I let him know about the plans for visiting our relatives, we decided to go just the two of us Talia is going to give us a car to use for the trip. I am looking forward to spending some time alone with Zander to get to know each other again.

The moment I was dreading and looking forward to simultaneously arrived when Talia let me know the Blood Moon Pack had arrived. I really want to see most of them. Unfortunately, it also means Lucian is here as well, and I denitely don't want to see him.

"It's ne. I am here with you Aurora" Zander says, giving me his support

"I am not scared of him, I just don't want to see him yet" I tell him.

Shortly after Talia, Tristan, and Tyler leave the room, we hear a lot of noise and commotion before Lucian bursts through the doors, quickly followed by the Kings as they hold him against the wall.

Nadia, Lisa, Lee and Fred walk in the door as soon as they see me. I am surrounded by them. Nadia and Lisa are in Tears as they hug me, and I hear Talia order Lucian to calm down while Zander is growling at him.

"You too" she says to my brother.

Once I have hugged them all, assured them I am ne and checked on how Lisa is doing, they nally part from me, letting Lucian see me properly. Luca is on the surface barely holding on.

"Mate, I have missed you" Luca says

It breaks my heart to hear him so broken like this. He has never done anything to hurt us. He has always wanted us, loved us, and trusted us.

"I am sorry it had to be this way, Luca. I had to leave he didn't trust me, and he hurt us too much" I tell him going forward and giving him a hug.

"I know, little mate, I love you both, but I understand. I don't want to lose you and Athena, but I will let you go if that is what you want" he says sadly.

"I have been advised to think carefully by the moon goddess before I decide and that is what I will do, but I need Lucian to give me space and time I am not ready for him to try and force his way into my life" I tell him.

"I won't let him. We will do whatever you need. I will let him have control if you want to put some space between you rst" he says.

"Thank you, my love" I reply before stepping back from him as he gives me a soft smile before letting Lucian take back control.

"Aurora baby, I am so sorry for everything I have done. I don't expect you to forgive me or give me a chance. I will take any punishment you think I deserve. I just need you to know how sorry I am. I really thought I was helping by getting you to admit it, and then I could protect you. When it was me, you needed protection from all along. I should be the one getting sentenced tomorrow. I love you, and I will never love another, but I will respect any decision you make this time. I will let you have time with everyone I will give you as long as you need to decide even if it takes years" he says before leaving the room in tears.

"shouldn't you go and check on him" I ask Nadia

"he needs to be alone right now, and this is his penance" she says

"I will go and show him to his room and make sure he is ne" Tyler says before following him.