

The sentencing

Chapter 34

I stayed with everyone for about an hour and a half as we all caught up on what had been happening since the last time we met each other. Then I decided to have an early night so I could keep my energy for tomorrow with the sentencing and then travelling to see our family.

The sentencing is not until after lunch, so once I have had my breakfast, I go back to my room for a while until it is time for lunch, and I have to face everyone.

Talia has had the throne room set up for the sentencing with enough chairs to accommodate everyone, she has placed two chairs on the stage next to the thrones for me and for Shawn so he can support me.

Once everyone is here and sitting, Talia links the guards to bring in the prisoners. They escort them in, bound in silver cuffs.

"Both Jessica Fuller and Jerry Fuller are here accused of serious crimes. We have looked at all the evidence and conducted the interrogations, and there is no doubt both are guilty of their crimes. Jessica Fuller, you are guilty of trying to destroy a mate bond, plotting against a future Luna, attempted murder of a future Luna and goddess blessed special wolf. Your actions have caused great emotional and physical pain to Aurora Grey. You, Jerry Fuller, are guilty of encouraging and nancing your daughters plans. Do either of you have anything to say" Talia says loudly for all to hear.

"I want to apologise for my actions, especially to you, Aurora. I never should have encouraged it. I should have got her to embrace the mate bond as I did. I also apologise to you, Lucian, and to my family for the shame, embarrassment, and pain I have caused them" Jerry says, looking down.

Jessica does not say a word as we pause to give her the chance.

"And what about you" Talia asks.

"What is the point? If she wasn't a special wolf, you would not care so much. I would be able to have Lucian, and we wouldn't even be here" she complains.

"Let me make one thing clear, it does not matter if she is a special wolf or not. You would be punished severely for your crimes. The only difference this makes is how the moon goddess will treat you now" Talia says, making it clear to all that there are no exceptions.

"In fact, I have dealt with 3 cases similar to this where non ranked and non special wolves were involved. Depending on the crimes, acknowledgement of guilt and remorse shown helped to decide the outcome of it" she tells them.

"Now Jessica Fuller, it gives me no pleasure doing this, but you are too much of a threat to be kept alive, and your crimes are too great. You shall be executed. Jerry Fuller, as you did not know exactly what you were nancing and encouraging, and you have also shown remorse from the start. You will be sentenced to 3 years imprisonment and have your rank stripped to warrior" Talia announces.

"Gaurds please take them back to their cells" she asks

At the end, when they have been removed, Cath approaches and asks if she and her son can visit Jessica to say goodbye and speak with Jerry to help make her decision. Talia organises a guard to escort them to the cells.

"Well that's the cat out of the bag, so to speak. Word travels fast, everyone will know soon you are a special wolf. How many is that now? 3" Nadia says, laughing.

"4 my granny is one too. There is also another to be revealed. That will not be for a long time yet. She will be extremely powerful when she comes of age" Talia says

"Wow I didn't realise your gran was one" Nadia says

"Yes silver white, she didn't either until recently. She never believed her wolf, thought she was just boasting" Talia laughs.

"I am so glad you have got in touch with your family Aurora, could you please send my love to everyone and let my family know I am thinking about them and I will visit soon" Nadia says

"Yes of course I will, I can't wait to see where you and Mum grew up, Zander is really looking forward to it as well" I reply

"It was so nice seeing him again and being able to talk to him. He has turned into a good man, I am glad you both took after your mother" She says sadly.

"Me too"

"Will you be staying for the execution" she asks

"No I don't need to see it, just knowing that justice has been served is enough. Zander and I will be leaving in a few minutes so we can have as much time as possible there. Then I may spend some time at my old pack getting to know my brother again" I tell her

"Well keep in touch, honey, and look after yourself" she says, giving me a hug

"I will you all have my new number, I will let you know what I decide to do and where I am" I say, hugging her back.

I make sure to talk to each of them and say goodbye before I say my goodbyes to Talia and all my new friends at her pack. I have told Shawn to go home for a few days to see his family while Zander and I are away, and I will let him know when I am back. He was reluctant about it but eventually agreed. I know he misses them all.

I packed a large case as I have no idea how long I will be leaving for and I get into the car with Zander, it is only a couple of hours drives it won't take us too long. Everyone is standing there to see us off, including Lucian, who is trying to hide in the background. I sigh to myself, thinking that I will have to make a decision about us soon.

When we are travelling, Zander asks me about it, so I explain about the moon goddesses warning and Lucian not being given a 2nd chance for a mate. I also tell him about the mate shuing that will happen if I decide not to stay with Lucian.

"So it is an Alpha or Alpha heir, but we don't know who. Fu.ck that is complicated, I mean, it could even be Lee, and you will still be the Blood Moon Pack's Luna" he says

Sh.it, I never thought of that possibility.

"Oh goddess don't, Lee is like my brother. That would be too weird. It would be easier if I knew who it was and who would be missing out on being their mate. It might help make the decision. What if he is terrible and I have to go through cr.ap again until he realises what he wants" I groan

"I don't think the moon goddess would put you through that again. You have paid your pain for your powers. She won't keep taking from you, Aurora. I am sure of it. This time, whether it is Lucian or your 2nd chance, it will work out for the best" he says

"Thank you, Zander, that makes me feel better" I say.

We keep chatting about our new likes and interests, just getting to know the adult versions of each other and building our sibling bond as we travel. We talked about our childhood, the happy times when mum was still alive.

He also tells me he had no idea dad and Selma had anything to do with mum's death. I tell him I always suspected Selma, but dad being involved did shock me slightly as well.

He is relieved they are gone, and I was the one to do it, as they made me suffer so much. He did admit he wished he could bring back dad just to kill him for hurting me and killing mum.

We have a good talk and really clear the air, he explains a lot of things from growing up about how he and the other were kept from me, and there were more people in the pack that cared and worried about me they just couldn't show it.

I saw that a bit when Callum approached me yesterday and gave me a hug. They need to let go of their guilt, too so they can move on. The ones that hurt me and wanted to see me in pain are different. Most had no choice but to stay back and do nothing. They had to protect their families or were too young to do anything.