

Meeting with mate

Chapter 39

The first week training and sorting the pack has gone well, we have managed to get more staff to be trained on job for the schools and hospital.

It was easy to find people. There were many not happy where they were and wanted to work in those areas. Some even had experience from the pack they grew up in. They just weren't allowed when they found their mates here.

We shued around a few jobs, and quite a lot of people were happy with their job. They just needed improvements with wage and hours, as they were overworked and treated like slaves previously. Reducing the hours meant it freed up some work, giving more people the chance to earn a wage.

There were a couple of families who wanted to open shops or places to eat. We have many unused properties that were suitable, so we devised a start-up loan for them and offered assistance in setting it up if they needed it.

It is going to be a slow process, but it is nice to see something happening and the changes starting. The pack members already look happier than they did before.

Nadia and Lisa are meeting us today in the shopping centre in town between the two packs, we need to get Ella something special, and we all need a new outfit for the event as well.

Shawn and Callum insisted on coming being our Gamma's, and Zander insisted on us having warriors with us too, male wolves are so overprotective at times.

I have been enjoying spending the extra time with Nadia again, and I am looking forward to seeing Lisa. She is getting so big, and the pup has started moving now. They found out it is a boy they are having, I am really happy for both of them.

Poor Lisa got tired and grumpy easily with the pregnancy and felt frustrated trying to find something she liked with her bump. I think she is feeling self-conscious, but she still looks amazing.

I handed her a light blue long dress that was a fitted halterneck, then below the bust, it flowed gently down, giving plenty of room to be comfortable in.

She sighed as she took it into the changing room, but her face was really happy when she stepped out.

"Thank you so much. I thought I was never going to find anything" she says, hugging me.

"You look stunning Lisa" I let her know.

Ella comes out now in her 8th dress, and it is definitely the one. Princess style with lace and diamonds over it, she looks like an angel. Zander is going to be stunned when he sees her.

I get my dress no problem, a purple sweetheart neck with a high split on the flowing skirt. I know what I like and what suits me so I don't mess around in the shops.

We make sure everyone has matching shoes, bags, and jewellery to go with their dresses, and then we sit down for a well-deserved meal in one of the restaurants in town.

With the cars full of clothes and our stomachs full of food, we say our goodbyes to each other and make our way back to our packs.

Everyone is pretty exhausted, so we all go straight to our rooms. I offer to take Ella's dress for her so Zander can't have a peek at it.

I drop into bed exhausted and fall asleep, glad there is no training or pack work tomorrow.

I spend all of Sunday thinking about what I am going to do about Lucian, I have heard what Nadia, Lisa, and even Shawn have said about him lately.

I am still not sure what to think, I mean, if I rejected him, I could meet my second chance mate at the Luna ceremony. On the other hand, do I really want to lose Luca? Both Athena and I genuinely love him. It's just the human side we are still worried about.

Athena is nervous about taking risks, but she doesn't want another mate than Luca.

Zander was pretty sure whatever I decided would work out for the best, which makes Athena more inclined to give him another try.

By Wednesday, I am still not totally sure, but Shawn and Julia are going to the Blood Moon Pack so he can introduce her to his family. I decided to go with them and see Lucian, maybe then I can decide what to do after I have spoken to him. Shawn is shocked that I am going but supports me and says he will be right there if I need him.

When we get to the border, we ask the guards not to let anyone know I am here too, not even Lucian. I want to get in as discreetly as possible, and if people find out I am here, they will be waiting to ask me questions that I don't know how to answer yet.

I knock on the door to Lucian's office, making sure my scent is masked. I don't want to alert him until I am in the room. I hear him call saying to enter. As I walk in and close the door, I see he hasn't looked up from his paperwork.

I slowly release my scent as I walk to the chair and sit down. He gasps and looks up as it reaches him.

"Aurora, it is so good to see you" he says with a small smile.

He looks like shit. He's obviously not sleeping properly or eating and looking after himself. Athena wines in my head at the state of him.

"No offence, Lucian, but you look like hell, you need to look after yourself better" I say as he chuckles at my bluntness.

"That's the first time I have laughed since before you left" he says, looking at me sadly.

"I just thought a talk was overdue between us, I needed to see you and speak to you to help me decide what to do" I say as he looks worried.

"We can talk about anything you like, Aurora, and I will respect any decision you make" he says with tears in his eyes.

"I need to know if I can trust you, Lucian. I am finding it hard to decide if I can this time" I say

"I will never do anything to harm you again. No matter how far-fetched something sounds, I know you better than not to believe you. I will do anything you want, I will step down as Alpha if you don't want to run a pack. Anything at all" he says pleadingly.

Athena's heart is breaking for him. She is begging me now to try one last time. She believes he has truly learnt his lesson and can't stand to see him and Luca suffer anymore.

"We need to do things differently this time. There can't be anyone else in the relationship. No surprise exes causing problems, I won't have them in the pack no matter how long you have known them or who their father is" I say firmly.

"What are you saying" he says, looking at me shocked.

"I can't see you in pain like this, and we love Luca. We are willing to give you another chance. I was starting to like the person you were and falling for him. If I can have and keep that Lucian, we can try again" I say

"Thank you so much" he says, then bursts into tears his whole body is shaking as he buries his face in his hands.

I get up and walk towards him, move his head up and arms away, and sit in his lap. Then I pull him into me as he cries on my chest, gently rubbing his back and stroking his hair.

"Shh it's not now I am here" I coo gently until his sobs subside.

He is holding on to me like I am going to disappear.

"I do have to go back to Zander's pack until after the Luna ceremony, I am still training Ella and helping set up the pack training, but I will come back with you after that" I say gently.

"I don't know if I can stand to let you go now. I have you back" he says, panicked.

"It is only for a couple of days. You can always come to the pack on Friday night if you can't wait. Besides, I still have a few hours here. How about we go to your room so you can relax and we will order some food for you" I gently coaxed him.

"I like the sound of that, my love" he says, letting me lead him by the hand to his room.