

Locked up

Chapter 7

Lucian's pov

"Look Jessica, you know how much I care about you, but this has to stop. I need to work things out with my mate. Our actions almost caused her death today, and it made me realise that I need her. I'm sorry but you know I will always be there for you as your friend" I say gently.

"I love you Lucian, you said she was just some girl you were forced to marry, and you didn't want to. Why did you string me along?" she says, crying.

"I'm sorry, but you knew she was my mate, and I never promised you anything. I was always clear this wasn't a proper relationship" I say, gently hugging her, trying to calm her down.

"I know, but I thought you would change your mind. You were with me instead of her. You picked me over her and defended me over her. Do you really think she will want you after that? I want you" she says.

"I know I did and it was wrong, I will make sure she does, if you can't accept this you will have to go back to your pack. I'm sorry you know I care about you" I say, still trying to be gentle, but I am getting annoyed with what she is saying to me.

"No I will accept it, don't send me away" she begs.

"You know you are always welcome here" I assure her just as my mum walks in the door looking furious.

"What the hell, Lucian, what are you doing with her in your arms when Aurora is injured? She shouldn't even be out of the hospital yet" she roars at me.

"Calm down, mum. I was just sorting things out and putting boundaries between us to clarify our relationship as just friends from now on" I try to explain.

"I will just go and leave you to talk" Jessica says quietly, walking away.

"She should be leaving the pack. It's too little too late now, and by the sound of it, she is not the only one. I also never brought you up to raise your hands against a woman unless in battle. She is your mate, and you didn't tell me? You also treated her like this? It is a wonder the poor girl is still standing. I can't believe you have done this to my goddaughter. I am disgusted with you" she growls.

"Look mum it was an accident when I hit her, and I was resentful. I was pushed into the marriage, so I slept with others. I will make it right" I try and explain.

"How exactly do you accidentally break someone's nose? Aurora was also forced into this have you felt her cheating on you? Let me guess no you haven't, also you expect to make it right while the women you have slept with behind her back are paraded in front of her on a daily basis use your brain for once" she says shaking her head at me, while I look down guilty.

"It will be fine, no-one will say anything to her or disrespect her as my mate" I say confidently.

"You are a joke. They won't have any respect for her because of your actions, or they will pity her because of what you have done. She wants nothing to do with you. She didn't want this either. If you made the effort at the start, you could have won her over, but now she hates you" she explains.

"They wouldn't dare disrespect her, I will make everything right. She won't hate me, she's my mate, she can't hate me" I say, trying to sound confident.

"You silly, silly boy, you can't stop them speaking behind her back or acting when you are not there. It doesn't matter that you are her mate. What you have done to that poor girl can't be undone. Her life was hard enough before, and you have caused nothing but pain. I have never been glad my best friend was dead until today as I would hate her to see what my son has done to her daughter" she says, walking out of the door.

I feel like shit after talking to mum, what if she is right and I can't make things right what am I going to do? I wonder what the pack really thinks about the situation. I call Shawn, Lee, and Fred into my office to ask them if they have heard any rumours.

"The women are all talking about how you don't want your wolfess wife, and you prefer to sleep with any other women. Most of them think you will be kicking her out soon to make Jessica your Luna as the whole pack know you have been sleeping together" Shawn spits at me, while the rest agree that they have heard similar things.

"I tried to tell you that you were causing her a lot of pain, with her being the true luna I feel it, and I have tried to help her get through it but I can't do much" Shawn says, he's right he's tried talking to me several times.

"I know I'm sorry, I should have listened. How did she manage to get off so many rogues?" I ask curiously

"She is very strong. Our warriors have a lot of respect for her she hasn't lost a fight yet with them in human or wolf form" Fred states.

"I didn't even know she was training" I say.

"No you were too busy, shagging everything that moves to notice anything" Lee sneers.

"What the hell am I going to do? I didn't realise the pack was all talking about this. How do I make it right?" I ask them.

"I don't think you can, I tried to warn you, after today, I really think she's done with you, and I don't blame her. If it wasn't for our connection, she would be dead. You should have felt it too, and she knows that. The fact you continued what you were doing and didn't help her put the final nail in the coffin" Shawn says.

"Shit, I shut Luca off as he always moans at me. I didn't realise he wanted to tell me something serious, I feel so guilty about it, and I wish I could change it. How can I get her to give me a chance?" I say.

Unfortunately, none of them have any idea of how to help me with Aurora or the pack. They think it's a lost cause, and I should let her go to be happy.

I can't give up. Why didn't I realise that sooner, I am such an idiot. I really need to try and sort things out with the pack. I can't have them treating Aurora badly.

I call a pack meeting so I can address everyone together. I need to get a few things straight, and make sure that Aurora will be treated with respect when I finally let her out of the room.

We all assembled in the hall. I was standing on the stage with my family, Fred, Lisa, and Shawn. When everyone is there, I call for silence.

"Now I know many of you have been wondering who Aurora is, and what the situation is. I am here to address that now and stop all the gossip and rumours going about. Aurora is my wife and true mate, chosen for me by the moon goddess. Unfortunately, in my mind as a stubborn Alpha, I decided I didn't need a mate, and that I was stronger on my own. Which has caused me to make some terrible mistakes. These mistakes almost cost the life of your Luna today" I say as I hear gasps.

"Aurora was attacked by 5 rogues, while she managed to single handedly kill 3 of them, and fight the other two. My misdeeds caused her to lose focus at a crucial time if it wasn't for Gamma Shawn we would have lost her. I can not say sorry enough to the pack or my mate, and I know of no way to make amends for this, but I will do everything in my power to make it right. Your Luna is recovering, and we should hopefully have a ceremony to give her, her rightful place in the pack as soon as she is fit and healthy" I finish up.

"Alpha can we give Miss Aurora pictures and cards to make her better? She always reads and plays with us" An adorable little pup asks

"Yes sweetie, I'm sure Luna Aurora would love that" I answered.

I had no idea she was doing things with the pack. I really have no idea what's going on around here.

"Alpha please give Luna our wishes for a safe recovery. We have a lot of respect for her. She is a very skilled fighter" one of my top warriors says.

"I will pass it on" I say as all the warriors chorus "thank you Alpha" they all seem to feel the same way. Have I really been that blind?

As I am walking out of the hall, two shewolves slap me.

"you are disgusting" one of them says.

"I would have never touched you if I knew she was your mate" the other spits.

While another walks over and says "how could you do that to her she is such a lovely person? How can I look her in the face again? you pig".

There are a lot of women and men giving me disgusted looks. At least it's me they are annoyed with and not looking down on Aurora. I can live with that. I will make it up to Aurora and my pack.

"Well son that went better than I thought it would do, the pack seem to really like Aurora. On the other hand you have your work cut out trying to get back in their good graces" she says to me.

"I will do everything I can. When I make things right with Aurora, I think the pack will forgive me" I say.

"I think you will be waiting a long time then" she says solemnly.

I have spent the past two days bringing every meal to Aurora, and she still won't speak to me. The teacher dropped off the pictures and cards to me today, so hopefully, that will get her talking.

I walk in the door with food and place it down she still isn't looking at me.

"Come on, Aurora, get some food. I am not leaving until you eat"

She reluctantly walks over and eats her meal. When she is finished, she walks back to the bed without saying a word she is walking so smoothly as if she has never been injured.

"The nursery kids dropped some stuff off for you" I say, passing them to her she looks at them smiling.

It's the first time I have seen her smile in a long time. She looks breathtaking.

"Look Aurora I know I have made a lot of mistakes, but I am trying now. I have talked with the pack and explained things to them. They know I am the one in the wrong, and they are all worried about your health" I say as she keeps ignoring me "would you look at me" I shout.

"What exactly have you done other than locking me up and giving a measly sorry? You haven't even given a proper apology or explanation for any of your actions" she says, glaring at me.

"I can't trust you not to run away" I say back.

"Would you blame me? Why would I stay?" she challenges.

"For me, for your pack. I can't make things right if you won't even talk to me" I say helplessly.

"Talking doesn't take back the pain and hurt" she says to me.

"I know it doesn't, but I have to start somewhere" I say sadly.

"Is your lover still around?" she asks me.

"I don't have a lover. There is only you, and there will only ever be you from now on" I say to her, trying to stroke her cheek as she inched back from me.

"Don't touch me, you know exactly who I mean the woman you chose over me" she sneers.

"I didn't mean to hit you I regretted it as soon as it happened, there is nothing other than friendship between Jessica and I, she is still at the pack as she is an old friend" I explain to her.

"You regretted it so much that it was Shawn who helped me, and do you sleep with all your old friends. I'm so glad you felt so bad about it you jumped straight into bed with her every night that week and through the day. You must have felt really guilty when you felt my pain of being attacked while fucking her" she mocks.

"Enough please I didn't know, I had Luca shut off. If I had known I would have come to help you. I was so scared when I found out you had been hurt. It made me realise how stupid I had been. I never would have forgiven myself if something worse had happened" I say truthfully.

"You still took her side and picked her. I don't think I can ever trust you, especially not around her" she says.

"I just reacted because I have always protected her. You are my mate. I will always put you first" I say, trying to make her believe me.

"You have shown me the opposite of that, the fact I am your mate, and you could easily do that. I don't trust in a similar situation it wouldn't happen again" she says argumentatively.

"It wouldn't, I was fighting the bond before. I am not now. I know you feel it too" I say, moving towards her and trying to kiss her.

She pushes me with a force I never thought she was capable of, as her eyes swirl with green and purple, I knew I wasn't imagining things at the wedding.

"Get off of us" she growls in a voice that sounds unlike her own.