

Luna Lola-The Moon Wolf by Park Kara

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Dalia's POV

Lyla and Nathan were kissing.

I could not keep my surprise in and gasped loudly gaining their attention. They turned their attention to me and I felt like I was intruding on their moment so I hurriedly went back the way I came in.

“Lola“, Lyla shouted after me and I froze in place. I slowly turned around to look at her and saw her whispering harshly to Nathan who kept pouting at her.

Nathan is pouting? What a sight to see on the big bad Beta.

I giggled at the sight of Nathan pouting and acting like a kid which made them turn their attention to me. Lola glared at me and Nathan looked embarrassed so I looked away shyly.

Nathan eventually left, saying a greeting to me on his way out. “Good morning, Lola“, he said to me lightly. Someone is in a happy mood, I see.

“Good morning, Nathan“, I said softly, bowing to him as he left. He had barely gone far when Lyla pulled me by my arms and dragged me towards her room.

“Long time no see, stranger“, she said immediately we entered her room. She glared at me with her hands on her hips and I almost laughed because I knew she wasn't even angry.

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“Back at you, stranger. You knew I had no means of contacting you, you should have contacted me first“, I said to her, mirroring her pose and she looked genuinely shocked.

“Who are you and what have you done with Lola?” She asked in shock and I laughed, I actually laughed making her widen her eyes.

Yeah, I get it. It’s my first laugh since Mom and Dad passed.

“Oh my goddess“, she laughed as she rushed towards me to pull me into a hug. “I love this new you, Lola. This is so

amazing“, she screamed in a high pitched voice and I had to block my ear a bit.

“Did you do something with your eyebrows?” She suddenly asked and I shook my head in negative. “Nope, I don’t even know what to do with them“, I replied her, confused.

“They look a shade lighter“, she pulled me towards her vanity mirror and made me face it, “see?” And she was right. While it wasn’t really noticeable, my brows were not completely black either.

It must be one of the changes I’ve been noticing recently, I made a mental note to ask Jasmine if she had seen any recent changes too. I contemplated telling Lyla about the changes I’ve been seeing recently and what happened with Adrian but decided against it. There were pressing matters to attend to.

“So you and Nathan, huh?” I turned to face her and she was already blushing. “What’s going on between you two, I thought you hated his guts?” I asked and she looked everywhere but at me and that was when it clicked.

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I don’t understand, you hated him, no? How did you both get paired together? I know he liked you but you hated his guts“, I said as I sat beside her on the bed.

“It’s barely been a week since you’ve been here and you knew he liked me too? Was I the only one oblivious to that fact“, she asked and I nodded. It was so obvious Nathan liked her, even the blind could see that.

“I liked him too. I told him once when I was 14 and he was 21 and he told me he saw me as a younger sister and nothing more so I turned to anger to show him I did not care about him“, she said and I was shocked.

“Nobody would have believed that, you hid it so well“, I giggled, earning a giggle from her too.

“So, what party is going on today? I saw people making preparations for a party as I entered the pack house“, I asked as I got comfortable on the bed.

Lyla got up and did a curtsy before me, making me wonder what was going on with her.

“Yours truly turned 18. It’s a tradition for the pack to throw a coming of age ceremony for every wolf, that way, you get to find your mate in the pack or start preparing for a journey outside of the pack to find them as soon as possible“,

“IT’S YOUR BIRTHDAY?” I screamed for the second time that day and Lola just laughed at my expression. “Yes it’s my

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birthday and I never would have thought that you had such lungs on you. This is the second time you're screaming in the span of 20 minutes".

"We were together day before yesterday and you did not tell me anything about it being your birthday, I'd have gotten you. a gift.", I pouted.

"This is more than enough gift, Lola. It's good to see you feeling comfortable around me", she hugged me and I stiffened a bit before hugging her back. I still wasn't used to

touch.

"Sooooooooo, we're getting dolled up and dressed up tonight", I was about to object when she held up her index finger to silence me, "you're not objecting, it's a good way to incorporate you into the pack and have you meet more people".

"But what if I don't get accepted by people? What if they call me a freak because of my hair and glowing eyes? I don't think I want to meet new people, Lyla. You're enough for me", I said, trying to butter her up but she wasn't having any of it.

"I know I am the best but you can't stick with me everytime, sweetheart", she said. Seeing that she wasn't going to budge, I tried another method..

"I did not buy anything fit for a party, I guess I'll have to sit this one out", she shook her head at me in amusement and I knew that wasn't going to work either. "I knew you were going to say that but I was born prepared. I saw something that I thought would fit you so I bought it the last time we went shopping", she skipped towards her closet and came back later with black clothings in hand.

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“Go on, try it on“, she urged. I took the fabric into my hands. and it felt heavenly. It was a silk two piece clothes. The top was a corset with black net covering the neck and hands. The skirt was a ruffled floor length skirt with a snatched waist that fits perfectly with the end of the corset top and a slit that reached mid-thigh. I was reluctant to wear it because I did not want to showcase too much but Lyla convinced me to wear it.

Lyla gasped when I emerged from the bathroom and I was slightly embarrassed. I walked towards the floor length mirror in her room and gasped when I saw my reflection. The clothes were a perfect fit and unless I decided to showcase my legs, they were not visible and my scars were concealed.

I smiled happily at my reflection and looked to see Lyla still opening and closing her mouth like a fish out of water.

“Oh my goddess, you look like a goddess, Lola“, she gushed over me and I became red from embarrassment. “Yup, you’re definitely wearing that and making a statement“, she clapped happily.

The gathering was supposed to start by 7 so we started getting ready once it was 4 in the evening. Lyla did my makeup and left my hair the way it was.

She was clad in a green floor length gown with cow-neck showing off her milky skin. She looked breathtaking and amazing. We walked out together hand-in hand, my nerves getting the best of me.

The pack house was filled to the brim and swarming with people. I felt nervous but Lyla squeezed my hand to assure me that she was with me every step of the way.

We walked into the garden decorated especially for the

occasion. “You’re doing good Lola. You look breath-taking too“, she smiled at me as we moved farther into the garden.

No sooner had she said those words when I locked eyes with Adrian. I felt like all the wind was knocked out of my lungs as I took him in.

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Adrian’s POV

It was already a day after what happened with Fay and Daxon still wasn’t talking to me. It wasn’t like he was gone, I could feel him in my head, I could feel his presence with me but his petty ass wouldn’t speak to me.

Mom and Dad were not speaking to me either, I was an outcast in my own house and I could not even blame anyone but myself

I was awake early and I listened for any movements from Lola’s room as discovered that she was awake too. I wondered what she was thinking about that made her lose her sleep.

She seemed to be excited about something and I almost went to her room to ask her what was happening with her. I wanted to know everything about her. I wanted to be the one she could easily open to about everything but I lost that opportunity.

I remembered the scars I saw on her body and felt anger surged through me again. I wanted to know the history behind every scar and make the people who did that to her, pay.

I heard footsteps echoing in the hallways and smelt Dad going towards Lola’s room. I sat up abruptly and listened carefully to what was going on.

Apparently, Lola wants to start training and dad was helping

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her out. It was only then that I relaxed. I realized what I had thought towards dad and was mortified over the way I thought towards him. I've been alive

for 25 years and I've never heard that of him, why am I suddenly being so overprotective of Lola?

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I rubbed the bridge of my nose with my fingers and decided to go back to sleep. I was losing it and it wasn't helping that Daxon was being a petty bitch.

I woke up when I heard light footsteps patter down the hallway. The scent told me it was Lola and she seemed pretty excited. I could hear her showering and my perverted mind couldn't help but wonder what she'll look like under me and how much her moans of pleasure will be a source of pleasure

to me.

About 30 minutes later, I heard her door open and she left her room. Her steps stopped in front of me for a while and I could hear her heart beating crazily. I wanted nothing more than her knocking on the door so I can have her in my arms and apologize for my wrong deeds.

She eventually went on her way without knocking on the door and I felt so disappointed. I could not even go down for breakfast because I was ashamed to face Lola or my parents.

"Hey man. You good?", Nathan's voice rang through the mindlink and I've never been so happy to have someone speak to me. The loneliness was starting to get to me.

"Nathan. I'm fine, bro. What's up", I said, trying to keep the excitement out of my voice. He did not seem to notice as he carried on.

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“Will you be at the pack house today?” He asked and I was confused. Why do I need to be at the pack house? I can’t remember any event happening at the pack house.

“Why should I be at the pack house? Am I missing something?” I asked and I could tell he facepalmed the way he always does whenever I forget something I’m meant to remember.

“It’s Lyla’s coming of age ceremony and it was organized by the Luna. How come you have no idea? Is everything okay? You sound out of it **too**“, I sighed when he asked his questions but didn’t give him an answer to it anyways.

He dropped the matter and I sighed before going downstairs to eat. The living room was empty but I could smell Dad in the house which meant only Lola and Mom went out and they could only go to one place. The packhouse.

I hurriedly ate my food so I could get ready to go the packhouse. It was only an excuse to see Lola, knowing fully well that Lyla is her only friend and she would be in public with her all through the ceremony.

I was just getting out of the shower when Nathan’s voice sounded in my head loudly, in excitement.

“I found my mate, bro“, he shouted excitedly in my head and i broke into a smile.

“That’s really cool, man. I’m so excited for you“, I replied him in excitement too. I was really excited for him. We’re both 25 and he’s been looking for his mate for a while.

I was confused about a thing though, he’s always been in the pack, how did he just find his mate today? It clicked in my

head.

“Lyla is your mate, isn’t she?” I asked and he eagerly answered. “Yeah, she is. How did you know though?” He laughed into the mindlink.

“It doesn’t take a genius to figure it out, man. You’ve always been in the pack and now you got your mate the same day she turned 18“. It was pretty obvious to be honest.

I was very happy for him. He’d always been in love with Lola since we were teenagers but he hid it because he wanted to find his mate. He did not want to lead her on or have her believe that they could be together. I was so happy it turned out well for him.

“I’d see you at the pack house later“, I said before I closed the mindlink. I settled in what to wear but decided to wait in the house till it was almost time for the ceremony. It will be awkward to be around Mom.

I left the house in the evening around 5:30 pm. The packhouse looked beautifully decorated but amidst all, all I was searching for was the blue eyed beauty that living rent free in my head.

It was soon time and the whole packhouse was swarming with people but I did not see whom I was looking for. I entered the garden where the ceremony was to take place and Daxon started stirring inside me.

“What’s wrong, Dax? Is something going on?” I asked and he said just one word, “Mate“. No sooner had he spoken when I locked eyes with the most beautiful lady I’ve ever seen.

She looked drop dead gorgeous and the black gown did not

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do justice to her beauty enough. I felt my heart beating rapidly in my chest but that wasn’t what amazed me.

For the first time since we've met, I felt connected to her wolf. Her eyes widened too as she seemed to feel it too. Lyla was talking to her but she seemed to be stuck in one place.

I made a move to go towards her when Fay stepped in front of me, making me lose eye contact with her for a moment.

I felt Daxon growl in my head at being interrupted from going to his mate. "What the fuck do you want, Fay", I growled at her. She seemed to be scared for a moment before she smiled at me seductively.

"You did not call me since you left yesterday morning, Adrian. I was waiting for you", she purred as she places her hands on my chest.

I felt rage running through my veins and resisted the urge to snap her fucking neck. I felt my eyes change colours, partly giving Daxon control.

"Get your filthy hands off my body and know your place, pup", I growled at her and she moved back in fear before scurrying away from me.

I looked up, searching for Lola but she was nowhere to be found. I wanted to feel more of what I felt when our eyes met.

I'm going to work to get her, I promised myself.

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Dalia's POV

I looked away and tugged on Lola's hand so we could move away from Alexander's sight. Of course, he wasn't going to choose me, what was I thinking?

It just happened for a moment that Jasmine felt connected to his wolf and I happened to be affected too. He was quick to lose focus when that gorgeous woman stepped in front of him.

“Hey, hey, what’s the matter? Where are you dragging me to? And might I add that you’re adding a lot of pressure onto my wrist? It’s going to leave marks, if you don’t stop digging your fingers into my skin“, Lola lamented and that was when I realized that I was just moving without direction. I dropped her hands quickly and apologized.

“Were you trying to avoid someone? Did something happen?” She looked around, trying to find the source of my bizarre behavior and her eyes hardened when she saw Alexander and the said woman together.

“That bitch!” She seethed. “She seriously needs to learn how to stay away from people’s mates“. I tugged on her arm to gain her attention.

“Let’s just get away from them, please. She can’t force herself on men if they did not give her attention. And besides, she’s drop dead gorgeous. I wouldn’t pick me over her either“, I gave her a small smile and her eyes closed with sadness.

She made a move to argue but I shushed her. “It’s your day by the way, it should be enjoyed to the fullest. Not wasted over an argument that is pointless. Adrian chose her and that’s it, I can’t force myself on him, you know?” I said.

She looked like she was going to argue but dropped it after I pleaded with her with my eyes. She held my hand and led me towards a group of people chatting away happily.

I felt my palms sweating with nervousness as we moved towards the group of people. What if they think I’m a freak and cast me aside like my old pack? What if they think I’m not good enough? A lot of thoughts were running through my mind and I could feel myself start to hyperventilate.

Lyla noticed this and came to a stop. “I can feel the gears turning in your head, Lola. Just relax and go with the flow. They’re amazing people and anyone that messes with you will have me to deal with“, she said to me in assurance and I felt slightly better knowing that there was at least one person that will stand up for me no matter what.

I gave her a smile and we continued over to the group of four people. “Look at who finally decided to show up“, a blonde girl who noticed us first spoke up, making us gain the attention of others.

“It’s my birthday, I’m allowed to take all the time in the world, no?” Lyla replied jokingly with her head held high in a royalty pose. “Of course, princess. You’re allowed to take all the time in the world, it’s your day after all. Thank you for gracing us with your presence“, the female brunette in the group said as she bowed with mock courtesy and they all burst out laughing.

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“And who’s the gorgeous lady with you, a black haired guy spoke up. “Lola here is our newest pack member. She’s drop dead gorgeous, no?” She said and they all nodded in agreement and smiled at me warmly. I returned it with a smile of my own and was relieved they did not cast me aside.

“Since Lyla isn’t going to introduce us to you, I might as well do the honors“, a guy with dyed blue hair spoke up before glaring at Lyla who just smiled at him..

“I am Alex, this is Avianca“, he said, pointing to the brunette in the group, who smiled at me warmly and I returned it, “This is Greg“, he pointed to the black haired guy who waved at me, “and lastly, Lotana“, he pointed to the blonde who gave me a large smile.

“It’s nice to meet all of you, I’m Lola“, I smiled at them too. “Oh my gosh, did you dye your hair? I love the color so much. I’ve been eyeing it since you got here. It looks so good and your eyes, oh your eyes. She’s gorgeous, Lyla“, Lotana gushed and I became red before saying ‘thank you‘.

“I know, right? She’s definitely a keeper. And I see Lyla all over her dress, she picked it, no?” Avianca asked and I nodded before looking over to Lyla who had a proud look in her eyes.

“It’s almost time for my ceremony to start. You guys take care of Lola for me, I’ll be back before you know it“, she said hurriedly before heading towards the stage where Alpha Jayden, Luna Rose and some other elderly people of the pack were gathered.

She looked gorgeous and shone brighter than anyone under the moonlight. The ceremony started but I wasn’t really paying attention, my mind was occupied by a certain man

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who was standing next to Nathan beside the stage. His eyes were on me all night and I could not understand why. I cleared my throat and decided that I needed to take a sip of water.

“Where can I get water? I’m so thirsty“, I asked Lotana and she pointed towards a makeshift bar with all manners of drinks displayed on it. I picked a bottle of water and gulped half of it, feeling refreshed. Why do I feel so hot tonight?

I felt a presence beside me but I ignored it. Anyone could come here to get a drink. I was about to go back to the group when a voice stopped me.

“Lola, yeah?” I looked towards the owner of the voice and saw the woman from earlier beside me. She smiled at me but it did not make me feel safe, in fact, it scared me.

“I’d suggest you reject Adrian and leave him alone. He’s never going to love you anyway. No one is ever going to love you, freak“, she smiled at me sinisterly before she left.

I was in shock after she left and just couldn’t believe my eyes nor ears. The only thought on my mind was, what the heck was that?

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Unknown's POV

My phone buzzed with a message and I reached for it quickly. I smiled when I saw a picture of my gorgeous angel on my screen. She looked effortlessly beautiful and amazing and I felt my dick stir in my pants as I took in her picture.

I reached for my dick and slowly rubbed it to the picture of the angel before me. It wasn't long before I spilled my seed on

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If she could make me feel so good with a picture, I'm going to have so much fun with her body. I closed my eyes and anticipated the time I'd get **to** keep her to myself. I just need her to unlock her full potential, then she'd be mine.

Soon, angel. Very soon, I'm going to have you to myself and myself alone, I thought as I drifted off to sleep.

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Adrian's POV

She was gone from my presence before I could send Fay away. I tried searching for her when another figure showed up in front of me. I closed my eyes and sent a silent prayer to the Moon goddess to give me the strength to not break

someone's neck today.

I opened my eyes only to see Nathan in front of me grinning wildly. Must be nice to have someone you've always wanted as a mate as your mate.

He noticed that I wasn't mirroring his excitement and his smile disappeared and was replaced by a frown. "Who pissed in your cereal? You look like you're about to go on a killing spree", he observed and I took a deep sigh.

He wasn't the reason I lost sight of Lola, I did not need to take out my frustrations on him.

"I was just disturbed by something, I'm fine. Where's your precious mate and why are you not with her?" I asked him. If I saw Lyla, I'd see Lola too. She's her only friend and they tend to be together.

"Oh, she's with some group of friends. And I can't hover around her everytime, she doesn't like it", he grinned and I shook my head at him. He's far gone in love and nothing can pull him out of it.

I want to feel that with Lola too but I fucked things up royally.

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"And besides, she's making Lola make new friends and see new people", he added and I think I got a whiplash from looking at him so fast.

"Are there guys in the group of people she's meeting with?" I asked, trying to keep the jealousy out of my voice and keep Daxon at bay.

He nodded his head and a low growl escaped my lips. Nathan started laughing, the motherfucker actually laughed. I looked at him quizzically but he kept on laughing.

"Dude, you should have seen your face when I mentioned another guy. If you care about her so much, why don't you make the first move on her and accept her as your mate instead of making the two of you suffer

unnecessarily?” He asked. I wanted to tell him how I fucked up but I knew how bad Nathan frowned upon that particular act and I felt – ashamed to speak to him about it.

I just shrugged my shoulders and kept looking around for Lola. I eventually spotted her at the far end of the garden, talking to a group of four people with Lyla beside her. She seemed fine and happy and she would sometimes laugh with them.

I wanted her to be that relaxed with me too but she seems to freeze anytime I get close to her.

“You made us lose that opportunity, dude. You don’t have the right to complain about not being close to her“, Daxon said in my head.

He was right. I did make us lose that opportunity so I better suck it up. Lyla soon left the group she was with to go to the prepared stage for her coming of age ceremony. Nathan

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moved to stand beside the stage and I followed after him. He was the future Beta and her mate after all and I also had to stand there as the future Alpha.

As the ceremony went on, I could only focus on Lola. She looked breathtaking and no one held a candle to her. Her hair seemed to shine brighter than it normally would.

She soon excused herself and went to get something to drink. I saw Fay going towards her and resisted the urge to leave where I was and snap her neck. I wouldn’t hesitate to snap her neck if she laid a finger on Lola.

She got to where Lola was and I could see her saying

something to her. A low growl left my lips and Nathan looked

over to me.

“What the fuck has got your panties in a twist now? Can you please concentrate on the matter at hand?” He whispered harshly to me and I snarled at him, making him flinch.

How could he tell me to relax when the devil herself was going towards my mate. Not a lot of people know Fay’s true character because she acts all sweet and charming. Deep down, she’s a power hungry bitch and would do anything to get her way.

“I’d be damned if I let that bitch hurt mate. If it means tearing through your skin and taking control, I’d do it“, Daxon growled angrily in my head.

He was right. I couldn’t let anything else happen to Lola. She had already been through a lot if her scars and behavior around people were anything to judge by.

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Ignoring the look people gave me and Nathan’s warning, I stormed over to where Fay was talking to a confused Lola. Fay left where Lola was standing when she saw me coming.

Of course, the bitch knows what she’s doing.

Lola looked more confused after Fay left. I got to where she was and she did not even notice I was standing in front of her till I called out to her.

“Lola?” I said gently. She shook her head and focused her eyes on me, widening her eyes when she realized who I was. “I was just getting water to drink, I wasn’t doing anything I promised“, she rushed out and seemed scared of me.

My heart broke to see that she thought I might hurt her. I had not been a good mate, I know, but I wasn't going to inflict physical pain on her. I decided to ignore that and ask about Fay.

"What did Fay say to you?" I asked her. "Fay?" She asked in a small, confused voice. Of course, she doesn't know her name. What was I thinking?

"The woman that left just now. What did she say to you?" I asked again. "Oh, it was nothing. She just gave me advice, that's all", she said, looking anywhere but my side. I did not need to listen to her heartbeat to know that she was lying.

"I asked you a question and I demand an honest answer, Lola

I said with more authority. I did not want to scare her but I needed to know what Fay said to her.

"S-she told me t-to le-leave you al-l-lone", she stammered out and I felt rage take over, my body. Without saying another

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word, I stormed off and went in the direction I saw Fay went.

Who does she think she is to say such to my mate after I had warned her?

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Lola's POV

What was I expecting? I sighed and looked around to see a few people still looking at me. Some were looking at me with pity, some with curiosity and I got a few hate glares too.

I shook it off and walked towards Avianca and the rest of the group. They were looking at me with curiosity too, I just pasted a smile on my face and tried not to trip over my legs as I walked towards them.

“What was that, girl?” Alex was the first one to ask when I reached where they were standing. “What was what?” | feigned curiosity but they were not buying it.

“That that just happened, durhhhhh. Why was the future Alpha talking to you? He rarely talks to anyone in the pack“, Avianca added and I tried to come up with lies but couldn’t find any.

I was about to talk when Greg spoke up. “Nathan is Lyla’s mate?” He said and everybody’s head whipped to the stage so fast I almost laughed. It’s funny how people lose interest fast.

Loud claps and cheers erupted in the crowd as Nathan and Lyla kissed passionately. I felt jealous for a moment but I quickly got over it. Lyla has been nothing but nice to me since I got here, I shouldn’t be jealous she has someone that loves her because I got rejected twice.

I felt eyes on me and looked up to see Greg looking at me. I

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sent him a grateful smile and he nodded in response. He knew what the relationship between Adrian and I was and that’s why he took the attention of the other people in the group away from me.

Lyla came rushing towards us and held my hands immediately she got to me, she must have seen what happened from the stage.

“Lola and I have something to do right now. How about we meet up with you guys for a group lunch tomorrow or the day after it? We really have to go now“, she hurriedly said and I looked at her in confusion.

We had something to do? How come I wasn't informed? I was about to question her when she gave me a look that said 'shut up'.

"Of course we can meet again some other time. You can go. now", Greg was the one who spoke. We said a hurried goodbye before we left the group and went towards the pack house.

"We have something to do? How do I not know about it?" I asked her as we moved towards the pack house. She stopped abruptly, making me almost trip.

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"Of course we do not have plans, Lola. It to get you away from there, you looked uncomfortable" she said and I looked down at my hands.

Of course she noticed everything from the stage.

"You saw everything from the stage?" I asked her sheepishly. "Yes, I saw everything. Am I the only one you can raise your

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voice at? You should have told the bitch off when she said whatever she said. It must have been something about Adrian, I saw the way your face looked pained after she left", she rushed out. I could feel the anger in her words and I wondered who the anger was directed at.

"What exactly was I supposed to say to her, Lyla? She told me to leave Adrian alone because he would never love me", I said, my voice cracking. "And she was right. **When** I told Adrian what she said, he just left without saying anything. Is that whom I was supposed to fight for?" I asked with tears in my eyes and Lyla's eyes softened.

She was about to talk when she stopped. "Let's leave here first, there are lots of people around", she dragged me into her room.

“Are you not supposed to be with your mate right now?” I – asked, partly because I did not want to have any conversation

regarding Adrian and partly because she was actually supposed to be with her mate.

“He went to look for Adrian and I had to get you out of that conversation earlier. Do not try to change the topic“, she glared at me.

“I should go home, Lyla. I have training with Jayden in the morning. I just started, I don’t want to miss out on it nor slack“, I changed the conversation. I did not want to talk about Adrian, he did not choose me so I’m not going to be bothered

about him.

Thankfully, Lyla dropped the matter when my words caught her attention . “You started training with Jayden? You’re so luckyyyyyyy, he’s the best fighter and trainer in the whole of

the werewolf world. He’s not the Alpha King for nothing” she gushed and I sighed in relief at the change of subject.

“Yeah, I know I got lucky“, I laughed, “that’s why I shouldn’t slack so I won’t get punished by my trainer. I’d get going now Lyla, it’s late already“, I said but she stopped me.

“I’ll have Nathan drop you off at the house, it’s already late and I don’t want any harm to come to you“, she said but I disagreed. I did not want to keep her away from her mate any longer.

“I can walk the short distance just fine, Lyla. I promise you that I’m fine and can handle myself. And besides, no one cares about me enough to hurt me in this pack“, I argued. Seeing that I wasn’t going to back down, she nodded her head and offered to see me out.

We were barely outside when we met Greg, who was coming. into the pack house. I was going to avoid him but Lyla dragged us towards him.

“Gregggggggg, you’re heading in already?” Lyla asked a very obvious question and he nodded his head. I’ve noticed that he wasn’t a guy of many words which is very good.

“Can you see Lola home for me?” She asked and we both looked at her in shock at the same time. “I’ve told you I can get to the house back just fine”, I said to Lyla and she rolled her eyes. “Please, I don’t want to be a bother. You don’t have to listen to her”, I said to Greg.

“I’ll see her home, it’s not a bother at all“, he turned towards Lyla who clapped happily at that. “Now, I can go to my mate in peace“, she said before hugging me and skipping off leaving Greg and I alone.

“Shall we?” Greg said after a moment of silence and I nodded my head as we proceeded out of the pack house. The entire walk home was silent and awkward.

We were almost at the house when he spoke up. “So you’re Adrian’s mate?” I wasn’t even shocked by the question. I knew. that he knew already, he lived in the pack house after all.

“Yeah, I’m his mate“, I said softly. “Fay lied. You’re not a freak and you’re definitely worthy of love, any man would be lucky to have you as a mate“, he said and I opened my mouth in shock.

How did he hear what Fay said?

“How did you hear what Fay said? The distance was pretty far apart“, I asked in awe. “We’re at your house already. See you at the group lunch tomorrow or next tomorrow, Lola. Have a good night“. With that, he walked away speedily and I whispered my reply into the night.

I entered the house to find Adrian seated in the couch, fucking with anger. I ignored him and the mate pull and made my way to my room.

There’s only one way I can be happy in this pack. Moving on from Adrian and becoming a strong warrior, and that’s exactly what I’m going to do.

Chapter 36

Adrian's POV

I went in search of Fay immediately I left Lola. I was blinded by rage at her insolence. I clearly told her to stay away from Lola and she had the guts to go back and say shit to her?

I spotted her in a group of people and walked over to her. I grabbed her arm and pulled her away from the group towards a slightly deserted corner of the pack house.

“What did I tell you about Lola?” I barked in her face and she seemed unfazed. It was almost like she did it to lure me to her. She smiled lazily at me and I felt Daxon trying to take control.

She must have noticed the incessant change in my eye colour because she trembled slightly and bowed her head. Daxon is an Alpha wolf and doesn't care for anyone except his mate so she knew she'd be torn to shreds if I allowed him to take control.

“You chose me first, Adrian. I'm supposed to be your Luna, not some low”, I growled at her at her choice of words and she quickly changed what she was going to say, “not that girl”.

“Know your place, Fay. Know your place it I wouldn't hesitate to tear you apart if you as much as try to humiliate or intimidate my mate”, I snarled at her and she took a couple steps back.

“You already humiliated her when you slept with”, she said

under her breath but I heard it. “What did you just say?” I dared her to say it again but she did not. I thought as much.

I was about to leave when she held onto me and hugged me. “You chose me first, Adrian”, she said in a sad voice and sniffled a little but I knew it was all a show.

I pulled her away from my skin and made her look into my eyes. “You were a replacement for when I finally found my mate, get that into your head. I’ve found her now so you should step back“, I said to her harshly and turned around to leave.

“I’ll make sure I become your Luna, Adrian. No one is going to love you the way I do, not even that freak“, she shouted after me but I ignored her. She’s a psycho with some loose screws, I wasn’t going to let her pull me down with her.

“She doesn’t even love you nor feel the mate bond with you. She did not bat an eye when I told her to leave you for me. A real woman would have fought for her mate but she just stood there like she did not even hear me. No one would ever love you like I do, get that into your head Adrian“, she kept screaming as I left but I ignored her.

I kept thinking about Fay’s words as I went towards my home. Did she really not care about me? Was I the only one affected by the mate bond? But she was in pain when I was with another woman, that counts for something right?

I was disturbed and lost in thought till I got home. I had just entered the living room when I felt someone prodding at my mindlink. I let down my wall and Nathan’s voice came through.

“Where are you, man?” His voice rang through the mindlink

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and I almost facepalmed. I had forgotten that it was his mate’s coming of age ceremony and most people must be wondering where the future Alpha ran off to.

“I’m at home. Something urgent came up so I had to leave early. I’m sorry, I should have been there as your Alpha and bestfriend“, I sighed through the mindlink.

“I know there’s something bothering you and you can’t deny that. I was waiting for you to find the right time to let me in on it but not anymore. What did you do, Adrian? Spill“, he said. through the mindlink.

“I think it’s better we talk about this when we see each other“, I said. I wanted to escape the conversation by any means but he refused. He already knew I was going to find a way to escape it.

“I think we should talk about it now. Something happened and you’ve been avoiding the topic. I also noticed Rose and Jayden were happy with you today. What exactly did you do, Adrian?” He asked and I sighed. I hate the fact that he knows me so well but I also needed someone to tell me how to move forward with her.

“I fucked up, Nathan. I had sex with Fay just 2 nights ago after the whole pack house fiasco with Lola. I was angry and wasn’t thinking straight so I went to see Fay and took out my anger on her“, breathed out. Nathan remained silent so I continued.

“She was in pain the whole time I spent with Fay. Mother said she barely made it through the night and I apparently did what her former mate had done to her“, I finished and waited for Nathan to say something but it was all quiet. I knew he could hear me though because I could still feel his presence in

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my head.

“I don’t know what to say, Adrian. You know fully well that she’d gone through something. You were there when she had a panic attack because of that mutt from her former pack. I told you repeatedly that she was fragile and should be

handled with care and you did what??” I couldn’t say anything to the questions he asked.

I was warned over and over but I kept ignoring it. Now, I have Fay to deal with and I also had to win Lola's heart.

"What do I do, Nathan. Fay keeps trying to get with me and Lola doesn't seem to want to have anything to do with me. I don't think she cares enough about me", I said while I sat in the couch with my head in my hands.

I was slowly losing it and it's only a matter of time before Daxon loses it.

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suggest you actually give her time to realise that you both need each other. You should also be nice to her and show her that you want to be with her if she'd have you. She's your mate after all and she must feel the mate bond too", he said.

I was about to answer him when I smelled her faintly and heard voices outside the house. "She's here now. I'll talk to you later, man. Congratulations on finally getting your mate and thanks for the advice".

"Anytime, buddy", he said and the mindlink went silent.

I walked towards the curtain overlooking the front side of the house and saw Lola there with a guy her age. The guy left shortly after and I went to sit on the couch hurriedly before Lola could reach the front door.

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She walked in and saw me sitting on the couch but walked up the stairs like I wasn't sitting there. As I watched her leave for her room, Fay's words kept ringing in my head.

I shook my head to clear my head. This is my mess and I will definitely find a way to clear it.

Chapter 37

Lola's POV

The

next morning I woke up late and ran down in panic to see Rose and Jayden being cozy and comfortable on the living room couch. They both looked up as I rushed into the living room breathing heavily.

“Wow, wow, calm down Lola. What’s the rush?” Rose laughed as soon as she saw me. I stopped to catch my breath as they both laughed at my expense.

“I thought I was late for training“, I managed to squeeze out in between breaths. Rose looked at Jayden and looked back at me. “I’m so sorry, Lola. I told Jayden to give you a break for today because Lyla told me you’d be hanging out with a group of friends later today. I did not know he did not inform you otherwise“, she said to me apologetically.

“She even came down with her shirt turned inside out“, she said as she glared at Jayden and that was when I realized that I was indeed wearing my shirt inside out. “I did not even realize“, I muttered and they both burst out laughing.

I was about to turn towards the stairs to get changed when Rose stopped me. “Oh, I almost forgot, Lola. I ordered a phone for you to aid communication with Lyla, and now your new friends, since you don’t have access to the mindlink yet. And it came yesterday while we were at the pack house*, she said and I nodded excitedly on the spot I stood on.

“I’ll get it and bring it to your room now. It has my number,

Jayden’s, Lyla’s, Nathan’s and of course“, she paused and looked at my face intently before she said the last one, “Adrian’s“. At the mention of his name, my heart skipped a beat and my excitement went down a notch but I tried to keep it out of my face.

“Oh” was all I could say as I nodded my head. After that, I turned and left for my room. I had barely removed all my clothes when a knock sounded on the door. I knew it was Rose so I did no

bother asking who it was before I opened the door after putting on my bathrobe.

was shocked when I came face to face with Adrian. He looked sinfully gorgeous and I felt my breath hitch in my throat. I instinctively went to my bathrobe, pulling it securely round myself.

He cleared his throat and pushed a box towards me. "Mom said I should give this to you", he said and then rubbed the back of his neck nervously.

Oh, thank you", I replied in a small voice. "She said Lyla might call you soon, she already texted her with your number", he said and I nodded again.

Was that all?

He looked like he wanted to say something more before she decided against it and left hurriedly. I was confused for a moment. Was he just nervous before me? It must have been something else. I shook off the matter and closed my door before holding out the device in the box.

Now what a phone is. I've seen it in my former pack but I never knew how to operate one because I never had access to

1. It felt so light and shiny and I fell in love with it immediately.

I tried turning it on but I couldn't do so. I let it be on my vanity mirror before I went into the bathroom to bathe and do my business.

I took a while in the bathroom. I was about to wrap my towel around my body when I noticed that the silver tattoo on my chest was already getting more visible. I did not really pay attention to it and left the bathroom

I was picking my outfit for the day when a shrill sound came from my vanity desk. I was so frightened I crawled under the bed for a while till the sound stopped. After it stopped, I wasn't sure if whatever the sound was was still in my room so I stayed under the bed, fidgeting.

It wasn't until I heard a knock filled by Lyla's voice that I left my hideout. I ran over to the door, opened it quickly and dragged Lyla with me to hide again.

She did not hide under the bed with me and looked at me confused. "Get in here, Lyla", I whisper-shouted but she looked at me like I had lost it.

"Why? What are we hiding from, Lola?" She whispered back. "A shrill sound came from my vanity table. I don't know what **it** was but **it** might be back again to attack us.

She stood up, ignoring how I called after her in a hushed voice. and went towards my vanity desk. I crawled out of the bed just enough to watch her every movement.

She got to the vanity table and looked back at me with a smile on her face. I wondered what was funny. "Did you say the sound came from your vanity table?" She asked and I nodded. my head vigorously. She laughed lightly before she turned

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towards the vanity table again.

Soon enough, the shrill sound came on again and I instantly went into hiding, only getting up when I heard Lyla laughing uncontrollably. She became even more hysterical with her laughter when she saw my confused face.

I waited for her to stop laughing before I asked her what happened. "The shrill sound came from the phone, Lola. I was the one who called you initially before Rose let me in", she said and I felt so embarrassed.

"Oh, I had no idea", I muttered as I walked towards my closet to pick some clothes. Lola must have noticed my mood. because she came towards me and held my hands.

"I'm sorry if I made you feel embarrassed, I should have been more sensitive", she pleaded and I nodded. She picked out my outfit which consisted of a black skinny jean, cute, mint green. top and a black slip on to go with

it. She excused me after picking the outfit and I hurriedly put on my clothes so I won't keep her waiting.

I met Lyla in the living room talking animatedly with Rose. Those two can talk your ears if care is not taken. I cleared my throat to gain their attention. Lyla was smiling at me when her smile was suddenly replaced by a frown, the frown was directed to someone behind me.

I smelled him before he reached the living room threshold. "We should go, girl. Greg and the rest of the gang can't wait to see you again", she said, putting emphasis on Greg.

Bidding farewell to Rose, she pulled me out of the house. Just before the door closed, I saw Adrian's handsome face contoured with anger and jealousy?

Chapter 38

Lola's POV

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Chapter 39

Adrian's POV

As I looked at her retreating figure, I knew I messed up my chance this time. Nathan

was trying to comfort me but I knew he was just going it out of the relationship we had. I did not know what came over me, I just saw red immediately I saw her hugging him.

I could have blamed Daxon for what happened but it was all me and Daxon is very mad at me right now.

“We could have had a chance with her but you fucked it up again, human!” He bellowed in my head and I bowed my head in shame.

It all started in the morning when I heard her running like something was amiss only for me to realize that she was doing so because she thought she had missed her practice. I was at the top of the staircase listening to everything that was said between Mom and her.

I did not like the fact that she was hanging out with the guys. from yesterday. One of them was the one who saw her home yesterday and I felt my blood boiled at the thought of her hanging out around him today again.

I saw my opportunity to see her when Mom talked about bringing her new phone to her later in her room.

I waited till I smelt mom before opening the door to my room.

“Mom“, I called out to her and she stopped in her tracks.

before turning around to face me. “Yes?” She asked with an attitude and I wondered if it was a good idea to ask her for the favour.

We haven't really talked since the morning she slapped me and it's been putting a strain on our relationship. I know repairing my relationship with Lola will strengthen it.

relationship between Mom and I too so I had to go ahead with

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“Can I take it to her?” I asked, pointing to the box in her hands. and she raised her eyebrows at me. “What do you know that I’m carrying and why do you want to take it to her?” She asked with her free hand on her hips.

“I know it’s a phone, I over heard you talking about it to her“, she cut me off mid-sentence, “you mean you were eavesdropping“, she said with a pointed glare, “and I’d really like to talk to **her** to at least sort things out between us“, | finished and Mom’s eyes softened a little.

“Oh, Adrian. I thought you were not going to come back to your senses. You’d better make things right with her and treat her like the queen that she is or you’ll have me to answer to“, she said as she pushed the box into my chest.

“Also tell her that she might get a call from Lyla. I already texted her new number to her“, she said before walking off.

Progress.

I tried to reign in my nerves before I walked towards her door. I admit that I’ve never been this nervous since.....well since never. Daxon was excited in my head too and he was hopping about happily.

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So much for being an Alpha wolf.

What would I say to her? Will she accept me? Will I be able to make amends with her? These were my thoughts as I knocked on her door.

I took a deep breath as I heard her footsteps move towards the door. She opened her door without asking who was there, thinking it was Mom. I had closed my eyes out of nerves

before she opened the door. I was so dumbfounded when I saw her in a bathrobe.

She looked equally shocked and her hands instinctively went to her bathrobe to pull it more securely around her body. She looked so innocent in her bathrobe but the thoughts that were running through my mind were not innocent at all.

Daxon wasn't helping matters by making a very vivid description of what might be underneath her bathrobe. I blocked him out and tried to concentrate on not embarrassing myself.

Clearing my throat and my head, I pushed the box towards her. "Mom said I should give this to you", I said, rubbing my neck nervously after she took it from me.

"Oh, thank you", she replied in a small voice, her voice adding to the fire that was already burning in my veins. "She said Lyla might call you soon. She already texted her with your number", I said and she nodded her head.

I wanted to say more to her but I didn't know what to say so I turned and left, cursing myself for being such a coward.

I contemplated going back to meet her but decided against it, I did not want to disgrace myself again. I was still deciding

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when I heard smaller footsteps than mom's pad through the hallways.

I listened intently and realized it was Lyla. It took a while before she finally left again, but without Lola which meant she was still in her room. I was about to go and see her when her doors opened and she came out, smelling heavenly as always.

The fact that she was going out with the same set of people I saw her with yesterday made my blood boil. The thought of her smiling at any man or being friendly with them made me see red.

I went downstairs in time to see Lyla stand up and move towards her. Lyla's eyes and mine met and her smile got replaced with a frown almost immediately.

Knowing that it was going to get on my nerves, she talked about a Greg wanting to see her before dragging her out of the house. I saw red and wanted to go after them but refrained from doing so.

I turned towards my room and mindlinked Nathan. "Hey, man. So you know where Lyla is headed?" I asked immediately I sensed his presence in my head.

"An ice cream parlor. Why do you ask?" He asked. "Because we're going to that same ice cream parlor. Be ready in 10. minutes, bro", I said before closing the mindlink.

I should have stayed at home, I thought as the pack ambulance wheeled away the Greg guy. The look in her eyes was the one thing that hurt and haunted me.

She looked terrified of me.

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Chapter 40

Lola's POV

I was dumbfounded as the pack medics carried Greg away. I looked towards Adrian with fear in my eyes. Would he go berserk on me too if he doesn't like what I did? Will he go around beating people and making a bad name for me when he did not even choose me?

Even for a fact that Greg is a werewolf, he could not easily recover from his injury and the pack medics had to be called in to take care of him. That was how bad Adrian hit him.

Avianca, Lotana and Alex all looked at me differently and I couldn't help the sigh that escaped from my mouth. Lyla was the only one who stood by me as the medics left.

“Lola, I.....” He wanted to speak up when Lyla shut him up. “This is not the time to apologize, Adrian. You shouldn’t have done it if you’d have apologized for it. Since she came into this pack, you’ve caused her nothing but pain and anguish. If you can’t fucking make her happy, at least stay the fuck away from her“, she screamed in his face before holding my hands. and pulling me out of there.

I was thinking he’d have her head for speaking harshly to him but he barely reacted. Nathan stood by him but he looked like he’d rather go after his own mate. People around gave us different looks and I’m sure people who did not know I was his mate now did.

Lyla did not let go of my hand till we reached the car. She

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entered the car and she took a deep breath before turning towards me.

“Are you okay, Lola?” She asked and I did not know how to answer her question. Was I okay? I nodded my head and she looked like she did not believe me.

“You can tell me how you feel, Lola. It’s okay not to be okay, don’t you know?” She said gently and that was when my tears broke and I started crying.

I wasn’t okay. I wasn’t fine at all. I wanted to scream at the top of my lungs and kick him till he’s down in pain too but I couldn’t. I wanted to be loved by my mate and meet new people that won’t regard me as a freak but my chances are ruined now. Instead I opted for a simple “I’m not okay“.

“Hey, hey, it’s okay. It’s fine, baby girl. We should go and check on Greg first, yeah?” I nodded my head at her words. and tried to stop my tears from flowing readily.

By the time we got to the pack clinic, my heart was threatening to burst out of my chest from being so nervous. What if they do not want to meet me? What if they cast me aside and decide that I’m not worthy of being in

their presence? My thoughts were racing miles per hour and I had to hold my hands tightly because they were shaking.

“I swear I can feel the gears turning in your head. Don’t overthink what might happen or be. I’m sure Greg doesn’t hold anything against you. And the rest of the group will eventually come to, it’s just time“, she said reassuringly before we stepped out of the car into the clinic.

We asked about Greg once we entered the clinic and because it was a pack where almost everybody knew everybody, we were easily directed to where he was.

As we got closer, we saw Avianca, Alex and Lotana coming. out of the room he was in. Lotana’s eyes hardened.

immediately she saw me and was about to charge at me when Alexander held her back.

“What the fuck do you think you’re doing by showing your face here after what you did?” She shouted and I took a step back from her. “I-I’m s-s-sorry“, I stuttered out and she gave out a fake laugh.

“Sorry? Of course, you’re sorry. You’re not the one lying on the hospital bed because your mate decided to go ballistic on my brother!!!” She shouted again.

Brother? Greg is her brother? They look nothing alike. The image of Lotana being held by Avianca and Alex sparked a memory in my head.

It was a memory of a younger me crying out for my parents and brother? I never remembered having a brother all my life. The memory was so vivid, it felt like I was witnessing it at that moment.

Lotana was still shouting at me but I couldn’t hear what she was saying. Lyla was beside me

but I couldn't hear what she was saying either. I was in that memory and I could feel myself shaking uncontrollably with tears rolling down my face.

My younger self looked so sad and beautiful and my heart couldn't help but break for her. Everything suddenly went quiet and all I could hear was a buzzing sound in my head. Lyla's mouth was moving but I could not make out what she was saying.

What's going on? What's wrong with my body? Why can't I move nor talk? I could see Lotana, Avianca and Alex run towards me too. There was panic in Lyla's eyes and I wanted to know what made her look so afraid but I wasn't able to.

It was like I was trapped in my own mind. I felt myself being lifted and carried to one of the hospital beds and I wanted to scream at them that I was okay but nothing was forthcoming.

I was suddenly not in the hospital room anymore. A blinding white light shone onto my face, so I closed my eyes. When I opened them, I was back in the garden where I met the moon goddess.

My scars were no longer visible and I was in a white gown like before. I was about to shout into the garden when a bright light came on in front of me. I could see the shape of a woman in a white flowing gown but I wasn't able to see her face due to the light that shone from it.

"Welcome back again, child".

Chapter 41

Lola's POV

"Welcome back, child", the angelic voice from before drifted towards me and I felt a wave of calmness wash over me.

"Selene", I greeted her. I felt her moving towards me. It wasn't obvious that she wasn't moving but she seemed to draw closer to me.

“Why am I here again? Why did Lyla look so scared and every other person seemed to have seen a ghost? In fact, how did I get here? I saw no Serena nor herbs in the hospital. What’s going on?” I asked her. I was really getting confused and frustrated.

“Your wolf has been connected to mine since the last time

you came to this garden. You’re here because Jasmine called out to me“, she said, her voice soothing to the ears. Jasmine

called out to her?

“Why did she call out to you?” I asked her curiously. We were at the hospital, how could she have called out to her. I suddenly remembered the memory that came to me while I was in the hospital.

“Was it because of the memory I saw back at the hospital?” I asked and she said “yes“. “Was that memory real? Did I really have a brother? What happened 8 years ago?” I asked rapidly and she sighed.

“I can’t answer all these questions, Lola“, she said and I

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wanted to scream. “You can answer all these questions, Selene! You’re the moon goddess, you know everything and nothing goes by without your prior knowledge or permission! Just tell me everything, I’m tired of being in the dark“, I screamed out but it all came out in a silent and calm manner.

I can’t even scream out my grievances? Oh, come on!

“I understand how you feel, Lola, but I don’t know everything. There are some things that are beyond me and it’s called fate and destiny. You’ll find out everything soon enough“, she said gently and I just wanted to scream.

“Then what happened to Mom and Dad? Are they with you? Can I see them and my brother too? Can I at least talk to them? I miss them“, I whispered the last part and a year fell from my eyes.

I really do miss them. Nothing has gone right for me since I lost them. Maybe they can tell me all that happened if I can.

talk to them.

“They can’t answer your questions even if you see them, Lola“, Selene said as if she had read my mind. “But why?” I needed answers and I needed them fast.

“You’ll find out soon“, she said. I was about to argue back when I felt myself falling freely like the first time. I felt myself enter my body back at the hospital and opened my eyes with.

a gasp.

At the sound of the gasp, feet pattered towards me and I was bombarded by questions. I felt overwhelmed by the sudden change in atmosphere and could barely make out who was who and what they were saying.

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“She just woke up. You can’t keep asking her questions like that“, a familiar voice rang out with authority and everybody went silent. I was grateful for the silence and used that

moment to get myself together.

When I could finally take in my surroundings, I saw Jayden, Rose and Lyla with their tear stricken faces, also Avianca and Lotana who looked so sad and guilty.

“The doctor will be here soon“, Jayden said to me and I nodded my head. No sooner had he finished speaking when a balding man in white coat came in with two nurses in tow.

“Alpha, Luna“, he bowed to Jayden and Rose when he entered. “Can every one leave the room now? We’d like to run some tests on her“, the doctor said and that was when I looked down and saw that I had changed out of my clothes. and was now in a hospital gown.

Shit! The person that changed me would have seen all of my scars.

“I’m Doctor Cole. How do you feel, Lola?“ He asked with a warm smile and I slowly felt at ease. “I’m fine, doctor“, I replied in a small voice.

He did some minor checks while his nurses wrote some things down. He moved back and looked at me when he was done. “There’s nothing wrong with you but I’d still keep you here till tomorrow morning to see if any changes might occur. Have a nice day, Lola“, he said to me with a smile before he left the room.

The door had barely closed when Lyla ran inside and immediately came to wrap me in a hug. “Don’t scare me like that again“, she whispered into my neck and that was when I realized that she was crying.

“Hey, hey, I’m sorry, okay? It’s okay, don’t cry please“, I said while rubbing her back. “How many hours was I gone for?“ I asked and she pulled back from my body so fast, I thought she was burnt by fire.

“Hours?“ She exclaimed. “You were gone for 4 days, Lola“, another voice sounded from the door. I looked up to find Rose looking tired and worn out.

4 days? I was only gone for like a few hours. Selene and I just spoke for a while, I couldn’t have been out for 4 days. I looked at all of

their faces to check if they were playing with me but they all seemed so serious and sad.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t mean to be such a nuisance or bring you stress, I’m so rrry for any form of inconvenience I might have caused you“, I apologize.

“I should be the one apologizing“, Lotana spoke up. “If I had not been a bitch and shouted at you, you might not have gone into shock like you did. I’m really sorry for what I did, Lola, I sincerely apologize“, she said in a small voice but I heard her loud and clear.

Before I could speak up, Rose beat me to it. “Now, now, ladies. You can all leave now and sleep in your houses for tonight, I’d stay with Lola“, she said but the girls did not seem to agree. “That wasn’t a suggestion, it’s an order from your Luna and I wouldn’t take no for an answer“, she said sternly and they all nodded reluctantly.

Lyla hugged me one more time before she left the room. Just before she moved away from me, she whispered, “You’re so

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strong, Lola“, leaving me confused.

Rose came towards me once everyone left. She came to hug me and held my hands after she moved back. “Thank you for coming back to us. I wouldn’t have been able to forgive myself“, she said, her voice breaking. I gave her a smile and she returned it with a shaky one.

Remembering that someone must have changed me, I asked her the question I was dreading to ask. “Who changed me out of my clothes?“ I asked, hoping it was her. “I did“, she said and I breathed a sigh of relief. “But the girls saw too“, I facepalmed at that sentence.

I guess there’s no hiding from them anymore.

“But I made them promise not to pester you for what happened. You’d tell us when you’re ready“, she said. I nodded at her words, at least I won’t have to be so self-conscious around them anymore.

We talked for a while before I started yawning. “I’ll leave you to get some rest“, she said before kissing my cheeks and walking towards the door.

“Rose“, I called and she looked back, awaiting my question. “And Adrian?” I asked and her face changed to that of sadness. “He never showed up once“, she said it as if it pained her to voice out and I nodded my head with a smile on my face.

“Rest well, Lola“, she said before stepping out of the room. After she was gone, I allowed a tear to slide down my cheeks. This is the last time I’d cry over a man that doesn’t want me.

Adrian will be sorry he treated me this way, I vowed to myself.

Chapter 42

Lola’s POV

The next day when I was to be discharged, Lyla, Avianca and Lotana were all present. They all doted on me and made sure I did not need anything.

After the doctor came into my room and said I could be discharged, Lyla gave me some clothes that I could change into. I know that they already know about my battered body but I did not want to see the pity in their eyes.

I took a while in the bathroom to gather my thoughts and composure, for getting that there were mother hens waiting outside for me.

“Lola? Lola?” Lyla called out in a panicked voice. “Are you okay? Do you need anything? Are you having difficulties. doing anything?” She called out again when I did not answer her at first.

“I’m fine, Lyla. I’ll be out in a moment“, I called out to her and that was when she stopped knocking on the door. I heard them discussing in hushed tones and I could make out words like “Adrian“, “former pack“, “protected“, and I just knew they were talking about me.

I walked out of the bathroom and they suddenly went quiet. Lyla rushed towards me to help me but I stopped her. I was tired of being treated like I was totally useless.

“Can you guys please stop all these? I’m not useless, I can do

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these basic things by myself for the moon’s sake“, I got out and they all looked surprised. “What are you talking about, Lola“, Avianca was the one that spoke up.

“I know you guys saw my scars. I’m not useless because of them. I brought those scars from my former pack and fought my way to this pack covered in them. Please don’t act like I’m some fragile porcelain doll“, I spoke up, surprised by my words.

I looked around the room and they all looked equally surprised at my outburst. Lyla was the first one to break out of the daze. “I’m sorry, Lola. It’s just that even though Nathan said they saw scars on you when you came into the pack, I did not imagine it would be something so much“, she said, her voice breaking. “It’s a hard pill to swallow that people would willingly do something so horrendous to their kind“, she finally broke down into tears and I felt bad for making her cry.

She was only watching out for me, I did not have to be so harsh. I moved towards her and hugged her while she sobbed harder into my shoulder.

“I did not want you to think we’d treat you like your old pack did or kick you out because you’re different. I’d never treat you like that, Lola, you’re my best friend remember?“ She said while sniffing.

I was about to answer when Lotana spoke up. “Hey, where does that leave us?” She said with a pout and I almost laughed. “You’ve always liked Avianca more than you liked me”, she replied with a roll of her eyes.

“That’s not true. And I also want to be Lola’s best friend, you don’t get to keep her to yourself“, she said and crossed her

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arms over her chest. “I also want to be her best friend“, Avianca, who had been silently watching their banter, also spoke up.

“We can all be bestfriends“, I spoke up and Lotana and Avianca agreed immediately while Lyla still pouted a bit even though her eyes showed that she did not mind.

“I didn’t mean to be ungrateful for the love you guys are showing me but I don’t want to be treated differently. Just treat me the way you always have“, I said, directing my words to Lyla in particular.

They all nodded and I smiled at them in return. “Group hug?” Lotana asked and we all hugged, even though it was a bit uncomfortable but I was ready to get out of my comfort zone.

“We should have a group name“, Avianca said and the others shook their heads in disagreement. I was wondering why when she spoke up. “Hear me out guys, what about the ALLL“, she said with a grin and we all shouted no at once, making her move back with her hands over her heart. “You guys scared me, jeez“.

We were all laughing when Rose came into the room. “I see you ladies are having fun. It’s time to leave the hospital now. Lola needs to rest“, she said and I shook my head in disagreement. “But, I’m perfectly.....“, I tried to speak up but she wasn’t having any of it. “You’ll not argue with me, young lady“, she said with an intimidating look in her eyes so I kept quiet.

We silently left the room and I saw Jayden and Nathan

waiting. I tried not to be too disappointed when I did not see Adrian with them, I already knew he wasn't going to be here.

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He did not show up for four days after all.

Nathan took the girls to the pack house while I shared a ride with Jayden and Rose back to the house. The car ride was silent and we all decided to ignore the big elephant in the room. Adrian.

We got to the house and I went in first while Jayden and Rose stayed back to discuss some things. I was hit by his scent immediately I opened the door but I steeled my heart to not be swayed by a simple act or gesture.

I had barely made it to the top of the stairs when he came out of his room looking like shit. Well, he deserved everything that happened to him and will happen to him.

I did not acknowledge him and moved past him towards my room. I was halfway there when his voice stopped me in my tracks.

“Lola, I'm....., I turned towards him with anger in my veins. “You don't have the right to apologize to me, Adrian. Or should I say Alpha, since you'd be getting your happy ever after with your Luna soon. I hope you have a good life. together, scumbags fit each other perfectly“, I said with venom in my voice before storming into my room and shutting the door with so much anger.

I refused to be doormat for anyone anymore, he should have a good life with his bitchy chosen Luna.

I have a self-development journey that doesn't involve him and I'm going to excel at it.

Chapter 43

Adrian's POV

I think I just created a beast.

I watched Lola as she walked away from me and slammed the door with force, making me flinch a bit. I felt a sense of pride and also felt like I had been kicked in the heart.

That could only mean one thing; she wasn't going to take my bullshit any more. Sure, it did not sit well with me that she talked to me in that manner, I was an Alpha wolf after all, but it also made me feel proud that my mate was slowly standing up for herself.

Scratch that. It meant my mate would not be taking any bullshit from any one because she has guts now.

Daxon was basically wagging his tail and whimpering in my head when she was shouting at us. I had to admit that it turned me on a bit. The Alpha mate in me wanted to slam her against the wall and show her that she was mine and going nowhere. While the part of me that offended her was so ashamed, I could barely look her in the eyes.

"Congratulations, you succeeded in making her hate us. I hope you're fucking happy now", Daxon growled in my head. and I just rubbed my palm all over my face. I did not have a comeback for him. Nothing I would say would justify the reason I did not show up at the hospital for 4 days.

She was not responding to anything for four days but I

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couldn't go there because I might go berserk and make blood flow in the hospital so I stayed back at home, getting updates from Nathan.

The first day was worse. I had been sitting in my bedroom after the whole bowling alley incident when Nathan's voice came into my head.

"Lola just collapsed at the clinic, man", his panicked voice came through the mindlink and I went rigid. Daxon

immediately started whimpering in my head at the news that his mate had collapsed.

“What“, that was the only word I could get out. She looked perfectly fine before she left with Lyla. “I’m on my way back to get you, so we can go to the clinic together“, he said but I wasn’t even listening to him.

My whole thoughts were on how I had been the cause of her pain and suffering since she came into the pack when I should have been her protective shield. If I had not allowed my anger to overtake me at the sight of her hugging that pup. She might not have collapsed. I don’t deserve to see her.

“What?” Daxon boomed in my head but I paid him no heed. “Head straight to the clinic, Nathan. I won’t be going to see her, I don’t deserve to“, I said into the mindlink. “What? You can’t decide that for her. If you’re ever going to win her back, now is the time to do that, stupid“, Nathan shouted into the mindlink but my mind was already made.

“I wasn’t asking for your opinion on this matter, Nathan. I’d suggest you keep them to yourself until I say otherwise“, I said and the mindlink went silent.

Maybe I was too harsh but I also wanted to be left alone with my thoughts. I couldn’t imagine seeing her take her last breath when I was with her.

“You’re such a fucking coward, Adrian“, Daxon said angrily in my head but I couldn’t care less about what anyone said in that moment. Yes, I was a coward but I’d rather not watch her

die.

Mom came home that night and lashed out at me but I was hellbent on not going anywhere. There wasn’t anyone who could tell me a particular reason

on she was hospitalized and I could barely feel the connection to her soul inside me.

“I raised you better, Adrian. You’d regret your decision whether she lives or dies“, she said as she left my room that night. Daxon refused to talk to me, my parents refused to talk to me, Nathan would only give me updates when I forced it out of him. I was alone, completely alone and I was slowly losing my mind.

I thought about rejecting her but my heart felt like it was going to burst out of my chest anytime I thought about it. It wasn’t until yesterday that she came back to life that Nathan told me the real reason she collapsed and what Lyla had told

him.

She apparently collapsed after one of the girls from the new group she went out with started blaming her that she was the reason her brother was in the hospital. The doctor stabilized her but the greater shock came when she was to be changed out of her gown.

Nathan said Lyla had come to him crying about how no one deserves what she went through. He mentioned seeing her scars when she arrived in the pack but she thought they were

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marks from where she was running and did not bother with it after they clothed her.

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I shook uncontrollably and the only thing that stopped me from going to the hospital to take her into my arms was the shame from not showing up initially.

I was so nervous when I heard that she was getting discharged that I couldn’t get any sleep. How

would I explain why I was absent to her? Would she be willing to work things out with me? Do I deserve her?

I was preparing what I was going to say to her when I heard the door to the house open and close. As the footsteps made their way up the stairs, her scents invaded my nostrils and I wanted to hit myself for being such a fool.

She stopped in her tracks for a while when she saw me before. she made her way towards her room like I did not exist. I wouldn't lie and say it didn't hurt because it did.

I was so shocked when she shouted at me. I had created a beast.

Chapter 44

Lola's POV

It's been a month since I got to Crescent moon pack. Let's just say it's been eventful. Since the day I got back from the clinic and went off like a bomb on Adrian, to be very honest, I was a ticking time bomb, I had not spoken to him till date.

It's not like he did not try to speak to me but I wasn't having it. If he decided to be a dick, he might as well go fuck himself with it, I did not care.

"But you do", Jasmine interrupted my chain of thoughts and I would have smacked her if she weren't a part of me. "You're so lucky you're a part of me, I'd have smacked the living daylights out of you, girl", I said to her but she just laughed wolfishly.

"If you hurt me, you hurt yourself durhhhhh", she snickered at me and I rolled my eyes. Yeah, Jasmine and I have been. more vocal and friendly now. We now communicate more because she's not always sleeping from taking my pain. Save the occasional heartache we get from resisting the bond for a while, we were perfectly fine and our scars were slowly fading

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Rose would give me ointment to apply to my wounds. Turned out that the ointment I applied to my scars a day after Adrian's misbehavior was given to me by him. Little things like that are what made me want to get together with him but when I remember the reason I had to use the ointment in the first place, I come back to my senses.

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Training has been going fine with Jayden. I have to say I've been impressed at the rate at which I was growing physically and mentally. Jayden said I'm easily one of the best students he's trained so far and my head couldn't help but swell whenever he says it.

I've gone from basic workout to learning how to fight and spar. I could withstand getting hit now because I can definitely land a mean hit too. Jayden said I'd soon learn how to fight in my wolf form but I wasn't ready to show Jasmine to the world.

There's always been a reason my parents told me to keep her hidden. I don't think it's a good idea to let her be known to the world now.

People still think I don't have a wolf, I don't understand how that's possible. Only the few I told I had a wolf know that I have a wolf.

"It will be so nice to finally be able to move freely and find the wind in my fur too", Jasmine's voice came through our

mindlink and I facepalmed.

"Stop listening to my thoughts, Jas", I snapped at her but I felt her roll her eyes at me. "I can't help it. You don't put up a block", with that I blocked her out.

Rose had been very helpful and I was glad I had Lyla and her by my side. She had been the mother I never had and Lyla and the girls and I have formed some kind of sisterhood. They've always been supportive.

We'd randomly go shopping or go to volunteer in the pack clinic. They said I needed to learn it as the future Luna and no

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matter how hard I refused, they'd always drag my ass with them whenever that went.

As if on cue, my phone rang and the caller ID showed that it was Lyla. Yeah, I figured how to use it and many more, all thanks to the girls. I picked the call, put it on speaker and placed it on the bed.

“And why are you not here, yet???” She yelled out and I was glad I didn't place the phone close to my ear. My hearing has been so sensitive lately, I pick up even the tiniest of sounds, like the fact that Lyla was trimming her toenails as she spoke to me. Or that Adrian was turning around restlessly on his bed.

Blame the mate bond, please.

“Jeez, girl. I'm almost done dressing up. I'll be with you soon“, I lied to her. I wasn't done but she did not have to know that. “Soon? Lola, I know you haven't started dressing yet. I give you 30 minutes to shower and get your ass over here before I come get you myself“, she said and I almost giggled. She

knows me so well.

I heard the door open from her end of the call and two sets of footsteps entered the room. “Is that Lola, is she almost here?” Lotana was the one who asked. “Pretty sure she hasn't had her bath“, Lyla replied.

“You haven't taken your bath when my coming of age ceremony is just 4 hours away. You should have been here since morning. We're the ALLL, remember?” Avianca whined and I laughed.

“I promise you that I'd be there in 30 minutes. See you soon, guys“, without waiting for a response, I hung up and shot into

the bathroom to do my routine.

It was a quick shower and I packed my clothes into a bag so I could go and get ready with the girls. I met Rose on my way out and told her I was going to get ready with the girls. We hugged before I left.

I ran the distance from the house to the pack house in less than 5 minutes, barely breaking a sweat nor out of breath. Yayyyyyy, Jayden would have been proud to see that.

I was greeted by Jace and his mate, Greg as I entered the pack house. Yeah, that same Greg, who would have thought? "Hi, gorgeous. Been a while since I saw you", he greeted me cheerfully and tried to leave Greg, who was holding onto him like a lifeline, to come and greet me but Greg wasn't having any of it.

"Hey lovebirds, it's good to see you guys too. Especially you, Greg", I teased and he became as red as a tomato. "Hi, Lola", he greeted back shyly before grasping onto Jace more. I swear they're inseparable anytime I see them.

I was about to leave when Alex came in too. "Hey Lola, looking extra nice tonight. Did you do something with your hair?" He asked and I shook my head in disagreement. I noticed he sniffed the air quite a number of times and looked at me weirdly but shook it off.

"I'd see you guys around", I said before I dashed off towards - yla's former room. She moved into Nathan's house but we still meet here when we have a group outing.

"Hey guys", I greeted them as I entered and they all answered me, even though I was chastised a little for being late. We all

ressed up prettily.

Avianca was in a strapless red gown that had no back, Lotanal was in a midnight blue gown that accentuated all of her curves, Lola looked stunning in her white gown that made sure all eyes were on her all night and I was in my signature black dress.

We all did our hair and had minimal make up on. We left the room some minutes to 7 and all eyes were on us as we left the pack house. Or should I say, all eyes were on me? The guys we passed all looked at me with hunger in their eyes and sniffed the air like Alex did before.

I shook it off

and we entered the garden where the ceremony was to take place. We were altogether until Avianca had to go. on stage like Lyla did the last time.

I suddenly felt hot but chalked it up to the black clothes | wore. I kept fanning myself and adjusting my hair that was almost reaching my back now. The heat was becoming

unbearable by the seconds and I could feel my eyes trying to close on its own.

I tried to tap Lyla but I couldn't as I felt the heat turn into a raging fire, starting from my fingertips and consuming the entirety of my being.

I screamed out disrupting the ceremony that was going on. I heard snarls and howls of male wolves around me and wondered what was going on.

Lyla tried to touch me but she just made the pain worse, making me scream out again. "She's in heat", Lyla said to no one in particular. Jace and Greg were with us in a twinkle of an eye trying to wade off men that were coming towards me.

What's going on, what's heat?

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"Mate! I want mate!" Jasmine whimpered in my head. As Jace and Greg tried to wave off the men coming towards me, a loud growl that shook the whole pack house was heard and everyone moved back from me.

Someone held me in their arms and I felt slightly better. I opened my eyes to see who held me and it turned out to be Adrian. "Mine! Mate!" Jasmine kept chanting in my head.

"You can sleep now, baby. I'll take care of you", he said to me softly and that was all I needed to close my eyes and be free from the pain.

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Adrian's POV

Ever since the hallway incident, all I could do was watch her grow into a strong woman. Watch her develop and build herself because she did not want to be the one to lose out. I watched her become more beautiful and radiant day in day out.

She still wasn't comfortable with showing off her skin. I

noticed the way she held herself changed. The way she was always quiet when she's with her friend but when she speaks, they grab onto every one of her words. I saw the way she slowly earned respect without having to do much.

She showed the signs that she'd make a great Luna and I could not deny that I made a mistake by treating her the way I did. Through her pain, she became a woman whom a lot respected.

I forced her to grow.

Dad would always talk about how she's one of the best he's ever trained and let me tell you that Dad is not one to dish out compliments unless you earn it. She'd been learning very fast and Dad said she'd be training in her wolf form soon.

I only felt connection to her wolf once, it was almost like she did not have one. I really couldn't wait to see what her wolf looks like. If you thought I was excited to see her wolf, you should have seen Daxon. We were both anticipating and I hoped it will be soon.

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I could hear her shuffling around in her room and I listened attentively to everything she was doing. That's the only way I've been keeping myself sane since she refused to talk to me.

I know I earned it but she feels the mate pull too right? How could she totally ignore me like that?

"The same way you totally ignored her you first met her", Daxon growled in my head. Lately, that seemed to be all we've been doing. Daxon constantly growling at me and blaming me while I ignored him.

"Yo man. Are you prepared for today's event?", Nathan voice came into my head, momentarily taking my thoughts off Lola.

"Another event? I think we've been having a lot of those these days. Whose coming of age ceremony is it now?" I asked. I did not really feel like going out to see people's faces.

"It's one of Lola's girls, Avianca. It's her coming of age ceremony and the girls will be meeting up shortly", he said and I got excited.

Any opportunity to admire Lola from afar without seeing like a creep is enough for me. "What time should I be there?" I asked and he laughed.

"The event starts by 7, man. Be there before then", he said before the mindlink went silent again. That must be why she's moving about more today. I checked the time and it was just 3 in the afternoon. I still had time so I decided that I was going to wait till she left before I started dressing up. It was obvious she was going to get dressed with the girls.

I soon heard her bedroom door open and close and her light footsteps could be heard in the hallways. Her scent suddenly

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hit me and it took a lot of willpower to not go into the hallway and claim her as mine.

I took deep breaths and tried to concentrate on my breathing rather than her scent that made my cock harden in my pants. Daxon wasn't making it any better with the way he was pacing and howling in my head.

He was trying to take over my body but I resisted. I wouldn't be able to control his actions once he loses his shit so I dug my nails in my palms, so much that it was drawing blood. The pain was what helped me to stay in focus and not lose my shit.

After I was sure that she had left the house, I tried to communicate with a very restless Daxon.

“What the heck was that man? You’d have done something you were not supposed to if I had given you control. What came over you?” I said harshly to him but he kept growling in my head.

“Mate! Mate! I want mate! I need her close to me. Mate!” He kept chanting so I blocked him out. Her scent was still heavy around the house, though it wasn’t as overwhelming as it was when she was in the house.

I was surprised I did not act on impulse, I couldn’t blame Saxon that was trying to take control. Her scent has never been that strong before. I chalked it up to her wolf developing since she has been doing a lot of growing the past few weeks.

I dressed up, putting a little effort in my look. I was in a two piece suit with a black tie. I found out that black was Lola’s favorite color. I styled my hair, something I wouldn’t normally do and even used cologne to make me smell amazing.

was at the pack house by a little after 6 and the way Lola’s

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scent was heavy in the air was almost dizzying. I could barely hold Daxon in again. I wandered off to the part of the pack house where the ceremony would take place in search of Nathan.

Thankfully, her scent was not that strong and I was able to keep a clear head. I was standing near the stage when Nathan walked up to me.

“You seem so restless. Is everything good?” He asked once he reached where I was standing and I shook my head in

negative. “I can smell Lola everywhere and it’s starting to mess with my head“, I said with a slight growl.

I did not need to turn around to know that she was in the garden. Her scent became so overwhelming, it was almost painful. It was like it kept getting stronger by the seconds. The urge to walk up to her and claim her as mine was

overwhelming.

The ceremony soon started but Lola's scent was all I could focus on. It was almost painful to be away from her. I longed to be one with her and make her mine completely.

I suddenly noticed some males sniffing the air and getting restless as her scent grew stronger. I looked over to Nathan but he wasn't doing the same thing. I had barely had time to process what was going on when a loud noise came from where Lola had been standing with her friends and only her stunning black dress was missing from the group.

"She's in heat", Lyla shouted and that was when it all clicked in my head. The overwhelming need to be with her, her strong scents, the unmated males that kept sniffing the air.

I did not think before I ran towards the direction she was in.

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Nothing mattered in that moment. Not the fact that I had been a jerk to her, not the fact that she doesn't want to see me nor want me to touch her, nothing at all mattered.

I ran to where she was laying and held her writhing body in my arms. She relaxed into my arms and slightly opened her eyes to look at me.

“You can sleep now baby. I’ll take care of you“, I whispered to her and she closed her eyes as her body finally relaxed in my arms. Nathan was beside me as I scooped her into my arms. He, Jace and Greg were the ones holding off the unmated males that were trying to reach my woman.

“The pack is not safe for her at the moment. Why don’t you take her to the cabin? She’d be safer there and you can stay with her till she comes back to normal“, he said and I nodded at him.

Ignoring my raging boner and the crazy males trying to get to my mate, I carried her into Nathan’s car and gently placed her in the passenger’s seat. She started becoming restless the moment I stopped holding her. I rushed into the driver’s seat and kept one hand on her body as I sped out of the pack house.

My heart was breaking as I took in her face that was contorted in pain. It was all my fault. If I had accepted her sooner and marked her, she wouldn’t be in pain.

I’m sorry, Lola. I promise to make it up to you.