

3 What You Deserve

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Pack members are starting to gather at the base of the stairs but I could give a sh*t less. I'm consumed by their betrayal and my pain. Not only the pain of him f**king her but the pain of losing my pup. I have no intention of dealing with this quietly. "Caroline, please" he says, and takes a step toward me. "Please what, Donovan. Please forget what I just saw in our room. Please forget that you killed our pup and the next heir to our pack. Please be your dutiful Luna and let you keep f**king my stepmother. What exactly are you asking me to do?" His eyes get big and gasps are heard around us. A growl comes from behind me but I don't look back to see who it is. Chris comes to stand next to me. Donovan's eyes turn black as he looks at Chris. I know that Lazlo is at the surface. My heart breaks for him but nothing will change what Donovan has done to us. "Get the f**k away from my mate. This is between the two of us, Beta", Donovan says with all the venom he can muster. "I warned you Donovan" he starts to say, but Donovan's growl quiets him. "I am the Alpha of this pack. You would do well to remember that, Chris. She is my mate." Before Chris can say another word, I growl shaking the walls. I appreciate what he is trying to do, but I don't need or want his help right now. "Chris, leave, this is between us", I say pointing between myself and Donovan. I'm grateful when he heads back down the stairs without protesting. I look back at Donovan and he has a smirk on his face like he won.

"Caroline, let's go talk in our room. I'm sorry, I love you. I made a mistake, but it doesn't

I've ever heard. "It changes everything. I can never forgive you or her for what you have done. You are nothing to me now. You two deserve each other" I say before I turn making my way down the stairs. The pack members that have gathered drop their heads as I pass them. No one dares to say a word to me as I make my way outside of the pack house. My bleeding seems to have stopped but I can't focus on my loss right now. Nothing is going to bring my pup back but I will make the people that caused his death suffer. I need to deal with the treachery in front of me. Chris is standing by the door when Donovan comes out, followed by Candy. The entire pack seems to have gathered to watch my life implode. Donovan comes to stand in front of me with pleading eyes. I feel nothing for this man as he falls to his knees begging my forgiveness and reaches for me. "Caroline" Candy says my name like a whisper. "Don't you dare say my f**king name. You are nothing to me. In fact, Chris take her into custody. She can see exactly what happens when you betray me." I see a ash of fear in her eyes as she backs away from me. Clover pushes to the surface as we watch Chris grip her arms and drag her toward the door that leads to the pack house. "You should be afraid" Clover says and I smile. "Caroline, we can banish her. This was all her doing. I told her no and she wouldn't leave me alone", Donovan says.

"You are pathetic. At least be a man and own your responsibility in this. No one forced you to f**k her. You did that all on your own. You knew that you were hurting me and our pup but that didn't matter. All you cared about was getting your d**k wet." I can see my words hit the mark. "We don't need him or her. We are better off without them. They have earned every bit of punishment that we can give", Clover says. I know how hard this is for her because of the bond. Wolves want their mates, but Clover is stronger than the bond she has with Lazlo. He is innocent in this but he will suffer for what I'm about to do. "I, Caroline Irene Caster, reject and break my bond with you, Donavon Leaf James." As soon as the words leave my mouth, I feel pain in my chest that is more manageable than the pain of his betrayal. I steady myself and breathe through it. Donavon falls to the ground clutching his chest. "Accept the rejection. We are done." "Never, we can x this" he screams. I laugh again "there is no xing this. My rejection is nal. I, Caroline Irene Caster, challenge you Alpha Donavon Leaf James for the Alpha title of the Fire Ring Pack." Gasps are heard all around us. "I won't ght my own mate. I won't hurt you", Donavon says as he nally gets to his feet. "It is far too late for that Donavon."

"This is not a request. You will both get everything you deserve today. Chris, bring me Candy now." Chris drags her to me and Donavon watches but stays quiet. I turn to her with an evil smile on my face. I'm consumed by hate and rage. "Candy Caster, for your crimes against the Alpha and Luna's bond, you have been sentenced to death. Your punishment will be immediate." I reach out, pulling her from Chris's arms. I wrap my arms around her neck as she struggles against me. I keep my eyes locked with Donavon when a loud crack resonates through the pack yard. I drop her body to the ground. "Her body is to be thrown outside the pack territory for the animals to feed on. She does not deserve a proper burial." Two warriors appear and take the body away. "The ght for the Alpha title will be to the death" I say with nality. "Caroline, this is not you. You just snapped a woman's neck without a second thought. A woman that helped raise you." "You're right, Donavon, this isn't the woman that loved you blindly and believed in our bond. I am not the woman that thought the people around me could be trusted. That woman is dead. You and Candy killed her with your deceit. I am the woman that is left in her place. I am the woman that is about to kill you for betraying our bond and killing our pup for your lust."

I step back and move into a ghting stance. Donavon watches me but he doesn't move. I start to stalk toward him but he stays rooted to his spot. I land a punch to his face. I hear his nose crunch and his head goes back. I'm sure it is broken. Blood begins to pour from his nose. I start to circle him and he doesn't move again. I would prefer that he ght back, but honestly, I don't care if he does. Every bit of love I had for this man is gone. I kick him in the back of the knee and he falls forward. I kick him in the face and he falls onto his back. He scrambles to his feet. "Do you feel better now that you beat the sh*t out of me? I'm not ghting you. I love you" he says. "You don't know what love is. I wish I never met you. I believed in the goddess's choice and she was wrong. You are a worthless man that was never worthy of being my mate or the Alpha of this pack. Mates are nothing but a joke." I see anger ash in his eyes for the rst time and I smile. He rushes toward me but I side step him. I turn and he is standing a few feet from me.

His eyes are ashing between black and brown. He is trying to call on Lazlo but he won't let him shift. His eyes meet mine and his expression softens. His eyes are black and my heart breaks all over again for my wolf mate. "I love you Caroline" he says before his eyes turn brown again. "I love you too, Lazlo, and I'm sorry you will suffer because of your human." Donavon's face contorts into an expression of rage. "I gave you everything and you can't forgive me. I have treated you as an equal and gave you too much. You should be grateful for all I have done, but instead you're an evil b**ch that can't let this go. I am your mate and Alpha." I lose the little control I had left over his words. Clover pushes to the surface and I lunge toward him. Extending my hand, I grip his throat. I see fear ash in his eyes before I dig my nails deeper into his skin. "Caroline" he rasps out before I rip his throat from his body. "I am Alpha to you." The life leaves his eyes and his body falls to the ground. The bond completely breaking takes my breath away. I try to force air in to my lungs and after a few seconds I steady myself. Chris starts to rush toward me but I raise my hand to stop him. I turn to face the pack members. "I am the Alpha of the Fire Ring Pack. I expect loyal members that follow pack rules. If you have a problem with me being your Alpha, you are welcome to challenge me for the title." I look around the crowd and they begin to bear their necks to me. "You are all dismissed" I say. I turn to face Chris. "Call his old pack and see if his family wants his body. If they don't put it with Candy's outside the territory. They can be together in death." I walk back into the pack house. I head to the Alpha oor but I refuse to return to the room I shared with him. I enter the room next to it and walk into the bathroom. I head to the shower. My thighs and legs are covered in blood. "Get in the shower Caroline. I will take care of healing our womb. I'm here with you and we will get through this together", Clover says. I step under the spray and the tears begin to fall. I slide down the wall of the shower pulling my knees to my chest and cry for my pup. I will grieve today and tomorrow I will focus on moving forward alone. I don't need or want a mate ever again. The goddess can keep her f**king bond.