

4 Accept the Rejection

Caroline POV

I don't even remember slipping into bed last night. I open my eyes trying to get my bearings. I'm in one of the guest rooms on the Alpha oor. I have no clothes in the room so I have no choice but to enter the room I shared with that ba**ard. I take a shower before I wrap the towel around my body. I take a deep breath and head toward the room. I open the door and his scent is faint but still present. The scent that once calmed me now just makes me sick. I rush into my closet and pull on dress pants and a black blouse. I get dressed quickly. "Caroline, how are you feeling today after everything that happened", Clover asks. "Everything that happened is done. I will not speak about it again. We will focus on making this pack the strongest. That is what our future holds Clover." She whimpers and recedes to the back of my mind. Once I'm dressed, I leave the room behind. I link some omegas to move all of my things to the new room and burn everything else. I feel a link in my mind. When I allow it to come forward, Chris's voice is in my head. "Alpha, Donavon's sisters and their mates have arrived for his body." "Good, give them his remains and send them on their way. It's the last time I want his name spoken to me. Do I make myself clear Beta?" There is silence for a moment before he says "yes Alpha. They are asking to speak with you."

"Fine, bring them to my oce." I head downstairs to my oce. Once I'm inside, I remove every picture off the desk and shelves, throwing them in the garbage. I'm grateful in this moment that I was involved in the pack business, so I won't have much to review. A knock sounds on the door before it begins to open. Chris swings the door open and my sister-in-laws and their mates step inside. They are both a crying mess. Their mates standing behind them rubbing their backs until they both quiet. I cross my arms over my chest and wait for them to speak. "Caroline" Mindy starts to say. "Alpha, we are no longer bound to each other. I am Alpha to you and your pack." Her eyes land on mine and I can't bring myself to feel bad for being cold after everything that happened. "I know you're hurt and angry about what our brother did, Alpha, but why did you have to kill him? He was our brother and he made a mistake", Lois says, and I laugh. "He didn't forget my birthday. He f**ked my stepmother and killed my pup." I see the shock when I mention the pup I lost. "I have no remorse for what I did. Now, I was kind enough to allow you to take his worthless remains. I could have just thrown his body over the border along with his lovers for the animals. So, you can go claim him and get out of my territory." I hear growls and make eye contact with the two men. They both drop their gaze. "The goddess is going to punish you for what you have done. You had no right to kill him. You should just have rejected him. He was wrong, but you are heartless for killing your own mate", Mindy says.

I growl at her words and her mate pulls her behind him. "Get out of my territory before I change my mind about giving you his body. Do not ever return to my pack. Your brother got exactly what he deserved?" The door opens and Chris shows them out. I link him. "Have warriors escort them to the border. If any of them return, I want them thrown in the cells." "Yes, Alpha" he says and breaks the link. I sit down at the desk and begin to shue through papers.

Hunter POV

As I run through the forest, the familiar pain of my mate's betrayal hits me. It's been going on for a month now. I tried to make it work but she doesn't care about me. "Atticus, head back toward the pack house." He pushes through the pain and as soon as the pack house comes into sight we shift. I pull on a pair of shorts that are behind the tree. The pain is duller than it used to be because our bond is barely intact. I rejected her for screwing some of the warriors but she refuses to accept the rejection. It's hard to believe that this is the same woman I found two years ago. I was twenty-two when I found her on a trip with our Alpha. I'm the Beta of the Golden Moon Pack. Alpha Orion and I have been best friends since we were pups. He is like a brother to me. He even offered to use his Alpha command on Jeanine. I think that it's time I took him up on it. I head upstairs following her scent. I feel sick to my stomach when we reach my brother's room. He wouldn't do that to me. He is the Gamma of the pack. Honestly, he hasn't been the best brother, but how could he do this to me? I hear her familiar moans and before I can stop myself, I throw the door open. She has a smirk on her face when she sees me standing at the door. Atticus is trying to push to the surface, but I hold him back. Hayden actually looks remorseful but, at this moment, I could give a sh*t less how sorry he might be. "I told you to take back the rejection or I would make you suffer", she says, and I lunge at her. I slam her against the wall and tighten my grip on her throat.

"Hunter", Hayden says my name and I turn growling at him. "Don't you ever say my name again. You are no longer my brother. I'm glad our parents are dead so they don't have to know how pathetic you have become to betray your own brother." I scent him before I see him. "Hunter release her", Orion says. I squeeze tighter and her skin is becoming pale. "Hunter, release her now" he says, using his Alpha command on me. I ght against it, wanting to end this b**ch once and for all, but I can't go against the Alpha. I drop her, to the oor and step back. "Hunter, I'm sorry", Hayden starts to say. Before I can tell him to stick his sorry up his a** Orion speaks. "In my oce, the three of you" Orion says. I turn and stomp to Orion's oce. Orion walks in and takes a seat behind his desk. I stare out the window, trying to calm both myself and Atticus down. I hear the door click and they are both inside. I can scent them both. "Alpha, I want him punished for attacking his mate", Jeanine demands. I'm just about to turn on her when Orion's growl shakes the wall. Soren is at the surface and I'm glad to see fear on Jeanine's face. "You worthless she-wolf. The goddess granted you a wonderful mate and you have done nothing but hurt him." He turns to Hayden and he is sitting with his face in his hands. "Hayden, you are pathetic. You betrayed your own brother for what, a mediocre lay at best. You are as pathetic as she is. You are hereby stripped of your Gamma title and banished from the Golden Moon Pack." Hayden grips his chest and falls to the oor.

He turns back to Jeanine. "You can't do this. It isn't against werewolf law to sleep with a mated wolf." Orion laughs, but it's scarier than his Alpha command. "You're right, wh*re it's not against werewolf law, but I make the rules in this pack. You have caused my Beta far more pain than I should have ever allowed. Accept his rejection now" he says, giving Alpha Command. She whimpers and I can see she is ghting it but she is weak. "I, Jeanine Marie Blade, accept your rejection." The minute she says the words I feel lighter. Orion looks toward me and I nod. "Jeanine Marie Blade, you are banished from the Golden Moon Pack." She falls to the oor next to an unconscious Hayden. The door busts open and four warriors step inside. "Take them to the border and pitch them over. They have been banished. If they step foot in my territory again, kill them both." "Yes Alpha" they say in unison. Hayden wakes up just as they are picking him up from the ground. "I'm so sorry Hunter" he starts to plead. "F**k you Hayden. The only brother I have is Orion. You are dead to me." The guards take them both out of the oce.

"Hunter, look at me" Orion says, and I nally look away from the door. "I'm sorry I let this go on for so long. I shouldn't have let you say no to making her accept the rejection. I know you hoped things would be different but she is just evil. She didn't care about the bond or you. Your brother was weak and gave into lust. You deserved better from both of them. Goddess willing, you will be given a second chance with a mate that you deserve." I laugh "I hope not. I want nothing to do with the mate bond or another she-wolf again in this lifetime." "I know you feel that way now, but in time" he starts to say, but I stop him. "Thank you, for all you just did. I'm lucky to have you as my alpha and brother. I'm going to go for a run with Atticus." Thankfully, he doesn't push and I head for the door. "Hunter, after your run come back to my oce. We need to discuss a new Gamma and the upcoming Alpha forum." I nod before I make my way outside. As soon as I'm outside, I shred the shorts and Atticus takes off. "You know he is right. We might get a second chance mate." "Atticus, just leave it alone. I really don't care what the goddess does. I'm over letting someone else decide my future. We are the Beta for one of the biggest and strongest pack. We need to focus on that instead of some stupid she-wolf who will probably be just like Jeanine." He goes quiet and I focus on the run.