

Rejecting My Lycan Mate Chapter 41 -

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Madeline's POV

Two more weeks and I could leave this pack. Two more weeks and I would never have to see Janet's face anymore. Two more weeks and I would never have to hear her calling me a little orphan anymore.

Things got a little bit better after Alpha Dimitri moved in. Janet hit me only twice since then and it wasn't hard enough to leave any marks. Her insults never stopped, though. She would use every opportunity she had to insult me and tell me that she would get rid of me the first chance she got. Savannah wasn't around ever since she had her pup. She was in some sort of jail and Alpha Dimitri was trying to find the pup's father. Janet visited her all the time and she would always come back with a message from Savannah. It was always something about me taking away her pup's father and her getting her revenge. I had a hard time understanding what the hell she meant by that, but I didn't really care. Only two more weeks and none of it would matter.

I would be gone and I would never see any of those people again.

My heart clenched thinking about not seeing Alpha Dimitri and Seth. They were the only ones who cared about me. They were the only ones who I cared about. Seth was my best friend and Alpha Dimitri was...

I didn't know what he was. He was my step-brother, but calling him that felt wrong for some reason. He felt more like a...

I took a big gulp of my drink, stopping that thought from forming inside my mind.

"Goddess, Mads, slow down," Seth chuckled as he sat next to me.

He ran his fingers through my hair and I smiled at him.

"Is everything okay?" he asked, glancing down at the now-empty cup in my hand.

I shrugged and leaned my head on his shoulder. I would miss him so much. He became one of my best friends.

“Seth!” Jasper shouted, waving Seth over. “Come on, dude!”
I lifted my head off Seth’s shoulder and turned around to pour myself another drink.

“I’m good, Jasper,” Seth shouted, making Jasper whine.

I chuckled and looked at Jasper who was pouting at Seth.

“Go over there,” I told Seth as I poured a bit of wolfsbane into my beer. “What are they doing anyway?”

“Beer pong,” Seth said, shaking his head at Jasper. “I’m not in the mood.”

I looked at Jasper who ran back to his friends. The party was packed tonight. Everyone was shouting and I was sure that the whole pack knew that there was a party in the forest again tonight.

I knew that Alpha Dimitri would be pissed at me for leaving and not telling him where I went. He always insisted that I tell him where I was going. Most of the time he would go with me. I wasn’t sure why he was so protective, but I wasn’t going to lie and say that I didn’t enjoy his company. I liked spending time with him.

Except tonight. I needed to get out of that house and I needed to forget that I lived there. As much as I liked Alpha Dimitri, he reminded me of Janet and I f*****g hated Janet.

I took a big sip of my beer, trying to erase everything she said and done in the last few months.

“Goddess, Maddie, slow down,” Seth said as he took the cup from my hand.

He glanced at the bottles next to me and growled.

I looked at him and frowned. “I’m okay, Seth.”

Seth rolled his eyes and poured the rest of my beer on the ground.

“Hey!” I exclaimed as I tried to stop him.

He threw the cup away and grabbed my upper arm. He pulled me up and started dragging me away. I swayed a little, making him growl at me.

“How much did you drink?” he asked as he stopped walking. “I left you alone for 10 minutes, Madeline. How much did you drink?”

I shrugged as I leaned on the tree behind me. I didn’t even realize how drunk I was until I stood up and started walking.

“Goddess, Madeline, what the hell is going on?” he asked. “You’ve been weird lately. No, you’ve been weird ever since that night you tried to run away.”

I looked at him and saw his jaw clench.

“You didn’t fall that night, did you?” he asked as he caged me between his arms and bent down to look me in the eyes. “I let it go because I never saw you hurt again, but you didn’t fall. Someone hurt you, didn’t they?”

I gulped and pressed myself closer to the tree.

“Who hurt you, Madeline?” Seth growled, narrowing his eyes at me.

I spoke before I thought things through.

“It doesn’t matter,” I mumbled. “I will be out of here in two weeks anyway.”

Seth’s eyes widened. He gasped loudly.

“What the f**k are you talking about, Madeline?” he shouted as he grabbed my shoulders tightly. “You are not leaving the pack!”

“Yes, I am,” I argued. “I am not staying here. I didn’t even want to come here.”

Seth growled and cupped my cheeks.

“You can’t leave,” he said, his voice laced with panic. “I can’t let you leave, Maddie. I think that you are my mate and I can’t let you go.”

My heart stopped beating and my breath got caught in my throat.

What the hell did he say?!

Seth’s eyes widened when he realized what he said. He mumbled a curse and closed his eyes.

“What?” I forced myself to ask.

Seth opened his eyes and leaned his forehead on mine. ‘

“I can’t be sure, Maddie, I am not a Lycan,” he mumbled quietly. “But I feel connected to you and a huge part of me thinks that you are my mate. I’ve been waiting for your birthday for months. I’ve been waiting for the moment when my wolf will feel yours and know for sure.”

My heart was going to jump out of my chest. I liked Seth, but I never thought of him as my...

“Goddess, Maddie, I would be a fool if I let you go,” Seth mumbled as he glanced down at my lips.

A wave of heat washed over me. Was he going to kiss me?

Seth leaned in and his soft lips brushed over mine gently. A shiver went down my spine. Seth grunted quietly. He wrapped his arm around my waist and pulled me closer to him. I grabbed a fistful of his shirt, trying so hard not to fall. I couldn’t feel my legs.

Seth’s lips captured mine just as a loud, feral growl interrupted us.

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Dimitri’s POV

I was going insane.

As soon as I ran into the forest following her scent, I could tell that there was a party going on.

Were they f*****g crazy?! A lot of those kids were in my patrol and they knew about the rogues. Everyone in the pack knew that something was going on and that they should be careful. What the f**k were they thinking?! If the rogues breached the border, they would be in so much danger. My Maddie would be in danger.

The thought of that had me running even faster. All I could think about was getting there, finding her, and bringing her home where I knew she would be safe.

I was getting closer to the party and I was already trying to see what was going on through the thick branches when my eyes caught something that broke me completely.

Seth was holding my mate in his arms. Seth was kissing her.

I saw his lips against hers and I couldn't control the growl that escaped me.

My heart broke inside my chest. I could feel the tiny pieces shattering my insides. I couldn't breathe and a rock filled with pain and sadness formed in my throat.

I barely managed to keep Skol inside. He was going crazy inside me. I couldn't figure out if he was whining or growling. Probably both.

Seth raised his head abruptly. His eyes widened when he saw me. I glanced at Maddie and saw that she was staring at Seth with a mixture of surprise and confusion on her face. Why was that? Maybe she wasn't expecting him to kiss her. Maybe she didn't want it.

His arm was still wrapped around her waist and it was driving me f*****g crazy.

"Let her go and move," I growled, trying so f*****g hard to remain as calm as I could.

Seth looked down at Maddie and gulped. Why the f**k wasn't he moving?!

'Get him away from her before I kill him!' Skol screamed, making me move on instinct.

I grabbed Seth's upper arm and pulled him away from her. I stood in front of Maddie, keeping my eyes on Seth the entire time. I reached behind me and placed my hand on Maddie's waist, letting the tingles calm me down a little.

"Alpha, I...", he spoke, but I interrupted him.

"I don't want to hear it, Seth," I growled. "She isn't yours to kiss."

His eyes widened and he tried to look at Maddie. I moved so he couldn't see her.

"What the f**k are you even doing out here?!" I shouted. "You know about the rogues! You know it's dangerous and you brought her here!"

I was so f*****g angry that not even touching Maddie helped. I wanted to rip Seth's head off.

Seth opened his mouth to speak, but Maddie interrupted him.

"It's not his fault," she mumbled. "I wanted to come."

She sounded weird. Was she...

I turned around abruptly and cupped her cheeks. I looked into her eyes and growled.

"Are you drunk?!" I exclaimed. "Who the f**k let you drink?!"

I couldn't believe that I didn't smell it before. I was so angry and so f*****g hurt when I saw Seth kissing her that I paid no attention to anything else.

"I am fine," Maddie mumbled. "I am not drunk."

I could smell alcohol and wolfsbane on her breath. Her eyelids were half-closed. She was slurring her words a little.

"Don't lie to me, Madeline," I said, trying to hold back a growl.

I looked at Seth over my shoulder. He was staring at Maddie with a worried expression on his face. I wished that I could rip his eyes out so he could never look at her again. I wished that I could kiss her right now so I would just erase the trace of his lips from hers. I wished that I came home a little earlier and stopped her from going out.

The party is over. I mind-linked every wolf that was in the forest and all the noise suddenly stopped. I forbid you to throw another one until the situation with the rogues is resolved.

Seth took a deep breath and gulped.

"Go home, Seth," I told him.

I had to get him out of here before I lost it.

"Maddie..." Seth spoke, but I interrupted him.

“She is mine to take care of,” I said, making his eyebrows furrow. “Go home.”
“I will be fine, Seth,” Maddie said quietly. “You can go home.”

Seth clenched his fists and looked at me. I could tell that he was thinking hard about something. Maybe he suspected that she was my mate.

I didn’t care by this point. I had to keep it a secret for only two more weeks.

“Fine,” Seth mumbled finally. “I will see you tomorrow, Mads.”
I watched him walk away. He kept glancing back at Maddie and a wave of anger hit me each and every time his eyes landed on her. She wasn’t his to look at!

I waited until I couldn’t see him anymore before I looked back at my princess. I was still holding her beautiful face in my hands.

“Did he make you uncomfortable when he kissed you?” I asked her softly.

I would kill him if he kissed her against her will.

“No,” she said, shaking her head. “He told me that he thinks that I am his mate.”

My heart stopped beating. Skol whined loudly.

He told her that? Did she want him to be her mate? Did she want him?

Maddie chuckled and shook her head.

“It doesn’t matter anyway,” she mumbled and tried to move. “He isn’t my mate.”

My eyes widened. How did she know?

“I want to go to sleep,” Maddie mumbled and tried to move again.

She couldn’t move much because I was pressing her against the tree and cupping her cheeks.

I nodded and let her go. She thought that I would let her walk on her own, but I could tell that she was a bit unsteady so I picked her up in my arms bridal style. I couldn’t wait to carry her like this after I married her.

Maddie gasped and wrapped her arms around my neck.

“What are you doing, Alpha?” she asked, staring at me wide-eyed.

I hated that she wouldn't stop calling me Alpha. I told her to call me Dimitri, but she ignored me. My stubborn little mate.

“I am not letting you hurt yourself,” I said.

“But I can...,” she said, but I interrupted her.

“I don't want to hear it, Maddie,” I said sternly. “I am angry at you already. Don't make it worse.”

I didn't want to lecture her now. I couldn't even process everything that happened. I just needed to get her home and make sure that she was okay. I would deal with my overwhelming emotions tomorrow.

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Madeline's POV

My head was killing me.

I'd never drank that much before and I swore that I would never do it again. The throbbing pain in my head definitely wasn't worth it.

“Morning, sleepyhead,” I heard someone say and I froze.

Who the hell...

And then I remembered.

Alpha Dimitri took me home last night. He put me in my bed. Why was he still here?

I opened my eyes and looked to my left. Alpha Dimitri was sitting at my desk, looking through a bunch of papers. He glanced up at me and smiled.

“How is your head?” he asked, making me furrow my eyebrows.

Why was he here?

“Fine,” I lied as I sat up in bed.

Alpha Dimitri looked up at me and raised an eyebrow. He stood up and approached the bed. My heart was hammering in my chest. I had no idea why I was so nervous around him. He sat down and took my hand in his.

“I know when you are lying, Maddie,” he said softly. “I know you.”

A shiver went up and down my spine. Why did his words make me feel so good? Why did I want him to know me?

“How is your head?” he asked again.

I decided to be truthful this time.

“It hurts,” I said quietly, making Alpha Dimitri nod.

He reached out and placed his hand on my forehead. The pain lessened immediately.

What? How?

The only one who could take my pain away would be my mate. Was Alpha Dimitri...

No.

No, no, no, no. He wasn't. He couldn't be. His touch didn't take away the pain, it just lessened it. His palm was cold and it felt good against my warm forehead. That's why the pain lessened.

He wasn't my mate.

I was thankful that he couldn't read my mind. I was embarrassed because that thought came to me. I was nothing and he was a King. I couldn't be his mate.

“Why did you leave without me yesterday, Maddie?” Alpha Dimitri asked, his eyebrows furrowing. “Do you have any idea how scared I was? Do you have any idea what would happen if the rogues got inside our territory?”

I gulped. The fear in his voice made my insides twist.

“Not to mention that you got drunk,” he continued, narrowing his eyes at me. “Do you have any idea what could have happened to you? Someone could have used you. Seth could have forced himself on you and...”

“He would never do that!” I interrupted him.

Alpha Dimitri moved his hand from my forehead. His jaw clenched.

“He isn’t that kind of person,” I continued defending Seth. “He is my friend.”

I remembered Seth saying that he could be my mate. I wasn’t so sure about it. I didn’t want him to be my mate. Not because I didn’t like him, but because I didn’t want to be tied to this pack in any way. I didn’t want anyone from this pack to be my mate.

“He kissed you,” Alpha Dimitri said with a hint of anger in his voice.

He looked at my lips and a strange feeling spread around my stomach.

What the hell was wrong with me?!

“He didn’t force himself on me,” I said quietly.

Alpha Dimitri gulped and clenched his fists. He gave me a small nod and looked down at his lap.

“I am sorry,” I said.

I wasn’t even sure why I was apologizing to him. I just had a feeling that I had to tell him that I was sorry.

He looked up at me and furrowed his eyebrows a little.

“For putting myself in danger,” I said the first thing that came to mind. “I didn’t mean to.”

Alpha Dimitri nodded again. “Don’t do it again, Maddie. Don’t leave the house without me.”

I gave him a small nod. I could tell that keeping me safe was important to him. I could tell how stressed and worried he was because of rogues at his border. I didn’t want to add to his stress. I didn’t want him to worry about me.

“Thank you, Maddie,” he said softly and pulled me into a hug.

I relaxed into his arms and took a deep breath. I couldn’t help but enjoy his scent. It was soothing and it made the pain in my head easier to bear.

There was a quiet knock on my bedroom door and someone opened it before I could respond.

“Morning, Mads...,” I heard Mike’s voice.

He stopped talking and chuckled. Alpha Dimitri let me go and I looked up at Mike. He was grinning from ear to ear.

“What the f**k is going on here?” I heard the voice I feared the most.

Oh, shit. Janet was going to kill me.

She walked into my room and gasped loudly.

“What the hell are you doing in her room, Dimitri?!” Janet shouted, making the pain inside my head worsen.

Alpha Dimitri opened his mouth to speak, but Mike beat him to it.

“Oh, relax, Janet,” Mike said happily. “They are siblings. We should be glad that they are getting along.”

An uneasy feeling washed over me each and every time Mike called Alpha Dimitri my sibling. It felt wrong and by the look on Alpha Dimitri’s face, I could tell that he felt the same.

Janet looked at me murderously and my stomach flipped upside down. She would punish me the first chance she got. This was a reason for another punishment and she wouldn’t miss the opportunity.

Shit.

“Stop it, Mother,” Alpha Dimitri growled. “Maddie wasn’t feeling well and I was helping her.”

Janet looked me up and down and tightened her jaw.

“Are you okay, honey?” Mike asked worriedly as he approached me and caressed my cheek. “Should we get you to the pack doctor?”

“I am fine, Mike,” I said. “Thank you.”

Mike placed his hand on my forehead and gave me a small smile.

“You don’t have a fever,” he said. “Did you eat something bad maybe?”

I glanced at Alpha Dimitri who had a small smirk on his face.

“Probably,” I nodded, looking back at Mike.

“Okay, honey,” Mike said as he caressed my cheek again. “You won’t go to work today. You need to rest and let us take care of you.”

I shook my head immediately.

“No, I am okay,” I said, making Mike frown. “I have to go to work.”

“Listen to Mike, Maddie,” Alpha Dimitri said sternly. “I will let Seth know that you will be staying home today.”

I glanced at Janet. I didn’t want to stay here with her. I knew that Mike would leave soon and Alpha Dimitri had to go to work. I would be trapped in this house with her.

Janet smirked, realizing that I would be at her mercy the entire day.

“I can stay home with you, honey,” Mike said softly. “I am sure that Jack can manage without me for a day.”

Mike was one of the best fighters Alpha Dimitri’s pack had. He was working as a trainer at the training center. I didn’t know that until recently. I never asked because I didn’t want to know anything about him. I didn’t want to get closer to him.

This was the first time I was happy that he would stay here. At least I wouldn’t be alone with Janet.

“No, Mike, we need you there,” Alpha Dimitri said, shutting down the small spark of hope that had awoken inside me. “I will stay with her.”

My eyes widened. Mike smiled brightly. Janet looked like she was going to explode with anger.

I didn’t care. I was just so freaking happy that I wouldn’t be alone with her. I was hoping that she wouldn’t get another chance to punish me in the next two weeks.

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Dimitri's POV

Her birthday was tomorrow and I was going to explode with happiness!

I glanced at the watch on my wrist and my smile widened. Only four more hours and she would know that she was mine. Only four more hours and I would kiss her until we both couldn't breathe. Only four more hours and I would get to tell her that I loved her more than anything in this world.

"Holes are forming in your cheeks," Will mumbled, making me look up at him.

He was looking at a map on the desk and he had a small smirk on his face.

"Shut up," I mumbled, looking back down at the papers in front of me.

"Where will she go to shift?" Will asked, making me shrug.

"She didn't say," I responded. "I am picking her up after she is done with work and I will ask her where she wants to go."

"There is a wonderful clearing near the Wishing Pond," Will said. "Maybe you could take her there."

I put the papers on the desk and smiled. That was a great idea actually. That place would be perfect for her first shift. It would be a perfect place for her to realize that every piece of my body and soul belonged to her.

"That's a great idea," I said, grinning widely. "I will take her there."

I was so f*****g excited. I kept imagining the moment she realized who I was to her. I kept imagining her jumping into my arms and smiling widely. I kept imagining our first kiss.

Everything I imagined was perfect and I would make sure that it happened just the way I imagined it. I would kiss her just as softly and I would caress her body just as gently. I would make it perfect. I would make it a day she would never forget.

Skol was a nervous wreck. He was the happiest he had ever been, but his nervousness made him stir all day and I wanted to strangle him. I kept trying

to calm him down, but no matter what I said, he couldn't stop freaking out. I understood him, though. He would see his mate for the first time today. I was as excited to see her wolf as he was.

'Impossible,' Skol said. 'You have no idea how excited I am to shift and hold her in my arms. She will be beautiful, just like Maddie is.'

I smiled and shook my head.

"Skol?" Will asked, making me look back at him.

"He is excited," I said, giving him a small nod.

"I can imagine," Will chuckled. "I am surprised that he survived nine months without telling her."

I sighed and rolled my eyes.

"I had to stop him a bunch of times," I mumbled, making Will chuckle again.

The hardest time for Skol was when Savannah claimed that her pup was mine. Skol was terrified that Maddie would never forgive me for sleeping with Savannah. He was terrified that Savannah would somehow prove that her pup was ours. He was on the verge of exploding.

I took a deep breath to try and calm down my excitement. I had work to do. The meeting with the Alphas of my Kingdom was scheduled in seven days. I had to focus a bit more on work. I still had time until Maddie got off work.

I stood up and walked around the table to get a better look at the map.

"So these are the places most attacks happened," Will mumbled, pointing at the red dots on the map.

Most of those places were at my borders. Others were mostly in my most powerful packs. They were definitely trying to take my throne, but what I couldn't understand was who was behind it all. Who was powerful enough to unite the rogues and claim that they could take me down?

I tightened my jaw and looked at the blue dots. They indicated possible locations of the next attacks.

"Did you talk to Peter about sending more wolves to these locations?" I asked, pointing at the blue dots.

“Yes,” Will said. “I am hoping that we will have more wolves available after the meeting.”

“The packs will have to cooperate and send their warriors to defend the territory,” I said. “This is their kingdom as well.”

Will nodded and glanced at the watch on his wrist.

“There isn’t much left to do, Dimitri,” he said, looking up at me. “Go to Maddie.”

My heart raced and I couldn’t help but smile. Will chuckled and rolled his eyes playfully.

“Go,” he said. “It’s annoying to see you this happy.”

I chuckled and shook my head. “I can’t wait to see you this happy, man.”

Will looked up at me and smiled.

“Mind-link me if anything happens, okay?” I said as I put my jacket on.

“Don’t worry,” Will said. “Enjoy your time with your mate. I can handle everything for a night.”

“Thank you,” I told him as I walked out of my office.

“Be careful!” Will shouted after me. “You are too young to have pups!”

I rolled my eyes and shook my head. Will was joking, but the thought of having pups with Maddie made me smile. I imagined her pregnant with my pup and my heart exploded with happiness. I knew that Maddie wouldn’t be ready right away, but I was hoping that she would want to have pups soon.

I didn’t even realize that I had a huge grin on my face until I ran into Mike on my way out of the packhouse.

“What’s with the smile?” Mike asked, smirking at me.

I stopped smiling immediately. I didn’t want Mike to suspect anything. I had three and a half hours left and I wasn’t going to screw it up.

“Will said something funny,” I answered, making him furrow his eyebrows a little. “How was practice?”

“Good,” Mike said. “We have really talented wolves in our pack.”

“Great,” I said as I walked through the front door. “See you at home, Mike.”

I didn’t wait for his response. I didn’t care. All I cared about was Maddie. I was so f*****g happy and I couldn’t wait until midnight.

I couldn’t wait to tell her how f*****g much I loved her. Tomorrow would be the best day of my life and I would never forget it.

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Madeline’s POV

“I am so excited,” Seth said, making me look up at him.

He had a huge smile on his face and it made me happy. I liked seeing him happy.

“You are more excited than I am,” I chuckled as I looked back down at the counter and continued wiping it.

“Of course I am,” Seth said as he approached me. “I will finally know for sure if you are my mate.”

I felt nervousness wash over me. I was planning on leaving tomorrow. I didn’t want to find my mate.

Seth ran his fingers through my hair and I looked up at him. He smiled and caressed my cheek.

“Are you nervous?” he asked and I nodded.

“A little,” I said. “But I am excited to meet my wolf.”

Seth smiled and leaned against the counter.

“I am excited to meet her too,” he said as he crossed his arms over his chest. “She will be amazing, just like you are.”

I felt heat rush to my cheeks. I shook my head and looked back down at the counter.

“How will you celebrate your birthday?” Seth asked. “Jasper thinks that we should throw you a party.”

I gulped and kept my eyes on the counter. I wouldn’t be here for that celebration. I would be gone by tomorrow night.

I looked up at him and I was just about to tell him that I didn’t want to celebrate when the diner door opened and Alpha Dimitri walked inside. He had a huge smile on his face. My knees buckled and I had to lean against the counter to stop myself from falling to the ground.

He was so freaking handsome.

What the hell was wrong with me?

“Hey, Maddie,” Alpha Dimitri said happily. “Are you ready to go home?”

I furrowed my eyebrows a little. I wasn’t planning on going home. I was planning on staying here with Seth until it was time for me to shift. Seth said that he would be there for me and help me through it. I told him it wasn’t necessary, but he insisted. I felt like I was using him, especially because I was going to leave tomorrow. I had no idea how to tell him that I couldn’t stay in this pack. Seth meant the world to me, but I simply couldn’t stay here.

“I was planning on staying at the diner,” I said. “Seth and I made plans.”

I wasn’t even sure if Alpha Dimitri knew it was my birthday tomorrow. I wasn’t even sure if Mike remembered. It didn’t matter anyway. I wasn’t planning on celebrating with anyone.

“No way, Maddie,” Alpha Dimitri said sternly. “It’s your birthday tomorrow. You are coming home so we can have dinner and prepare for your first shift.”

My eyes widened. He knew? Mike remembered?

“I promised I would be there when she shifts, Alpha,” Seth said. “Maybe she can have dinner with you and your family tomorrow?”

Alpha Dimitri's smile disappeared. He narrowed his eyes at Seth.

"We will be there for her when she shifts, Seth," Alpha Dimitri said sternly. "The first shift is a family event. Maddie can spend the day with you tomorrow."

"Okay," Seth agreed immediately, making me look at him wide-eyed.

What? Why did he agree so fast? Did Alpha Dimitri order him? Why? What the hell was going on?

Alpha Dimitri smiled and looked back at me.

"Come on, Maddie," he said excitedly.

Seth looked at me and tightened his jaw. I furrowed my eyebrows at him. "Go, Mads," Seth said as he reached behind me and undid my apron. Seth removed my apron and placed it on the counter. I was frozen. I couldn't understand what just happened.

"Go, Maddie," Seth said softly. "We will hang out tomorrow."

I gave him a small nod and he pulled me into a hug. He kissed the top of my head and took a deep breath.

Alpha Dimitri growled quietly.

Seth let me go and I forced my frozen legs to move. I approached Alpha Dimitri and he took my hand in his. He smiled at me and looked up at Seth.

"Good night, Seth," Alpha Dimitri said. "We will see you tomorrow."

Alpha Dimitri started pulling me behind him. I kept my eyes on Seth the entire time. He looked so sad and I just wanted to go back and hug him.

"Mike remembered my birthday?" I asked Alpha Dimitri as soon as we walked out of the diner.

Alpha Dimitri looked at me and his eyes widened.

"Of course he did, Maddie," he said with a hint of surprise in his voice. "Did you think he wouldn't? You are his daughter."

I looked away from Alpha Dimitri and gulped. I wasn't his daughter for 15 years, but okay.

“Are you excited?” Alpha Dimitri asked, making me look back at him.

He looked like a little kid who just got a brand-new toy and I had to hold back a chuckle.

“I am,” I said, giving him a small smile. “I am excited to meet my wolf.”

Alpha Dimitri squeezed my hand and grinned.

“I am excited to meet her too,” he said and I completely believed him.

I couldn’t understand why though.

We were silent the rest of the way, but I could feel the excitement rolling off Alpha Dimitri. He kept squeezing my hand and grinning at me.

“Honey?” I heard Mike’s voice as soon as Alpha Dimitri and I walked inside the house.

Alpha Dimitri let my hand go so we could remove our jackets. Mike walked from the kitchen with a huge smile on his face.

“I can’t believe that my little girl is turning 18,” Mike said as he approached me and pulled me into a hug. “It feels like you were born yesterday.”

I pulled back and gave him a small smile that didn’t reach my eyes. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn’t forgive Mike for what he had done.

Mike smiled back at me and looked at Alpha Dimitri.

“Dinner is almost ready,” Mike said. “Your mom isn’t here yet, but we can start without her. She said she won’t be home soon.”

Alpha Dimitri frowned.

“Is she with Savannah again?” Alpha Dimitri asked and Mike gave him a small nod.

“I don’t know what is it with that girl that made your mom like her so much,” Mike said, shaking his head. “She lied to you, for Goddess’s sake.”

Alpha Dimitri growled again. He closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and looked at me.

He smiled brightly again and took my hand in his.

“Tonight is about Maddie,” Alpha Dimitri said. “Nothing else matters.”

“I agree,” Mike said as he wrapped an arm around my shoulders. “Let’s go eat, honey. We have a long night ahead of us.”