

## Chapter 4

### Silver

I stepped around my father and Stella and took the nicely wrapped package from Beta Leo. I felt all eyes on me as I carefully unwrapped the paper and uncovered the jewelry box. "He got her jewelry?" Stella asked, her lips pressed in a thin line.

I ignored her and opened the box and then gasped when I saw what was inside.

It was a gorgeous golden moonstone necklace, a rare and extremely expensive piece of jewelry usually reserved for the Luna. My mouth fell open when I saw it.

"Is that a moonstone?!" Stella gasped. "There has to be a mistake. Silver is not a Luna!"

"Are you sure it was meant for me?" I finally asked him, my voice coming out breathy and unfamiliar.

Leo nodded.

"He said this is to be gifted to the daughter of the Alpha of the Stormwind pack," Leo explained. "There will be another gift presented to you at the wedding that the Alpha will give you himself."

"Oh, that explains it! He must have meant me!" Stella said. "I'm so charming that the Alpha of the Crown pack was captivated by me." She giggled at the very thought, and it took everything I had not to roll my eyes.

Leo looked at me and bowed his head slightly.

"I'll be seeing you soon," he told me just as he turned and left the house.

Stella snatched the necklace out of my hands before I could even comprehend what was happening. "This wasn't meant for you," she sneered. "Did you really think the Alpha of the Crown pack would gift you something as precious as this? Don't be ridiculous." She laughed as if the very thought was the funniest thing she had ever heard.

Ignoring her, I turned to my father.

"I can't marry someone who cheats on me," I told him.

"Don't make more trouble for yourself, Silver," he said through his teeth. "You already embarrassed us once. Everybody is expecting you at the Crown packhouse in a couple of hours for the wedding and you will not embarrass us, or I won't hesitate to banish you!"

"You're lucky Gavin is giving you a second chance after you cheated, you tramp," Stella added.

My cheeks flushed at her cruel words.

"I never cheated on him! How could you trust him over me?" I asked.

"That is enough!" My father roared his Alpha power washing over me like a wave.

A sharp pain shot through my head and my vision blurred.

"You will marry Gavin, and this is the last time we will discuss this," my father demanded, using his Alpha powers on me.

Every fiber in my being wanted to fight against him, but his Alpha power was too much, and without a wolf, I was too weak. I fell to the ground and soon, everything went black.

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When consciousness returned to me, I was standing in front of the church's red carpet. I wore my designer wedding dress, and my hair and makeup were already done. I knew my father used his Alpha powers to control my mind; when that happens, the consciousness fades and my body works under his command.

The last conscious thought I had was when I was at home, arguing with my father and Stella.

"Look who finally got her consciousness back," Stella said with humor lacing her tone. "Keep acting up and father will continue to use his Alpha command to control you."

"Why are we at a church? I thought the wedding was at the packhouse?" I asked, staring up at the gorgeous white building in front of me.

"Apparently the Alpha insisted on upgrading the venue," Stella answered.

I was surprised by this because typically only Luna and Alpha weddings were held at churches. Everyone else used the packhouse.

Alpha Elliot must truly cherish his nephew.

Stella wore an elegant purple gown, and her hair was curled and done to perfection as always. What caught my eye the most though was her necklace. It was the moonstone pendant that was given to me by Beta Leo. She wore it proudly as if she knew for certain that it belonged to her. I pressed my lips in a thin line, trying desperately not to lose my temper.

"Like it?" She asked, noticing my gaze. "It's much more fitted for me. I will have to thank Alpha Elliot personally for the gift."

"Why must you be so cruel to me all the time?" I asked her. "What have I done to deserve this?"

"It's not my fault you are a disgrace to the family," she said mockingly. "But considering you are, marrying the Alpha's nephew to strengthen our alliances is the least you can do."

"And doomed with a life of misery?" I asked, tears threatening to escape my eyes.

She just rolled her eyes.

"You were over the moon excited about this wedding a few weeks ago. And now you are complaining? Tell me, Silver, is it because of that guy you slept with last night?"

"You have no idea what you are talking about," I said through my teeth. "If this alliance means so much to you, then you should marry him instead. You should be the one living an unhappy life instead of me. I don't deserve this-" She swung her hand and slapped me across the face before I could even finish the sentence. The sting made my cheek throb.

Her eyes were blazing with anger.

"What is going on out here?" My father asked, storming towards us. "Silver, are you causing trouble again? Do I need to use my Alpha powers against you once again?" I flinched at his words; I didn't want to lose consciousness and then wake up married.

"No, Father," I murmured.

"Do not make trouble for us, Silver. You have been warned," my father threatened.

"Miss Silver, the wedding will begin soon," Beta Leo said, approaching me. "Are you ready?" I looked at my father, tears brimming in my eyes.

"Please, don't make me do this, father," I pleaded. It was my last-ditch effort to make him see reason and call off this entire arrangement. But from the cold look he was giving me, I knew it was no use.

I felt his Alpha power wash over again from the intensity of his stare and I found myself kneeling on the ground with force.

"If I have to drag you down that aisle myself, I will," my father seethed.

Two of the Crown pack gamma warriors appeared behind them, making my father and Stella tense.

One of them unlatched the necklace from Stella, making her nearly jump out of her skin. "Hey! That's mine! What are you doing?!" She complained.

I felt a strong pair of arms wrap around my body and soon, I was being lifted off the ground and placed on my feet. The Alpha power my father once had suddenly vanished almost immediately. I noticed that his face was completely pale, and Stella's mouth hung open in shock.

I turned to see what they were staring at and to thank whoever helped me up only to be face-to-face with the man from the bar. The one I slept with last night! I sucked in a sharp breath just as one of the gamma warriors handed him the necklace.

His eyes displayed a tender humor as he looked down at me and then he looked at Stella and his eyes hardened almost immediately.

"This moonstone pendant belongs to a Luna, and you are clearly not worthy," he told her coldly, making her gasp in shock.

"I remember gifting it to Silver myself," Beta Leo added, looking at Stella displeased.

The man from last night turned his attention to me and motioned for me to turn around. I did as he said, I felt his fingers tracing along my neckline, making me shiver, as he put the necklace on me. I felt a warmth radiating throughout as it dangled against my chest. I turned back around to look up at him, confused by what was happening. I wasn't a Luna either so I wasn't sure why the moonstone was gifted to me.

“How are you here?” I finally asked him.

"I accepted your proposal. So, here I am," he replied calmly.

My eyes grew large at his words. Was my one-night stand really going to marry me?