

Chapter 22 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Beckham POV

As I watch the car pull into the driveway my stomach is in knots. I'm an Alpha but right now I feel like anything but a strong wolf. This woman has the power to destroy me. The more I thought about not accepting our bond the more I felt like I couldn't breathe. I'm thrilled when she agrees to let me apologize but the fact that she won't let me take her hand isn't lost on me. I've hurt my mate deeply.

We walk in silence to the spot near the lake where I hoped we could have this conversation. I often spend time with Lily here when she wants to see Gideon. I lead Rosalyn over to a comfortable bench I built with my own hands. Once we're both seated, I take a deep breath. "Rosalyn, I can never say I'm sorry enough for my reaction at dinner. I need you to understand that it had nothing to do with you."

"That doesn't make me feel better Beck. That's as bad as saying it's you not me. You have no idea what it felt like to have my second chance look at me like he was horrified to have me as a mate" she says and each word is like a knife in my heart. We are each other's second chance and I made her feel like I don't want her.

Without second guessing, I get on my knees in front of her. Alpha wolves don't kneel before anyone but their true Luna. Based on the shock on her face she knows what it means for me to do this. "Beck, you don't need to put yourself in this position." "Yes, I do. I hurt you because I let my past dictate my future. I won't do that again. You are my mate and even though I no longer have a pack, my Luna. I belong at your feet begging your forgiveness."

"I appreciate the gesture but this is probably going to be a lengthy conversation. I would really prefer that you sit next to me" she says. Goddess she is perfect. Diplomatic and caring even when she has the right to be angry. I take my seat next to her. "Rosalyn, can you tell me about your first mate?"

She stiffens before she turns to meet my eyes. "I would prefer to hear about Lily's mother first. I think it's important since I have a feeling she is part of the reason for your reaction to me," she says. "She is but probably not in the way you're thinking. Deborah was an omega in our pack. The day I found her was one of the best days of my life." Sadness flashes in Rosalyn's eyes and I hate that this part of the story is going to cause her more pain.

"I didn't care that she was an omega and immediately accepted her as my mate. We completed our bond and she became pregnant not long after. My father wasn't happy that the goddess had paired me with a low ranked member of the pack. I avoided him for much of Deborah's pregnancy."

I close my eyes and take a deep breath. When I open them again Rosalyn is staring at me intently. "The day Deborah went into labor with Lily my father had demanded I come to his office. When I arrived, he insisted that I would be rejecting my bond with Deborah and taking his Beta's daughter as my mate or I would never become Alpha of the pack. I told him that I would be a rogue before I would reject Deborah."

"I was sitting in the hospital room with my mate, her sister, and my beautiful pup when my father walked in followed by the b**ch he wanted me to mate. When I continue to refuse to reject my bond and make Deborah my mistress my father attacked me. Stacey managed to get Lily out safely but I couldn't protect Deborah. I killed my father that day but I lost my my mate. I couldn't protect her. I failed her." I stiffen when I feel soft fingertips on my cheek.

My eyes meet Rosalyn's as she wipes away tears, I didn't even know were running down my cheeks. "I know my reaction to finding out you were my mate was sh**ty and I can never make up for how I made you feel but I need you to understand that I want you to be my mate. I wanted you the moment I caught your scent in the bakery."

Her cheeks flush pink and I realize what I said. "You were never the reason for my reaction. I felt guilty that I'm going to get another chance at happiness when Deborah won't. She never got to be the mother she always wanted to be to Lily. The other reason I reacted badly was because I'm afraid."

She tilts her head clearly confused by my statement. "I'm afraid I'll fail you too, Rosalyn." "You didn't fail Deborah, Beck. You are not to blame for what happened and by the sounds of it the two people responsible were dealt with by you. I'm so sorry for what happened and I understand why you reacted the way you did but what's changed. Why do you want me now," she asks.

"Honestly, it was Holly that made me realize I was lying to myself. When I went to the bakery and you refused to talk to me, she said you have the hots for Charlie. The thought of you with anyone but me made me crazy. Besides that, my wolf was more than happy to point out that I was being an id*ot for letting my guilt and fear cost me the chance to have the other half of my soul."

Rosalyn POV

As far as reasons go, Beck's is pretty good. It's hard to hear him talk about his first mate but I know I felt the same way about Reese before it all went to hell. Hearing him say he wants me as his mate makes my heart beat faster. Will he feel that way when he realizes that my first mate didn't think I was enough. Zora growls but I'm right. He wanted more than one mate. My eyes meet Beck's and he looks worried. I realize I've been quiet for too long.

"This is hard for me Beck because my first mate betrayed me." He growls and his eyes flash black. "I grew up with my ex-mate. He is a few years older than me. He actually claimed me at my sixteenth birthday party." I notice the disgust in his eyes and realize he thinks I mean physically. "Not in the way you're thinking. He just announced I was his mate when he saw me dancing with an unmated male."

"We spent the two years just getting to know each other. A few days before my eighteenth birthday I walked in on him with someone else." Goddess, why is this so hard to say out loud. I'm not the one who did this so why am I embarrassed that my mate preferred my brother. I look to the sky before I look back at Beck. "The person he was screwing was my brother." "So not only did your ex-mate betray you but your brother did too" he says his voiced laced with anger.

"Yes, but amazingly that's not what made me want to leave the pack. Don't get me wrong I was devastated by both their actions. I wish they had just told me they had a relationship before I accepted Reese as my mate. The worst was my father and the Alpha of the pack insisting I share my ex-mate with my brother. Comparing it to what identical twins do with their mate."

"Are you f**king kidding me? What the f**k is wrong with your old pack? That is against werewolf law for ranked members to get involved in mating bonds. Why would the Alpha of a pack even care about your mating? Why would he jeopardize his title," he asks. Before I can even answer his eyes turn black as night. "You were mated to the future Alpha of your old pack, weren't you?"

I nod and my heart is racing. Without warning I'm lifted into strong arms. Beck is holding me on his lap and burying his head in my neck. He breathes deep, taking in my scent. I can tell he's trying to calm himself and I'm not sure what to do. We haven't technically accepted each other.

I have no idea what he's thinking about what I've just told him. I know he's angry but does he still want me after all I just told him? "Beck" I manage to say. "Give me a minute my love, I'm on the verge of shifting. Gideon and I want to run to your old pack and rip them apart for what they have done to our mate." I fight back the lump in my throat hearing him claim me.

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Reese POV

"Reese, please talk to me" Bryce pleads once were alone again. "I think you have run your mouth enough Bryce. Whatever we had between us is well over. You are not the man I once thought

you were. You have caused your sister, my mate, nothing but pain and you show no remorse. At least I'm sorry for what I've done." Pain and anger flash in his eyes. He opens his mouth to say something, but closes it quickly when both our father's step into the office.

"What's going on Reese? You sounded like it was urgent in the link" my father says, his voice laced with concern. "Do you want to tell our father's what you've done" I ask Bryce. He drops his gaze to the floor like the coward he is. "Bryce, apparently thought it was a good idea to get drunk on werewolf whiskey and run his mouth." My father growls and steps toward him only to be stopped by Cain.

"What have you done Bryce" Cain asks his son. Bryce finally lifts his head and his eyes meet Cain's. "I told the pack the truth. Rosie isn't good enough to be Luna or Reese's mate. I'm glad she's gone. I hope she never comes back. Hell, I hope she gets herself killed so Reese doesn't want her anymore" he says.

Fallon pushes to the surface and instead of stopping him, I offer him control. He wishes my mate dead then he deserves what he gets. Bryce tries to escape me but between the alcohol still coursing through his veins and our rage, he can't. The first punch we land knocks him off his feet. We straddle him and reign down punch after punch. The sound of crunching when I break his nose pleases Fallon. He attempts to protect his face but with every punch he weakens more.

"Enough" my father growls and his Alpha aura washes over Fallon. As much as he fights against it, he finally gives in to the command. We stand over Bryce looking down at a man we don't even recognize anymore. "Bryce Myers, as of this moment you are no longer the future Beta of the Black Rose Pack." There is a growl from behind me and I know immediately that its Cain. "You have no right to take his title. It is his birthright" he says.

I whirl on the man I have thought of as a second father. "I have every right. I am the next Alpha of this pack. He wished harm to my future Luna and your daughter. Did you forget that she is your daughter Cain? Does it mean nothing to you he wished her dead?" He shoulders sag and he drops his gaze to the ground. "Son, are you sure about your decision? I'm sure Bryce didn't really mean what he said" my father says.

I throw my head back and laugh. "You are as delusional as he is if you think he didn't mean every word he just said. He has been nothing but cruel to his sister since I announced her as my mate and Luna. Since you want to defend him ask him what he told Addie." My father's eyes get big and he stalks toward Bryce grabbing him by the throat. "I told her Rose was gone. He's the one that told her about us" Bryce says as he tries to free himself from my father's grip. "You left me no choice you pr*ck."

"What the f**k have you two done" my father growls dropping Bryce to the floor. "Addie is giving us till the end of the day to tell mom everything or she will. It's time to come clean and ask for forgiveness. Everything is a f**king mess. F**k dad you threatened that I was going to forcibly mate and mark her. How could you even suggest such a thing. I'm ashamed that I didn't refuse the moment you said it even though I knew I would never do that to Rosie."

"I need to talk to your sister. I can't lose your mother over this. I need to make your sister understand I was doing it for your happiness," he says. His eyes glaze over. "Addie is on her way. Cain, take your son and sober him up. Keep your f**king mouth shut from now on Bryce or you won't like the consequences" my dad says. Cain grabs Bryce leading him out of the office. It feels like forever before the office door pushes open and Addie steps inside.

My sister looks destroyed as she stares at our father. "Addie, I know your upset about Rose" my father starts to say but she cuts him off. "Upset doesn't even begin to cover how I feel. How could you suggest such a despicable thing? I feel like you're a stranger because the father that raised me would never have entertained hurting Rose the way you all have done."

"Sweetheart" he tries again. "Don't call me that. After everything I learned today you've lost the right to call me that. I've lost all respect for you and Reese. I meant what I said to Reese earlier. You have till the end of the day to tell mom about this f**ked up situation or I will." She turns without another word leaving my father with a choice that could very well cost him his mate.

Beckham POV

I manage to get myself under control but I make no move to take Rosalyn off my lap. "Beck, there is one more thing I need to tell you. My father is the pack's Beta. My mother rejected her bond with him because he supported the Alpha and Reese." I can't help the growl that escapes me when she says her former mate's name. That pr*ck had the most precious gift and threw it away for f**k buddy.

"Beck, when they had me in the cells because I refused to accept the f**ked up idea of sharing my mate. Alpha Robert made it clear that I was going to become Luna willing or not." I stiffen at her words. She can't mean that they would force her. I look into her eyes and I immediately know that's exactly what she meant. I'm going to rip that f**king ba**ard apart. My vision is narrowing and I'm panting.

Rosalyn is saying my name but she sounds far away. I didn't even realize I'm starting to shift because of the rage flowing through my body. Arms wrap around my neck and soft lips press against mine. I stiffen for a moment before my body relaxes and I give into the kiss. Her lips feel like nothing I've ever felt. I thread my fingers in the hair at the nape of her neck as I deepen the kiss. I'm not sure how long it lasts before we break apart both needing to pull air into our lungs.

I look into the beautiful face of this woman the goddess chose for me. Her face is flushed and her lips are swollen. I rest my forehead against hers. "Rosalyn what is your full name?" I can hear her heart rate speed up at my question. "Rosalyn Rain Myers" she whispers. "I, Beckham Lance Forester, accept you, Rosalyn Rain Myers as my mate and Luna." I feel the first tether of the bond snap into place.

Rosalyn places her hand on my cheek and I watch a single tear run down hers. "I, Rosalyn Rain Myers, accept you, Beckham Lance Forester, as my mate and Alpha." The bond strengthens with her words. It won't be complete until we mate and mark but I won't rush her. Not after all she has been through. The sounds of giggles getting closer causes us to both lift our head.

Lily comes bounding through the trees and squeals when she sees us. "Rose" she yells as we both get to our feet. When she finally reaches us, she throws her arms around Rose's waist. "I missed you" she says as Rose rubs her hand through my daughter's hair. Our daughter's hair. "I missed you too Lily bear." "Lily" Stacey calls out and I can't help but chuckle. "I'm sorry she took off once I mentioned that Rose was here." I smile because not only am I getting a second chance but so is my pup. This time I will protect my mate or die trying.

23 Where's Your Mark

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Cain POV

"What the f**k were you thinking getting drunk and speaking against your sister to the pack" I say as I push Bryce into the house. He almost falls over his own feet, but he's able to right himself. He whirls on me with his fists clenched at his sides. He has the good sense to keep his mouth shut as I step closer to him.

"How could you say that you hope your sister dies. Do you not understand what you've done? Getting her back here and in Reese's bed is the only way you'll keep your title now because you had to act like a three-year-old that lost his toy. Without your sister, Reese will never accept you, his wolf won't allow it."

"That's the only thing that is important to you, isn't it, Cain? You've lost your mate, and soon you won't have your f**k buddy. Your title's all you have left." I pull my hand back and slap him across the face. No one knows about the relationship I have with Robert except for Bryce. Miranda was visiting her original pack with the other pups. Bryce had stayed behind to train with Reese. He walked in on me and Robert in my bedroom. He was about fifteen at the time.

I knew he was upset, and I tried to talk to him. Make him understand that I still loved his mother with all my heart. He refused to talk about it and swore he would never tell anyone what he had seen. Bryce's eyes meet mine. They are filled with hatred as he licks the blood from his lips. "Go get yourself cleaned up" I say, looking at his blood-covered shirt. "Then sleep off the booze Bryce. You are going to ruin everything if you don't pull yourself together."

"In case you haven't noticed, dad, everything is already ruined. I rejected my mate and Reese can't even look at me, let alone touch me. All he can talk about is getting Rosie back, so how do you expect me to act," he says. "I expect you to use your head. Robert will make sure what he proposed happens. You need to get on board with that plan, Bryce. Your sister has to birth the

next heir to the pack. It will ensure the strength of the next Alpha. After that, if she wants to leave, she can."

"I hate the thought of him touching her." "Well, suck it up. Sometimes sacrifices have to be made for the greater good. Robert's brother will be here tonight, and I need you involved in the meeting. He has assured Robert he has a way to locate your sister, mom, and Emmett." He turns without another word and heads upstairs.

I plop down on the couch and place my face in my hands. How did everything go to sh*t so quickly? "That's called karma a**hole," Granger says with a growl. "I don't need your sh*t Granger. I have enough to deal with." "Tough sh*t, your greed and entitlement lost me my mate. You better pray to the goddess you don't need to defend yourself in wolf form because you'll be f**ked."

"What the f**k are you talking about?" "I refuse to shift and defend your pathetic a**. What kind of man betrays his mate and pup?" "Don't talk stupid, Granger. If you don't allow the shift, we will both die." "Then so be it. I would rather be dead than stuck with a piece of sh*t human like you," he says and blocks me out. He can't be serious. I know he's angry, but he isn't that stupid.

Reese POV

After my dad left the office, Fallon and I decided we needed to go for a run. As we made our way around the pack my only thought was about how the conversation with my mother was going to go. My father has no choice because Addie has no intention of backing down. Part of me is glad that my mother will know the truth, but part of me hates that my mother will be hurt by what's transpired.

My mother is going to be devastated when she realizes that Miranda, Rose, and Emmett have no intention of returning to the pack. Miranda is like a sister to my mother. We were all inseparable growing up. Now everything is a f**king mess. "Reese, Uncle Robert has arrived. I need you to go to Cain's house and bring something of Rosalyn's to my office now." My father doesn't give me a chance to ask why he could possibly need something of my mate's before he cuts the link.

Fallon heads back to the clearing and my clothes. I quickly dress and make my way to a house that I spent a great deal of my childhood in. I knock twice before Cain pushes the door open. "Your father has already linked me. Go head up and grab something so we can make our way to the office." Part of me wants to tell him and Bryce to f**k off after the way they have treated Rosie, but I know my father won't agree.

I take the stairs two at a time. When I push open her bedroom door, her faint scent nearly brings me to my knees. Goddess, how I've missed it. I take a minute to just breathe deeply as I make my way over to her bed. I notice something sticking out underneath her pillow. I grab the red fabric between my fingertips. When I pull it out, my heart squeezes in my chest. It's one of my t-shirts she must have worn home. She was sleeping with it to feel closer to me. I fight the urge to rip the room apart.

She wanted me as much as I wanted her and I f**ked everything up. After I manage to calm myself down, I walk over to her dresser where there are pictures of us together. I grab two of them along with a bracelet I gave her right after I claimed her. It is a charm bracelet with our initials and a wolf dangling from it. I grip it in my palm and close my eyes letting her scent calm me. "Reese" Bryce's voice breaks the silence.

"Not now, Bryce. I need to get to my father's office." "I just wanted to tell you I'm sorry. I never should have said those things earlier. I know Rosie is your mate and I have to respect that. I know you are angry at me, but I hope in time you'll forgive me if I can prove to you that I want you and my sister to be happy," he says. I nod, but I know he is only saying what he hopes will get him back in my good graces.

I push past him and make my way down the stairs. Once I'm outside, I make my way to the pack house. I'm sure that Cain and Bryce are behind me but I make no effort to wait for them. I need to distance myself from Bryce. If I do manage to bring Rosie home, she will not be safe around him no matter how many times he offers empty apologies. He is a threat to my mate.

I reach my father's office and the sound of raised voices echoes through the hall. When I push open the door, my father, mother, uncle, and a woman I've never seen before look in my direction. Her scent hits me and I immediately know she is a witch. My mother looks at me and, for the first time in my life, I see disappointment in her eyes. Did he tell her already? What the f**k? I want her to hear my side of things.

She turns her focus back on my father. "Addie said you had things you needed to tell me. Now I show up to find your brother and a witch in your office. I want to know what the f**k is going on, Robert and I want to know now." I don't think I've ever heard my mother curse in all my years. "Maureen, please" he starts to say, but she growls at him.

"The only thing I want to hear from your mouth is the truth, Robert." Before my father can answer, Cain and Bryce step inside. My mother's eyes turn in their direction. Her eyes damn near bug out of her head as she looks at Cain. She reaches him in three long strides. He is startled when she grabs his collar, yanking it down. "What the f**k is going on? Where is your mating mark" she asks, and it feels like all the air is sucked out of the room.

My mother may be a Luna, but she is of Alpha blood. Cain's eyes look to my father for help before my mother repeats her question using her Alpha command. I can see Cain holding his lips tight trying to resist the urge to give into her orders. He fails miserably when he blurts out three words. "She rejected me."

24 Disgusted

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Reese POV

"What have you done" my mother asks Cain? Before he can answer, my father steps from around his desk. "Maureen, this is not a conversation that can be had in front of our guests. Let me have one of the omegas show my brother and Mindy to the guest rooms and then you and I can talk alone."

"No, I have a feeling they aren't here just for a friendly visit. Now, unless you want me to take our daughter and leave, I want to know what the hell is going on" she says.

My father looks defeated. He reaches out for my mother's hand, but she takes a step away from him. "Fine, Maureen, but I want you to remember that everything I've done was for our son and his happiness," he says. "If that was the truth, you wouldn't be hiding it from me Robert," she says.

"Mom, dad isn't the only one to blame for Rosalyn leaving the pack. We all made mistakes." "I love you Reese, but right now I just want answers" she says. "I betrayed Rosie." Before I realize what's happening my mother's palm connects with my cheek. "How could you do that to your mate," she growls.

The look of disgust and disappointment on her face makes my chest ache. "Mom, I regret everything. I made a mistake, and I'll do anything to make it right. I just need to find Rosalyn. That's why uncle is here." Bryce growls and my mother's head whips in his direction. I see something flash in her eyes and I think it's safe to say she is piecing things together. Her eyes meet mine again and her look of disappointment has been replaced with anger.

"Who the f**k did you cheat on your mate with," she growls. I drop my gaze, knowing what I'm about to say is going to make things worse. "Bryce" I say. Her eyes darken, and she looks between the two of us. She moves toward Bryce and Cain steps in front of him. "Move, now" she growls. Cain moves without hesitation as her aura surrounds him. "You betrayed your own sister. Your own blood. The future Luna of this pack."

"Maureen" my father says. She whirls on him. "You knew about this. You knew your son was f**king Bryce." I wince at my mother's words. I've never heard her speak this way. "I didn't find out until after Rosalyn found them together." "Oh, my goddess, that poor girl saw you with him, and you expect her to forgive you. I can't imagine how much what the two of you have done has destroyed her. Mates are supposed to be faithful" she growls at me and Bryce.

I see something flash in Bryce's eyes before he looks at Cain. My father must see it too because he growls in warning at Bryce. "What's the matter, Alpha? Worried I'll tell your secrets." "Bryce, shut the f**k up now," Cain says, gripping Bryce's arm. "What are you not telling me Robert?"

"I ordered Rosalyn to accept that she would have to share Reese with Bryce. I swear Maureen, I just wanted Reese to be happy. He and Bryce love each other," he says. I know he figured it was the safer secret to tell, but I'm not sure if he's right. They are equally bad.

My mother looks at him like he's a stranger before she turns and walks toward me. She comes to stand in front of me and takes a steadying breath. "If you love Bryce then you need to leave Rosalyn alone. Reject the bond with her and mark your chosen mate. What your father just said is despicable, and I will never allow such an atrocity to happen in this pack," she says.

"Maureen" my father says, his voice pleading, but she never acknowledges him.

"I only want Rosalyn. I made a terrible mistake, I know that now. I will do anything to make it right." She nods before she leaves the office. My father is around the desk with Bryce pinned to the wall before anyone can stop him. Bryce's is clawing at my father's hands as his face starts to turn red. I take a step toward them when pain like I've never felt rips through my body. I fall to my knees. I can't stop the scream that escapes from my throat. The voices around me are getting further away as the world around me goes dark.

Rosalyn POV

All through dinner, Beck held my hand under the table. The tingles and warmth felt amazing. The touch of his skin against mine, no matter how small, had Zora purring and me thinking about things that weren't suitable at the dining room table. Especially when Zora started showing me images of Beck standing before us naked.

"So, Stacey and I are going to take Lily to the movies. We should be gone for a few hours. When we get back, Stacey and I will be spending some time alone," Emmett says, and Stacey blushes. I'm sure my own cheeks are flushed as I put a block up to stop Zora from showing me anymore images while seated around a table with my brother and sister-in-law.

"You guys don't have to do that. You should go spend time together now," Beck says. Does he not want to be alone with me? Most Alpha wolves want to mark their mates the minute they find them. I believe him when he says he wants me, but I feel like he's afraid to be alone with me right now. "That's because he wants to rut you, and he's afraid he won't be able to control himself if you're alone," Zora says. I'm sure my cheeks are even pinker now.

"No, we promised Lily. Besides, it will give the two of you an opportunity to spend some quality time together," Stacey says with a wink. "Stacey" Beck says her name like a warning. "Shut it, Beck. Just take care of your mate" she says with a smirk. "No, I don't want to hear anything about my little sister and her mate spending time together," he says as he makes air quotes and a gagging sound.

Once they have gone, Beck leads me over to the plush couch. "Rosalyn, as much as I want to complete our bond, I won't rush you. Please don't feel pressured by what Stacey was hinting at. I know you've been through hell with that ba**ard and just knowing that you're mine is enough until your ready" he says. I see nothing but sincerity in his eyes.

I don't want to wait. I want this man with every fiber of my being. I take his face in my hands and press my lips against his. The kiss is meant to be soft and reassuring, but it quickly turns into something more. When we finally break apart, I look into Beck's eyes. "I don't want to wait, Beck. I want you to make me yours." His eyes darken, and he lifts me effortlessly off the couch. He walks us down a hallway and pushes open a door that I assume is his bedroom.

Excitement bubbles up inside me at the thought of this man's hands on my body. He sets me on my feet in front of him and lifts my chin with two fingers to look at him. "You are beautiful and sexy. I am going to worship your body like the goddess you are. Then I'm going to place my mark right here, so the world knows that you are mine" he says as he brushes his fingers over my marking spot, making me shiver.

He pulls his shirt over his head and if I didn't already want this man seeing his eight pack and defined V would have had me begging him to f**k me. He smirks when I look back up at him. I reach down and pull my own shirt over my head. I reach behind my back and unclasp my bra. His eyes are staring at my bare breast. He licks his lips and I feel it in my core. He growls as he bends to pull my pants and underwear down in one motion.

I thought I would feel self-conscious, but his hungry eyes make me feel powerful as he drinks me in. Without warning, he picks me up, settling me in the middle of the bed. He stands to his full height and slowly pulls off his pants and boxer briefs. When his er*ction bounces against his belly, I swallow. I've seen naked males before because we are wolves, but Beck is impressive. His c*ck is thick and long. Hell I don't know if it's going to fit.

He takes himself in his hand and I swear my mouth waters. I've never done anything like this but all I can think about is running my tongue along his beautiful c**k. I'm about to lean up when he climbs on the bed. I expect him to climb up my body, but instead his face stops at my core. "Beck" I start to say, but his name dies on my lips as his tongue moves through my folds.

I grip the sheets as he sucks my cl*t into his mouth. I feel his thick finger at my entrance before its moving in and out of me. The familiar build of heat in my belly is growing more intense with each pass of his tongue. When he bites down on my cl*t and pushes two fingers deep inside me, I shatter screaming his name. I'm panting as he moves up my body. When he slams his mouth down on mine, I can taste myself on his lips.

I feel his c**k at my entrance, but he doesn't push forward. He just continues to kiss me like I'm the air he needs to breathe. I want him inside me. I run my hands down his back, grabbing his a** and pulling him toward me. He chuckles against my mouth. "My needy little mate" he says when he pulls back. "Beck, I want you inside me. Make me yours." "You are mine, and I am yours, Rosalyn," he says as he sinks inside me slowly.

It burns at first with a pinching pain. His lips by my ear, whispering filthy things, helps me focus as he continues to push forward until he is completely sheathed inside me. After a few seconds, he starts to move his hips. I moan at the feeling of being one with this man. "I love you, Rosalyn" he says, before I feel his canines pierce my skin. His words along with his relentless rhythm have me almost passing out when the orgasm rips through me.

"I love you Beck" I scream, before Zora pushes forward. My canines elongate and I bite down, marking this man as mine. He is mine. He gives three more thrusts before he empties his seed deep in my body. I didn't even think about birth control, but at this moment I don't care.

If the goddess wants us to give Lily a sibling, then so be it. Beck presses a soft kiss on my lips. "I agree, beautiful, but I would like to have you to myself for at least a little while" he says. I smile and he wraps me in his arms. As I start to drift off, I say a silent prayer of thanks to the goddess for giving me this second chance to love and be loved.

25 I'm So Sorry

Chapter 26 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Reese POV

A beeping sound breaks through the darkness. I can hear hushed voices that sound angry, but I can't make out what they are saying. I reach out to Fallon, but I can't feel him. My heart starts to race. Why can't I reach my wolf? I try to force my eyes open, but they feel so heavy. I feel fingertips touch my forehead and wish I would feel tingles even though I know Rosie is gone.

My mind thinks back to my father's office. The pain took my breath away and brought me to my knees. What the hell was that? Lips pressing against mine interrupt my thoughts. "What the f**k do you think you're doing" my mother says to who I realize is Bryce. He just f**king kissed me after I told him we were done. "You know exactly what the pain that Reese felt means. When he wakes up, I'll be here to show him that I'm not going to leave him like your precious Luna," he says.

"Leave. Do not come near my son again unless he gives you permission. You have done enough damage" my mother says. I hear Cain say my mother's name before she growls at him. "Bryce, you need to leave" Cain says. I hear the door slam before I feel my mother's soft hand against mine. "I'm so sorry Reese. I wish I could take this pain from you. I know you made mistakes and you're truly sorry, but unfortunately, mistakes have consequences."

I try again to force my eyes open. I can feel my eyelids moving this time. When I finally force them open, my mother smiles down at me but the sadness I see in her eyes guts me. She places her soft warm palm on my cheek like she did when I was a little boy. "I'm so glad you're awake Reese. How are you feeling" she asks. "Fine, the pain is gone. I'm just confused about what the hell happened." I notice Cain is sitting on a chair in the corner of the room.

I can't help the anger that bubbles up at the fact that my father isn't here. Before I can ask where the f**k he is, Cain answers my unspoken question. "He wanted to be here, Reese, but he needed to speak with his brother and Mindy. He knew you would want Rosalyn located as quickly as possible after what just happened" he says.

I look at my mother, confused about what Cain just said. "Leave Cain, this doesn't concern you and keep your son away from this room" she says with finality. I can see he wants to protest, but he gets up, leaving us alone. "Reese, can you tell me what it felt like before you passed out" my mother asks.

"It felt like my body was on fire. Every part of me felt like I was being burned. After a few seconds, I had pain like I've never known in my stomach and neck." I watch as tears roll down my mother's cheeks. "Reese, do you remember your Alpha training? The lessons on what happens when a mate marks another when a bond is still intact." My heart starts to race again and I feel like I can't breathe.

"Mom, she wouldn't," I manage to croak out. "I'm so sorry Reese. I know Rosalyn wouldn't just mark someone. She must have found her second chance mate" she says. "No, it's not possible. I never accepted her rejection" I say, my voice rising with each word. "Reese, you need to calm down. I know your upset, but you're still weak from the bond snapping. I know you don't want to believe that Rosalyn has moved on but her bond with you was broken the minute she spoke her rejection to you," she says.

"No, I'm sorry mom. I'm so sorry. I can't live without her" I plead. "Oh, sweetheart, you can and you will. You'll learn from all of this and hopefully the goddess will forgive you. She may even give you a second chance," she says. The thought of being with anyone but Rosalyn makes my chest ache. My perfect little mate and I've lost her completely. I let my own tears flow as my mother wraps her arms around me like she did when I was a small boy.

Alpha Robert POV

"That little b**ch thinks she can do this to my son, my pack" I say as I pace my office. "I have always been good to that girl and this is how she repays my kindness, by acting like a wh*re. She is the destined Luna of this pack, and she will not turn her back on my son or her duty."

"Calm down Robert. We need to find the girl first. Then we can deal with her and her pathetic mate," my brother says. "Do you have the item I asked for," Mindy asks, reaching her hand out to me. I grab the bracelet I found on the floor after Reese passed out. Placing it in her hand, I take a step back. I'm not afraid of the witch, but I hate dealing with them.

They can't be trusted. If I wasn't so desperate, I would never have agreed to allow her in my territory. My brother is probably f**king this one, which is why she agreed to help him. She takes a small box out of the bag she's carrying and sets it on my desk. She places the bracelet inside the box. She reaches into her bag, taking out a vial with a shimmery purple liquid inside. She places a few drops inside the box before she places it back in her bag.

A knock on my office door startles us all. I growl "go away, now." "Robert, it's Cain. I need to talk to you. It's important." I roll my eyes, but make my way over to the door. Once he is inside, I lock it behind him. "What is so urgent that you're interrupting? You know how important it is that we find that traitorous little b**ch." "It's about Maureen."

My wolf is pushing to the surface worried about our mate. She is angry with me, and he's worried she will reject us like Miranda did to Cain. I know she won't leave me as long as she never finds out about my relationship with Cain. I need to figure out what the f**k to do with Bryce before he f**ks up my bond. I will not let my wolf become weak because that little pr*ck is having a tantrum. "What is wrong with Maureen?"

"Reese is awake, and she had to explain to him what the pain meant. She kicked me out of the room, but I listened to their conversation from the hallway. She is encouraging him to let Rosie go and be happy with her second chance mate." Before I can say that won't be happening, Mindy speaks from behind me. "I've located her." I turn and she hands me a paper with a place that I can guarantee isn't a pack.

"What the f**k is this?" "From what I can see in my vision, it's a human city" she says. "Why the f**k would they be among humans?" I don't wait for an answer before I turn to Cain. "Find out everything you can about this city" I say handing him the paper. "I want to know everything there is to know about this f**king pathetic place. Also find out about any packs that surround it." "Of course," he says before leaving my office. "What are you going to do about Maureen, Robert," my brother asks.

I rub my hand down my face. Before I can answer my brother, Mindy speaks again. "How far are you willing to go to keep your Luna from finding out about your relationship with your Beta?" I take a step toward her and growl. She raises her hand in surrender. "I'm not judging Alpha, just offering my assistance." "At what cost, your kind isn't exactly known for doing things out of the kindness of your heart."

"I want nothing from you, Robert. I care for your brother. We have a special relationship, and he wants me to help you" Mindy says. "Fine, I would do anything to keep my Luna from finding out. I can't lose her. Despite my relationship with Cain, I do love my mate." I feel Maureen linking me. "I know your busy being an a**hole, but your son is awake. I expect to see you in the next five minutes to discuss what happens next," Maureen says and cuts the link.

26 No More Secrets

Chapter 27 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Reese POV

"Mom, do you think there is any chance she will reject her second chance mate and come back to me if I can prove to her how sorry I am?" I hate the sympathy I see in her eyes. "No, Reese, I don't. I know I wouldn't. Betrayal is one of the worst things a person can experience. Besides the pain of infidelity, the feeling of not being good enough can tear a person apart," she says.

Her words feel like she is speaking from experience, but I know there is no way she knows about all my father has done. Guilt bubbles up inside me. Here she is comforting me after all I've done, and I'm keeping my father's dirty secrets. Mom is right. It's time I start doing the right thing. "My sister's first mate betrayed her with her best friend right after I mated with your father."

"Aunt Gwen had a mate before Michael" I say but it's a question. "She did and he nearly destroyed her. I watched my sister become someone I didn't know. She was a shell of the beautiful, happy girl I grew up with. Her first mate was a warrior in our pack. The idi*t had a girlfriend when he realized Gwen was his mate. Instead of breaking it off with the girl, he thought he could have them both. My father banished the two of them after Gwen rejected him," she says.

A soft smile spreads across her face. "She came to stay with me and met Michael. He became Alpha of my old pack, and he treats my sister like a Queen. I know letting her go is going to be hard, Reese, but she deserves to be happy even if it's not with you. You will find your happiness and be a better man because you've learned from all of this" she says.

"I'll try, mom. I really will try to let her go. Mom, I need to tell you something, but I know it's going to hurt you." Her body stiffens and her eyes darken. "Is it about your father?" Before I can answer her, the door to my room opens. My father steps inside his eyes never leaving my mother.

When he reaches the side of my bed, he gives me a tight smile. "I'm so glad to see you're awake Reese. I want you to rest because I'm taking care of everything. We have already found her location. We will have her back in the pack within the week," he says. "No, it's over. She has a new mate. Mom's right, she deserves to be happy after all the pain I've caused her."

His eyes darken, and he looks between the two of us before they land on me. "Are you out of your f**king mind? She is meant to be your Luna and gave herself to another man like a wh*re. That will not go unpunished. She will return and once she is here you will put a pup in her belly. She will do her duty to you and this pack."

Fallon growls in my mind and a sense of relief washes over me. I thought I had lost Rosie and Fallon. "As upset as I am about what you did, Reese, I've forgiven you. I see the man I always knew you were. You are trying to do what's right no matter how much it hurts you. I hate that we have lost Rosalyn but your mother's right" he says.

"What you really mean is I'll force myself on her, isn't it, dad? The only person out of their mind is you. I'm finally acting the way a man that loves a woman should act. You know nothing about

that." "Reese," he says my name in warning. "Don't, secrets are what has destroyed my mate bond. I refuse to continue to live with all these secrets surrounding the people I love."

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"You have no right to speak about things that don't concern you. Now sh*t your mouth. The decision about whether to bring Rosalyn back to the pack is one that will be made by the Alpha. I am the Alpha and you would do well to remember that, or I won't be handing over my title anytime soon. In fact, maybe I'll give the pack to your sister's mate since you aren't acting like an Alpha."

"When did you become such a ba**ard? Oh, that's right, you've always been a ba**ard. You just hid it well. I won't allow you to hurt Rosalyn, no matter if she is my mate or not. I also won't allow you to keep hurting my mother. Mom, dad has been betraying you since the day you became his mate." This is not how I wanted her to find out, but nothing will stop the pain she is about to feel.

His growl shakes the wall and he takes a step toward me. "What is he talking about, Robert" my mother asks, her voice laced with pain and anger. He stops moving and looks at my mother. "Maureen, how could you even question me? Reese isn't thinking properly. I would never betray you. I love you, Maureen. Have you ever felt the pain of betrayal in all the time we have been mated," he asks.

I can see she is torn because she knows she hasn't. Despite the d*ck he has become, he has always treated my mother well. "Reese, what makes you think your father is being unfaithful to me? He's right. I have never felt the pain of him f**king someone else." My heart sinks hearing her question if I'm telling the truth.

She takes my hand and squeezes it. "Make no mistake Reese, I believe you. I know he's lying. His heart is ready to pound out of his chest because he knows he can't weasel his way out of it. I simply want to know how you found out," she says, her eyes never leaving mine.

"He has been dulling your wolf's senses every day using a small amount of wolfsbane so you won't feel it when he is f**king Cain. I heard them in his office. I didn't know how to tell you, and I'm sorry it took me this long." She gasps her hand covering her mouth. I know her heart is breaking, but more than pain, rage is swimming in her eyes.

"Maureen, do you really believe that I've been dosing you with wolfsbane every day? Reese isn't thinking properly since his bond is broken. We have to help our son. He needs his mate," he pleads.

"You rotten ba**ard. You and that pr*ck have been betraying me and Miranda since we mated. You are disgusting. How could you be so selfish and cruel? How could you lie to my face every day telling me how much you loved me. I hate you. I can't stand the sight of you" she says.

"You don't deserve to be Alpha of this pack or any pack for that matter." A sinister smile spreads across his face. "Well, isn't that too f**king bad, because I am the Alpha of this pack. You are my mate, and I'll do whatever it takes to make sure that it stays that way. So, I would be careful what you say to me next because it's your pups that will suffer for your disrespect," he says, and bile rises in my throat. He knows I can't fight him right now because of the broken bond. This man is no longer the man that raised me. He is a monster.

Rosalyn POV

As I lay in Beck's arms, I can't help but think about everything that happened to bring me to this moment. Despite being mated to Reese first, we were never meant to be. I know that in my heart now. I hope they have stopped looking for me. I truly hope he and Bryce are happy together even after all the pain they caused me. I don't want to hold all that anger and hate inside me. I've been given a second chance.

"What are you thinking about, beautiful?" I smile and turn in Beck's arms, so I'm facing him. Goddess, he is so handsome. "I was just thinking that Reese and I were never really meant to be. It was always you. I was always meant to be yours." He growls and pulls me closer, so my body is flush with his

. "I don't like you thinking about that pr*ck but I'm happy you know you were never meant to be his. I love you, Rosalyn." He presses his lips against mine and I can feel his c*ck hardening against my stomach. His hand starts to move down my body and over the swell of my a**. I moan into his mouth. After the number of times we have been together in the last two hours, I can't believe he is ready again.

I start to move, hoping he'll slide inside me when we hear a door banging in the distance. Beck groans before he presses his forehead against mine. "Already our daughter is being a c**kblock." He stiffens realizing what he just said. His eyes meet mine and I smile. "She is my daughter, Beck, as much as you are my mate. I may be her mother now, but I will never let her forget the woman that gave her life." Tears run down his cheeks and I wipe them away with my thumbs.

He presses a soft kiss on my lips before a bang on the bedroom door makes us both jump. "Daddy, where's Rose? I want to show her my new doll," she says through the door. Beck chuckles as he slides out of bed and offers me his hand. "Give me a minute, Lily bear. We will be right out" he says.

27 A Monster

Chapter 28 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Alpha Robert POV

I place two guards at Reese's door even though I know he is too weak to pose a threat right now. I lead Maureen to my office to finish our conversation. Once we are inside, she stands as far away from me as possible. I know she hates me right now, but I know how much she loves our pups. I love Reese and Addie too, but I need Maureen and my pack. "Say what you have to say Robert, I want to get back to Reese after I check on Addie."

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"Are you going to be a good Luna or am I going to have to use our pups to make you listen? Before you answer, know that I don't trust you and will be keeping a very close eye on you and Addie. If you try to reject me or run, it's our pups that will suffer, Maureen. I can't live without you and neither can my wolf. I know your upset about Cain, but I love you both. I never did it to hurt you. In fact, I hid it to protect you."

She looks at me with disgust. "If you think I will ever let you touch me again, you are mistaken. I will do whatever I have to do to protect my pups, but sharing your bed isn't happening ever again. Maybe you can move Cain in, and he can become your Luna," she says with a snicker. "I'm sure the pack would love to hear all about their Alpha and Beta's disgusting love affair."

"I know your upset but if you breathe a word about my relationship with Cain to any pack member, Addie and Reese will pay the price. Things will be better this way. You will only need to take the wolfsbane dose when I want to be with Cain. As far as sharing our bed, I think you'll find you still want my affection if you don't get it, but I won't force you for now."

"You are f**king delusional if you think I will ever want you to touch me again. What is your plan when you find Rosalyn" she asks, effectively changing the subject. "She can either reject the pr*ck that she mated with or I'll kill him. Then I'll drag her back here willingly or unwillingly. She will do exactly what she was destined to do. Reese will have two mates, and she will deliver the next pack heir. Once she is pregnant with a pup, she will be easier to control."

"I can't believe what a monster I've been mated to all these years." I take a step toward her, and she takes a step back. "I've been good to you since the day we mated. You never even realized there was anything between me and Cain. I have always shown you the love you deserve as my mate and Luna." "Just not loyalty or fidelity. You know what I don't care. I don't want you. I'll stay to protect my pups, but that is all it will ever be," she says with finality. My wolf is losing his sh*t with every word she says.

"I'm afraid that's not acceptable. My wolf and I need you. You are our mate." A knock on the door has me smiling. "Enter" I say. My brother and Mindy step inside. "I can't believe you. You are a member of the f**king council, and you're allowing him to do all of this. You are as disgusting as he is. I pray to the goddess you all get what you deserve," she says to my brother and Mindy.

"Maureen, you need to calm down. This will all be over soon," he says like he is talking to a child. "Alpha, please leave me with the Luna. I think I can help set her mind right," Mindy says. "No way, I don't trust you alone with my mate." Maureen throws her head back and laughs. "You are a f**king joke. You have hurt me more than anyone ever could you ba**ard" she screams at me.

"Robert, let Mindy help. I trust her with my life. She wouldn't do anything to harm Maureen. She can help her be the mate she has always been to you. She can make her forget what's troubling her," he says. I may not trust the witch, but I trust my brother. "Fine, but we will be right outside."

Maureen POV

I can't believe this man. I can't believe I have shared my life with this f**king monster. This is not the man that swore to love me until his last breath. The man that held each of our pups the day they came into this world. I feel like I've been sucked into an alternate universe. My heart is in my throat when the witch walks into Robert's office. I have no idea what powers she holds, but I'm sure she can make me forget.

I can't forget all that he has done. The clicking of the door brings me out of my panicked thoughts. She begins to chant, and I brace myself but nothing changes. "Luna, please sit down. I have made it so we can speak freely." "I don't know what game you are playing at, but I don't trust you." "I understand Luna, but I mean you no harm. I'm here only to help" she says. I see sincerity in her eyes, but I've seen it in my husband's eyes many times.

"I don't have much time, but I need to show you something. I can only do that by touching your skin. I know you don't trust me, but honestly, if I wanted to spell you, I could have done it the minute, they closed the door," she says. "Maury, what do we have to lose at this point? If she is really trying to help us, then we may be able to keep our pups safe and protect the pack," my wolf pleads with me. "Fine, my wolf says to do this, but if my pups get hurt, I will hunt you down. I swear to the goddess."

A soft smile spreads across her face. "I would expect no less from a mama wolf" she says. I take the seat next to her, and she offers me her hand. "What about Robert's brother? Does he know your helping me?" Her smile fades and I already know my answer. "No, he is as corrupt as your mate. Unfortunately, I needed to get close to him to help the people we both love," she says.

I place my hand in hers, and she tells me to close my eyes. A few seconds later, I see Rosalyn and a man I assume is her mate. He is most definitely an Alpha wolf. He is bigger than Reese and Robert. I thought she was living among humans. She looks happy. A few seconds later, a little girl that looks a lot like her mate jumps into Rosalyn's arms. He has a pup. Rosalyn has a daughter.

I can feel the tears flowing down my cheeks. My heart breaks that she will never have that with Reese, but she is happy and that's what matters. I only pray that Reese will find his happiness. The vision fades and another one takes its place. Reese is smiling at a woman, but she is too far

away for me to see her face. She is carrying a pup in her arms. Is this Reese's second chance? The vision fades, and I'm back in the office.

"Maureen, as hard as it is to hear everything is happening as it was meant to. Reese's actions against Rosalyn were always meant to result in a rejection. The fact that he is making amends matters. It will determine the pack's future. We have to protect Rosalyn, Beckham, and Reese. The future of two packs and my mate's life depends on it," she says. I want to ask her about her mate, but I need to focus on my part in making sure Robert fails. "What do I have to do?"

"As hard as it's going to be. I need you to act like you know nothing about Robert's betrayal. He needs to think I wiped it from your memory. I'll be leaving to warn Beckham about their plans for Rosalyn. You need to make sure that Reese is a hundred percent by the time I return. It's time the pack had a new Alpha." The thought of pretending I still love that ba**ard makes me sick to my stomach, but I'll suffer through it if it means I never have to look at his disgusting face again and my pups are safe.

28 Say It Louder

Chapter 29 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Alpha Robert POV

I'm not sure what I expect when the door to my office opens, but Maureen walking straight towards me and wrapping her arms around my neck, isn't it. "Oh Robert, Mindy told me about Rosalyn rejecting Reese. How could she do that to him? She acted like she loved him. My heart is breaking for our son."

I hold her close rubbing my hand in circles on her back. Loving the feel of this woman in my arms. "It's going to be alright my love. We have located Rosalyn. We will bring her back and she can take back her rejection. She made a mistake. Reese will forgive her and she will become Luna. She was always meant to be his just as you were always meant to be mine."

She pulls back looking into my eyes. The love I see makes me smile. I have my mate. She doesn't hate me. Mindy is going to need to do the same thing to Addie and Reese before she leaves. Maureen steps out of my arms and turns to walk down the hall. I quickly grasp her hand. "Where are you headed, my love?"

"I need to go check on Reese. Mindy said he passed out from the bond snapping. I can't imagine how much he must be hurting at the loss of his mate." I look at Mindy and she nods. "Maureen,

why don't you call your daughter and the three of us will go check on Reese. I have some herbal medicine that can help with his pain" Mindy says and I smile.

"That would be wonderful. I'm so glad you came with Robert's brother. I will come find you later Robert" she says and presses a soft kiss on my lips. Everything is as it should be.

Rosalyn POV

"Lily and I will be here at five to pick you up. Did you tell your mom we are mates yet," he asks and I smile. He seems almost nervous about seeing my mom tonight. "Beck, are you nervous about seeing my mother again now that we're mates?" "I wouldn't say nervous, but I do want her to like me after everything that happened with d*ckhead," he says, and I can't help but laugh. "The big bad Alpha wolf is scared that my mother won't like him."

I figure teasing him will alleviate some of the tension I can feel through our bond. What I don't expect is calling him Alpha to turn him on. I gasp when he pulls me into his arms and growls in my ear. "I'll show you a big bad Alpha later." I can feel him hardening against my belly. His words and firm body pressed against me, have me thinking things I shouldn't be thinking about before heading into the bakery.

He presses his lips against mine and I pull back before he can deepen the kiss. We are on the street and we don't need to lose control. He chuckles and his eyes darken. I'm sure he can scent my arousal. "So, you never answered me. Does she know we're mates" he asks.

"Yes, she was thrilled when I called her last night to tell her I wouldn't be home because I had found you." The smile on his face fades and I know he is worried about everything that happened before we accepted each other. "Hey, don't do that. What happened between us is our business? My mom is going to love you. You make me happy and that's all she cares about. Besides, I love you, Beck." "How did I get so lucky?"

I'm just about to give him a teasing response when the sound of a slamming door makes us both jump. When I turn, I see a very pissed-off looking Holly staring at us. "Are you planning on working today, Rose" she snaps at me. Beck growls low, not liking her disrespect to me. I can feel his anger through our bond, but I don't need him to fight my battles.

"Actually, I have about five more minutes to spend with Beck before my shift starts." I swear if looks could kill, I'd be dead. She practically screeches before she turns heading back into the bakery. "Goddess, she is a b**ch." "Yes, she is, and you don't need to put up with her bulls*t Rosalyn. I make more than enough money to take care of our family." I lay my hand on his cheek, loving he wants to protect me, but I can handle myself.

"As much as I appreciate what you're offering, I want to work. I enjoy the bakery and Charlie is really nice to me." His eyes darken and he growls. I slap his chest. "Do not growl at me. You are the only man I want. Charlie is just a friend." "I know that, but you know Alpha wolves can be possessive a**hats" he says. I throw my head back and laugh. "I do know." I go up on my toes and press a quick kiss on his lips.

He releases me and I immediately miss his touch. "I'll see you later beautiful." "See you at five, Beck." I turn heading toward the back of the bakery. Maybe Holly will be in her office and I won't have to deal with her jealousy over my mate. I love saying my mate. Zora growls not liking Holly lusting after Beck. Female wolves are possessive too. I smile to myself when Zora grunts.

I push open the back door and Charlie has a mess of flour all over the table and on his cheek. I chuckle and he smiles. "What's so funny?" "You have a little something right here," I say, pointing to his cheek. Before I can tease him more, Holly steps into the kitchen.

"Rose, I would like to see you in my office." Charlie looks at me with concern, but I wave him off and follow Holly. Once we're in the office, she closes the door before taking a seat behind her desk. She stares at me for a minute before she finally decides to speak. "Rose, I don't think this is working out. You aren't the right fit for this bakery."

"Why is that exactly?" "I just think we need someone with more experience. I gave you a shot, it isn't working out, and now I'm letting you go," she says. "So, this decision wouldn't have anything to do with the fact that I'm with Beckham Forester" I say, like a question.

"Why would I care who you are wh*ring around with Rose? All I care about is the bakery," she says like she didn't just call me a wh*re. Before I can open my mouth, the office door flies open. "Are you out of your f**king mind? Did you just call Rose a wh*re because she is dating a man that has not shown an ounce of interest in you? You will apologize before you take your a** home and think about whether you can be a professional, instead of a petty b**ch" Charlie says.

Holy sh*t, part of me is loving every minute of this but the other part. Oh, who the hell am I kidding? The b**ch deserves everything he just said, and I'm glad to be here for it. "You can't make me. I'm part owner of this bakery too. Besides, I'm the one that hired her, so I can fire her" she says. Charlie's face reddens more by the second. I want to tell him to calm down, but I think better of it.

"If the next words out of your mouth aren't, I'm sorry, I'm calling your mother. It's her name that is on the ownership title of the business even though she lets you pretend it's you," he says. "I'm sure she will be interested in hearing that you're acting like a three-year-old child throwing a tantrum towards a great employee who has increased our sales." I see a flash of fear in Holly's eyes for the first time.

"I'm sorry" she whispers. "Say it louder for those of us in the back of the office" Charlie says, and I fight the urge to laugh. "Rose, I'm sorry. You are not fired" she says. "No sh*t, you have no authority to fire her. Going forward, Rose will only report to me. You will do the books and man the front of the bakery, but stay away from Rose. Are we clear, Holly?"

"Yes Charlie" she says through gritted teeth. "Come on Rose, I have cupcakes that need your magic touch," he says. When we get back into the kitchen, he pulls me into a hug. "I'm so sorry Rose. I knew I should have followed you two into the office, but I was hoping she wouldn't be such a petty b**ch. I heard her ranting out front about you and Beck. I should have known better

than to give her the benefit of the doubt. I have never wanted to hit a woman as much as when I heard her call you that foul name. She has been obsessed with Beck since he moved into town even though he hasn't given her a bit of attention," he says.

I smile hugging him back. "It's alright. Honestly, I knew it wasn't going to go well when she saw Beck kissing me." He pulls back with a smile. "So, Beck's your boyfriend now" he asks, and I want to laugh. If he only knew. "Yep, he is my boyfriend." "Good, Beck's a good guy, but I always thought he seemed sad. The only time he really seemed happy was with his daughter. You'll be good for him," he says. "He is a good guy, and I'm glad we found each other." We get to work, and I say a prayer of thanks to the goddess for leading us to this town, to Beck.

29 Unexpected Visitor

Chapter 30 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Beckham POV

"Are you ready to go meet Rose's mom, Lily bear?" "Daddy, I really like Rose" she says, and I smile buckling her into her car seat. "I really like Rose too, Lily bear." I slide into my truck and head in the direction of the bakery. I wonder how Rosalyn's day was dealing with Holly. I'm glad she didn't get upset this morning when I suggested she didn't need to work. We pull into the only parking spot that is free on the street. It's a little ways down from the bakery.

I grab Lily and start down the sidewalk. When we are a few yards away from the bakery, the hair on the back of my neck stands up. It's a feeling I haven't had in a very long time. I tighten my hold on Lily as I survey our surroundings. Nothing seems out of place as I close the distance to the front door of the bakery. The bell dings when I step inside and Lily squeals as she tries to squirm out of my hold. I set her on her feet, and she rushes over to the case.

"Daddy, the cupcake looks like a bunny" she says. I scent her before I see her. She steps behind the counter with a huge smile. "Rose, the cupcake looks like a bunny" Lily says again. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and I can't stop the smile that spreads across my face when I look at my mate and pup. "Do you like them? I made them special for you. I know how much you like your bunny book," Rose says.

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"Daddy, did you hear that? She made them for me. Can I have one daddy," she asks. "Of course, we can get a few to take to dinner with us." She jumps up and down before she wraps her arms around my leg. "Beautiful, can you pack up six to take with us" I ask Rosalyn. "Absolutely" she

says and busies herself packing up the cupcakes. "How was your day today, Rosalyn?" "It was definitely interesting. I'll tell you about it later, when little ears aren't listening," she says, the last part so only I can hear her.

I nod and she hands me the pink box. "I'm going to let Charlie know I'm leaving. I'll be right back" she says. A few minutes later, Rosalyn returns followed by Charlie. "Hey Beck, good to see you again" he says. "Good to see you, too, Charlie. We had better get going so we aren't late. I don't want to make a bad first impression on your mother." Rosalyn turns smiling at Charlie and I hold back the urge to growl. I know they are just friends.

Once we are all in the truck and Lily is busy on her tablet, I lean over and press my lips against Rosalyn's. I pull back and she smiles sweetly at me. "I've been thinking about doing that since I left you this morning." "I'm glad I'm not the only one" she says with a smirk before she turns to our daughter. "How was school, Lily bear?" Goddess keeping my hands and lips to myself for the next few hours is going to be torture.

It doesn't take us long to reach the apartment building. When we step into the apartment, Miranda is in the kitchen. "Mom, we're here," Rosalyn says, getting her attention. The minute her eyes land on me, she rushes in my direction. When she reaches me, she pulls me into her arms. It feels strange but good to be in her embrace. My mother has been gone since I was ten, but I imagine this is what a hug from her would feel like.

She pulls back and places her hands on my face. "I'm so happy my Rose found you. I don't know what she has told you about why we came to the city." "I told him everything mom. I'll have no secrets between us. He is my mate" she says, and I feel the conviction of her words in my soul. "Good, there should never be secrets between a mated pair" she says, and pain flashes in her eyes. Rosalyn reaches for her, and she goes willingly into her daughter's arms.

"Daddy, is Rose's mommy sad," Lily asks, and Miranda lifts her head. Without warning, she gets down on the floor in front of Lily. "How could I be sad little one when I get to meet you today? My name is Miranda, but you can call me Nana if you like" she says, looking at me for permission. I nod my head, happy at the notion that my daughter will have not just a mother but a grandmother. "Nana, I brought you bunny cupcakes" she says, and I can see Miranda is fighting back tears.

She manages not to let them fall. "I can't wait to try them. I made you chicken nuggets and french fries for dinner because Rose said it's your favorite," Miranda says. Lily is practically vibrating out of her shoes as she follows Miranda into the kitchen. Rosalyn threads her fingers with mine and I press a kiss on her forehead. "Thank you," I whisper near her ear. She looks at me with confusion clearly written on her face. "For forgiving me and giving me a chance to be the man that will hold your heart."

I'm just about to lean down and peck her lips when the hair on the back of my neck stands up again. "We aren't alone," Gideon says. As I look around the apartment, I realize that Miranda, Lily, and Rosalyn haven't moved. Before I can panic a familiar voice speaks from behind me. "I

apologize for the theatrics, Beck, but you're a hard man to get alone." "Mindy, what are you doing here?"

"I know you hoped that you could stay hidden forever, but you can't fight what the goddess has destined for you. You were always meant to be Alpha" she says. I can't help the growl that erupts from my lips. "You know I can never return to that f**king pack Mindy. Hell, you are part of the reason we escaped and haven't been found. I don't understand why you're here. Why do you care about the wolves so much after all they did?"

The look on her face makes my heart squeeze in my chest. "Your mated to a wolf, aren't you?" "Not exactly, but that's not important right now. Beck, please just listen to me. Rosalyn is in danger. The Alpha of the Black Rose pack will be here within the next few days. He plans to take Rosalyn against her will and force her to mate with his son. He also plans to kill you if she refuses to reject your bond," she says.

"I would love to see him try. After what he did to my mate, I'll take great pleasure in ripping him apart." "Beck, you are a strong Alpha and could easily deal with Robert, but you know that you are no match for the amount of resources a pack has at its disposal. I was hoping that Reese would be able to challenge his father, but he is still weak from the complete severing of the bond that still remained with Rosalyn." "Do not breathe that ba**ard's name to me. He hurt my mate and planned to force mark her." She flinches at my harsh tone.

"There is no doubt that Reese made mistakes when it comes to Rosalyn, but some souls can be redeemed, Beck. The goddess has forgiveness for her children that are truly sorry. I know you don't want to hear this after all the pain he's caused Rosalyn, but he is truly sorry. He never planned to follow his father's orders about forcing his mark on her. He is trying to right his wrongs. He has suffered the loss of his mate because of his own actions."

"Am I supposed to feel sorry for him after all he did to her?" "No, you're supposed to show grace just like Rosalyn did for you. You, Rosalyn, and Reese are important to the future of the packs you grew up in. You left to protect your pup, which at the time was necessary, but don't forget those you left behind."

"You mean my brothers. They probably don't even think about me and if they do, it's to curse my name for killing our father." "You couldn't be more wrong. Now I'm going to release your mate, pup, and mother-in-law. It's time to discuss dealing with those two snakes, Robert and Cain."

30 Daddy Said A Bad Word

Chapter 31 - My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

Rosalyn POV

I'm not sure what the hell just happened, but when I look at where Beck is standing next to me my heart damn near stops beating. A woman that I can clearly scent is a witch standing near Beck. I watch my mother step in front of Lily to protect her. Zora pushes to the surface. She isn't happy this the witch is near our mate. I growl and take a step toward her, but Beck steps in front of me. What the hell?

"Rosalyn, Mindy isn't a threat" he says, pulling me into his arms. "She needs to talk to us about the Black Rose Pack." I immediately freeze. "Why would a witch be here to talk about our old pack?" "Rosalyn and Miranda, I know how hard it is to even think about going back to the place that has caused you so much pain, but" she starts to say, but I cut her off. "There is no but. I won't go back there ever."

I see sympathy in her eyes. How did she even know we were here? I'm so confused. I can feel Beck trusts her through our bond, but I don't. "Maybe Lily can watch some TV while we talk. I can also create some toys for her. Would you like that, Lily," Mindy asks. Lily peeks around my mother and nods. Mindy waves her hand and a toy chest appears on the ground in front of her. Lily takes a few cautious steps toward Mindy and Zora growls.

Beck smiles and grips my hand. "She won't hurt our pup, Rosalyn. She is the reason that Lily, Stacey, and I got away from my old pack." "She is beautiful Beck. She is the perfect blend of you and Deborah" she says before she looks at me with regret swimming in her eyes. "I'm sorry Rosalyn" she starts to say, but I cut her off. "There is no need to apologize. Lily will always know about her beautiful mother. Beck showed me a picture of Deborah and I couldn't agree more."

Mindy's soft smile is genuine. "Beck and Lily are both lucky the goddess chose such an amazing woman to be part of their lives," she says. I watch Lily scoop up an arm full of toys and rush to sit near the TV. I look up at Beck, and he's staring at me with love in his eyes. "I think that I'm just as lucky." She nods and looks toward my mother. "You must be Miranda." "I am, why don't I put the food in the warmer and grab coffee for us so we can talk" my mother says.

Once we are all seated at the table, Beck holds my hand firmly in his. I'm not sure if it's to offer me comfort or because he needs it himself. Either way, I'm glad he is here with me. Just the suggestion of returning to the pack is making me sick to my stomach. "As Beck told you, my name is Mindy. I've known Beck since I was a small child. His pack and my coven are not far from each other. His brother Jayden stumbled upon me in the woods one day practicing magic. We all became fast friends," she says.

She looks at Beck for a moment before she speaks again. "What Beck doesn't know is I'm not an ordinary witch? I've been blessed by the goddess herself. My powers are intertwined with hers. She gives me visions of the past, present, and future. As I told Maureen, everything that has happened was meant to happen. Beck was always meant to be your mate, Rosalyn," she says.

Beck squeezes my hand and warmth spreads through my chest. "How is Maureen? I miss her terribly" my mother asks, her voice laced with sadness. "She is strong and is doing everything she can to protect her pups," Mindy says. My heart feels like it's about to beat out of my chest. "Addie is in danger? What's going on?" Something flashes in Mindy's eyes when she looks at my mother and I know whatever she is about to tell us is far worse than anything I've imagined.

"Miranda, what I'm about to say is going to be hard to hear," Mindy says. My mother nods giving her permission to continue. "Your mate and Alpha Robert have been betraying you and Maureen since you mated." "That's not possible. I have never felt the pain of betrayal. Besides, I have never even seen Cain glance at another she-wolf. He may be a ba**ard for what he did to my daughter, but he is not a cheater" she says, her voice rising with each word.

I'm out of my seat and around the table taking the seat next to her. I grab her hand in mine. "He and Robert have been dosing you and Maureen with a small dose of wolfsbane every day to dull your wolves." "What the f**k" Beck growls. "Daddy, you said a bad word" Lily says, reminding us to keep our conversation from reaching little ears. "I'm sorry Lily bear, daddy was just mad. I'll try not to say it again." She turns her attention back to the doll she is pretending to feed.

My mother is silent. The only response to hearing about my father's betrayal is tears that are running down her cheeks. "They have been with each other behind mine and Maureen's back all these years," she says, and my hand flies to cover my mouth. My mother looks at Mindy to confirm what she just said and Mindy nods. So much of what Robert and Cain were suggesting makes sense now. "How could I not have seen it for all that time," my mother says.

Before I can say anything, she is on her feet and rushing down the hallway toward the bathroom. I follow after her and watch as my mother empties her stomach into the toilet. Grabbing her hair and rubbing her back, I pray that those ba**ards get everything they deserve for the pain they have caused. She stands, and I grab a washcloth from the counter. Dampening it with cool water, I pat her face.

"How could I have been so blind, Rose? I loved that man with everything I had in me. I thought he loved me, but I realize now it was the bond. Robert was the one he really wanted. I was just necessary for his wolf and title." I pull her into my arms as she sobs. After a few minutes, the sobs quiet. She pulls back, giving me a sad smile. "He didn't deserve you mom." "Let's go see what else Mindy has to say. If Maureen and Addie are in trouble, we may have no choice but to return to the pack."

We take our seats back at the table. "You said that Maureen is doing everything to protect her pups. Why would her pups be in danger," my mother asks. "Reese, found out about Robert and Cain. As I told Beck, he is trying to be a better man. He told his mother about the affair. Robert was furious and threatened both Reese and Addie if Maureen tried to leave or reject him. I was brought in to wipe her memories. Which of course I didn't do, but Robert and his a**hole brother think I did."

"Reese is too weak to challenge Robert because of the severed bond. Reese knows he has lost you, Rosalyn. He is trying to make things right. I know you probably haven't forgiven him and I

can't say I blame you, but helping Reese become the man he was always meant to be is part of the goddess's plan to save your old pack." "How can she expect Rosalyn to help that pr*ck? He was going to force mark her. Do you think that is redeemable," Beck says, his eyes darkening.

I rush around the table and sit in his lap. He buries his nose in the crook of my neck. "Beck, he was never going to follow through on what his father ordered. The goddess would never allow him the chance to find another mate if he could do such a despicable thing," she says. I'm shocked to hear that Reese may get a second chance mate. I'm not sure how I feel about it, but it's not up to me. I want to forgive Reese, but I'm not there yet. Despite that, I won't let Addie and Maureen be hurt because I don't want to face the place that holds so much pain.

"Robert, knows where you are because I had to tell him. It will give you time to make it back to the pack while he searches for you. You are strong enough to do this, Rosalyn. Facing this will give you the ability to move on and not wonder if Robert and Cain will find you. As much as you hate them, you don't hate the pack, Rosalyn. You don't hate Addie and Maureen. Besides, Beck is going to need help to reclaim what is meant to be yours," she says, and Beck growls.