

My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

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Carter POV

"So, I'm sure you realize by now that Alpha Beckham is aware of your treachery. He is also aware you were planning to force yourself on my mate. He has been kind enough, despite your crimes against him and the Blue Crescent pack, to allow me the pleasure of sending you to meet the goddess." "You can't do this. You have no proof. It's her word against mine, and she is just a useless omega who spreads her legs for every pack warrior who shows her attention," he pleads, his eyes on Beckham.

Before he can breathe another word, I'm on him. One punch to the jaw, and he is laid out on the floor at my feet. Ajax wants to rip his throat out right here, but I'll be damned if he gets off that easy. He will suffer for all he has done. Four warriors walk into the kitchen and drag an unconscious Freddy out of the kitchen.

I walk over to Bridgette, pressing a firm kiss on her lips. When I pull back she whispers, "that was very hot." I growl wanting nothing more than to throw her over my shoulder and take her to some private place to claim her. "Careful my beautiful mate. You are poking the wolf." That pretty blush marks her cheeks and I vow to see all her skin turn that pink. I pull her into my arms hating the fact that I have to leave her to deal with that a**hat.

"Can you pack your stuff while I deal with dead Fred or do you need more time before you can return with me to our pack?" "I'll pack my stuff, but I would like you to meet my parents before we leave" she says with a smile. "Of course" I say before pressing a kiss on her forehead. I turn back, and my brother is smiling like an idiot. I resist the urge to roll my eyes. He'll be a love sick puppy when he finds his mate too.

"Please, lead the way, Alpha Beckham." He turns and we make our way down a set of stairs

into what I assume the pack dungeon. One of the guards that's waiting smirks at me. Ajax is about to growl when the guard speaks. "He woke up just as we finished stringing him up. Cried like a girl for us to help him. Went on and on about loyalty. He's always been an entitled

pr*ck, so I couldn't be happier to see him get what he has coming," the guard says. I nod and follow Beckham and my brother down a long hallway.

When we reach the end of the hallway, Beckham pushes open a heavy door to reveal Freddy boy hanging from the ceiling by his wrists. Thick chains are holding him in place, and he has been stripped down to only his boxer briefs. I smile when I see the fear in his eyes when he sees me. "Please, I'm sorry. Just banish me. I'll leave and never come back" he says, looking

toward Beckham.

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"Even if you hadn't betrayed your Alpha and pack, the fact that you planned to take from a woman what she didn't freely offer sealed your fate. You will find no mercy from me. I can't imagine you'll find any from him either," Beckham says motioning toward me. The rage that I had gotten under control is rising to the surface. Ajax begins to pace needing to smell this ba**ard's blood and fear. I move to a covered table across the room.

Pulling back the drape, I take a short silver blade in my hand. I walk toward Freddy keeping the blade concealed against my forearm. "You know what I find interesting, Freddy, is that you think that omegas are weak and pathetic. Did you know that my mother is an omega? Which means I have omega blood flowing through my veins. So I must be pathetic and weak." His eyes get big when he finally notices the blade in my hand. He tries to fight against the chains. It's almost comical to watch as he starts to cry.

He opens his mouth to speak, but before he can utter a word, I push the blade into his right

shoulder. He screams and his skin starts to blister where the silver pierces his skin. "Please just kill me" he says. "Now where is the fun in that? You were willing to have us kill Alpha Beckham without a shred of remorse, but you expect me to show you mercy. You would take him away from his pup and mate."

"I'm sorry I was wrong" he says. I walk over to the table and grab another dagger. When I come

to stand in front of the prick I relish the pain written all over his face. I drive the second blade

into his other shoulder. His screams fill the room and I don't feel an ounce of sympathy for

him. "It's a little too late to admit your mistakes now. Maybe the goddess will be more forgiving than I am but I doubt it."

I walk back over to the table and grab what can only be described as a fancy pair of shears. Freddy starts to cry and plead as I purposely move them from hand to hand. I laugh when I

notice the yellow liquid that begins to run down his legs. "I think you scared the literal piss out of him brother by threatening to cut off his little p*cker," Marco says.

I place the shears down and pick up a small whip that has been dipped in silver. I make my way back over to the pr*ck. "You are lucky I have no desire to touch your junk, or I would have used the shears. Instead, I'm going to give you a lash for every misdeed you have made against my mate and your pack. Alpha Beckham how many for the pack?"

He thinks for a moment before he finally answers. "One for being a traitor, one for lusting after my mate, and one for betraying my brother." I notice his eyes get big when Beckham mentions his mate. "Jayden told me about the way you were looking at Rosalyn. It was all I could do not to rip your head from your body, but my mate insisted we give you enough rope to hang yourself. She is a very smart woman," Beckham says, and I chuckle.

"So three for Beckham. How about you, brother?" "One for attempting to use us as a pawn in

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his f**ked up game and one for even thinking about hurting my new sister," Marco says. I smile and turn back to him. "One for looking down on omegas, one for lacking loyalty, and one for your plan to hurt my mate. I count eight."

I pull my hand back and land the first strike against his thighs. A bloody red streak is left behind as the flesh begins to sizzle. Three more strikes across his stomach and I can see he is starting to lose consciousness from the pain and bleeding. I walk over, slapping his face awake. "Please" he manages to croak out.

I walk around him without a word, striking his back three times. His screams are weak. The blood is starting to coat the floor beneath his feet. The silver is stopping his wolf from being able to heal him.

I pull my hand back and bring the whip down across the back of his thighs with all my force. Blood is pouring from the wounds faster as the silver seeps into his bloodstream. I grab one last blade from the table and make my way to stand in front of him. I place the blade near his ear and drag the blade across his neck, ending his despicable life.

I walk over and place the blade back on the table. I take a few minutes to get myself back in

control. Ajax recedes to the back of my mind. Neither of us enjoy torture, but this was

necessary. When I turn back to face Marco and Beckham, I see understanding in my brother's eyes. "Brother, you need to clean up before you go find your mate. I don't want you scaring my sister," Marco says. I smile and look down to see my clothes are soaked in blood. "We have a

room down here for you to clean up in. I'll have someone from the laundry bring you clothes,"

Beckham says.

As soon as I step into the shower, my thoughts immediately go to my mate. I can't believe how different today ended up being. I had a feeling that Beckham wasn't the villain in that a**hole's story, but I never expected to find my mate. Goddess, she is beautiful. Now I just need my brother to find his mate. I know he is happy for me, but it won't be easy for him to see me day in and day out with my mate when he doesn't have his own. I say a silent prayer to the goddess that Marco find his mate, and she is as amazing as Bridgette.

Marco POV

I follow Beckham back to his office so we can sign off the alliance paperwork. As I'm signing the last page I notice Rocco is pushing forward in my mind. He has been fairly quiet since we have arrived. The door to the office opens without warning and a beautiful little girl rushes inside, followed by Rosalyn. "Lily bear, I told you we had to knock. Daddy has a visitor and is busy," she says.

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freezing mid-signature. "She is fine love. Besides, I'm sure Alpha Marco doesn't mind. We are just finishing up." I swallow hard trying to keep Rocco under control. "Of course it's fine. It's nice to meet you Lily" I say and she giggles.

"You can call me Lily bear too. Are you my new uncle" she asks and I smile. "I'm not, but I am glad to be your friend," I say and extend my hand. She places her tiny hand in mine and smiles like the Cheshire cat. Before I can ask her why she is smiling so big she speaks again. "I'm going to call you Uncle Marco anyway," she says before she hops off

Beckham's lap. I watch as she rushes out of the office. When I look between Beckham and Rosalyn, they seem to be having a silent conversation.

"Is everything alright?" "Yes, everything is fine. Lily has a tendency to call all the men she meets uncles. I hope that doesn't bother you," Rosalyn says. "Of course not. I'm just glad she wasn't afraid of my size." "Alpha Marco, I know that Bridgette plans on taking Carter to meet her parents. Would you like to join us for lunch since you won't be leaving right away," Rosalyn asks.

"That would be great. I don't want to intrude on their first meeting. Since we are now allies, I'll have lots of opportunities to meet them." "Good, I'll leave you both to your Alpha business," she says. Why do I feel like everyone is in on a secret but me?

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Fredrick POV

I gasp like I'm coming up for air after being submerged in water for a long time. Looking around, nothing looks familiar. The only way to describe my surroundings is a waste land. The

trees look like they are barely alive and there is no color to the landscape. I reach out to my wolf, but there is nothing but deafening silence. I can't even feel him.

I take three steps when I hear an unfamiliar feminine voice. I turn moving in the direction the voice came from, but my steps falter when I hear a scream that makes the blood freeze in my veins. I immediately turn going in the opposite direction. I'm not sure how long I walk before I

feel like I can't go any further. Having no other choice, I sit on the ground that doesn't have a blade of grass growing from it.

As I sit my chest begins to burn. I look down to see three bleeding wounds on my chest and stomach. Everything that happened in the torture room comes flooding back. Where the f**k am I? Am I dead? Did that pr*ck really kill me over a useless omega? "Even in death you can't see past a person's rank." I whirl and come face to face with a tall muscular woman with raven black hair. "Who the f**k are you?"

She throws her head back and laughs. "Oh Freddy boy, I'm your worst nightmare except you won't be waking up," she says. A sinister smile spreads across her face as she takes a step toward me. Another scream in the distance startles me. Something

inside me tells me I need to distance myself from this crazy b**ch. I turn and take off running. I try to weave around dead trees. I don't take ten steps when I'm knocked off my feet. The air is knocked from my lungs. The dirt and gravel send pain through the open wounds on my back.

If I'm dead, why the f**k can I still feel the pain? Before I can get to my feet, a hand wraps around my neck holding me in place. I follow the arm and notice it isn't the woman from earlier. This woman is petite with hair as black as night. Her skin is so white it looks translucent.

When my eyes meet hers, I try to free myself from her grip. Despite her size, I can't free myself. "Who the f**k are you" I manage to croak out. She smiles, and I swear the look in her eyes has a shiver moving down my spine.

"My name is Eris, the Goddess of Mayhem. I hear that you like to cause others pain and suffering. That's my specialty. My sister and I are going to give you a dose of your own medicine," she says. Her eyes are looking at something behind me. She releases her hold on my neck and forces me to my knees in front of her. The woman from earlier and a beautiful

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woman with flowing red hair are standing in front of us.

A firm hand on my shoulder holds me in place. "Fredrick, I see you've already met my sister, Eris. Let me introduce you to my other sister Tanith, the Goddess of Torture" the red head says. "Who are you and what is this place?" "Despite all you've done, Fredrick, you aren't a

stupid man. You know who I am," she says. "Moon Goddess" I say.

"See, I knew you were smart. Too bad, the choices you made in life weren't smarter. By the way, Carter was right. You won't find mercy here after what you had planned for Bridgette" she says.

"I'm sorry," I start to say, but she cuts me off. "Don't bother trying to offer platitudes because I know your true heart. I'm always amazed how, when it comes down to it, you want me to overlook all you have done because you say those two useless words that mean nothing. You had the opportunity to do the right thing, and you didn't. Actions have consequences, welcome to yours," she says.

Before I can try to plead my case, she's gone. Tanith smiles as she closes the distance between us. "I think we should show him our playroom Eris. Cain and Robert should be healed enough by now" she says. "Who the f**k are they" I ask. Before I know what's happening, the world around me seems to fall away and in its place is a large room that has me retching on

the floor. "What's the matter, Freddy boy? I wouldn't think such a strong warrior would have

such a weak stomach," Eris says.

A firm hand grips the back of my neck and leads me across the room where two bodies hang from chains. There are spots of ripped flesh covering the two men. Their faces are swollen and covered in bruises. Blood covers most of their bodies. The man on the left screams even

though he isn't being touched. "Oh poor Cain. Your ex-mate must be getting a good d*cking

again. That woman is insatiable" Tanith says.

"Why would he feel the pain of an ex-mate, "I ask before I think better of it. "We made it so, that's why. Robert's about to join the fun because his beautiful mate has found her second chance and Barrett looks like he'll be a beast in bed," Eris says, with an evil glint in her eye.

"Well enough, show and tell. It's your turn to join in the fun," Tanith says. Without warning, a large blade shoots from her hand. I have no time to react when the blade cuts through my belly. I scream as she twists the blade. What the f**k have I done?
Rosalyn POV

Lily skips down the hall ahead of me and I wonder if my gut feeling is right. When we reach our wing, Samantha isn't where I left her earlier. "Sam, where did you go, "I link her. "I took Colton to the park. I didn't know how long you would be gone. Do you need me to come back

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for Lily? Is Bridgette alright," she asks, and I smile. My sister is one of the most caring people I know despite the sh*t Cain put her through.

"Bridgette is great. You don't need to come back. We will join you. See you in a few minutes.! cut the link and call my mother. "Hey baby girl. How did the meeting go? Is everything alright," she asks. I smile even though she can't see me. She sounds like her normal happy self. "Everything is great, actually. We had a meeting today with the Golden Leaf pack's Alpha and

Beta. Bridgette is Beta Carter's mate."

"That's wonderful, she is such a lovely girl. Does he seem kind, Rosalyn," she asks. "He does and very protective of her already. It seems that a**hat Fredrick was betraying the pack and also trying to force himself on Bridgette." I hear her gasp before she growls. "I assume her mate is dealing with him" she asks, her voice laced with anger. "Yes, Beck was more than happy to let him punish Fredrick."

"Why do I feel like there is more you want to tell me," she says. "That's because you know me so well. I think that the Alpha of the Golden Leaf is Sam's mate," I blurt out. There is a long silence and I lift the phone to see if I lost her. "Are you sure? She is only seventeen" she says. "I'm not positive, but I think I'm right. He seems like a really good man, mom. I know it will suck when she moves with him, but don't forget he can't claim her until she's eighteen. She won't even know he's her mate, so I'm not sure what he will do when he scents her."

"What makes you so sure if he hasn't said anything," she asks. I smile even though she can't see me. Despite Sam not being her blood, she loves her like she is. "Lily came into the office

after being with Sam. I could tell that his wolf was trying to look through his eyes and I know the Goddess would not pair a grown man with a pup. Its creepy besides cruel to make anyone wait that long for their mate. Lily also made a comment about him being her uncle."

My mom laughs and I smile. "Well if he is her mate, please don't let her leave before we get back. I want to see her and talk to him. She is my pup and I will protect her even from her mate if I need to," she says. I know she means every word better than anyone. "Of course, mom. I can't imagine she would want to leave before seeing you and Charlie. Besides, if she i

his mate, she will be Luna. We will be able to visit often."

Even as I say it, my heart breaks a little. I would never stand in the way of her happiness, but I hate losing her after we just found her and Colton. Oh, my goddess Colton. Will he want to go with Sam? My mom will be devastated to lose them both. I push those thoughts from my mind and focus on the possibility my sister has found a man that will love her the way she deserves to be loved. She will get to live the life that was stolen from her mother.

"I better go. There is a pack meeting about Robert's brother's return and Maureen asked me to help. I love you baby girl. I'll see you soon" she says, and we disconnect the call. "Lily" I call

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out, and she rushes out of her room. "Are you ready to go to the park?" She bounces like a bunny and I usher her out the door. It doesn't take us long to reach the pack park. Colton is on the swings while Sam is sitting on a bench just watching him. I focus on spending time with

my sister and brother for now. We will see what dinner brings.

I help Lily into her booster seat while Samantha takes the seat next to her. "Can Uncle Marco sit by me" Lily asks. "We will see Lily bear" I say taking my seat next to Beckham. My stomach is flip-flopping with nerves. Wondering how Samantha will react to finding her mate. A few minutes later Emmett and Stacey walk in, followed by Marco. I watch as his step falters

halfway across the dining room.

His eyes are flicking back and forth between his and his wolf's. He begins to look in our direction when his eyes finally land on my beautiful sister. I'm not sure what I expected, but him turning and leaving the dining room like his a** is on fire, isn't it. Without a thought, I'm out of my chair and stalking toward the door. What the f**k is he thinking? He had better not hurt my sister or the Golden Leaf will need a new Alpha after I beat his a**.

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Marco POV

Rocco is driving me insane. I have a headache from my damn wolf pacing so much. "I swear to the goddess if you don't stop your sh*t we're leaving. I know you're excited for Carter, and you're hoping we meet our mate soon, but you need to relax. It will happen

when the goddess sees fit." He growls before he puts a block between us. What the f**k? He has never done that to me before.

"Alpha Marco, are you ready to join the Alpha and Luna for lunch," the Gamma asks. I was confused when we were introduced because I could tell he was of Beta blood, but finding out he is the Luna's brother and not born of this pack has me even more confused. I know there is a story behind it, and I'm hopeful that Beckham learns to trust me enough to share. I mean he knows about Carter's lineage and I trust he will keep that between us.

"Yes, let's go." I follow him and his mate into a large dining hall. The room is quite full for an afternoon meal. As we move across the dining room, the scent of honeysuckle from the office earlier has me damn near tripping over my own feet. Rocco immediately drops his block and pushes forward in my mind.

I frantically start to search for the owner of the scent. The woman that will complete me. My eyes finally land on the girl that the goddess has chosen for me and my heart drops. There is no way she is eighteen. Don't get me wrong, she is the most beautiful girl I've ever seen and every part of me wants her, but she is too young.

I shouldn't be feeling this way for a girl I can't claim. "What the f**k are you saying? She is ours" Rocco growls. I don't trust my wolf, so I turn rushing out of the dining room. I need to leave before he does something we will both regret. "Are you f**king stupid? You are going to reject our mate because she isn't eighteen" he says.

I'm not used to this feeling of discord with my wolf. We are usually completely on the same page. I push open the door to the pack house and stumble into the pack yard as Rocco fights

me for control. "Rocco, I never, "I start to say to my wolf when a growl from behind me startles

I turn to see a very pissed-off looking Luna. Did she just growl at me? Why isn't Rocco upset at her growling? "What the f**k are you doing walking away from your mate" she says. I'm a little shocked she realized I'm her sister's mate. "Ooh I like her," Rocco says. "Luna," I start to say, and she cuts me off again. "Don't you Luna me. My sister is amazing, and you are damn lucky the goddess chose you to be her mate. She would be an amazing Luna to your pack. She is V/A

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the kindest, most caring girl I've ever known. Besides, she is beautiful" she says.

I can't help the smile that spreads across my face hearing Rosalyn speak so lovingly about her sister, my mate. "Why are you smiling? Do you think rejecting your mate is a

joke" she asks. The smile quickly fades from my face. Before I can explain myself, a soft feminine voice that makes my heart beat faster speaks. "You are going to reject me?"

I look toward the door to see my mate looking heart broken. F**k, I never want to see her look that way again. She rushes inside before I can tell her I would never reject her. I start toward the door but Rosalyn steps in front of me. It takes all my control not to growl at her to move. "Luna, no disrespect, but you need to move. I need to talk to my mate.""

Something flashes in her eyes and her features soften. "My wolf is right. I can't make you accept my sister, but know you are making a mistake if you reject her. Also, know that she will get a second chance with a man that cherishes and loves her the way she deserves" she says. This time I can't stop the growl that escapes me.

I didn't see Beckham until he steps between us. "She is mine. I never intended to reject her. No one will ever touch her but me." Rosalyn pushes Beckham, so we are once again face to face. I can see she is trying to see in my eyes if I'm lying. "If you weren't going to reject her, then why

leave?"

"You said it yourself, Luna, she is a girl. I'm twenty-five years old. Despite being the most beautiful woman I've ever seen, she is young. I needed to make sure that my wolf didn't try to claim her. We have waited for our mate for the last seven years. I have no intention of letting her go now, but I also can't claim her until she is the proper age."

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Regret flashes in Rosalyn's eyes before she drops her gaze to the ground. "I'm sorry Alpha Marco. I let my own sh**ty experience color you with the same brush as my ex-mate. I'll go talk to my sister. She deserves a mate that cares more about her than his own desire. Please forgive me for being such a b**ch" she says.

"There is nothing to forgive. I appreciate how much you were willing to protect my mate. Though I would like to speak to her myself if you don't mind.""Of course" she says before

motioning for me to follow her. Goddess please help me make my mate understand I never intended to reject her.

Samantha POV

When Rose jumps up and rushes out of the dining room, I look at Emmett. What the hell was that about? He looks just as confused as I do. My eyes move to Beck, and he looks like he wants to follow after Rosalyn. "What just happened, Beck?" Before he answers,

Lily does. "Mommy is mad at Uncle Marco." Why the hell would my sister be upset with the visiting

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Alpha? Does he have a problem with his brother being mated to an omega?"

It's the only thing that makes sense. Without another thought, I stand and head out of the dining room. My anger at that thought has me wanting to give that a**hat Alpha a piece of my mind too. When I approach the door, I hear my sister's voice getting louder. "My sister is

amazing, and you are damn lucky the goddess chose you to be her mate. She would be an SEARCH THE (f)indNØVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

amazing Luna to your pack. She is the kindest, most caring girl I've ever known. Besides, she is beautiful."

I smile, but I can't help but wonder why the hell she is talking about me being his mate. I don't even have my wolf. Before I connect all the dots she speaks again. "Why are you smiling? Do you think rejecting your mate is a joke?" He's my mate and he doesn't want me. I fight the tears that threaten to fall. I straighten my back and push the door open.

The resolve to not allow him to see my pain fades away when I see my mate up close for the first time. My chest aches seeing this handsome man that is meant to be mine. "You are going to reject me?" As soon as his eyes meet mine I see sadness, but there is something else there that I can't identify.

Without letting him answer, I turn rushing inside. Despite my name being called, I rush up the stairs and straight to the room I use on the Alpha floor. I lock the door behind me, needing to be alone. I know Rosalyn will come to check on me but right now I just want to be alone. The tears I fought to stop from falling start to run down my cheeks. I don't know why I thought I would get the chance my mother never did. The chance to have a mate that would love me and only me.

I'm not sure how much time has passed or how many tears have fallen when a knock sounds

on my bedroom door. I take a breath before I finally answer. "Rose, I'm not ready to talk." "Samantha" a deep velvety voice says my name and I freeze. Why is he here? He

can't reject me until I get my wolf. "Samantha, I know that your in there. Can we please talk," he asks.

Goddess, I even love his voice. I shake those thoughts away and focus on the fact that he is going to reject me. "I'll be out in a minute," I say, with all the confidence I really don't feel. I head into my bathroom and splash water onto my face. A few minutes later I step into the hallway that leads into the living room.

When I step into the space his back is to me. I take a moment to appreciate the defined muscles of his back through his fitted t-shirt. My eyes move down his back to his jean covered a**. Holy sh*t, I've never really noticed a man's bottom before, but his is definitely worth noticing. He must catch my scent because he whirls to face me.

I feel the heat of my cheeks and wonder if he caught me looking. Thankfully, his face gives 3/4

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nothing away. We both stare at each other in silence for a long time before he finally speaks. "Can we sit and talk Samantha?" I nod and he moves around the couch. He sits across from me, keeping distance between us. It definitely hurts, but I keep my face impassive.

"Samantha, we need to talk about what you heard outside" he says. "I'm not stupid, Alpha. I understand that you plan to reject me. My birthday is in six months so you'll just have to wait," I say, and his eyes darken. I can tell he is fighting his wolf, who probably wants his mate. He takes a breath before his eyes finally meet mine again.

"Let's get a few things straight. I never planned on rejecting you." "But," I start to say, and he cuts me off with a low growl. "I have waited for you for seven years, Samantha. You are my mate. The only reason I didn't walk over to you is because my wolf was losing his sh*t. I knew you were underage, and I couldn't allow him to lose control" he says. My heart starts to beat so fast I feel like its going to beat out of my chest. Is he really saying he doesn't want to reject me?

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"So you plan to accept our bond?" "I absolutely do. I did not for one second think about rejecting Samantha. I promise you that thought never even crossed my mind. You are

mine" he says, sending a shiver down my spine. I can feel my cheeks heat again and he groans. "This is going to be the longest six months of my life" he says and I giggle.

"Do you think this funny little mate" he asks. Despite his attempt to sound irritated, the corner of his mouth is turned up. "A little. So what happens now? I know you can't claim me, but I'm sure it will be hard for your wolf to be away from me. I also hate the thought of leaving my parents after just finding them. "I know I'm rambling, but I can't seem to stop myself.

"It's not only my wolf that will not want to be away from you, Samantha. I know all of this is a lot, but the decision is yours. I would like us to spend time together every day even if you decide to remain in your sister's pack" he says, and I can't help the smile that spreads across my face. "You would allow me to continue to live here until we complete our bond."

"There is no allow, Samantha. We are equals in every way. I am yours as much as you are mine. We will lead the pack together. It will be your decision, but as I said I want us to spend time together every day. The packs are close enough that shouldn't be an issue," he says. Before I think better of it, I launch myself at him wrapping my arms around his neck. He groans but doesn't push me away.

He wraps his arms around me and buries his nose in my hair. Goddess, it feels so good being his arms. I haven't so much as hugged another man that wasn't my family. My body feels warm in his embrace. He lets me go too quickly for my liking, but I can see he's struggling.

"As much as I love having you in my arms, Samantha, we will have to stick with hand holding for now. Rocco isn't making it easy to control myself around you. Wolves want their mates regardless of when it is appropriate," he says. Heat spreads through my chest at the thought

this man and his wolf both want me. He groans again and stands. "I think we should head back down to join everyone for lunch" he says, offering me his hand.

I smile and place my hand in his without a moment's hesitation. I feel faint tingles, but based on what Rosalyn told me, they will become even more intense when my wolf is with me. Marco's right. The next six months are going to be very long. As we descend the stairs, I notice a few of the pack girls eyeing up my mate. A feeling I've never had before crawls up my throat, jealousy. "Mine" I say, gripping his hand tightly.

"I don't see a mark on his neck. Oh, that's right, because you're still a little girl. Alpha, I'm 1/4

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available if you want a real woman instead of a little girl, Brittany says. Before I can tell her to f**k off, Marco growls and tries to move toward them. "Marco don't. They aren't worth it," say. He stops trying to pull away from me but focuses his eyes on Brittany and her cronies. "Don't you ever disrespect my Luna again you nasty b*tch" he says.

"You do know she was born of a wh*re omega." Before I can stop myself, I release Marco's hand and rush down the remaining stairs. I don't care if she has her wolf. I will kill her a** for talking about my mother. The shock on her face would be comical if I wasn't so f**king angry. As soon as I'm close enough, I land a punch to the center of her face. The satisfying crunch of her nose breaking makes me feel marginally better.

I pull back intending to punch her again when strong arms grab me around the waist and pull me back. "Alright, Tyson, you taught her a lesson" Marco says in my ear. "What the f**ck is going on here," Beck asks. I look up to see him and Rosalyn walking in from outside. Brittany is holding her nose, but I can clearly see blood dripping onto her shirt. "She hit me Alpha. She had no right to hit me just because she is related to the Luna," Brittany says.

Before I can tell him why I hit her, Marco speaks up. "Alpha Beckham, I would like this girl punished for insulting my future Luna." Rosalyn smiles but Beck keeps his face impassive. "What exactly did she say to your future Luna, Alpha Marco," Beck asks. "Well, first she offered herself to me despite seeing that I was with Samantha. Then, when I warned her not to disrespect my Luna, she made a comment about Samantha being born of an omega wh*re," he says.

Beck's eyes darken, but before he can address Brittany, Rosalyn has her pinned to the wall by

her throat. "How dare you speak about Susan that way" she growls and fear flashes in Brittany's eyes. Goddess, I love my sister. "I'm sorry Luna" she manages to squeak out. My

sister loosens her grip but doesn't let her go. "I want to know why you said such a thing now," Rosalyn demands.

"I have a cousin at the Black Rose Pack. She told me about the Beta and Samantha's mother.

How he kept her away from the pack as a mistress," she says. Bile rises in my throat. The

pack thinks my mother willingly gave herself to that ba**ard. Marco's grip tightens on me. Rosalyn's eyes meet mine and I know she is asking my permission to correct the lies. I nod and she turns back.

She releases her hold on Brittany and addresses everyone that has now gathered. "Let me set

the record straight. Susan was an omega in the Black Rose pack. That much is true, but the rest of what you heard is complete bulls*t. The Beta, my father, forced himself on Susan and when she became pregnant and refused to get rid of the pup he placed her in a cabin away from the rest of the pack. He also threatened to harm her and her pup if she ever let the pack 2/4

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know what was going on," she says.

I'm shocked when Brittany drops her gaze to the ground. "Samantha's mother was amazing

despite what my pr*ck of a father did to her. She had three pups. Even though I've only just found my brother and sister, they are my family. An attack on them is an attack on me," she says. I feel fresh tears running down my cheeks. "You said there were three pups, Luna. Where is your other sibling," Gia asks. Her and I have talked a few times, and she seems very nice.

"Unfortunately, Susan died while giving birth to the last pup." I'm shocked when Gia walks over to me and pulls me out of Marco's hold for a hug. "I'm so sorry you went through all that" she says before she heads back to join the others. The bigger shock is when Brittany comes to stand in front of me. Marco grips my hand, letting me know he is still next to me. "I'm sorry Samantha. I shouldn't have listened to my cousin's bulls*t. I shouldn't have hit on your mate."

Her apology seems sincere, but before I can accept it, Marco speaks up. "I call bulls*t. I think you are only sorry because everyone is looking at you for what you really are, nasty. You had no problem offering yourself up to me even knowing Samantha was my mate or being cruel to her." I'm about to release his hand and tell him he is being too harsh when I notice something

flash in her eyes that gives me pause.

"The Alpha is right. She is a liar. She has been talking sh*t about Samantha since she got her because she is jealous," Gia says. "Shut the hell up, omega" she says, moving toward Gia. "You almost had me, Brittany. I really thought you were sorry." She turns to face me again. "Fine, I'm not sorry. You are nothing more than an omega. The rules that extend to ranked members don't extend to their ba**ard siblings who hold no rank," she says, crossing her arms over her chest.

Beck comes to stand next to me. "I'm not sure who taught you werewolf law, but packs have their own rules and one of mine is that I protect my family. You insult my sister and you get punished. Besides, you insulted a visiting Alpha's Luna. That is a violation of werewolf law, which carries a hefty punishment. What do you think is a fitting punishment, Samantha," Beck

asks me.

I think for a minute when I realize why she is so angry. She thinks because I'm not ranked, I'm worthless. I smile before I look back at Brittany. "What is her rank?" "She is one of the first year warriors. Her father is one of the elite warriors for the pack," Beck says. She looks worried for the first time as she looks between us. "I think you should make her an omega for six months. Maybe she will learn to appreciate the work they do and stop looking down on them."

"I think that's an excellent idea. You are going to be an amazing Luna," Beck says, and I smile. Marco wraps his arm around my shoulder and leans his mouth close to my ear. "He's right my Luna, that was much better than what I had in mind." I roll my eyes, but the smile doesn't leave

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my face. "You can't do that. My dad won't let you" she says. "Like hell he won't" an unfamiliar male voice says.

A man steps in front of Beck and bears his neck before he comes to stand in front of me. "My

name is James Connors and I apologize for my daughter's actions. I accept any punishment you see fit, Luna," he says. "She is not a Luna. She isn't even marked for goddess sake," Brittany screams.

Her father whirls on her, but before he can say a word, Beck does. "Brittany Connors from today and for the next six months, you will be ranked as an omega. You will report to the kitchen daily and Gia will give you your orders. If, after six months, you haven't learned to respect all members of this pack, regardless of rank, you will be banished," Beck says. A

Brittany gasps and looks at her father hoping he will say something, but he simply nods at Beck and leaves. She glares at me before she runs out of the pack house. Something tells me she is going to be banished before the six-month is over.

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It's been three days since Samantha and Marco realized they were mates. Mom and Charlie are supposed to return today with Jayden and Addie. I know Sam is really torn about her decision to go to Marco's pack or stay here for six months. I know she can't yet feel the pull of the bond, but I can see how much she already feels for Marco when she looks at him. He had planned to return to the Golden Leaf with Carter and Bridgette but instead asked if he could remain until our parents returned.

Beck and I were more than happy for him to spend time with Samantha here. I know how much we will all miss her if she decides to go with her mate, but none of us will stand in her way. Marco was given a guest room on the Beta floor, not because we don't trust him with Samantha, but because Beck and I both know how hard it can be close to our mate without being together. Especially for his wolf.

I stretch enjoying the feeling of being next to the man who owns my heart. I turn my head and smile at my handsome mate who is still lightly snoring. He has been working so hard since he returned to show the pack that he is worthy of being their Alpha. Most of them have completely accepted him. There are still a few who aren't happy he has returned, but no one is blatantly being disrespectful.

A meeting was held with the pack about Fredrick's actions and punishments. Most were shocked to find out that he was a traitor to the pack. I guess he hid who he was well except from a handful of warriors who confirmed he was always speaking about becoming the pack Beta. Brent still hasn't completely forgiven Beck, but they have talked about everything that happened. He was made the head warrior based on his skills. I'm hopeful that just like Jayden he will find away to forgive Beck.

I was shocked when Beck told me about that pr*ck Waller being his mate. I'll never understand why so many wolves go against the goddess. I hope for Brent's sake that he finds

his second chance. I slide out of bed and rush into the bathroom needing desperately to relieve my bladder. I'm just about to head to the shower when a wave of nausea ripples through me.

I make it to the toilet just in time to gag. I haven't eaten, so there isn't anything to really come

into the steaming shower I freeze. With everything that's been happening, I haven't really

thought about my period. When was the last time I had it? Holy sh*t, I haven't had my period since we left the Black Rose pack.

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I look down at my body and notice I slight bump to my belly that I hadn't noticed before. The thought of our pup growing in my belly steals my breath. I brace myself against the shower wall to get my breathing under control. Am I really having a pup? "Zora," I whisper as fresh tears streak down my cheeks. "Yes, my Rose. I won't ruin the goddess's surprise, but what's happening is real. Lily is going to be a big sister" she says. I place my hands on my small bump.

I finish my shower quickly, excited to tell Beck. I quickly dry off and throw on a light blue sundress. When I step back into the bedroom, Beck is still fast asleep. I smile walking over to him and run my hands through his soft hair. He stirs before his eyes finally open. He gives me a soft smile and I lean down to press a soft kiss on his lips.

"Good morning beautiful. You're up early. Is everything alright" he asks me. "Everything is perfect. I have something important to tell you." "Despite my words concern flashes in his eyes. He scoots up so he's sitting up in bed. I climb on the bed and straddle him. He places his hands on my hips. "Beck, I'm pregnant." His body stiffens and his expression looks like I shot him. Maybe he isn't happy like I thought he would be.

I go to get off his lap, but his hands tighten on my hips. "Say it again" he says, and I can see tears forming in the corner of his eyes. "I'm pregnant Beck." He closes his eyes tightly and takes a few deep breaths. When his eyes open, I can see Gideon is at the surface. Without a word, his hands move up my body until they are both resting on my belly. Tears begin to stream down his cheeks and I reach out to wipe them away.

"Beck, please say something." "Oh, my goddess, we are going to have a pup. When did you find out? Are you feeling alright? What did the pack doctor say" he says without taking a breath. "You scared the sh*t out of me Beck. I thought you weren't happy when you didn't say anything." "That's the farthest thing from what I was feeling. I had a moment of fear before I was consumed by nothing but happiness," he says.

"What were you afraid of my love?" "The past repeating itself, but I will never let that happen. I will protect you and our pups with everything in me" he says. "We will always

protect each other Beck. Now to answer your question I felt sick earlier and when I thought about the last

time I had my period I realized it's been a while."

He's eyes get big. "How long has it been? Have you shifted?" "Beck, you need to calm down. Zora confirmed I'm pregnant, so even if I shifted, the pup is safe in my belly. I just realized it this morning, so I haven't seen the pack doctor yet." He immediately pulls me down for a searing kiss before he hops off the bed with me in his arms. He starts moving toward the door and I can't help but laugh.

"Why are you laughing" he asks. "I'm laughing because I think you forgot to do something 2/4

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before we head to the hospital." He steps falter as he looks at me confused. "Beck, you need to put me down and get dressed. I've linked the pack doctor to expect us." My big bad Alpha blushes before he finally sets me on my feet. He presses a quick kiss on my forehead before he rushes to get dressed.

He is dressed in record time. He immediately scoops me back up once he is completely dressed. "Beck, I can walk." "No, my legs are longer. We will get there quicker" he says, making me laugh. "Are you calling me short, love?" "Shorter than me" he says, and I slap his chest playfully. When we reach the pack hospital, one of the nurses greets us. "Is everything alright Alpha, Luna" she asks.

"The Luna needs to be checked for pregnancy" he blurts out. The older nurse smiles and leads

us down a long hallway to a large exam room. "I'll take some blood Luna, and let the doctor

know that you've arrived," the nurse says. As she moves toward me with the needle, Beck

growls. I look at him confused. "Sorry, Gideon is a little on edge thinking of you in any pain," Beck says. "Gideon, the nurse will not hurt me." Beck finally nods, and the nurse quickly gathers my blood. I'm not sure how much time actually passes before the door opens, and the pack doctor steps

inside with a huge smile on his face. "Congratulations Luna and Alpha, you are pregnant. I'm

going to grab the ultrasound machine so we can see the pup and determine how far along you are," he says. Seeing the smile on Beck's face makes me smile. I can't believe we are going to have another pup. Beck moves closer and puts his face close to my belly. "Hello my sweet pup. I'm your daddy. I

can't wait to meet you," he says. I run my hand through his hair fighting back the urge to cry as I watch my mate talk to our pup. The door opening interrupts the sweet moment. After I do what the doctor says and expose my belly, he squirts cold gel around my belly button.

When he pushes the wand against my belly, the sound of thumping fills the room. He must see my panic because he offers me a reassuring smile. "That is the sound of your pup's heartbeat. It sounds perfect." He starts to move the wand around my belly. I notice his smile from earlier is gone, and his brow is furrowed. My heart starts to beat hard against my chest.

Is something wrong with my pup?

Beck must feel my emotions through our bond because he looks at me. "I know you are doing your job but tell us what the hell has that look on your face. You are upsetting my Luna," Beck says. I glare at him for being so harsh with the doctor. "My apologies, Luna. There is nothing wrong with your pups" he says. His words wash over me. Did he just say pups?"

"Pups" I say the word like a question. "Yes, Luna, two pups. They both look perfect. Based on their measurements, you are around one month along. Werewolf pregnancies typically last 3/4

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five months, but with the pups being of Alpha and Beta blood it will more likely be four

months. So you are quite far along for your first visit. Do you want to know the s*x of the pups" he asks.

Holy sh*t, I didn't know I was even pregnant until today and I only have three months left before the pups are born. I feel like I can't breathe. I'm going to have newborn pups in three months. "Rosalyn, look at me," Beck says. I focus on the sound of his voice. "I know this is a

lot, but everything is going to be amazing. We will have everything ready by the time we have the pups. Besides, we have an amazing family to help us," he says.

My breathing starts to slow down and Beck presses his forehead to mine. "I love you Rosalyn.

I can't thank you enough for making me a father again." "I love you Beck. I love that we are going to have two more pups. I love that Lily is going to be an amazing big sister." Now that the initial shock of how far along I am has worn off, I can't wipe the smile off my face.

"Do you want to know what the pups will be Beck?" "I am fine either way. It's completely up to you,

beautiful" he says. "I think I want it to be a surprise. We can do everything in neutral

colors. I want Lily involved in everything, Beck. I never want her to feel like she isn't as important as the twins. She is my first pup." He smiles and presses a soft kiss to my lips. "Lily knows how much you love her, Rosalyn. No amount of pups will change that."

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I can't believe that Rosalyn is going to have two pups. I hate that my first thought after she told me was about losing them. I need to focus on enjoying this amazing journey. I won't let my fears stop me from doing that. We've decided to tell everyone at dinner tonight since Miranda, Charlie, Addie, and my brother will be back. The doctor gives us pictures of the twins and vitamins for Rosalyn to take. We make our way back toward the pack house and I can't stop smiling if I tried. "If you keep smiling like that someone is going to know something is up Beck," she says. "I can't help it. I can't believe in just a few months we are going to have two pups. Two pups that will be part me and part you." "I know its surreal. I never expected when we went to bed last night that I was pregnant," she says.

We enter the pack house and I lead Rosalyn into the dining room. Samantha, Marco, Colton, Lily, Emmett, and Stacey are already seated at our table. I try to get myself under control, but Gideon is prancing in my head making it hard to focus. My big bad Alpha wolf is prancing. "I'm strutting because our super sp*rm is giving us two new pups with our amazing mate." I can't stop myself from rolling my eyes.

"You do realize that having twins has nothing to do with our sperm being super. It's because one egg splits for identical twins or because our beautiful mate dropped two eggs for fraternal twins." "I don't care what you say. I still say it was our super sp*rm," he

says and puts his block up. Just as we take our seats, I hear screaming coming from the kitchen.

I'm immediately out of my seat and heading in the direction of the sound. I know Rosalyn is right behind me. I step into the kitchen and stop dead in my tracks. Brittany is standing in the middle of the kitchen covered in what can only be described as brown syrup. I cover my mouth trying to hide the smile. Gia is standing off to the side with irritation written all over her face. "What the hell is going on in here?"

"Brittany here thinks that she doesn't have to take orders from a pathetic omega. I have told

her several times that she is an omega, but it doesn't seem to be sinking in. I'm sorry I wasted the syrup Alpha, but she was on the phone with her cousin again talking about Sam not being worthy of an Alpha. When I told her to shut up and get off the phone, she ignored me," Gia says.

"What do

you have to say for yourself, Brittany?" "I don't belong in this kitchen doing this

menial work. I am not an omega. I have the right to talk on my phone and I can talk about

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whoever I want. It's not against the law to have an opinion," she says. Goddess, this girl is a spoiled brat. I still can't believe how different she is from her father. I have yet to meet her mother, so maybe she takes after her. If that's the case, I feel bad for the poor ba**ard.

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He came to speak to me after everyone had dispersed and thanked me for not banishing her. I hope for his sake she gets her head on straight, because I have a feeling if she keeps this up she isn't going to make the week before she is banished. Two guards step into the kitchen. "Take Brittany to the cells for two days, since she thinks she doesn't have to follow orders from her Alpha or superior."

Brittany screeches and tries to move past the guards. "Should we let her shower, Alpha" one of the guards asks as the syrup continues to drip to the floor. "In a few hours." "You can't let me stay like this for hours, it's disgusting? What about her punishment for doing this to me," she says, stomping her foot, pointing at Gia. "Gia, you will need to clean this up. As far as if I can make you stay a sticky mess for hours, the answer is I can, and I

will. Maybe making you uncomfortable will get through to you. My patience for your behavior is running thin. The guards pull a screaming Brittany out of the kitchen.

The rest of lunch is uneventful. I lead Rosalyn to my office to discuss the formal ceremony that will take place in a few days. "I want to invite Maureen to join us for dress shopping, especially since Addie will become the Beta Female." "I think that's a wonderful idea. I still can't believe that Barrett ended up being Maureen's second chance."

"I'm just glad that both my mom and Maureen found second chances at happiness after all that Cain and Robert put them through," Rosalyn says. It doesn't take us long to hammer out all the details for the ceremony. We've decided to only invite members of the Black Rose and Golden Leaf. We haven't had an opportunity to speak with any of the other surrounding packs.

I notice Rosalyn yawn and stretch. "How are you feeling, love? Do you want to lie down before dinner?" "No, Beck, I'm fine. Besides, I'm too excited to tell everyone. In fact, I think I'm going to head down to the kitchen to make a cake to serve at dinner tonight." Her excitement is

contagious. I can't wait to tell everyone about the twins too.

Samantha POV

I decided to come out to the garden while Marco was on the phone with Carter. I take a seat on the bench that faces the butterfly tree. I still can't believe that Rosalyn had the flowers that were around my mother's tree back at the Black Rose brought here so I could feel close to her. I chose the butterfly tree because she used to tell me when I was a pup if something ever happened to her that if I saw a yellow butterfly it was her checking on me. I know she would be happy that I've found my mate.

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She always told me stories of how mates love each other desperately and how the goddess picks our perfect match. I smile when I think about Marco. It's still so strange to say that I have a mate. I'm nervous about Marco meeting my parents. Not because I'm worried that they won't like him, but because I'm sure everyone will want to know if I'll be returning with him tomorrow to the Golden Leaf. I'm so confused about what I should do. I hate the thought

of being away from my family, but I also hate the thought of not being near Marco.

I never expected to feel so drawn to him without my wolf. I already know if he didn't want me it would shatter me. He says he wants me, but I worry it's more his wolf than Marco himself. I try not to let the words of people like Brittany take up real estate in my head, but it's hard. Marco is an Alpha. I'm sure he has been with many she-wolves.

I can't help but wonder if he has been with she-wolves in his pack. I know he hasn't claimed me because of my age, but what if he had a girlfriend back at his pack? What if she is prettier than I am? What if she has a rank that makes more sense for an Alpha wolf's mate? She is definitely more experienced. How many she-wolves has he been with? I try to push the thoughts away, but I feel like I'm spiraling since this is the first time I've been left alone with my own thoughts.

"Why do you look upset," Marco's voice breaks me out of my thoughts. "Nothing, I'm fine. I'm not upset. How is Bridgette liking the pack?" "No, don't do that? Don't hide what you're feeling from me. Until we can fully bond, I need you to share your thoughts and feelings with me," he says, as he takes my hands in his. "Marco, I know Rocco wants his mate but, I start to say, but he cuts me off with a low growl.

"Don't do that. I want to know every thought you just had Samantha that made you think that Rocco is the only one that wants you" he says. I cast my eyes down, not wanting to have to look into his eyes when I lay myself bare.

"Marco, you are an Alpha, and I'm not naive enough to think you haven't had many she-wolves Hell you could have a she-wolf back in the pack waiting for your return. I'm not built like most she-wolf's, and I'm sure if you have a girlfriend she is gorgeous and built like a model. Beside:

I have no experience because, as you said yourself, I'm a girl, not a woman."

"Samantha, I want your eyes before I say what I have to say" he says. I look up into his

beautiful chocolate brown eyes. "I am going to keep saying this until you believe me that I

want you just as much as Rocco does. I am a man and not a beast, so I am able to control my urges, but make no mistake, I want you. Now, as far as the number of she-wolves I've bedded,

the answer is simple, it's none. Up until I was grown, I believed that my parents had the perfect

relationship and that is all I ever wanted," he says.

He chuckles because I must be looking at him like he has ten heads. There is no way he has 3/4

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never touched another she-wolf. "I can see you are skeptical, but it's true. Let me tell you something else. I love that you are petit and have amazing curves." I can feel my cheeks heat at his compliment. He moves close enough that I can feel the heat of his body.

"As far as experience, you and I will be each other's firsts. I cannot tell you how happy it makes me to know that no man but me will ever touch you. You are mine. Saying that you are a girl is the only way I can keep myself from breaking werewolf law and claiming you. Believe me when I say that when I look at you, I see a woman. A woman I want with every fiber of my being," he says.

My whole body feels hot just from his words. He reaches out and runs his finger down my cheek. "I never want you to doubt what I feel for you. You are mine Samantha. I need you to always be open with me and I promise to do the same with you. I want us to keep nothing from each other. Can you promise me that" he asks. "I promise," I say and he leans forward, pressing a soft kiss on my lips. My first kiss and, despite how feathery soft it feels, it's amazing.

A throat clearing has us jumping apart. We both turn in the direction of the sound and I smile when I see my mom with her hands on her hips. I look toward Marco, and he looks scared. I can't help the giggle that escapes me at the thought of my Alpha mate being afraid of Miranda. A yellow butterfly flutters around me and I smile knowing my mom is here with me, sharing this moment.

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87 Announcements Rosalyn POV

I'm just finishing setting up the private dining room when Stacey pokes her head inside. "Rose, do you think I could talk to you for a minute before everyone gets here?" "Of course, is everything alright? Are Lily and Colton OK?" "Oh yes, the pups are fine. Addie and Jayden stole them a little while ago. To your other question, I'm not sure. Emmett has been acting really strange the last few days" she says. "What has he been doing?" "Not that I'm complaining, but he has been using my a**. I mean his Gamma now, so he should be up your a**, not mine." I can't help but to burst out laughing. "It's not funny Rose. I can't even pee in peace. He actually followed me into the bathroom this morning until I threw him out. The only reason I'm here without him right now is because Charlie wanted to talk with him alone. He tried to insist I go with him, but I told him that you needed my help. I love your brother, but something is definitely up with him," she says.

"Did you try talking to him about it?" "What the hell am I supposed to say? Emmett, why are you being so clingy," she says. Before I can say another word, the door to the dining

room opens and the man himself steps inside. He is out of breath like he ran here. "I'm sorry I took so long meeting with Charlie. Are you feeling alright," he asks Stacey. "Emmett, its only been twenty minutes and why wouldn't I be alright," she says, sounding irritated.

"Emmett, what's going on? You seem really nervous and worried." "I don't know. My wolf is driving me nuts about needing to keep Stacey safe. I feel like he knows something, and he isn't telling me," Emmett says. Stacey walks over, wrapping her arms around my brother. "Em, I'm fine. I'm not sure why he is so worried, but I promise you nothing bad is going to happen to

me," Stacey says.

"Rose, I think I know why Emmet's wolf is being so overprotective," Zora says. "I can hear a

heartbeat coming from Stacey, other than her own," Zora says. "How can you, when we aren't an Alpha wolf?" Alpha wolves can often hear the extra heartbeat early in pregnancy. "We may not be an Alpha, but we are special. I can't tell you everything yet, but soon. Tell Stacey and Emmett to go to the pack hospital to confirm it, but I'm positive she is with pup," Zora says.

Holy sh*t, we are having pups at the same time. I can't help the smile that spreads across my face. "Why are you smiling like that Rose," Emmett asks. "Zora wants me to tell you that she can hear a heartbeat. Emmett's wolf is being protective because you have my niece or nephew inside your belly." Stacey's eyes get big and Emmett looks like he is about to pass out. He plops down on the nearest chair and I try not to laugh at my brother. 1/3

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"How can she hear it? I thought only Alpha wolves could hear a pup's heartbeat in the womb," Stacey asks. "Apparently my wolf is special. She won't tell me what that means yet, but she said you should go to the hospital to confirm it. You guys should go now, and we can all announce it together at dinner."

It takes a minute for what I said to register before Stacey's starts to bounce up and down. "Oh, my goddess, when did you find out?" "This morning, I wasn't feeling well, and I realized I hadn't had my period since we left the Black Rose. The pack doctor confirmed I'm a month along." I decide to keep the news about them being twins to myself so they can be surprised later with everyone else.

Emmett still hasn't said anything. "Em, are you going to be able to take your mate over to the hospital or do I need to call Beck?" He growls low, finally snapping out of the

shock. A huge grin spreads across his face. "I'm going to be a father." He lifts Stacey, and she giggles as they head for the door. A few seconds later the door opens again and Beck steps inside. "Do I want

to know why Emmett is running through the pack house with Stacey in his arms like his a** is

on fire?"

I walk over, wrap my arms around his neck and pull him down for a kiss. When I pull back, he smiles. "It seems we aren't the only ones that will have news to share at dinner tonight." "No way, they're having a pup too," he says. "That's what Zora says. They are heading to the pack hospital to have the doctor confirm it." He goes to open his mouth. I'm sure to ask how Zora

knew when the door opens, interrupting the conversation.

I smile when I see Marco and Samantha walk in hand and hand, followed by my mom and Charlie. Not long after, Addie, Jayden, Lily, and Colton join us. We all take our seats and my

mom looks confused. "Where is Emmett and Stacey" she asks. "They will be here shortly.

They had something they needed to take care of before dinner. My mother eyes me because she knows I'm being deliberately vague, but thankfully she doesn't push the issue.

Our meals are served and we all dig in. I notice that Samantha is smiling, and I wonder if she has made her decision. As if she can read my mind, she starts to speak. "So, I've thought a lot

about whether to stay here until Marco and I can officially claim each other or to go with him

to the Golden Leaf. I was really struggling but after spending some time with mom, Charlie, and Marco, we have come to a decision. We are going to stay in both packs if you and Beckham agree" she says, looking at me.

I'm confused but hopeful at the same time. "What do you mean?" "Marco, is going to set up one of the cottages for mom, dad, and Colton. We will spend two weeks there so I can get to know the pack and still have family with me. Then, if it's alright with you and Beck, Marco will

come and spend two weeks here while Carter watches over the pack. If he is needed, he is

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close enough that he can reach the pack quickly. We both agree we don't want to be apart, but I want to spend time with you, Lily, and Beck," she says.

I can feel the tears flowing down my cheeks. I would blame it on the hormones, but this has nothing to do with that. I just found my sister, and I wasn't ready to let her go. "I think that is an amazing idea." Samantha stands coming around the table to hug me. Sam retakes her seat next to Marco, and he leans over pressing a kiss on her forehead. My thoughts go to Susan and I pray she is seeing her daughter happy.

I'm not sure how much time passes when the door opens and my brother steps inside with the biggest smile on his face and his mate protectively under his arm. I stand wanting them to join me and Beck at the head of the table. I see confused faces as Gia wheels in the cake we made earlier. I take Beck's hand and look at Stacey to go first. "We're pregnant" she blurts out, and the room erupts into congratulations. My mother is on the verge of tears as she rounds the table to pull my brother into a hug.

As she wraps her arms around Stacey she smiles at me. "We're pregnant too and it's twins" I say. My mother kisses Stacey's cheek and squeals as she rushes over to me. When she lets me go, Sam pulls me in for a hug. "I promise I will be here for when you have the pups. I love you Rose" she says. "I love you too. I'm so happy you found Marco. Thank you for splitting your time between the packs." She smiles, "it was mom's idea."

As everyone starts to settle down, I take my seat and Lily comes over to climb into my lap. "Mommy, I'm going to be the best big sister" she says. I kiss her forehead. "I know you are. I want you to always remember how special you are sweet girl, because you are my first pup. I love you, Lily bear." "I love you too, mommy."

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88 Ceremony Part 1 Rosalyn POV

Standing in the dressing room, I can't help but smile at myself wearing the beautiful dress that bears the Blue Crescent pack's colors of dark blue and hunter green. A part of me wondered how it would feel today after having done this before everything went to

hell. Would it tarnish this experience, but the answer is not even a little. Had you asked me this when my pain was fresh I know the answer would be different, but at this moment, I couldn't imagine being with anyone but Beckham.

Reese was a childhood fantasy that should have stayed that. This desire of a teenage girl because he was never meant to be my forever. I didn't understand that at the time, but it couldn't be clearer now. I would never say that I'm happy he betrayed me but I'm glad that I found the man that is my forever. "You look beautiful, my Rose," Zora says and I smile. "You've been quiet since the big announcement." "I'm just enjoying watching my amazing human get the happiness she deserves," she says. I wipe away the tear that rolls down my cheeks.

"Thank you, Zora."

"Thank you for giving me the strength to not accept the bulls*t from those who tried to contro and hurt us even when it meant you gave up your mate. I know as a wolf that couldn't have been easy." I feel her love surround me like a blanket. "Wolf or not, Rose, I would never have allowed anyone, including our mate, to hurt you. The moment they caused you a moment's pain, I knew the goddess had a different plan for us. I would have rather been mateless than to let someone hurt you," Zora says, and I smile. SEARCH the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"We had better go out before Addie comes in demanding to see the dress she picked. Instead of an A-line like last time, I agreed to try on a hunter-green ballgown with a navy blue sash. The minute I looked at myself in the mirror I felt like a princess. "Not a princess my Rose, Beck's Queen," Zora says. I step out of the dressing room and smile as I look around the room at the group of women animatedly chattering. These women are my family even if some of them are not my blood.

My mother is the first to notice me. She is out of her seat rushing toward me. She comes to stand in front of me. "You look beautiful, baby girl. I'm so proud of you and not because you are about to become Luna. I'm proud of the strong, loving woman you've become." She pulls me in for a hug. Sam and Stacey gush over the dress but refuse to show me theirs until the

I ceremony.

Maureen and Mindy come to stand in front of me. "You look beautiful Rose. The dress may be beautiful but it's the happiness I see in your eyes that makes you radiant. I'm so happy that

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Beck got his head out of his a** and accepted the gift you are. You both deserve to be happy," she says, and I laugh, pulling her in for a hug. She takes her seat back next to my sister, leaving me alone for a moment with Maureen.

She pushes a loose strand of hair behind my ear as she fights back tears. "I love my son and Mindy. I don't doubt for a second that everything happened as it was meant to, but I need you. to hear me when I say you will always be my pup. You were meant to be my daughter and even though you're mated to Beck, you are my pup. I will always be here for you no matter

what you need," she says.

I can't stop the tears that flow down my cheeks. She pulls me in for a hug. I've been blessed to have two amazing women who showed me strength and love. Maureen's right. She is my mother, even if Reese is not my mate anymore. I may have lost people who should have loved and protected me, but I gained so many that would walk through fire to stand by my side.

The Day of the Ceremony Barrett POV

I stare at the fresh mark on my neck. I honestly never thought I would ever see such a beautiful sight again. Not because I wasn't open to having a second chance, but because I never expected the goddess to give me one. Losing Abigale was hard to live through, but

loving her made my life complete.

Despite the fact she was taken from me I didn't feel the Goddess owed me the chance to have that kind of love again in my life. The moment I stepped into that hospital room after Mindy frantically asked me to heal Reese's mother after the attack, it was like all the air was

knocked out of me.

Seeing this beautiful woman that was meant to be mine lying in a hospital bed had both me and my wolf on the verge of losing it. I couldn't lose her, not after I just found her. She was meant to be mine. The moment she opened her eyes I was consumed by the love that I had for her. That's not to say Abigale won't always hold a place in my heart, but Maureen is my heart now. Hell, Abigale probably convinced the goddess to send her to me. She was always selfless.

I smile as I adjust my tie. Today is the Alpha and Luna ceremony for the Blue Crescent. Despite having never been blessed with biological children, I now have five. I've claimed Addie, Reese, Jayden, Jacob, and Beck as my own. Being able to be part of the ceremony where Beck and Jayden stand before the three packs and claim their titles has pride welling up inside me.

I step out of the room I now share with my beautiful mate and head downstairs. Reese and Logan are waiting for me in the foyer. After a lot of discussion, Reese decided that his uncle 2/4

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Christopher deserved more than to just be a member of the pack after all his father and brother tried to take from him. He is now the Gamma of the Black Rose and will be in charge,

so Logan can attend Addie and Rose's ceremony. Also, all but three of the rogues has pure intentions and are now part of the Black Rose.

Maureen and Mindy spent the night at the Blue Crescent last night so they could help Addie

and Rose get ready for the ceremony. It's the first time I've slept alone since Maureen and I found each other, and I'm glad it won't happen often. I missed holding her in my arms. The trip to the pack is uneventful and when we pull in we make our way to Beck's office.

"Barrett, I'm so glad you're here. I can never thank you enough for what you did for us," Jayden says. "You saved yourself and Jacob, Jayden. I may have been there to ensure it happened but you stood up and made sure those two pr*cks paid for what they did."

I shock him pulling him in for a hug. I know based on what little I know of that pr*ck Mason, he never showed Jayden, Jacob, or Beck the love they deserved. I will make sure they know going forward what its like to have a father that loves them. It takes Jayden a second to return to the hug, but he does. I do the same with Jacob and Beck. "Jacob, this is Logan. He is the Beta of the Black Rose. Logan, this is my youngest son, Jacob."

As they shake I notice tears stream down Jacob's cheeks that he quickly wipes away. "I am also Addie's best friend" he says. "You better be careful not to say that in front of Rosalyn. I'm not sure if she won't give you a beat down if she hears you try to claim her best friend," Beck says and Jacob laughs. "Rosalyn loves me too. I'm happy she found you Beck. She deserves to be happy," Logan says, and I smile.

"Well, I think we should get outside. It's almost time to start the ceremony." We make our way through the pack house and outside to the pack yard that has been decorated for the occasion. I'm happy to see the members of all three packs mingling. As we make our way to the stage people begin to take their seats.

When Maureen steps out of the pack house she takes my breath away. I make my way to her and pull her in for a kiss. When I pull back her smile makes everything around us fall away. "You look very handsome" she says. "You look stunning. I missed you last night." She presses a quick kiss to my lips when Miranda announces we are about to begin. "I missed you too. I'll make it up to you tonight," she says, before she takes her seat. Goddess this woman. Once I take the stage, Beckham, Jayden, and Emmett join me. After a few minutes pass the doors that lead to the garden open and Stacey steps out first. Addie follows her, never taking her eyes off Jayden. There is a brief pause before Rosalyn steps out. The low growl from Beckham makes me chuckle. When they make their way onto the stage, Emmett and Stacey come forward first.

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"As the head of the council I would like to thank you all for joining us today. As some of you may know, not only do I represent the council, but I'm here to celebrate with my family. Beckham, Jayden, Jacob, and Addie have been claimed by myself and my wolf. I consider them my pups along with Reese Orick, the Alpha of the Black Rose. That makes today's

ceremony even more special for me. I'm proud to watch my sons and daughter take their rightful places in this pack."

"Emmett and Stacey Myers, as of today you will be Gamma and Gamma Female of Blue

Crescent Pack." After they both say their vows they step back. "Addison and Jayden Forester," I say and they step forward. I'm shocked when Addie wraps her arms around me. I press a kiss on the top of her head before she steps back, taking Jayden's hand. "Addison and Jayden, as of today you are officially Beta and Beta Female of the Blue Crescent. "They make their vows and step back.

"Beckham and Rosalyn Forester please step forward." They come to stand in front of me. "That's my mommy and daddy" a sweet voice says from my mate's lap. I smile down at the little girl that has no idea how special she truly is. "Yes they are little one" I say, and everyone chuckles. "Beckham and Rosalyn Forester, as of today you are Alpha and Luna of the Blue Crescent pack. May the goddess bless your leadership and bond. "They both make their vow to the pack.

I'm about to announce the pack run when a wave of unease passes over me. I look around, my wolf pushing forward, worried about our mate and pups. I see concern flash in Maureen's eyes as she must feel my worry through our bond. I notice Rosalyn start to move out of the corner of my eye as she rushes down the stairs without a word. She

quickly takes Lily from Maureen before several loud growls have every one out of their seats. Beckham jumps off the stage, but before he can reach them, something silver hurdles through the air toward Rosalyn, who is shielding Lily. Everything around me freezes. I'm confused until

I see the barrier that separates Rosalyn and Lily from the rest of us. I look toward the seats and Mindy is smiling.

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Rosalyn POV

I can't help the warmth that spreads through my chest when listening to Barrett speak.

Everything was taken from him and here he stands claiming us as his family. Looking out onto the pack as Barrett announces us as Alpha and Luna has my heart full. As the visiting pack members applaud, all the members of the Blue Crescent bare their necks. Seeing the

acceptance of his entire pack has pride flowing through our bond.

"Rose, get to Lily now" Zora says, her voice startling me. I want to ask what the hell is going

on, but the edge to her voice has me rushing off the stage. Growling in the distance has my heart pounding against my chest. When I reach Maureen, I pull Lily from her arms without a word. Lily instinctively wraps her arms around my neck.

"Rose, put Lily behind us" Zora says. I can feel Beck's panic, but I can't focus on it right now as I do what Zora says. "I'm sorry I didn't have time to explain better, but I need you to concentrate on protecting Lily. Picture a wall between us and everyone else," she says. I do what she says. I picture an impenetrable wall surrounding Lily and I.

I almost fall on my a** when a pink haze surrounds us until it solidifies into a solid wall. The sound of metal against metal startles me and I look at the ground near my feet. Several arrows that look like they've been dipped in green shimmery jelly lay on the ground outside the wall. "Mommy, I'm scared" Lily says.

Before I can answer her, I feel my energy fading. "It's alright my Rose. Lily is safe. Mindy and I

will explain everything when you wake up," Zora says, as darkness surrounds me. What the

hell is that annoying beeping? "Why the f**k didn't you tell us? If anything happens to Rosalyn or our pups, I will never forgive you." Who the hell is Beck screaming at, and why is he so angry?

I'm fine, just exhausted. I hear two loud growls before a voice I haven't heard in some time speaks. "Do not yell at my mate" Fallon growls. I try to force myself awake to figure out why the hell everyone is arguing. I don't want the people I love and care about arguing when I'm fine. Surely Mindy knows I'm alright. Despite my efforts, I'm still unable to force myself awake.

"It's alright Rose, just rest" Zora says.

"Beautiful, please wake up. I know Mindy says protecting Lily exhausted you because you're not used to using whatever powers you now have, but I need you to tell me you're alright. I need to see those beautiful green eyes staring back at me," Beck says. The emotion in his voice makes my chest ache. I hate the pain and fear I feel flowing through our bond. The fact 1/4

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that I can feel him so perfectly has me wondering if I can link him.

I know he wants me to wake up, but maybe hearing my voice will at least ease his worry until I

can wake up completely. "Beck, I love you. I promise I'm fine." I feel his hand leave my face, and he wraps his arms around me. I can feel his body shake as sobs fill the room. My strong

Alpha mate sounds like he's breaking and I hate it. "Oh, my goddess, I was so worried, love. Hearing your voice is the best thing I've heard. Are you in pain? Do you know when you'll wake up" he asks.

"I'm not really sure. I've tried a few times but my body is exhausted. Zora said I just need to rest." Where is Lily? Did you figure out who tried to attack? Why was she targeted?" "Love, you are literally lying in a hospital bed. I promise you that Lily is safe. You protected her. As far as the attack, the warriors killed most of the rogues, but there are three in the cells waiting to be questioned. As much as I want you nowhere near them, Mindy insists you need to be there for the interrogation," he says.

"I heard you yelling at Mindy!" "I've apologized. I was terrified of losing you and our pups.

couldn't understand what the hell had happened, but I realize I had no right to speak to her

that way. She has forgiven me. Now I just need you to wake up so I can see those beautiful green eyes I love so much" he says.

Like my body finally gives into his pleas, my eyes flutter open. Tears stream down his cheeks as he bends, pressing a soft kiss on my lips. "Please don't scare me like that again, Rosalyn. I can't lose you. You are my life," he says. I wrap my arms around him, holding him close, letting

the love we each feel flow between us.

A knock on the door interrupts the moment and, despite calling out for whoever it is to enter, Beck doesn't release me. In fact, he slides in next to me, holding me close to his side. The pack doctor smiles when he sees I'm awake. "Luna, you gave us all quite a fright. All the tests we ran look fine, and Luna Mindy assured us that once you were awake you would be fine. I'd like to give you a once over before I release you even though I trust that Luna Mindy is correct."

I nod and an hour later Beck is carrying me back to the pack house. I thought about arguing that I could walk, but after how afraid he was, I decided it was better to let him hold me close. Besides, I'll never complain about being in Beck's arms. When we reach the pack house, everyone is waiting in the large living room. Beck sets me on my feet and my mother is the first to pull me in for a hug. "Don't scare me like that baby girl."

"I didn't mean to, but we have a lot to discuss before I visit our guests in the cells. Several growls fill the room and I know that my family isn't happy about me participating in the interrogation, but they will have to accept it. Mindy steps forward holding Lily's little hand in

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hers. "The goddess says it's time you learned just how special you and Lily are." I bend down and Lily wraps her arm around my neck. "I love you Lily bear." "I love you mommy." Gia takes Lily and Colton to the game room in the pack house followed by two guards.

I know this discussion is about her, but I don't want her worrying, especially after everything that happened today. We head to our floor and everyone takes a seat around the sitting room.

Beck takes the seat next to me, wrapping his arm around me. Mindy sits across from us. "Beck, Rose, have you ever heard the prophecy of the red wolf," Mindy asks. My head whips toward Barrett when I hear him gasp. Mindy nods to him before she turns back to us.

"White wolves are known as the goddess's blessed children. Though white wolves are few in

number, they aren't as rare as red wolves. Red wolves are said to be representatives of the

goddess on earth. They hold many powers that are unlike any other gifts the goddess bestows on her children. There have only been five known red wolves in our history," she says. My heart feels like it's going to race out of my chest. Is she saying that Lily is a red wolf? "Lily

is the next red wolf. I know most people think that red wolves are special because they are

born to powerful wolves, but the truth is the goddess doesn't give two sh*ts about ranks when it comes to choosing those she deems are worthy," she says.

"The minute Deborah died and returned to the goddess, Lily became destined because of you Beck. You gave up everything to protect your pup. You accepted your mate despite your father's vileness. She knew you would do anything to protect Lily and teach her to be the person that could one day be her embodiment in human form," she says.

"Now, all red wolves have a guardian. I'm sure you remember me telling you that everything happened as it was meant to. Beck was always meant to be your mate, Rosalyn. Silver wolves are special because they are the guardians of the red wolf. You are Lily's guardian. Today, when she was in danger, the gifts of the guardian awakened in you."

"I'm glad these powers kept my pup safe, but what I want to know is why someone would want to hurt her. How do they know what she is to become? She is only four years old. What the hell is the prophecy that is putting my pup at risk? No one will hurt my pup as long as there is breath in my lungs," I say feeling Zora pushing to the surface." "Spoken like a true guardian. I promise to answer all of your questions but right now we need to speak to the rogues in order to ensure Lily's safety," she says.

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"I just don't understand why it is necessary to hurt the child." Without a thought, I grip her by the throat, pinning her to the wall. "I think you are forgetting who you belong to and your place

You don't question me. I am meant to be king of our kind. I refuse to allow that b**ch the

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goddess to take what rightfully belongs to me."

"If the child lives, the prophecy will come to pass, and I will lose my right to the Elven throne. You should want this more than anyone. She is standing between you and becoming queen. Now I chose you to stand by my side because I believed you were worthy of being my Queen. Was that a mistake, Jasmine? Should I banish you and make your sister, Jiselle, my Queen?"

"You would do well to remember what will happen if I'm unhappy with you. All the forgiveness

I have shown your parents will be reinstated and we both know I will have no choice but to banish them."

She drops her gaze to the floor. "I'm sorry my King." I release her neck and place my fingers under her chin. Lifting her chin, her eyes meet mine and I smile. "Don't worry my love, the arrows the warriors are using will make the child's death painless. I'm not cruel enough to want her to suffer. Besides, it's not her fault she was chosen to stand in my way!"

I lean in pressing my lips against mine. Despite my threat, I would never choose that b**ch Jiselle over Jasmine. Jasmine is the perfect queen and, besides, I can f**k Jiselle anytime I want since she desperately wants to be queen. I've already told her she will only ever be my mistress, but I know she thinks if Jiselle is out of the picture I'll make her queen.

My consigliere has told me she has spoken to her maids about harming my queen. When I see her tonight I'll make sure she knows that the penalty for harming Jasmine is death. "Now my beautiful Queen, I need you to dress for dinner. My brother, his wife, and their children will be joining us for dinner." I can see worry flash in her eyes before she manages to school her

expression. SEAR*ch the Findnøvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

I run my finger down her cheek. "Jasmine, no harm will come to my nephew tonight. The only thing you need to do is be beautiful and charming during dinner." I lean forward, pressing a firm kiss on her lips. "I'll see you at dinner, my King" she says before scurrying off.

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90 Prophecy Rosalyn POV

Beck leads us through the pack house toward the back entrance. Mindy and Barrett will be joining us to find out just who was behind the attack. My mind is still whirling after everything Mindy just told us. I still can't believe that Zora is a guardian wolf or that our pup will be a red

wolf. I never even knew red wolves existed. We learn as pups about blessed wolves, but never

did I think I would be anything more than an average wolf.

Zora growls, and I resist the urge to roll my eyes. "I told you that you were special the moment

I was awakened in you. Even if you weren't a guardian, you are special my Rose." Before she

can say more, the door that leads to the dungeon opens, and we follow the stairs that lead

directly to the cells. "You should just kill me because I'm not telling you pack p**sies sh*t," a masculine voice yells from down the hallway.

As we approach I'm shocked to see he is more of a boy than a man. He can't be more than

eighteen. He looks like he's malnourished. When his eyes meet mine he smirks. "Not even a pretty lady will get me to talk, but I won't stop you if you want to suck." A powerful growl stops his words and fear flashes in his eyes as he backs away from the bars.

"I will rip your f**king throat out if you speak to my Luna like that again. You'll get your f**king wish of death," Beck says. I lay my hand on his arm trying to calm him before I look back at the young man. Something flickers in his eyes before he speaks again. "I'm

as good as dead for getting caught. Better you kill me than that evil pr*ck. At least my death will be quick," he

says.

"How old are you?" My question seems to take everyone off guard. "Why do you care? I came here with those sent to kill your pup. Just kill me and be done with it," he says. "Why would you want to hurt a defenseless pup?" Something deep inside me believes that him being involved in today's attack was not by his own choice, but I need to figure out if I'm right or not.

Regret flashes in his eyes before his face hardens again. "Even if I wanted to tell you, I couldn't" he says. "He's telling the truth Rose. There was a magical veil placed over him. He can't speak about who sent him or anything that happened before he arrived here today," Zora says. "That's great. Now how the hell do we find out who tried to hurt Lily?"

"Rose, I want you to focus your energy on looking past what he's saying" Zora says. "Is this going to make me pass out again? I don't want to see Beck upset if we pass out." "No, this won't take that much energy. You'll be able to see his aura. If his aura is white, we can break the veil that is keeping him from speaking."

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I do as she says, and it doesn't take long for his body to glow white, but it's covered by a blue haze. "Now picture the veil crumbling to the ground" she says. "Goddess this is all so weird." "I know, but you'll get used to it. She chose you because she saw your strength." I do as she says and watch as the haze falls to the ground before it disappears. "What the hell did you just do" the rogue asks. "I freed you of the spell that was binding you. Now tell me your name and how old you are."

He hesitates at first but finally answers. "My name is Liam Morter and I turned eighteen two months ago." "Tell me who sent you and why they wanted you to hurt my daughter." "Honestly, I don't know who is behind sending us. All I know is that one night not long after my birthday. there was an attack on the rogue camp I grew up in. Men that I knew weren't wolves captured most of us. My sister, my mother, and I were placed in cells."

"A man that was clearly Elven came to the cells the night we were captured. I had never met one, but his ears were a dead give away. He separated the men from the women and children. We were told that if we didn't want every one of the women and children slaughtered we would follow the orders of his lord. That's when we were told that we were to attack this pack and kill the Alpha pup. If we failed then our family would be killed. The same prick stood in front of all of us and said some mumbo jumbo that wouldn't let us tell anyone why we attacked," he says.

"Honestly, I think they hoped you would kill us all, no questions asked. As long as the pup died, we were no longer needed. From what I gathered, they wanted it to look like a random rogue attack so no one would suspect the Elven were involved. Hell, I wouldn't doubt they've already killed our families." The pain and sadness in his words are almost palpable. "I'm sorry for all that you've been through."

His eyes meet mine and I can see he is shocked to hear my apology. "Why would you apologize to me? I came here with those that were meant to kill your pup? I may not have shot the arrows, but I was here with them." "There isn't anything I wouldn't do to protect the people

love Liam. I'm not saying that I'm not angry that you were here to do such a horrible thing, but I do understand why. I wish I could offer you a way to know that your mother and sister

survived, but I can't. If you return, you'll be killed. What I can offer you is a chance to punish

those that were involved."

I look at Beck and he nods at me. "We will offer you and the other rogues that survived, depending on their aura, a place in this pack. When the time comes to deal with the ba**ards that want to harm my daughter, we will give you the opportunity to have your revenge." "Not that I'm not grateful, but why would you do that? Why not just kill us and be done with it," he asks.

"That would make us no better than the ba**ards who tried to hurt my pup. You have a choice

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to make. What will it be?" "I would like the opportunity to join the pack and make those pr*cks pay for taking my family from me" he says. Mindy has been quiet, but I noticed her eyes when he was speaking about the man being Elven. She knows something. The question is whether she will be able to tell us exactly what she knows or if the goddess will have her keep more secrets.

I trust the goddess. I just pray that whatever is coming I'm ready for it. I not only have to protect Lily but our other pups. I know I'm not alone, but what we are facing isn't a simple enemy. I really need Mindy to finish telling us about this damn prophecy. After we get everything situated with Liam and the other two men whose auras were also white, we head. back to our living room.

"Tell me about the prophecy," I say, more demanding than I mean to be. My body is on edge after everything we learned from Liam. "The prophecy is of a red wolf born of an omega and Alpha. She will be stronger than any red wolf that came before her. She will have powers that rival those of the goddess herself."

She pauses a moment before looking at Beck, knowing whatever she is about to say next is going to upset him. "She will be betrayed by one that is meant to protect and love her." Beck growls and is out of his seat starting to pace. "Beck, I know this is hard, but we need to hear it all so we can be prepared." He retakes his seat next to me and Mindy continues. "Many will try to covet her, but her one true mate will only take his rightful place with her by his side." "How are we supposed to protect her from the pain of this betrayal," Beck asks. Mindy gives

him a sad smile. "You're not." She looks at me and I realize that, despite the pain I had to endure, I wouldn't change anything that led me to where I am right now. As much as I hate the thought of Lily suffering a moment's pain, I have to believe she will survive just like I did and

be stronger because of it. She will find the man that is meant to be her other half.

"As hard as it will be, you can't interfere despite what you know. If you do, she will never fulfill the prophecy or her destiny. She will be in for a lifetime of pain if she ends up with the wrong mate. You need to remember that the sadness won't last, and she will end up right where she

belongs, just like Rosalyn did. Until then, you, I, and Barrett will put a protection spell on the pack. The Elven pr*ck won't be able to detect her and will think his plan was a success," Mindy says.