

My Mate and Brother's Betrayal

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Lord David POV

As soon as Jasmine scurries off, I make my way out of the mansion. I only have an hour before my prick of a brother shows up with his happy little family. I still can't believe my father chose to pass his title to him. We were born mere minutes apart, but because our

mother pushed him out first, he gets to be King. It's ludicrous that the only qualification to becoming ruler of our kind is birth order. I should be king and if everything goes to plan I will

I step in front of the disgusting shabby cottage. My skin crawls every time I set foot in this disgusting place, but the seer refuses to leave. She believes that these walls not only hold her memories but strengthen her ability of sight. I knock once, pushing the door open. "Come inside, my Lord. I've been expecting you" she says. She stopped offering me to sit on her disgusting couch long ago.

"What can you tell me of the rogues' mission" I say, not wanting to spend any longer than I

have to in her presence. "I can no longer feel the child's power or essence. It seems the mission was a success," she says. A victorious smile spreads across my face that soon I will have everything that should have been mine.

"Good, once my brother, his mate, and my nephew are dealt with, I will take my rightful place

as the Elven King." Her eyes turn white and I take a step back damn near tripping over a chair.

When her eyes return to normal she gasps. "What the hell was that?" "I've had a vision my Lord. If you include your nephew in your plans the council will discover your involvement in killing the King and Queen," she says.

It takes all my control not to rage and destroy this sh*thole. I stalk toward her ready to choke the life from the old b**ch. "You told me I would be King. All I had to do was get rid of that little wolf brat and my brother. What has changed?" "The fates are never

wrong, Lord. If you include the boy in your plans, you will never become king," she says.
A sinister smile spreads

across my face.

"Fine, I may not be able to kill him, but that doesn't mean he won't suffer every day for being born to take my crown. As for my brother and his bride, they should enjoy what little time they have left in this world." Without another word, I leave the run-down shack heading back

toward my home.

When I step inside, Jiselle is lounging in the sitting room in a dress that barely covers her. She jumps up when she sees me and I can't stop myself from rolling my eyes.
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worse than a dog in heat. I do enjoy using her for my pleasure, but she forgets her place. She

goes to wrap her arms around my neck but I step back from her. "What do you think you are doing," I ask my voice laced with irritation.

"My King, I have missed you. I just wanted to show you how much," she says, taking another step toward me. I look up, noticing my beautiful wife on the stairs turning to leave. "Jasmine, join us. I need to say something to your sister, and you should hear it as well. She moves

quickly down the stairs and comes to stand at my side.

I pull her close to my side, wrapping my hand around her hip. She looks amazing, and I want

nothing more than to take her to our room and show her who she belongs to, but we won't

have time before a**hole arrives. Jasmine's eyes are cast down while Jiselle glares at her. "My Queen, you are above this b**ch in every way. I never want to see you drop your gaze in her presence again."

Jasmine immediately lifts her head staring at her sister. "Let me make something perfectly clear Jiselle, you are nothing to me. Jasmine is my Queen and the woman I love. Don't mistake me using your body for pleasure as anything more than it is. If I ever hear from my

staff again that you plan to hurt my beautiful wife, I will snap your neck without a second thought. Am I clear" I say.

Her eyes widen before tears start to roll down her cheeks. "David" she starts to say, but I quickly cut her off with a slap across her face. "Do not ever let my name pass your lips again. You will address me as Lord or King. Only my wife may share my name." The door opens and two of my guards step inside. "Take Jiselle to the cell for threatening to harm my wife. She is

to receive ten lashes. "My King, please don't do this" she pleads as they drag her away.

A few minutes later my brother, Carmen, and Drake are led into the foyer. I hate to see Jasmine bow even though I know it's proper protocol. "Jasmine, I have told you that isn't necessary. We are family now," Allister says. Jasmine nods and I pull her to my side. "Brother, I am so happy you three could join us for dinner. It's been some time since we were able to

catch up with the recent issues of the kingdom." S~earch the (f)indNOVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

As we sit across from each other at the table during dinner, all I can think about is the day I can stand over this prick while he gasps for his last breath and whisper that I am King. "Brother, I'm glad to see you happy. I feared it would never happen for you, but the goddess has blessed you with an amazing bride," he says. If he only knew the truth he would have forbidden me from claiming her. Everything is falling into place.

Two Months Later

I'm in my office when a loud knock sounds on the door, startling me. My head guard pushes 2/4

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the door open and the look on his face sends a shiver down my spine. "Where are they now?" "They are halfway between the Werewolf and Elven kingdom. The guards are all dead, but we don't have much time. All three were hurt, and the King is unconscious" he says. "I am the

f**king King," I say, standing to open the portal.

When I step out, bodies lay about the ground and Carmen is frantically trying to wake my brother and nephew. When she spots me, relief flashes in her eyes. "David, thank the goddess. We were attacked by rogue wolves. They drove the car off the road. I can't wake up Allister and Drake's leg is broken." I move closer, reaching my hands toward Allister but quickly grab Carmen before she realizes what's happening.

The snap of her neck is less satisfying than I thought it would be. I drop her body to the ground just as Allister's eyes fly open. His hand grabs at his chest as he suffers from the breaking of his mating bond. "Brother, Carmen" he manages to gasp out as tears fill his eyes

"Don't worry brother she didn't suffer. "I bend to whisper in his ear as I pull the dagger from its

sheath. "It's unfortunate that she was a casualty of all this. I rather liked your wife."

His eyes get big, but he has no time to react as I drag the blade across his neck. His eyes

don't leave mine as the life begins to drain from him. "I am the Elven King" I say. Now that was much more satisfying. I wave away the blade in my hand. When I pick up my head, I notice

Drake is staring at me with tears running down his cheeks.

"Mommy, daddy" he cries. I grab his cheeks and begin to chant the Elven veil spell. I watch as he tries to speak but no sound will come out. I heal his broken leg for now. Not because I care,

but he'll need two legs for what I have planned for him. I open my mind calling for the Elders. I

conjure up a few tears as the three Elders step through the portal. They rush toward us as I fall

to my knees. "My brother has been killed by wolves, "I manage to croak out.

I watch as Elder Samuel pulls Drake from the back of the SUV and holds him close. "I will take

him to the hospital" he says. "No, he is my nephew and he is my responsibility. He is all I have

left of my brother. I will take him." Guards are taking care of my brother and Carmen's body. "I'm so sorry for your loss, David, but I'm sure you realize that you will need to put the kingdom first despite your loss. At least until Drake is of age to become King," Elder Samuel says.

"Of course, I will need to grieve, but my brother would want me to care for our people in this devastating time." I reach for Drake, but he holds tight to Samuel. I try to keep the anger off my

face. "Drake, I know you are scared and sad, but you must go with your uncle. He will take

good care of you." This time when I reach for him, he comes willingly. He will pay for that little slight, but for now I have to be the dutiful uncle. He will never be king, and he will suffer by my hand every day for the rest of his pathetic life..

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I was so grateful for the protection spell that we were able to place on the pack. Honestly, I

wasn't sure what I truly had to offer but as we stood at the edge of the pack I almost stumbled as blue light passed from my hands to Barrett and Mindy's. Part of my power was hiding Lily from those that want to hurt her.

Everything has been peaceful in the pack, well, almost everything. Brittany continues to have tantrums about being an omega, but she has yet to do anything that will result in the Betrayal banishment. I honestly thought she would have done something by now. Once I'm in my yellow sundress, which seems to be the only thing that is comfortable these days, I make my way downstairs.

I'm due in a few days, and I'm exhausted. Beck has insisted I sleep until I wake up, so I'm well rested should I go into labor. I wanted to protest because I feel like I'm missing time with my family, but I know he's right. Sam, Marco, my mother, Charlie, and my Colton arrived a few days ago from the Golden Leaf. I'm thrilled they will be here when I have our pups. Getting around is getting more difficult with the size of my belly. The pups are constantly

fighting for room. I know it's strange, but I'll miss feeling them move inside my body. I step into the kitchen and Gia smiles when she sees me. "Luna, you should have called me. I would have brought your breakfast for you." "I know that you would have Gia, but I needed to get up

and walk around. Besides, I want to surprise the Alpha in his office."

I notice Brittany giving me the side eye, but I ignore her. She doesn't have to like me. As long as she keeps her thoughts in her head and is on her best behavior, then she will

continue to be a member of this pack. I take a seat at the island and Gia sets a plate of strawberries and a bowl of oatmeal in front of me. This has been my go to breakfast for the last month.

I take the first bite of the juicy strawberry and moan. Gia giggles as she turns back to whatever she has on the stove. After I finish my breakfast and drink a glass of orange juice, I make my way toward Beck's office. My steps falter as I near the door when I hear loud moaning. "Oh Alpha Beck, your c**k feels so good," a familiar feminine voice says.

"Goddess, she can't be this stupid." "She is," Zora says. I open my link to Beck. "Is everything alright love? Are the pups coming" he asks in a panic. "I'm fine and so are the pups. Where are you?" "Jayden, asked me to check out training this morning. He thinks that Liam has the potential to be an elite warrior."

I haven't had a chance to tell Beck yet, but Mindy thinks that Liam should be Lily's personal

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guard. I know he won't oppose it, since we have both seen how protective he has become of her. "Do you think you could come back to the pack house for a minute? I really don't want to have to deal with a screaming she-wolf when I banish her." "I'm on my way," he says and breaks the link.

I'm tempted to push open the door and tell her that her little plan didn't work, but I won't put my pups at risk. She may not be able to fight to save her life, but she is still a wolf. I hear heavy footsteps and as soon as I see Beck, I place my fingers over my lips. I motion for him to listen and the b**ch moans again. His eyes get big as he moves around me, pushing the door open with such force it bangs off the wall.

"What the f**k do you think your doing in my office" he asks. I smile because this b**ch is so stupid she has no idea I'm in the hallway. She obviously didn't pay attention in school because if she did, she would know I'd have felt pain if my mate was truly f**king her. "Alpha, I was just cleaning" she starts to say.

Her words die on her lips the moment I step into the room. "You make funny noises when you clean. Do you really enjoy it enough to moan?" Her face reddens, and she goes to speak, but I raise my hand to silence her. "I'm not sure what you hoped to accomplish, but I will tell you were successful in one thing. Brittany Jones, you are hereby banished from the Blue Crescen Pack. You will have half an hour to gather your things and say goodbye to your parents."

"You can't do that. It was a joke. I meant no harm," she says. I move to take a step forward, but Beck wraps an arm around me. "You meant to cause harm to the bond between myself and my mate, which is an unforgivable crime. You're lucky I stand by my Luna's punishment because I'd like to snap your neck and be done with it," Beck says.

She whimpers and falls to her knees. "Please, I'm sorry. I've learned my lesson. Please don't kick me out" she says. Two guards come in, taking her by the arms. "You had the chance to fly right Brittany and you chose to be a b**ch. Your punishment stands." She screams as they drag her out of the office. Beck immediately turns around, pulling me in for a hug. "Are you alright Rosalyn," his voice laced with worry.

"Beck, I promise you that, besides a bit of anger at her audacity, I wasn't upset. Even if I knew it wasn't true based on the fact I had no pain, I know you would never betray me, Beckham. You show me every day how much you love me. I have not for one second since the moment we completed our bond, doubted your love or loyalty to me. He leans down, pressing a kiss on my lips. Like every kiss we have ever shared, his love wraps around me. This man is my everything. I'm grateful the goddess chose him as my second chance.

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"Mommy, can we make cupcakes today" Lily asks as we make our way downstairs. She has been sticking really close, and I'm sure it has something to do with the pups being due. She is constantly talking to them and telling them how much she loves them. She is such a sweet little girl. The fact that anyone would want to hurt such an innocent pup still upsets me. "We will always protect her," Zora says.

She says that but one day she will feel the same pain I endured, and we can't interfere. It breaks my heart to think about it. "As hard as it will be, we will be there to help get her through it in whatever way she needs. I know it will be agony to watch her hurt, but imagine the love she will have with her true mate," Zora says.

"Besides, we have many years before that happens. She will know more happiness than she will sadness in her life as long as we protect her," Zora says. I smile knowing she's right. As hard as it was to get through that time, it was a small blip in my otherwise amazing life. Lily bouncing with excitement brings me out of my thoughts. "Well, miss Lily, what kind of cupcakes should we make," Gia asks as she helps her onto a chair.

I go to take the seat next to her and warm fluid runs down my legs. Before I can open my mouth, pain ripples through me, stealing my breath. "Beck, I need you. I'm in the kitchen," link

him. "Mommy, are the pups coming," Lily asks. I try to keep the pain from my face, so I don't worry her. "Yes, Lily bear, you are going to become a big sister today." She animatedly starts to tell Gia about the pups when Beck rushes into the room.

"What's wrong, Rosalyn? Is it the pups?" "Yes, my water broke. "If I wasn't having another contraction I would roll my eyes as he scoops me up in his arms. When we reach the hospital, the pack doctor is already waiting. It doesn't take long for me to be in a hospital gown and hooked up to monitors. Despite the reassuring smile on Beck's handsome face, I can feel his worry through our bond. I know despite the fact that no one will harm me, the memories of Lily's birth still play on his mind.

"I am safe Beck. We are going to have two beautiful pups. You won't be alone. You are stuck with me" I say and a tear rolls down his cheek. "I love you, Rosalyn, with everything that I am. Thank you for making me a father again." "I love you too." The labor lasts for hours before I'm dilated enough to start to push. The doctor insists a few more pushes and my first pup will be born. I don't know if I can do anymore. I'm exhausted. "I know you're tired, Luna, but I need you to bare down for a count of ten" the doctor says.

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"You can do it, love. You are so strong. Stronger than anyone I know," Beck says. I breathe in

and bare down with all my strength. "Ok, Luna, breathe until I tell you to push again." After a few seconds, he says push and my pup leaves my body. It doesn't take long for the beautiful sound of cries to fill the room. "Congratulations Luna and Alpha, you have a son," the doctor 3/4

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says, before handing our son to the nurse. A contraction interrupts the moment and I push

again. A few more pushes and my second pup is laid on my chest.

Little cries quickly turn into wales as I stare down at my daughter. "You were amazing, my love. They are perfect," Beck says, leaning down and pressing a kiss on my forehead. It doesn

take long for them to clean me up and bring us to a room. Beck and I had an idea about the names we wanted and the minute I looked down at my pups I knew they were right. Twenty minutes later our family is ushered into the room.

Beck is holding our son while I hold our daughter. Lily climbs up on the bed. She snuggles close to me and her sister. "What's my sister and brother's names, Mommy?" I smile and press a kiss on her forehead as Beck joins us on the bed. "Lily, this is your sister Abigale Miranda Forester." My mother gasps and tears stream down her cheeks. We haven't told Barrett yet, but since Beckham considers him his father now, he wanted to honor his mate an

pup.

"Lily, this is your brother Jameson Emmett Forester. "I look at my brother. He is fighting back tears as he thanks me. He and my mother saved me. If not for them, I wouldn't be here with my mate and pups. I will forever be grateful to the goddess that she gave me this amazing family and my second chance.

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"Logan, I swear to the goddess if you don't move your a** I'm leaving to see the pups without you," Mindy says. I smile. She is typically super sweet, but since she is very pregnant she is irritable. Not that I blame her. I can't imagine growing another person in my body. It makes me so happy the goddess made me a man. I make my way downstairs where Mindy, Reese, Maureen, and Barrett are waiting.

"Goddess, I hate that we can't just teleport. When is this pup going to be born? I'm almost six months, already," Mindy says. "Don't worry sweetheart, the pup will be here before you know it. The doctor said hybrid pregnancies are a little unpredictable," Maureen says.

The ride to the Blue Crescent is full of excited chatter. Maureen is talking animatedly about all

the pups being born around the same time. When we pull up to the pack gates, Rome, my wolf, seems to be on edge. Before I can ask him what the hell is going on with him, the car comes to a stop. Reese helps Mindy out of the car. We start up the path that leads to the pack house.

Emmett is waiting on the steps with a huge smile on his face. I've always liked Emmett.

Unlike his prick of a brother, he genuinely cared about Rosalyn. I push thoughts of my former mate out of my head. Even though his rejection hurt, I meant what I said to him. I'm glad he is my ex-mate.

"Wait till you see them," Emmett says, bringing me out of my thoughts. "They are both perfect and Lily is so in love with them. Come on, they're waiting for you upstairs," Emmett says. As we make our way through the pack house, Rome starts to lose his sh*t. "What the f**k is going on with you?" Rome stays quiet and I don't push as we reach the Alpha floor.

We reach a large wooden door. Emmett pushes it open and we all step inside. "Logan" Addie squeals and launches herself at me. A low growl makes me smile. I set Addie on her feet and

reach out to shake Jayden's hand. "Sorry man, my wolf is being a pain in the a**" "No problem, mine's been out of sorts today too." We head farther inside the wing and find Rosalyn sitting on the couch holding a blue bundle in her arms.

The happiness on her face is contagious and when she spots me she waves me over. I notice

that Beck is holding a purple bundle in his arms. Maureen and Mindy are already heading for the pups. I plop down next to Rosalyn as Mindy takes her son from her arms. Everyone is fussing over the pups and not paying much attention to us. "How are you feeling Rose?" "Really happy Logan, how are you?"

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"Busy, Reese is a really great Alpha and I don't want to disappoint him." "You seem shocked

that he is a good Alpha. Despite everything that happened, Logan, Reese was always going to be a great Alpha. He just lost his way for a while." I look at my Alpha and Luna cooing over the pup and smile. "I'm glad he found his way back. I'm happy that he has Mindy." "Me too, they were meant for each other. Enough about them, I'm interested in how you've been after" she starts to say, but I cut her off.

"I know what you're about to say, but honestly, the minute he rejected me any feelings I had for him, died. I'm proud of you for protecting your family." I notice a tear slide down her cheek and I wipe it away. I wonder if she has been carrying guilt. Not for ending Bryce but because she

thought I would be upset. "Now enough of the heavy stuff. Tell me your pups' names."

"The little girl that Maureen is holding is Abigale Miranda and my son's name is Jameson Emmett" she says. The way she is gazing at her pups makes my chest ache. I hope one day

that I can have a pup. I know there are plenty of children in the pack orphanage that need someone that will love them. Even if I don't have a mate, I can still have a family.

Rome is starting to pace again. "Rome, why are you so anxious?" Before he can even answer, the scent of apples and cinnamon surround me. "Mate" Rome growls, and I'm out of my seat moving toward the door. "Logan, what's wrong," Addie asks me, but I don't stop to answer her.

As I follow the scent down the stairs, it's getting stronger.

"Find our mate," Rome growls. I want to roll my eyes. What the hell does he think I'm trying to do? We follow the scent down a hallway until we reach what I can only assume is a kitchen. As my eyes search the room, they fall on a tall man with broad shoulders that is standing with his back to me. His blonde hair is longer pulled into a man bun on top of his head. I can see he is talking to one of the girls in the kitchen. I see the moment she notices me, but what I notice more is when his whole body stiffens.

F**k this is my second chance and I already want him desperately. Please goddess let him want me too. As he starts to turn, my knees damn near buckle. He's gorgeous and I can tell by his build he is a warrior. Hell if I didn't already know that Jayden was Beta I would have guessed that he was. When my eyes finally meet his, I see a mix of fear and sadness. Does he not want me? Did he not expect to be mated to a man?

Brent POV

I make my way through the pack house and toward the Alpha wing. Things are less strained between me and Beck, but we aren't back to the friends we used to be. I hope some day we will be. I've gotten really close to Jayden. Him being Beta and me, head warrior, means we spend a lot of time together. Both he and Beck asked me to come meet the ranked members of the Black Rose since I was part of the team that dealt with the rogues on the night of the 2/3

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I'm almost to the door when Jayden links me. "Can you stop by the kitchen on your way here to remind Gia about the quests for tonight?" "Sure" I say cutting the link and making my way back downstairs. I don't mind heading to the kitchen. Gia always has

cookies or something sweet I can steal. As soon as I walk in, she spots me. "What's up, Brent?" "Beta wanted me to

remind you about the guests from the Black Rose that have arrived."

"Everything is ready. I even made apple pies and homemade icecream for dessert," she says. "You're the best Gia. I can't wait." I notice her eyes move to something behind me, but before I can turn the scent of vanilla and mint invades my nose. Otto starts pushing to the surface to take control, but I stop him. "Mate, our mate is behind you. Turn around, I want to see him,"

Otto says. I finally manage to get my legs to move and turn to face the man that is my second chance.

My goddess, he's beautiful. He has short cropped dark hair and his eyes are almost as dark. I can tell he's a Beta because he is muscular and a little bigger than me. Otto starts showing me filthy ideas of what he wants to do to our mate. "Enough Otto, we don't even know if he wants us." Otto whimpers and I hate that my first thought is automatically this man will cause us pain like the a**hat that won't be named.

After a few seconds, he takes a step toward me and speaks a word I never thought I would hear again. "Mate" he says. "Mate," I say, taking a step toward him. He closes the distance pulling me into his arms and slamming his lips down on mine. I don't even care that we have an audience. I melt into this man's touch. I kiss him like a starving man that has just found his. next meal.

A loud throat clearing has us breaking apart, but his hand stays firmly wrapped around me as we turn to face everyone. "As happy as I am that you two have found your second chance, I can't have you scarring my head omega by finishing your mating in the pack kitchen" Beck says. "Hell with that. It was hot" Gia says. The whole room erupts with laughter as Gia fans herself. I guess they were wrong. It's the second time that's the charm.

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94 Bonus Chapter 2 Reese POV

I'm just finishing up paperwork when my door opens and my very pregnant, beautiful mate steps inside. After our visit to see the pups, she is even more anxious to have ours. Unlike Rosalyn and Beck, we couldn't wait to find out what the twins will be. We are having two girls and the pack doctor believes they will both be hybrids.

I really didn't care if they were boys or girls as long as they are healthy. I think if I've learned one thing watching my mother, my mate, Miranda, Addie, and Rosalyn in action, it is that my daughters will be amazing Alphas. I will have no problem passing them the title when the

time comes.

Mindy makes her way around the desk and comes to stand in front of me so I can greet our daughters. I place my hands on both sides of her belly. "How are my girls this morning?" "Were good but mommy is ready to hold her pups outside this body" she says and I chuckle. "I'm sure it's going to happen any day sweets." "You have been saying that for two weeks" she

says.

I know she is getting uncomfortable, and I wish there was something more I could do to help her. "Is there anything I can do right now to help you feel better?" She smiles and bends to press a kiss on my lips. "Reese, you have been amazing. Rubbing my back, my feet, and waiting on me. I'm so grateful to have such a wonderful mate even though I'm whining" she

says.

"You are not whining. You are growing two pups. You are amazing and have every right to

complain when you are uncomfortable." "Thank you, Reese." I stand up and press another kiss on her lips. A knock on the door startles us both. "Come in," I call out. The door opens and Chelsey steps inside. "Alpha, I'm sorry to interrupt, but I was hoping I could speak to you and the Luna." "Chelsey, you aren't interrupting anything important. You are always welcome to come to speak to either of us" Mindy says.

I smile because my mate is an amazing Luna. "I really am not trying to start trouble, but I

overheard a conversation that I thought you should know about" Chelsey says. Fallon is

pushing to the surface. We both know that Mindy can protect herself, but it doesn't make us any less overprotective. "I overheard Amber telling Morgan that her cousin was banished from the Blue Crescent because she pretended she was f**king Alpha Beckham," Chelsey says.

Mindy looks like she is ready to lose her sh*t. She reaches for her phone, but I put my hand on her arm to stop her. "Let's hear the rest of what Chelsey needs to tell us before you call 1/4

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Rosalyn." She nods and we turn back to Chelsey. "She told Morgan she had planned to do the

same thing with you, but she hadn't had the chance yet. She seems to think that witches won't

feel the betrayal pains so you'll believe that the Alpha cheated because of what he did to Rosalyn," she says.

It's

my turn to growl. These two b**ches plotted to destroy the bond of two Alpha couples.

Fallon wants blood, but we need to calm down before we go to find that b**ch. "What did Morgan have to say when Amber was telling her all of this" Mindy asks. "Honestly, she seemed shocked. I've noticed she has been trying to distance herself from Amber. I'm not saying she still isn't a mean girl, but I don't think she wants any part of Amber and her cousin's plans. I also think Amber told her cousin she could come here to stay since she was banished," Chelsey says.

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"Thank you for letting us know what you heard, Chelsey. You have been an amazing friend

since I've arrived, and I'm grateful" Mindy says. "Of course, Luna" she says. Chelsey leaves and

I pull Mindy onto my lap. She dials Rosalyn and puts the call on speaker. After Rosalyn tells us everything that happened with Brittany, we disconnect the call. "I can't believe those two. I will never understand these women who want what wasn't theirs to have" Mindy says as she rubs her belly.

"Are you alright sweets?" "I'm fine. I just want to deal with those two. I won't have them around after our pups are born. I don't trust them" she says. "I won't let anyone hurt you or the pups, Mindy." "I know Reese" she says, and presses a soft kiss on my lips. I help Mindy to stand, and we make our way through the pack house.

As much as I wish Mindy would let me handle this, I know that she won't agree. When we reach Amber's parent's house, I knock twice before taking a step back. When the door opens, Amber's mother immediately bears her neck. "Alpha and Luna, I wasn't expecting you. Is everything alright" she asks.

"Actually, we are here to see Amber. Is she here," Mindy asks. "She is. I'll get her for you?" We step inside and take a seat on the couch while Amber's mother goes to get her. An unfamiliar scent invades my nose and I immediately know that b**ch that Rosalyn banished is in my pack. Fallon is pacing. She might not be a direct threat to my mate, but he doesn't want her anywhere near Mindy.

Amber steps into the room wearing a revealing dress and I roll my eyes. "Alpha, you wanted to see me" she says, never acknowledging Mindy. I growl, and she drops her gaze to the ground. "Yes, I've heard some very disturbing news this morning. Her mother steps out and looks at Amber. "What have you done" she asks.

"Mrs. Thorn is your niece in my pack right now?" She looks at me confused before she finally 2/4

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answers. "Yes, Alpha, we reported her to the gate. She asked to visit, and I didn't see the harm in it since she is from an allied pack." "You did nothing wrong, Mrs. Thorn, however your daughter and niece are both in trouble. Can you bring her out here please?

She is gone for seconds before she drags a blonde woman out to stand next to Amber. "You are Brittany I presume." Her eyes snap to mine and fear flashes in them. "Yes, Alpha." Before I can say another word, Mindy groans grabbing her stomach. "Luna are you alright" Mrs. Thorn asks. I don't give her a chance to answer, and I'm scooping her up in my arms. "Mrs. Thorn, both of these girls plotted to destroy an Alpha's bond. Guards will be taking them to the cells until I can deal with them when my mate is done giving birth."

"Of course, Alpha. I am so sorry" she says before she heads toward her daughter. I don't have time to see what happens, but I'm sure I hear a slap before the door closes behind me. I link the guards to take the two girls to the cells as I run Mindy to the hospital. She groans again. and liquid splashes down the front of me.

When we reach the hospital, the nurses immediately take her to a room. "Mom, Mindy is in labor. Can you bring me clothes and get here?" "Of course, Barrett and I are on our way" she says and cuts the link. I take a seat next to her bed and take her hand in mine. "I'm sorry my water broke all over you" she says as another pain hits. "Mindy, focus on breathing. We are about to meet our pups and I couldn't care less that your water broke on me."

She smiles and squeezes my hand when the pain returns. "They are coming really fast. Isn't it supposed to start out slow? That's what the books said." "I don't know Reese, but I'm scared," Mindy says. I lean up and put my forehead to hers. "You are one of the

strongest women I know. You can do this sweets. Just think soon we will be holding our daughters." A tear rolls

down her cheek and I wipe it away.

The door opens and the doctor steps inside. "Luna, I'm going to check you to see how dilated you are. How long have you had the pains?" I notice Mindy is reluctant to answer. "Since last night but they weren't consistent" she finally says. "Mindy, why didn't you tell me? We would have come here last night." "They were too far apart, and they weren't strong," she says.

"Well, the good news, Luna, is you are already eight centimeters," the doctor says. A few minutes later the door bangs open and my mother rushes inside. "I'm here Mindy. How are you feeling? Can I do anything for you to make you more comfortable," she says, not even acknowledging me. "Hello to you too mom," I say with a smirk. "Are you in labor? Are you about to pass a watermelon through a lemon hole? No I didn't think so" she says.

Mindy giggles, but it quickly fades as she groans in pain. Barrett steps into the room and hands me the clothes I asked for. Once the doctor checks Mindy, she is ready to push. My mom and Barrett leave to go to the waiting room. "Alpha, I need you to help the Luna push." I

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climb behind her into the bed, and she starts to push. I couldn't tell you how much time passed before we heard the first cries. Our daughter came screaming into the world.

Lillian Maureen Orick was born only five minutes before her sister, who followed with cries just as loud. Iris Rose Orick was identical to her sister. Both given middle names of women who profoundly affected both our lives. My mother, despite her disappointment in me, stood by my side and accepted my beautiful second chance.

I know some would think it was strange to give our daughter my first mate's name but Mindy insisted. As she said, without Rose's forgiveness, there would never have been us. I am grateful every day that my life has turned out the way it has despite my stupidity and selfishness. I will love my mate until my last breath and I will teach my pups the importance of respecting the mate bond because I refuse for them to make my mistakes.

Two Days Later

I step in front of the cell that holds twiddle dee and twiddle dumb. "Alpha, please let us out. We haven't done anything wrong," Amber pleads when she finally sees me. "Unfortunately, for both of you, tampering with an Alpha's bond is a crime punishable by banishment. Now, since Brittany was already banished from her pack, I'm going to do one better. I will be calling the royal representative to put you both on the registry, so no pack in the northern kingdom will grant you entrance. As of today you will both be rogues."

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My eyes flutter open but I immediately close them. I must still be asleep because what I just saw can't be real. I count to three and open my eyes again. The white wolf with green eyes is still sitting there staring at me. I get to my feet and look around. This place is nowhere I've ever been. A small cottage sits off to the side of an open field. When I turn back to the wolf, it has shifted to a beautiful woman. Long blonde hair frames a heart-shaped face. The dress she's wearing matches her eyes.

"Hello Maureen," she says, taking a step toward me. "I don't mean to be rude, but where the hell am I and who are you?" The woman laughs, taking another step toward me. She reaches out her hand to me and, despite being a little freaked out, I take her hand in mine. "I knew you would be perfect. My name is Abigale and this isn't really a place. For lack of a better description, it's the plane between reality and dreams," she says.

"So this is a dream?" "No, this is very much real. The goddess has been kind enough to allow

me this brief time to thank you. Thank you for loving Barrett. Thank you for showing him that he deserves a second chance at love. He was so focused on vengeance for me, he lost the

man that loves with all his heart. He has found that again with you," she says.

"You never have to thank me for loving him. I thank you and the goddess every day for sending him to me. I thought I knew what love was once, but it was just an illusion. With Barrett, I know he loves me and only me. I'm sorry I shouldn't have said that." "Yes, you should have. You are absolutely right. I am his past, Maureen. I want him to be happy. He loves you and only you now. That is how it is meant to be," she says.

I can feel tears roll down my cheeks. She reaches up and wipes the tears away. "You deserve to be happy Maureen. I confess I brought you here not only to thank you but to give you a gift. I'm not sure if you've realized it yet, but there is a pup growing in your

womb," she says. I take step back, almost falling on my a**. "It can't be. I could never have any more pups after Addie,

no matter how hard we tried."

"That was the goddess intervening because of all that Robert had done. She was protecting you in the only way she could. Humans have free will, but that doesn't mean she doesn't meddle when she can. I never got to see my pup be born or grow, but I want you to. I want you to give her the chance at the life she should have had. You are her mother, Maureen. My happiness will be seeing you love Barrett and your daughter," she says. 1/4

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I can't stop the sobs as I fall to my knees wrapping my arms around my middle. Soft fur nuzzles my face and my eyes fly open. A small white pup with the same green eyes lay its head in my lap. I look up at Abigale, and she smiles down at the two of us. "Thank you, Abigale." "This is what was meant to be," she says as she turns to leave.

I run my hands through the wolf's soft white fur expecting to wake up any second, but instead Abigale turns back to me with a smile that resembles the Cheshire Cat. "I know all of this was

quite a shock for you, Maureen, but just know that you aren't the only one." This time she completely disappears. What the hell does that mean? Knowing I won't get any more answers, I lay on the ground next to my pup.

My eyes fly open, and I damn near jump out of bed. I can't help but laugh when Barrett is so tangled in blankets he rolls onto the floor. "Maureen, what's wrong" he asks, as he manages to get to his feet. I rush over and launch myself at him. "We're going to have a pup." His body

stiffens before he finally pulls back. His beautiful eyes meet mine and I can see tears already

forming in the corners.

"Not that I wouldn't be thrilled if that was true, but how can you be so sure, my love?" I tell him

about my visit with Abigale and our daughter. By the time I'm done, tears flow steadily down his cheeks. Without a word, he falls to his knees in front of me, pressing a soft kiss on my

belly. I say a silent prayer of thanks to the goddess for this man and our pup.

The phone on my nightstand rings and, despite not wanting to interrupt our moment, I worry it could be Addie. She has had so much sickness because of her pregnancy. I can't ignore the call in case it's her. I bend and press a kiss on Barrett's lips before I make my way around the bed. When I see Miranda's name flash on the screen, Abigale's words come rushing back.

Miranda POV

I wake up and it's still dark outside. I haven't been sleeping well, but I'm not sure why. As I move around the room, I try not to wake Charlie as I make my way toward the door. I'll make

myself some warm milk with honey, so I can get a little more sleep before I go see the pups. When I push the door open, I take two steps and stop in my tracks. What the hell is happening? This place doesn't exist anymore. I watched them burn it to the ground after we

collected the wild flowers from around the tree.

"It's alright Miranda." I turn to the sound of a familiar feminine voice. "Susan," I say when my eyes meet hers. "Hello, my friend." "I'm so sorry Susan. I should have known something was wrong." "No, don't do that. Don't you dare take ownership of someone's f**ked up behavior. You are one of the kindest women I have ever met. Look what you've done for my pups. Do you think there are many women who would willingly accept pups that came from her husband's infidelity," she says.

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"You and your pups are innocent in everything that happened. You didn't deserve what that ba**ard put you through. I only wish I could have killed him sooner and saved you all the pain! "As much as I hated every minute with him, I have never regretted my pups. Everything happened as it was supposed to Miranda. My soul is at peace knowing that my pups have you and Charlie."

I move toward her, not knowing if this is real but needing to hug this woman that sacrificed so much for her pups. I pull her into my arms and sob. She rubs circles on my back and whispers soothing words into my ear. The guilt I've been carrying for what Cain did to this woman seems to fade, replaced by a sense of peace.

When I pull back, she reaches up and wipes my cheeks. "Let this be the last time you feel any guilt for the actions of that monster. I promise you that he is paying for every sin

and indiscretion he ever committed against us and our pups. Now I know this is going to be a shock to you because I'm pretty sure you thought that Colton would be your last pup, but surprise, you're pregnant," she says, and I laugh.

Like really laugh, because that can't be true. I mean I'm older, but I guess it could still happen. Is she for real or is this just an elaborate dream? That's it, my mind is playing tricks on me because I'm not getting enough sleep. "I promise you this isn't a dream, Miranda. The goddess is blessing you with another pup. A part of you and Charlie but also part of my pups," she

says.

She presses her hand to my stomach. "Thank you, Miranda. Love our pups enough for the both of us: Oh, and don't worry. You won't be alone and neither will your daughter. Make sure you call Maureen after you tell Charlie the good news." Just like that, I sit up in my bed. Placing my hand over my still flat stomach, I sob.

Charlie turns over, quickly pulling me into his arms. "Miranda, what's wrong? Did you have a nightmare?" "No, I didn't. Charlie, what would you say if I told you I was pregnant?" I brilliant smile spreads across his face. "I'd say thank you for making me a father again. Then I would spend the rest of the morning showing just how grateful I am," he says, wiggling his eyebrows.

I laugh and press a kiss on his lips before I tell him about my visit with Susan. When I'm done, he pulls me into his arms. I can't wait to call Maureen. I think if I'm right we will have a lot to celebrate. Despite the sh*t storm that swept through our lives the goddess has truly blessed us all.

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Lily's Seventh Birthday

Rosalyn POV

"Mommy, you made the unicorn cupcakes. They look awesome" Lily says. "I remember how

much you like them. You need to go get ready. It's almost time for your party. Everyone will be here soon." Lily gives me a quick hug before she takes off toward the stairs. I'm putting the finishing touches on the trays when Gia walks into the kitchen. "Luna, I

always appreciate your help, but you should be enjoying yourself today, not baking," Gia says.

"I love baking. You know that Gia. Besides, after you and the other girls made all this food, it was the least I could do for my pup's party." "Alright, you helped now shoo. Go get ready and enjoy our little heir's birthday." I pull her in for a hug before I head upstairs to check on how Beck is doing with the twins. Gia isn't just the head omega, she has become a good friend to Addie and me.

When I step into the pups' room, I try not to laugh, but I can't help myself. I turn to face the wall, so the kids can't see I'm losing it, not that they are paying attention to me. "Don't laugh Rosalyn, help me," Beck links me. I get myself under control and turn around as Jameson continues to fight Beck about putting on his pants. I swear these two hate clothes. "Jameson Emmett, you will not get a cupcake at your sister's party if you don't keep your clothes on." Our three-year-olds are definitely a handful. Jameson freezes before his head turns toward me. I turn toward my daughter who has nothing but her princess underwear on. "That goes for you to Abigale Maureen. Get your party clothes on or no cupcakes."

We manage to get them both dressed with relative ease after my threat of no sweet treats. Once they are dressed, I rush to my own room while Beck takes them downstairs to enlist

reinforcements. Marco, Samantha, Carter, and Bridgette arrived an hour ago. I take a five-minute shower and get dressed in record time. I pull my hair into a messy bun and quickly apply lip gloss. As I make my way towards Lily's room, Zora starts to pace. I'm about to ask her why when I

stop in front of Lily's door. I can hear her talking. I can't quite make out what she is saying and,

as far as I know, she is alone. I quietly push the door open enough to peek through the crack. "Are you sure I can't tell Colton? He is my best friend," she says

She is sitting on the floor in her purple party dress, and she is by herself. "Fine, I won't tell him,

but I don't like keeping secrets from him. Can I tell mommy and daddy?" I push open the door and Lily jumps. "Lily bear, who are you talking to?" I gasp when her eyes glaze over. We knew +8 Point:

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Lily was special but she is seven. There is no way she has her wolf already.

She smiles when her eyes return to their normal color. "I'm talking to my wolf, mommy." "Zora, is this really possible?" I can feel the panic well up inside me. The pain of a first shift is nothing my beautiful little girl should have to endure at seven years old. "She has gained her

wolf, but she won't shift yet. I promise you, Rose, that when the time comes Ariel will protect her. They are both very special," Zora says.

Lily's beautiful blue eye color is replaced by a deep hazel as her wolf pushes to the surface.

"Hello, mom," says a voice that is very different from Lily's. She sounds more like a teenager, which freaks me out. The voice doesn't match my sweet little seven-year-old girl. I get on my

knees in front of my daughter, taking her hands in mine.

"Ariel" I say and she nods. "You don't have to worry mom. I will always protect Lily. Just like you will always protect us," she says. I brush Lily's long dark hair away from her face. "Can dad come to meet you, Ariel?" "Of course, he is my dad." I link Beck to come to Lily's room alone. "Ariel, I heard Lily ask about Colton. Can you tell me why he can't know about you?" "The mother goddess says that only you and dad can know that my soul has joined Lily so early," she says. I feel like there is more that she isn't telling me, but I don't push. I know she is telling me what she can. The door to the room flies open and Beck searches the room. "Beckham Forester, do you really think if there was a threat to our pup I would have been so calm in our link!"

He has the good sense to look embarrassed. "I was worried when you said to come alone. Is something wrong?" "No, dad, everything is fine. Mom just wanted you to meet me," Ariel says. [search the Findnovel.net website](http://www.findnovel.net) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Beck falls to his knees looking between Lily and me. Shock and confusion all over his face. "What's happening" he asks, his voice laced with concern.

"Beck, this is Ariel, Lily's wolf." "How is this possible? She is too young to shift" he says, and I chuckle. "I said the exact same thing. Zora has assured me she won't shift until she has to, but Ariel will protect her." He reaches up and touches her face. "Hi dad" she says. "This is incredible. I can't wait to tell Barrett," he starts to say, but I cut him off. "For now, only you and I can know, and before you ask why, because the goddess says so."

Our daughter laughs, the sound a mix of Lily and Ariel's voices. When she blinks again, Lily's eyes are back to their beautiful blue color. My mind is still reeling, but we need to get down to the party before everyone comes looking for us. "It's important you listen to

Ariel, Lily. Only we can know you have her." "I promise mommy. I won't tell anyone, even Colton." "That's good Lily bear."

We make our way outside and the pack yard is decorated in pink and purple. The pups are +9 Poin

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running about and Lily goes to join them. Marco and Sam are pushing the twins on the huge swing set that sits off to the side of the pack house. They have decided to wait to have pups because they want time with each other.

Beck pulls me into his arms, bringing me out of my thoughts. "I'm still in shock. I know we need to trust the goddess, but I've never heard of anyone getting their wolf so young," Beck says. I can feel his worry through our bond. "We will be with her every step of the way. I know how crazy this is, but I trust the goddess and I trust Ariel. We will talk to her more tonight after everyone has gone home."

Beck presses a kiss on my lips. "Can you two give it a rest? You are going to end up with more pups if you keep that up," Jayden says. He loves to tease us, especially since he walked in on

us in Beck's office. I was mortified, but Beck just said it would teach him to knock. "For your information it's too late for that." Addie squeals from behind me. She is holding my handsome nephew Max when she comes to stand in front of me. "When did you find out? Why didn't you

tell me first," Addie whines.

"Hey, I get to know first. We found out a few days ago and thankfully there is only one this time. Not that I don't love the twins but five is a bit much especially with the twin terrors" Beck says and I slap his chest. "We are telling everyone today!"

We move to the table that our family has taken over. Mom is next to Charlie, who is holding my sister Judith. Barrett is next to Maureen who is holding Tabitha. Mindy is watching Reese chase Iris and Lillian around the table. Carter is wrapped around a very pregnant Bridgette.

I turn just in time to see Logan and Brent crossing the pack yard with their new pup, Samuel.

His parents were rogues and abandoned him near the pack border. Thankfully, Logan found him during patrol and his wolf immediately claimed him. Seeing the people I love and consider my family here today together is a sight I will never grow tired of. I take my seat next to my mate, ready to celebrate my beautiful daughter.

Four Years Later

Lily POV

"I don't understand why I can't go with you, Colton." "Lily, I'm going with my friends. I can't have you hanging around with us all the time. I'm thirteen now and you're still a kid. Why don't you go play with your little sister? I'm sure she has dolls or something that's more your speed, Colton says.

We used to be best friends, and now he acts like I'm more of a pain than a friend. "Fine, go play with your stupid friends, see if I care." I turn and run toward the trees. I don't stop even when I hear Colton calling out my name. I hate him right now. "You don't hate him. You're just 3/4

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mad at him. It's alright to be angry, but you don't hate Colton," Ariel says.

She's right, but I hate that, ever since he turned thirteen, he acts like I'm a baby. I'm not a baby By the time we stop running, we are near the training field. The field is empty, which is odd. I decide to lie down on the grass and stare up at the sky. I close my eyes. "Lily," Colton says, startling me. I sit up as Colton tries to catch his breath. "What do you want Colton?"

"I'm sorry Lily. I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. It's just my friends can be jerks and I don't want them to hurt your feelings." I smile and he offers me his hand. "It's fine Colton. Go hang out with your friends. I'm going to find Abigale." He starts back toward the trees and I smile. I make my way back through the trees. I feel like I'm being watched.

"Ariel" I start to say just as a low growl sounds from behind us. The scent of rotting meat has me nearly gagging. "Lily, I need you to trust me." "I trust you Ariel," I say as I turn to face a disgusting rogue. I stumble as a chocolate brown wolf that I know is Liam jumps over me, landing in front of the rogue. "Lily, what's about to happen is going to hurt, but I promise you are strong enough to get through it."

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As soon as the last word leaves her mouth I feel like I'm on fire. "Ariel, please," I say, wanting the burning to stop. "I know Lily. I know it's scary, and it hurts, but we have to

shift. The rogue isn't alone." The pain has me falling to my knees. I curl into a ball as what sounds like a bat cracking in half sounds in the air. It takes me a second to realize the sound is coming from

"Ariel, I can't. Please make it stop." "Yes you can. You are so strong. You are the chosen" she says. I'm not sure how much time passes but eventually the pain stops. I open my eyes and everything around me is intense. The colors of the leaves are brighter. The sounds are louder. "Lily, I need you to let me take control." "How," I ask. "I'm going to push forward, just don't stop me." "Alright," I say. When Ariel pushes forward I'm scared. I don't know where I am and it feels dark. "It's alright Lily. You are me. I have a block up so you don't have to see me deal with the

rogues, but if you want to, I'll lift the block. It's up to you Lily."

"No, I want to see. I want to protect Liam and the pack." I feel pride flow through me and I

know it's Ariel's feelings. The darkness lifts, and I watch as we run directly at another wolf that

is lunging for Liam's wolf. I'm not sure how it's possible, but Ariel seems bigger than the dirty brown wolf. When she clamps down on his snout, the wolf whines in pain. I expect her to

release him, but instead she crunches down, breaking his bones in her jaw.

Something slams into our side, but Ariel quickly gets back up. I hear the familiar howl of Gideon and Zora, I smile even though no one can see me. Two more wolves breach the trees. They look smaller than the two wolves that Liam and I were fighting. They both run at me as Liam is still contending with the larger of the rogues. Thankfully, the one with the broken snout is too busy whining to pose a threat.

Before they reach me, Ariel jumps, landing on the dirty blonde-colored rogue. She yelps as Ariel digs her claws into her back. As soon as we land on our paws, teeth pierce our shoulder. I feel the pain as if the wolf is directly biting me. Ariel shakes the smaller wolf off. The wolf lunges again but this time Ariel clamps down on its neck. She pins the wolf to the ground, which is desperately trying to free itself from her hold. The wolf's movements are slowing down as Ariel holds tight to the wolf's throat. A sharp pain erupts on our right side as the other she-wolf swipes her claws through our skin. Ariel has no choice but to release her, but it doesn't matter because a flash of silver has the wolf pinned to the ground instantly. Gideon stalks over to where the dead rogue lays at Liam's feet. My father

shifts quickly, handing Liam shorts.

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Dad pulls a t-shirt over my head and bends down to me. I look back and Zora is still pinning the other wolf to the ground. "Don't worry, Lily bear, mom will be fine. Remember she is your guardian" he smiles. "This can't be real. She is just a little girl" the woman says. My father doesn't answer her. Instead, he just smiles at me. "Mom and I are going to interrogate these two before we deal with them. Go with Liam and get cleaned up. We will talk with you after we're done."

I nod and make my way to Liam's side. We walk quietly to the pack house. I notice that Colton. and his friends are all sitting in the kids' play yard. "Why weren't you with Colton," Liam asks. I notice Colton moving toward us and I rush inside. He was too worried about hanging out with his friends. He doesn't need to worry about me now. I make my way upstairs and ignore Colton calling my name.

Once I'm inside my room, I grab a pair of jeans and my purple tie-dye t-shirt. I head into the bathroom and shower quickly. Once I'm dressed, I head out to the kitchen because I'm starving. "Ariel, Liam saw us shift" I say in a panic. "Liam is your protector. He has been since the moment he came to the pack. When the time comes for us to leave the pack, Liam will be with us" she says. "What about mom? She is my guardian wolf. This is all still so weird." Search The (f)indNØvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"I know its weird, but you are a very smart and strong girl. I know all this is a lot for you to take in, but we are in this together. Never forget that" she says. "I won't" I say as I eat the left over cold chicken. "Is shifting always going to hurt like that?" "No, the first time is always the worst and you did amazing. I've known grown men who fussed more during their first shift, she says, and I giggle.

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A knock on the door brings me out of my conversation with Ariel. I know it's Colton before I even open the door. "Lily, what happened?" "Don't tell him about me" Ariel says. "Nothing, I thought you were hanging out with your friends.""Lily, I saw your mom and dad drag two women who looked like rogues toward the cells. They came from where you and Liam did?"

"Nothing happened, Colton. You can go back to hanging out with your friends" I say pushing past him. I don't know why I'm so hurt by Colton not being there when I needed him, but I am. He had no idea about the rogues, so I know I'm being silly, but I can't stop myself. I make my way toward the stairs, but before I take the first step, Colton grabs my hand.

"Lily, why are you so mad at me? I thought you understood that I was protecting you from my friends being jerks." "I don't understand why you would be friends with people who are jerks. I pull my hand from his and head toward my dad's office. When I get inside, I close the door

behind me. I can't stop the tear that rolls down my cheek. Colton used to be my best friend,

but I have a feeling that has just changed.

Rosalyn POV

As Zora rushes through the trees, the anger at my pup being in danger makes me almost feral.

When we breach the tree line I can't believe what I'm seeing. My pup has shifted and she is magnificent. Her fur is red like fire, and she is bigger than me. Seeing that f**king rogue drag

her claws down my pup's side has Zora increasing her speed. We pin the b**ch to the ground.

Placing our large paw against her throat. Not completely cutting off her air supply, but enough to make sure she doesn't try to move.

Once Beck has that b**ch Brittany shift, I know the wolf I'm subduing is her cousin. I'm as shocked as Beck is that these two survived. Three warriors arrive to deal with the dead rogue and the one that needs to be put down. Once Brittany is secured, we step off the wolf and shift. "Shift," Beck says, and the filthy rogue immediately takes its human form. She looks rougher than Brittany.

"You two must be the stupidest women on the planet. Did you really think four rogues would accomplish whatever you had planned?" "If your pup wasn't a freak and shifted, it would have worked," the woman in front of me says. I growl and throw a punch, hitting her square in the nose. "Don't you ever talk about my pup you disgusting rogue. Blood pours from her nose and I grab her arm roughly.

We drag them both to the cells. We push them both into the interrogation room. "Aren't you supposed to be the Luna? Planning meals and omega schedules," Brittany says. I bend down so I'm in her face. "Did you ever see what mama wolves will do to protect their pups? You are

about to get an up-close and personal view. Why did you come here today after all this time?" 3/4

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A look passes between them and I grab Brittany's chin roughly. "Technically, we only need one

of you to tell us the answers to my question. The first one to answer will be shown mercy!" "Brittany's boyfriend said that there was an old woman in the bar in neutral territory spouting off about a special wolf born of the Blue Crescent Alpha. They said she was named after a flower."

"You b**ch. Do you think they will let you live," Brittany screams at her cousin. "She just said they would show mercy. I'm sick of being a rogue. Besides, this was your idea. I won't die for

your stupid plans." "What did you plan to do with my pup?" "The woman wanted her, and we wanted to make you suffer," Brittany says.

I smile before I extend the claws on my hand. I draw back and shoot my hand directly into her

chest. I grip her heart in my hand. "No one threatens my pup" I say before yanking her heart out. Her body falls to the floor and her cousin screams. Beckham walks over, grabbing her. "You said you would show mercy" she screams.

"A quick death is mercy" he says before he ends her. "I don't like it Beck. We need to talk to Mindy. No one should be able to detect her presence with the protection spell." I agree, love. We also need to start to train her. She has her wolf she needs to train. Liam, Jayden, you, and I will make sure she is ready for any threat. I promise you we will keep our pup safe," Beck says.

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3 Who Is Better Four Years Later Lily POV

I kick my leg out, hitting Liam in the stomach. He bends over with a grunt and I smile. When I first started my training, I hated it. It was so hard and even though I knew it was necessary, it didn't make it any easier. In the beginning, I spent more time on my a** than I care to

remember, but now my feet are firmly planted on the ground.

Before he can recover, I land a hard punch to his face, knocking him off his feet. He growls as

he gets to his feet. "Now, you're just showing off Red." "It's not showing off. I'm just paying you

back for all those times you got the upper hand." Liam is the only one that calls me Red. I know pack members think it's odd because none of them know about Ariel and my hair is black as night.

"Alright, let's get to pack training before your uncle sends out a search party," Liam says. Liam,

my uncles Jayden and Jacob, my dad, and mom all train me. I know it sounds like a lot, but

honestly, I enjoy having the one on one time with them all. My family is amazing, but four pups is a lot. Not that I'm complaining because I love my sister and brothers.

We make our way to the training field and the junior warriors have already gathered. I get in

line as Liam heads to join my uncle Jacob, who is now the head warrior. "Look who it is. The

pack princess. What does your daddy think about you fooling around with one of the pack trainers," Camille says.

I whirl ready to knock her teeth down her throat when I see Colton walking toward us. "You are

a disgusting b**ch for saying something so vile." I take a step closer, and I see the fear flash in her eyes. "If you ever say anything like that again I'll forget that you're Colton's girlfriend and beat your a**" "What the hell is going on? Why are you threatening Camille," Colton asks.

"Ask your girlfriend since I'm sure you'll believe her over me anyway!" say before turning to

move away from the she-b**ch. A firm hand on my wrist has me fighting the urge to growl. "I

asked you Lily? Why are you threatening her?" "She called me the pack princess and suggested that I'm f**king Liam. Now let me go." S~earch the Findnovel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

I move to the other side of the training field, but not before I hear Colton. "Why the f**k would you even say something like that?" "Goddess, it was just a joke. Why the f**k do you even care Camille whines. "She is my family and the Alpha's daughter. Leave her the f**k alone" he says before he comes to stand next to me. I don't even look in his direction because his anger with her won't last. This isn't the first time he has told her about saying sh*t to me. I'm sure 1/4

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she is his mate, but I'm not putting up with her bullsh*t.

"Lily" he starts to say, but I cut him off. "Not now, Colton. I'm fine. We need to focus on training." I'm grateful when he listens and my focus returns to my Uncle Jacob. "Since none of you have your wolves yet. We will be focusing on hand-to-hand combat today. You are going to pair up and spar. The winner of each match will pair up again until there is only one man or woman standing," Jacob says.

I can feel Colton's eyes on me, but I'm grateful when Grant grabs my hand. Grant is Colton's age, and he has always been kind to me. He is also super cute. Ariel growls but I ignore her. "Are you alright with being my partner, Lily." Before I can answer, the wicked w**ch of the west rushes over to Colton, wrapping herself around him like a snake. "Colton, baby, I'm sorry. Please don't be mad at me" she whines.

Goddess, I don't know how he can stand to hear her talk. I look back at Grant and he just rolls his eyes. "Sure, we can spar." We move away from the others and start to circle each other. Grant's a good fighter, but with all the training I've had, I can see his weaknesses quickly. He leads with his leg every time he throws a straight punch. He also leaves too much of his body exposed when he attacks.

It takes me four moves to put him on his back. He smiles and I can tell he's impressed. I reach out my hand to help him up. "That was awesome Lily. I swear you get better every time I watch you fight," Grant says and I smile. "Thanks, I could show you a couple of things that will help you when you fight the next time." "This is training, not a time to be flirting with each other," Colton says from behind me. His voice laced with anger.

I turn and glare at him. "Funny, wasn't your girlfriend just hanging on you like a monkey on a

tree? Why don't you take your own advice and stay in your own lane." I can see he has more to say, but I join the other winners. I fight three more matches before I have to face Camille. Even

though she is a b**ch, she is a decent fighter. She isn't as good as me though.

"Just remember to stay in control. You can't kill the twit" Ariel says. I chuckle and Camille's eyes narrow. "You won't be laughing when I beat your a**" she says as we start to circle each other. She lunges but I easily side step her. She scrambles back to her feet. This time I attack, landing a punch to the center of her chest, knocking the wind out of her. While she gasps, trying to pull air into her lungs, I do a round house kick, laying her out flat.

I step back and Jacob checks her. "She is fine but take her to the pack hospital just to be checked out," Jacob says. I want to roll my eyes, but I don't. My eyes meet Liam's and I can see the corner of his mouth rise slightly. He knows how much bullsh*t Camille gives me, but

I've asked him to let me handle it. I don't need him or my parents to fight my battles.
"Lily,

you're the winner. It looks like it will be you and Colton in the last match."

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My eyes meet his and a mix of emotions swirl in his eyes. We step into the circle the other warriors have made. I watch his movements before I finally throw the first punch connecting with his mouth. Blood drips from his lips, which he quickly wipes away. He lunges and I jump back before he is able to grab hold of me. I kick my foot out just as I did with Liam and catch Colton in the side. He manages to stay upright and lands his first punch to my side.

It stings, but I don't let it stop my attack. I throw two punches which he easily blocks. I can see he is too confident that he has the upper hand. He throws a jab which I block before I land a punch to his jaw. He is trying to shake the cobwebs away when I kick him in the solar plexus. He tries, but he can't stay on his feet.

I know he won't stay down so I prepare for his rage. I'm making him look bad in front of his jerk friends. At least his girlfriend isn't here to watch me beat his a**. A shrill scream has my head whipping to the side, which is a mistake. I see one of Camille's friends smiling in my direction. A hard hit lands on my temple before I'm knocked to the ground. I hear yelling before darkness takes me under.

Colton POV

F**k, why did I do that? I stare down at Lily who isn't moving. I'm shoved out of the way before pain bursts on my cheek. I'm on my a** which I deserve right now. When I look up, I see a very pissed off Liam. Jacob is lifting Lily into his arms. I try to scramble to my feet needing to make sure she is alright, but Liam pushes me down.

"Are you proud of what you just did? Winning with a cheap shot seems like a poor victory, but I guess you'll take what you can get. Don't pretend you care now" he says. "You're all dismissed" he says, before he follows Jacob.

F**k, f**k, f**k. I let my pride get the better of me. I know my i***t friends will give me sh*t about having my a** handed to me by a fifteen-year-old girl so I took the cheap shot. I don't understand why she is so strong or fights so well. Every punch she landed felt like I was hit by

a brick. I make my way toward the pack hospital. I can act like I'm checking on Camille. I need to know that Lily is alright. I didn't mean what I did. I wasn't thinking.

"I bet she won't be so cocky next time," Leo says as he catches up to me. "Shut up Leo." "What man, I'm just saying. Just because she is the Alpha's kid she thinks she is a bad***" he says. I stop and turn toward him. "She looked pretty bad** when she handed you your a** during you match." "F**k you, Colton. I don't know why you have to always defend the little witch. I mean Carnille is your girl, but you defend Lily like she is something special," he says.

"I'll tell you the same thing I told Camille. Lily is my family. You need to leave her the f**k

alone." I start walking again. Before I get too far, his words have my steps faltering. "At least I +15 Point:

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never tried to hurt her just to win a match" he says. I start walking again. Bile rises in my throat knowing he's right. I hurt Lily to win a stupid match. To avoid taking sh*t from my id**t friends. I used the stupid distraction to my advantage. Why does that thought make my chest ache? We used to be so close, but now it's different. I wish we could just get back to the way we were when we were pups, but Lily is always angry with me. I need to apologize and make things right. Lily is important to me even if I haven't done a good job showing her.

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When I open my eyes, anger courses through me. How the f**k did I let that happen? I'm angry at myself for letting that b**ch distract me. Angry for giving Colton the opportunity to beat me. Ariel is quiet, but I can feel her in the back of my mind. I look around and realize I'm in a hospital bed of all places.

I'm surprised my Liam, my uncles, or my parents are here. Sh*t I know my uncle is going to say something to my parents. I need to talk to them before my dad gets angry at Colton. What happened is between the two of us. I don't need anyone else getting involved. Besides, it's my

own damn fault.

I immediately start to pull the leads off my chest and throw the blankets off of me. I do not need to be here. I'm going to kill and Jayden for bringing me here. When the door opens, I expect to see the doctor or Liam but instead Colton steps inside. "Lily, what are you doing," he says rushing toward me.

He grabs my arm, trying to lead me back to the bed, but I shake him off. "Colton, what are you doing here? Shouldn't you be checking on your girlfriend?" Lily, I'm sorry" he starts to say, but I glare at him. "Don't you dare come in here and apologize. It wasn't an accident, Colton. Apologies are for accidents, and I'm pretty sure the punch was deliberate. We were fighting Colton. I shouldn't have allowed myself to be distracted by your girlfriend's cronies."

I notice the guilt flash in his eyes and I wonder if he knew what that b**ch was going to do. Before either of us can say another word, the door to my room slams open, startling us both.

My father, followed by my mother, stalks into the room. My father looks pissed off, but my mother just looks disappointed. Their eyes are focused solely on Colton. Before my dad can lose his sh*t I step in front of Colton. "Dad, you need to calm down. I'm fine, and you can't get angry if I get hurt during sparring. We were literally fighting."

"I am well aware that injuries can happen during training, but warriors are supposed to have honor. Taking a cheap shot is pathetic and what enemies do when they know they can't win fairly," my dad says. Colton drops his gaze to the floor. "I'm sorry Beck. I came here to apologize to Lily. I know what I did was sh*tty. I felt horrible the minute it happened," he says.

He turns toward me. "I'm sorry Lily. I know I've been a terrible friend, but I promise I'm going to do better." "I already told you I don't want your apology. It was my fault for being distracted. Dad, you don't get to be mad at Colton for taking advantage of me being distracted. There are

no rules for fighting."

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"There may not be rules, but I'm glad you came to apologize, Colton. Lily is right that in a real fight there are no rules for survival but sparring with other pack members isn't life or death. No

matter what reason you had for taking the cheap shot, it wasn't a good one. Even if Lily doesn't feel it's necessary, I'm glad that you wanted to take ownership of your mistake and apologize," my mom says.

She moves until she is standing in front of Colton and pulls him in for a hug. "I love you Colton and as mad as Beck is he loves you too." Colton looks up at my dad and, despite his scowl, he nods. My mother turns toward me and I can already see I'm next for a

telling off. "Alright, now young lady, you will get back into that bed until the doctor says you are good to go," she says. I open my mouth to protest, but the glare my mother directs at me has me getting back into the damn bed.

I expect Colton to leave now that everything seems to be settled. I'm shocked to see him take a seat in the corner of room. Mom and dad leave to find the pack doctor. There is an awkward silence that fills the room until I finally break it. "Colton, you really don't need to stay. Mom and dad will be back with the doctor in a minute. I'm sure Camille is looking for you."

"Lily, I'm not worried about Camille. I told you I plan to be a better friend to you. I'm the reason you ended up here today. I want to make sure that you are good before I leave. Friends don't bail on their people. You are one of my people, Lily. I've been an a**hat who worried more about the opinions of people who don't really matter, and I'm sorry" he says.

"I appreciate that, Colton, but honestly I made peace with the changes to our relationship years ago." I see regret and hurt flash in his eyes. He goes to open his mouth to say something but the door opens and Liam steps inside. "Didn't I tell you not to pretend like you actually care? Camille is looking for you, so run along," Liam says. Ariel pushes to the surface and I can feel her irritation at Liam. "Enough Liam," I say, her emotions bleeding with mine. "Colton has apologized, and I'm fine," I say in a much calmer tone.

Liam nods before he comes over, giving me a hug. "I'll head back to the pack house and have Gia set aside a few pieces of her peach cobbler for you. She made an extra pan because she knows it's your favorite." "Thank you, Liam." He heads for the door but not before glaring at Colton. Once the door clicks closed, Colton looks back at me.

"He is really protective of you." "He cares about me. Most pack members do, except for a few people like Camille and Leo. I am the heir to the pack, Colton." A knock on my room door interrupts our conversation. When the door opens and I freeze. Camille glares at me before she looks at Colton. "Colton, I've been looking all over for you. I didn't expect you to be here with the pack princess, but one of the nurses said you were," she whines. "Enough Camille" he says, putting distance between them.

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"The next time I hear you say anything even a little disrespectful to Lily, we are done" he says. Camille looks at me with hatred in her eyes before she looks back at me. "You don't mean that. We are going to be mates. She isn't important" she starts to say, but Colton grabs her by the arm, leading her out of my room. Colton has a long way to go

for me to even consider him a friend, but watching him put that b**ch in her place was a good start. Colton POV

As soon as I pull Camille into the hallway, my sister and Beck are walking toward us. "Alpha, Luna, I just came to talk to Colton about what happened. I'm sure you heard that Lily injured me during sparring," she says, acting like Lily did something wrong. "I heard that you lost in a clean fight. Was I misinformed, Camille," Beck asks. "No, you weren't misinformed, Alpha," she says, gritting her teeth. "Good, I would hate to think the future heir to the pack would do anything to dishonor herself" he says.

"Alpha and Luna, could you excuse us? Camille and I need to have a word." "Sure, we are going to take Lily home if you want to check on her later, Colton," Rosalyn says. I notice the corner of my sister's mouth quirks up when Camille starts to look like she has sucked on a lemon at the thought of me checking on Lily. She is really starting to get on my nerves with her petty bulls*t. Lily has never done anything for her to be such a b**ch. [Search the Findnovel.net website](http://SearchtheFindnovel.net) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

I lead her out of the hospital and toward the benches near the playground. When we take a seat, I take a deep breath. "Camille, do you care about me?" "Of course, I do. I told you I know in my heart we are going to be mates. I love you Colton." "I care about you too, Camille." I see the disappointment that I didn't say those three words she wants so desperately to hear back from me, but I won't say what I don't feel yet. I do care for her, but it's not love.

"I need you to hear me because I mean it, Camille. Lily is important to me. We used to be best friends when we were pups but I didn't do my part to protect her and that's on me. Going forward if you or Leo talk any sh*t to or about her, we are done." "Colton" she starts to say, but

I cut her off. "I mean it, Camille. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

"Fine, I just hate the way she looks at you sometimes. She can't have you, Colton. You are mine," Camille says. I look at her like she has ten heads. "I don't know what you think you are seeing but Lily and I are just friends. Well, we will be friends after I make up for being a d**k these last few years. This is the first step to repairing what I broke. So can you treat Lily with

respect or are we done?"

She starts to cry. "I'm sorry, I promise I won't say a word to her. I'll even tell the other girls to leave her alone." I pull her into my arms. "Thank you" I say and press a kiss on her forehead. As I hold Camille, her words about the way Lily looks at me, swirl around in my head. Camille is just a jealous she-wolf. That's what it has to be. Lily isn't interested in me. Besides, we are 3/4

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practically related. We could never be anything but friends.

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5 Happy Birthday One Year Later

Jasmine POV

I make my way with my children, Daniel and Diana, through the castle and toward the servants' quarters. A few of the guards look in our direction and I wonder if they will report my presence to David. I'm grateful when no one makes an attempt to stop me as I carry the covered tray. I'll deal with whatever consequences come, from us visiting Drake. David has never laid a hand on our children, so I know they won't be punished.

David is too busy with Jiselle to care where the f**k I am at this moment. Goddess, I wish he would just release me and marry my b**ch of a sister. I hate him so much. I know that will never happen as we are the Elven King and Queen. I love my children and would never regret them. I just wish they had a different father. I push thoughts of my beloved from beloved from my mind.

I could never leave my children behind, and he would never let me take them away from the

kingdom. The fact that Daniel is going to be the next king means I will never be free of that ba**ard. I push that thought away, knowing that I wouldn't want to leave Drake behind either. Goddess only knows what would happen if I wasn't here to care for him.

Today is Drake's eighteenth birthday. This would normally be the happiest day of his life having the possibility of meeting his beloved, but my ba**ard of a husband has made sure that will never happen for Drake. Along with taking his voice and throne, he has taken the

possibility of him finding his beloved with the veil spell he spoke over Drake when he was just five years old.

I know he was there the day that his parents died and even though he can't tell me exactly what happened, I know David is the real reason they are gone. My heart broke the day he brought Drake to our home. He cried for hours while I held him close to me. That was the day I knew he was mine, and I would do everything in my power to protect him.

I knock on the door and a few seconds later a boy I consider my oldest son opens the door. He may not be my blood, but he is mine in every other way. I have protected him the best I could over the years. Thankfully, the physical abuse stopped rather abruptly when Elder Samuel saw Drake's bruises. After that, the abuse was mostly mental and didn't happen often as I kept Drake out of David's sight.

He is treated as a servant, but I do my best to show him the love that all children deserve to know. As soon as Drake sees me and the kids, he smiles. He waves for us to come in, and I set the tray down on a rickety table that sits in the corner of his room. I lift the lid and Drake's

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smile grows. "Happy Birthday, Drake" is written in my writing on a small chocolate cake. He pulls me in for a hug. He does the same to Daniel and Diana. "Happy Birthday" they say in unison.

Daniel hands him the small package that contains a journal and pen. The only way Drake can communicate is by writing. I see tears well in his eyes as he quickly writes the words "thank you" on the first page. We visit for an hour before I lead the children back to our wing.

As soon as we step inside the living room, my body freezes. David is sitting on the couch

swirling an amber liquid in a glass. "Daniel and Dianna, go to your room. I will come get you for dinner." I press a kiss to both their heads before they rush down the hallway. David pats the couch next to him and, despite my apprehension, I quickly take my seat. I fight the urge to gag

when I smell my sister's sickly sweet perfume on him. He reaches up, brushing my long dark

hair off my shoulder.

"Are you upset with me, my love, because I was with your sister?" His question catches me off guard. "Of course not my king. I know it is me that you love." "That's right, your sister is merely a wh*re that I f**k roughly, but you are my queen. The woman I love more than anything. If you know all of this, why do you continue to defy me" he says, grabbing my arm roughly. "I'm not sure what you are talking about, my king." "You know exactly what I'm talking about. I have told you about treating that little ba**ard with

kindness. Do you know how long it took me to convince the Elders he was not fit to rule the kingdom so that our son would be the next ruler and yet you still defy me?"

I stay quiet, knowing no matter what I say it will not stop the punishment I'm about to receive. "Whip or belt my love" he asks like we are talking about the weather. "Belt" I say. I wish I could say that this was the first time I've had this choice, but it's not. The whip has a tendency to rip my skin, so I chose the belt. He kisses my knuckles.

"Go get ready my queen. We have visitors arriving soon from the vampire kingdom and we can't keep them waiting" he says. "Yes, my king," I say and walk down the hallway. I take a few deep breaths before I push the door to our room open. I need to be strong for my children. I would take the belt every day to make sure that Drake knows he is not alone.

Lily POV

The light shining through the window feels warm on my skin. It's crazy to think that Colton turns eighteen today. Since the day he promised to be a better friend, he truly has. Camille still

makes snide comments when he isn't around, but for the most part she leaves me alone. Leo

is still an a**hat but he and Colton aren't really friends anymore. I wonder who Colton's mate

will be.

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I really hope it's not Camille. "Who do you hope it is" Ariel asks. "Ariel, let this go. I do not want to be Colton's mate." "Lily, you can lie to everyone else, but you can't lie to me. I know ever since Colton has become a better friend you have developed feelings for him," Ariel says. "Ariel, I know we aren't related by blood, but it would still be weird if we were mates. Besides,

could

you imagine what Camille would do if she found out that Colton was mated to me?"

"I do, but I also know we can beat her a** without breaking a sweat" Ariel says. "That we can" I say, rolling out of bed. I grab a quick shower and pull on my favorite pair of denim jeans. I grab

my favorite t-shirt and a pair of ballerina flats. Pulling my hair into a French twist before I swipe on pink lip gloss.

When I make it into the living room, everyone is already making their way down to set up for the party. Colton won't be back till this afternoon. He spent the last week in the Golden Leaf visiting with Sam and Marco. I grab some of the streamers to decorate the hall. When I step inside, Camille and her cronies are already here.

I decide to go to the kitchen to help with the food. When I step inside, I fight back a laugh as Gia bops around listening to whatever music is playing in her earbuds. I wait a few seconds before I tap her on the shoulder. "Oh, my goddess, you scared the hell out of me Lily" she says. "Sorry, just came to offer my help." Why aren't you decorating with the rest of Colton's friends?"

"I would just rather help you." "So this has nothing to do with that little b**ch that dates Colton" she asks. "No, of course not" I say, and she crosses her arms over her chest. Clearly, showing me, she knows I'm full of it. "Fine, I just don't want to have to deal with her talking about how she is going to be Colton's mate." A knowing smirk spreads across her face, but thankfully she doesn't push me anymore.

Why does everyone think I want to be Colton's mate? He is my friend. My words sound weak even to myself. Sh*t, how am I supposed to deal with him finding his other half? I busy myself in the kitchen and a few hours later everything is ready. I make my way to the ballroom and notice it's pretty much empty. I head back upstairs to change into my dress. When I push the

door open to our wing I notice the faint scent of sugar cookies.

"What's wrong Lily" my mom asks when she steps into the room. "Did you bake sugar cookies for the party?" "No, I didn't. Should I have" she asks. "No, I just thought I could smell them. I'm going to get ready. Is Colton back?" "Yes; he actually just left to head to his room to get ready for the party,"

It doesn't take me long to change into a thigh-length green maxi dress that matches my eyes. make my way toward the stairs but the scent from earlier stops me in my tracks. "Ariel, why do I keep smelling sugar cookies?" I start to move toward the scent, and I'm shocked to find

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that its coming from Colton's room. Holy sh*t, this can't be possible. I'm not eighteen. I shouldn't be able to scent my mate.

Before another question can form in my brain, a loud moan has my eyes snapping toward the door. "Ariel," I say and she whimpers. "I'm so sorry Lily. I wish I could have protected you from

this." "What are you talking about? You knew that Colton was our mate? You knew he would

do this to us?" "No, I didn't, but I still wish I could protect you from this pain. Let's just leave Lily. Maybe he doesn't realize we are his mate?"

"F**k that. Even if he didn't, he sure as hell knows that the b**ch he is f**king isn't his mate.

Besides, mom said he was in our wing. His wolf would have scented us. He is betraying me

and he knows it." I put my hand on the knob, taking a deep breath before I finally push the door

open.

A scream and scrambling is all that registers until my eyes meet Colton's. "Lily" he says, his

voice sounding so broken, but at this moment I don't care. I hate him. I wish I had never let him back in my heart. Then maybe this wouldn't hurt so much. I turn ignoring him yelling my name.