

HE'S MY ALPHA

Chapter 7

JAKE

I watched as she sprinted away from us and let out the breath I'd been holding for a while. She's a real grown-up now. Far from the little Clair with messy hair and pigtails who followed me and my friends around all the time. And she's so fucking sexy that my mind was still reeling from the image of her full ass as she sped away.

I shook my head, trying to let go of any thoughts about her, knowing that having my member on full erect while talking to my Gamma would be disastrous.

"What was that, Jake? Not Clair, please. No messing up with pack members, remember? Especially not my sister." Aaron broke the silence between us as we both looked in the direction where Clair was headed.

I could hear the disappointment in his tone, and I couldn't blame him. He was simply protecting his sister from me.

"I don't know what you're thinking, man. I just hugged Clair. It's not like I'm fucking her."

A low growl reverberated from his chest, and I knew right then that I made a wrong move by using fuck in the same sentence as her name. I raised my hands in the air before turning to him.

"Don't think anything, man. You know, I always think of her as my sister." I tapped his shoulder before turning away. "And I know the rules I made, not breaking them," I added as I walked towards the packhouse, not in the mood to continue with my training today.

I just lied to my Gamma.

I always thought of Clair as my sister, even if I knew that she was showing too much attention to me while we were growing up. But everything changed three days ago when she showed up in my territory. Every sisterly thought I had for her just went down the drain.

I had my fair share of females and never ran out of them, although I never touched anyone from my pack. It was a rule I set for myself, my Beta, and my Gamma — no messing around with females from the pack.

I always have one when I need one, but no female has ever taken my attention the way Clair did.

Girlfriends from the past had never had me take cold showers more than once to keep the heat at bay. Especially not those I'd just taken for pleasure. I stopped thinking about them the moment we were done with the deed. I'm a certified fuckboy. I wanted to fuck but I never lusted after just one female. Or paid full attention to any.

However, Clair, she has been stealing my attention since she returned.

Maybe because she's Aaron's sister. Maybe because she's my little Clair, my princess Clair.

Maybe because she's off-limits.

But I'm a man and very much aware that Clair is attractive. I don't think I've seen a female more attractive than her. And just the thought of her sapphire eyes, her luscious lips, and the way her hips move could make my shaft twitch in an instant.

And fuck it! Her voice — her sweet angelic voice — could make any man fall to his knees. And when she's angry, that's where the biggest turn-on comes. I wanted to slam her on the wall and fuck her hard.

Damn! Everything about her sets my dick on fire!

I didn't notice that I let out a low vibrating growl as I entered the hallway of the pack house, eliciting a confused stare from the warriors I met along the hallway.

"Alpha." They gave me a nod as I passed by. I didn't even bother to respond and went directly to the flight of stairs to my room. I needed a shower. A fucking cold shower!

I had no idea how I would fight this ordeal. I wanted a taste of her. Maybe after that, my cravings for her would be gone. But I knew better. My princess didn't deserve to be treated the way I treated other females.

She was the type of female that you bring home as your mate. And be loyal with. Something I won't be able to do. Because I had no idea if I knew how to be loyal to someone.

After I took the much-needed shower, I went down just in time for my meeting, which was requested by some of the Elders, including the former Beta and Gamma of the Pack. I had no idea what the sudden request was for but accepted it out of respect for our pack elders.

My own Beta and Gamma were already by the door of the meeting room waiting for me.

"Alpha." Beta Gavin gave me a nod in acknowledgment, as did Gamma Aaron. "Everyone who needs to be in this meeting is already inside." He added.

I nodded back and opened the door to the room. I was quite surprised to see not just the Elders and the former Beta and Gamma inside, but the former Beta and Gamma mates were also in the meeting room.

They all rose from their respective seats out of respect. I nodded in acceptance and ordered them to take their seats before I took mine.

"Shall we start?" I asked in a monotone voice. I leaned my back on my chair and crossed my legs, my hands entwined while I waited in silence.

"Alpha, with due respect, we know this is a topic you would rather avoid, but we are hoping that you would keep an open mind and listen to us first before you make any decision or cancel the meeting." Marina started, she was the former Beta Female.

"I'll do my best." I nodded my head as I answered. She smiled as her mate reached for her hand and urged her to continue.

"As you are well aware, Alpha. The pack has been thriving all these years despite not having a Luna. All tasks that the Luna should be handling are all well covered."

I cleared my throat which had Marina stop from talking.

"And for that reason alone, that we are thriving, it means we don't need to have one." A scowl formed on my face in annoyance as I said these words. I knew

where this meeting was leading to. "We've been through this topic for a long time. I'm not changing my mind."

"Alpha, we respect your views on this. But can you hear us out more?" Former Gamma Cesar asked. "Continue Marina." He gave her a curt nod.

Marina let out a sigh before she continued. The elders were shifting in their seats. They must have felt the annoyance rolling off me. "As I mentioned, Alpha, the pack is thriving with all the Luna's duties because I and Katya, together with some of the elders, have stepped up to perform those duties. We've been doing it even before you took the Alpha post, Alpha Jacob."

Katya, the Former Gamma's Mate cleared her throat before adding her piece. "And it would always be an honor to do it for you and the pack, Alpha. However, we thought that after our own mates stepped down from being Gamma and Beta, we could also step down and just enjoy our lives as pack members."

"But the women in our pack, they needed guidance too - the daycare center, the warrior's cafeteria, the women's hours, the celebrations, and all the things a Luna can work her magic with, we all need it. So we continue to take lead in all of these even after our mates have retired from their posts. And it would break our heart to stop doing what we are doing for them just because we wanted to retire as well when we are well aware that nobody will step up to this." She added.

"We all agreed that instead of our mates, we should have a Luna that oversees this." Beta Anthony looked at me, firm but respectfully. He has always guided me in the past and I know the sincerity of his voice.

"We, of course, would offer our assistance to our Luna if she needs us. But we all believe that everything should be in the Luna's hand now." Marina smiled warmly at me.

"And it's high time to have an heir, Alpha Jacob." Elder Rose added. "You're not getting younger. And soon it might be too late for an heir."

"I don't have a Luna," I answered curtly, my face void of emotions.

"We are aware of that. And your Beta and Gamma are mateless as well. And without a female in authority, it can lead to a pack failure." Former Gamma Cesar raised his hand to his chin and started to brush his beard. "You need to lead, Jacob, but your Luna needs to ease the burden of little things around the pack. Unless you

have other females around who will step up to this role, then I suggest you get yourself a Luna."

"And for all it's worth, I believe it's time that Cesar and I take our mates away from these responsibilities." Former Beta Anthony added, not lifting his gaze away from me even after his mate Marina rested her head on his chest. "And most importantly, we need an heir. The next Alpha of this pack."

I shifted from my seat and leaned my elbow on my desk, my hands palming my face. "I appreciate your honesty. Give me time to go over this. It's not easy to find a Luna when you don't want one." I told them my truth.

"I know you've been avoiding meeting your mate, Alpha. If that is still the case up to now, then maybe we can go to the other road, pick a Chosen Luna." Elder Rose suggested, and almost everyone nodded in agreement.

I sighed and looked at everyone around my room, including my Beta and Gamma. "I will. just give me time."

I swallowed before I continued, "Marina, Katya, I would like to personally extend my gratitude for all your help all these years. It will never go unnoticed, but I ask for a little more patience and hope you will continue with your duties until I find you your Luna." I had no idea how I pushed those words out of my mouth. I just made a decision without thinking about it. I made a promise to them that I would give them a Luna.

Satisfied with my request, both Marina and Katya gave me a wide, warm motherly smile. "With pleasure, Alpha. We will wait and make sure that we will also assist the Luna once she's ready to transition to her tasks." Marina assured me, to which Katya nodded in agreement.