

# Rejected but not Broken by KatVonBeck Chapter 31

## Tanner Finds his Mate

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Tanner's POV

"Tanner, I need you to speed up, man. I need to get to the Crimson Shadow pack right now!" Gavin yells at me from the back of the SUV.

"What the hell, Gavin? Why?" I called back to him and kept my eyes on the road. "We will be there in like 20 minutes. What is the rush?"

"Some of the trainers from Ever Green are there and they were going to teach some sparring techniques, and anyone is free to join in. You know that I wanted to see them. This is just a bonus. Please speed up. I know Taylor sucks, but Alicia will protect you, and so will mom and dad. Don't ruin this for me man. This is a dream come true falling into my lap", Gavin complained from the third row, so I sped

up to get him there. We pulled up in 12 minutes and he was already trying to shove our sister out of the way to get out.

"Gavin, 1 minute isn't going to make a difference, is it?" Mom calls after him, as he clears the SUV and goes into a full run, disappearing behind the packhouse, never looking back towards us.

Mom and dad are shaking their heads after him and I bit back a laugh because he never gets excited about anything, except learning from his "heroes" as he likes to refer to them. I hope he has a good time and I grab his duffle bag with mine to take up to the 2 rooms

that we have been assigned. Mom and Alicia will get ready in their room, and dad, Gavin, and I will get ready in ours, but the plan is to not stay the night unless one of us meets our mate, or I can lock myself away and make sure Taylor can't get to me.

Spoke too soon. I know one of those damn guards told her we had arrived. Well, it is only an extra 7 minutes, with the most annoying person ever. I see Taylor dressed like she is about to go to the club. Who has a leather skirt on at home at 2 in the afternoon? She runs over to me and jumps off the ground at me and I have to catch her or get knocked over. She gets more devious with every visit. Thank the Goddess for my sister who is already heading over to me and helping me get this leech off of me. Taylor is refusing to let go and I see Stone, who comes down the steps and helps to get his sister off of me.

Taylor glares at him and I see his eyebrows come up in some secret message and she gave him a sneer. She obviously didn't realize that I had caught it and then turned to me to give me a huge smile and asked, "Tanner, please save some dances for me tonight. It is my birthday after all" before she heads back into the house.

"Goddess, she is in rare form today," Stone tells me and then shakes his head after her and tells me, "Heads up, she will be after you.

She had already harassed two of the trainers from Ever Green. She wouldn't leave the big one alone, mom wouldn't tell her if you were coming or not, so she wanted to lock

down another guy, just in case. Poor guy, he really looked uncomfortable with her, much like you do right now”.

“Yes, I heard about the trainers. Gavin asked me to speed up so he could make it here in time so he could see them in action”, I told Stone.

“Yes, they are actually very, very good. I will have to get back to you on a fun fact about one of them later tonight. Mom and dad wanted to be the ones to announce it. On the stage, Taylor was furious about it, so I take even more pleasure from that. The only good thing to come from it is that she won't get spoiled anymore. This is my favorite part actually” Stone started laughing and seemed like he was really happy about whatever it was.

“Please help me tonight with your sister Stone, she is absolutely horrible. I will not be spending any more nights here alone, as she woke me up by climbing naked into bed with me the last time I stayed overnight. Nothing happened, but I was so worried about coming here again, I brought my whole family to run interference for me” I told Stone, and he appeared shocked by her actions. “I just wanted to come and see if I could find my mate here, or Gavin's, or Alicia's mate, as this is a ball and will have a number of young people present here for the party”.

“I will watch her for you Tanner, I am so sorry that she did that. I did warn her that if she didn't stop, I would tell mom and dad, but they usually don't do anything to really punish her. Hopefully, now they will start to, Goddess willing”, Stone tells me, and we head I take our bags up to the room and put them in the right rooms for us to get ready. I noticed that I smelled an intoxicating scent, like lavender and orange, both calming and sweet, and I loved it. I hope this means that I will find my mate tonight and I sniffed in deeper and was glad that I had already seen Taylor, and this was definitely not what I smelled when she was near. She had a lot of perfume on, and it did not smell good to me at all. I got excited and went to my parents in the room next door, to tell them that I could smell the most amazing smell. I describe the smell to them, and what I am smelling and feeling. They grin at each other and say, “Yes, your mate is somewhere around here. You need to try to go find her”.

strolled around the whole inside of the packhouse looking around, trying to find who the scent belonged to. I wandered into the kitchen and saw my brother with a small group outside and they were doing some kind of martial arts out there together. Gavin looked like he was ecstatic to be a part of the group and was all in with getting there to work with them. He talks about the training group all the time and I am happy that he is having such a good time. I get a bottle of water from the fridge and watch them sparring outside. I decided to go out to watch Gavin in action as he was now about to spar with one of the smaller trainers. He is about 5 inches taller than that trainer and then I remember my Beta, Peter telling me that one of the new trainers was an 18-year-old girl, and I suddenly couldn't get outside fast enough. I got to the edge of the group, and I smelled the same scent and it washed over me like a huge wave in the ocean.

I was smelling my mate and I watched my brother fighting my mate, and he was intent

on trying to take her down. I was outraged that he would put his hands on her. Before I could react and take care of it. She had taken him down, very quickly, and was reaching down to him with her hand to help him back up. I could tell when she sensed me because her head snapped up and I could see her sniffing the air as well. A few seconds later, her beautiful blue eyes snapped to mine. I held my arms out for her to come to me, but she took off like someone was chasing her with a gun. I saw a really big guy look after her retreating form, and then he glanced at me and narrowed his eyes at me like I had done something to her. Thatn't. I only wanted to love her, to mark her, to make her mine, but never hurt her. I know I had confusion on my face as well and the other guy, who was big and tall too, but had a much slimmer build, came over to me. "I am Hudson Crawford, from the Ever Green pack. May I ask who you are?" Hudson asked me.

"I am Tanner Wright, Alpha of the Blood Rose pack. I didn't do anything to her. I don't even know who she is, besides being my mate. I could smell her scent inside and I was looking for her when I found her out here. I just held my hand out to her, and she ran away from me." I couldn't keep the pain out of my voice when I said the last of it.

"Alan, come here for a minute", Hudson called over to him. The big guy came over and gave me a hard look and said, "What is up, Hudson?" Hudson motioned to me and told him, "This is Gabi's second chance mate. She got freaked out and ran off. We need to let Luna Von and Alpha Heath know. She is probably freaking out right now". Alan nodded in agreement and his eyes clouded over while he contacted his Alpha and Luna.

"I am her second chance mate?" I asked Hudson, who nodded and waited watching Alan until Alan's eyes cleared and he said, "She is with Luna Von and Luna Liz. She is ok".

That made me happy, and I sighed in relief. Alan looked at me with narrowed eyes and said, "What are your intentions with Gabrielle?" and it wasn't a nice, pleasant, or respectful tone. I was kind of getting a little bit upset about the disrespect he was giving me.

"That is none of your business. Are you dating her or something?" I asked him back.

"That is none of your business. But do not toy with her. You had better not hurt her. We will not take that lightly. She is one of us and earned her spot on my team. We will protect her if we need to", Alan said to me, and I narrowed my eyes.

"Are you threatening me, Alan?" I said to him and stepped up to him.

"If I need to, I will" Alan said, and he took a step forward, closing the gap between us, and we were now nose to nose.

Hudson steps forward and puts his arm between us and says, "Stop it, both of you. It won't look good for either of you to get into an actual fight, and this could embarrass Gabi. Call a truce, and we can all sit down and

discuss this in a calm manner, where we will be going from here tonight at the party". teammate. And that is what it was going to be, out here on their training field. I have looked for her for the last 3 years, I can wait 3 hours to get to meet her. I now cared about what I would look like for the party and decided I needed to go into town really quickly as I needed a shave and a haircut. I looked a little scruffy, and maybe that turned her off of me. I will find out the full story tonight, and I will have my dad put in a good word for me with Alpha Heath, and mom can do the same with Luna Von. I am willing to do whatever I need to do for this to work out in my favor, because now that I have seen her beautiful face, I am NOT letting her go.

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### **How My Day Went**

#### **Chapter 32**

#### Gabi's POV

I had just been told who my parents were, realized I have a mean girl for a sister, and what had happened to me when I was a baby.

All this in just the last two hours. I am on sensory overload, and I needed to spar to help me get back to something normal, for me, and take my mind off how this day just went off the rails.

Flashback to earlier today in the Alpha office:

Luna Liz begins to tell me a crazy story about all that Alpha Monty had done, "Gabi, I have already told Alpha and Luna Wilson some information earlier that I had found out recently. We wanted to protect you until you were free from your rejection". Alpha Wyatt growled at hearing his daughter had been rejected, and Luna Everly tapped him on his leg to stop the growling. "You may not have known this, but Alpha Monty had a thing for your mom, Luna Everly, who was mated to Alpha Wyatt, your father. He had attempted to attack Alpha Wyatt from behind, but Wyatt was strong and younger than Monty, and he was not successful in the attack and ended up running away. Monty had set his sights on me as I had come from a strong pack that was very financially stable. He killed my mate after I turned him down to be his chosen mate and Luna. He returned a short time later and asked again, and after losing my mate, I just didn't care about anything anymore and was deeply depressed, so I agreed to be his chosen mate. I got pregnant with Derek fairly quickly and he was the bright spot in my marriage. After I found out about Monty's indiscretions, I refused to sleep with him anymore. I stayed on as Luna only because I cared about the people in my pack. Monty was a horrible Alpha. I just didn't know that he was so terrible. He got his Omega mate, who was in our pack under my very nose the whole time, to come here and take you, Gabi, from Crimson Shadow right after your second birthday. Luna Everly needed help as you had just turned two years old,

Stone was 16 months old, and Taylor was 8 months old and really needed some help with three small children and Luna's duties. The Omega took you and was smart enough to hide you, as Monty had told her that if she took one of Wilson's children, thinking it would tear them apart, that he would make her Luna of our pack. But he lied to her and ended up killing her so no one would know. He searched for you but never found the baby, as Percy and Claire had already found you. You remember that you and Derek played together all the time. Heather was jealous, but I allowed it even after her mother interceded on her behalf. Her father finally took a real look at you and realized that you were Everly and Wyatt's child. This is why he forbade Derek to play and then Alpha commanded him to be abusive towards you. It was the main reason that he did nothing to Jack when he attempted to p\*\*e you. I was shocked by his behavior, and I couldn't allow you to be abused like that anymore and I took you to Heath and Von to be raised. Monty had done several things, but these were the worst, and I took this information to the werewolf council myself to start the proceedings on a trial for Monty. He has done so many things, but I want him to pay for having someone take you and for killing my mate. I have reached out to a few others who also had things that Monty had done, including my noticing about 10 Omega women in about a ten-year span all noted as having left the pack, but none of them did. They just disappeared one at a time, and their families never heard from them again. So, I am checking to see if we can find where he has put their bodies, as he has always had a problem with Omegas. He has a couple of other pending charges, but I needed support from others who knew of what he had done and could speak to the werewolf counsel as well. Luna Everly remembered him stalking her and continued to try to get her to come with him even after she had repeatedly told him that she was mated. Monty had been here in their pack the day that Alpha Wyatt was attacked from behind. They are helping us now and if we need to go to war to make Monty pay for his crimes, they are willing to help. I am getting everything together and we will take it all to Red River and have a trial for Monty in the very near future.

Flashback Ends

The word had been put out that we were going to do a little training and it was available to anyone who was interested. Suddenly, we were inundated with a bunch of guys of various ages, who all took one look at me and decided that I was the one to beat. I was fine with it as I had been busy putting men on their asses for over 2 hours and I am just now calming down.

I was fighting a fan from a neighboring pack when suddenly I smelled fresh soap and the clean scent after a hard rain as I was

I had been slammed by a tidal wave taking me under and I couldn't do this right now. I looked around and met the eyes of a Greek god

standing just outside of our sparring area. He was absolutely gorgeous with his 6'4" frame of steel as he clearly worked out, his black hair, and his eyes that looked like stormy skies, right before the rain came. I needed some time to process this and ran away, like a chicken, to

the packhouse and flew up to my room to Luna Liz. She called out for Von as soon as I shut the door. I didn't want to call out to Heath, as

he would probably go down there and hit him. I was telling them what had happened on the field, when I felt angry all of a sudden. I went to the window and looked down on the training field and I saw Alan and my mate almost nose to nose with each other and a fight about to break out. I linked Hudson, who I saw immediately step forward, and told them to stop. I saw my mate step back from Alan first, and he left, heading to the packhouse. I saw Hudson looking up to my room and Alan's eyes followed up to look at me too, and I stepped away from the window.

"Was that your mate Gabi?" Von asked me. I nodded at her and she smiled at Luna Liz.

"You were right, you are always right," Von tells her, and they both start laughing.

"Why are you laughing?" I asked them.

"Because Liz is always right, she has a sense about things. Kind of like Déjà vu where you see a little vision of something, and Liz has a high accuracy rating on it", Von tells me and laughs and shakes her head again.

"I saw you meeting your second chance mate here for this event. That was why we needed to get you unhooked from Derek, so you could meet your second chance mate", Luna Liz tells me.

"This feeling is actually much stronger than what I felt with Derek," I said in a low tone.

"Honey, getting Derek as a first mate and being rejected, sometimes the Goddess gives you an extra bonus as kind of a gift for going through so much. Your new mate is gorgeous, take it and run with it" Luna Liz said.

"He left" I whispered.

"I bet he is going to look better for you honey. His hair was long and needed to be cut, and he needed a shave too, to make a good first impression. He hasn't left you, baby girl. I am going to go talk to Heath about it right now so he doesn't scare him off trying to protect

you", Von said, and before she could take a step, Heath stepped into the room, looked around and he calmed down when he saw me standing blocked by Luna Liz and Von.

"There she is. I was worried. I just got a mind link from Alan, followed almost immediately by a mind link from former Alpha of the Blood Rose pack, Dawson Wright, who would like for us to speak with him and his Luna, Aria Wright, and his son, current Alpha, Tanner Wright, tonight. Apparently, Tanner had met his mate out on the training field a little while ago. Dawson wanted to sit with us and speak

about Gabi being Tanner's mate. Dawson said that Tanner has it bad, like he was struck with a ton of bricks. I know Tanner, he is a good kid, with a good head on his shoulders. He runs a strong pack and his parents have been together for a long time. Dawson said Tanner lit out of here to go get a haircut and a shave but wanted us to know that he has clear intentions for Gabi, and he wants her as his Luna", Heath said and came over to me and took me in a hug, and then looking me in the face.

"Now, little one. Do you feel the same for Tanner? Did you feel anything, or were you scared of him and ran?" Heath asked me.

"I felt it, it was really strong, like being swept up in and I was out of control. It was really powerful, and I couldn't breathe. I got scared and ran because it was so powerful", I told him. They all nodded and looked at me with a smile.

“You are not alone, and I am sure Tanner will give you a minute to get your bearings before he asks you to come to the Blood Rose pack”, Von tells me.

“I am not ready to leave you and Heath yet. My home is with you two. I don’t want to stay here. I hate to say it, but I really am not a fan of my sister”, I told them in a low tone. Luna Liz laughed out loud and said, “Honey, I don’t know of anyone who is. Now I will tell you that I have heard her ask three times if Tanner was coming tonight. So, I think she has a crush on him, and after seeing him, I cannot blame her. We need to nip this in the bud. You will need to speak to Tanner, and we can try to get this ball rolling. I don’t want to leave any room for problems or issues, and we will have them tonight. I don’t know what it will be, or what it will be in the form of, but I feel anxious, and I know something bad is going to happen tonight”. Von and Heath look concerned, and Heath looks at me and said, “Remember Gabi, you stay with us, in our group tonight. You can dance with Tanner as well, he can be trusted as your mate, but that is it. No one else. Especially do not walk away with Taylor, because if going to be Tanner’s Luna.”

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### **Heading to the Party**

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#### **Gabi’s POV**

We had a good time getting ready tonight. I am glad now that I had my first real hair appointment this week, and had my nails done. The lady came and did mine and Von’s hair and makeup, and Luna Liz’s makeup. I have to say I never in my life knew how much it could improve your appearance. I sat and watched while she got the Luna’s ready, and they were already beautiful before, but after she was done, they were stunning, like models. I was excited about getting my turn now. The lady asked me questions about how my dress was, to know how I wanted my hair done, and Von went and got it, and laid it on the bed for her to see.

The lady was talking out loud to Von and Luna Liz and was saying that she wanted to do my hair up with a few pieces pulled down and curled, as it would show off the beautiful neckline of the dress, but the curls would be kind of playful and keep the bun from looking too mature for me. She did a nice updo for me and made it kind of a messy bun, to keep my age in mind. She told the Luna’s that she was planning on making a light smoky eye to show off my stunning blue eyes and pinky-nude lips as mine were full and didn’t need to be played up. I just closed my eyes and let her work her magic on me. Von and Luna Liz both got dressed while I was being worked on, and when I was told to open my eyes, I gasped at my reflection.

I looked beautiful sitting there. I looked classy and elegant as well. But I would not have recognized myself if I didn’t know for a fact that it was me. I went to touch my face and she told me to not touch my face and smiled at me, telling me, “it is all you honey, you are a

stunner, but you were beautiful before the makeup too". She had been speaking to us all while she had been working and she had found out that I had met my mate earlier today and we would be getting to know each other tonight at dinner. She gave me the tube of lipstick that she had used on me, winked at me, and said, "So, you can reapply as needed". She collected all her equipment, and I went to get my dress and shoes on. I gave her a hug after I got dressed and told her, "Thank you so much, I feel absolutely beautiful, and I know I have never looked better in my life than I do right now". She teared up at the compliment and gave me her card and told me to call her and she

would get me ready for my Luna ceremony when we have it, before exiting the room. We heard a knock at the connecting door and Von called out, "We are all ready, Heath, you can come in".

"Von you look stunning" Heath said and swept her up into a long and heated kiss, and I think, he would have kept kissing her, but

Luna Liz then cleared her throat and said, "There is a young one present" and started laughing. Heath put Von down, gave Luna Liz a look, and then said, "Gabi doesn't mind her parents being affectionate" and winked at Luna Liz. I have to admit, I love how much they love each other, and I want that for myself.

"Gabi, you look stunning. I wouldn't have recognized you, as I have never seen you in makeup. You are always beautiful, but in your makeup, you could be modeling on any stage, little one. I will even go so far as to say that you will be the most beautiful girl here tonight, and that is going to make Taylor even madder. I am glad that I have backup and Alan and Hudson are up for the task. Unless I am dancing with Von, I will be there with you, so don't worry. I am glad you have such a strong mate, or we may have had a problem tonight", Heath told me and took me into a hug.

"Gabi, we have got you a little gift as congratulations for graduating with a great GPA, and for making the team. You have done nothing but work hard since you came to us. We could not be more proud of you if we wanted to be, so we have gotten you a little something. I got you the necklace, and Heath got you the earrings", Von tells me, and I see Heath reach into his tuxedo jacket and pull out a velvet box and hand it to Von. The lid gets opened and I see a beautiful diamond necklace and earrings set. The necklace had to be at least 2 carats by itself, and the earrings were easily a carat each.

"I cannot accept that from you, it is too much. I don't want to lose something so beautiful", I told them.

"No, it was bought especially for you, Gabi, and you will be able to wear it to the event tonight. It will look stunning on you, and we have really not spent any money on you at all, Gabi. You are content with being given anything, and you take care of all your items, as if

each of your personal items, like your worn books, were very valuable to you. We both know that you will take great care of these items and we can store them in the safe when we get back home if you want us to, but if I were you, I would wear the earrings every single day.

"I will wear them tonight, and we can put them in the safe when we get back home and discuss it then, I am ready to go back home

tonight. I actually wouldn't mind skipping Taylor's party if I could, but I actually want to get to see my mate, so I will put up with anything to do that", I told them. I am so excited to see him, he was so handsome, and the party started about 10 minutes ago, he was probably

waiting on me to come down now. I won't leave him waiting for me, especially with Taylor roaming around here, probably looking for him right now. I put the earrings on, and Von did the honors with my necklace, and I looked up to ask if I looked OK, when I saw them standing there both looking at me with tears in their eyes.

"Don't cry Von, it will ruin your makeup. I hope those are happy tears for you both" I said to them, and they both nodded and went in for a hug. I was so glad for them to be here with me. I would not have gotten through today without them and Luna Liz, even the guys had my back, and I would appreciate them being with me tonight in case of any problems.

We exit the door and enter the hallway with Heath and Von at the head of our group, and me and Luna Liz following behind them. I

saw Hudson notice me first and did a quick double-take that probably hurt his neck and then see him smack Alan in the arm, while Alan was looking at his phone.

Alan was quick to say, "What the hell Hudson, why are you hitting me?". Hudson motioned towards me, and I saw Alan also do a double-take at me and them both staring at me as if they had never seen me before in their lives.

"Um, guys, it is still me. I just had a really talented lady do my hair and makeup", I told them, and I blushed, but thankfully for the makeup, they wouldn't be able to see it.

Alan gets over the sight of me all dolled up first and comes to my side and offers his arm. I just shook my head and accepted his arm. Hudson stepped up to Luna Liz and offered his arm too, and she smiled and accepted his arm. We would have to walk down the staircase

for two floors to get to the 1st floor. This is an older packhouse and only had an elevator recently installed at the back of the packhouse to help people move in and out of it.

The music got louder and louder as we took the landing over to the last stairwell down to the main floor to join the party. Alan was a perfect gentleman and I have to admit, he really looked nice in his tuxedo, as did Hudson. They both looked dashing, and I knew that the girls would be coming around to see if they would dance with them.

"I am so glad we are on guard duty for you tonight," Alan tells me when we get about halfway down the last stairwell.

"Really, why?" I asked him.

"Your sister was very touchy with me earlier today and wanted to dance with me and him tonight. Both me and Hudson told her that we couldn't do it, that we had work to do. She didn't care and didn't stop touching me until your brother made her stop. She is very forward. I am just hoping that we can

get through tonight, as she has like 200 people here, without her coming back over to me for any reason. I will gladly throw Hudson under the bus, to avoid her”, Alan said, and I started laughing.

“Don’t you DARE Alan, I heard you say that man. We are on the same team, don’t push me onto her, I want nothing to do with her either” Hudson said, and I laughed even harder and had a broad smile on my face. Luna Liz, Heath, and Von were all cracking up as well as we stepped off the staircase, and I saw a tall figure cutting a path straight towards me. He looked mad and I didn’t understand why he would be angry. We haven’t even gotten a chance to talk to each other yet. I can see four people training behind the path he is making, as everyone in his way is clearing the way for him and I can feel the anger coming off of him in waves.

Heath tilts his head at Tanner coming towards us and then lets go of Von’s arm and steps forward into Tanner’s path. Heath said,”

Calm down young Alpha, they are not together. Alan and Hudson are both on a work detail for Gabi tonight. Just in case, and for her

protection while we are here. You are cleared to be with her, but calm down, Tanner.

There is no problem here, we were all laughing because of what Alan had just said.

That was it, she wanted to meet with you and learn about you too. There is no problem here.”

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### **Tanner knows Taylor is Plotting**

#### **Chapter 34**

##### **Tanner’s POV**

I got my hair cut and a nice clean shave in the nearby city, and I even stopped to get my favorite cologne as well. I had not brought it because I didn’t want Taylor to be any more excited at me being there and looking good, and thinking that it was for her because it wasn’t. I am only doing this for my beautiful angel, my mate, Gabi.

Just saying her name makes me happy. I came back to Crimson Shadow, and I don’t know what I have done wrong lately, but I see Taylor coming out of the dining room with four girls with her and when she sees me, she makes a beeline to me with her little friends in tow.

“Tanner, you look so handsome. I appreciate you getting a shave and a haircut just for my party. But I thought you looked better earlier with your hair a little longer. I wanted to run my fingers through it when we got to dance tonight”, Taylor tells me, and I had to fight back the grimace I wanted to make at her comment.

“I am sorry Taylor, but I will not be able to dance with you. I have met my mate, and I do not think that she would be happy with me

dancing with you tonight. I hope you have a wonderful night though” I said, and I turned and walked away. I heard a crash and I turned

back on the curved stairwell to see that Taylor had thrown her cell phone into the decorative vase on the table at the entrance. Taylor is shaking with fury, and I am glad that my Luna can hold her own in a fight, as Taylor is angrier than I have ever seen her,

and her friends are backing away from her. I saw her mom coming towards her and Taylor leading with a lie as she said, "My phone slipped from my hand mom. Can someone go and get another phone for me for the party tonight mom? I need it. I have something important on it that I will need to show you and dad as soon as possible". Taylor knew I had stopped on the stairs, and she gave me such an evil smirk. I have no idea what she is planning, but I know it won't be good for me. I continued up the stairs, as I would not allow Taylor's petty, spoiled ass to keep me from my mate, and I headed straight to my parents' room. I will need some help tonight.

I saw Stone heading down the stairwell above me and I stopped him to quickly talk to him. "Stone, Taylor just threw her phone into the vase at the entryway table and broke it. I had just told her that I wouldn't dance with her, as I had found my mate here today. Taylor is furious and planning something and I may need your help as I already know that whatever she has planned will be really bad for me. I am going to talk to my parents, but she just totally lied to your mom about what just happened with her phone, and I am sure she won't

miss a beat lying to both your parents if needed. I am serious as a heart attack. I will not take on Taylor as a chosen mate. I want my own actual mate that I already love", I told Stone.

"Calm down Tanner, it will be OK. I will back you up. You swear nothing happened when she let herself into your room the last time you were here?" Stone asked me.

"Stone, I swear to you, by the Goddess, that I woke up when she got into my bed naked. I kicked her out and she got dressed and left. I bet she took pictures of me before she woke me up, and that is why she needs a new phone", I told him, and he nodded in agreement.

"I bet you are right. She has been telling anyone who will listen that she is going to be the Luna in the Blood Rose pack for the last two months. I was coming down as mom was sending me to get the new phone. I will go through it, and her cloud, and if I do see something concerning you, I will let you know when I get back. You are right. She is a very good liar, and we may have to get dad to Alpha

command her to tell the truth about it if she tries to break you two up. Congratulations to you Tanner, who is the lucky lady?" Stone said to me.

"Her name is Gabi, and she is from the Ever Green pack," I told him.

His mouth dropped open, and he stumbled back two steps and was clearly stunned. "I am going to go get the phone now, this is really going to be a problem. That secret that I was telling you about earlier", Stone said, and then stopped speaking and dragged his hand through his hair. Stone said, "I am going to have to get with my mom and dad when I get back home with her new phone. We will have to talk. I don't know what is going to happen", Stone finishes and then runs down the stairs and I heard the front door slam behind

I frown, as I don't like hearing that this will be a problem, and continue up the steps.

Those are not words that you want to hear from your neighbor and someone that you have a treaty with and have had a good relationship with for the last 20-plus years. I headed right to mom and dad's room and knocked. I heard mom call out "Come in" and I entered their room and filled them in on what had just happened from when I entered the packhouse until I got through talking to Stone.

"We are going to have to keep our eyes open tonight, son. I know you didn't sleep with Taylor, and if we need to, we will fight for your mate. I just don't want to have to break the alliance that we have had for almost a hundred years, for a selfish young woman's whim.

I agree with Stone, we will stick with you on this and if we have to flex and make him use Alpha command to get her to stop lying, we will do it", my dad said to me, and my mom nodded her head in agreement, and I sighed in relief. I don't want to go to war with them, but our pack is bigger by at least 300 wolves, and we have 160 more warriors than Crimson Shadow does. My wolves are also highly trained. We

will not lose this battle, they will have to get her to tell the truth, by whatever means necessary. Because this will not end well for them.

I finally relaxed and I headed into the adjoining room and saw my sister on the bed on her phone and my brother on the desk and watching the video of him with Gabi, sparring. I come closer to watch it as well and I am impressed with her moves. Gavin moves over so I

can see better, and the video ends when she looks out at where I was and runs away.

"I don't know why she left, but she is a total badass. I have not enjoyed getting beaten up before in my life, but I would totally let her do that again", Gavin said and started the video again. He jerks up as he hears the growl leave my throat and the door between the rooms flies open and my mom comes in, followed closely by dad. "What happened? What is going on?" They both said at the same time. Gavin was backing away from me and pointed to his computer with his hands up to keep me calm as he said, "I was watching the video of me sparring with the new female trainer from Ever Green, and all I said was I didn't know why she ran away, that she was a total badass, and that I would love to fight and lose to her again" Gavin finished and was now behind our parents.

Dad smiled really widely and looked at me and said, "You didn't tell them?"

"I didn't have time to before Gavin started talking s\*\*t," I told dad.

"I think that you should, they will both be really excited about it," mom said and came to put her arm around my waist, and we stood facing my family.

"I met my mate today, kind of," I told them.

"What do you mean, "kind-of" Tanner?" Alicia asked me as she got off the bed and put her phone down.'

"I mean I finally found her on the property, and when she sensed me, she took off running. I was told that I was her second chance mate, and she is skittish, so I had to go slowly. I guess her original mate did a number on her", I told them.

"I am so happy for you Tanner," Alicia told me and gave me a big hug.

“Holy s\*\*t, you mean you are mated to that beautiful girl I was sparring with?” Gavin asked me and I growled at him again.

“Sorry, but she is hot. Man, you are the luckiest guy in the world, Tanner”, Gavin said, and I happened to agree with him.

“I agree, I am really lucky, Gabi is beautiful, but we are probably going to have a problem tonight,” I told them and then filled them in on what happened.

“I swear if I had to, I would kick her ass on her birthday. I am sure she took pictures of you, Tanner. Did you at least sleep in clothes, Tanner?” Alicia asked me, rolling her eyes at me.

“Yes, Alicia, I did. I had my sweatpants on. How in the hell could I have known that a 16-year-old would do that? I was spending the night because I was up late speaking with her father. She shouldn’t be sneaking into strange men’s rooms around the packhouse. My door was locked, what else could I have done?”, I told her, and I was frustrated, as I knew how conniving she was, and I ran both my hands through my hair. I am going to need to catch Gabi quickly and let her know what happened before Taylor realizes that she is my mate and tries to ruin this for me.

I swear to the Goddess, if Taylor thinks that she can do this to become my Luna, she is dead wrong. I will never be with her, ever.

can guarantee this though, that if she plans on going through with this, either her father, Alpha, commands her to tell the truth, or I will go to war with their pack and then cut all ties with them. Because there is no way I am letting that spiteful girl take my Goddess-given

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### Taylor Makes Plans

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#### Taylor’s POV

That son of a b\*\*\*h. I was being nice to him, and he just told me that he has a mate now. In front of my friends, he just tells me he has a mate. Since when? What in the hell? The worst part was me breaking my phone. How am I going to go crying to my parents about him loving and leaving me if I can’t produce the pictures that I took?

I don’t care if he does have a mate. I have been telling anyone who will listen that I am going to be the Luna of the Blood Rose pack, and by the Goddess I will be. I thought that lie up pretty fast though and mom was already sending Stone out to get my new one. I mind-linked him and told him to get me the latest iPhone and I wanted a really cute cover too, because it was my birthday. Stone seems to be put out with me, but it is two hours until my party and I am about to have to go and get ready, and I don’t have time to do it myself. What do I have to do everything?

I saw the way that Tanner was looking at me. He knows I was up to something, but he will never know what hit him. I know how to work my parents; they dote on me and always give me whatever I want. And I want

Tanner. I will be his Luna. I don't care who his mate is. Too bad for her, it's not going to be my problem. My friends all looked at me sadly when he said it, and I have to admit I was furious that he had said it in front of them, but I am calm now, and I can work with this. Stone comes back 40 minutes later, and the phone is acceptable, it is the newest model, and Leven liked the cover he picked out for me. I probably should have told him thank you, as he was gone for almost 2 hours to get it, but he is my brother, and what else was he going to do? He really doesn't have to do anything but take a shower and put some mousse in his hair and he is done. I had a lot to do and, plus, I had to figure out a way to get into the ballroom without my parents seeing me, and then when they did see my dress, it would be too late to make me go change. It would be stupid to make me change, as I look totally hot in that dress. I take my shower and shave while thinking about my friend's faces tomorrow when they find out that I am going to be the Luna for the Blood Rose pack. They are going to be so jealous. I am charging the phone right now, and I am going to check my cloud as soon as I get at least 80% on it, but I have a lot to do, and I haven't decided how Leven wants to do my hair even for tonight. I took my time getting ready as the party cannot even start without the guest of honor there, and I would have to come down about 10 minutes early for the party to sneak in through the backway to avoid my parents. I already know that I will be getting a BIG lecture tomorrow because they will not be happy with my dress, but it had to be done. I wanted a dress where my breasts would be on a nice display, as I have been told several times how nice my body is, and why not flaunt it. It is my body, and it looks great, so what is the harm in showing it? Plus, I am going to be dancing with two very tall men tonight, Tanner and that big guy with the group of new people. This makes me depressed again, thinking about that girl as my long-lost sister. Why the hell did she have to show up today? Was she deliberately trying to ruin my birthday? I mean yeah, she probably had to come back here, but why today, of all days? I pray to the Goddess that she does not stay here. That would ruin my life, literally. I had gone out and gotten my hair and nails done yesterday, so I really only had to do my hair and makeup, which I was great at if I said so myself. I was going to look stunning tonight and be the most beautiful girl at my birthday celebration, as I should be. None of my friends are as pretty as I am and even if they were, they know better than to spoil my birthday. I narrowed my eyes thinking about my sister returning. She is actually beautiful too, she looks just like mom and me and I will have some competition there. But then I realized that she didn't have any makeup on today, and she looked like a tomboy, so I don't think I had anything to worry about on that end. She may be in shape from obviously exercising, but she cannot compete with me. I have been taken care of all my life, I am flawless, and everyone can clearly see who the best sister is going to be. I have my hair and makeup done and I piled my hair up on my head in a classic up-do

as I don't want my hair hanging down and blocking the view of my cleavage from Tanner or that other guy when I dance with them. I want them to get an eyeful, and I want them to want me. I know what I am doing in bed. I have been sexually active for over a year now. Tanner just needs to give me a shot at pleasing him, and he will see for himself, that no one can take care of him better than me. I put on a good spray of perfume, as I want to smell nice,

I get my dress and shoes on, and I am stunning, literally, and that is not even being vain, it is simply the truth. I look fantastic in this outfit, and I turn side to side in it. The emerald green gown hugs my figure like a second skin and shows off my best attributes. The deep V shows off the top of my breasts as it almost goes down to my navel, so you get a good view of the inside of my cleavage too. I am wearing n\*\*\*\*e covers just in case. My mom and dad really get upset, but I am their baby girl, so they will get over being angry at me. We are an Alpha family, so I can't have a nip slip at my birthday party. I also had the lady who did my alterations cut a thigh-high slit for my right leg, so I have my long tanned legs showing with each step I take. I look awesome and I cannot wait for everyone to get to see me at my party and in this beautiful dress. All eyes will be on me.

Correction: cannot wait for one person to see me at my party, and I am beyond excited that he is here. Everyone will see how perfect we are for each other as we dance together tonight. I have already mentioned to my two best friends that they should start a rumor about me and Tanner being together tonight. They are already helping me sneak in the back way to my party as well.

One will stay with me, and then one will go out and distract my parents if she needs to, otherwise. I will then come out when the room is full enough that there isn't anything that can do about it. I will be wearing this dress tonight and everyone will see how beautiful am. I put on some earrings, and I am completely ready now. I mindlinked them to see if they were ready to go downstairs as it was about 10 minutes till my party was supposed to start, and I needed to get hidden to make this work. I usually run late for everything, so my parents won't suspect anything as they will think I will make my grand entrance from the stairwell, but actually, I will be coming down the steps from the stage at the far end of the room. My friends will start clapping for me when I emerge from behind the curtain, so everyone's attention will be on me, as I gracefully descend to the dance floor. I got a mindlink back from my friends Marie Jackson and Cybil Conrad, telling me that they are here, right outside my bedroom.

Marie is nice, but not the smartest in any group. She is always happy and smiling, and she is willing to help me with anything I ask of her. She has brown hair and brown eyes and is a fuller size, but she is really cute. People love her; my parents especially like her. I send her in when my parents ask who I am going to be with, as they don't mind when I am hanging out with her. Even if I am actually going out with a guy and not Marie, she always has my back and she is probably the only person that I actually trust besides Stone and my parents. If I am honest, Marie is probably my only actual friend and that makes me both happy and sad. It isn't my fault, I am like I am. I could change, but why would I? I am getting everything I could ever want in my life. I tell my parents I

want something, and they make it happen. My life is wonderful, all because of what happened to my sister when she was two.

Cybil is nice, but I know she isn't a follower like Marie. Cybil, who I refer to as C.C., is very smart and has the top GPA in our junior class. C.C. "helps" me with my homework, so I don't look bad to my parents. I don't feel the need to have to apply myself, because I am going to be Luna and I don't need to go to class to learn that it is ingrained in me, I will be fine winging it. Someone will teach me how to do it at Alpha Training. Plus, my friend just found her Alpha while she was there, and he made her his chosen mate, so I can do it too. C.C.

only puts up with me because she always gets something out of it; my old clothes, my old boyfriends, and my old shoes.

Today they will both be getting a really nice swag bag with C.C. and Marie getting some additional items that the other 8 of my friends who I don't see as much will not be getting. C.C. had blonde hair and blue eyes, and she and I have a very similar shape, she is just not quite as endowed as I am. But she does appreciate all my hand-me-downs, and I only wear something like 5 times tops, and then I go shopping again, so she gets my old clothes and changes them up from how I wore them. She does as I ask, and we get along just fine, while it suits her. I am sure after we graduate next year, she will leave me behind as she wants to be a lawyer for the pack, and she has her eyes on the prize.

I slip out of my room as Marie and C.C. are already there in the hallway and we hurry over to the freight elevator at the back of the packhouse. As soon as the doors close and they get a full look at me, both of their jaws drop, and Marie said, "Taylor, you look fantastic, but are you sure your parents are going to be OK with how revealing your dress is?". C.C. was more direct, "Girl, you are dead meat when your parents see you. This is a party for your 17th birthday. Not your 21st, your parents are going to be furious with you over this".

"Hey, they said I could get it altered, and I did. They should have specified how far I could go with it. They didn't, so I went with what I wanted to do. Plus, I want Tanner to see what he could have by picking me as his mate", I told them.

"Taylor, he met his mate. It is done. You will have to find another that you want to go after, or better yet, how about you wait until love. I don't want to take the chance of getting a low-level mate. I want to be the Luna of a pack. I want to be Luna of Tanner's pack, that is what I want, and that is what I will get. I want respect, and if I have to force Tanner to make me his choice, so be it. By the end of tonight, I will have Tanner on his knees and begging me to be his Luna, or I will ruin his reputation and our packs having a treaty.

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**Taylor Threatens Tanner  
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### Gabi's POV

Tanner seemed to calm down with what Heath had told him and then gave a pointed look at my arm through Alan's. I slipped my arm out of Alan's and saw Alan giving Tanner a narrow-eyed look like he was mad at him, but Alan stepped back towards Hudson and Luna Liz. Von mindlinked me to take Tanner's arm before he lost his temper, because seeing me with another unmated male, he was about to make his wolf come out. I nodded and took a step towards Tanner.

Tanner gave me his arm, and I slid my arm through and felt electricity run straight through my arm, and I looked up in surprise at Tanner, who was looking down at me with the same look. Heath and Von were smiling as they saw the reaction, and knew we were mates, and they could relax, as Tanner had made it obvious that he wanted me. Tanner led us back the way he came, and they had shoved two tables together for our whole group in the middle of the area, and Tanner pulled my seat out for me to sit down.

Everyone took their seats and, since the tables were round, they were shaped like a figured 8, and we were all able to be seated comfortably at the table. Alan and Hudson sat across from me and were watching Tanner carefully. Luna Liz was next to Hudson and then Von, and then Heath. Tanner's parents were next to him, and then, who I am assuming was his sister, and then his brother, who sat next to Alan.

"I remember you, I sparred with you earlier today," I told him, and he was visibly excited at me speaking to him.

"Yes, my name is Gavin, and I am Tanner's younger brother. I was thrilled to hear that some of the team were here and that you had opened up your sparring to everyone. I would like to start the same thing in our pack, and I respect you all going in and helping packs learn to defend themselves. That is a very noble thing to do", Gavin said, and I could see how excited he was at sitting with us now.

"I am Alicia Wright, Tanner's little sister, and I couldn't be happier getting to meet you. Tanner had been looking for his mate for the last 3 and a half years. He was so pleased that he found you. I look forward to getting to know you", Alicia tells me, and she gives us all a wide smile.

"You look absolutely gorgeous, Gabi, with or without makeup. I am going to have a hard time of it trying to keep the other men away from you tonight, as you are the most gorgeous girl in the room", Tanner leans over to tell me and I blush. Our legs are touching, and I feel the electricity like a physical thing between us.

"You look very handsome too, Tanner. I am sorry I ran off from you earlier. I had a bad experience with my first mate, and he rejected me as soon as I knew we were fated mates. I was scared that you were going to do the same, and Iran. I am sorry for hurting you by doing that", I told him.

"I will not reject you. I want you with every fiber of my being Gabi. I have been looking

for my mate for a long time, and I am so excited that I have finally found you”.

We then spoke together for the next few minutes, and our two tables were getting along very well together when we suddenly heard clapping at the stage area. We all looked over at the stage to see what was going on and I saw my sister, Taylor, in a gown that was very revealing. She would not be able to bend over, or the entire room would see her breasts. She is eating up the limelight, as she sways seductively down the stairs at the stage and has a huge smile on her face, right up until she sees me sitting with Tanner. The fury that crosses her face lets me know that Luna Liz was right about her wanting Tanner, but Tanner is my mate, and obviously not hers. I don't know why she would be so angry about us finding each other. She immediately stomps over to our table and stands behind Tanner and leans over to tell him, “You will be taking me on as your mate, and you can just reject my sister right now, or I will go to my parents about us sleeping together” before she walks away with a grin on her face again.

I leaned back away from him shocked, he slept with my sister. I feel sick. I needed to step away for a minute, and I stood up and said, “Please excuse me, I need to go to the restroom”. I left the table with Luna Liz and Von hot on my heels, and we headed for the nearest bathroom, and I saw Heath take the seat I vacated and started to speak with Tanner with fury in his eyes. I saw Taylor grinning at me as we approached the restroom, looking at me with a smug smile, and I looked away from her. I don't have time for childish games or

Von locked the door to keep anyone from entering and Luna Liz checked all the stalls, to make sure that we were alone. Von said,”

Do not take what she said as truth. She wants Tanner, and she will do anything to get it, so she is lying. I can feel it.”

“I agree, she is a horrible person and a worse sister. I cannot believe that she did that in front of the tables near us loud enough to

hear. I don't think she would have to do that if she were telling the truth. Let us use the restroom and get back out there. I already knew Heath was on it before we left the area. He will get to the bottom of this”, Luna Liz told me, and we went ahead and used the restroom

and headed back out to our tables.

Alan and Hudson were both outside the restroom when we came out of the restroom, and each got in step with me, as we walked

side by side with each other as we headed back to the table. As we got closer, Alan cleared the path by taking the lead for our group, and Hudson walked behind me, and I really appreciated them both for protecting me, as I saw Taylor and her two friends near the restroom when we came out, and I knew that they would have approached if not for the guys with us. I noticed that half the table was gone and

saw Heath, Tanner, and his father, all talking to Alpha Wilson, and I saw Luna Everly hurrying over with Stone to the group at this time. I can see them all speaking together and occasionally looking over at me, and then Taylor and I see Heath motion me over. I got up and

walked over with Alan and Hudson trailing after me about 8 feet behind me.

“Gabi, is Tanner your mate?” Luna Everly asked me.

“He is, but we will need to talk about the bomb that Taylor just dropped on us, as I

would not feel comfortable if she slept with him, to accept this mate bond. I need more information and what actually happened to make an informed decision”, I told the group.

Tanner growled out a thunderous growl, which ricocheted through the ballroom, and everyone stopped speaking when they heard it, as it was obviously a warning growl. Tanner leaned down and told me, “I NEVER touched your sister. She always comes on to me. I do not have ANY feelings for her, other than disgust”, Tanner tells me and straightens back up.

Inod and breathe a little easier and then hear both Heath and Tanner tell Alpha Wilson that we all need to speak about what Taylor just alleged, so we can get this straightened out, or we would all be leaving and the treaties in place would be considered invalid at this

time. I gasped and looked up at them both in shock. They were implying war, over me. I cannot let it get this far. I go to get Heath’s

attention to tell him that I am OK, but he is furious. I had not seen him this furious since he heard what all had been done to be at Red River. I don’t want to make this a bigger deal than Taylor just attempting to blackmail Tanner into rejecting me for her.

Von places her hand on Heath to try to help him calm down and he pats her arm and says, “I am fine love, but I will not let that spoiled brat take Gabi’s mate from her. She has truly been through enough in her short life, and I will go to war unless that deceitful little she-wolf admits that she was lying and trying to deliberately hurt Gabi, for her own personal gain”.

Tanner steps up and says, “I had already told this all to Stone earlier. She didn’t “accidentally” break her phone, she threw it at the vase and deliberately broke it after I told her that I had a mate and to leave me alone. Taylor is a vicious little liar and I agree, I will break our treaty as well if you cannot get Taylor to take back what she said. She is at an expert level at lying, and she will not voluntarily tell the truth. I told this to Stone earlier as well. You will have to Alpha command her to tell the truth, but I am taking this seriously. Taylor living here is the reason I had to bring my whole family here with me. She snuck into my room while I was sleeping here after we went late

going over documents. I woke up to her sneaking into my bed, naked. I immediately kicked her out of my room, but I believe that she took photos of me while I was asleep, to try to blackmail me before she woke me up. I will not allow her to destroy Gabi’s faith in me as her mate with her spiteful lying”

“Let’s take this up to my office and get it straightened out. I don’t know what is all going on, but we will get it all straightened out up there. Please come with me”, Alpha Wilson said and looked at me sadly. He knows my background and I knew he was upset that this happened on my first day with them and that it was my own sister that caused it.

Alan and Hudson stayed at the table with Alicia and Gavin, to hold our tables, as Heath told them that he and Tanner had Gabi. We

all went upstairs to have a talk. As we passed Taylor, her father stopped and told her to come with us, and I could see she immediately got anxious as she went upstairs with us. It was only 630 pm and people were still pouring into the party and had missed that little incident that she had caused. We all poured into Alpha's office and Alpha Wilson locked the large wooden door behind us.