

Chapter 11

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As the new alpha of the Red Valley Pack gets indicted, all I can think of is how I don't sense my mate here. When they invited me to join them, I only accepted in hopes of finding my queen. My luna. The one who will stay by my side as rule as my equal. The one I have been looking for longer than I care to admit. I look around and all I see are weak Alphas and their mates. Some unmated she-wolves are eyeing me, and they make me sick as I check their eyes, seeing there is no mating bond.

I can feel I intimidate some people. Once they catch me staring at them, they look away. I don't blame them. I know with my tall height, jet black hair, and my silver eyes that see into people; I can be intense. After all, I am the most powerful man here. I am the Alpha King throughout the entire USA. All the Alphas of the USA report to my team at the palace, who in turn report to me.

I had been searching for each state and every pack for years now, in hopes of finding my mate. Running the palace alone was no issue. I had been doing it for over 6 years, ever since my stepfather died. At this point, I think it's loneliness that has been eating away at me. I don't let it show through. I never let it show. I am a king. If I were to show weakness, my enemies would do everything they could to target it. For that same reason, it sheltered me off the first year as king, but as I established power of

my own, I grew to see I had nothing to fear. I would never let any harm come to my mate.

"Is she here?" My Cartise, Raymond or Ray, as I call him, links me. A Cartise is equal to, let's say, a "Beta" of a pack, and I have two of them.

"No" I growled in annoyance. After searching for so long, I had not found her, and I was beginning to lose hope. I had big plans for my mate and me. I tried to keep it based on a vision that I would rule beside a woman with the purest heart who would one day bring all peace and prosperity to all the packs.

"It's okay Xavier. We will find her. I just feel it" My other Cartise, Lamar, links me. I wished I could keep the faith as he does, but I try to believe it. Their faith that I will find her is what keeps me grounded.

"I wish we could do it so we would shut the Molons up." Ray linked us back. The Melons are my advisors and there are four of them. Three men and one woman. The answer to my Cartise who only answers to me.

"Patience. I'm told she is closer than we think" My wolf, Torak, tells me, but I roll my eyes as I can feel he is just as impatient as I am. I'm distracted from my thoughts by a commotion in the background. The old whiny ex-Luna, of this pack, has a member ignoring her for some reason. The girl's eyes are closed, and, for some strange reason, I can feel how upset she is.

I can sense she is strong. Her aura is much stronger than anyone here. Reading auras is a skill I had to learn in my training to become King, and hers is a bright white though something is off. She is human. That doesn't matter though. She is beautiful

even among the scars she has on her face, arms, and legs. I feel a pang of annoyance when I look at them. Who would dare markup perfection such as hers?

"I agree," Torak says, which surprises me. He said he would never have anything to do with anyone other than our mate.

"I can't explain it, but I feel a strange connection to her," Torak says. I hear the girl call the new Alpha mate, which annoys me greatly, but I know it shouldn't. Torak is just growling. I can feel how unhappy she is to find out she is mated to the new Alpha. Did he mistreat her so badly that she wasn't happy? I can see some of the dirty looks some of his pack members are giving her. Just what the fuck is going on here?

As I read Alpha's aura, I can tell he is not in tune with his wolf. His colors are all over the place.

"I think she is our mate," Torak says.

"But she is mated to him, there is no way she is," I tell him.

"I know, but I feel like it is a mistake, or maybe Selene is putting pieces into place because I feel like I am exactly where I am meant to be. Even if she isn't our mate, I want to know her", Torak explains, making me smirk. It seems he is just as caught up in her beauty as I am.

We all hear her rejection loud and clear and I can't help the joy I feel as she says it. What is wrong with me? I shouldn't feel this way. Her name lingers in my mind.

Jasmine White.

Such a beautiful name. The girl named Jasmine leaves, followed by another girl, followed by the alpha dropping to his knees. I contain my laughter. For whatever reason she rejected him, I knew he deserved it. This whole pack feels shady to me. I have both of my Cartise to investigate.

"Follow her," Torak says. I leave with both of my Cartise's.

"Where you are going bro," Ray asks.

"Go back inside and keep an eye on the alpha here. I suspect something is off here. Why would a girl of her status reject an alpha that would raise her status", I ask them?

"I had thought the same thing, no female would do it willingly," Lamar says.

"But where are you going to be," Ray asks and I grin.

"I'm going to go talk to her," I told them. They gave me a smirk before nodding their heads and going back inside. I walked in the direction I saw her until I saw her and the girl, she was going into a hut. I looked around, but I didn't see any other huts around, and it was deep in the forest. Do they make her live alone?

I stand back far enough so I can hear what they say. At once, I hear someone crying and I'm alert. I can tell it's Jasmine. I listen in.

"How could she pair me with him, Sabrina?" Jasmine asked her friend. I note that her friend's name is Sabrina.

"It's okay Jassy jas. Things happen for a reason". Sabrina tries to comfort her. Jasmine sniffles.

"I'm trying to stay strong and not let them break me. I took my parents dying. I took my brother almost beating me to death over it. I took the pack abuse every day. I took Luna's abuse of me emotionally and physically. I even took Oliver's abuse to me as well. They have beaten me. Cut me. Burned me. Now I end up mated to Oliver? Is this a sick fucking joke? Why is this happening to me? Why Sabrina. Sooner or later, I feel like something is going to happen to me, and it's gonna take my resolve away." Jasmine explains with her voice breaking.

"It will all be okay soon Jassy Jas. It will. I'm here. I love you" Sabrina said. Soon after, I could hear light snoring and I could hear Sabrina coming out. She goes to the clearing where it looks like a small memorial. This must be her parent's memorial. Sabrina sits on the ground facing the stones.

"I know you're there. You mind as well come out, Xavier", Sabrina says, and I stiffen up. How does she know my name? As if she is reading my mind, she stands up and turns around. Her eyes are glowing blue. Her aura is pure white, and it is blazing. It is not Sabrina. Her body is being used as a vessel. I come out of the shadows and step into view.

"Selene," bowed, and she smiled. Well, this is working out perfectly.

"I can't stay long, Xavier, but I have come to tell you that events have taken place to match you with your mate. She is there," Selene says, pointing to Jasmine's hut. My heart flutters as I look in her direction. I turned back to Selene.

"She holds more power than you will even know. I made sure of it when I blessed her", Selene says.

"You blessed her," I ask, and she nods, smiling.

"She is destined for amazing things, but pieces have been set into place that I have no control over. She will need you in the coming days. You will need to keep her grounded and rooted to your bond, so she does not lose herself", Selene explains.

"I will protect her with my life. I swear it", I told her. Torak had merged with me as I said it, so she knows it's real.

"I must go now, but I leave you with this warning. Do what you must to get her away from here. Evil lurks here, shielding its presence from me. It has been following her since the day of her birth. I cannot say more without repercussions. Just remember, you must always keep her safe. She is the one the prophecy has foretold", Selene says, and she leaves Sabrina's body in the form of a ball of light before I can ask her what she means. I catch Sabrina's body as she sways to the side getting ready to fall over. She opens her eyes and looks up at me. She steadies herself as I let her go. "Your King Xavier, right," she says, and I nod.

"Selene visited me about you. She told me you would come, and you would be a huge part of my best friend's life. I trust our Goddess, but I have been taking care of Jasmine for a long time now, so I will ask you not only as her best friend, or her guardian, but as her sister too. Do you promise that no matter what, you will do all

you need to do to protect and love her? She has been through so much and she is slowly losing herself. Can you fulfill our goddess's wish and keep her safe", she asked me? Normally I would be upset that someone would even be talking to me this way, but I sense a fire in her that reminds me of my sister. A sort of defiance as she stares at me with her icy blue eyes.

I hold my gaze to her eyes, making sure she understands the seriousness of my answer. "I will do everything it takes to get and keep her happy. Her happiness is all I will live for. I will protect and love her until I am no longer alive. I will make sure she is protected and loved well after I am dead if she is to live longer than me. I have been looking for my Luna for years now, searching pack after pack. She will be a queen. My queen. My family will adore her as well as my subjects. I swear to you". I promised her and I mean it.", I told her.

She seems to search my face and body language, which is the same thing I do when I see whether someone is lying to me before nodding and smiling.

"Good," she says.

"Now onto other matters. There are things I must discuss with you of great importance', she says, sitting down. I sit beside her, and I listen.