

Chapter 22

Xavier Pov

I knew that Jasmine was upset at Zoey's nickname, but her face gave nothing away. I felt her fury and then I felt a strange calm come over her and it confused me. I tried reading her face for emotions, but she kept it blank. Then Harmon came out of nowhere with her comment about Zoey touching me too much, but I knew it was harmless. I could see Jasmine smile a little and my heart sank, knowing she must be feeling the same way. After I corrected Harmon, Jasmine stood up, and let me feel her angry emotions. Why was she so angry? Was it because of Zoey? She then cut her emotions off and just left, signaling Harmon to follow her. Ah, fuck, she is mad. That's not what I want at all. We just marked and mated each other and yet I can feel her wolf has not fully accepted me yet. We were supposed to be lovey-dovey right now.

I get ready to stand up but Zoey talks about some rogues she spotted the other day and tells me to give Jasmine time to cool down. Based on what I saw Jasmine's wolf do,

I wasn't gonna risk her releasing her wrath and killing people, so I stayed back.

"I'm gonna go check on my sister", Samael announces and leaves. It didn't go unnoticed how he was looking at my queen, but I let it go. Jasmine is beautiful. He

knows she belongs to me only, and I will be damned if I let history repeat itself between us.

I looked at Zoey, who had a sparkle in her eye when she looked at me. As much as I was thankful to have her around, I couldn't have her upset, Jasmine.

"Leave me." I commanded her. She looks angry but she closes her eyes, bows and leaves. I turned to Raymond and Lamar, who were looking at me distastefully.

"So, you spent all this time trying to find the queen just to piss her off when you do," Lamar said, smirking.

"What are you talking about?" I asked him, annoyed.

"It's obvious you care for Zoey bro, and it's even more obvious that the Queen is jealous because of it," Raymond says, but I shake them both off.

"That's bullshit. Jasmine doesn't even compare to Zoey and to suggest otherwise is treason". I tell them but they just smirk and shake their heads.

"Just be careful Xavier. You may end up costing yourself more than you think," Raymond tells me. We ended up talking about pack business until Zoey burst in. My King, I have important news?"

Zoey Pov

I was standing outside the door listening to them talk about me and to say I was pissed was an understatement. The fact that Xavier defended me to Harmon lets me know he still has feelings for me and I'm sorry, but I'm not letting him go without a fight. Mate or not!

To hear him say I didn't compare to Jasmine, I admit hurt, but it's not a huge deal. I will make him see his feelings for me.

I left and went outside when I overheard Jasmine, Harmon, and Samael planning a rescue to Jasmine's old pack. I had already known about the kidnapped wolves from Xavier, and he was going to go to that pack anyway, so I decided to use this as the perfect example. I went back to the breakfast hall.

"My king, I have urgent news," I told him. He perked up mid-conversation and looked at me.

"The queen, Harmon, and King Samael are all planning a rescue," I told him and went into detail about what they said. He was pissed and I knew he was about to go to them. Sure enough, he stood up and ran to the training grounds. Raymond and Lamar walked by me, giving me the evil eye and shaking their heads, but I didn't care. When Jasmine and Xavier fight about this, guess who he will come running to. Well, me, of course.

Xavier Pov

I wasn't angry. I wasn't upset. I was fucking furious. Did Jasmine think I would just be "OK" with this little plan of hers? What the hell is she thinking? I don't care if she is pissed at me or not, she will not put herself in danger. She can't even fight properly anyway. I have never allowed her to train since she has been on palace grounds. I was planning a strike on that pack myself once I learned of the kidnappings that were tied there.

That fucking alpha is LOOKING FOR HER and she is just going straight into his arms!

I saw her leaning against the tree Zoey, and I ran with a hole punched through it. Who the fuck did this? Is she this upset? I have a feeling inside of me and I don't like it. It's one of anger, and it's directed at my queen.

I can see her tense up as I get closer to her.

"Mind telling me why the fuck you're planning a rescue heist and I'm only just being notified?" I growled at her.

Jasmine Pov

"Mind telling me why the fuck you're planning a rescue heist and I'm only just being notified?" Xavier asks me. Behind him are Zoey, Lamar, and Raymond.

How the hell did he find out? I looked at Zoey, who had a smug expression on her face.

Fucking Bitch. I growl and the whole palace ground shakes. Everyone's head is bowed, including Xavier's. Zoey is just looking at me in shock and Samael is looking at me with some sort of intense emotion that I can't place but it's making me a bit weak. I feel Lunar merging with me. My aura is out and I'm sure everyone on the ground can feel it.

"You may be the King, Xavier, but you forget who the fuck you're speaking with. We are the Luna Dynamis, and you will NOT disrespect us this way or any fucking way going forward!" Lunar and I growl at him. Everyone's head is still down, and I pull my aura back in, pushing Lunar back to the back of my head. Everyone stands up. Xavier just glares at me, and, for the first time, he is looking at me distastefully. It's how he looks at prisoners. I know why. Not only is he upset, but I just made him submit to me in front of his pack members against his will. Ah fuck, I'm just making things worse. I reach out to touch him as everyone stands up, but he just cringes at me. I feel hurt.

"I'm sorry," I told him, feeling bad now. He ignores my apology and looks at the hole in the tree.

"And I suppose you did this?" He asks, gesturing to the tree with his initials on it. I nodded to him with my head down still feeling bad.

"Fuck!" He growls, making me look up. Is he seriously upset that I punched his tree? My feelings turned back to being greatly pressed at him. Fuck him!

"I'm going back to Oliver's pack to save the wolves there. Whether you want to be part of that or not is up to you, but you ARE NOT stopping me, so either join the plan or stay the fuck here and playhouse with your quote in quote BEST FRIEND". I tell him to make quotation marks in the air. He looks at me blankly. No one is saying anything. The tension in the air is thick. Zoey is shooting daggers at me.

"Fine. I'm coming with you. Be packed in two hours. We will head out then" he says, and heads back to the palace. Zoey is right behind him. I assume she told him the whole plan if he knew we were leaving in a few hours.

"We're sorry for him, Queen", Raymond says, looking generally upset. Lamar too. I gave them a small, forced smile.

"It's okay, you guys go make sure he packs what we need. I will be up shortly", I told them. They bow and leave.

"It's okay," Harmon says, rubbing my back. I try to contain my feelings. Samael has been looking at me strangely but hasn't said a word. The weight of his orange eyes is heavy, and they now look at me in concern.

"I thought he loved you better than that. How can he sit here and talk to you this way?" he asks, and I shrug. Lunar and I were thinking the same thing. Xavier and I would fight from time to time, but we have never been as disconnected as we are right now. I feel our bond is weakening and that worries me even more and strangely, it also doesn't.

"It's just been a rough last few days, but I promise he isn't always this way to me. He loves me. We are just out of sync right now, but we will get back", I told him. He nodded, but neither he nor Harmon looked convinced.

"Come on, we need to get ready," I told them, and we all walked back to the palace. When we walked in, I saw both Zoey and Xavier sitting on the staircase talking. Zoey seemed to be rubbing his shoulders. I decided not to respond and just go up to our room.

"Mate is an asshole," Lunar says, and I nod, agreeing with her.

"Don't worry Lunar, we will get our relationship back in control. For now, we need to focus on saving the people from my vision. I know the moon goddess says she has it handled, but I feel like that vision was given to me for a reason and I need to save them. I need you with me 100 percent Lunar. I can't do this without you", I told her.

"I'm with you. Screw him. When he is ready to be worthy of us, only then will I acknowledge him", she says, and I feel she means it! We get dressed in our combat gear. Harmon purchased it for me in secret, but I always knew I would end up using it one day. I took a quick shower and slipped into my black gear with my combat boots. I knew this would be a long trip. We would camp about 100 miles outside and wait for nightfall.

Since we were taking the palace plane, strapping weapons on me would be no problem. I strapped a few knives to me and pinned my hair in a tight bun. I also put a pick and hid in my bun to prepare for the chance of being caught.

I looked myself over in the mirror and chuckled. I kind of looked like a black widow from the avengers except my hair was a deep brown. I packed a to-go backpack with light foods and water. We hadn't planned on being gone for more than a few days, but I wanted to prepare. We don't know what we're walking into, and it is better to be prepared since this was a classified mission.

Once I had finished packing and everything, I went downstairs. It looked like everyone was ready. Harmon was dressed in the same thing as me. Xavier looked handsome as fuck in a navy-blue shirt with black jeans. My eyes trailed over him and onto Samael who was wearing skinny black jeans, a black shirt, and a black leather jacket, looking handsome as fuck. I saw his eyes widen as they took me in and I tried not to blush as I looked back at Xavier, who just looked at me in something close to shock. "Nice Gear Queen," Harmon said, smirking knowingly at me. I rolled my eyes at her and kept walking.

"Jasmine wait" I heard from behind. Everyone looked at me and I nodded for them to get on the plane.

I turned around and faced my mate, who looked sad. I almost went to hug him.

Almost!

"Look Jasmine, I know things have been tense between us lately and I'm sorry. When we get back, we should talk," he tells me. I searched his eyes, and I knew he meant it. I gave him a small smile.

"Yea let's talk," I tell him, and he smiles too. I know we have been out of sync lately, but I love him no matter what, and I know we will get ourselves back to how they used to be. Especially on this trip. It will be just me, him, Harmon, and Samael. Plenty of time to bond.

"Let's go," I told him, still smiling, and we headed to the plane. As we got close, I could hear arguing.

"What now?" I sighed to myself.

"Well, he invited me and I'm coming, so shut the fuck up and stay in your place" I heard a girl say. It made me pause and look at Xavier, who had a blank expression on his face. I went inside the plane and, lo and behold, I saw Harmon arguing with the bitch. I was hoping to avoid herself, dressed in dark brown combat gear.

Fucking Zoey!