

## Chapter 25

### Nyx Pov

I was fighting some of the pack members and got stabbed when I felt a strong presence. It felt like a connection with my first mate, but I knew she was dead. I turned until I saw her. My firstborn. My Jasmine. She looked as beautiful as the first time I laid eyes on her. Her hair is a beautiful brown but a slightly different shade than her mother's. It matches mine. Her eyes glowed purple once I was stabbed, indicating she knew who I was, but how? Her purple eyes confirmed who she was, since purple eyes are a rare thing for anyone other than a white wolf. I snapped the wolf's neck who stabbed me, already feeling my wound close. Silver does not affect me anyway. My eyes trailed back to her.

"Why is she here?" I linked Samael.

"There is a lot to discuss, but this pack made her life hell. She deserved some peace", he linked back to me while taking care of the last of the pack of wolves.

"Does she know?" I linked back as she came closer, with wide eyes, but he didn't answer. I know he is upset she didn't end up being mated to him. I watched as she held her stomach. She looked like she was in shock as she whispered something. Ava tugged on my arm.

"Dad. Dad, who is that? She asked me, though I had a feeling she already knew. I've already told her about Jasmine. Jasmine looked at Ava and stopped walking. If she recognized me somehow, she would recognize Ava. She started stuttering and I saw her eyes roll back. That was enough to snap me out of my trance and run to her. I caught her instantly. She was extremely light.

"jasmine," I whispered, but her eyes were closed. She was out. The king and another female wolf came running up to us. The king growled at me as though it did nothing. Although he is of a higher status, I am still a white wolf. His growls mean nothing.

I took off to a pack member's house I knew had medical equipment. I have had a lot of medical experience, so taking care of her would be no problem for me.

"Keep everyone behind the door except Ava", I linked to Samael before pushing through the hospital doors. I knew it wouldn't be an issue. I got Jasmine hooked up to the machines and checked her vitals, confirming she was just passed out. I'm sure she will have many questions for me as well when she wakes up, but until then, I'll enjoy just having her close to me again. My Jasmine.

Xavier Pov

"You can't go in there," Samael growled at me, stepping in front of the door.

"The hell I can't. My mate is in there with a man I don't know." I growled back at him. He smirked but I didn't miss how his eyes narrowed at that.

"He is her father," Samael told me. Father?

"Her parents are dead." I growled at him.

"He is her biological father," he growled back, which made me stagger back a little from it. Well shit. I felt Zoey grab my arm, which calmed me down a bit.

"Come on," she whispered in my ear. I looked at the door one last time. I should calm myself before I go to her. I don't want her to see me in bad shape.

"Ok," I told Zoey. She shifted and ran into the forest. I shifted too and ran behind her. The midnight air felt peaceful. The night has a way of calming me down. Zoey's light brown wolf looked incredibly beautiful in the moonlight. I tumbled into her as she came to a sudden halt. I realized she did it purposely when her wolf grinned a bit. She shifted back to her human form and took off running.

"Come get me Zavy", she called out. She knows I love the challenge. I shifted back and caught her in no time tumbling into her and she ended up on top of me, straddling me. At this moment, she was the most beautiful I had ever seen, and I was ready to give in.

"Our little secret," she whispered, closing the distance as she leaned forward.

"Just this last time," I told her, cutting off my link with Jasmine. I know if I left it open, she would feel my betrayal, but like Zoey said, our little secret.

Jasmine Pov

Beep... beep. Beep.

As I open my eyes, I try to put everything in focus. As everything comes into focus, I realize where I am. Adam and Lori's house. Did I just dream everything? Something feels off. I can see by the light outside that it's daytime.

"Mate. Cut the link off." Lunar links me. Why would he do that? I'll ask later.

"Hey, you're awake" a deep voice says from behind me. I looked up and saw the bright purple eyes and a bright smile looking down at me.

"Dad," I whisper.

"Jasmine" he replies and places his hand on my forehead.

"How are you feeling," he asked me, checking the monitor. For some reason, I feel a bit hazy. I guess it's because I'm so used to seeing Sabrina here. I let out a dry laugh.

"I don't know how I feel, to be honest," I tell him, and he chuckles lightly.

"Well, I know you never expected to meet me. I can understand your shock" he replied, still taking my vitals. Anger somehow starts to course through me.

"Did you know?" I asked him. He stiffens up. I know he knows what I mean.

"Yes, I knew you were alive, but I didn't know where you were until a few months ago. After your mother took you away, I looked for you, but it was like you both disappeared. I went to a witch but was told your mother hid you. I didn't look for you anymore after that. It was clear your mother intended to keep you hidden for as long as possible, though I believe that protection died with your mother" he said, looking grave. As much as I wanted to be upset with him, I couldn't be for some reason. My mother always wanted nothing more than to keep me safe.

"Why didn't you come to get me when she died," I asked him.

"I didn't sense you. I came here and searched for this pack looking for you, but I never found you. I asked around. I asked the alpha of this pack, who told me you had been sent away. When I searched for you, it was just like before. I had assumed your mother had someone come and get you. Had I known you were here this whole time, I would have torn this whole pack apart looking for you. I had only been made aware of you when you became queen and announce yourself ", he said, bending down on one knee to level eyes with me.

"My light, I was told what happened to you here. I am so, so sorry that I was not here to protect you" he says. His purple eyes show how sincere he is.

I sat up and grabbed his hands.

"I forgive you. I don't blame you for what happened here. Besides, I have gotten my closure, though I have more questions that need to be answered." I told him. He took out all the stuff connected to me.

"Yes, Harmon told me what you both did," he told me, looking at me strangely. I leveled my eyes at him.

"If you know what happened to me here, then you know why I had to do it," I told him, and he smiled.

"Like father, like daughter" he joked, and I rolled my eyes, though deep down, I was feeling a bit strange to him calling me his daughter. The only dad I knew was killed and the mystery behind both his and my mom's death still lingers in the air. Who killed them?

"My light, there is something we need to talk about..."

The door opened and we watched as Samael, Harmon, and Ava walked in.

"Where is Xavier?" I asked them before they could speak.

"I think I saw him going for a run through the forest," Ava said, and I nodded. Leave it to Xavier to panic when I'm hurt. Going for a run always helps him clear his head when he is upset over something.

"I'm sure mate is okay," Lunar says.

"Yes, but his link to me is still cut off. I can't reach him to tell him I'm okay", I told her.

"How are you feeling? Ava asked me.

"I'm okay. Was just a little dizzy," I told her? Now that she is up close, I can see her closely. She looks just like me, except she has a purple circle around her pupils. She smiled.

"Do you know who I am?" She asks me, glancing at our dad.

"Yes, you're my sister. You are one of the reasons why I came back", I tell her, and she tilts her head.

"How so," She asks, sitting beside me on the bed. Everyone else took a chair in the room.

"I dreamed about you. I dreamed about what Oliver did to you", I told her.

"You mean when he had you kidnapped?" Our dad asks. I tilted my head in confusion about what to speak when I heard her voice in my head.

"I didn't tell him. Please keep it to yourself", she says. I don't question how she can link me. Now that she is a wolf and we are related, she must know how to use the family bond.

"Yea that's what I mean," I said out loud.

"Okay, but you can talk about it with me when you need to." I linked back to her. She nods slightly. Harmon jumps out of her chair and jumps in the bed with me. "Well, enough of that. Let me tell you how badass this girl was last night" she says,

gaining everyone's attention, telling the story of our mission. I rolled my eyes at how dramatic she was when telling them, though when she got to my brother, I admit, I felt deeply saddened by it. Even though he was a piece of shit, he was still my brother. Harmon kept on telling the story as I felt a voice penetrate my head.

"Killing is never an easy thing to do, beauty, even for the right reasons." Samael's voice echoed through my head. I smiled slightly.

"I know you may not want to hear this, but you did the right thing, and for what it's worth, I am very happy you are okay." He linked me, his orange eyes bright.

"You too," I tell him, which earns me an even wider smile. I blushed a bit and looked at my dad who was looking between me and Samael with a suspicious eye. The door swung wide before he could even say anything to show Xavier coming in. I could tell he was sweaty, but I also smelled something else I could not place. Like a small foul scent that lingered on him. Probably all of the killing.

"My luna," he said, pulling me into a hug. Well, he has never called me that before. How strange. I breathed in his scent, trying to ignore the other scents. He opened the mate bond, and I felt his love for me flood through, but I also felt other emotions. Was that... Guilt?

"I was worried about you," he said, running his hands through my hair. I saw Ava and Harmon smiling, but Samael and my dad both looked annoyed.

"We're missing someone. Where is Zoe?" Harmon asked. I felt Xavier tense up.



"She had to go back to the kingdom for some training for the soldiers. I have a small situation to take care of there, so I'm headed back now," Xavier said.

"What about me," I asked him. He smiled and kissed my head.

"I know you're gonna wanna stay and visit your parents," he says. I just realized I hadn't known that he had said that until just now.

"I'll have a plane waiting for you all in 4 hours. I will see you when you get home", he says, and kisses my head again before leaving. There was an awkward silence before Harmon broke it.

"I found my mate," Harmon says happily, which earned a small happy screech from me.

"Dish, Dish, Dish," I told her, and she told me about Brandon, who was also one of Ava's close friends.

"Speaking of the dork, let's go find him," Ava says.

"We will be back Jasmine," Harmon says before leaving, taking Ava's hand. I looked at my dad who seemed to be mind linking with Samael. Wait. Samael said he had an informant here.

"You know each other." I stated, looking between both of them.

"He is my assassin/mentor. " Samael stated proudly to my dad, who nodded.

"Wow. Wait, did you know Ava was my sister?" I asked Samael, whose smile dropped a little, confirming what I knew.

"Don't judge him too harshly, Jasmine. I told him not to say anything. After I found out you were queen, I swore him to secrecy. Too much information being said out loud could be dangerous, especially for the forces that seek you out if they haven't found you by now." My dad said.

"What ... forces?" I asked him. I could see this was something he had been wanting to tell me. My mind drifted back to my dream. The dark force, who sought me for his son, who I assume is meant to be my other mate. My dad looked at Samael, who nodded. "This is what we know..."