

## Rejected Protector Chapter 56 - Tips

After a refreshing night with my mate and family, we are all up and ready to start our day. We will meet in my mate's office in about an hour to go over our plans to capture the traitor or traitors within the council. Councilman Bari and the other three who know my identity will conference in from the hidden location they have the prisoners. We will also have representatives from the magical and vampire kingdoms in this meeting. Trevor will be connecting from the academy and Alpha Clark, Rose, and Lacey will plug-in from their pack.

I can't believe it has only been a day since I was rescued. My whole life has changed in such a short time. The bulk of the surveillance equipment has been set up around the kingdom and all of the alliances have been solidified. The alphas are coming together, and the regions are working together. It's amazing how everyone is so willing to work together. After the meeting today, the representatives present will convey any relevant information to the regions and impacted alphas or coven leaders. For now, my identity is still not widely known. Only the small group of leaders will know who and what I am until the council is ready for the Protector to come on the scene. The element of surprise is our greatest weapon at this time.

My dad is leaving after the meeting and heading back to the pack. It is going to be weird not referring to it as my pack anymore. I will be joining my mate's pack soon. I don't know how all of this is going to work. My old pack has enjoyed decades of peace and prosperity because my family has been there, for now, my parents and cousins will continue to be a part of that pack. Only I will be transferring membership. My mate's pack is one of the strongest in the kingdom. My being a part of this pack will only strengthen it. I don't think my old pack will be impacted since the majority of my family will still be there. I will also talk to Alpha Connor and my mate about forming an individual alliance so I can continue training the warriors and working with the Elite 12.

Jarvis and I agreed to have breakfast with my dad before going to the meeting. I'm not sure how my dad is going to react to seeing his only daughter marked and mated. I am a daddy's girl, so I hope he is happy for me. I know it is hard for him to think of me growing up.

"Good morning daddy," I say as I walk up and give him a hug.

"Good morning sweet pea." My dad says as he holds me at arm's length looking at my mark. "Congratulations you two. Baby girl, I am so happy for

you. Alpha Blake is a good male and I know I will be leaving you in good hands.”

“Thank you, gamma, True. I will care for her and protect her with my life. Seleste is my whole world.” My mate says.

“Thank you, daddy. I love you.”

“I love you too Sweet Pea.” My dad says.

That went better than I thought, but daddy did have a whole night to come to terms with me being mated to Jarvis and it doesn't hurt that my dad already had a lot of respect for Jarvis and his father. We all sit down to eat and prepare for the meeting. I check in with my warriors. I know they need the reassurance that I am ok physically and mentally. I also speak with Jarvis's elite team. They have been working with my warriors to provide security for the beach house. It looks like they work well together. My warriors will fit in perfectly with Jarvis's warriors when we return to his pack.

After spending a few minutes with the warriors, Jarvis, my dad, and I meet up with Talia and the twins and head into Jarvis' office for the meeting with the others. Councilman Bari starts the meeting by giving us an update on the prisoners. They refused to cooperate, so the council worked with the witches to give them a serum that made them answer questions truthfully. They were able to verify the identity of the council members involved. Council member Avery is indeed involved. It was councilman Avery's grandson that was at the council beach house the day I was rescued. The other council members also found out that councilman Avery had been asking the other members about the protector's identity. A couple members became suspicious of him when he kept trying to figure out the identity of the protector without providing an explanation of why he was asking. Traditionally over the history of the council, only the top three members have known the identity of the protector or the fact that we are members of the True family and direct descendants of the original werewolf and protector.

The prisoners also told the council that they had members from almost every supernatural clan, pack, or coven. The plan is to overthrow every leader and consolidate power under one leader and of course, that leader will be Councilman Avery or his grandson. We are not clear on that one. Either way, Council Avery will have the power. He controls the grandson. Currently, the rebels are doing a lot of recruiting. They initially focused on recruiting rogues from all species and promised them positions and power. Then they reached

out to the magical kingdom. As far as these prisoners know, only the dark witches have agreed to work with them. It is not clear what they are getting out of the deal. They are planning a big attack soon. These prisoners are not sure of when the attack will occur. The plans have probably changed some since we rescued Seleste. We killed many of their top warriors and the shifter prisoners we have are two top-ranking members of the rebels. The wolf with them is a new recruit, He did not know much, but was used mainly as muscle.

Now that we know Councilman Avery is the leader of the rebels, we need to plan to catch him. Councilman Bari is going to call an emergency council meeting tomorrow and requires all members to be present. He will brief them on the threat of war and have a war meeting. While the council is occupied, a team of technicians will place hidden equipment around Councilman Avery's office and home. We have inside people who already have access to those areas, so we will be able to get in and out without drawing attention. We have also placed a team member undercover to get close to the grandson.

The queen of the witches introduced herself. Queen LaDona will be working with the vampire royalty to make spells and potions to protect our allies from anything the dark witches can throw at us. Alpha Keenai also mentioned the supplements they gave me to counteract the drugs the rebels gave me. They have continued to work with the drug, breaking it down and seeing how it works. Like Tamaska told me when we were being held, the drug is supposed to block our spirit animal. I let the team know that the supplements were effective in blocking the impact of the drug on my wolf, but it still knocked me out for several hours. Queen LaDona asked for access to the research, She believes that some sort of magic may be involved and she and her witches and warlocks may be able to counteract the magical impact of the drug. There is a coven near Alpha Keenai's den, they will work together on that project. Prince Julian and his mate Violetta will also travel to Alpha Keenai's den to work with the magical team and the bears. King Joachim suggested that Prince Julian works with the team to provide an antidote to vampire venom since there are rebel vampires involved. I and my team members are immune to vampire venom, but most species and humans have no defense against getting bitten by a pure vampire.

Trevor suggested that the council contact all venom-producing shifters and have a representative to work with Alpha Keenai and his team. Trevor also suggested that the research team move to a secret location so that Alpha Keenai won't have to have everyone at his den. The council offered a black

site for them to meet in Utah, a couple hours away from Alpha Keenai's den. All parties are in agreement with these suggestions.

The research team will work to have a stockpile of anti-venom for every possible venom there is, while the magical workers will work on magic canceling potions and spells. My team of warriors and I will travel to my mate's pack with the twins and Talia to continue training. Alpha Clark and Rose will train the elemental warriors to have them ready for impending war. Lacey will meet up with Trevor at my old pack, then they will travel to the regions making sure the packs and covens have what they need and strengthening the alliances. After meeting with the region representative, Lacey will return to my old pack and Trevor will continue to travel between the academy and his home until the war begins. We will also increase security around the royals from all species since they are the primary targets for now.

Once everything gets in place, the council will announce my identity and I will officially step into my role. If we have not caught Councilman Avery by that time, my announcement should draw him out or at least move their plan forward. According to the prisoners, they are trying to seize power before the protector grows up and comes into their power. It will come as a shock for them to know that I am already on the scene and have come into most if not all of my power.

Alpha Keenai gave us all an update on the equipment that has been set up around the kingdom. His team is already monitoring the outskirts of the kingdom around the clock. There are teams within all of the regions that are monitoring the borders around the clock. Alpha Keenai's team has a skeleton team that is monitoring all of the areas as a backup to the primary monitors.

Queen LaDona updated us on the progress of the magical borders and traps in the areas where we could not put up equipment. Those areas have been spelled and an alarm will be triggered if someone crosses the boundary. The alarm will go to the primary monitors as well as the magical team that set the traps. The team will be able to tell if the being passing the boundary is a friend or foe. There have been false walls and terrain set. Also spells to create an alternative reality for any foe crossing the boundary. If a group passes through with ill intent, the spell will cause them to either walk off a cliff or turn on each other,

As everyone was finishing their updates, Alpha Keenai let us know that his team member that is embedded with Councilman Avery's grandson is sending a live feed to him right now. Apparently, the grandson went to meet the

councilman. Alpha Keenai is going to patch the live audio in for us all to hear. We're all quiet getting ready to hear what they are saying, hoping they give us enough information to move on them quickly. The sounds come through with who I assume is the grandson talking.

"Grandfather, things did not go the way we planned in California. We lost several warriors. Those fvckers k!lled everyone. I can't believe that small team k!lled that many of our top warriors. That fvcking dog, what's his name? Umm Gamma True yea that's it. He was like a wrecking crew. We need to take him out before we attack the rest of those dogs." The grandson said.

My father growled when he heard that.

"I'd like to see them try." My father mumbled.

"Calm down Torrance." Councilman Avery said. "If we start k!lling off high-ranking wolves, we draw attention to ourselves. The council is already up in arms about the gamma we kidnapped. The Trues are from an ancient bl00dline and are very well connected. Of course, we are going to target

them in the war, but we can't move too fast or will give our hand away. Have we heard anything from the team getting the information from that crazy shewolf?" The councilman asked.

"No, they missed their last check-in. The last I heard from them, they were at the bar and the shewolf had some other plan for us to take another shewolf who is friends with the gamma we had. I still can't believe those fvcking dogs got to us before we were able to get any information from her." The grandson said.

"I told you all to get rid of her when I left that house. I told you she was not going to talk. She is too highly trained to talk no matter what you all would have done to her, but no, you wanted to move her to a place to t0rture it out of her, or was it that she was so beautiful, you had other plans for her? Either way, this fvck up and the loss of our safe home is on you. You need to start thinking and using your head." The council made said.

Both my dad and mate growled at what the councilman implied. I would have never allowed myself to be t0rtured or them to do any other unseemly thing to me. I would have teleported out before that could have happened. I rubbed my mate's hands to calm him down and gave my dad a h.ug as we continued to listen.

"I will send another team to that bar to see what is going on with that team. We need to know if they have been found. We can assume that they are dead since they have not checked in. These mutts don't seem to take prisoners. It is also a good thing for us that they so brutally k!ll without getting any information from our people. They will never know what is coming for them. When I am the king of all species, those mutts will all be put to death." The grandson said.

The councilman just looked at him. I wonder why they hate wolves so much. I know that we live separately from other species, but we are usually on friendly terms. This seems personal.

"Not that I am a fan of those mutts, but we will need workers in our kingdom, so it may not be a good idea to k!ll off all of that strength. We just have to work with the dark witches to get all of them under our control so we can use them to our advantage. Elvin that crazy warlock said he is making progress on the spell to gain control over the wolves. They have a couple of prisoner wolves that they are testing the spell on. So far, they have been able to gain control, but they cannot maintain it for more than a couple minutes. For now, the spell can also be broken by the mate bond. Hopefully, he and the other dark witches and warlocks can bypass the bond and find a way to maintain control over the wolves. That would be a game-changer in us taking over the supernatural world." Councilman Avery said.

"What do you mean by us? I thought this was all for me grandfather?" The grandson said with a frown.

"Of course, it is all for you, but as your grandfather and advisor, I will continue to stand with you and advise you as you rule the world. After all, I raised you after your mutt of a father k!lled your mother to be the leader that you are. After all, your mutt of a father had royal bl00d, so you deserve to rule. Those mutts owe you that much." Councilman Avery said.

"Do not mention that part of my heritage to me, as far as I am concerned, I am a hundred percent tiger and have no wolf whatsoever. That mutt is nothing to me." The grandson said.

"Well Terrance, that mutt's royal bl00d gives you the right to fight for the throne." Councilman Avery said.

"Remember grandfather, I'm not just after the werewolves' kingdom, I plan to rule over all supernaturals. Unlike those mutts, I plan to rule everything. I will

not settle for one species. I will show them what a true ruler looks like. That mutt's family will regret that he killed my mother because they will be at the bottom of the food chain when I claim my power and place all of my generals in leadership over the species." The grandson said.

"Well let's get back to our tasks. I'm going to follow up with Elvin and see how it's going while you check in with the teams working with that shewolf. We will meet up later. Are you coming home for dinner tonight?" Councilman Avery asked.

"Yes, I'll be there." The grandson said.

The live audio feed ended after that.

"Well, that was very informative." Councilman Bari said. "Gamma True. I know you are not worried about them coming after you, but I want to take every precaution in getting you back to your pack safely. I have already messaged Alpha Connor to let him know if the possible threat to you."

"I also message my dad about it," Trevor said. "We don't want to take any threats or possible threats lightly."

"I appreciate all of your concern, but I can take care of myself." My dad said.

"We know you can Gamma True, but I am still sending you home in our private jet with several of the council's warriors." Councilman Bari said.

"Beta Vereen and the Elite warriors will meet you at the airfield. My dad is also increasing security at the pack just in case they try to attack." Trevor said.

"I appreciate all your efforts although it is not needed." My dad said.

"Thank you daddy for agreeing. I know you are the strongest alive, but we don't know what kind of weapons they have or what other drugs they have so I want you safe." I said.

"OK. Sweet Pea. I will be careful and do what the council asks for now." My dad says.

"Queen LaDona, Do you know this Elvin that they are talking about?" My mate asked



“Unfortunately, I do. He really is the worst of the worst. His whole coven is full of dark witches and warlocks. He takes evil to a whole new level. If he is involved, the objective is more than just ruling over the supernaturals. Elvin wants total domination for himself. He is only using those ferals to accomplish it. If he is working on a spell to control a spirit animal, it is not just for wolves, but for all shifters. He is just using the wolves as subjects to keep suspicion down. We really have to stop him and we need to find those wolves he has before he makes any more advances. I think I know the spell he is using and I can do a spell on our allies to protect them against it during the battle. Those warriors that are mated have a natural defense against it, but I can strengthen their defense as well.” Queen LaDona said.

“Do you know when his coven is?” Councilman Bari asked.

“I know the area, but their coven is spelled so only their member can actually enter the area. They meet their allies at different safe homes, but the locations move frequently and the areas they used are also spelled. It takes strong magic to breakthrough the spells. My team will work on locating them. I will let you all know once we find them. You will need several strong witches with you when you rescue the wolves to block the magical attacks that they will throw at you and to keep you from being captured.” Queen LaDona said.

“Ok, We will prepare to rescue them when we hear back from you and your team.” Councilman Bari says.

“I will also send warriors with you. Vampires are immune to magical attacks, especially the ones made for shifters. They will not be expecting us to be with you all, so that will give us an advantage.” Prince Julian said.

“Young Alpha Trevor, since you are still at the academy, can you find out what you can about who can possibly be Terrance’s father and what happened to his mother. As far as the council knows, there are no royal wolves with hybrid children. The current Alpha King and his siblings are all mated and live at the castle or on the royal grounds. Most of their extended family members are also in the royal pack.” Councilman Bari says.

“Yes, I can do that. The Royal Gamma is here with me now. He will assist in investigating this matter.” Trevor said.

“Since I noticed that little power play between the councilman and his grandson, I will have my inside man play on the grandson’s fear that the



councilman wants the power for himself and put a little friction between the two of them.” Alpha Keenai says.

“Just be careful. Family ties are strong with wolves and although he does not want to admit that he is one, he is at least half-wolf, so he will still feel the pull to be loyal to his grandfather. Tell you, person, to be very subtle and not push too hard.” I say.

“Good insight little mate.” My mate says.

“Well,” Councilman Bari says with a sigh, “We have a lot of preparing to do. Let’s check-in with each other at least once a week.”

We all agreed and logged out of the meeting. We all walked out and went to the kitchen for lunch. That meeting took a lot longer than we planned. It is a good thing my mate had a couple omega warrior who prepared lunch for us and has been taking care of the beach house while we are here.

At lunch, we all agreed to all leave out with my dad in the next hour. We will all travel to the airfield together. My mate has his own private jet since he has to do a lot of missions for the council, it is easier for him to travel this way and fewer questions are asked when he does. The council’s warriors will be waiting for my dad on the jet. My warriors and Jarvis’ elite team will be flying with us. The rest of the special forces will fly back tomorrow They have a few loose ends to see about in California before they return. I’m guessing this is code for they have another mission to go on for the council before returning home.

We finish our lunch and Talia gives me fresh clothes to change into since they did not grab my luggage when they kidnapped me. Rose is sending the clothes that I had at the den to my mate’s pack for me and sending some of Yvette’s clothes from the pack house. My mate is going to arrange for me to go shopping when we get back to his pack. You know Talia and Yvette are excited about that. At least they are not as bad as Rose and Francis, so I may just be ok. The warriors’ mates are looking forward to shopping as well. They had to pack light for this rescue mission, and no one knew I was going to find my mate and that we would all be staying at my mate’s pack for the time being. Jarvis offered to pay for the shopping trip, but the warriors told him that they will purchase whatever their mates need. I forget how possessive wolves can be when it comes to their mates. It’s a good thing my warriors are very well paid and would be considered wealthy in the human world. They are paid

by the pack and by the council. Some of them have even made some good investments while they were waiting for their mates.

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My mate spent the night arranging for transportation for all of us back to his pack. He, the twins, Talia, and I will go by helicopter. All the warriors and their mates will drive back. Jarvis arranged for a luxury bus for them. Warrior Peace protested about me being so far ahead of all of my warriors, so Jarvis arranged for a second helicopter for Warrior Peace, Yvette, and three of his top warriors to travel with us. Since my warriors and Jarvis' warrior have been training together since I was taken, they are all in agreement with this change. Warrior Peace has, in a sense, become my general, so, it's likely, that he will always travel the closest to me.

Once that got cleared up, we all decided to have an early night so we can have an early start tomorrow. I'll admit that I'm nervous about meeting Jarvis' parents and the other ranked members of his pack. I know everyone respects my position, but I want them to like me as a person. If this is going to be my home, I just want to be simply Seleste when I am there. The one thing that I enjoyed about being at my old pack and even being with Alpha Clark at his pack is that no one treated me differently. I was just a regular shewolf to them, even the ones who knew that I was The Chosen Protector.

"Don't worry Lettie, everyone will love us. As I keep telling you, we are awesome."

"Thanks, T. It's not often that a girl meets her mate's family for the first time. You know, growing up, we thought our mate would be from our pack or one of our allied packs and we would already know them and their families. Jarvis' pack is completely new to me."

"I know, but remember Talia said that Jarvis' family has been nice and very welcoming to her, so think how much more they are going to love you as Jarvis' second chance, mate. I'm sure they are excited. No one would have ever guessed that he would have a second chance and were probably waiting for him to pick a chosen mate and luna. You being his second chance makes him and the pack stronger and I'm sure that makes his parents happier."

"I know they will like the idea of what we bring to the pack, but I just want to be liked for me, just plan Seleste."

“Everyone who meets you loves you, Lettie. You are sweet and loving to everyone. If they don’t like you, it’s their problem and not ours. If they disrespect you. Our mate will deal with them and if he doesn’t, we’ll deal with him.” Tamaska says with a smirk.

“Hey, little mate. I feel your emotions, what have you so worried?”

My mate says as he walks into our room and pulls me to him.

“I’m just a little nervous about meeting your family and the pack,” I said.

“You don’t have to be nervous. They are going to love you and if anyone doesn’t, they can leave our pack. You are my mate, my heart, and the luna of our pack.” Jarvis says.

“I just want everyone to like me for who I am, not what I am. I know it sounds crazy, but I have to be the Protector for everyone, but I just want to be plain Seleste in my home.”

“I think I understand what you mean, but I can assure you that my family will love you because you are sweet and sincere and genuinely care about others. They will see your heart and appreciate you. They will love you because the moon goddess has said that you are made just for me and I am made just for you. We will fit into each other’s lives and families perfectly. Look how well I got along with your overprotective father.” Jarvis says with a smile.

“That’s true. I have one question though. Something T and I were talking about made me wonder something.”

“Ok, ask me anything,” Jarvis says.

“Umm, I know you were not expecting to have a second chance mate, so is there a shewolf back at your pack expecting to be your chosen mate or one you are in a close relationship with?”

Jarvis takes a deep breath and hesitates for a second. In that second, my heart drops. I know I shouldn’t feel hurt by this. He is an alpha male, and he has already had a mate. I shouldn’t have expected that he waited for me after his mate died, but the thought of being around other shewolves that he has been intimate with bothers me.

“Calm down Lettie. Let him explain before you jump to conclusions. Just breath.” Tamaska says.

Jarvis stays quiet for at least 20 seconds or more. This is really going to be bad. I don’t know if I’m ready for this. Maybe we should have waited to mate and mark each other. I attempt to move away from Jarvis, but he pulls me close to him and finally starts to speak.

“I can feel your hurt and I am really sorry. Onyx has been giving me hell since you asked that question. He had been telling me to be patient, but to answer your question, I never promised to make anyone my luna, but there was someone that I have been intimate with regularly over the last few months. I considered making her my chosen mate, but I had not discussed it with her. I was getting pressure from the elders that the pack needed a luna, but nothing was decided. Onyx refused to consider marking anyone else other than our mate. I think he knew you were coming.”

“I did, and you should have listened to me when I told you not to be with that shewolf. Now my mate is hurt. If my mate leaves me, I will never speak to you again. We could have waited for her.” Onyx says.

“I honestly don’t know how I feel about this. You know I waited for you. Even after being rejected by my first mate, I waited for you. I did not know when I would ever meet you, but I knew I didn’t want to be with anyone other than my mate. I know it’s not fair because I knew I would get a second chance mate and you didn’t, but it still hurts. When was the last time you were with her?”

“The night before, you projected into the room with me and your cousins. I promise you I have not been with anyone else since I knew about you and I can promise you I would never be unfaithful to you.”

“Does she know about me?”

“Um, I don’t know. Most of the ranked members of the pack know, but I was more focused on rescuing you than making an announcement.”

“So as far as she knows, you are still available to her? Will I have to deal with drama when I get to your pack?”

“I don’t think she is that kind of wolf. I would never allow you to be disrespected by anyone. You are my everything. I already wear your mark and you wear mine. This is all I need or want.”

“Jarvis, I need you to understand me plainly. I want to be with you for life. I am committed to us, but I will not tolerate you being with other females or them disrespecting me because of you. So, I think I should go visit my parents before coming to your pack with you so that you can get your pack in order before I get there. I have already been through enough emotional trauma and I refuse to go through anything else. I think maybe I should find somewhere else to sleep until we get things sorted. I don’t know if I can be here with you tonight knowing that you laid with another female just days before you mated me. At the very least, you should have told me beforehand, or maybe we should have waited to mate until you were in the position to be with me fully.”

I pushed away from Jarvis and tried to walk away. Tamaska was whimpering in my mind. I know she thinks I am being harsh, but I have to spend my life giving everything I have to the supernatural community. My mate is supposed to be mine alone. He is supposed to be my safe haven. I am not feeling that with Jarvis right now.

Jarvis holds me to him tightly. He is refusing to let me go. I can see Onyx peeping through Jarvis, trying to reach out to me. As much as I want to talk with him, I can’t do it right now.

“I’m sorry, Onyx, I’m not mad at you. I just can’t handle much right now. Everything is a little fresh and raw for me right now.”

“I understand, Seleste, just know that we love you and we would never purposefully hurt you.”

Onyx fades back inside of Jarvis. I know he is upset, and I really don’t want to hurt him, but I can’t help the way that I feel. I have been strong for so long and held on for my mate and now I don’t know what to feel or think.

“Lettie don’t push mate away. He didn’t know about us. Just like I couldn’t tell you about Onyx, Onyx couldn’t even tell Jarvis that he had a second chance mate. Jarvis thought he would be alone for the rest of his life or stuck with someone he didn’t have a bond with. Please, Lettie, give him a chance. He really loves us.” Tamaska says.

“Seleste, please don’t leave me. Please don’t pull away from me. I am so sorry. I would have never been with another if I knew there was a chance that I would have a second chance mate. I did wait for my first mate. She had been the only one I had been with until a few months ago. I got lonely and looked for comfort where I should not have, but I can promise you with all that

I am that I would never do that to you. Maybe I should have waited to mate and mark you, but from the moment you appeared before Onyx and me, you have been the only thing I have thought about. I simply forgot about her. She will not be an issue in the future.”

“Jarvis, I will give us this one chance. But like I said earlier, I don’t like drama in my home. I am willing to leave the past in the past as long as your involvement with the female is in the past. I want us to work. I have deep feelings for you already and I know I can quickly fall heedlessly in love with you; however, if you hurt me, I will walk away from us. I have already survived being rejected, so I know I can survive anything. Please don’t put my resolve to the test. Now, having said that, I am going to trust you and trust that things will work out the way they should. Let’s go to bed. We have an early morning.”

“Thank you, baby, for trusting me. I won’t let you down.” Jarvis says.

We climb into bed, and soon Jarvis is in a deep sleep. I try to relax, but my mind continues to wander. I just have a feeling that something is going to happen tomorrow that I am not going to like. Something keeps telling me to guard my heart in this situation. Everything in me tells me that Jarvis is a good man. I know the moon goddess would not have made him my second chance if he wasn’t, but he may have opened a door that will be hard for him to close. He may have forgotten about that female, but I doubt if she forgot about him.

“T, I have a bad feeling. I don’t think things will go as smoothly as we had hoped with our mate.”

“As much as I hate to admit it, Lettie, I think you are right. I am also getting a bad feeling. Let’s just watch and see. I want to give Jarvis and Onyx the benefit of the doubt. Lettie, if things go wrong, I’m not able to break the bond after we have been marked. We would have to go to the king for that, but it is possible, especially for us. Ultimately, the moon goddess wants us happy. We are stronger when we are loved and connected to others. We are strongest when we are mated. Let’s trust that the moon goddess has a plan.”

“Ok. I guess we should try to rest, whatever happens, tomorrow, we will handle it like we always do.”

“I will be with you all the way, Lettie.”

After my talk with Tamaska, I relax enough to get some sleep. I trust the moon goddess and her process. I know Jarvis is my fated mate. Circumstances

brought us together sooner than I planned, but no matter what, I believe we will always find our way back to each other.

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I felt Seleste's discomfort most of the night. It took her a long time to get to sleep. I can't believe that my choice to be with Theresa in the past could ruin my relationship with my mate. I hope she knows I am not the type of male that would be in a relationship with two females at one time. My mother raised me with more respect than that. I need to talk with Theresa and let her know it is over between us. Now that I have my second chance mate, I can't imagine being with any other female. Seleste is everything to me. I need to slip away in the morning and call my beta. I need him to get to Theresa and keep her away from me until I tell her about me finding my second chance mate. I wasn't lying to Seleste when I said that I forgot about everything else when she projected herself in the room with me and her cousins. My only focus was on rescuing her.

"Well now, your focus better be on keeping our mate. I will never forgive you if anything happens and I lose another mate because of you. I will ask the moon goddess to take me away from you. You didn't listen to me when I told you to stop having se.x with that female.

"Come on Onyx. How was I supposed to know that we would get a second chance mate?"

"Regardless human, you should have listened to me and followed my instinct. Have I ever led you wrong? I told you that female was not the right one for us. Even if we ended up with a chosen mate, she was not the one. She has a mate out there. If we chose her, she would have left us when her mate came or stayed with us for our power and nothing else."

"You are right, Onyx. I'm sorry I didn't listen to you. I will do everything I can to protect our mate and make her happy. I will let Theresa know it is over. I want to do it face to face. I feel like I owe her that much."

"I don't agree with that. Our mate will not be happy about you meeting the female you were intimate with alone and in secret. Are you trying to ruin things for us?"

"Nothing is going to happen, Onyx. It will be a quick conversation and Seleste will never know."



“Why are you getting so dumb all of a sudden? This is a bad idea. You need to cut all ties with Theresa before we get back to the pack. You need to call her and end it before we leave.”

“I will not do that, Onyx. That would not be fair to Theresa. She has done nothing wrong. I found my mate, but she was important to me at one time. I shouldn’t just discard her like trash.”

“I am going on record and say this is a bad idea and when it blows up in your face, don’t blame me. If you value our mate and want things to work, end it with Theresa before we get back to the pack, so there won’t be any issues for our mate.”

‘Onyx, I will not break up with Theresa over the phone. That is not right. I will end things with her face to face.’

“Hump, if I didn’t know any better, I would think you just want to see and be with her one last time,” Onyx says and closes our link.

I think about what Onyx said, but no, that’s not it. I just want to end things correctly. Before long, it is morning and time for us to get up and head to my pack. My mate is up and dressed, looking beautiful. She is the most beautiful female I have ever seen. Why would I need to see another female when she is everything I could want? Onyx is wrong. I have no desire to be with Theresa again. I’m just trying to do the right thing.

“Keep telling yourself that. I hope it comforts you when our mate leaves us.”

“I thought you blocked me.”

“I did. I just want to remind you that I warned you this will not end well. That’s all.” Onyx says and closes the link again.

Onyx is worried about nothing.

My mate is silent this morning. I try to keep her close to me, but she keeps pulling away. She must be still upset about our conversation last night. Maybe Onyx is right about me letting Theresa know it’s over before I get back. If Seleste is this quiet now, she will be pissed if she found out that I met with Theresa.

I called my beta and tried to get him to bring Theresa into the office so that I can tell her about my mate, but my beta says that Theresa is not currently there. She went on a trip with her friends for a couple of days. That makes me relax a little. I won't have to worry about anything. I let my beta know that my mate and I will head that way within the hour. It will only take a couple of hours for us to get there via helicopter.

After a hardy breakfast, we all load up in the helicopters and the bus and head towards my pack. I notice that my mate is still quiet. I'm not the only one who notices.

"Let, are you ok?" Talia asks my mate.

"Yes, I'm good. I guess I'm just a little nervous about meeting the pack."

"Let, I have seen your face off with countless rogues without fear, win the battle against impossible odds without breaking a sweat and you are worried about meeting your mate's family who will and probably already love you?" Talia says.

"Talia is right, mate. My family will simply adore you. My pack is excited to have a luna again." I say.

Seleste looks at me and Talia and smiles but does not say much. The rest of the tip is relatively quiet, with me pointing out landmarks for Seleste. She seems a little on edge. So does Onyx. I trust everything is going to be ok,

"Onyx, why are you so worked up? Chill, everything is going to be ok."

"No, it's not. This will not end well. I can feel it. You should have called the female and ended it."

"I tried, remember? She wasn't at the pack when I called."

"You should have called her directly. You could have if you wanted to."

"Why, beta Leighton said Theresa went away for a couple of days. I will talk to her once Seleste settles in her room."

"Look human. I know you mean well, but you are being very dumb right now and your stupidity is going to hurt our mate and cause her to leave us. You can't say I didn't warn you repeatedly."

“You worry too much, Onyx. I love Seleste. I wouldn’t do anything to hurt her.”

“All I’m going to say is that I warned you,” Onyx says.

We finally make it to my pack’s helipad, and I am glad to be home. I can feel the excitement buzzing around my pack. The word has gotten around that I am bringing my mate home. They are all excited to meet her. I look at Seleste and she is genuinely smiling. I know she can feel the excitement of the pack.

We all step out of the helicopter and head towards the pack house. We don’t get that far before my mom and dad reached us. My mom immediately grabs Seleste in a hug.

“You must be Seleste. I’m Daisy, this idiot’s mom. I am so happy to meet you. I didn’t think this day would ever happen again for us, but I thank the moon goddess for you.” My mom says.

“Thank you so much, Mrs. Blake. I am so happy to meet you.” Seleste says.

“As you can see Seleste, this is my mother Daisy and the mountain of a man standing behind her is my father, Dockson.”

“Hi, Seleste. It’s a pleasure to finally meet you in person. Talia has told us all about you.”

“Thank you, Mr. Blake. It’s a pleasure meeting you as well.”

“None of that Mr. and Mrs., None sense.” My dad says, “You are family. You can call us by our names.”

My dad and mom walk with Seleste in the middle of them. We start back towards the pack house. I introduce Seleste to rank members as we pass them on the way. Everything is going smoothly so far. Seleste has relaxed with my parents. She, Talia, my mom, and Yvette are talking about going shopping later. Seleste will need clothes since all of her things are still in the bear’s den. I know Seleste has her own money, but I will send her on this shopping trip with my credit card. I want to see her walking around in the clothes that I provided for her.

Just as we got to the front of the pack house, I hear a loud scream of my name and Theresa runs and jumps in my arms. She wraps her legs around me and kisses me on the mouth.

“Hi, baby. I missed you. When did you get back?” Theresa says and kisses me again while her legs are still wrapped around me.

I hear my mate yell in pain. Talia comes up and snatches Theresa out of my arms.

“How could you do this to my best friend? Alpha or not, I will kill you for this. You didn’t have to bring her here for this.” Talia says and jumps at me, but is caught by her mates who are also glaring at me.

I am frozen in the same spot. I don’t know what to do. I didn’t expect this to happen.

Theresa gets up and comes back over and puts her arms around me.

“What the hell Talia. Is that any way to treat the future luna of this pack? Jarvis should make you leave for that. Baby, did you see what she did to me?”

My mate just stands there and looks at me. I can see the hurt and anger in her eyes. She looks at Theresa’s arms around me and looks back into my eyes. I’m still frozen.

“Baby, let’s go to your room. You have been gone for days. Let me show you how much I missed you.” Theresa says and tries to pull me into the packhouse.

Seleste is still standing there, just looking at me. Like she is waiting for something to happen. After about a minute, she drops her head and teleports away.

“Seleste, wait,” I yell, but it is too late.

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My mate is gone, and I don’t know where she went. That’s enough to break me out of my fog. I shove Theresa away from me.

“Fine, time for you to act now, son.” My father says. “I am so disappointed in you. Your mother and I raised you better than that. The moon goddess gives you a second chance mate, and that is how you treat her. I hope she never comes back. You don’t deserve her.”

My mother just looks at me with disappointment.

"I can't even stand to look at you right now." My mother says as she grabs my father's hand and they walk away from me.

I look around and I see the disappointment on the faces of all the pack members around me.

"I used to have so much respect for you. I constantly told Seleste what a great guy you were. I prayed to the moon goddess to make you Seleste's second chance mate because I thought you would cherish her well. I wish I had not spoken so highly of you, so she wouldn't have accepted you so readily." Talia says and walks off.

"My cousin did not deserve that. I will let the council know I can no longer work with you. I have lost all respect I had for you. What kind of male allows another woman to completely disrespect his mate like that? You know, she waited to see if you would push that female away from you, but you didn't. You let her kiss you in the mouth twice. Talia had to push her away. Then you let her come right back into your arms. Your actions said it all." Sam said.

"Like my brother, I can no longer work with you. You are a disgrace to everything we stand for. If I have my way, you and your pack will be removed from the protector team. I no longer trust you with my cousin." Drew says and walks off to join his brother and mate.

"What the hell is going on, Jarvis?" Theresa says.

"That's alpha to you. I never told you, you could address me by my name and I never told you, you would be my luna"

"But we've been together for months."

"No, we've been fvcking for months. We have never been in a relationship. We had an understanding. Maybe I was a little lax in letting you have your way around here, but you knew we would never be more than what we were."

"So it's true? You were granted a second chance mate. I thought it was just gossip when I heard it around the pack."

"You knew I had a mate before you pulled that little stunt just now?" I asked her.

"I had heard it, yes, but when you held on to me and didn't push me away, I figured the rumors were false. Why would you allow it if I meant nothing to you? After all, you kissed me back. Why else did your mate feel the pain when we kissed? She would not have felt the pain if you didn't kiss me back."

"It is over between us. Stay away from me. If you come before me again, I will banish you. The fact that you purposely tried to hurt my mate says a lot about you. I thought better of you than that. I respected you as a person. I was coming to tell you about my mate face to face instead of calling you and dumping you over the phone. I apparently gave you more consideration than you gave me."

"So you are going to end things just like that. Your mate left. She will not want you back after what you did and baby, no matter how much you deny it, it was you. You let me do all of that in front of your mate. So you need to check yourself."

"Even if she never comes back to me, I will still wait for her. As you can see, I am already marked. This is for life."

"Well then, you should have stopped me, at the very least. You should have pushed me away. Ask yourself why you didn't. I'll leave you with that." Theresa says and walks away.

I go up to my room. I don't know what to do right now. I hurt my mate in the worst way. I don't know if she will ever forgive me, but we are mated, and this is for life. It will hurt us to be away from each other. I can already feel the pain of separation.

"I told you to end it before we got back. Now my mate is gone."

"I'll make it up to her when she comes back. The mate bond should bring her back to us."

"You are an idiot. She is the moon goddess' chosen one. Do you not know that there is a way for her to completely break the bond between us and reject us even after we've marked each other? Do you not remember the reason the young alpha did not lose his wolf was that Tamaska broke the bond and released him and walked away? Don't think she can't do it again and guess what? If she breaks the bond with us, the moon goddess will give her the option of having another mate. So yeah. You fucked up royally, and I will

never forgive you. Why did you mate and mark her if you still wanted that female?"

"I don't want that female. I want our mate."

"I was there Jarvis. For a minute, you kissed her back. The only thing that stopped you was the pain our mate felt. It should not have gotten that far. I think she may have even forgiven you if it didn't get that far. You betrayed our mate. Something you promised her you wouldn't do. Tamaska told me before they left she will never allow you to hurt her human again and that she will break the bond herself before she allows that to happen. Do you know how rare it is for a wolf to want to break the bond with her mate? You did that to our mate."

"I never meant to hurt her. It was always my intention to end it with Theresa. I wasn't expecting her to do what she did. You know she has never done anything like that before. I was in shock. I still don't know what happened. It was like I was watching everything happen, with no control over my actions for a moment. I can't explain it, but I know I never meant to hurt Seleste. Seleste is my world, and I am lost without her."

After a while of me sitting quietly in my room, I got a link from my beta asking me to come to my office for a conference call with a pissed-off gamma, a few alphas, and a councilman. I guess the shit has hit the fan. I walk into my office and on the screen is Gamma True glaring at me, along with Alpha Clark, Alpha Connor, young Alpha Trevor, Prince Julian, and councilman Bari,

"From the look of things, you know why we called you." Councilman Bari says.

I just nod. They even brought the vampire prince in. This is really bad.

"We need to discuss your role with the Protector team moving forward."

"He has no role with my daughter's team after this. Alpha Blake, I warned you that if you hurt my daughter, I would kill you. I meant what I said. When this war is over, I plan to challenge you for your pack in a fight to the death." Gamma True says looking at me with so much hate.

I know he means it. I growl at him. After all, I am an alpha. There is only so much disrespect I can take. Who is he to challenge me?



“Did you forget that Gamma True is a direct descendent of the Original Protector? He is an alpha wolf in his own right.” Onyx says.

That makes me stop and think. This may be a real challenge. One that could result in one of our deaths.

“Calm down gamma. There is no need for that. Right now, we need to focus on Seleste and the rebellion. We cannot allow ourselves to be distracted.” Councilman Bari says. “Alpha Blake, as of now, everyone on the team is refusing to work with you. What do you have to say for yourself?”

“I am Seleste’s mate. I need to be there to protect her.”

“Did you protect her when that shewolf was wrapped around you?” Alpha Clark growled.

“Did you protect her heart when she teleported all the way to my castle just to be as far away from you as she could get? The scary thing is that she wasn’t even aiming for my castle. She was aiming for her parent’s home. Thank the goddess she found me. She could have ended up anywhere thanks to you.” Prince Julian says.

“I just need to talk to her. I can straighten this out. I love Seleste. I never meant to hurt her.”

“If you think we will let you anywhere near her, you are sadly mistaken.” Alpha Connor says. “We will meet and discuss ending our alliance between our packs when things calm down.”

“As will I.” Alpha Clark says.

“You all are willing to end years of alliance without even hearing my side of the story?” I asked.

“I don’t need to hear your side. I saw Seleste after she teleported to Prince Julian. I saw how broken she was. I witness the strongest person I know doubt herself for the first time in her life. I was on the phone with her and my mate when she wasn’t able to use her powers and Prince Julian had to teleport her to the safe house where she is now, so no, Alpha Blake. I don’t need to hear anything from you.”

“As a member of the council, it is my role to stay neutral, but I will tell you, personally, as a male, I have lost all respect for you and I will recommend to the council that we discontinue our affiliation with you. If you can’t be trusted to take care of the gift that the goddess gave you, why should we trust you with anything else? As a male who lost their mate several years ago, do you know how bad I want a second chance mate? Someone was chosen for me by the goddess. To feel that connection again. To be whole again. The goddess gave you that, and you tossed it away, and for what? A shewolf who went into a relationship with you, knowing that you were not her mate. A female who flaunted her relationship with you when she knew you had been given a second chance. That’s what you threw the goddess’ gift away for. If I would have known your character better, I would have never encouraged her to give you a chance.”

“I never meant to hurt her. When that female jumped on me, I froze. I was not expecting that to happen. I literally froze. I didn’t snap out of it until Seleste left. By then the damage was done, but I will do anything to make it up to her. Seleste is my mate, dammit. We have already marked each other. She has to come back to me. I can’t be without her and she can’t be without me for long. We need each other.”

“Is that what you think, Alpha Blake?” Gamma True said, “You think my daughter needs you? You forget, my daughter is the direct descendant of an original. She can survive without you. The mate bond is not what drives her. She chose to accept you because she wanted you, not because the bond pulled her. She also knows what she needs to do to sever the bond with you and yes, she is considering it and I support her completely.”

“As do I,” Councilman Bai says.

“What can I do to make you all see that I never meant to hurt Seleste? I love her. I want her in my life. Look at me. I’m an alpha who is broken and begging for a second chance with my mate.”

Just as I was pleading my case, another party joined the call.

“Greetings, your majesty.” Everyone said to the Alpha King.

“To what do we owe the honor of your participation in this call?” Councilman Bari says.

"As you all know, my royal gamma is cousins with Seleste. In fact, we are all distant relatives, so seeing her hurt is something I will not tolerate. She was not even this distraught when she went through the rejection with young Trevor. She has asked me to sever the mate bond between her and Alpha Blake. I am seriously considering it. The bond is weakening her to the point that if we went to war right now, she would not be able to fight. I never go against the will of the goddess without good reason, but what you have done, Alpha Blake is unforgivable. So Tell me, Alpha Blake, why shouldn't I grant Seleste's wish?" The king asked.

"Your Majesty. I made a mistake. I was not expecting that female to jump on me like that, and I froze. This sort of thing has never happened to me before. I have served the kingdom faithfully all of my life. My Character has never come into question before. I am truly sorry for the way things happened, and I didn't mean to hurt Seleste. I just froze. I know I should have pushed her off of me. I can't even explain what happened. I just seemed to be rooted in that one spot." I say.

"Seriously Jarvis. That is your excuse. You just froze? You got to be fvcking kidding me. Do I look like an idiot to you? I gave you a chance to push her away. I stood there for two whole minutes. Two whole fvcking minutes waiting for you to push her away, acknowledge my presence. Anything, but you did nothing but look at me. I could have forgiven you if that was all that you did, but you k!ssed her right in front of me. That I cannot forgive. You knew I would feel that. You knew it would cause me pain, and you still did it. You k!ssed another female after marking me. You knew the consequences of that. We discussed this the night before. I told you I would go to my parents for a time to give you time to get yourself and that relationship sorted out, but you insisted I stay with you. Why? I gave you an out, but you refused. Why? So that you could disrespect and hurt me. I told you that night that you would get one chance and one chance only. That was your chance. I am done. After this call, we will never contact each other again."

My mate stepped back away from the camera after saying that.

"Seleste, please. I need you. Please give me another chance."

"Your crocodile tears mean nothing to me," Seleste says.

"Seleste, the goddess, put us together for a reason. Please don't let my mistake ruin everything we can be together." I beg.

“That’s just it, Jar. I mean, Alpha Blake, you made a choice, not a mistake. K!ssing her, knowing I would feel it was a choice.”

“I didn’t even know I was doing that. Please Seleste. You are my everything. I can’t live without you.”

“Alpha Blake, you are a grown-a.ss alpha male. How can you not know when you are k!ssing someone? That is just bull. I am done with this conversation. Your majesty. I have made my request. Please grant me my freedom. We have a battle coming soon and I cannot access all of my powers while I am still bonded to him. I need to be at full strength.”

“Your Majesty. My daughter has been through enough. She is willing to sacrifice everything for the kingdom. Please don’t let her sacrifice her happiness. That’s the one area she should not have to worry about. He was supposed to be her sanctuary. That’s what the moon goddess promised her. He is clearly not capable of being that. Please free her.” Gamma True says.

At this point, I feel completely defeated. There is nothing I can say to explain or justify what I did. I was given a second chance mate by the goddess and somehow I ruined it all. I still don’t know what happened. It was almost like I was under a spell or something. I didn’t want her hands on me and I didn’t realize that I k!ssed her. That can’t be normal, but at this point, no one will believe me. Moon goddess, please help me. You know my heart better than anyone. You know I would never intentionally hurt or disrespect my mate. Please, moon goddess. Please save and restore my relationship with my mate.

“Alpha Blake, I have known you pretty much all of your life.” The king says. “I have never had a reason to doubt your integrity before. While I am disappointed in your actions, something about this does not sit right with me. I did not detect any deceit in you when you said you did not realize you k!ssed her. I heard your thoughts just now when you said you felt like you could have been under a spell. I think there is something more at play here and all is this may be connected to the rebellion or it is an attempt to weaken Seleste. For now, I will not agree to sever the mate bond. I will send one of our witch allies to your pack, Alpha Blake. I want her to examine you and the clothes you were wearing at the time of the incident. Please don’t wash them. We will investigate this. Alpha Blake, If I determine your actions were based on your own free will, I will break the bond and free Seleste, but if you were influenced by magic, I will not grant the request and would ask you two to spend time

together and try to repair the bond. If after a time, you cannot repair the bond, I will reconsider breaking your bond. Is that agreeable to everyone?"

I can see everyone looking thoughtful. Many of the ones on this call have known me for years. I hope they can give me a chance to prove myself.

Everyone agrees with the king to do an investigation. If I was attacked by magic, this is a threat to the kingdom. If there are spells strong enough to briefly control or influence an alpha, that would be bad news for all of us. The king is sending a powerful witch and a few of his delta forces to come and investigate. This is making me feel like I was a test dummy for the mind control that we heard the traitor councilman talking about. But it should not have worked on me because I am mated. Maybe they were testing a new formula, but how did Theresa get it? There are too many unanswered questions.

I try to get one more look at my mate, but she is back out of the camera. I miss her so much. I hope she can forgive me and help me overcome this. I know that I would have never done anything like that to her.

"Ok, everyone. We all have homework to do. We all need to take a few moments and calm down. So we can refocus on dealing with the threat to our kingdom. If I am right and they used some type of spell on Alpha Blake, there are implications for all of us. He is one of the strongest alphas in our kingdom. Seleste, you will stay at the safe house with royal guards. We still don't know if you were the target or not. We will not take a chance on your safety, especially while you don't have full access to your powers. I will arrange for your friends to be sent to you. Alpha Blake, you will not have any contact with Seleste during the investigation. She will determine if she wants to talk to you after the investigation is completed. My team is already on the way to you. They should be there within a couple of hours. For everyone else, let's get some rest. We have a lot to do. Young Alpha Trevor will contact everyone within the next couple of days about the situation with the councilman and their claim that the grandson is the offspring of a royal. You are all dismissed." The king says and ends the conference call.

"Well, son, that went better than I thought. I hope for your sake, they find you were under a spell and did not purposely hurt Seleste. But son, I think you should probably leave the pack in the hand of beta until we know you are free of their control just to be on the safe side." My father says.

I didn't even realize my parents were in the room with me. My mom still has not said anything to me.

"I will make this right," I say to my parents and walk out of my office to wait for the king's team to get here.

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I materialized in a room that looks different, but somehow familiar. This is not my room at my parent's house. I do not know where I am now. I don't feel any immediate danger, so I need to first figure out where I am. As I am looking around, two people walk into the room.

"What the hell, Seleste? How did you get here?" Prince Julian asked.

At this point, I am barely holding it together. After seeing Prince Julian, I realized I somehow teleported myself to him. I guess that makes sense. This was one of the last places I felt completely safe and will be the last place anyone looks for me.

I looked at Prince Julian and Princess Violetta, and all I can do was cry. Princess Violetta walks up to me and just hugs me.

"Julian, call Alpha Clark. Something has happened. I know I don't know Seleste as well as you all, but I can't imagine what could have made her break down like this. You go make the call. I'll stay here with her."

Prince Julian walks out of the room. I'm still not able to do anything but cry in Violetta's arms. This is my life right now and I can't believe it. I have stood on the sidelines and cheered for all of my friends as they found their mates. I watched them come together and be happy. Everything fit together seamlessly with them. Even with Rose and that crazy shewolf who was obsessed with alpha Clark. Garnet completely supported Rose and put that shewolf in her place, but my mate allowed his female to completely disrespect me. I asked him not to take me back there, not to let me face this kind of drama. He promised me, and the worst part is that I believed him.

"T, I can't handle things right now. For now, I need you to take over. I need to rest. I am too broken to deal with this."

"Ok, Lettie. I'll handle things for now. You rest. I'll take care of our body."

I am so lucky to have Tamaska. I can tell she wanted to say more, but she knows I need this right now. I can feel she wants to talk to Onyx, but she won't out of love and respect for me. I just can't deal with all of this right now.

I go in the back of our minds and change places with Tamaska. I can still be here and see everything; I don't even bother to pay attention. Right now, I'm empty and numb. I don't know why the moon goddess would allow me to be hurt like this, especially at this time.

I need to be at the top of my game for the upcoming war. My heart needs to be healed., and I need to refocus. For now, I'll just stay here and heal.

"Violetta, this is Tamaska, Seleste's wolf. She is hurting right now. Actually, we both are, but she needs me more right now. Our mate hurt us bad."

"I understand Tamaska. Is there anything I can do to help?" Violetta asks.

"You are already doing it by just being there for us," Tamaska says.

"Do you want to talk about it?" Violetta asks.

Tamaska begins to tell Violetta what happens. As she is nearing the end of the story, Julian walks back into the room, and he is beyond pissed.

"Violetta, I can't believe what that idiot alpha wolf did to our friend. I will kill him with my own hands for hurting her like that." Prince Julian says.

"Tamaska was just telling me about it," Violetta says.

"Tamaska?"

"Yes, Prince Julian. Seleste is hurting and needed a break. I am taking over for now while she regains her strength."

"Tamaska, I am so sorry you two had to go through something like this again. I am so angry and shocked that Alpha Blake would be so disrespectful. The council has called a meeting. I have also called the king, and he wants to talk to you and Seleste before the meeting." Prince Julian says.



"That is good. I know Seleste wanted to talk to him about breaking the bond between her and Jarvis, and me and Onyx. I am not strong enough to break it myself because we completed the mating process," Tamaska says.

Prince Julian escorts us to his office so we can talk to my king. Before we all have a conference call. Tamaska explains to the king that I want to break the bond between Jarvis and me. Tamaska explains that we have too much at stake for me to be tied to a broken bond. The king first asked if we were sure we wanted to do this. I am sure, but Tamaska is a little hesitant. She wants to give Jarvis and Onyx a chance to explain themselves. I gave him all the chances he needed when I stood there quietly and watched that shewolf stick her tongue down his throat.

The king said that he will consider everything and reminded me I am stronger than this. He reminded me of my ancestry and told me not to let this break me, no matter what my future with Jarvis may hold. The king expressed his anger and disgust at the way Jarvis handled things, especially when I told the king that I offered to travel back with my father to allow him time to get things straight at his pack before I came, but he insisted I come with him and promised that he would take care of everything. The king will let us know his decision after our conference call with our Protector team since my relationship or lack of relationship with Jarvis impacts the makeup of the team. As of now, I informed the king that I cannot and will not work with Jarvis. I want him and his pack off of my team as soon as possible. I understand that we have many undercover operations running through his pack, but since the twins run that operation, we can shift to another pack. All I know is that right now, at this very moment, I just want to distance myself away from Jarvis as far as I can.

When Julian left me with Violetta, he called Alpha Clark and ended up talking to my dad and Councilman Bari. They called an immediate meeting. The meeting started soon after my conversation with the king. I did not want to be in this meeting, since the primary goal was to meet with Jarvis and get his side of things. It is much too soon for this. I stood behind Prince Julian for much of the conversation. I knew that my mate couldn't see me. Tamaska blocked Onyx so they could not sense either. It hurt to see him look so broken, but he did this to us. He made the choices that lead to this. He could have let me go to my parents while he cleaned his house.

My dad is beyond pissed. My dad just issued a challenge to Jarvis. I know my dad does not want to be an Alpha, but his love for me is strong enough for him to take that role just to avenge me. Prince Julian told my dad how messed up I

was when I came to him and Violetta, and I know my dad is ready to tear this world apart for me. I am glad my mom is there to keep him calm. My dad mentioned that Jarvis should no longer work with me or my team. My dad understands me and knows that I can't work with Jarvis after this.

After everyone lets Jarvis know how they feel about him, the king logs into the call. To say that it hit the fan when he did is an understatement. He let it out that we are distantly related and that the Royal Gamma is my cousin. The king lets Jarvis know I want to break our mate bond. The king asks Jarvis to give him a reason he shouldn't break our bond. Jarvis has the nerve to say that he didn't know he was kissing her. I lost it at that point. I can't believe he used that as an excuse. My anger tripled after that. I am so mad, I'm shaking right now. Violetta is all but holding me up. I am so done with this conversation. My dad steps in and continues to plead my case. At this point, I just want all of this done. I am not even paying attention to them anymore.

I can see the king in deep thought while everyone else is talking around us. He is focusing on Jarvis. I know he is reading Jarvis right now to see if he is being deceitful. I haven't even tried to read his aura. Honestly, I don't want to. I'm just so over all of this. Maybe I'm just meant to be alone.

"Lettie, don't give up hope. I know it hurt us, but I strongly believe there is more to this story than we know. Now that I am calm, I remembered I could not link with Onyx when everything was happening. I know Onyx was not blocking me. I could feel him trying to reach out to me, but there was a block in place. He also could not fully connect to Jarvis. I could feel his panic. I don't know what this all means or if Jarvis was the one blocking us, but we need to find out."

"I hear what you are saying, T, and I know you want your mate more than anything. I just don't have any hope left for this. I would rather be alone. I just don't trust in this anymore."

"I understand Lettie, I will support you no matter what. We are awesome, with or without a mate."

"T, did you hear what the king just said about Jarvis being under some type of spell or magical control? How is that even possible?"

"I don't know Lettie. Let's just see what happens."

Now Tamaska and I are both paying attention again. Everyone, including my dad, is looking thoughtful. We all know that the rebels have been trying to find a way to control wolves. They even drugged me and tried to disrupt my connection to Tamaska. The king is going to send a magical ally to Jarvis to investigate. The king will not decide about breaking our bond until the investigation is completed. I can understand why the king is hesitant, but I will not get my hopes up. I know the humans say you are innocent until proven guilty. For me, Jarvis needs to prove himself innocent.