

Chapter 0009

"What the hell!" Lucas said as he stepped away from me and I did the same as the word "Ewe." Came from my lips.

Why would our mother even suggest that. The thought of being Lucas's mate made me sick to the stomach, but my wolf began to purr to what my mother said and I had to wonder if my wolf was defective or if she hadn't got the memo that Lucas was my brother.

"We have to tell them." My mother now said to my father and Lucas quickly asked, "Tell us what?"

Father began to shake his head like he didn't want to tell us what our mother thought we needed to know but then he caved into her and said to her, "It's for you to tell my love."

Our mother moved towards the chair in front of Lucas's desk and she took a seat. Father moved with her and he placed a hand on her shoulder as if he was trying to comfort her. Mother's hand reached up and she placed her hand over his before she took in a deep breath and said, "Layla, there's no easy way to tell you this and I honestly wish I never would have had to tell you, but I see that the Moon Goddess has other plans for you."

My heart began to race thinking about what was so important that my mother hoped she never would have had to tell me. My full attention was on her and I watched as she took another deep breath as she paused and I could see in her eyes as they began to fill with tears that this was hard on her.

"Layla, sweetheart. Your father and I aren't your biological parents."
My mother then finally said and I felt like a carpet had just been pulled out from beneath my feet as I reached for something to hold onto before I collapsed from this news.

Strong arms wrapped around me and I felt myself steady but I also felt the heat begin to build in my core just from his touch, and I quickly pushed Lucas away from me not sure how I felt about all of this. Lucas wasn't my biological brother and it all made sense now why I was feeling the way I was towards him but that doesn't mean I want this mate bond between the two of us. What would the pack think if they found out that I was not really the daughter of the Alpha. Worst yet what would they think about Lucas and I being mates.

"I'm so sorry Layla. We probably should have told you before your birthday but what are the chances that the Moon Goddess would have paired you with Lucas." Mother now said and I don't even know if she still wants me to call her mother or if I had another mother out there.

"My real parents?" I ask her now barely able to think.

"Your mother was my best friend and she passed away during childbirth. I took you as my own because I so desperately wanted another pup, but your father and I couldn't have another." My mother now said, and it was nice to hear her still call my father, father to me, but then that made me have to ask, "And what of my biological father?"

My father this time decided to answer my question with, "Your father was a great warrior from the Shadow Moon pack. Unfortunately, he was unable to care for you and a few years after your mother passed

away, he passed away from a broken heart."

Tears began to build behind my lids as sadness filled me hearing about my parents I never knew. Lucas's hand went to reach for me and I quickly stepped away from him and said, "Don't touch me." I then looked at my adopted parents and asked, "Why did you keep this from me?"

Tears began to trickle down my mother's cheeks as she began to shake her head before she said, "Because I loved you as my own and I was scared if I told you that you would want to go to Shadow Moon. I couldn't bear the thought of losing you. You were my little princess, and you still are."

Tears now poured down my own cheeks from my mother's confession to me. I fully understood that her fear of losing me was her reasoning why and that she never gave me anything but unconditional love, but a part of me now wanted what she feared. Shadow Moon was my father's pack and something inside of me wanted to go there and see my father's family if any were left.

The door to the office then flew open at that moment and Brittany stood in the doorway. She looked at me and then at Lucas and said, "Lucas our guests are asking for you. Plus, we need to finish the ceremony that we were so rudely interrupted with." She then looked at me and even though she could clearly see the tears pouring down my cheeks there was no empathy in her eyes towards me.

Lucas now stared at me and I stared back at him wondering what he was going to do now that he knew we were mates. He said just a few days ago that he was choosing Brittany over his true mate today at

the ceremony but that was before he knew his true mate was me. A part of me wanted him to choose me over her but another part of me knew that would never happen because he had already made his mind up.

"Lucas, did you hear me?" Brittany now asked and I could tell by her tone that she wasn't liking the fact he was leaving her waiting.

I continued to stare into his eyes waiting to see what he was going to do about this situation. But as I stared at him, I could see that he was conflicted about what to do. This wasn't the way a true mate bond was supposed to be. You were to love your true mate with unconditional love, and I could see looking into Lucas's eyes that wasn't the case with us.

Before I knew what I was saying it came from my lips, "You better not leave your Luna to be waiting or your guests." I then turned my back to him, not wanting him to see the hurt that now filled my eyes and to the depths of my soul.

A low growl rippled in the room and I knew it was Lucas but when I turned Lucas was gone and Brittany stood in the doorway with a smile on her face as she shut the door to the office. Not able to bear the pain any longer I fell to my knees letting it all out.