## Chapter 18 - Comtain my excitement

Nicolas POV

Now that I have resolved my inner conict about staying away from Zara, I am going to see her.

I could already taste her soft lips on mine and hear her sweet moans beneath my touch. I was dying to be with her and eager to taste her once more.

Luna Zara will be very surprised to nd you there."

"It is done," Ronan said, getting in the car.

I gave Levi instructions to meet me at their cave this afternoon.

"Did he say anything?" I asked.

As Ronan started the black SUV and drove away, my mind raced back.

"No," he answered. "Beta Levi accepted the note without indicating that something was up.

In the few minutes we waited for Zara to clean herself up in the restroom, Levi and I struck

"Just to be clear, Alpha," stated Levi seriously. "Luna Zara and I are not formally mated nor marked."

up a very interesting conversation—one that would benet me in seeing Zara anytime I

It appeared that Levi was a little nervous to get that off his chest.

"I have noticed that," I replied, and a grin formed at the corners of my lips, remembering how lovely Zara's mouns sounded in my ears when I had my ngers inside her and licking

If they had been fully marked and mated, I would not have been able to do so. Neither would I have been drawn to her like a moth to a ame.

Curiosity got the better of me, and I had to nd out the whole backstory of why the two had chosen to act like a mated couple of wolves.

"Why is that?" I asked cautiously.

"It is a complicated story," Levi stated. "However, rest assured that Luna Zara is very safe

under my care."

her juices from her tiny p\*ssy.

I scowled at him, not sure what he was getting at. Did he mean something more than met the eye with those few words?

I sighed as I remembered Ray's words. For some strange reason, Ray trusted Levi blindly

"I want to see her again," I said, c\*\*\*\*g my head in his direction. "And you will be

responsible for planning that."

Levi nodded without arguing. That thought appeared to please him.

"I will be happy to help," he answered. "However, Alpha, just promise me one thing."

with our mate. Perhaps I ought to follow suit and take a risk as well.

"I do not want anything in return," he said. "But swear to me that you will not cause Luna

Her pain and suffering are too much for me to bear."

"Anything," I responded. "Name your price."

Levi seemed to have a very soft spot for Luna Zara. I was unable to comprehend their attempt to trick everyone into believing that they were mated.

any pain or break her heart. I hold her in the highest regard. She has gone through enough.

However, the more I thought about it, the more I realized it did not matter.

I could tell that Levi had no romantic feelings toward Zara based on his nonchalant

response when he smelled me on her a few minutes ago. I guess they must have an

agreement in place.

her and make her my Luna. You have my word."

That was an easy promise to make. I was already completely smitten with her.

The little she-wolf has already taken up most of the room in my heart. One of these days

"I have no intention of hurting her," I answered rmly. "My intention is to dedicate my life to

she will have me by the balls.

"Call me Nic," I said. "That is what everyone in my circle calls me."

Levi ashed a delighted smile at that. He likes that idea.

"Thank you, Alpha Nicholas," Levi said, bowing his head.

"I most certainly will," I answered.

"As you please, Alpha Nic," he answered. "Let me know what you need."

directly.

suppose her grievance stems from my failure to claim her at the altar.

"Take your chance now," Ray barked from the back of my mind. "And ask him to assist you

in seeing her this afternoon. He will denitely assist. He gives off the impression of being

Zara appeared to view me as a challenge, but Levi appeared to be more approachable. I

I had a feeling it would be easier to learn from Levi Zara's preferences than by asking her

"And I am not?" I challenge.

planned some sort of surprise for her, and not a week passed without one. I love taking care of and spoiling my mate, and I planned to do the same for Zara.

"I think Zara is going to be very different from Isabella," Ray replied. "She will not take

pleasure in big, fancy things the way Isabella did, who enjoyed elegant dinners and pricey

Throughout the years I spent with Isabella, I consistently managed to impress her. I always

"What do you suggest I do?" I asked.

the underground tunnels slipped your mind?"

"Within the territory?" Bet Levi asked.

a hopeless romantic."

and make an impression. I think she likes to take risks."

"And how can we accomplish that without being noticed?" I asked. "The Silverado pack is

well protected. It would be much harder to cross the border covertly now that war is

imminent, and it would look suspicious if I asked Alpha Rick to see Zara by herself."

"Suprise her by sneaking into the pack to see her," Ray said. "That is going to rile her up

It took me a moment to understand what Ray was talking about.

"Tell me, beta," I said, crossing my ngers behind my back. "Is there somewhere a quiet

and isolated place where I could meet Luna Zara and nobody would know?"

as our secret hiding place. We are the only ones who go there."

things related to my leaving the pack without being noticed.

I raised an eyebrow, challenging Ronan.

"Who said that we were going to cross the border?" Ray interjected with a question. "Have

I nodded.

"Our den is the only place that comes to mind," he answered. "It is a cave that is near the

river. Zara and I found it a couple of years ago, and Alpha Rick gave us permission to use it

Could it be that one of the tunnels did, in fact, end up there? That would make things a lot

"How much of the cave have you explored? I asked. "Are there any tunnels in it?"

Levi and Zara's secret.

That sort of thing."

I sighed.

instructions not to explore the tunnels. I suppose he was afraid that while we were down there, we might get lost or hurt. Having grown up, we have essentially forgotten about the tunnels and their intended destination."

I felt a surge of excitement. Was there any chance I could sneak into and out of the pack

without anyone knowing? I would be able to see Zara whenever I wanted and still protect

The drive back to our pack was an exciting but busy one. Ronan and I talked about a few

"We spent some time exploring the cave," he answered. "However, Alpha Rick gave us

"Just be home before dinner," Ronan said, sounding like a parent enforcing a curfew.

"With reference to what?" I asked.

"The pack," he said. "He wants you to form alliances and begin signing treaties once more.

"Your father requested a meeting with you tonight," he briey but quickly explained.

My father was always berating me for breaking pack customs and rules, and I was not in the mood to hear it. As of now, we were managing just ne without outside assistance.

"Yes," I replied. "Everything is arranged."

duffel bag, and headed for the lake.

"What a great idea," I said, taking my phone out of my pocket and making a call.

"So I guess I should book a dinner reservation then?" Ronan said when I hung up the call.

advised. "For the time being, that ought to satisfy him and keep him off your back."

"You can tell your father that you intend to sign a treaty with the Silverado Pack," Ray

"I will see you later," I said as I undressed and took my due bag containing extra clothes out of the back seat. Ray found it simpler to carry my clothes that way.

As soon as we crossed the border, Ronan stopped the SUV, and I climbed out.

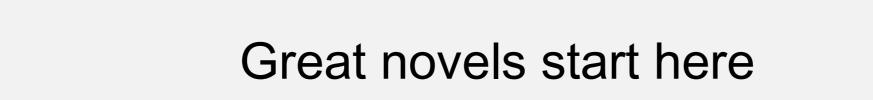
Our run would take approximately thirty minutes to arrive at the lake and an additional ten minutes or so to reach the secret cave situated at the base of the mountain, but the trip through the tunnels was unknown.

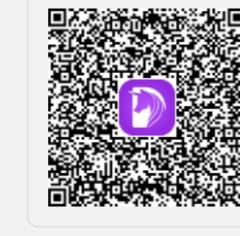
"Don't be late," Ronan said, and I rolled my eyes. Ray took control and shifted, grabbed the

I could not contain my excitement, as I anticipated seeing Zara's surprised but shocked expression.

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Is she going to be pleased to see me?





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