Chapter: 21

Mason

I felt it the moment it happened. It hurt like hell, a crippling pain that brought me to my knees. I had scratched at my chest, leaving marks, while groaning through gritted teeth. Then there was nothing. The pain had disappeared and so had my bond to Carly.

For a sliver of a seconds I felt complete and utter sadness but it was soon replaced with blinding hot rage. My desk was across the room in seconds while my fists flew into anything that was in reach. The skin on my knuckles ripped apart and healed back together in seconds.

My body shook with rage before bursting into a large, snarling wolf. My anger was uncontrollable and seconds a er turning everything went dark as my wolf took control.

I woke up in a puddle of blood. As soon as my eyes opened my ears perked up and my eyes were darting around. As my senses came back to me I looked down at the ground and saw several, mutilated deer bodies. My nose twitched due to the strong scent of their blood.

As I remembered what had caused me to be so angry in the first place a loud growl to vibrate in my throat. I clenched my fists so hard my nails dug le marks.

Once again I burst into my wolf form, taking o towards the pack house. I arrived minutes later and I heard everything go silent once I did. The anger that was radiating o of me could be felt miles away, meaning my members knew that question storm was about to hit.

I shi ed back to my human, grabbed a pair of shorts from a bush, and marched into the house. Zach, My father, My mother and Aiden all stood, waiting for me, in the kitchen.

My mother's eyes widened as she took in my appearance and I watched as Aiden whimpered and shrunk back behind my mother's leg, this only angered me more.

I took long strides forward and snatched Aiden o of the ground, holding him tightly to my chest and taking in his scent. This helped to calm me and my wolf, if only by a little.

As Aiden pushed against my chest, trying to get away, I looked down at him only to frown when I saw that his hands and clothes were bloodied. I sighed and gently lowered him to his feet, watching as he ran out of the room, my mother right on his heels.

"Whats gotten you so worked up?" Zach asked me cautiously, knowing that he was walking on thin ice. I clenched my jaw and my fist and an on slaughter of emotions hit me.

"The bond has been broken. She has been claimed by another." I growled out, turning my head so that the two men wouldn't see the single, silent tear that ran down my cheek.

Silence surrounded us for many minutes.

"I'm surprised that it took her so long to do it." My father suddenly spoke. I was angered by his words but I was also exhausted, to exhausted to do anything about it.

Instead I simply hung my head and for the first time in a long time I showed weakness, in the form of tears.

"Just stop! I can't hear that right now! I can't think properly anymore and - and I can't breathe!" I sobbed out, clawing at my chest. My loud cries filled the house while my beta and my father watched me in complete and utter surprised.

I had never showed weakness like this before, never in my life. I dropped to the ground, placed my arms on top of my knees and hung my head, letting out all of the emotions. The anger, the sadness, the hate all slipped out.

I don't know how long I sat there for before I felt a pair of small hands on my arm. I looked up and through blurry eyes saw Aiden standing in front of me, wearing the most innocent of faces.

I stared at him as be stared at me.

"Daddy?" He finally spoke, tilting his head to the le . This caused an all new wave of tears to hit. I dropped my head back down once again, gripping my hair and tugging.

I jumped when I felt Aiden touching me again but this time he was unfolding my arms, struggling to li them, before he climbed into my lap, simply laying his head on my blood stained chest.

I slowly wrapped my arms around him loosely before leaning back onto the wall. We sat there for what felt like forever and in that time a particular numbness took over my body, my heart and my mind.

I had wanted to get Carly back before but now it was di erent.

What I had felt before was weak compared to this. Before I had wanted to get her back because Aiden needed her but now I want her back purely for selfish reasons.

She is my mate.

With that thought a new determination filled me.

Carly

I stared at Xavier in wonder. I watched as he speedily filled out documents and as be barked out orders to anybody who entered his o ice.

I had never realized what an amazing alpha he was until now. It seemed to me like there was a lot of things that I hadn't noticed about Xavier until now.

I had never noticed the way that his nose twitched whenever he got irritated, or the way that the le corner of his mouth rose higher then the right when he smiled. I hadn't noticed that he tapped his foot whoever he got nervous or anxious, and I definitely hadn't noticed the way that his beautiful eyes carefully inspected every thing that they landed on.

"If you keep staring at me like that I'm not going to get any of this paper work done, love." Xavier spoke, without even looking up at me.

A light blush covered my cheeks as I quickly looked away from his handsome face, darkening when he chuckled.

Xavier and I were currently in his o ice. He was filling out pack paperwork while I kept him company, listening as he bounced ideas at me.

It had been three days since Xavier had marked me and so much had changed. A new determination filled the both of us, we were going to get Aiden back no matter what. It was as if all of the pain and darkness had disappeared and though we were still distressed about the situation, it is now something we can handle.

Xavier marking me had helped the situation loads. I now have a legitimate claim over Aiden and a right to fight for him. Now that Xavier is my mate he is also technically a father to Aiden, meaning that we can get him back without breaking any laws.

Things have changed so drastically. I'm now a Luna and with the Luna title comes many responsibilities.

Mason had never accepted me as his mate and because of that I was never luna to the pack but things are di erent here. I'm shown respect here, the members don't look down at me and they have accepted me.

Collin, Gracie, Seth and Noah all walk into the room, taking a seat on the sofa and chairs scattered around the room. Xavier looked up from his paper work and seeing how squished we all were on the couch he motioned for me to come to him.

I pushed myself to my feet and lazily walked to Xavier, allowing him to pull me down onto his lap. A small smile li ed my lips up as I relaxed into him.

Seeing as we never really got to finish our last meeting Xavier had called for another.

"Talk to me people." Xavier demanded, his hold on me tightening.

"Well now that you and Carly are uh, mates, our pack has a legitimate claim over Aiden. As soon as you marked Carly Aiden became one of your pups, in the eyes of the council, making him a heir to this pack. The only problem is that he's the only heir to both packs." Collin trailed o, looking at us uncertainty.

I sti ened slightly and peeked up at Xavier through my eyelashes. I saw that he was wearing a blank expression, looking like he was thinking hard about something.

I gently bit my lip and looked away, guilt eating away at me.

I couldn't help but to feel like this is all my fault. Our pack was going to have to go to war to get my son back and knowing that innocent people could lose their life's while doing so made tears sting my eyes.

Xavier obviously felt my emotions through the mate bond as he looked down at me with what concerned face.

'What's the matter?' Xaviers strong voice filled my head, making me jump.

I looked to the others in the room and saw that they were all staring at us with blank faces. I gulped and slightly shi ed into Xavier.

'Nothing .. I'm just upset. 'I whispered back, through the link.

'Why are you upset love?'Xavier questioned, staring down at me in concern. I chewed on my lip for a moment before replying.

' It's just that so many people are going to be put into danger if we go to war with Masons pack, he's ruthless and he'll stop and nothing to

get what he wants. I just don't want our pack to get hurt. ' I spoke quietly.

Now that I had become Luna I had a new found feeling of love for the pack. It was as if I had a connection to each and every member, it is my duty to protect them.

'You can't feel like that Carly, none of this is your fault. I cared about you and Aiden from the moment I met you guys and I would do anything to protect you two. Your Luna now, the pack needs you and will do whatever it takes to keep you safe, no matter the risk. '

Xavier said this fiercely and with so much determination that I couldn't help but to believe him.

'Okay.' I answered. Xavier nodded at me, kissed my head, tightened his arms around me and turned back to the group.

I relaxed and listened to them as they spoke, but their words only made me more anxious.

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Hey guys! Sorry it took me so long to write this, I was having writers block :/

Anyways, hope you enjoyed and thanks for reading!

- Katelynn (:

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