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Chapter 15

Chapter 15 Dream World

Alexis began to sway as her consciousness left her body. Both Levi and Micah moved for her but Micah was closer being right by her side.

"Alexis?!" Micah scooped her up into his arms as her body went completely limp. He looked down at her as he gripped her body protectively.

"Take her to her room so we can lay her down." Rhea quickly pushed past everyone and opened her daughter's bedroom door. The fairy royals often had premonitions but never lost complete consciousness. They were more in an unresponsive state than completely

unconscious.

Micah moved into the room and took her onto the bed with him. He kept her in his arms. He didn't like the way her body temperature was changing. Her temperature seemed to be dropping rapidly.

"It's a premonition?" Lee turned to look at Rhea.

"I think it is... I don't know this seems different." Rhea reached out and grabbed her daughter's hand. "Her body is unconscious."

"Should I get mom?" Cody asked as he shifted his weight from foot to foot.

"Let's just wait a moment and see what happens." Rhea was trying to remain calm. But she was growing more anxious by the second. Especially with the chilling temperature of her daughter's body. It was dropping rapidly, which didn't make sense.

"Alexis. Hey Lex, I'm right here." Micah said in a soothing tone. He cradled her head against his chest. She was completely still. Her eyes were closed and her breathing was slow. Her body was feeling chilled. "I can't warm her with my own heat. That's strange. I am her guardian..."

"Let me try." Brian made his way over to the bed but waited for Micah's approval. He was like a feral animal and it was best to wait for his permission before acting.

"Please." Micah nodded and Brian sat down on the bed, taking Alexis into his arms.

Brian immediately began raising his body temperature to combat the cold. Her skin was responding to his warmth but barely. Even with his intense inferno radiating from his body,

it was barely regulating her. What was happening to her?

Alexis saw a figure up close for a split second. She couldn't quite make out exactly what she was looking at. It was beautiful with crystal scales but had a white mane. It looked like a dragon but one she had never seen before. The next second, it began to race around her

She fell to her knees and clutched her shoulder, which began to throb in pain. She turned and looked at a blackness covering her shoulder. It felt like it was incinerating her skin. The rushing wind around her stopped and with it, the pain ceased. She looked up to see the white flowing maned dragon in front of her.

"I'm sorry. I am not strong enough to help you in the dream world." Her eyes were

looking at her with sadness as the wind tossed her mane around.

Alexis furrowed her brows in confusion as she raised to her feet. "Help me? Where am I? Who are you? What were you trying to do?"

"You are in the dream world. I am a dream jumper. I can hop into dreams and sometimes I can help with curses that are put on the body. I'm sorry, but I can't help with yours. At least not in the dream world. But come find me once I am fully rested. I can help you."

Alexis shook her head in confusion. This wasn't making any sense to her. "I don't understand, curse? I'm cursed?"

"I wasn't sure at first but it's there just like the moon goddess said it would be."

"Selene said I am cursed? How? When?"

"Erebus planned on you cutting him. He had prepared his blood in order to curse you. It isn't a regular curse. This one is meant to hurt those around you once it takes full effect.

"I'm fairy royalty. Can't my family remove the curse?" Alexis' family has dealt with curses before. She didn't see why they couldn't help her out with this one. Maybe she could even purify it herself.

The dragon shook her head, her mane dancing in the breeze. There was a beautiful elegance to her that was simply breathtaking. "This was done with blood. But... as you can see, I am not a normal dragon. I am referred to as a crystal dragon. I can purify your blood but, unfortunately, you will have to come to me."

A blood purifier? That would be a powerful dragon to have around. She imagined this dragon was heavily sought after to be killed or kept for their own greed. No wonder she usually just worked through dreams. Someone like her would be hunted. Just like how Ciana was in hiding because she was a light dragon.

"How do I find you?" Alexis watched the dragon take a step closer to her. Then she breathed a blast of warm air on her.

"You won't just tell me?" Alexis watched as the dragon turned her head slightly.

"I don't want to risk it. Even having you come to find me... is terrifying." The crystal dragon shifted her eyes back to look at Alexis.

"Thank you for doing this for me. I am very grateful for your help. My name is Alexis by the way. What is your name?"

"Bella."

"So Bella, how exactly does this work? You are telling me I will know when the time comes and then what? I can just start walking and know where to *go*?"

"Precisely. You will feel a gentle tug that will lead you in the direction you need to go."

Alexis chuckled and shook her head. Of course, that bastard would curse her. Because obviously, that is how you love someone, right? Ladies don't want flowers and chocolates. Nope. If you want to show them you love them, you act crazy and place a curse on them. That's all the rave.

There was one more problem she had to think about. She was under 'full lockdown'. She would have to travel with a full escort in order to find Bella. But this wouldn't be fair to do. Bella was obviously scared about having others around and the more that traveled the more attention they would attract. She would need to think about what she wanted to do with this information. And for now, it looked like she would have a little time to think. Since she needed to wait until Bella was rested enough.

"How long do I have with the curse? Before it starts taking effect?"

"Well for anyone else it would have already started. But your body has trapped it. It won't be able to hold it for more than a month I'd say. I should only need a few days to a week to recover. It drains me to jump into dreams but I don't stay down long." Bella looked at Alexis and nodded her head. "But it is time to send you back now. I've already kept you for too long in a forced dream state. But your body is handling it very well. You must live in a volcano to keep your body so regulated."

"I live with a walking volcano." Alexis chuckled. She figured she was probably being heated up by Brian during all of this.

“Well, because of that, we had a few extra moments. I was afraid I wouldn’t be able

to tell you anything after trying to remove the curse. Oh, one more thing. It may take you some time to recover after this. Your energy is being drained too. I don’t know how it will affect you,

soon Alexis.”

A strong breeze shot over Alexis as the dragon flapped its wings. The next moment, everything was dark again. She felt warmth radiating over her whole body. She knew who it was but yet she couldn’t smell him. Not like she should be able to. Her eyes winced open slowly. Her head was lying on Brain’s lap while Micah held her hand tightly. She met with the blue eyes of her parents and watched the relief wash over them.

“Alexis, how are you feeling? Are you okay?” Rhea knelt next to the bed as she smoothed her daughter’s hair back.

Alexis slowly nodded her head. She couldn’t feel her connection to her dragon form or to Yuki. It seemed the link was exhausted. The dream state put a lot of strain on the body.

“What happened? Was it a premonition? What did you see?” Lee leaned down next to Rhea as he rested his concerned eyes on his daughter.

“It wasn’t a premonition,” Alexis whispered out as she tried to sit up. Brian’s arms helped

guide her and she gave him an appreciative smile. She looked up to see her parent’s expectant eyes on her. She decided she would only give them vague details. Because they would know if things didn’t add up entirely. She wasn’t trying to outsmart a child but a deity

and the fairy queen.

“I was in the dream world. I met a dream jumper.”

“And?” Lee asked as he raised his eyebrows.

Alexis looked at her hand and summoned a small ball of ice. She was relieved she didn’t lose that power. “It looks like I have lost my connection to my dragon and wolf temporarily. I think they have both been drained to exhaustion.” She was trying to throw their scent onto a different topic. She glanced up and could quickly see that her parents were jumping from the topic.

“And that is all I can say about this for now. I promise to tell you all about it soon...” Soon as in as soon as she gets back from meeting Bella. Alexis could see her parents were not pleased hearing this. But they couldn’t force her to speak. They could be upset about it but it was better for them not to know.

"You are okay though, right?" Rhea finally sighed in defeat as she straightened up followed by Lee.

"Yes, I'm fine. A bit tired though." Alexis watched her mother nod slowly. "We will let you rest then. And when you are ready to talk let us know." Rhea grabbed onto

persuasion from Rhea's eyes, he slowly followed behind her. Cody and Kelsie left last, shutting the door to her room.

"So you want to tell us what really happened?" Micah asked, pinning his gaze on Alexis.

"I haven't decided yet." She gave him a cheesy grin to which he snorted at. She looked up to make sure the door was really closed. Her room was soundproof like most rooms, thank goodness for that. With her sensitive hearing, the last thing she wanted to hear was her parents' happy time or anyone else's. She looked back at Micah and Brian, who were

expectantly waiting. She knew she didn't have to swear them to secrecy. Whatever she told them, they would keep it secret. And it was best to at least let a couple of people close to her

know.

"So the thing is... I've been cursed."

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Alexis sat there staring at the two men. She had just finished explaining everything about the curse and Bella. Brian appeared in deep thought, but Micah looked like he was about to flip the bed over in anger. His muscles were bulging as his face was turning a deep shade of

red.

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"I'm so pissed. Your father is going to go nuclear. I hope Aken finds out and he mutilates this asshole." Micah growled lowly, piercing Alexis with his eyes. "Don't you dare go without me."

"If that was the plan, I wouldn't have told you." Alexis grinned, biting her bottom lip.

"I'm coming too." Brian finally looked up after being deep in thought. (This novel will be daily updated at) "Maybe Bella can remove my curse too? It doesn't hurt to ask."

"That's a great idea, Brian." Alexis' eyes widened. She was shocked she hadn't already thought of this. Bella seemed like she was good at removing curses, so perhaps she could also assist with Brian's. "I wonder if I should maybe talk to her first. She seemed shy about others." Bella was doing her a favor and it wasn't fair to make her feel uncomfortable. She seemed very kind though and hoped if she asked her, she would agree to help.

"Well, we are coming with you anyways. You aren't going to go anywhere by yourself." Micah said tersely. "I wonder what exactly this curse will do."

"She didn't explain, but we didn't have a lot of time."

"When the time comes, we will go and get everything sorted out. Though we should probably take your father with us." Brian watched her face contort.

The more Alexis thought about it, the more she realized that this was a journey she should probably go on alone. She didn't want to risk upsetting Bella. She wasn't sure what to do and needed to give it more time to think it through.

"Well, since your wolf and dragon are out of commission, do you feel like taking a walk? Dragons have been arriving. Let's go see if it is anyone we know. I know Nick is already out there scoping out the hopefuls." Brian smirked and raised his eyes up to Alexis.

"So, you are saying you want to go, but as your mate, I should be with you. If I am going to keep up the pretenses I need to be on your arm." Alexis smiled and nodded her head. He was the one doing her the favor. Even being considerate enough to know he should have her with him on his strolls. Dragons who have taken a mate rarely leave their sides.

They made their way outside and headed in the direction of the guest housing. It is probably hard to imagine how all these dragons come from all over and live there for months at a building with many soundproof rooms. In this building, there is a dining area and various activities you can do. There are bars and lounges, swimming, spas, libraries, casinos, theatres, sparring areas, and things like that. It was like a fun vacation for everyone.

It was also one of the most anticipated events of the year. The highlight was sex and finding your mate. And for those already mated, it was a special time to visit with their friends and family across the kingdoms. Though dragons were virile creatures and even if they were mated for years sex was still heavily focused on.

"Hey, is that who I think it is?" Alexis said, pointing in the distance at a young man walking towards them. She looked up at Brian and watched a big smile spread across his face.

He picked up his pace to meet the man approaching them.

"Ryker is that you? Man, I thought you were dead." Brian reached out, pulling the man in and patting him on his back.

Ryker laughed and shook his head. "No, not dead yet. I was hanging here and there

floating between tasks. Just swinging in the breeze. But as you can see somehow, I still breathe."

Ryker was a dragon they found a couple of years ago. He was lying on a cliffside unconscious and badly beaten. When he came to, he didn't remember anything except for his name. It was clear he was a strong dragon since Brian's aura never bothered him. (This novel will be daily updated at) But he had forgotten the most basic things about being a dragon. Brian took him back to the palace and the two formed a tight bond together.

Ryker was completely devoted to Brian. Partially because he was the one who found him and because he respected him. There was a chemistry between them, and Ryker seemed to know what Brian was thinking. They could handle tasks quickly and efficiently.

Once Ryker was fully recovered, he was sent to an elite training school for exceptional dragons. He had been gone for over a year now and Brian was hopeful he had completed his training. Before Ryker left, he gave his oath upon his flame to serve Brian with his life. Because of that, he was to be Brian's right-hand man when he returned. Much like how

Reese was to Titus.

"It is great to see you again. So, are you finished? Can you finally come home?" Brian

asked eagerly.

"Yes, I just finished up the last of my tasks today. I can now fully take my position next to you. But Brian... I still haven't recovered my memories. Are you sure it is, okay? I don't know

"I don't care about your past, man. You are my friend and now my right-hand man. My captain of the guards when I take over as the king. I trust you. Besides, you also swore upon your flame. It isn't like you can take that back unless I release you from it. And I never will because I am keeping you around forever."

"Alexis. Micah. How have you two been?" Ryker asked as he stretched out his hand for a

handshake.

Alexis giggled and walked into him giving him a hug. "We are closer than just shaking hands, right? We've been well. But look at you? You have really filled out. Looks like they put you through some intense training."

Ryker chuckled and blushed in embarrassment. "Well, I may have matured a bit too."

"Ryker, it is good to have you back. How are you feeling? Does it feel good to be back?" Micah asked, searching the man's eyes.

"I wasn't sure at first how it would feel coming back. But this is the closest place! I have to a home. It feels good to be somewhere familiar. And even better seeing all of you again." Ryker looked around and his brows furrowed. "Speaking of all of you, where is Raine?"

"She is in Elysium. She should be coming back anytime." Alexis watched him look between her and Brian.

"The word on the street is you two are taking each other as mates?" Ryker raised his eyes up and down. "I guess I missed a lot."

Brian cleared his throat nervously and chuckled. "You have no idea how much you've missed." He wanted to explain to him the situation, but not now. It would have to wait until they could come clean with their relationship. The more people who knew, the more likely their secret would get out. For now, they were trying to keep it between the four dragon kingdoms and their close family.

"I'm happy for you two. Congratulations." Ryker grinned widely at Brian.

The conversation quickly took off from there. Ryker told Brian about all the things he had been doing. He explained how intense his training was and how hard it was for him at the academy. Ryker was a dragon of unknown origin and was commonly treated as a deserter or rogue. (This novel will be daily updated) And being a powerful dragon didn't seem to help one bit.

"Come on. Let's go and find my father. I want him to officially declare you as my captain." Brian turned and looked at Alexis, who nodded her head for him to go ahead and go.

Micah's arm landed on her shoulder. She glanced up at him to see him giving Brian some sort of silent male talk. Honestly, she was really tired. She thought the feeling would pass, but instead, she was feeling more drained.

Brian walked up to Alexis and pulled her into his arms. He lowered his head down to

her neck and inhaled her scent. It was important to keep up appearances. "I can come with you. Let me walk you back."

“Don’t be silly, Brian. I have Micah with me. I’m just going to go rest. I’m not going anywhere.” This was a bit strange for Alexis. Especially when her whole body screamed for Aken. But this was necessary. Dragons are possessive creatures and affectionate with their mates. They needed to put on a convincing show for everyone. Especially because they had no way of knowing who worked for Erebus. There could very well be traitors among them.

“LEX!!”

Alexis smiled widely and turned at the sound of her cousin. Raine was running towards her waving. Her black curly hair was bouncing around her body as she ran up in excitement.

“Raine! I am so glad you are back. We have a lot of girl chat we need to catch up on.” Alexis embraced her cousin tightly. She felt her cousin tense and jolt a bit in her arms. Alexis pulled back to see Raine looking at the ground in confusion. “Raine?”

Raine felt like she was being blanketed by a strange sensation. One that was pulling her and overwhelming her. She lifted her gaze up to Alexis and then looked around her. What

was this feeling? A smokey aroma invaded her senses, making her feel a deep sense of longing

inside her. Then her eyes met with his. And it was like the alarm finally sounded clearly. He was hers. He was her mate!

Alexis followed her cousin’s gaze, which was glued to Rykers. He was also staring at her possessively and almost greedily.

“MINE!” Ryker growled lowly and slowly walked up to Raine.

Alexis’ mouth parted in shock. She then looked back at Brian who looked to be equally surprised. Raine and Ryker were just standing there inches apart from one another.

Neither one of them closing the gap between them.

“I understand if... you don’t. I don’t know anything about myself. And-” Ryker started but Raine raised her hand up placing her fingers on his lips. A smile spread over her face and his lips twitched upwards slowly. No words needed to be spoken. The evidence in

“Brian, I guess you have time to walk me to my room now.” Alexis bit her bottom lip and smiled. Raine and Ryker needed time alone now. They needed to talk and work on the next step for them. Which is usually marking and several rounds of mating. So, they were both going to be busy for a bit. Unfortunately for Alexis, her meeting with her mate didn’t go this

way.

As they walked away, Alexis noticed a peculiar smile on Micah's lips.

"What are you smiling about?" Brian asked, noticing it too.

"Oh, I was just thinking of how Cody is going to react when he finds out his baby girl has found her mate." Micah grinned and looked over at them.

"I think he should be thrilled. Especially because she met a mate that keeps her in the West Dragon Kingdom. (This novel will be daily updated at)" Alexis watched as Micah shrugged slightly. "You forget that mom and Aunt Kelsie are here to keep Cody in line."

"Isn't that the truth." Brian chuckled.

Alexis glanced back once to see Raine and Ryker walking away together. She was happy for her cousin. She couldn't wait until she could also have her fated mate by her side.

Hopefully, it would be soon. Note: Ryker is inspired by a character from Dragon King's Forbidden Love. He is not the same dragon and will have a past all of his own once he remembers it.