

Mila's Pain

Jax POV:

"I think we should nish up here for now" Alex says quickly as I continue to look at Elder Martin as he shifts uncomfortably.

"Nova would you please ask Mila to join us?" Axton requests quietly as my mate simply nods in response before her eyes glaze over.

"Laurence I'd like to speak to you when I'm done here" I say as he stands to go. "Can you also get Florence and Theo to attend, along with Naomi and Alice if they are rested enough."

"Yes Alpha" he responds before quietly leaving as Alex and Ophelia follow suit.

"Can we have dinner Nova?" I hear Luca ask hopefully as he pauses in front of us.

"Of course" she smiles. "Why don't you come up to our suite? I can have the living room set up to eat."

"Sounds great" he smiles, "just mindlink us when you're ready."

"Luca" I say quietly before he leaves, "I know you and Sophie have a lot to discuss. But in my opinion I couldn't think of two better people to replace Kingsley."

"Thank you Alpha" he says gratefully.

"Jax" I remind him rolling my eyes as he chuckles.

"Jax" he corrects himself before smiling to everyone and leaving, closing the door quietly behind him.

Turning my attention to Axton and Elder Martin I see them sharing a look between themselves.

"What's going on?" I ask sharply.

"I think it's best we wait for Mila" Axton says quietly, "she was going to speak to you after this anyway."

"About what?" I growl, my concern for my sister growing as I notice the uncomfortableness in Elder Martins eyes.

"Jax" I hear Nova say as I feel her hand softly grasp my arm, immediately relaxing me. "Let's just wait for Mila. Your mother is coming also."

"Ah s**t it's serious" I groan as I sit down rubbing my face while I silently stress. Tapping my foot impatiently I sense Nova move and come and sit on my lap, resting her head on my chest.

"Relax" she links me. "For Mila you need to relax. I can sense Axtons nerves and concern for his future mate. She won't want you to be uptight and grumpy right now, we need to be there for her whatever this is about."

Rubbing her back gently as I let her calm my inner anger I sigh reluctantly, "you're right, as always."

Hearing her giggle into my chest I smile as I kiss the top of her head and wait for my sister to join us. Hearing the door open quietly my head snaps up to meet Milas worried gaze as my mother follows behind her sending me a sharp warning glance.

"Mila?" I ask quietly.

"I'm sorry Jax" she whispers.

Nova quickly stands from my lap and goes to guide Mila to the sofa beside Axton, holding her hand gently in support.

"Sorry?" I ask in confusion.

"I didn't want to worry you just yet, I wanted you and Nova to have just one day where you didn't need to worry about others" she says as she breaks down sobbing.

I watch Axton as he gently pulls her head into his chest, "do you want me to say?" I hear his whisper as Mila nods in his hold.

Lifting his head he holds my gaze condently as he speaks clearly, "Bruno wasn't there when the two Elders went to ensure he was going. They commanded his Beta and he didn't know where he was either, he'd purposefully not told him so he couldn't be found."

"WHAT?!" I thunder as I feel Zeus move forward in my mind. "Elder Martin?!" I exclaim turning to see him looking at Mila with concern.

"I know Alpha, I know" he says with a pained expression. "It wasn't me who was handling it but after meeting with you and Nova recently I had decided to be come and travel back with Mila following the ght. It's..uncommon for someone to report an Alpha for refusing to accept a rejection and I wanted to ensure she was safe."

"We did it this way because we thought it would be safer for Mila" I growl. "I should have f*****g forced him to accept it."

"Jax you had to think of your sister, you did the right thing. Mila made the right decision" ma says quietly as I send her an incredulous look.

"But it wasn't the right decision, I mean now look? He's doing it to punish her even more" I fume.

"He's already punishing her enough" Axton snarls as I sense his fury towards Bruno. "What I witnessed earlier was horric."

"Earlier?" I ask deadly quiet as Mila sends me a panicked look.

"Jax please stay calm" Nova says as I try to control my breathing. "I know you're protective of your sister but you need to listen to what she has to say."

"He slept with someone else" Mila says, her voice trembling. "He did it during the ght as well and Alia took all the pain, it's why I stayed in human form" she admits as my breathing becomes laboured.

"I refused to let her take it this morning, she needed to recover and it's not fair on her either" Mila whispers. "Being with Axton helped, but it was still painful."

"That f*****g man, when I get my hands on him" I snarl as I remember the arrogant pricks face as I took my sobbing sister away from his pack.

"What do we do?" My ma asks quietly but calmly.

"What if we mark one another?" Axton says furrowing his brows. "Would it stop the pain?"

"You know the laws Alpha" Elder Martin says shaking his head, "although Mila and Bruno aren't marked they have still got the bond between them, it wasn't sealed but they did make it stronger at the beginning. It could put him at a serious risk.."

"He deserves it" I snarl angrily. "I never thought I'd be the one to say that someone should mark another behind their mates back but after everything he has put her through?! Surely this is different."

"We could appeal it.."Elder Martin suggests.

"Or we could just mark one another and deal with the fall out so I don't have to discuss my mating life anymore in front of the council?" Mila suggests, her eyes hopeful.

"What would the fall out be?" Axton asks the Elder.

Before he has chance to answer my oce phone rings and I growl as I stomp over to answer it. Without looking I pick it up and snarl angrily to whoever is on the line, "I'm busy at the moment, you're going to have to call back later."

"Jax" I hear my ma gasp, shocked at my attitude.

"I would have thought you'd want to hear what I have to say.." the voice says with a smug tone to it.

"BRUNO" I roar as everybody in the room looks to me in shock.