

Alpha Bruno

Mila POV:

"BRUNO" my brother roars as my eyes snap fearfully to meet his.

"W..what?!" I gasp as Jax takes a few steady breaths to calm himself. Placing the phone down on the desk carefully he puts it on speaker as Elder Martin moves closer while motioning for Jax to stay calm.

"So you're going to listen?" I hear Bruno ask as a shiver runs down my spine at hearing his voice again.

"Yes" Jax says through gritted teeth.

"Is your gorgeous sister there?" Bruno asks in amusement as Jax looks to me for confirmation before speaking.

Hesitantly I nod my head before he answers, "she is."

"Great" Bruno laughs, "and her new fella?"

"How did you know she has a new.. fella?" Jax asks being cautious not to mention the word mate at the risk of angering him.

"Oh I felt them" Bruno replies casually. "It's interesting to know exactly how I've been making Mila feel I have to say."

"You know nothing of how I've felt" I snarl my condence reappearing suddenly in my anger as I storm to stand next to Jax. "I have simply kissed a man, you have done far more than that."

"Ah there's my gorgeous mate, I have to admit I've missed that voice of yours" he says slyly through the phone. "Did you like your present this morning?"

"You bastard" Jax growls as he grips the desk tightly, his knuckles turning white in his anger.

Chuckling down the phone Bruno seems relaxed and uncaring as he baits us, "well I couldn't let her forget about me now could I? I didn't know if last night was enough."

Seeing Axton surge forward I hold my hand out and subtly shake my head. He can't know about Axton just yet, not if I have any chance of him accepting the rejection.

"Bruno are you going to accept my rejection?" I ask forcing my voice to be calm.

"I am" he replies making all of us look at one another in shock. "I have no need to be tied to you any longer."

"You had a need to be tied to me?" I ask in confusion.

"Well not at rst, but recently I did yes" he replies vaguely.

All is quiet for a moment as we sit and contemplate what he has said before Elder Martin speaks up.

"Alpha Bruno. May I ask why you decided to not travel to the council building today?"

"Why travel when I'm going to accept it" he laughs down the phone. "I had business to attend to I couldn't afford to waste time on such trivial matters."

Hearing a knock at the door Jax motions for Nova to answer it and I see her head over quietly. Seeing four warriors from the White Mountain Pack with concerned looks on their faces Axton immediately sends me an apologetic glance before going to them.

"I, Alpha Bruno of the Deep Forest Pack, accept your rejection" I hear Bruno state clearly through the phone before we both cry out loudly and drop to the oor. As a loud ringing sound reaches my ears and my stomach convulses with my heart breathing loudly, I see Jax rush to my side to help me along with my mother.

"It'll all be over soon darling" I hear my ma's comforting voice sooth as she rubs my back. "Deep breaths, that's my girl."

"Axton" I hear Jax hiss, then I'm faintly aware of my mate moving to crouch by me.

"Shhh Mila it's alright" he whispers but I hear the tightness in his voice as he does so. As he gathers me into his arms I feel the strong sparks between us snapping me out of my pain.

"Mate" we both say clearly as I look into his eyes.

"Mate" he repeats in a whisper kissing me gently as his intoxicating scent surrounds me. "Is Bruno still on the phone?"

"No, he hung up immediately" Jax replies as he helps me stand. "Sit down Mila" he says gesturing for Axton and I to take a seat.

"Are you sure?!" I hear Nova ask in a panicked voice making me look round. "You need to come in."

"How long have you been unable to reach them?" I hear Axton ask as he holds on to me tightly trying to control himself.

"What's going on?" I whisper looking between them.

"None of them have been able to reach their mates" Axton says as my heart begins to beat wildly.

"Since this morning Alpha, Anna told me at 11am that they were going to the lakes with the Gamma for a pups day out. She said she would send me pictures, when I got none I tried calling. I haven't been able to get through" one of the warriors says worriedly.

"You all have pups" Axton comments looking between them as they nod in response. "Let me get hold of him and I'll call you back, maybe they're not back yet."

"It wouldn't stop Laura messaging me Alpha" another of the warrior says.

Just then there is another knock at the door and Nova sends Jax a worrying glance. Opening it we are faced with another two warriors from the White mountain Pack.

"Sorry to intrude Alpha. I know we are due to be travelling home soon but I haven't been able to get through to Constance and I wondered if you'd heard any correspondence from the oce today to show she was working late?" one of the warriors asks.

"I haven't.." Axton says as he slowly stands.

"Alpha" I hear Luca call out as he comes sprinting to the oce. "I haven't made any contact with the other warriors from the pack. I asked for training reports to be emailed to me and I've had nothing. Some of the warriors downstairs can't reach their families and are concerned."

"This isn't right" Axton growls. "Men I need you to step out, I know you're worried and rightly so, so am I. But I need to get answers."

"Yes alpha" they chorus looking between one another worriedly.

"Please don't spread panic just yet, you know we will do everything in our power to get to the bottom of this" Nova says to them comfortingly as they all look to her gratefully.

As the door closes she spins on her feet and strides over to Axton, "get up the emergency CCTV."

"The emergency?" He checks as he quickly pulls his phone out.

"I don't have a good feeling about this" Nova says. "For them all to not be answering or contacting their loved ones after such a ght then something is amiss. You need to get up the ones that I set up."

As he types away I glance at Nova in confusion, "I organised an emergency CCTV. It's only known by Axton, Luca, I presume Sophie and it would have been you also once you were at the pack."

"That's clever" I comment.

"Who the f**k is that?" Axton growls as he zooms in on the camera. "That's not a pack member is it?" He checks with Luca and Nova as I see the camera looking at what appears to be the living room in a building, where a large man in black clothing is stood in the view of the camera.

"No" Luca growls. "Fuck.." he exclaims as his horror lled eyes look up.

"Do you think..?" He gasps looking at Axton as my mate quickly moves to look at another camera. "The kitchen" he mutters.

"That's not the normal chefs" Nova says immediately as she rushes to the desk.

As she's busy typing away on the computer the phone rings and she reaches her hand out absentmindedly to answer it, "Luna Nova, how may I help?" She answers politely despite multitasking.

"Bruno?" She asks furrowing her brows as she straightens and looks at me again. "You've accepted the rejection why are you calling?"

Turning it on speaker she places it down once again, "I just wanted to know how my good friend Axton is doing?" His voice asks causally down the phone as we all freeze in our movements as I feel a chill ripple through me and my breathing quicken.

"Bruno where are you?" Elder Martin asks from where he's been observing us all.

"You haven't checked the number" he says in amusement as Nova frantically looks at the phone. Seeing her face drain of colour she gasps in panic.

"No" she whispers.

Hearing a deep chuckle Bruno replies with glee, "it's amazing what money can buy you these days" before he hangs up once again.

"Where was he?" My brother asks deathly calm.

As tears pour down my brothers mates face I feel Axton stand and move to opposite her as if in a trance. As she moves her eyes to look at him I see him stumble back as if he knows what she's going to say.

"The White Mountain Pack..."