

Chapter 47

“It appears you hit a nerve, Osiris. We don’t take too kindly to threats to our mates in this city, even those of us that aren’t mated, correct Thomas?”

“I may not see eye to eye with Axton or Elena, but there are some lines you don’t cross!” Thomas retorts and Osiris’ eyes move around the table.

“Switzerland!” Alpha Cane raises his hand, and I fight the urge to roll my eyes. We know he wants no part in any of this. He didn’t even want to be Alpha.

Osiris laughs. “It was just a little healthy competition. I have no intentions of going after Axton’s mate.” Osiris quickly states, recognizing his mistake.

“Had you been in this city long enough, Osiris, you’d know the very law you threatened to break. We put it in place! Mates are off limits, and anyone that breaks that earns death. What happens between mates stays between mates only.” I inform him.

“And I hear Elena has fought and protested hard to have that changed. Aren’t all her pack members from abused mate bonds? You abused your own, from what I hear?” Osiris says, his eyes flashing, daring me to disagree so I don’t.

“Correct. There need to be conditions added to that law, special circumstances with the ability to still protect what the moon goddess desired.” I tell him.

“But that law depends mostly on the city in which you live?” Osiris questions.

“Correct, but nearly every city has adopted it, same as pack punishment remains within the pack,” I state.

“Another law we have spoken of in the past and are thinking of changing?” Alpha Thomas states, coming to my defense for the first time since I sat at the head table. Usually, we are at each other’s throats. Maybe he feels even more threatened, given his mate left him for another. Come to think of it, he fought hard to have the law introduced into our city and now I think I know why.

The supernatural council creates the laws, but overall, it is at the discretion of the city councils whether they adopt them and make them their own.

“Am I correct in thinking this law was brought forth for debate since Elena was banished?”

“Correct. Elena, being my mate, should have protected her. It didn’t, and I nearly lost her and my sons when her father beat her from an inch of her life.” I tell him, my stomach sinking at the memory.

“The law was added a month later. Meaning, had it been in place, Derrick would have been forced to hand her over and she would have been placed under my protection.”

“And yet his Luna broke the law when she rejected him,” Osiris states boldly. Clearly, he hasn’t even looked at the laws to know so little about the ones we protect in this city.

“As we said, conditions need to be made, but no, she never broke the law and neither did Elena when she rejected me and I her. The law states mate issues are sacred and handled between the mates. Louise rejected Derrick. That was her choice, same as it was mine and his, to whether we accept it.”

“And did you?” he asks and I growl.

“No, but it’s handled between mates, and in my eyes, she did nothing wrong, therefore she’s broken no laws!”

“But didn’t she intervene last night when it came to Derrick?” my eyes flicker, he was getting on my nerves.

“No, she was protecting her pack! Which she is entitled to do. Her mother is part of her pack, and pack issues and relations are left to the Alpha to decide in discretion!”

“Ah, yes. I know that already, that law is universal. Not as many have adopted the mate's one yet. But from my understanding, Elena doesn’t fall under the city laws.”

“Protecting your pack from attack is a given. She doesn’t need to be under city law for that one. It is an international law unless a werewolf city has it removed or clarified conditions for it.” I repeat, like a damn parrot.

“Exactly my point, Alpha Axton,” Osiris states.

“What point are you trying to make, exactly?” I ask him.

“Elena isn’t part of the city, because she doesn’t live in it yet. She doesn’t fall under the city laws!”

“Pack business is not a city law, Osiris, it is an international one!”

“Correct, but the sacred mate’s law is, therefore if I went after Elena, I would not be breaking any laws at all. Because she is not protected by the city. Therefore, she is fair game!” A feral growl tears out of me, and Thomas also snarls along with another Alpha. Osiris raises his hand in mock surrender.

“Not that I would, of course. I have limits. To give you something to think about, Alpha Axton. I would hate for a lesser man to know that information. It could cause you a lot of heartache!” yet I hear his words loud and clear and the threat behind each one.

I just made a fool out of him by meeting his challenge and now I have done something foolish myself. I have just put Elena and my sons at risk unless I can get her to agree to move to the city ASAP.

“I call to adjourn this meeting until the usual time on Friday?” Osiris says, and we all nod. My phone rings on the table and my mood have turned even more sour. The Alphas leave and I pick up my phone.

“Yes, Eli!” I answer it.

“Is this your fucking idea of getting along, and fixing things, Axton!” Elena’s angry voice screeches at me and I sit up straighter.

“What?” I ask, trying to figure out what is going on.

“You took it too far this time. I agreed, I fucking agreed to be with you, agreed to accept the bond, but because I am not moving quick enough for you, you pull this shit!” she screams at me, her booming voice making me yank the phone away from my ear.

“Pull what? I have done nothing, Elena!”

“Nothing, they are ripping up my land! I thought we were past all this!” she snaps.

“Past what? I don’t understand why you’re yelling at me! Where is Eli?”

“Right here, and while you’re on the phone with him, tell your men to get the fuck off my territory!” she screams at me. My heart races in my chest, feeling her rage like a blazing fire burning through me. I hear the phone being passed to someone.

“Talk to your fucking Alpha and get the fuck off my land!” I hear her snap at him before I hear his voice.

“Why haven’t you been answering your damn phone or the mind link?” Eli snaps at me.

“I’ve been dealing with fucking Osiris, that is why! What the fuck is going on?” I snarl at him.

“Oh, she is pissed. You fucked up big time Alpha, she wants us gone.”

“Will you tell me what the fuck I did?” I yell at him.

“You ordered the fucking subdivision being built out here. They came out this morning and started tearing the sheds down!”

“No, I canceled—” my blood runs cold when I realize I completely forgot about canceling it.

“You wanna do something because she’s pissed!”

“No shit!” I tell him.

“Not her. Fucking Sondra, and she’s armed. Call them off Axton before she shoots one of us!” I growl at him.

“I forgot! Why would I ruin everything when me and her were just getting along? I just got my boys back, for fuck’s sake!”

“I know that, but Elena doesn’t! She thinks you are trying to force her back to the city!”

“Yeah, well, she needs to come back like now. Osiris threatened her this morning, and she is not under city protection.” Eli curses.

“So, what do you want me to do?”

“For now, move off her territory, remain on the borders, while I try to fix it. Just let me make some phone calls.” I tell him, hanging up on him and instantly looking for the project manager’s number.