

# The Alpha Triplets And The Rogue

## Chapter 201

Raven's POV

Getting up from my chair, I kiss my Papa on his cheek and quietly leave the room. By the way that Leo and Oliver are fighting, they won't realize I am missing any time soon.

As I begin to ascend the stairs, I hear the sound of footsteps coming from behind me. I turn around and see all three of my fathers looking at me with concern in their eyes.

"I don't think now is the time to run away from your problems," Father gives me a stern look as he speaks. "Alpha Oliver had something important to tell you."

"Are he and Leo still fighting?" I ask. All three of my fathers nod their heads at the same time. "Then it can wait."

Each of my fathers calls after me, but I ignore them and head to my bedroom. I don't want to hear what anyone of them has to say, and the only thing I want to hear from my mates is an apology.

Slipping off my shoes as I reach the top of the stairs, I slowly make my way to my bedroom. I can hear muffled talking behind my bedroom door, and I hesitate to open it. Who would be in my room without my permission?

Taking a deep breath, I open my door to find Elise sitting on my bed with her phone in her hands. She has tears sliding down her cheeks and is apologizing profusely to someone on the other end of the call. I clear my throat to let her know I have entered the room, and her eyes rise to meet mine.

"I have to go," she says quickly as she ends the phone call.

I cross my arms over my chest and wait for whatever excuse she has for me this time. Only she doesn't speak right away. She wraps her arms around her body and sobs begin to shake her whole body. I look closely at Elise, trying to decide if her tears are genuine or not.

"What is wrong?" I sigh in exasperation. This woman was becoming more drama than she was worth.

"I am so sorry," she sobs into her hands. "But I didn't have a choice."

"What do you mean?" I ask her. "What have you done?"

She lifts her head and looks at me with fear in her eyes. “I had to tell them where to find your brother. They have my mother.”

I blink several times, trying to decide whether she is telling the truth. “What does my brother have to do with anything?” I growl.

Elise seems to shake where she sits. I consider flipping through her mind to look for the truth, but I am still uncomfortable with the idea of snooping into someone’s thoughts. So, instead, I try to compel her to tell me the truth by using my Luna aura.

Elise twists uncomfortably under my gaze. “The standing true Luna Queen has taken your brother,” she says.

I scoff angrily. “And just who is the true Luna Queen?”

“We don’t know her name,” Elise says. She is looking in my direction, but it doesn’t appear she is actually seeing me. Her eyes are glazed over as she speaks about who she thinks is the true Luna Queen.

“Where is my brother?” I grumble.

“I can take you to him,” Elise says quietly. “But you will have to come alone.”

“Absolutely not,” I say as I pull my phone out of my pocket. “I am not walking into some trap.”

Elise doesn’t respond to me. She sits silently as I dial my brother’s phone number. The phone rings and rings, but no one picks up. Kieran’s voicemail blares in my ear, and I stand stunned in the middle of the room. Kieran has never missed one of my phone calls before.

I storm out of my bedroom with Elise hot on my heels. “Where are you going?” She asks as she follows me down the stairs.

“I am going to speak to my fathers,” I tell her. “I am not stupid. I know this is a trap.”

“They will kill him if you don’t come alone,” Elise spits out behind me.

Rearing back my hand, I slap her across her face. “I am not walking into a trap,” I growl at her. “You will walk down these stairs and tell my fathers everything you know, or I will pull it forcefully from your mind.”

Elise freezes in her steps and refuses to walk down the steps. “I can’t speak to the Alpha triplets. It is forbidden,” she stutters.

“You can and you will,” I growl in her direction, throwing my Luna aura over her.

Sweat begins to bead on her forehead as she tries to resist my command. She puts one foot in front of another as she walks toward me, standing at the top of the stairs. I turn for her to follow me down the stairs when suddenly I feel a pair of hands on my shoulders. Before I am able to turn my head to look at her, Elise shoves me down the stairs.

Shock travels through my body as I tumble down the stairs. My head hits several stairs on the way down, and I hit the bottom with a hard thud. A spitting headache rips through my skull as my vision becomes spotted and blurred.

Elise's scream pierces my mind, and I hear her rushing down the stairs. She kneels by my side and pushes my hair out of my face. "Luna Queen," she says with fake worry in her eyes. "You tripped on the top stair."

I open my mouth to call her a liar, but no words come out. Soon the thunderous sound of footsteps storming through the pack house fills my ears. My eyes flutter open to see my three fathers and my two mates looking down at me.

"What happened to her," my Father growls at Elise.

"She tripped going down the stairs," Elise lies.

I try to grunt to get my fathers attention, but once again, no sound comes out. I attempt to shake my head from side to side as my mates look down on me, but I can't move either. I can feel my eyes fill with panic as they widen. I can't move any part of my body.

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Leo's POV

Bile rises in the back of my throat as I watch Raven be loaded into the back of an ambulance. If I hadn't been fighting with Alpha Oliver, it is possible that none of this would have ever happened. I glance over at Alpha Oliver, and by the guilty look on his face, I can tell that he feels the same way I do.

"We are heading to the hospital," Alpha Chris grumbles in my direction. "You two should head that way as well."

I glance at Alpha Oliver and roll my eyes before turning my direction back to Alpha Chris. "Can I ride with you three?" I beg.

"No!" All three of the Alpha Triplets yell at once.

“You two need to learn how to work through your problems. You have to spend some time together,” Alpha Ace explains.

“I don’t think that is necessary,” Alpha Oliver chimes in.

“If you two are going to share a mate, it is,” Alpha Bryce growls.

“I don’t plan on sharing my mate,” I growl back. “I found her first. She belongs to me.”

Alpha Oliver snarls beside me. His hands are in tight fists by his sides. “The Moon Goddess intended for us to share her.”

Share. Just the word makes me feel angry. I want nothing more than to rip his head off whenever he speaks.

“Firstly,” Alpha Ace growls at both of us. “Our daughter is not some toy to be fought over. You will treat her with more respect than you have already shown. Got it?”

Oliver shuffles his feet where he stands like a child that is being chastised. On the other hand, I decide to keep my head high.

“I respect, Raven,” I say in exasperation. “But I do not respect him.” I use my thumb to point in Alpha Oliver’s direction.

“Secondly,” Alpha Ace ignores my outburst. “You should learn to respect each other.”

“We will not tolerate any more of this nonsense,” Alpha Chris joins his brother in lecturing us. “Especially in the hospital.”

“Then perhaps we shouldn’t go,” I grumble.

“She will need you by her side,” Bryce says softly. “She will need you both.”

“I promise not to cause any more issues,” Alpha Oliver hangs his head in shame.

I can’t help but smirk to myself. This i\*\*\*t is going to be easy to get rid of. All I have to do is make him realize that his presence will do nothing but stress out Raven, and he will leave.

The Alpha triplets enter their car and drive toward the hospital without saying another word. Leaving Alpha Oliver and me awkwardly standing in the driveway of the pack house.

“So, should be head to the hospital?” Alpha Oliver fills the silence between us.

“It is what the Alpha triplets want,” I mumble. “I will drive.”

Leading Alpha Oliver to the car I have been using since I have been at the West Pack. We both get into the car without saying a word to each other, and more awkward silence fills the car on the way to the hospital.

Finally, I cannot handle the silence between us any longer. “Why did you come to the Luna Queen? What was so important that you couldn’t wait until we made it to your pack?”

Oliver clears his throat awkwardly and fiddles with his seatbelt. I can tell that he doesn’t want to tell me what he knows.

“I am her mate, you know?” I say, frustrated. “I have a right to know what is going on with her.”

Alpha Oliver swallows hard and clears his throat. “I think the prophecy about her and her brother was read wrong when they were babies,” he says quietly.

Pulling the car into the hospital parking lot, I spin and look at Oliver like he has lost his mind. “How does someone misread a prophecy?”

“Prophecies are often cryptic,” Oliver begins, and I groan loudly.

“Is there any way to talk about this without bringing in the nerd s\*\*t?” I grumble.

“I am afraid not,” Oliver says. “But if you aren’t interested in understanding the prophecy about our mate, then I can stop explaining it.”

Whipping a car into a parking spot, I glare at Oliver. “Noway, Book Boy,” I hiss at him. “You aren’t going to hold something like this over my head. I want to know everything.”

“Have you even heard the prophecy of the Luna Queen and her brother?” Oliver asks as he crosses his arms over his chest.

“I am a thousand percent sure you are the only one nerdy enough to do that much research on Raven,” I laugh.

Oliver shakes his head in my direction. “Basically,” Oliver sighs. “It says that one of the twins will be the ruler over all the packs. But the prophecy doesn’t name which twin. It also says that someone will come looking for them because only one of them can rule.”

“Are you saying that Raven may not be the rightful ruler of the packs?” I ask as a low rumble of a growl forms in my chest.

“Of course not,” Oliver dismisses me with a wave of his hand. “She bears the mark of the Moon Goddess. She is obviously the Child of Light.”

“Child of Light?” I ask in confusion.

Oliver lets out a loud sigh of frustration. “That’s what the twins were called in the prophecy. ‘Two children will be born. One of dark and one of light.’”

“We already know that people are after Raven,” I roll my eyes in Oliver’s direction. “What are you telling me that I don’t already know?”

“That if they are looking for the Luna Queen, they are more than likely looking for her brother too,” Oliver finally spits out the truth. “It is possible that they may lead him into the dark.”

“Are you saying that Alpha Kieran is leading these attacks on Raven?” I laugh loudly. “They are close and always have been. That theory is absurd.”

“I don’t think that he is behind the attacks. But I do believe that people are meeting with him and trying to convince him that he is the rightful ruler of the packs,” Oliver says. “And I don’t think they will stop until they find a way to make him the Alpha King.”

“Why didn’t you say that, to begin with?” I scream at Oliver. “Eyes need to be on Alpha Kieran and Raven. All of the time.”

“The Alpha triplets intimidate me. I didn’t want to make them think poorly of their only son,” Oliver says shyly. “I thought it might have been easier just to tell the Luna Queen my plan.”

“Come on,” I begrudgingly tell Oliver. “Our mate needs us.”

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Laying in the hospital bed, I watch as the doctor pokes and prods at different areas of my body, trying to gauge how much feeling I have left in my extremities.

“Close your eyes. Okay, Luna Queen,” the doctor says to me. “Can you feel this?”

I keep my eyes closed like I was asked, and I cannot feel where the doctor is touching me. I open my mouth to speak before I remember that I cannot, so I shake my head no.

“You can open your eyes now, Luna Queen,” the doctor says kindly.

Opening my eyes, I look around me, and I frown. It is still only my fathers in the room. There is no sign of either of my mates. Irritation at their delay rushes through my body, and I can feel my blood beginning to boil.

“Luna Queen,” the doctor pulls me from my inner thoughts. “Are you able to mind link anyone?”

“As the Luna Queen, you should be able to mind link anyone from any pack,” my father tells me as he holds my hand.

Closing my eyes, I reach out to my father. ‘Where the f\*\*k are my mates?’ I ask him through the mind link. ‘They should be here by my side.’

My father chuckles loudly but does not betray me and speak my unspoken words. “She is able to mind link,” he tells the doctor with a smirk.

“Good,” the doctor says with a smile on his face. “Now try to mind link me.”

I look at the doctor and c\*\*k my head slightly to the side. I have yet to try to mind link someone outside of the North Pack before. I am not sure I know how to get into someone else’s mind.

‘Hello?’ I call out through the link, praying it meets the right person.

‘Hello,’ the doctor says back sweetly through the mind link.

I let out a sigh of relief, knowing that I will be able to communicate in some way.

“It is good to know that she can mind-link,” the doctor continues aloud. “It gives me hope that she will be able to speak again as soon as her wolf can heal her.”

‘Will I be able to walk again?’ I ask the doctor through the mind link.

The doctor looks around the room before his voice echoes in my mind. ‘I don’t know the answer to that. The damage to your spine from your fall is extensive. We can only hope that your wolf is strong enough to repair the damage.’

My anger bubbles to the surface. ‘I didn’t fall,’ I shout through the link. ‘I was pushed by my aide Elise.’

The doctor gasps loudly and turns his attention back to my fathers. “Did you know that she was pushed?”

A grumbling of growls fills the room as my fathers look at one another. “Who pushed you?” Papa demands to know.

“Isn’t it obvious? Dad says. “It had to have been that aide that has been following her around like a lost puppy.”

I nod my head up and down quickly. Opening my mind to everyone in the room. ‘Elise pushed me down the stairs when I refused to go with her. She claimed that the true Luna Queen has Kieran.’

“Kieran?” Father furrows his eyebrows together in confusion. “What would they want with Kieran?”

“I think I have an answer for that,” a voice comes from the door.

Looking up, I see Oliver and Leo standing shoulder-to-shoulder in the doorway. I can’t help but smile brightly at the sight of the two of them. Even though I am smiling, both men are wearing deep scowls on their faces.

‘Please come in,’ I say to both of them through the mind link.

My mates push each other back and forth until Leo finally fights through the door first. My father leaves my side, making room for Leo. Giving Oliver a smug look, Leo takes my hand and sits beside me. I watch as his thumb traces little circles on the top of my hand. Usually, a burst of electricity would travel throughout my body at his touch, but I feel nothing right now.

Leo must not be able to feel the sparks either because he looks down at my hand with a frown on his face.

‘What is happening?’ He asks me through the mind link with fear in his eyes.

‘I think it is because I don’t have any feeling from the neck down,’ I respond to Leo. ‘I am also unable to speak.’

Leo’s frown deepens as he looks back at Oliver. “I think you should tell them what you know.”

The doctor quickly excuses himself, and Oliver steps into the hospital room and shuts the door. He begins to speak slowly and carefully as if he has practiced this speech repeatedly in his mind. I listen to how he believes the recusants are hunting down Kieran and myself. Only he doesn’t think they are harming Kieran, just trying to convince him that he is the rightful ruler of the packs.

“Kieran wouldn’t fall for such a thing,” my father shakes his head in disbelief. “He loves his sister.”

“That doesn’t mean that the recusants won’t try to convince him otherwise,” Leo growls angrily.

‘We need to speak to Elise,’ I open my link with everyone in the room. ‘She claimed to know where they were keeping Kieran.’



Leo looks even more confused than before. “What does Elise have to do with this?”

‘She pushed me down the stairs,’ I whisper to Leo alone.

Leo growls fiercely, and I cannot help but huddle in fear. “I will f\*\*\*\*\*g kill her.”

“Wait,” Dad yells as Leo attempts to storm from the room. “We need to find out what she knows before you kill her.”

‘No one is killing anyone,’ I scream through the mind link.

The five men in the room look at me with a shocked expressions.

“You aren’t thinking straight,” Father says. “She attempted to kill you. That is punishable by death.”

‘She knows too much for us just to kill her,’ I mind link everyone desperately. ‘I want to flip through her mind.’

“Is that something that you can even do without touching her?” My papa asks.

‘It is worth a try,’ I tell them. ‘But this won’t work if she knows I can communicate with you all. You have to keep this a secret until I have a chance to pull the information I need from her mind.’

“What about Alpha Harry,” Father asks. “He clearly knows something as well.”

‘I will deal with him later,’ I say through the link. ‘But I need to find Kieran

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“How are we going to lure Elise here?” Alpha Oliver asks, and everyone’s eyes land on me.

“Oh no,” I grumble. “Absolutely not.”

I look at Raven, thinking she would be on my side, but her eyes tell me otherwise.

“Raven, you can’t seriously want me to go to Elise,” I say to her as if no one else is in the room.

Her eyebrows furrow together before opening the mind link between the two of us. 'Elise is under the impression that you love her,' she tells me. 'She will listen to you.'

'In love with her,' I scoff through the mind link. 'I am not in love with her. I am in love with you.'

Raven averts her eyes, and a deep red blush crosses over her cheeks. 'I love you too,' she whispers through the link.

I know I have a smug look on my face as I turn and look at Oliver. If only she could have said those words out loud for everyone to hear. Then everyone would know that she belongs to me.

Pressing my lips to hers, I give her a quick kiss, which results in a room full of growls. I spin around to find the Alpha triplets standing behind me, arms crossed over their chests, glaring at me. Oliver is standing off to the side; his eyes averted to the floor. I ignore the angry men in the room and stand to leave.

"I won't come back without Elise," I say aloud, and Raven gives me a grateful smile.

I leave the hospital with a spring in my step. She loves me, but I don't have time to focus on that now. I need to convince Elise to come to the hospital with me.

As I pull up to the pack house, I see Raven's Aunt Ashley standing in the doorway, blocking someone from leaving.

"If you aren't guilty, then why are you trying to run?" Ashley screams at the person inside the door, and I don't have to guess to know that it is Elise.

"I am not guilty," Elise's voice shakes with fear. I am pretty sure Ashley is the daughter of an Alpha. It would not be a fair fight between the two of them.

"Then what is your hurry?" Ashley says with a smirk on her face.

I walk up to the confrontation, and sure enough, Elise is trying to get out of the pack house with her bag full of clothes.

"What is going on here?" I ask, pretending like I don't know what is going on.

"This b\*\*\*h is trying to leave after she pushed Raven down the stairs," Ashley growls impressively.

"I didn't push her," Elise's voice is high-pitched and nervous. "She tripped. I swear it."

Laying my hand on Ashley's shoulder, I try to diffuse the situation. "I can handle this from here."

“I am sure you can, you cheating son of a b\*\*\*h,” Ashley snarls at me.

“Ashley,” I say, trying to control my anger. “I have just come from the hospital. Won’t you and Elise come back with me? Raven is out of it and doesn’t seem to know what is happening.” It is a lie, and I hope it will be enough to get Elise to accompany me.

“Is she able to speak?” Ashley asks me curiously.

“No,” I lie again. “She is unable to move or speak.”

Elise seems to relax at my words. If she thinks that she is safe for now, perhaps she won’t run.

“I would like to visit her to make sure she is okay,” Elise chirps.

Ashley and I both turn and look at Elise with a shocked look. I never thought getting her to visit the hospital would be easy. Whatever her job is with the recusants must not be complete.

The drive to the hospital isn’t silent, even though none of us are speaking to one another. Elise is in the back seat humming happily to herself. Ashley is sitting in the car’s front seat with her arms crossed over her chest, letting out little huffs of anger. The closer we get to the hospital, the more irritated she seems to be. I am trying to concentrate on the road and ignore the ticking time bomb that is ready to explode in my car at any moment.

Once we pull into the hospital parking lot, Elise hops out of the car, still cheerfully humming to herself.

“What the f\*\*k are you so happy about?” Ashley snaps at her.

“I am just happy that the Luna Queen is alive and well,” Elise says with a smile, but it doesn’t reach her eyes. She is lying.

“Elise, you go ahead and head inside,” I tell her. “I want to have a moment alone with Ashley.”

Flipping her brown hair over her shoulder, Elise makes her way into the hospital without looking back in our direction.

“Do you want to explain what the f\*\*k is going on?” Ashley turns her anger onto me.

“Raven can communicate but only through mind link,” I whisper into Ashley’s ear. “She specifically asked for Elise to come here because she wants to flip through her mind.”

Ashley lets out a relieved sigh. “I thought I was going to have to kick your a\*s she chuckles.”

“It would probably be a good show if you would slap me across the face,” I tell her. “Just in case Elise is watching. We need her to think I am on her side for now.”

“No problem,” Ashley smirks. Before I have time to brace myself for the smack, Ashley rears back her hand and hits me across the face.

I rub my cheek gingerly. “You could have held back?” I groan as the side of my face continues to sting.

“Nope,” Ashley says as she places her hands on her hips.

Elise comes running back into the parking lot with a concerned look as if on cue. “My poor sweet, Leo,” she says as she takes my face into her hands.

Pulling her hands down, I fake a smile in Elise’s direction. “I was just putting Ashley in her place,” I lie yet again. “I will be okay. Let’s go see Raven.”

Elise links her arm in mine, and I shudder in disgust, but I don’t dare to remove it. Slowly, I lead the two ladies back through the hospital to Raven’s room.

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Raven’s POV

Elise enters my hospital room with a shy expression on her face. I have to admit that it is a good act. She knowingly shoved me down the stairs and now has the gull to come and visit me in the hospital. My room is empty. My fathers are patiently waiting outside my room to give me the privacy I need to delve into Elise’s mind.

When Elise enters my room and realizes it is empty, she drops the good girl facade. She crosses her arms over her chest and glares in my direction.

“You just couldn’t die, could you?” She growls. “Why do you have to make everything so difficult?”

I want to flip through her mind but not just yet. I open my mind link, hoping my fathers can hear everything happening in the room. Elise is inching her way closer to me.

“I should have known that a simple tumble down the stairs wouldn’t be enough to kill the Luna Queen,” Elise says in a whiney voice. “But it was enough to get you to keep your mouth shut.”

I let my eyes widen in shock as Elise speaks to me, but she isn't telling me anything I don't know.

"I guess I will have to find a way to keep you quiet indefinitely," Elise says with an evil smile.

Peering over her shoulder, she comes closer to me, and I can feel anxiety rises in my chest. I don't want her to get any closer, but I need her to be closer so I can read her mind.

'We are right here with you,' my father's voice rings in my head.

I take in a deep breath and try to keep my face neutral. Elise comes to the edge of my bed and takes a seat beside me. Picking up my hand in her own, Elise pats it gently. The weirdest sensation comes over me. I can feel her hand in on mine. I am starting to regain some of the feeling in my body.

I focus on the feeling of her hand on mine and close my eyes. Soon strange memories begin to float through my mind.

I watch as if I am an outsider in the memories. I am nothing more than a mist in her mind.

I look at my surroundings, trying to figure out where I am. I am in a small bedroom lit by only a small lamp in the corner. Elise is humming quietly to herself as he packs a bag. There is a genuine smile spread across her face. This must be the night she packed to leave Blue Moon with me.

Suddenly, the door to her room opens, and a woman approaches Elise in a cloaked hood. I move in a little closer to the woman. I try to lift my nose to catch the woman's scent. But I cannot smell anything in Elise's mind.

Elise doesn't seem to notice that the woman has entered her room until the woman clears her throat.

"You seem to be in a good mood," the woman says in a hoarse voice.

Letting out a little squeal, Elise spins around to see the woman standing just inside her doorway.

"I am sorry," Elise says in confusion. "Do I know you?"

"You don't know me yet," the woman says. "But I am here to make all your dreams come true."

"My dreams are already coming true," Elise laughs shyly. "The Luna Queen wants me to be her personal assistant, and I get to travel with the love of my life."

“My dear sweet child,” the woman chuckles. “You are no longer the love of his life if he has found his mate.”

Realization flickers in Elise’s eyes. “That’s not true,” she says quietly. “He promised that he would always care for me.”

“Caring for you and loving you are two different things,” the woman laughs. “Now that he has the Luna Queen by his side, what would he need with you?”

Tears begin to stream down Elise’s face. “What do I do?” She cries.

“We must dispose of the Luna Queen,” the woman says as she lowers her cloak.

I let out an audible gasp as the woman reveals her face. It is the same woman that has been haunting my dreams for years. She is real.

A loud growl from the hallway pulls me from Elise’s mind, and my fathers come rushing into the room with Leo and Oliver following closely behind them. Leo immediately pulls Elise from my side, and Oliver cuffs her arms behind her back. For more free novels, visit [Jobnib.com](http://Jobnib.com)

I watch in shock as chaos unfolds in front of me. My fathers are fighting with one another. Oliver is trying to control Elise, but she is putting up one hell of a fight. Leo is sitting on the bed with me, holding me protectively in his arms.

Frustration builds in my mind as I try to make sense of what is happening around me. Why did they come barging in before I could finish searching for memories in Elise’s mind? Why are my Dad and my Papa threatening to kill my Father?

“You said she was dead!” Papa screams at my father.

“I thought she was,” Father responds quietly. “No one could have survived that fire.”

“Well, obviously she did,” Dad snarls. “How else do you explain what you just saw?”

“Are you going to tell us that our father is possibly still alive as well?” Papa glares at Father.

“No,” Father grumbles. “I killed our father myself.”

“So you just lied to us about killing Mother?” Papa shouts back at him.

“She couldn’t have survived that fire!” Father shouts back at them. “Not without help.”

Leo wraps his arms around me tightly as if he is trying to shield me from the mayhem that surrounds me. The long he holds me, the stronger the tingles of the mate bond spread throughout my body.

Rose yawns lazily in my head, 'What is going on?'

'Everyone has gone crazy,' I tell my wolf.

'It appears you have lost control of the situation,' Rose chuckles.

'I haven't been able to move or speak for several hours,' I groan.

Rose stretches inside my mind, and I feel my body slowly beginning to heal.

As I finish my conversation with my wolf, my eyes come back into focus. My hospital room is still filled with everyone yelling at everyone else. Elise is struggling to escape from Oliver, screaming for Leo to save her, and my fathers are still at one another's throats.

I take a deep breath and scream. "Will everyone shut up and tell me what is going on?"

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It is as if everyone is moving in slow motion as they turn to look at me. My fathers and my mates have looks of relief in their eyes while Elise is staring daggers at me.

"You made this whole thing up to get me here, and yet you found out nothing," Elise's voice is high-pitched and angry.

Leo stands up to defend me, but I place my hand on his arm. "It doesn't matter what she thinks," I tell him. "She has already admitted to trying to kill me. It is a crime punishable by death."

Elise begins sobbing. "You don't understand," she cries out. "They have my mother."

"That's funny," I say as I turn my head slightly to the side. "You didn't have a problem joining the side of the woman with scars when she came to visit you the night of my birthday."

"How did you know about that?" Elise screeches.

“Have you forgotten that I am the Luna Queen?” I chuckle. “I can read minds.”

“You went into my mind?” Elise asks, looking genuinely hurt. “You looked into my private thoughts.”

The look on Elise’s face makes me feel guilty. It is precisely the reason why I don’t like flipping through people’s minds. “I didn’t have a choice,” I whisper, trying not to let my guilt get the better of me.

Leo growls at Elise, and she attempts to back away with a scared look on her face, but Oliver keeps a tight grip on her cuffs. I look into his eyes, and he looks like he is in pain. Then I realize that he has been holding onto the silver cuffs for the better part of thirty minutes without letting them go. The silver has to be burning into his hands.

“For f\*\*\*s sake,” I growl. “Will someone please have a guard take this b\*\*\*h to the dungeons so my mate can stop suffering?”

As if on cue, two armed guards make their way into my hospital room and drag Elise out while she kicks and screams for forgiveness.

Once she is gone, I hold my hands out for Oliver to approach me in the bed. Hesitantly he settles on the other side of my bed, away from Leo.

“I don’t think we have been properly introduced,” I say kindly. “I am your mate, Raven.”

“I am Alpha Oliver of the Historical Pack,” he says shyly. “But you can call me Oliver.”

I look around the room. My fathers have ridiculous grins on their faces, but Leo is wearing a scowl. I know I won’t be able to say anything to Oliver without the other four men in the room making some sort of a ruckus.

“Could you four please leave me alone with my new mate for a few minutes?” I ask politely.

My fathers quickly exit the room, but Leo refuses to move from his seat.

“Alpha Leo,” my Dad calls from the doorway. “I don’t think he will mark and mate her while she is in a hospital bed. You can leave them alone for a few moments.”

Leo gets to his feet as he mumbles something about overbearing fathers. Before he turns to leave the room, he leans in and plants a kiss on my lips. He runs his tongue along my bottom lip, eliciting a soft moan from me. Leo plunges his tongue into my mouth as soon as my lips part and deepens the kiss.



He tangles his hands in my hair and tilts my head upwards to give himself better access to my lips. The feeling between us is electric, and I cannot help but moan again. Finally, Leo comes up for air and releases my lips. We are both panting heavily.

Visions of just a few hours ago flash through my mind, and my face blushes. Just a few hours ago, I was prepared to be marked and mated by him. But now things are more complicated.

I turn my head to look at Oliver, and his eyes are glued to the ground. I can tell he is suppressing his anger at seeing me kiss Leo.

“Just remember who will have you first,” Leo whispers loud enough for Oliver to hear. He then kisses me on the forehead and leaves the room.

I look up at Oliver and see that he is now looking at me with an unreadable look. “Well, that was awkward,” I say, trying to ease the tension in the room.

“You seemed to be enjoying yourself,” Oliver says with venom.

“Please,” I beg. “I don’t want our first conversation to be a fight about Leo.”

I hold out my hand, and even before Oliver takes it, I can feel the sparks between us. “Wow,” I whisper, having never felt anything like this before.

“Does it not feel this way with Leo?” Oliver smirks.

I think about how to approach the situation delicately. “Leo and I got off to a rocky start,” I say, not trying to give too much away.

“That isn’t surprising,” Oliver grumbles.

“I take it that you two don’t like each other very much,” I giggle.

“I don’t think dislike is a strong enough word,” Oliver purses his lips. “It is more like we loathe one another.”

“Well,” I sigh. “This should make things interesting.”

“Why is that?” Oliver asks.

“Because I don’t plan on rejecting either of you,” I tell him the truth. “The Moon Goddess paired me with both of you, and I believe she did so for a reason.”

“Unfortunately,” Oliver sighs. “I agree. Perhaps we can work out some sort of deal.”

I furrow my eyebrows in confusion. “What kind of deal?”

“As in, I get you Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays...” he begins, but I hold up my hand to stop him from speaking.

“No,” I interrupt him. “This isn’t some child custody agreement. We are all in this relationship together, and you two must learn to get along.”

“I won’t be the problem,” Oliver says arrogantly. “It is Alpha Leo that you have to worry about.”

I pull my hand away from Oliver and rub my temples painfully. “We will have to see about that,” I say, unsure which one of my mates is going to give me the most trouble.

## The Alpha Triplets And The Rogue Chapter 207

Raven’s POV

Once Rose awoke in my mind, she wasted no time trying to heal my broken spine. The only problem is that it is taking longer than my father and mates would like.

Each day all five of them come to the hospital demanding to know what the doctor is doing to further my healing. But each day, they are told the same thing. They are told my wolf needs time to heal my spine, but the doctor assures them I will be back up on my feet in no time.

Today feels different. Visiting hours start at 9:00 AM. I watch the clock on my wall with a smile on my face. As soon as it hits nine, the five of them will come bounding into the room. I count down the seconds, “Three, two, one...”

Turning my attention to my doorway, I wait for them to come in the door, but nothing happens. Every day for the past week, they have not missed a day. I cannot help but stare at the clock and wait.

The minutes tick by slowly; before I realize it, I have been looking at the clock for over an hour. Tears fill my eyes as I continue to wait.

Suddenly, a ball of blonde curls comes bouncing into my room. I quickly wipe the tears from my eyes and plaster a fake smile on my lips.

“Ashley,” I try to hide the sadness in my voice. “What are you doing here?”

“Can’t an aunt come to visit her favorite niece?” Ashley says, but there is an odd tone to her voice. It sounds as if she is trying to hide something from me.

I roll my eyes and groan. “Where are my boys?” I ask, referring to my fathers and my mates. “They never miss visiting hours.”

Ashley glances over her shoulder. “Umm,” she mumbles. “Have they not been here yet today?”

“Do you see them?” I snap at her. “What is going on? What are you hiding from me?”

“Nothing,” Ashley squeaks.

I shake my head. “Come on,” I say as I struggle to swing my legs over the edge of the hospital bed. “You are taking me to wherever they told you to keep me away from.”

“No can do,” Ashley says with a high-pitched laugh. “You have physical therapy in ten minutes.”

Dangling my feet off the bed’s edge, I wiggle my toes gingerly. “Look,” I say. “I can wiggle my toes. Therapy is done.”

“I don’t think so, Luna Queen,” Ashley laughs as she gets a wheelchair from the hall. “You can’t miss therapy.”

Crossing my arms over my chest, I grumble, “I refuse to move until you tell me what is happening.”

Ashley chews nervously on her bottom lip. They couldn’t have sent a worse liar to cover for them. Ashley has never been able to keep things from me.

“Promise you won’t be mad at me?” She asks.

“Promise,” I growl.

“Today is Elise’s execution day,” Ashley says quietly.

“But there wasn’t a trial,” I say in confusion.

“There was a trial,” Ashley says quietly. “The elders convicted her almost immediately.”

“But I wasn’t there!” I cry out. “I am the Luna Queen. How could they hold the trial without me?”

“It was your fathers’ idea,” Ashley replies softly. “They thought that you had been through enough already...”

“They can’t kill her yet,” I say, trying to get to my feet. “What if she knows more? I need to look through more of her memories. I need to know who the scarred woman is.”

“They haven’t told you?” Ashley asks in a whisper.

“They haven’t told me what?” I demand to know.

“It isn’t my place to tell you,” Ashley shakes her head. “Ace, Bryce, and Chris should really be the ones to tell you.”

I firmly plant my feet on the floor and try to take a step forward. I am determined to go through Elise’s memories one last time before her demise. I shuffle one foot before the other, and my knees buckle. I tumble to the ground, landing on my hands and knees. Ashley kneels by my side, trying to help me to my feet.

“Don’t touch me,” I growl.

Ashley backs up and holds her hands in the air. “I am just trying to help you,” she says with a whimper.

“I don’t need your help,” I growl again. “I don’t need anyone to keep coddling me. I am the f\*\*\*\*\*g Luna Queen, and people need to start treating me as such.”

A nurse rushes into the room, and I see the nurse call button in Ashley’s hand. A feeling of betrayal washes over me, and I glare at Ashley. The nurse gasps when she sees me stuck on the floor and immediately tries to help me up.

Without thinking, I throw my Luna Aura over the room. “I said, no one touches me,” I snarl, and both women back away from me, baring their necks to me in submission.

The nurse is whimpering as she tries to fight against my command. She is desperate to help me up from the floor.

‘Rose,’ I call inward. ‘Can you help me up?’

Rose is panting inside my mind as she tries to help me escape the predicament that I have gotten myself into. Joining all of our energy together, Rose manages to give me enough strength to get to my feet.

Gripping the side of the hospital bed, I use my upper body to help me get to my feet. I am still wobbly, but I am standing unassisted. I am glaring at Ashley and the nurse, refusing to let my Luna Aura fade from the room.

‘We need to sit down,’ Rose pants heavily in my mind. ‘I am unsure how long I can keep you standing.’

Leaning back on the hospital bed, I let my Luna Aura fade from the room. Ashley is staring at me with tears in her eyes, but the nurse has already rushed to my side and is trying to

take my vitals. I sit unhappily still while the nurse runs around me, poking and prodding at me.

Ashley's look of shock has turned into a glare, and I know she is holding back from saying what is truly on her mind. The nurse quickly finishes up my vitals and excuses herself from the room.

The tension between Ashley and me is thick. I know she is angry because I used my aura on her, but I don't give a damn. She, my fathers, my mates, and the elder council have all betrayed me. I should have been a part of that trial. I should have been allowed to flip through Elise's mind. Those things were stolen from me.

"Go on," I snarl. "Say your peace and then leave."

Ashley lets out a huff of frustration. "We are all just trying to protect you," she begins. "Why can't you see that?"

"You are trying to protect me by keeping me in the dark," I shout at her. "That is not protecting me. It is disabling me from being able to do my job."

Ashley doesn't have time to respond before my fathers and my mates storm into the hospital room. They all look pissed, and I know that Ashley must have mind linked them and told them what was happening. Little do they know, I am no longer playing nice.

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Oliver's POV

Vomit rises in my throat as I look at the battered woman before me. Apparently, her name is Elise, and she was once an aide to the Luna Queen. According to the Alpha triplets and Alpha Leo, she used her position to get close to Raven and feed information to the recusants. It is unclear how many of the attacks she has participated in, but she is definitely a threat to the throne.

I check the time on my watch. We have been down here for more than an hour, and visiting hours at the hospital are in ten minutes. The Alpha triplets and Leo have been taking turns torturing Elise for information before her execution today. The only problem is Elise doesn't seem to know much about the resistance that is building against the Luna Queen.

Her face is nearly unrecognizable at this point. Both tears and blood stain her cheeks as she begs for her life. "I swear I didn't know they had plans to kill the Luna Queen," she whimpers. "I just wanted to be close to Leo."

Leo growls. "It is Alpha Leo to you," he spits in her direction. He raises his hand to smack her across the face, but Ace stops him from striking her again.

"I don't think she knows anything," Ace says. "It is time to let her rest before her execution."

Elise goes pale, and vomit spews from her mouth. "I told you everything that I know," she begs. "I promise not to be a threat to the Luna Queen any longer. I will go rogue. I will disappear. You will never have to see me ever again."

"You tried to kill the Luna Queen," Alpha Chris butts in.

"You pushed her down a flight of stairs," Alpha Bryce continues.

"But she lived," Elise cries out. "I didn't harm the Luna Queen."

Leo's eyes bulge out of his head. "You didn't harm her? You didn't harm her?" He screams in her direction. "She is laid up in a hospital bed because of you. Who knows when she will be able to walk again? You deserve everything that you have coming."

"I deserve death for pushing someone down the stairs?" Elise scoffs. "That is a little much, don't you think?"

"It was an attempt on her life!" All three of the triplets yell out at the same time.

We are all tired of Elise. Especially me. I could be at the hospital right now getting to know my mate, but instead, I have been roped into this ridiculous situation. One minute Elise is begging for her life. The next, she is running her smart mouth. I can barely keep up with her mood changes.

I look down at my watch again, and it is time for her execution. "Can we get this over with?" I mumble. "I would like to see my mate before the day ends."

I didn't think anyone was listening or paying attention to me, but suddenly, four pairs of eyes are on me.

"What was that?" Leo growls in my direction.

I glare back at him. "I said, can we get this over with?" I say louder this time.

"Nothing is keeping you here," Leo barks at me. "You can leave whenever you please."

"Is that so," I yell back at him. "Then I will just head to the hospital. You all can meet me there when all of this is over." I gesture wildly to Elise.

"No," Leo yells out. "I don't want you to be alone with her."

“What do you think is going to happen?” I snap at Leo. “She is laid up in a hospital bed. Visiting hours have officially started, and I know she is wondering where we are.”

“I have it covered,” Leo waves his hand. “I sent Ashley to the hospital to fill in for us while Raven waits for us to show up.”

“You did what?” The triplets all yell at once.

“What?” Leo says with confusion. “What did I do wrong?”

“The only people Ashley has ever been able to lie to is us,” Ace groans. “She will break down and tell Raven where we are.”

“Oh,” Leo moans with realization. “On a scale of one to ten, how much trouble are we in?”

“A fifteen,” Bryce says as he runs his fingers through his hair.”

“She is going to be livid she was left out of the trial and the sentencing,” Ace says.

I cross my arms over my chest and smirk. I told them all that it would be a bad idea for them to leave Raven out of these decisions, but they were insistent that Elise’s trial could not wait. I look back at Elise, and she is also wearing a smug look on her face. It is as if she knows something we don’t.

Before I can mention anything, the Alpha triplets’ eyes glaze over. Panic seems to invade their senses when their eyes return to normal.

“What is it?” I ask.

“Raven has figured out what is going on and is pissed,” Alpha Chris says.

Alpha Ace pinches the bridge of his nose. “She tried to stand and fell. Then she used her Luna Aura to keep anyone from helping her.”

“Is she hurt?” Leo and I exclaim at once.

The triplets shake their head no in an identical way. “She is fine,” Alpha Ace says quietly. “But we should get there immediately.”

“What about her?” I point to Elise.

“She can wait,” Leo growls. “She isn’t going anywhere.”

Elise begins to laugh hysterically. “You all have pissed off your precious Luna Queen. Whatever will you do?” Elise’s voice is dripping with sarcasm.

I look between Elise and the four men standing in front of her. “I don’t think we should leave her alive,” I say, trying to sound confident.

“What makes you say that?” Alpha Bryce asks.

“I don’t know,” I shuffle on my feet. “It just feels like a mistake.”

“Don’t be ridiculous,” Leo rolls his eyes at me. “She is locked in a dungeon. She isn’t going anywhere.”

“Leo is right,” Alpha Ace says hurriedly. “We need to get to Raven before she completely freaks out.”

I watch the four men shuffle out of Elise’s cell, and I follow closely behind them. I stay behind to ensure the guard locks Elise’s cell properly. I cannot shake the feeling that this is a mistake. We shouldn’t have left her alive.

Once I am satisfied the cell is locked appropriately, I turn to catch up with the Alpha triplets and Alpha Leo. They are already waiting for me at the top of the dungeon stairs. None of us say a word to one another as we pile into an SUV and head to the hospital to placate my mate.

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Oliver’s POV

As we all burst into the hospital room, we see Raven sitting on the edge of the bed. Her hair is knotted on top of her head, with stray tendrils sticking out here and there. Her usual, pleasant demeanor is replaced by something more sinister. She glares in our direction as we stand stunned.

No one seems to want to speak first. We have been caught going behind her back, and we know it. I try to think of something to say to make everything all better, but the truth is, I agree with her anger. She has every right to be angry that she has been kept in the dark over the past week. Elise’s trial should have never taken place without her.

Leo is the first one brave enough to step forward and speak to her. “Baby,” he says in a surprised voice. “You are sitting up on your own. That is amazing.”

But Raven is not impressed. She twists her head to look at him and growls in his direction. “Don’t try to change the subject,” she snaps at him.

“I didn’t know there was a subject,” Leo says jokingly.



The Alpha triplets run their hands down their faces and groan at Leo's ill-placed joke. Alpha Ace pushes Leo down into the seat next to the door and tries to approach his daughter. "Little Bird," he says gently. "Don't be angry with us. We were trying to protect you."

Raven holds up her hand and silences her father. Her Luna Aura is beginning to seep into the air around us, and I cannot help but submit to her. My eyes glance around the room, and I see that Leo, too, has his neck bared to her. The only ones who seem able to withstand her Aura are her fathers.

"Is she dead?" Raven demands to know.

"No," Alpha Ace says quietly. "Not yet."

"Good," Raven says as she pushes a little more of her Aura into the room. "You can take me to her and Alpha Harry."

Still sitting on the edge of her bed, Raven slowly wiggles her feet back and forth. This is the most movement I have seen from her in the past week. I am delighted to see how strong she is becoming so quickly. That is why I cannot let her hurt herself by leaving the hospital now.

Before I can stop my feet, they are moving toward her. I stop right in front of her with a giant smile. I trace my fingers down the side of her cheek and relish the feeling of the sparks that are spreading between us. Raven lets out a sigh and leans into my touch, closing her eyes.

"Do you really think that it is for the best?" I coo to her. "You are still healing, my Love."

Raven's eyes snap open, and I realize my mistake. I should have never tried to use the mate bond to persuade her. I bite the inside of my cheek and wait for her to yell at me. She opens her mouth to speak, and I wince before she even has a chance to say anything.

She speaks purposefully instead of screaming at me like I expected her to. "I have enough strength for this," she informs us all. "Now, take me to Elise."

Raven slides off the bed and gently lands on her feet. Her knees buckle slightly under her weight, but she does not let that stop her. She takes slow and sure steps toward the wheelchair in the corner of the room. Once she is at the wheelchair, she flops herself into it, and we all let out a sigh of relief. At least she doesn't want to walk.

"Little Bird," Alpha Bryce steps toward the chair. "We have questioned Elise and are positive that she has no more information regarding the recusants."

"You all have denied me enough this past week," Raven says with a coolness in her voice. "You will not deny me this."

Alpha Chris doesn't second guess her. He steps behind the wheelchair and begins to push it toward the door of her hospital room.

"You can't seriously be on board with this," Alpha Ace steps in front of the wheelchair. "She barely has the strength to stand, much less flip through someone's mind."

"Keep speaking about me as if I am not in the room, and I will send you home to Mother," Raven snaps at her father.

Alpha Ace steps out of Chris's way and allows him to continue on his way with Raven. I stand in the hospital room, stunned. I cannot believe that they are going to let her leave. The other two triplets follow Chris silently out of the room.

I look at Alpha Leo, and he is staring at me with an annoyed look. "She will never love you the way she loves me," he finally says.

I scoff at his words. "How do you know?"

"Because you came second, and we already have a solid foundation," Leo growls at me.

I snort with laughter. Rumors spread quickly, and I know they did not start with a solid foundation, but I keep that information to myself. I continue to laugh in Leo's face.

Leo jumps from his chair and stands toe to toe with me. He may be more muscular than me, but I am taller. I refuse to be intimidated by him. I glower down at Leo, and I can see him balling his fists up at his sides. He is going to hit me.

Using two fingers on each hand, I push him back. "You need to calm down," I grunt. "We promised Raven that we wouldn't fight over her."

Leo steps back up to me and shoves me. "Raven isn't here right now," he says with a smirk.

"I am not fighting you in the middle of a hospital," I roll my eyes at his childishness.

"What?" Alpha Leo retorts. "Are you afraid that you are going to lose?"

"That is the least of my worries," I assure him before I turn and walk out the door.

I hear Leo shuffling after me, along with Raven's aunt. Once we are in the parking lot, I realize the Alpha triplets have already left with Raven.

Turning to Ashley, I hold my hand out for her keys. "I am driving," I tell her.

Ashley tosses her keys, and I quickly enter her tiny sports car. I barely fit inside, and Leo looks comical, folded up in the backseat.

As we approach the dungeons, nerves rise in my chest. Before I park the car, I can sense that something is wrong. Raven is sitting off to the side with two armed guards beside her. Tears are streaming down her face.

Leo and I quickly run to her side. “What happened,” Leo pants.

“They escaped,” Raven says solemnly. “Elise and Harry are both gone.”

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Raven’s POV

Elise is gone, and so is Harry. I sit in my wheelchair, feeling absolutely helpless as I watch everyone run around, trying to figure out how they escaped. One of the guards is knocked out, and the other is sporting a knife wound to the stomach. The description that the wounded guard gave was an older woman with scars covering her face. Whoever set them free had a key to the dungeons.

The longer I sit in this wheelchair, the more my anger begins to bubble to the surface. If they hadn’t excluded me from the trials or the sentencing, I could have looked into Elise and Harry’s memories and possibly figured out who was behind all of these attacks. But now they are gone, and we are no closer to knowing who is leading this group of rebels.

My fathers walk up to me with their heads hung low. They know they have screwed up. My mates stand beside me quietly. Neither one of them dares to speak. The five men surrounding me have failed me as Luna Queen, and if I could banish them from their packs, I would. But unfortunately, they haven’t technically done anything wrong.

Elder Garrett approaches me with his head held high. I can tell that he doesn’t believe that this is his fault at all. “Luna Queen,” he greets me.

“Elder Garrett,” I grumble his name.

“I am afraid that we have failed you,” Garrett continues. “It was wrong to leave you out of the decision-making regarding these two prisoners. As it stands right now, I believe that you should return to the North Pack, where we know you will be safe.”

“No,” I retort.

“No?” The six men standing around me question.

“I will not go into hiding,” I say with my head held high. “I will continue my tour to meet all of the packs. I want to leave for the South Pack in the morning. I think the West Pack has had enough excitement because of me.”

“My love,” Leo breaks in. “I would prefer you say at the North Pack so I can keep an on Blue Moon.”

“And what about my pack?” Oliver snaps back. “Am I just supposed to leave my pack unattended?”

“You could always return home,” Leo says with a sly grin.

“And leave you two alone? I think not,” Oliver scoffs.

“As far as I am concerned, you both can go back to your packs,” I snap, interrupting their argument. “I don’t need anyone to protect me.”

Leo snickers under his breath, and so does Dad.

“What is so funny?” I ask them.

“It is just that you have spent more time in the hospital than visiting packs since this tour began,” Leo continues to chuckle.

“It is true, Little Bird,” Dad says seriously. “You need someone to protect you now that Warren has disappeared.”

“Disappeared?” I furrow my eyebrows in confusion. “Did he not return to the North Pack?”

“No. It would appear that he has gone rogue,” Dad tells me.

“He wouldn’t do that,” I say, refusing to believe what I am hearing.

“He has, Little Bird,” Papa interjects. “No one has seen him since the morning he was dismissed.”

Hot tears sting my eyes as the feeling of guilt rises in my chest. The Warren I knew would have never gone rogue. He was proud to serve as a guard in the North Pack and to be my personal guard.

But when I met Leo, something changed within Warren. He was no longer my best friend. He instantly wanted more. He wanted something that I could not give him. If only he had been my mate.

“I want to go back to the pack house,” I say, sniffing back the tears threatening to fall.

“You have to go back to the hospital,” Oliver says worriedly. “You haven’t finished your physical therapy.”

My eyes snap in his direction, and he cowers under my glare. “What part I am leaving in the morning, did you not understand?”

Oliver keeps his eyes trained on the ground. He is refusing to look up at me. He nods his head in understanding. He isn’t going to be like Leo, who challenges me at every corner. Oliver will follow me blindly no matter how wrong my decision is.

Dad begins to wheel me back to the car. He doesn’t say a word as he lifts me out of my wheelchair and places me in the back of his black SUV. Before I have time to protest, Oliver is sliding across the back seat of the SUV to sit next to me. Leo climbs in the seat next to him.

I don’t speak to Dad or my mates on the way back to the pack house. Curling my body as close to the door as possible, I try to put as much distance between myself and Oliver. But he is determined to touch me. He continues to inch closer to me, and I have nowhere to go. I can feel the heat from his leg up against mine. I try to ignore the tether of the bond that is growing stronger between us. But it is becoming impossible.

I find my mind wandering to places that it shouldn’t go. I glance at Oliver out of the corner of my eyes. I cannot help but wonder what his lips would feel like against mine. Would the kiss be delicate and sweet, or would it be full of need and hunger like it is with Leo?

The SUV jerks to a stop, and I find myself outside the West Pack pack house. My Dad exits the car to retrieve the wheelchair from the trunk, but Oliver has different plans. While Leo waits patiently for Dad to get the wheelchair out of the back, Oliver rushes to my side of the car and opens the door.

“What are you doing?” I growl, but he ignores my protests and scoops me into his arms.

“I am carrying you into the pack house,” he says with a smile.

I struggle against his hold, but it is of no use. He only tightens his grip around me. I try to ignore the soothing tingles that are spreading throughout my body. But eventually, I give in and lean my head up against his chest. I listen to the calming sound of his heartbeat as he carries me up the stairs.

Oliver kicks open my bedroom door, and suddenly, my heart is racing in my chest. Moving with purpose, Oliver lays me on my bed. But he doesn’t leave me. His body continues to hover over mine.

My lips feel dry, and I instinctively dart my tongue out to moisten them. Oliver's eyes flicker from my eyes to my lips, and I hear a groan escape from his chest. I pull my bottom lip between my teeth and gaze up at him from beneath my eyelashes.

Oliver cups my face in his hand and leans in closer. "I need you," he whispers.

Our breath mingles with one another. I close my eyes and wait for his lips to brush against mine, but it doesn't happen. I feel the weight on the bed shift, and Oliver is gone by the time I open my eyes.