

Chapter 3

King Warrick

My wolf and I are beyond pi*sed that the girls were almost taken. They should have known better than to leave the playground. They have done it before and were punished with no recess for a week. As they get older they are only giving me a harder time. Since my father passed away two years ago during a rogue attack, I have been the one to lay down the law, while my mother is the nice one. Don't get me wrong my mother is hard on them, but not to the extent that she was with me. I suppose she was hard on me because I was a little hellion, the girls don't really get into too much trouble. Not like I did at their age, but how do you control a small boy with two abilities? You need to be hard on them to ensure they don't destroy everything. Whoever is set to rule next has two abilities and if for some reason that person falls before ascending the throne, the next in line receives another gift.

As I am in the middle of thought, staring at the sunset outside my oce window I hear a knock on my door and my mother walks in. I turn to face her and I see the worry on her face. She is naturally blond with chocolate highlights. Her deep blue eyes meet mine.

"Has the rogue said anything yet?" She asks, anger and worry lacing her tone.

"Not yet. They have kept quiet." I answer and her eyes go wide in surprise.

"Hasn't said anything? Who is doing the interrogation?" She asks, which annoys me.

"Vick and Jason." I answer and her brows crease.

"And the rogue hasn't said one thing?" She asks with disbelief.

"No. They are going to be continuing soon. We should have answers by morning." I say and she nods her head then walks over to one of the chairs in my oce and plops down, sighing.

"How are the girls?" I ask as I go and sit next to her in another chair. She looks at me and shakes her head.

"Honestly, they are shaken. And quiet. They are in Nalissa's room reading. But I don't think they are actually reading." She says looking down to hide the tears in her eyes. "I don't know what I would have done if they were taken." She says shakily. I reach over and grab her hand.

"They weren't and we will make sure to keep a better eye on them." I say and she nods, squeezing my hand.

"It's time for dinner." She says standing up and I follow her to the dining room in silence. I am surprised when we enter the room and the girls are sitting at the table already. Their gray eyes turn to me as I walk in and they look down, knowing that they will be in trouble for leaving the playground. I go to them and bend down, putting my arms over each of their shoulders, hugging them.

"I am so glad you two are safe. Don't ever do that again. You hear me." I say as warmly as I can.

"Yes." Nalissa says. Talissa nods her head acknowledging that she heard me and I sigh, getting up and going to my seat at the table. Talissa has always been the quiet twin, but she stopped talking altogether when our father died 2 years ago. Nobody had any idea why. Doctor's have said it is most likely because she saw the attack that killed our father and she felt guilty about not telling anybody. She was only 8, she was still coming into her power, so she didn't understand what she saw. She sees the future, while Nalissa sees the past. Opposite sides of the same coin, both looking just like my mother with their blond hair and chocolate highlights. The only difference they have are the shades of their gray eyes, Nalissa's are a very light gray, while Talissa's are a darker shade.

I look at Henry, my gamma and his two parents and smile slightly in acknowledgement. Normally Jaxon and his sister join us, but Jaxon is busy with the rogue and I know Reana, Jaxon's sister, is either busy with homework or reading. We are all a big family, not by blood but by choice. Henry and I grew up together. It was a given that he would be my gamma, since his father was my father's gamma.

We met Jaxon in Second grade when he moved here with his mother. He moved here when his mother met her second chance mate, our head warrior who adopted Jaxon and took him in as his own. When he moved here, the three of us quickly formed a brotherhood that could not be broken.

We had dinner in a slightly sad silence. While we are waiting for dessert, I notice the twins are staring at each other, they must be minklinking one another. I see my mother watching them with a smile on her face and tears in her eyes. All of a sudden I see Nalissa look up towards Henry.

"Is the lady okay?" She asks and we all turn our attention to Henry. He gives her a confused look.

"The lady?" He asks her.

"Yes. The lady that sa.." Tali elbows her sister and gives her a look. Nali continues giving her sister a small glare. "The lady we saw in the forest. You took her to get help right?" Nali nishes. I scrunch my brow in concern. What was she talking about? Henry clears his throat and his eyes grow wider, knowing who Nali is talking about. He looks at me then back at Nali before answering.

"Um.. Nali that lady is a rogue who tried to take you and your sister. She is in the cells being questioned." He answers her honestly and a growl works its way through my throat at the thought of the girls being taken. Then Henry's word settled in and I couldn't help the surprised expression I had.

"It was a female who tried to take them? A rogue female?" My mother asked before I could.

"Yes. She was.." Henry starts before Nali yells.

"NO! You can't lock her in the cells! You can't hurt her! She.." And before she could nish Tali speaks up, shocking everybody in the room.

"Nali, shut up." She hissed to her sister. Nali looks at her surprised then narrows her eyes.

"You shut up" Nali starts.

"GIRLS ENOUGH!" My mother shouts, making them wince and look at her wide eyes.

"But.." Nali starts again.

"No buts. That woman tried to take you. If she was nice to you it was only to try to get you both to go with her. We are DONE with this conversation. Now be quiet and eat your dessert." My mother scolds them and they look down with tears in their eyes.

The rest of the time was quiet. We all take our leave and I go to my oce.