

Mate!

Chapter 11 - Their Bullied and Broken Mate

Liam POV

After hanging up the phone with Rebecca, I slumped down into my chair. "Loki, Rebecca is coming home." I said to my twin brother. His head snapped towards me with the look of sheer confusion. "Home? Like here? Why? Did something happen?" He grumbled. Loki was definitely the grumpier of the two of us, and he wasn't afraid to show it. "Yes, here, but she isn't coming alone, and it isn't temporary. To answer your last question, yes. Something really bad has happened from what I understand. Bad enough for Jason to abandon his family and his pack. However, I don't know exactly what happened. She basically just gave me the cliff notes." I explained.

Loki slowly nodded his head and took a drag off of his cigarette and asked, "So, when will they be arriving?" I told him that I had already sent one of the private jets for them, and had the Omega's preparing rooms for them all. I, for one, couldn't wait to see my little niece. As we were talking, my phone rang again. It was late, and I didn't recognize the number, but answered anyway. "Hello? Liam Young speaking." The line was silent for a moment before I heard someone say, "Alpha Liam, this is Beta David Carter of Mystic Shadows, have you heard from your sister? I tried to reach Jason and had no luck. They aren't home and my son, Michael, said Rebecca left a couple of hours ago with Trinity saying she was sick. Now they are nowhere to be found." I had to answer this carefully, because Becca told me to keep all of this hush hush out of urgency.

I cleared my throat and replied, "I haven't heard from her since earlier. She said that Trinity had an achy tummy and wanted a recipe for a tea our mother used for us when we were sick. I haven't heard anything since. I'm sorry I can't help you, Beta Carter." He cursed at himself and disconnected the call without even saying goodbye. He was definitely connected to why they were fleeing. I told Loki that if anyone, including Jason's family, contacted him about those coming here, we would know nothing. He told me he understood, and got up to get some coffee.

My sister and her mate should be in the air by now, and it was a short flight. I was starting to get antsy about their arrival because I wasn't sure what to expect. I was hoping they weren't bringing a bunch of bullshit family drama with them, but something told me it was worse than that. If it was, we would protect all of them at any cost. She mentioned Jason's sister was with them, and that she needed medical help as soon as they landed, and I assured her there would be an ambulance waiting.

Honestly, I don't remember him having a sister. Just a shit ton of brothers, and all of them major pricks. His family would have been the LAST family I would have wanted my sister to be in, and that pack of theirs, a complete shit show of cruelty. It was no secret that Mystic Shadows ran poorly, and their members were treated like slaves. Their numbers were dwindling all the time, and it was rumored that the Alpha was allowing dangerous rogues to join them. Loki came back into the community room and plopped back into his recliner with a cup of coffee and a sandwich. He looked over at me and mouthed 'What?' with a mouth full of food.

I shook my head and laughed and went to make one of my own. I grabbed the hair tie out of my pocket and pulled my hair up into a bun to keep my hair out of the food. I opened the fridge and took out the fresh baked ham, lettuce, onion and brown mustard. I opted for no cheese this time and piled it all on a fresh, soft bagel. I grabbed a can of soda and went back to my own recliner. Loki had turned on a movie, and we ate our dinner in silence.

Engrossed in the movie, I was startled when my phone went off again. This time it was my sister, and she was in hysterics. Jason's sister was barely breathing and her heartbeat was faint. The ambulance had already loaded her up and was heading towards the pack hospital. I told her that Loki and I would head that way now to make sure someone was with her when she arrived. She said they would be there as soon as the crew finished unloading their belongings. I told her not to worry, that his little sister would be fine and our aunt would be able to get Trinity.

I told Loki to get dressed, that we had to go to the hospital. I briefly explained what I was told, and of course he got pissed off. His moodiness was too much sometimes. Hopefully, when he finds his mate, or our mate, he will chill the hell out. I ran up to my room and threw on a pair of jeans and a long sleeve t-shirt. Slipped on my boots and headed down to the garage. Loki was soon behind me and we were off to the hospital. Less than 5 minutes away, my phone dinged with a message. It was from Jason. 'Liam..we have just arrived and are in the emergency waiting room. Thank you for everything so far.' I told Loki that Rebecca and Jason were at the hospital and that our aunt was picking up Trinity. He gave a sigh of relief and nodded his head.

Out of nowhere, he turned to look at me and asked, "Liam, is Rocko acting off the chain right now? The reason I'm asking is...Zeus is driving me insane. He has never acted like this before." Rocko had been pacing reluctantly for the past couple of hours, and constantly whining. He was refusing to speak to me about it and I have been trying to just let him be. "He's pacing like an expectant father and whining like a baby. He's being stubborn and not speaking or explaining why. So, I've just let him be." We arrived at the hospital and let the valet park our car.

Walking into the hospital, Rocko got worse and kept saying the word 'MATE' over and over. I told Loki what was happening and he said Zeus was doing the same thing. As we got closer to where Rebecca and Jason were, our wolves were losing their minds. The scent of caramel, cinnamon and vanilla was overwhelming. We didn't even stop to say hello to our sister, but instead followed the scent through the hallways. We came upon a room that had a single bed in it, and on that bed was a small, unconscious girl. We both looked at each other and at the same time said "MATE!"

Behind us, we heard the words "HOLY SHIT!" in unison. Jason and Rebecca had overheard the revelation.

Shocked

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LOKI POV

"MATE!" Liam and I said at the same time. We both stopped in our tracks and looked at each other dumbfounded. Of course, we would share a mate. Why wouldn't we? Just like everything else in our life. Even if I didn't want to share and if I had to share, I would want it to be with my twin. I placed my hand on his shoulder, and asked if he was OK with us sharing a mate. He just nodded to me and kept his eyes on her. Jason had come up beside us and stared at her with us. He finally spoke to us and all he could muster was, "Do not hurt her, please. She has had enough pain in her life. She is going to need patience and understanding after her most recent ordeal. The four of us can sit and talk later, and I will explain everything she has been through. I will warn you though, it's not pretty and I'm not completely innocent."

I could hear the torment in his voice and knew some of what the history of his family was, so I was trying to have an open mind. My wolf, Zeus, was having a harder time in the understanding department. "Can we approach her?" I heard Liam ask, and Rebecca took his hand and led him to her bedside. I followed behind them, moving slower than the other two. I don't know why I was hesitant, but there was a fear there I couldn't explain. Jason got chairs for us all, and we sat on each side of her hospital bed. Talking silently amongst ourselves, we were startled by the sound of the door opening.

"Alpha's, I'm thankful you are here. I need to speak with you privately about the girl." He said, without even acknowledging our sister or her mate. Jason stood up and asked what it was about, that he was her brother, and demanded answers. Dr. Flores looked at both Liam and I, and asked for us to go outside for privacy. Jason flew off the handle and Liam had to calm him down. He sat back down with his mate and me and Liam followed the doctor outside into the hall.

"Why the privacy doc? He is her brother. You could have spoken to all of us," I said. He hung his head and said that he wanted to speak to us first because he wanted to be positive that it wasn't Jason who did this to her. We reassured him that it wasn't him, but others in his family. Although we weren't entirely sure what exactly happened. Nodding his head, he motioned for us to go back into the room. Upon entering, he apologized to Jason and explained why he had to do what he did, and Jason understood. He pulled up a chair, and proceeded to explain the extent of her injuries.

"Well, I don't know how to explain it all gently, please bare with me, this is going to be hard to hear." he started. He took a sip of his coffee and continued, "Alpha's, Mr. Carter, she has extensive damage to her ribs and sternum. She will need reconstructive surgery on her arm and ankle. Her wolf isn't healing her properly and it makes me wonder if she has received her wolf at all. Mr. Carter, would you know if she has?" Jason explained that she had only been 18 for less than 2 hours, and with her being unconscious he highly doubted she had. "That would explain a lot of why she isn't healing the way she should. Unfortunately, this means she will need to be taken into surgery for repairs to her leg and arm, as well as her sternum. There isn't much we can do for the cracked ribs other than allow them to heal. Here is the hard part. Mr. Carter, do you know if your sister is or was a virgin?" His mouth dropped and he stammered over his words.

"Um...sh..she definitely has never had sex before. She wasn't allowed anywhere alone other than school." he explained. The doctor wiped his face with his hands and looked at Rebecca. "Rebecca, it looks as if your concerns were warranted. She was not only raped vaginally, but also sodomized. That is something that is also going to have to be repaired due to the tearage of her vagina." Rebecca started to sob and grabbed our mate's hand. Jason and Liam flipped their shit, but I don't think the fury I felt could be compared to anything. I wanted to kill someone, the someone who did this to her. I didn't care who it was. Doctor Flores asked us all to calm down, and he didn't want her to feel the stress from everyone's anguish. She may be unconscious but she could still feel everyone's energy. Taking deep breaths, we all composed ourselves. "Doc, is that all?" I asked.

He shook his head and said, "No, there is also the matter of the damage to her face. She has a broken nose, a fractured jaw and a fractured orbital bone. We have a plastic surgeon coming tomorrow to do those repairs. The next several days will be hard ones, but the procedures are necessary. I'm sorry I had to be the bearer of bad news, but I promise you all that we will do our best to help her, however much help she needs. I am also suggesting that she receives psychiatric therapy to deal with the trauma once she is able. Mr. Carter, I think it could also benefit you if you are willing. Sounds like you have both had a questionable upbringing." He finished. Standing up, he shook our hands and left to tend to other patients and organize the procedures for our mate.

We all sat in silence for a really long time. Jason was the one to break it and asked, "Alpha's, I would like to take Dr. Flores up on the therapy. I need to have my mind healthy so that I can be the brother she needs." Liam patted him on the back and told him he would make sure that happened. I lifted my head from my hands and stared at my mate. "What is her name? I heard you say she just turned 18 hours ago, but I didn't hear her name." Rebecca put her hand on my back and said, "Melian, her name is Melian. She likes to be called Mel. She is one of the sweetest souls I have ever met. She can also be very stubborn, but is also very timid. She has been through terrible things, Lok, but she is resilient. Once she trusts you, you will never ask for anyone better." I hugged my sister, thankful she was here with me. I was the one who couldn't handle emotions well, I was 'the grumpy one' according to everyone else. I needed some air, so I pulled from her embrace and walked out without saying a word.

Awake

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Melian POV

The last thing I remember was Rebecca cleaning me up and washing my hair. During the cleanup, she stopped and questioned my sexual activity. When she said she thought I had been not only raped, but sodomized, I went numb. I could hear her reassuring me that I wasn't alone, and that we would make the ones who did this to me pay. I started feeling dizzy so I laid down to rest, and next thing I know, I blacked out.

I don't know how long I have been out, but occasionally I can hear Jason and Rebecca's voices mixed with 2 other male voices I don't recognize. I try to open my eyes, but the darkness takes over every time. I can hear them again, and there is another male voice who sounds like a doctor with the way he is speaking. I can barely make out what he is saying, but I catch small pieces here and there. Something about having to have procedures, and that it isn't going to be an easy recovery since I haven't met my wolf or shifted. Great. I hear a lot of yelling, and the 2 voices I don't recognize are angry, but not at me. Jason is yelling too, and Rebecca is trying to calm them all. Why can't I wake up? Please Moon Goddess, let me wake up.

I drift back into the darkness, only to waken to a soft purple glow. Standing before me was a beautiful goddess-like woman with long silver hair and sparkling blue eyes. Next to her were two beautiful white wolves. One of them had a silver patch of fur over her left eye. Her eyes were emerald green just like my own. "Wh...who are you and what is this place?" I asked. Smiling, she stretched her hands out towards me, beckoning me to place mine in them.

I hesitated before I obliged and she led me to a fallen log under a willow tree. We sat in silence for several moments before I asked her the question I had asked her again earlier. "Melian, my child, my chosen one. I am your Moon Goddess, Selene. I brought you here for a very special reason, dear. You see those two wolves sitting by the pond? Those are two very special wolves, and one of them belongs to you. Her name is Ruby. The other will belong to your first born son, and his name is Franz. Ruby will release a power in you that you didn't realize you held, but only once you have mated and marked your mates." she said. "Mates? As in more than one?" I asked.

She laughed and nodded her head. "Yes sweet Melian. You have two mates. They are twins and they will be the ones to always protect you. They are Alpha's, but do not fear their power, nor fear the love they have for you. You will need a lot of healing, Melian. Please allow them to help you along the way. You can trust them with your life." she replied.

I stood up and walked slowly towards the pond. Ruby and Franz turned to face me and watched my movements with caution. As I moved closer to Ruby, she also moved closer to me. All at

once, she started running towards me and jumped, but instead of jumping at me she jumped into me, causing us to become one unit. It took my breath away, and I gasped for air. I was jolted out of the darkness and into a room where the lights were so bright I could barely see.

"Melian!" I heard my brother yell, and I was instantly surrounded by a group of people. I fell back onto the pillows and my eyes constantly scanned the room trying to figure out what was going on. I motioned to Rebecca to get me water, and she grabbed a bottle off the counter. She helped me take sips slowly, and then kissed my forehead. "Mel, I am so happy to see those beautiful green eyes. You had us so scared." she whispered. I said sorry to her and she shook her head.

"We will have none of that sweetheart, you have nothing to be sorry for," she replied. Jason was on the other side of me, just staring with a cheesy grin, trying to hold back tears. "Happy Birthday sis! You woke up just in time." he said. I just gave him a smirk and closed my eyes for a minute. I heard him yell my name in a panic and I whispered, "Chill, Jay. The lights are bright and are hurting my head. I'm still here." Him and Rebecca giggled and I heard the door fling open. It was an extremely tall man built like a brick shit house.

"Melian, hello! I am Dr Flores, and I have been the attending doctor for you. How are you feeling?" He introduced himself. "Like I was nearly beaten to death. How do I look?" I playfully answered. Apparently, my joking went over his head and he immediately went into doctor mode. "You look like you feel, but other than that, I would say you look no worse for the wear." He proceeded to explain to me what I needed to have done, and said there was more that we would talk about once I was feeling better.

I knew exactly what that 'more' was. A talk I wasn't looking forward to.

He excused himself and Jason asked if I was hungry. I nodded my head and told him I wanted noodle soup and PB&J, and a huge glass of orange juice with ice. He jumped up and kissed my forehead and assured me he would be right back. Rebecca and I started a conversation about what was going to happen now that we were no longer part of Mystic Shadows, and the door to my room opened. There standing in the doorway were two of the most gorgeous men I had ever laid eyes on. My mouth fell open and Rebecca was quick to shut it.

The men both stared at me with love in their eyes and said "Mate!" Is this who Selene told me about? Rebecca cleared her throat and held my hand and said, "Uh Mel, meet my brothers, Loki is the one with the shorter hair, and Liam is the one with the longer hair. They are your mates, Mel."

First things first

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Liam POV

She's awake. I wanted to run to her, but I just stood there dumbfounded. I heard her acknowledge us as her mates and I turned to Loki. He nodded his head and we started through the door. We froze in place when we heard Rebecca clear her throat. "Uh Mel, meet my brothers, Loki is the one with the shorter hair, and Liam is the one with the longer hair. They are your mates, Mel." She explained. A bashful smile formed on our mate's gorgeous face and she started to fidget with her fingers.

"H..hi, it's ni..nice to meet you. Thank,,thank you for taking us in, and making sure we were safe. I also appreciate you allowing me to receive medical care when I'm not a member of your pack." She said. She was stumbling over her words, showing how nervous she was, and I couldn't help but find it adorable. I asked her If I could sit next to her and she nodded her head, and asked if Loki would sit with her too. I sat with her on her bed, and Loki sat in the chair next to us.

"Melian? Right?" I asked and she nodded. "It's our pleasure to help. We weren't expecting to find our mate in such a circumstance, but I assure you, we are excited about meeting you. I want you to know that we are willing to take things at your pace, OK? There is no rush, and we don't want you to feel obligated to rush anything. Loki and I are not going to reject you, right Loki?" I said, looking over at my brother. He went to hold her hand and she flinched.

He started to pull his hand back and apologize, but she stopped him from moving it back. She grabbed his hand and smiled. Giving her a slight smile, he said, "Liam is right, this is going to be an adjustment for us all, and you have been through some shit girl. Things we will help you through all the way. We are one unit, and you will never have to be afraid of anything ever again."

she smiled again and we just sat in silence. Rebecca stepped out into the hall to give us some privacy, and once she was gone Melian started to tear up. "What's wrong sweetheart?" I asked her. She shook her head and said that it was silly. "No, if it causes you to cry, it's not silly. Talk to us." After thinking about it briefly, she nodded and started to explain.

"I'm damaged goods. Like really damaged. I don't know what Dr. Flores has told you both, but I have to have several surgeries to, um...repair things on me. I don't remember any of what happened to me that night, but I do know that it wasn't nice. You are both Alpha's. How can you have a Luna that is broken into millions of pieces on the inside? If you rejected me, I couldn't blame you. I'm really nothing special at all, and you two are so much better than I deserve." She poured her heart out to us, and my heart broke for her.

I could tell Loki was getting pissed, and I linked him and told him to control his anger. She was already scared enough. I could understand him being pissed at what those idiots did to her, but he needed to channel that anger on someone else. Linking me back, he said, "She is going to reject us, Liam! We just sat there and promised her that we weren't going to reject her under any

circumstances. I feel it though, bro, she is going to reject us." I shook my head at him and told him that wasn't going to happen.

She is just overthinking because of her traumatic mindset. She squeezed Loki's hand and tried to hold mine with her bad hand. Tears were still falling and her sobs getting harder. She asked us one of the most important tasks we could ever handle. "Liam. Loki. I don't want to reject you either, but I need something very important from you. I need to see a therapist. It's important to my recovery and healing. Could you both come with me, ya know, as support? I don't think I could do it alone. I know that we just met, but I feel completely comfortable with you and know I can trust you. The moon goddess herself told me I could, and that I need to let you both help me."

Loki and I looked at each other and Loki answered her first. "Mel. Is it OK if I call you Mel?" She nodded and said she preferred Mel over Melian. "Did you say the moon goddess told you to trust us?" he asked. She nodded and said that while she was unconscious the moon goddess came to her with her wolf, and told her to trust us, that we would be the ones to help her heal.

Loki's eyes widened and I turned to her to say, "Wow, that is pretty special. I can't speak for Loki, but I know that I will be there for you and help you with whatever you need. Even when things get hard. I know of someone you can speak to, and she is completely trustworthy. You will love her." She thanked me and said she knew she had to wait until her procedures were over before she could start, but needed to get that conversation out of the way. She may have only just turned 18 hours ago, but she was beyond mature for her age.

She and I sat and made small talk, trying to get to know one another. Loki had been weirdly quiet. Even for him. He hadn't looked her way, or mine for that matter, for a really long time. Out of nowhere, he stood up and stormed towards the door. Just before he reached it, the door opened with Jason and Rebecca bringing Mel some food. Loki pushed passed them and left without saying a word. Rebecca hollered his way but he didn't look back, and proceeded to exit the hospital. She looked at me and said, "What the hell was that all about?" Mel started to tear up again and I shrugged my shoulders. What in the hell is he doing?

Busted

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LOKI POV

Our mate was so deeply injured, and I don't just mean the obviously noticeable physical injuries. For some reason, it is causing me to be hesitant about proceeding with accepting her. If Liam

knew my true thoughts right now, he would beat my ass. How can I help her get through this when all I want to do is lash out in anger when I think about what she has gone through, and will continue to go through it, even though it will just be the mental part. There will never be a single person to ever hurt her physically. Not while I have a breath in my body. Maybe if I just release Zeus for a while and run out my frustration and anger, I can think calmly enough to get my head on straight. He was all too happy for that to happen, but told me that I needed to bring someone with us just in case.

We have had sightings of other wolves near our western border, and going alone might not be such a good idea. I linked Rico and Nick and asked them to meet me on the training field, and that I needed to let off some steam with a run. They said they were already there and finishing up with the teenagers' training. Our young wolves were required to start training as early as 10. We wanted to make sure that many of our pack were able to protect themselves in the event of an attack. They were able to try out to be a warrior at the age of 16. Whether they were a girl or a boy, it didn't matter. Everyone had equal opportunities in Blood Moon.

I walked to the training fields instead of running. I figured I could do a little thinking. Liam kept trying to talk to me through our link, but I put up a block. I needed it to be just me and Zeus in my head right now. Especially when he kept saying that Mel thinks I don't like her and I thought differently of her because of the rape. Little did she know that was the furthest from the truth. From the second I caught her scent of caramel and vanilla, I was hers completely.

Once her eyes had opened and I looked into those gorgeous green eyes, I saw my future in them. There is no one on this earth I want more, but I don't want to scare her either with my anger issues. She's had to deal with enough of those kinds of issues from others in her lifetime. "LOKI!" I heard a shrill high-pitched voice call. SHIT! It was Lisa.

Lisa was a friend of my cousin Rory and came to visit her often. She is from Mystic Shadows. FUCK! This isn't good. She can't know that my sister, Jason and Mel are here. I lowered my link and told Liam we had a big problem, and that I would be back at the hospital in 15 minutes. I needed him to meet me in the waiting room with Jason. I turned and started to walk faster and eventually she caught up to me. "Loki, stop! Are you going to make me chase you all day?" she asked.

"Erm..hey Lisa. No, sorry, I was deep in thought. What can I do for you?" I replied. She started to put her hands all over my chest and look at me seductively. I knew this wasn't going to end well. She took one of her hands from my chest and placed it on my cock and said, "Well, for starters, that will be what I could do for you first. Then maybe we can disappear to the lake and have some fun like in old times." The feel of her touching me made my skin crawl and I immediately removed her hands from my body.

She gave me a sour look and started to pout. "What the hell Loki? Don't you want me anymore baby?" She started to reach out for me again and I grabbed her hands before she could touch me. "Lisa, I am going to say this as nicely as I can. There is no us, there never was, there never will be. You were just a drunken mistake on a few bad nights. So am I going to ask you to keep your hands to yourself, and find some other poor sop to bang you senseless." I told her.

I moved her out of my way and left her where she was standing. I regretted the time I had wasted on screwing her brains out. She was an easy screw, and I needed to let my frustration out. As soon as I was for sure she wasn't following me, I sent a link to Rico and explained the situation. He assured me he was on it and if he had to, he would 'take one for the team'. I had to chuckle at that, but still, she was going to be a problem. As I made my way to the hospital I opened a group link for Liam and Rebecca.

I explained my hasty departure and hoped Rebecca could help me explain to Mel what happened. She said she would do as much damage control as possible, but and I quote, "You're dumbass needs to do some serious ass kissing damage control yourself too. Get a grip butthead." That's Rebecca for you, the ever supporting sister who will put you in your place in a heartbeat, and I loved her for it. She was right, I needed to get a grip on my stupidity. I closed the link and started jogging faster to the hospital. Once I was inside, I met with my twin and Mel's brother in the waiting room.

"We have a problem, and it's a big one." I said to them. Looking at me confused, Liam asked, "And that is what?" With a two-word answer, they both went pale. "Lisa Montana." Jason looked panicked and Liam looked as if he was going to vomit. "How long is she here for?" my brother asked. I shook my head and told him I didn't even know she was here, and that there was no reason for her to be. Our cousin Rory was away at school in Scotland for the semester. I voice behind me spoke up and said, "Nephew, Lisa is in Blood Moon, because I was asked by her mother if she could be. She has gotten herself into some trouble in Mystic Shadows, and they thought a few days in our training regime would do the trick to straighten her out." our Aunt Nadine said.

I shook my head and told her that Lisa would have to return to Mystic Shadows, that we weren't a scared straight program. I then proceeded to explain to her why Lisa couldn't be there and my aunt apologized. "I...I had no idea Loki, I'm sorry. I should have cleared it with you both first anyway. I will send her back immediately." As she finished her sentence, the door to the waiting room opened and there stood Lisa. "You're sending me back? Do you know what they will do to me since I can't finish my punishment here?" she screeched. Looking around the room, her eyes landed on Jason. "Why are YOU here? Your dad and brothers are searching everywhere for you!" she sneered.

Shift

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Jason POV

When Loki said he needed to talk to me and Liam about an emergency, I sure as hell wasn't expecting this to be the emergency. What are the odds of this stupid brat ending up here at Blood Moon? Just our luck. Rebecca and I could explain our presence here easily, it's Mel we have to protect and hide. Should be easy enough, right? Let's hope so.

Once she shut her trap for longer than 2 seconds, I answered her. "My family knows exactly where we are, and even if they don't, I am a grown-ass man who can come and go whenever and to where ever I want. My comings and goings are none of my family's business and it sure as fuck is none of yours. Alphas Liam and Loki are my in-laws, so I have a perfectly good reason to be here. You, on the other hand, I owe zero explanation, but here you go. When my sister...died..I needed to get away. There is a lot of chaos right now in my family, and I can't deal with it. So, I came here to spend time with Rebecca's family. Not that it's any of your business."

She crossed her arms over her chest like she wanted to say something but knew she didn't have a leg to stand on. "What do you mean 'when your sister died'?" she retorted. "You didn't know? Melian is dead. Was left for dead in the old abandoned warehouse by Twilight Lake." I sneered at her. The expression on her face went blank, and she took a step backwards. "I..i.. I'm sorry. I didn't know. I'm sorry for your loss." she whispered.

She turned and quickly made her way out of the hospital doors. Liam looked at both Loki and I and said, "That was too close. Liam looked at his aunt and explained why I had said what I did. I then asked her to keep Melian really being alive a secret, for now. She agreed and hugged me and apologized. She assured us that she would get Lisa off of pack territory as soon as possible.

We were talking about what just happened and we heard a scream coming from down the hall. "What the hell?" I said and took off running down the hall. Entering Mel's room, she was lying on the floor screaming in pain. Liam kneeled down beside her and tried to calm her. "She's burning up. I think she is trying to go through her first shift." Rebecca agreed and told the twins to stay with her and give her as much contact as possible. "How can she be going through her first shift? It's not a full moon or a moon out at all." I questioned.

My question went unanswered and Rebecca sent me to get Dr. Flores, because we needed to move her somewhere safer than this room. Unfortunately, Dr. Flores was in surgery, but the head nurse brought a wheelchair and told us to go out the back of the hospital into the woods. She came with us to help monitor Melian's injuries during the shift.

"It's OK sis, we are taking you somewhere private so that you can do this. You are so strong, Mel. You are going to do great!" I kept telling her as I pushed the wheelchair. Loki and Liam, on each side of her holding her hands, helped calm the pain a little. Rebecca urged us to go faster as hair started to sprout on my sister's skin. "Over there, under that canopy of trees. It's far away enough, but still close enough in case something were to happen," the head nurse said.

By this time, Mel's breathing was labored and she was drenched in sweat. Her eyes flashed between her normal emerald green to a dark black. As another shock of pain radiated through her body, she curled up into a ball while still in the wheelchair. "Liam, we need to get her on the ground," Rebecca said. We finally reached the spot the nurse pointed out and Loki and Liam

picked Mel up and laid her on the mossy ground. They stepped back and she screamed at them not to leave her.

Looking at each other, not sure what to do, the nurse finally yelled at them both. "Alpha's, I mean no disrespect, but if you both do not get down on that ground with your mate and help her through this shift, she may not make it at all. She is still weak from her attack, and from the power of that aura, she has a very powerful and special wolf. She needs you both now." Without hesitation, Loki was on the ground and Liam followed after.

Liam laid my sister's head on his lap while stroking her hair and Loki rubbed her back. Both whispered words of encouragement to her. She let out another blood curdling scream and her legs and arms began to elongate, followed by her snout and fangs. As she finished fully shifting into her gorgeous wolf, a bright light shone around her. When the light dimmed, there stood my sister in wolf form. She was remarkable. She was large for a she-wolf, and had fur white as snow. All except for her ears, one was lavender and one was pastel pink. Just like her hair. Everyone always thought she dyed her hair to look like that, but she didn't. She was born with it that way.

She went to take a step forward and yelped, her leg and arm still weren't healed and made it hard for her to walk. Her mates walked up to her and snuggled their noses into her fur. She gave a low purr and licked them both in the face. Everyone started to laugh at how adorable they were being with her and then she just slobbers all over their faces.

Rebecca and I walked up to her and she whimpered a bit. Almost as if she was trying to tell me something. Rebecca asked her if she wanted to shift back and her wolf nodded her head. The nurse that had brought us out here handed Liam a blanket to wrap her in. I turned my back so she could shift and I heard Liam and Loki talk her through the shifting process to get back to her human form. The two of us were very lucky to be mated with the Young family. Before she could even talk to us about her wolf, one of the worst sounds in the world filled our ears.

"I knew it! I knew that stupid bitch wasn't dead!" Turning to see Lisa standing there, we knew that shit was about to hit the fan!

The first shift

Chapter 17 - Their Bullied and Broken Mate

Melian POV

Loki just got up and left without a word. After our conversation about what I needed from them to heal, and be able to move on with them, he got super quiet. I just assumed he was processing what we discussed. Maybe it's going to be too much for him. Maybe I'm too damaged for him, and he is rethinking his decision not to reject me. So many what ifs and whys and it's making my head spin. I hadn't felt well for the past couple of hours. My head hurt, and my body was achy.

Liam encouraged me to lie down for awhile and get some rest, and I made myself comfortable and tried, but I couldn't get Loki's abrupt departure out of my mind. Liam bent over and kissed my forehead and whispered, "Baby, don't let Loki get you upset or worried. He will be alright. He doesn't deal well with emotional things, and sometimes can get overwhelmed. He isn't angry with you at all, but with the monsters that did this to you." I thanked him for explaining and shut my eyes.

I felt him stroke my hair a few times and then go sit on the couch with my brother. I could hear them talking and Rebecca was sitting in the chair next to me. She was on the phone with her aunt who was taking care of Trinity. I couldn't wait to get well enough to play with my niece again. She was my favorite person ever. No matter how crappy my day was, Trinity always made things better. I was almost asleep when I heard a voice say, "It's almost time, Melian. We will meet shortly." My eyes shot open and I looked around the room, but it was still the same people that were there before.

Could it be? It had to be her. My wolf, Ruby, was finally speaking to me. Confirming it was her, I felt my heart start to race, but she told me to remain calm so not to worry my mates. Calming down, I started to drift off again, this time letting sleep take over.

I was sleeping peacefully until the most agonizing pain shot through my body. I sat straight up in my bed and released a scream that sent shivers down my own spine. I went to fall back onto the pillows, but ended up hitting the floor instead. I pulled my b

ody into the fetal position thinking it would help, but I had never been so wrong. I screamed again as another pain jolted through me. Rebecca was immediately by my side trying to comfort me and find out what was wrong. Tears were falling from my eyes and I pleaded for help. "REBECCA! HELP ME!" I cried. Worry displayed on her face told me she wasn't sure what to do. The door flew open and Jason and my mates ran in. Liam was kneeling beside me trying to get me to remain calm.

I tried my hardest but the pain was too much. I heard him say that I was burning up and was probably going through my first shift. Rebecca agreed with him and told Jason to go find the doctor. I could feel Loki in the room, but he wasn't coming too close, and he wasn't speaking. I needed him closer, but I couldn't get the words out to tell him. Liam got a cold washcloth and was wiping the sweat off my face, and trying to cool me down. I kept trying to get Ruby to tell me what was happening but she was just as silent as Loki.

Jason rushed back into the room and explained that Dr. Flores was in surgery, but the head nurse was going to help us. Liam picked me up and put me into a wheelchair, and we rushed out of the room. I could feel fur starting to sprout up from my skin, and the pain was getting more intense.

While Jason pushed the wheelchair, Loki finally came and held my hand. Liam followed suit and helped the other one. It felt good to have them both with me finally. It eased the pain only slightly, but again, anything was better than nothing.

Rebecca was urging them to push faster as the nurse led us towards a canopy of tree limbs. It would give me enough privacy to finish the shift, but it was still close enough to the hospital in case of an emergency. I still had bones that hadn't healed and needed surgery, and I wasn't sure how the shift would affect the injuries.

I screamed out again as more pain shot through me. This time it felt as if all my bones were starting to break. I pulled myself up into a ball, and my whole body broke out into a sweat. It became harder to breathe, and I could feel Ruby trying to come forward. She kept begging me to relax, that she would help me through this, but if I didn't relax it would take so much longer. I felt my mates pick me up and lay me on the ground. Loki was rubbing my back and was so close to me that I could feel his breath on my skin.

"Relax babe, we are here with you and aren't leaving you. Let your wolf help you through this. Don't fight it." He begged. Liam had my head in his lap and was in my other ear whispering words of encouragement also. I was so scared, but wanted it over. I did my best to relax and as I did, things moved a lot quicker. I could feel my bones contort and stretch. My snout and fangs extend. Within moments, a bright light surrounded me. The next thing I knew, I was sitting on my hind legs, fully shifted. The gasps I heard from everyone worried me. Was there something wrong? Liam and Loki were the first to approach me, and I went to step forward towards them.

I stopped immediately and yelped in pain. I couldn't put weight on two of my paws because of my breaks. My mates came to me and nuzzled their noses in my neck and it was the most comforting feeling I had ever felt. I licked both of them in the face and everyone gave a laugh at it.

Jason stepped forward and said, "Sis. Mel, you are amazing. You are the largest and most unique she-wolf I have ever seen." I started to whimper and my sister-in-law came to me and asked if I needed to shift back. I nodded my head and her and my mates talked me through shifting back to my human form. Liam was holding a blanket that the nurse had given him so that I could have privacy. As soon as I shifted back, he wrapped me up in that blanket. As Loki helped me back into the wheelchair, I heard a voice I thought I never would have to hear again. Lisa Montana.

"I knew it! I knew that stupid bitch wasn't dead!"

It was right then, I knew things were about to get a million times worse than they already were.

Is this chick for real?

Chapter 18 - Their Bullied and Broken Mate

Liam POV

We had safely gotten Melian through her first shift, and her wolf, Ruby, is just as gorgeous as her human. Her fur was beautiful snowy white with ears to match her hair. One was a light lavender and the other a pale pink. I wish we were able to go for a run with her, but her injuries were still an issue, there was no possible way.

Hopefully, now that she has Ruby, she will start to heal better and faster. When she shifted back to her human form, we helped her put on one of our tshirts and started to get her back in the wheelchair. We were all taken by surprise when we heard that annoying bitch, Lisa, scream at us. "I knew it! I knew that stupid bitch wasn't dead!" she sneered.

Mel's face went pale white and she started to tremble. I pulled her closer to me, and Loki told me that he would take care of Lisa. I don't know the history between the two girls, but I was determined to find out. I told Loki to take her to a holding cell, and Jason and I would make sure Mel was back in her room and settled in her room before I met him there. He nodded his head slightly and marched over to Lisa. He grabbed her by the arm and started to drag her towards the cell house.

She was fighting him at first, and he said something to her and she stopped immediately. She kept glaring back at us and Loki jerked her arm, making her look forward. He wasn't the one to play with, and she was finding out the hard way. Once they were out of sight, we started back towards the hospital. Instead of fighting with her wheelchair, I just carried her back. Jason carried the wheelchair and held onto Rebecca. By the time we got her into her room, Melian was sleeping soundly.

Her shift took a lot out of her, and the rest would do her good. Besides, Jason and I were going to go have a talk with Loki before questioning Lisa. Rebecca kissed Jason bye, and she went back to the packhouse to spend time with their daughter. I was wondering when she was going to tell him they were expecting again. She wasn't far along, but I could tell her scent was off. After she left, he turned to me and asked, " Ready? I have a lot to tell about the situation with Lisa." I nodded my head and turned to look back at my mate, she looked so peaceful right now. I just hope she can find that peace while awake.

"Lets go," I told him.

It didn't take us long to get to the cell house, and Jason was quiet the whole walk there. He had the look of guilt and sadness on his face, and I couldn't help but wonder what his role in this was.

I know he has changed towards his sister, but his past with her makes my blood boil. I have to let it go though, because my sister loves him and my mate has forgiven him. She also loves her brother, and if she can forgive him, then I have no right to not like him. I may not like what he did, but I do respect the man he has become.

"Jay, it's OK man. no one is upset with you. No need to worry." I told him. He gave a sly smile and kept his eyes lowered still. Going into the cell house, the smell of fresh blood permeated the air. I wrinkled my nose instantly, and yelled out to Loki. "Lok, where you at bro?" The scream I heard after told me exactly where he was.

Jason and I took off down the hallway, and when we got to the holding cells, I came to a dead stop. "Loki what in the actual fuck man?" I yelled. He had Lisa tied to a chair and was taking the back side of a silver knife and rubbing it across her skin. The smile he had on his face was sinister, and if I were to be honest, almost scared me. I walked over to him and took the knife from him. He wasn't very happy about it, but we needed to talk to her first before we could do any kind of damage.

With just a look, he understood. Loki sat on one of the stools in the room, and Jason and I sat on the chairs at the table where Lisa was sitting already. She was sobbing, begging us to just let her go and she wouldn't tell anyone that she had seen Mel.

Jason just started to laugh and shook his head. "You seriously think that we could trust that, Lisa? You forget, I know you. I know you better than anyone here, including Mel. The first thing you would do when you left here, would be run straight to Thomas. You would do anything to get him to take you as his mate. So, you can fuck off with that." he sneered.

His anger was building the longer he sat there with her. I had my hands full with him and Loki right now being hot heads, and they both needed to calm the fuck down. On the other hand, Lisa didn't deny what he said. "Is this true, Lisa? Do you have a 'thing' for one of my mate's tormentors? Do you know the horrendous things he has done to her? Or do you even fucking care?" I asked her.

She remained silent and I released my alpha aura and demanded her to answer me. She started to tremble even harder and glared at me. "She is a liar! She has obviously manipulated your family and Jason! So what, they would smack her around a little. She deserved it with that smart mouth she has. She likes to try peoples' patience, and then cries when they react. I can't believe you are all defending her worthless ass." she retorted. I could feel my own anger rising, and needed to step away before I finished what Loki started.

A brother's tormented past

Chapter 19 - Their Bullied and Broken Mate

Jason POV

I was dreading this confrontation with Lisa. A lot of my past with Melian is about to be revealed, and I don't know how my two brothers-in-laws were going to handle it. They know that I hold a lot of guilt for what I did to my sister in the past, but that doesn't mean that they will be happy hearing exactly what I did.

I knew it was all going to come out eventually and was surprised that it hadn't already. I guess it didn't really need to until they found out that Mel was their mate. Sitting at the table with Liam, and informing Lisa why she wasn't being released had all three of us pissed. This chick has lost her mind. After hearing me explain to Lisa that she wasn't being let go because of her history with my brother, Thomas, Liam questioned her intentions where he was concerned.

Then she started screaming at us. "She is a liar! She has obviously manipulated your family and Jason! So what, they would smack her around a little. She deserved it with that smart mouth she has. She likes to try peoples' patience, and then cries when they react. I can't believe you are all defending her worthless ass." I couldn't believe what was coming out of her mouth. Loki left his stool and made a bee line for her. If Liam hadn't jumped up and grabbed him, she would probably be dead right now.

I went over to the twins and helped calm them down, and then turned to her and said, "You are either the dumbest bitch to ever walk the earth, or you have a death wish. Maybe both, who knows, but I suggest you keep your hateful mouth shut unless you are being spoken to." She started to laugh hysterically.

"You know, Jason, I always thought you were the more sensible one out of the Carter boys. Always level headed and methodical in your ways of moving and thinking. How did you let that little worm of a sister get into your head? I knew when we were kids that she was nothing. Beating her ass every single day was the highlight of my day. That is until she started to talk back and attempt to fight back. I never took her for a tattle tell though. Not until she got me and my crew expelled, that is. When you told me she was dead, I was giddy. Overjoyed even, but deep down I knew it was too good to be true. So I followed you. Sure enough, there she was, in all her glory.

My wolf, Tammy, wanted to shift immediately and rip her throat out. I should have let her," she spewed. Her tone was that of a lunatic. Loki pushed through Liam and me and grabbed her by the back of the head. His wolf, Zeus, was trying to take over, and honestly, I don't think Loki was fighting him much. He took her head and smacked it on the table in front of her.

She let out a scream and started to spew every cuss word known to man at him. Her nose was pouring blood, and her eyes held nothing but hatred for us all. Liam grabbed Loki one more time before he could inflict any more damage, and she spat at them both. This time Liam lost his cool and smacked her across the face. "Listen you stupid bitch, I am trying to keep our tempers under control here. You are not helping your case any, and if you don't stop taunting us, you won't

make it out of her alive. That is a promise. Do we have an understanding here?" Liam questioned her.

She slightly nodded and he handed her a towel for her nose. "Now, here is what is going to happen. Jason is going to explain the history of you and his brothers, as well as the history of what our mate went through. YOU are going to shut the fuck up and let him speak, and you will only speak when spoken to. Understand?" Liam asked again after giving her the instructions on what was about to happen. Again, she nodded. Her expression was blank and she stared straight ahead. I sat back in my chair, and prepared myself for what was coming.

Looking at my sister's mates, I started from the beginning. How my dad despised Melian and never wanted a girl, and when our mom passed away it was the perfect opportunity for him to take his anger and frustrations out on Mel. She was really young and very small for her age when it all started. I told them how our dad would make us boys beat her up in front of our stepmother to show our 'loyalty' to her. I think Constance hated my sister more than my dad, and that was a lot.

I explained to them how I got involved in the abuse, and how I felt sick after doing it. I never truly enjoyed hurting her, but followed suit with my brothers. I told them how Eric and Todd were always the worst at abusing her and I had even stopped Todd from killing her one time. He was extremely close to finishing her off when I had walked into the house from school. Thomas and Michael were the sick ones who liked to not only beat her but torture her as well.

Then I started telling them about Lisa's obsession with my brother Thomas, and how she started in third grade beating up and bullying Melian. About how she recruited her twin brother and their friends to do the same. I finally got to the present and most current events. When I told them that I had taken her to my dad, Eric and Todd that night, and then left her with them, I was certain Loki was going to rip me apart. Liam put his hand up and reminded Loki that I wasn't given a choice, and that I was the one to go back and save her. He sat back down and nodded his head, and I looked over at Lisa.

"You see, I don't know the full details of what happened to her, and I won't ask her to tell me. If these are the kind of people you are defending, and these are the people you want to be with, then you are just as demented as they are." She stared at me briefly, and then started to chuckle. "Then I guess I'm demented."

Patiently waiting

Chapter 20 - Their Bullied and Broken Mate

Melian POV

After my shift I was exhausted. When Liam suggested I rest, there was no way I was going to argue. I laid back on the pillow and closed my eyes. I listened to the guys leave and tried to doze off. The memory of Lisa screeching at us after my shift haunted me. How did she find us? This couldn't be good at all. Thankfully, Loki and Liam had her put in a holding cell until they could handle the situation. Sleep was finally taking over when I heard a knock on the door before it opened.

"Miss Carter? I need to check your vitals and do a checkup since you shifted with broken bones," I heard Dr. Flores say. I opened my eyes and sat up. "I'm sorry I woke you," he said. I shook my head and explained I had just closed my eyes and he continued with the examination. The shift hadn't worsened my injuries, but surgery would have to be sooner than expected.

Instead of tomorrow morning, I would be taken into surgery within the next hour. Fear started to fill my body and I started to panic. I called my brother but he didn't answer, so I called Rebecca. The phone rang and rang before going to voicemail. As I was leaving her a message, she walked through the door. I burst out in tears because of the panic and she rushed to my side.

"Melly, what's wrong?" she asked and pulled me into a bear hug. I explained about the surgery and how scared I was. I had never experienced anything like this, and was terrified. She took out her phone and called Liam. It went to voicemail just as Jason's and Loki's had. She smiled at me and said that they were probably busy with Lisa, and would be there shortly. I gave a slight smile and then the smell of apple cinnamon muffins hit my nose. "Is that your famous apple muffins I smell?" I asked.

She burst out laughing and nodded her head. "I thought I would surprise you with some. Kind of a happy first shift surprise," she said. I got excited as she pulled them out of her bag. I took a big bite of one and was instantly in heaven. "Thank you so much. These are amazing, Becca," I told her with my mouth full. She just smiled and told me that it was no bother and she was thankful I liked them. That was one thing about Rebecca: she has never ever looked at me like I was less than a person.

Even when Jason was still in the mix of my abuse. She never looked down on me. She would even argue with Jason over his mistreatment of me, and had even threatened to leave him if his part didn't stop. She was the big sister I always wanted, and the friend I always needed.

As we were sitting on my bed chit chatting and watching the movie, *Silence of the Lambs*, my brother and mates came into the room. All three came and kissed me on the forehead and then sat on the couch and chairs in my room and started to watch the movie too. Not one of them spoke a word to me or Rebecca.

Finally, after staring at the three of them for almost 5 minutes, I spoke up. "Hi guys, nice to see you too. How was your evening? Have you eaten? Did you do anything fun?... 'Sure Mel, we had lots of fun. We sure did miss you and Rebecca. Did you have a good day too?' I spoke while mocking them. All three looked at me like I was nuts, and then looked at each other. Loki started

to chuckle and said, "Damn babe, you do a great impression of Liam. Can you do anyone else?" I just glared at them and turned my attention back to the movie. If they can't speak to me and acknowledge that I needed them, then I could play that game too.

Loki came over and crawled into bed with me and whispered in my ear, "Come on babe, we aren't ignoring you. We are just trying to decompress before telling you what happened to Lisa. It's a lot to process and take in honestly. Please don't be mad at us." He then looked at me with his big light brown puppy dog eyes. I melted like butter. "Hmpf... You know I have news too, ya know. I have surgery anytime now. Dr. Flores said within the hour, and that was a little over an hour ago." I grumbled.

He pulled me in close and kissed me on the temple. "I'm sorry babe, I didn't realize that it would be tonight. I thought it was already scheduled for tomorrow, or we would've been here sooner." He apologized. Liam and Jason walked over to us and started asking questions about the surgery. I told them all what the doctor said, and then asked them to tell me what happened to Lisa. Jason tried to get me to wait until after surgery so that I didn't go in under duress.

I protested and they gave in and told me all about what she said, and things that she had admitted to. Liam took my hand and started to rub it. "Baby, I wish we would have found you sooner, or at least knew what was happening to you. Rebecca has been in your family and pack now for awhile and never said anything much other than your family were bullying and mean to you. The things that bitch told us were sickening, and I can't believe no one knew what she had done. I will tell you one thing, NO ONE will ever hurt you again. Not as long as there is breath in my body." He reassured me. Jason and Loki agreed with Liam and both promised to protect me at all costs. I nodded my head and looked at him with a straight face and said, "That doesn't tell me what you guys ended up doing to her. I want to know."