

# Alpha Maddix: A Brother's Promise Chapter 79

\*ALETTE POV\*

Damian is feeling much better today. Yesterday when we got home, it didn't seem like it. It was probably because of the stress of what we found out and coming home to take care of it. It wasn't long after we pulled into the pack before he asked me to drop him off at the cell house.

I was not happy about it, but I wasn't going to argue with him either. He bent over and kissed me deeply, and said I could go to the house. I told him I could stay and help, and he blatantly insisted I go home. I had never had him talked to me that aggressively and I knew that if I kept on pushing, it would lead to a fight.

"Listen, it's not that I don't think you can handle it. It's that you shouldn't have to. It's too risky with you being pregnant. As little stress as possible, right?" he asked. I nodded my head and pretended it didn't bother me, but it did.

One of the guards that I didn't know helped him from the car and inside the cell house, and I watched as he walked in. I pulled away and ended up parking the car not far up the road. Alaska was pacing in my head, begging me not to do what I was about to. "Human, you are going to cause more issues for us than we need right now. Turn the car back on and go home like mate said," she barked at me.

However, something kept nagging me to be there.

I punched the steering wheel a few times, and let out a scream. "Alaska, I'm sorry, I have to go. I need to see who did this to him. No, I HAVE to see," I whispered. I left the car and walked swiftly back to the cell house.

Walking in the smell of ammonia and bleach burned my nose.

The metallic undertones from cleaned up blood that had been saturating the cement floors made my stomach turn.

"I told you this was a bad idea," Alaska snapped.

Ignoring her I walked on. I was stopped by one of the guards, and I lied and told him the Alpha had called for me.

He fell into my trap, because he pointed me to the direction I needed to be going. I thanked him and walked stoically down the hall. I let out the breath that I had been holding, and moved faster towards the raised voices I was heading towards.

I could only make out 3 of the voices. That is until I heard a loud booming voice demanding the woman, Ingrid to speak. That loud voice came from my brother River. Why was he doing interrogation?

I got my answer rather quickly as I could now see the group in the see through enclosed room. Caleb, River's mate and our Gamma was knocked out on the floor with a claw mark across his face. I'm assuming River took over where Caleb left off.

"You thought you were funny didn't you? Swiping at my mate as he was chaining you to that chair. Did you seriously think you would get anywhere by doing that? All you have done is cause a bigger sh\*t pot of a mess, and trust me, the cleanup of this mess doesn't fair well for either of you dumbasses," I heard my brother threaten.

Before he could lose control, Damian asked him to back away. He did as he was asked, and knelt down next to Caleb. He had torn his shirt, and was using a piece to wipe the blood from Caleb's cheek.

Damian was glaring at the couple sitting in front of him, and crossed his arms over his chest. I stayed hidden, or so I thought, because while not breaking his gaze with the couple, he bellowed my name. "ALETTE! You might as well come in since you disobeyed me. Something we will definitely discuss later." I felt my heart fall to my stomach, and I listened to what he said.

I came around the corner, and stood beside him. Still without looking at me, he pointed to a chair in the corner of the room. While gritting his teeth he ordered me to sit. I knew he was pissed, and I had just made it so much worse.

"I'm sor." I tried to apologize but was cut off. "No words from you right now, my mate." he grunted. Alaska was telling me that I should have listened to her, and with his anger right now, I knew she was right.

"NOW!" he yelled. "Would either of you care to plead for your life? Trying to kill an Alpha is treason and punishable by death. A sentence I will gladly carry out, because I don't need council permission to do so for treason. Ingrid, I honestly don't give a rats ass on what you have to say. I already know it was to venge my asshole sperm donor's death. Tamlon, I understand how the mate bond can make you do crazy sh\*t. Things you never thought you were capable of, but I would like to hear it out of your mouth.

Why did you participate in trying to kill me? Before you answer, I will let you know that someone in this room, is a human lie detector. So let's do this the easy way, show we?"

Damian spat.

Goddess, I was thankful I wasn't in their shoes. Damian was like a man possessed, and I knew it was Zion close to the surface doing most the speaking. However, at times, I wasn't so sure.

Tamlon kept looking back and forth between Ingrid and Damian. He would glance at myself then River, probably trying to figure out if it was one of us who could detect his lie. He finally looked towards the ground, and started to sob.

“I’m sorry, Alpha. I really am. I was being threatened by my mate if I didn’t carry out her orders,” he cried. Ingrid started to swear and scream at her mate. She called him a liar, and spewed horrible things to him to break his spirit. It was obvious he was telling the truth. Damian glanced at me, and I gave a slight nod. I truly believed Tamion was telling the truth.

Damian then glanced at River, and my brother followed my lead. Though Damian wouldn’t spare him his life for his actions, his mercy would be a quick swift death. His mate however, Damian decided to torture her for awhile before killing her. He decided to put her in a cell, and over weeks, forcefully feed her silver. Slowly killing her wolf, and only when her wolf was gone, would he kill her human form.

To me it sounded like a miserable way to die, and a little extreme. It could have possibly not been her wolfs fault.

Humans don’t always listen to their wolf. I am perfect example of that. I felt I should say something to defend her wolf, but Alaska warned me that I was already on thin ice with him. She was right, but I still couldn’t let him torture a innocent wolf. However, I didn’t want to go behind his back and contact mom to come and find out.

When he was ready to leave, he stood and grabbed my arm, dragging me out of the cell house. I led him to where the car was, and he pretty much shoved me inside of it. He sped off towards the house, and his hands gripped the wheel so tight that he could’ve snapped it in half.

“Damian?” I called out to him. He ignored me until he stopped in front of the pack house. Still seething with anger he turned to me. “Alette, I asked you to do one simple thing. One! You disobeyed me not only as your mate, but also as your Alpha. Do you know how that makes me look?”

“Don’t ever do that again. Do you understand?” he asked. I nodded my head and tried to apologize again.

He got out of the car and walked inside, leaving me there.

Why do I have to be so stubborn?

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother’s Promise Chapter 80**

\*Maddix POV\*

Arriving at Spirit Mountain this morning had a heavy feeling to it. Damian was being short with my sister, and she seemed to look defeated. I'm not sure what happened last night when they got back, but it must have been intense. I tried to talk to Alette, but she assured me everything would be alright.

Damian finally told me what happened, and I understood why he was upset. However, to be this angry about her not listening to him, and eavesdropping on the interrogation, was a little overboard to me. I understand he doesn't want her exposed to the harshness of being Alpha, but he has to remember she is his Luna. There is no hiding her from it, she needs to be a part of it all. Good, bad and ugly. They can't run a pack as a team otherwise.

"Damian, bro, I get it, I do. I hate that Riley has to be exposed to so much, especially while she was pregnant with Sterling. You have to let her in, and help you through s\*\*t though. You are a team, you have to work through things as a team," I told him. I knew I was right, but honestly, I felt a little hypocritical even saying that to him. I haven't been the best mate or father lately, and it's all because I was taking everything on myself.

Damian and I talked for well over an hour about things that were bothering him, and finally we got to the root of the problem. He felt inferior to her, and he felt putting on a strong front would help him feel better. It was more so who her parents were, and how she was raised to be a strong person and a stronger wolf. I reassured him that she doesn't seem him as inferior and neither should he. They were equals through and through, and nobody but him saw it as anything less.

He seemed to feel better, and I told him I needed to go get Riley so we could get food in us. He thanked me for our talk, and then I left to find my mate. He must have asked my sister to come to his office, because I passed her in the hallway. I asked if she was alright, and she nodded her head with a small smile. I hope he does the right thing and apologizes to her.

Riley was already in the dining hall with the babies when I arrived there. She had just sat Willow in a high chair, and Sterling was in his sling that she had wrapped around her. I bent over and kissed her on the forehead, and asked what she would like to eat. After she told me, I went to the buffet to fill our plates. I wanted to have a discussion with my mate while we ate, but when I arrived back to our table, we had guests.

"Hey Buck, hey Micah," I smiled. Micah stood up and gave me a hug, and I shook Buck's hand. Poor Micah looked as if she was ready to pop. Buck had an Omega make their plates, and once it arrived we all ate together, and made small talk about the kids. Although I didn't get to speak to my mate about how I was feeling then, it was nice to just be together. Seeing her laugh with Micah and Buck made it worth it.

Eventually, Damian and Alette joined us. They both seemed to be in better spirits, and announced that they were going to have her Luna ceremony tomorrow. I told them I

would help with any arrangements needed, and Riley said the same. Alette told us that mom, aunt Marion and aunt Rebecca were on their way, and Ginger was already there.

She wanted Riley and Micah to rest since Riley just had the baby, and Micah could go at any time.

Damian asked me if there would be a chance that grandma would join us, and I told him I was unsure. I sent a text to Luke, and he said that she wanted to be there, and they would be here in the morning. I relayed the information to him, and he asked that I kept it a secret from Lette. He said he wanted it to be a surprise, because Marion told her that grandma wouldn't make it. I agreed, and the two of us left for the cell house.

"Are you sure this is how you want to go about this?" | asked him. He nodded and said that he couldn't show mercy on a traitor who tried to kill him. I understood, but felt like Alette did about Ingrid's wolf. "Damian, can I propose something? I want to you think about it rationally before you answer, please," I asked. He nodded his head, and asked me to tell him what was on my mind.

"I spoke with my sister about her concerns about Ingrid's wolf," I told him. He looked at me as if to say he had no clue what I was talking about, and I informed him of how Alette felt.

"Alette doesn't feel like you should punish the wolf for the human's actions. She feels like her wolf didn't have a hand in what happened, so shouldn't be punished by being killed with silver," I explained.

He stopped walking and ran his hands through his hair.

"Maddix, I was so angry that I didn't think of that. How can we know for sure though? I don't have anyone here who can speak to everyone's wolves. Most can only communicate with their mates wolves," he expressed.

"You do have someone, you just apparently have no idea who," I told him. He furrowed his brows and asked who, and I just flashed a bright smile. "You?" he asked. I nodded my head. "When I lost Franz, and gained Dakota, I discovered that I still had a couple abilities from before, and a few new ones. Grandma believes that it's just not gifts from the goddess Selene, but also from the Fae goddess Eris.

Dakota can speak to any wolf who is willing to let him in.

The humans choice doesn't matter. They can snub up and refuse, but if their wolf is willing, he can speak to them. I also recieved the lie detector gift, and healing. Mom says I need to practice on small things before anything major in the healing department. She made Alette do the same," | informed him.

“Let’s go talk to her wolf,” he said. Hopefully, Ingrid’s wolf would be willing to speak to Dakota.

Sitting across from the woman who tried to kill my brother in law was hard. You could just see the resentment she had for him all over her face. She hated him, and if he allowed her to live, I’m sure she would find someone else to do her bidding. He had her mate executed last night, and I’m sure she was pissed about that as well.

“Ingrid, Alpha Maddix is here to talk to your wolf. I can’t rightfully in good conscience punish your wolf if she had no part in your insanity. If she is innocent, you will die quickly. If she is not, the original plan stays in place,” he told her.

Her body stiffened, her eyes darting between the two of us.

“I refuse to allow this!” she spat. We both just laughed and I informed her that it wasn’t her call. It was her wolf’s choice, not hers. I proceeded to allow Dakota take over, and closed my eyes. I could see him approaching a very small grey wolf. I hadn’t seen a wolf this small in a very long time.

He introduced himself, and the small wolf told him her name was Liza. She then went on to explain that she never agreed with anything Ingrid has ever done. To keep from interfering, Ingrid would microdose herself with Wolfsbane to keep her wolf at bay, so she could do whatever she pleased without hearing her wolf nag her. That would explain her size.

Dakota straight asked her if she had been involved or had agreed to the poisoning of Damian. The little wolf adamantly denied any involvement. She even went as far to saying that Ingrid had dosed herself so that she could follow through, and wanted Damian dead by any means necessary.

Dakota thanked the little wolf, and retreated back to me.

We turned to Damian and Dakota said, “Kill the human, the wolf is innocent.”

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother’s Promise Chapter 81**

\*MADDIX POV\*

I cannot believe this bullshit! To say that I am livid is a complete understatement. My own damn sisters. Sure, Asteria says she didn’t want to be a part of all of this, but how can I believe her when it’s her mate that wants my title and pack.

I know I need to speak to my parents about this, but with just losing grandma I'm not sure how to approach it. I guess the only way is to rip off the band-aid and do it. I took out my phone and dialed my dad, Liam's number, and he quickly answered. "Hey son, you alright?" he asked. I paused a moment before answering and told him the truth.

"No, dad. I'm far from alright. Can both you and Loki meet me somewhere to talk? Privately, without mom?" I asked.

He agreed and said they would meet me at the horse stables. Loki was already there tending to one of Alette's horses. I told him I was on my way, and took off towards the stable.

When I got there, both of my dads were sitting at a picnic table talking. They stood and shook my hand, and we all sat back down. "Look, dads, I'm not going to sugar coat this, but I have some big trouble happening. Blood Moon as well. I don't know if you have heard, but Miles left here to go and challenge his dad for his Alpha title. He told everyone that his dad was going to just hand over the title after their babies were born, but I think that was a ruse for what he already had planned," I started.

"Henry received a letter of declaration earlier, and well, they are threatening war against Blood Moon if I don't hand over my title and our pack to Simon and Asteria. Asteria swore she didn't want the pack or title, and that Miles was putting things in Simon's head. I honestly don't know what to believe, dad." I continued.

I could see the look on their faces drop. The internal conflict was evident, and I felt bad for putting them in the middle. Loki ran his hands down his face and said, "Well, that is something. I called it though. I told your mom and Liam that something felt off about this Miles kid. He is too over-eager to please us. He asked very intricate details about Alpha duties, and was being rather weird at the ceremony. So, I guess the question is, where do we go from there?"

"I kind of sent a message through Addie to tell him it would be war before I would give over our pack. Honestly, dads, I don't care about the title. If any of the siblings wanted it, they could have it. I wouldn't put up a fight. If Asteria had confirmed to me when I asked her that she wanted to take over Blood Moon, I would have handed it to her. No questions asked. You guys and mom chose this for me, and I love my role. However, I would never want resentment from my siblings because of bloodline rights. Yet, here we are," I explained.

Liam leaned towards me and looked me right in the eyes.

He spoke clearly and matter-of-factly, and said, "Listen to me right now, Maddix. You are part of the Young bloodline You are your mother's blood, and just because you don't carry Loki or mine's blood doesn't make you any less part of the Young bloodline. We have stressed that to all of you over the years. The same goes for River, and he carries no blood from any of us. I am going to make sure this never gets brought up again. I am far from

happy with my girls, and even more unhappy with their mates. I trust you to handle things the way you see fit, and the two of us will support you 100%. This shouldn't be happening."

Loki agreed with him, and asked me to wait before doing anything irrational. They wanted to speak to the girls and find out what they were thinking. I asked if I could be a part of that conversation, and they said after they spoke to them one on one, then they would bring us all together.

I agreed to their request, but had a feeling it wouldn't solve anything. We were heading to war, and I was going to have to end my sisters mates. I was completely torn apart about this, but it was my duty to protect my pack and family's legacy.

Loki stepped away to call the girls, and when he came back, he was furious. "Let's go speak with Asteria. Adelina has already left and has basically told her mother that we can all f\*\*k off. She is completely taking Miles' side in this," he said.

We all left the stable area, and walked to the pack house in silence. I had linked Riley to make her aware of what was going on, and she mentioned that Asteria had locked herself in her room. She said Asteria only mentioned that she had to make a choice and needed to think when Riley asked if she was alright. I told her I was on my way to speak to my sister, and she told me not to treat Asteria as an enemy. She could very well be innocent in this, and spoke the truth. I wanted to believe my mate, but after Adelina's betrayal, it was hard for me.

Loki knocked on Asteria's door, and let her know who was with him. He told her to open the door, and after a few minutes she answered. It was visibly obvious that she had been crying, and she was reluctant to let us in. We didn't wait for her to invite us, and just walked in. Dad demanded her to sit, and asked her if we needed to bring in Luke or mom to determine her lying. She shook her head and reminded dad that I would know if she lied.

He nodded his head, and told her to explain what was going on. He wanted her side of things, and she told him exactly what she had told me earlier. No deterring from the story, and again, I detected no deception. She told us how Miles had convinced Addie and Simon that Miles' father was the real threat to all the packs in the pacific northwest and needed to be overthrown.

She went on to explain how he convinced Simon that she should be the rightful heir of Blood Moon, and Simon should be Alpha, or co-Alpha at least. She said Miles was amazing at being manipulative and was the master of deception. He had everyone clearly fooled as to what type of person he was, even Adelina.

Asteria even mentioned that Addie was willing to denounce her family to help Miles and Simon. However, she would rather reject her mate than turn on her family. When she said



that, I knew she was being honest. Rejecting your mate is some of the worst pain imaginable, and it's a pain that you may not recover from.

Dakota spoke to me, and said that she was truthful. Her wolf, Akira, had told him that Asteria was hiding things from us. Simon was not nice to her in private. He was abusive. He said he had also spoken to Adelina's wolf, Ariel. Ariel had told him that Addie no longer responded to the wishes of her wolf. Miles had exceeded any goal he had for brainwashing Addie. She was completely devoted to him, and only him. My heart broke hearing this information.

I passed on what Dakota had said, and Asteria confirmed it. My dads sat back on the sofa, and I could tell they were linking one another, trying to make a decision.

Finally, Liam looked at me and said, We need to speak with Jason at Starry Moon, Damian and Luke. We are going to need our allies to help. Not only wolves, but witches too. Northern Sun is a powerful pack, but I think we can take them."

I nodded my head, and told him we needed to fill in the others. He agreed and said that he would ask Damian if we could hold a private dinner tonight, and discuss it then.

They needed to leave and see my mother, who was distraught by Addie's words from earlier. I bid goodbye, and they left Asteria and I sitting there.

"Asteria, it's time for you to make your choice. I hate that you are in this position, but we can't go on with you sitting on the fence. Would you really reject Simon?" I asked.

She quickly nodded her head, and said she was tired of the charade. "I can't keep living like this. What Akira said is true.

From the moment we moved to Northern Sun, Simon and Miles changed and not for the better. I would rather go through life with no mate than to live like that any longer.

I'm sorry, Maddix. I should've said something sooner," she cried.

I told her we would get her through this, and that it wasn't her fault. I picked up the phone and called my uncle Jason.

"Jason, it's Maddix. Blood Moon needs your assistance."

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother's Promise Chapter 82**

\*Asteria POV\*

This was it. My breaking away from abuse. When I first met Simon, he was the sweetest. He was attentive and kind. He treated me as if I was the most precious thing to ever come into his life. However, that all changed after Alette was rescued and Adelina and I moved to Northern Sun.

That's when the darkness in him started to show through.

He would disappear for hours on end. He would come home late at night smelling of whiskey, and the occasional pain I would feel while he was gone told me that he was sleeping with other she-wolves.

The first time he came home after being with someone else, I questioned him. The only response I received was a punch in the face. He told me that anytime I chose to open my mouth to question him, the same thing would happen, or worse.

There would be days when I wouldn't say one word to him, and he would come home in a rage and take it out on me.

The worst part of it all, my sister, Adelina, knew about all of it and never said anything. She never tried to help me.

When Miles pulled Simon, Addie and myself into a meeting a little over a week ago, I wasn't expecting it to go like it did.

Miles informed us of his intention to take down his dad. He wanted the Alpha title, but didn't want to wait for him to hand it over. He said he didn't want his babies born to a father who wasn't already in charge. It was terrifying how his demeanor drastically changed.

He then looked at Simon, and told him that by blood rights, Maddix had no claim over Blood Moon. That one of us triplets, or my brother Phoenix, is entitled to it. I shook my head and said that my parents chose Maddix for a reason, and he had as much right as the rest of us. That earned me a beating when we got back to our room.

After Miles suggested that Simon and I take over Blood Moon, my sister started to agree with her mate. I was flabbergasted at her behavior. "Addie? You agree with them?" I asked. She nodded her head and said she fully supported her mate, and that I should support my mate as well. However, I couldn't.

It was settled between the three of them that it would be laid out before Maddix to either relinquish the Alpha title to me, or face a war. Giving my brother an ultimatum wasn't going to fare well for the three of them, and I'm surprised Adelina didn't see that.

I was instructed to pack Simon and my things, because we were leaving for Alette's Luna ceremony in the morning. I was also told that we were to pretend nothing was wrong, and act as if things were perfect in our relationship. More so, I was told that the plan for the

Alpha takeover in either pack was to be kept quiet. If I didn't keep the secret, Simon would have me killed. So much for the strength of the mate bond.

I just wanted all of this, all of my pain and suffering at the hands of my mate to end. I was too scared to tell my dads or brothers, and I didn't want to trouble Alette and Damian. I had figured I was put in this situation by the Moon Goddess for a reason, and I would honor it until she saw fit to remove me from it.

During the ride to Spirit Mountain, all the three of them could talk about was the takeover. The plan of how Miles and Addie would use the guise of her pregnancy as an excuse for us not visiting sooner, the story of Miles' father handing over the pack to him, and even the fact that Miles and Simon would dip out early to challenge his father.

I hated lying to my family, and the fact our mates were leaving us at Spirit Mountain while they completed the challenge felt odd to me. Especially leaving Adelina in her condition.

At the after-ceremony dinner, it was sickening to me how nice they were being to Maddix and Damian. The lies coming from all three of them caused me to shut down and keep quiet. After they ate, the guys excused themselves and took their leave. No one knew they were actually leaving the pack grounds other than Addie and me, and thankfully, there was a distraction to where we wouldn't be questioned about it right away.

Micah's water had broken, and everyone was scurrying to get her to the hospital. At the same time, my mom and my dads had gotten a call about grandma. While my siblings tended to Micah, Addie and I went with our parents.

It turns out my grandma was in her final moments. As each of us took turns going in to say our last goodbyes, I hoped that I would be able to go in alone. My gran was one of the wisest women I had ever met, and even though she had transferred all of her magic to my cousin Luke many years ago, she still held a special type of magic within her.

One by one, my family went in, stayed awhile, and then came back out. I was sitting with my cousin Ginger when my dad, Loki, came up to me. He stooped down in front of me and said, "Asteria, your grandmother wants to speak to you. She requested you come alone, or with your mother.

She said it was up to you. "Are you ready?" I nodded my head and told him I would like to go in alone, and away I went.

As I walked in, I noticed the room was only lit by the fireplace and candles. It was beautiful and suiting for her.

She had a simmering pot of lavender and vanilla on it, and the scent filled the whole room. I took a deep breath and inhaled the calming smell before she took me out of my moment. "I figured if it was my time, I at least wanted to feel myself. The candlelight and

lavender makes me feel good,” she said. I gave her a small smile, and she patted the spot on her bed next to her.

I went to sit, and she pulled me in closer to lie down next to her. I started to weep, and she just wrapped me in closer.

“Gran, please don’t go. We need you, I need you,” I cried. She gave me a squeeze and replied, “Asteria, my runt. I may be gone physically, but in your heart and memories, I will always be there with you. You are the strongest of the three of you girls. You just have to find it within you to remind you that you are my grandchild, and like your old grandmother here, you take no sh\*t from anyone,” she laughed.

I knew she was right, but I was so beaten down inside, how did I find that strength again without having to fake it?

“Sit up sweetie,” she said, and I listened. “I have something I want you to know. In this time of turmoil and battle, you are going to lose more than me. You will have to make what seems like a hard choice, and in the end, you will realize it wasn’t hard at all. Trust your gut and your heart. Do you understand?” she asked.

Unfortunately, I knew what she said was the truth.

Grandma more than likely already knew what was going on, and already knew the outcome. Either way, I was going to be without a mate, and I had accepted that.

It wasn’t long after that she left us. The calm that filled the room before she passed on wrapped itself around me. I swore I could even hear her say, “It will work out in the end, my runt. I love you,” as she took her last breath.

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother’s Promise Chapter 83**

\*Alette POV\*

Well, now that I have been filled in with what is going on, I can’t say I am thrilled. I can’t even say I fully understand what is happening. All I know is that my sister’s mates are lunatics, and are coming for my family and our pack. They were dumber than I thought.

Maddix filled Damian and I in over dinner, and my mom was more upset than all of us combined. She had a run in with Adelina before she left, and all our mom could keep saying was, “She better feel lucky, because if she wasn’t pregnant with my grandchildren, I would have whooped her ass.”

“So, are we preparing for war?” I asked. Maddix nodded his head and said, “Well, Blood Moon is. You are staying put right here where it’s safe.” I shook my head at him, and replied, “I didn’t mean me, I meant the pack. You know Spirit Mountain is behind you all the way, right?” I looked at my mate and he eagerly nodded his head.

“She’s right, Maddix. Spirit Mountain stands beside the Blood Moon pack. If you need us, we are there, Damian said. Maddix went on to explain how he had spoken to uncle Jason, and he was onboard as well. Luke stood up and told my brother that the stronger witches at Ruby Meadows would fight alongside him, and the older ones could create potions to aid in our battle.

As the dinner ended, the women made their way to the common room to relax, or try to, and the men went to my mate’s office. My heart became very heavy as I recounted the events over the past two days. I am now the Luna of Spirit Mountain, officially. One of my sisters, my triplet, has turned her back on us. The other one is understandably distraught over the events leading up to all of this, and is coming to terms about rejecting her mate. We lost grandma, but gained a sweet little one.

It’s crazy when you think of how there is always a little light when the darkness tries to consume you. This time, I truly felt like the light would drown out the darkness.

I sat down next to Asteria, and wrapped my arm around her.

I leaned my head down against hers and said, “Eventually she will come around. She isn’t thinking straight. Once the babies are born and out of harms way, she will come back to us. She has to.”

Asteria just nodded her head and replied, “Sis, even if she doesn’t, it’s alright. She has chosen her path, and we have chosen ours. I am trying not to think of her right now, anyway. I’m thinking more about those little ones in your belly. Are you feeling alright? You have been under some stress the past few days, it’s not good for them, you know?” she said.

I reassured her that I was fine, that we would be fine.

Including her. “Asteria, can I ask you a question, and will you be completely truthful with me?” I asked. She nodded her head and I asked my question. “If this hadn’t come up, would you have stayed there with Simon and continued to be treated that way?”

I felt her body deflate, and she sighed. “Probably.” I believe in the mate bond so much, and I hoped he would change.

Before we came here, though, I saw that it was only going to be worse. He was just like his father. His dad was cruel to his mother and other women around him. It honestly wasn’t until grandma told me that I could only make the hard choices. The right choice. So I did, and I don’t regret it,” she said.

I kissed her forehead before getting up to go to the bathroom, and I felt my phone vibrate.

Looking at the screen, my heart dropped. It was Addie.

Addie: Lette, be the sensible one and talk them into doing the right thing. I hate that it's come to this, but I have no choice but to stand by him right now.

I knew it! She wasn't there because she wanted to be, but because she felt she had to be. For the safety of her babies.

Me: Adelina, you can walk away and do the right thing. You have so many people who love you and will make sure you and your babies are safe. He won't hurt you. We won't let him. Where are you? Damian and I will come get you!

It was close to 20 minutes later when she messaged me.

Addie: I'm in too deep, Lette. He knows I'm on my way back, he will come looking for me.

Me: Let him! He will be met with Hell's fury. Please, Adelina.

It's not too late.

I showed my phone to Maddix and my dads. Then to mom.

"See, she feels like she has no other choice. She's afraid for the safety of her children," I said. My mom broke down and nodded her head. My phone went off again, and this time, it was good news.

Addie: I am about 16 miles from Blood Moon. He has a tracker on my car. What do I do about that?

I explained the situation to everyone, and Damian said, "Tell her to pull into a restaurant and go inside. Make it seem like she is getting some food. He wouldn't suspect anything that way. Send Phoenix to get her. It shouldn't take him longer than half an hour to get to her. Have him take her to Blood Moon and hide her until we can all get there."

His solution made sense, and I relayed the plan to Addie.

Addie: Thank you sis. Tell everyone I'm truly sorry for all of this.

Me: You can thank them yourself. We are going to load up and head out. Meet you at Blood Moon. I love you, Addie.

Maddix felt skeptical, and I didn't blame him. He felt we were walking into a trap, but in my heart, I knew she wasn't setting us up.

I started to pack, and Damian stopped me. “You are staying here, Alette,” he said. I laughed at him and said, “Like hell I am. I will go into the safety bunkers with my sisters, but we are going! Asteria and I both. I will go without you if you don’t take me with you.” He knew there was no fighting me, because he also knew I would follow through with my threat.

He got down my bag and I filled it with things I would need.

I had to agree to see Dr. Campbell before I left to make sure things would be alright for me to travel, and then notify Roxy that I was coming. I was willing to compromise with him, because that’s how a relationship works.

Compromising is sometimes a must.

I called the hospital and informed them that I was on my way over. I needed a quick checkup at the insistence of the Alpha. They gladly told me to come in, and I did just that.

Plus, it was a good excuse to meet my goddaughter finally.

Damian and Asteria accompanied me on the visit, and I think they were more nervous than I was. Dr. Campbell came in and did a thorough exam. He decided to do an ultrasound, and the nurse brought in the monitor. After squirting the cold gel on my stomach, he started to move around the wand. Multiple little heartbeats filled the room, and I broke down in tears.

“Are those my little ones?” I asked. He nodded his head and told me their heartbeats sounded very strong. When they finally appeared on the screen, Asteria let out a gasp.

“Lette! There are three!” she exclaimed.

Damian and I stared at the screen, and realized she was right. Three little beans. “Can you tell gender yet?” I asked the doctor. He said not yet, but he should in a few weeks.

He congratulated us, and told me that I could get cleaned up. He handed me a towel, and told me that he wanted to see me again in about 3 weeks.

When he left, we were elated and laughing. When I looked at my phone again, that all changed.

Phoenix: Alette, I have Addie, but we have a problem. We are being followed.

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother’s Promise Chapter**

\*MADDIX POV\*

Riley and I were trying to get the kids situated and our things packed when Alette, Damian and Asteria ran into our room. Alette told me about what was going on with Phoenix and Addie being followed.

“Tell him to keep going to Blood Moon, and I will notify the guards that Phoenix’s truck is the only vehicle permitted through the gates until we get back. Tell him to take her immediately to the safe room in the library. No one would expect us to hide her there because it’s not public knowledge that it’s there. Only pack members know about it,” I told Alette.

Asteria instead stepped outside to make the call, and I asked Alette if she could help Riley finish with the kids.

Damian left to gather their things, and I ran over to my parents’ room. I knocked on the door and walked inside.

Thankfully, all three of them were dressed. “Phoenix messaged Lette. He’s got Addie, but he noticed after they left the restaurant they were being followed. Asteria is calling him right now to give him instructions. Is uncle Rico still at the pack?” I asked.

Mom said Grace and Rico hadn’t left yet, and were still there. I asked her if she could call Grace and see if Celeste could help her get the safe room in the library ready for the girls, Riley and the kids. She asked why the library and I explained my reasoning. She agreed and picked up her phone to call.

I told my parents we would be heading out within the next 15 minutes, and they assured me they would be ready. Updated by Jobnib.com.

They had belongings in both packs, so it wouldn’t take them long at all.

By the time I stepped back into the hallway, I noticed Buck talking to Damian. He didn’t look pleased at all.

“Buck, I’m sorry, but it’s an emergency situation. You need to be with your wife and baby, so I have asked Caleb and River to watch over things. If they get into a situation you can’t handle, then they have to come to you. You are still in charge without being fully in charge. You have the final say while I am gone,” he told his Beta.

Buck seemed to be fine with that explanation, and even said that he was jealous that Damian had to leave to fight beside me at Blood Moon. I let out a chuckle, and told him I was sure there would be other times. I congratulated him again on his little one, and he gave me a bear hug. “Don’t let Alette or Asteria leave without seeing her. Promise me,” he said. I made that promise, because I knew how disappointed Micah would be if they didn’t.



I knew we didn't have much time, but I linked Riley and asked if she could let the girls know Buck's request. She said she would, and that her and the kids would tag along with them. She was dying to see the new little darling.

Before closing the link, I told her we would pick them up at the hospital, and told her I loved her.

"Maddix?" | heard Luke call. I turned around and he was sprinting towards me. "I'm glad you haven't left yet. Ginger and I want to go with you to Blood Moon. Is there room?" he asked. I nodded my head and told him we would make room.

He then let me know that close to 30 witches were on their way to my pack. I thanked him for their help, and he laughed at me. "Maddix, we are family kiddo. This is what we do, and what we live for. Being a witch isn't all that much fun if you can't use the fun magic." he said with a wink.

Luke threw their bags in the back of the SUV, and him and Ginger climbed into the far back seat. I finished loading the kids into the car, and jumped in the driver's seat. I pulled away from the pack house, and the rest of the cars followed me. We had a decent sized caravan, and I hated taking so many of Damian's warriors away from his pack, but he insisted on the amount.

He assured me that the pack would be fine, and that there were still plenty of warriors to take care of Spirit Mountain.

He was more worried about Buck and Caleb. They may have been his Gamma and Beta, but they were both hot-headed and tended to act before thinking. I told him that River would balance the two of them out.

When we got to the hospital, the girls were waiting for us with Micah sitting with them in a wheelchair. In her arms was a sweet little bundle, and she yelled out to me that she couldn't let us leave without the guys meeting little Aisling too.

Walking over to her, I stooped down to her level. I couldn't take my eyes off of the tiny little girl. Her skin was a soft olive color, and her features were soft. She had a head full of dark curly hair, and what surprised me most was the comforting aura she let off. She was days old, but she had the presence of someone who had been around for centuries. She was going to be special, and I am thankful that her mother chose to keep her in her life.

"Micah, she is precious. She looks like you," I told her.

Micah flashed a smile and said, "Thank you. I was hoping she wouldn't resemble you know who. I'm in love with her, Maddix. I can't even fathom her not being with me now. I have Buck to thank for that," she replied.

I gave her a brotherly hug, and told the girls we had to get going. I didn't want to put it off any longer just in case Miles and Simon tried to pull a fast one and attack knowing we weren't there. Phoenix had been keeping me updated, and said that their men didn't even try to follow them onto the pack territory. They had stopped about a mile away, and that is where they still were.

After everyone was loaded up, we finally made our departure to Blood Moon.

After driving for a while, Riley reached out for my hand and gave it a tight squeeze. "Maddix, remember there are kids in the car. You are flying," she said. I glanced at the speedometer, and it read that I was going 95mph. I was so deep in thought that I hadn't realized it. I kissed the back of her hand and apologized. We were only 35 miles from our pack when Ginger yelled at me.

"Hey Maddix, I know this is an odd question, but what kind of car does Miles drive?" Ginger asked. I told her that the car he drove to Spirit Mountain was a dark blue Ford Bronco, and then asked her why she asked.

"Well, because I just had a vision of about 6 dark SUV's racing towards the Blood Moon. They are being followed by 2 large military-style trucks. We will get there before them, but it will be really close. Is there any way to make sure everyone in the pack is in position and ready?" she asked.

I had Riley call Henry, and I asked Luke how far out the witches were. Luke said they had already arrived with Jason's warriors from Starry Moon. I was relieved at this revelation, and at that moment was pretty thankful that my uncle's pack and the witches of Ruby Meadows lived a short distance away.

Riley hung up with Henry, and she said that he was already in the process of helping the elderly and children to their designated safe rooms, and the one in the library was ready for everyone when we got there. Everything had been stocked with necessities and things that would provide comfort.

My anxiety started to skyrocket as we approached the area where Phoenix said the men following them had stopped.

However, what I saw threw me for a loop. The car was there, but the men who were inside the car were spread out across the road, dead.

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother's Promise Chapter 85**

\*Phoenix POV\*

When I got the call that Adelina needed me to come and get her, and what the reason was, I left immediately. My sister needed me and that was all I could think about.

I called Addie as I drove towards the location I had been given, and she said that she was still in the restaurant. She hadn't seen anyone come in or out since she got there, but she hated being so close to her car. She told me about the tracker on it, and I asked her if there was anywhere else close by that she could walk to.

She walked outside and said there was a laundry mat up the street and I told her to go there. I agreed her being close to the car wasn't a good idea. She asked if she should take her bag, and I asked if there was anything important in it.

She said she needed only the medication due to the complications in her pregnancy, and her jewelry.

I told her to leave the suitcase in the car, but to put her medication and only the jewelry that was hers before she met Miles. Anything from him, leave it. I wasn't sure what else he had put trackers on, and I didn't want to risk it.

I hurried as fast as I could, and when I got to the laundry mat, I found her in the bathroom. When I hollered her name, she came barreling out and jumped into my arms. "You're safe, sis. Let's get you out of here," I told her as I helped her to my truck.

When she was nice and secure, I started to drive back to the pack. We passed the restaurant she had stopped at and noticed there was a dark sedan parked next to her car, and 4 men were searching through it.

Just when I thought we were going to pass unseen, one of them pointed to the car. He yelled to the others that their Luna was in my vehicle. Sh\*\*t. I picked up my speed, but didn't want to get pulled over. I pulled off on a side road that led directly to our pack, but took a little longer to get there. Once I had driven a short distance down it, I picked up speed.

Addie kept looking behind us to see if they had seen us pull off. Sure enough, she saw them turn behind us. "Go faster Phoenix!" she cried. I pushed harder on the accelerator but the roads were so winding that I couldn't go as fast as I wanted to. "I'm trying Addie. I can only go so fast around these curves though," I explained.

I tossed my phone to Addie and told her to message Alette.

I told her to let them know we were being followed, and to see what I should do. After what seemed like forever, she finally messaged us back. She said that Maddix said to go straight to the pack, and not stop at the gates. They would alert the guards, and when I got to the pack, Addie had to be taken straight to the secret safe room in the library.

I simply nodded my head as Adelina read the message aloud. I asked her to call Lindy, and have her meet us in the safe room with only the things she needed. She told Addie that Henry, George and Celeste were already helping her get the necessities to the safe room, and that once everyone got there, it would be ready to shut for their safety.

I hadn't been this scared for a long, long time. I was supposed to be leaving in the morning for Northern Sun to meet my supposed sister, and now they were attacking my family's pack over some dumb s\*\*t. I guess meeting Lark is on the back burner for a bit.

The car following us was quickly gaining on us. Adelina had received a text from Miles, and he threatened to kill her and the babies if she didn't have me pull over, so she could leave with his men. She shut off her phone, and told me to drive faster. She was determined to get away from them, and Miles.

We were about a mile away from the gates when she noticed the car pulled over to the side of the road. The driver and passenger got out and watched us drive away.

"Why would they pull over like that?" she asked. The only thing I could think of was that they knew that with only 4 of them, they were no match for a whole pack.

"Thank you, Phoenix. I'm sorry for all the trouble I have caused everyone. I was just afraid," she whispered. I grabbed her hand and said, "Adelina Rose. Everyone will understand the fact that you were afraid, but I'm sure a hard conversation is going to arise with the whole family.

It's up to you to be totally transparent and honest with them about your reasoning for not giving them some kind of heads up. Even if it was just something as simple as slipping a note of warning to one of them. I wasn't there for it all, I had to get back to the hospital here, but from what I have heard from Loki, you hurt a lot of people with your actions."

She hung her head, and started to shed tears. She didn't say much of anything else, but I knew she felt immense guilt for the drama she helped cause.

Once through the gates, I took an alternate route towards the pack house and pack center so that she could calm down a little bit. When the sniffles stopped, I drove to our destination. I told her we had some time, and that I would like it if Roxy could check on her pups before going into the safe room. She had been through a lot in the past 48 hours and the goddess knows how long prior to her arriving at Spirit Mountain.

She said she would like that, and asked if I could come with her. I agreed and asked if I should call Lindy. She said she would like that, and she was the one to call my mate. I could hear her squeal at the other end, and said she would meet us there.

By the time Lindy got there, Adelina was already laid on the exam bed, and Roxy was hooking up the ultrasound machine. I noticed my mate was fidgety, and I asked if she was OK. She just smiled, and kept paying attention to what our aunt was doing.

“Alright, Adelina, let’s look at what we have here,” Roxy said as she moved the wand around. Roxy tilted her head and started to count. “Baby 1, Baby 2, Baby 3, Baby 4. Oh, my.

We have a hider. Adelina, you have 5 precious and active babies. Were you aware?” she asked.

By the look on my sister’s face, she did not. She explained what she had been told by Northern Star’s OB/GYN, and Roxy quickly told her that he was wrong. All the babies were small, but not to the point of worry. After the shock of the actual number of babies she was carrying wore off, she asked Roxy what she needed to do to make sure they all made it.

Roxy told her to just take it as easy as possible, eat well, and stay as stress-free as she could. Addie gave her a chuckle, and replied, “Stress-free, huh? I don’t see that happening any time soon.”

Roxy just hugged her tight, and told her that things would get better. She had all the faith in the world that Blood Moon and the others would come out on top. We all hoped she was right, and deep down, we all knew the Northern Sun was coming here to be massacred. As we walked out, a thought came to me.

“Addie? You are aware that, since you are a sworn in Luna of Northern Star, if Miles, Simon and any of his other higher ups are killed during this you become the one in charge of Northern Sun, right? I asked.

Another revelation she hadn’t thought of. Hopefully, she was ready.

## **Alpha Maddix: A Brother’s Promise Chapter 86**

\*Maddix POV\*

Curious as to why the men Miles had sent to track Adelina were left lying dead on the ground, I linked the head guard at the gates to my pack. He said that no one had left Blood Moon, and no one had made any attempt to approach the car.

“Luke, can you or Ginger see what might have happened?” I asked. Ginger responded with one word, “Miles.” | sighed and told her that she didn’t need to elaborate, and then shook my head. I don’t understand why he would kill his own men. The only explanation was that Adelina had gotten away from them.

Driving through the pack gates, I stopped to speak to the guards. Henry had already sent extra patrols to assist around the borders, and I wanted to make sure they were

completely filled in on their orders. I gave them final orders and sped off towards the library.

The atmosphere was so heavy that it almost took my breath away. Riley had already started to panic, and the kids were feeding off of both of our energies, causing them to get fussy. "I know this may sound odd, but if you need me to do a small blanket spell to help with the anxiety of everyone, I can," Ginger offered.

Riley told her she would be appreciative, and I told her that it would probably help. I just wanted to make sure that it wouldn't have adverse reactions to the kids. Luke assured me that it wouldn't, and that it would only take the edge off of the nerves everyone was feeling. It would help those of us who needed to focus on doing so, and those who were just scared would just feel less afraid.

When everyone got out of the car, Ginger made her way into the center of the courtyard, and raised her hands. She started to chant the spell, and it started to rain slightly. As the rain hit our skin, I instantly felt calmer, and more focused. The kids had stopped being overly fussy, and Riley said her nerves were much calmer.

I walked around the car, and there stood my sister, Adelina.

Before I could approach her, Asteria and Alette were by my side. The three of us could only stare at our sister and Phoenix, and without warning, Addie ran into my arms. "I'm so sorry Maddix. I hate myself so much for everything ! allowed to happen without helping or telling you. You have all right to hate me, but I have prayed to the goddess that you don't," she sobbed.

I pulled away from her and cupped her face. "Addie, I was angry, yes. I am still, a little. However, I could never hate you. I was completely confused by your actions, and you have a lot more apologizing to do to Asteria than me. You allowed her mate to mentally and physically abuse her for months. What happened to us, that was resolved in a matter of a couple of days. Your triplet is pretty damaged by what happened to her. She is going to need you as much as you need her during this time. So, go fix it," I said.

Her eyes moved to Asteria, who wouldn't look at her. I called her name and forced her to look at Addie. "You girls are going to have time to fix this in the safe room. Alette, make them fix this. I hate to rush, but according to Ginger, they will be here very soon. I want everyone secure in their place before they arrive. So let's get this going." I stated.

Alette took each girl's arm and led them inside the library.

Henry, Celeste and Lindy did an amazing job getting the room ready and comfortable for the women in my family.

After this was over, I needed to make sure that they were rewarded for their hard work.

Riley was putting the babies in one of the cribs, and I wrapped my arms around her from behind. I gave her a small squeeze and started to speak to her when I heard the alarms start to wail. I placed my forehead in the middle of her back and said, "I'm sorry babe. Try not to worry, we will come out on top in this. Please watch over Addie and Asteria. I am going to kill their mates if it's the last thing I do." She nodded her head and turned to face me.

"They will be fine, you just make sure you are fine, and the rest of our pack. Show them what Blood Moon and those who stand with us are made of. Don't worry about us, because we are safe here. Focus on the task at hand," she said, and gently kissed my lips.

I didn't linger, and left immediately with Damian, Henry and my dads on my heels. My mom was pissed that she was forced to stay in the safe room, but my dads reminded her that those in the safe room needed her there. If they were to break through, Ruby was probably the worst wolf they wanted to run into. She would show zero mercy.

I watched as the 6 guards who would be near the library with instructions to guard it with their lives moved into their places. We were going to place them at the safe room door, but I was reminded that no one even knew the room was there except the higher ranks, Chris, the curator at the library, and his daughter Maizy.

Chris and Maizy were in the room, so that left the higher ranks, and I knew for fact that they would take that secret to their deaths. If you looked at where the room was, you would think it was just a bookshelf. Hidden doors were the main requirement when we built it.

Once the guards were in place, accompanied by many other warriors, I linked Timmy and Gunner, the former and new head warriors, and asked where they were coming in the pack from. Timmy quickly responded and said that they hadn't fully entered yet. He then said that Miles and Simon along with about 40 warriors were waiting for me at the front gates.

I relayed the situation to Damian and the others and my brother-in-law popped off with, "What? Do they want you to invite them in?" I just shook my head and chuckled. This tactic right here shows how inexperienced, untrained and unknowing Miles and Simon really are.

"Let's go find out if that's what they are waiting for," I replied.

At the gate, the situation was just as Timmy described.

Damian, Jason and I casually strolled up to the scene and stopped about 100 feet from where they stood.

“Can I help you gentlemen?” I asked. The look on their faces said they weren’t expecting us to be there. So that tells me that they were expecting to attack Blood Moon without the protection of their Alpha. A surprise attack, so to speak.

“Maddix? I thought you were still at Spirit Mountain. I guess this works out for the best then. As you obviously know, Simon has come to take what is rightfully Asteria and his.

She is the rightful blood heir, which makes Simon, her mate, the rightful Alpha.” Miles spat.

I started to chuckle, and it caused my dads and the other Alphas with me to laugh as well. My dad, Liam, stepped forward and said, “Little boy, apparently you need to go and do more research about who is rightfully entitled to the position of Alpha. Maddix may not carry my brother and my blood, but he DOES carry our Luna’s blood. Therefore, he is blood entitled. I don’t know who has taught you anything about being an Alpha, but you have a lot more to learn.”

I finally shifted into a more serious mood, and I stated plainly and clearly when I said to Miles, “There you have it.

Asteria wants no part of being Luna or Alpha of Blood Moon. She also wants no part of being your mate any longer, Simon. Her choice, not mine. So, if you want to challenge me for my pack, go ahead. Just be prepared to lose your life, and all those you brought with you, can lose theirs too. What’s it going to be, boys?”

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\*Maddix POV\*

I stood patiently waiting for them to make a decision. They only stood and stared at one another, and I assumed they were talking through a link.

“Come on, I don’t have all day to pussyfoot around with you. Either challenge me, or walk away. No harm, no foul.

However, the two of you will need to face both of my sisters to receive your rejection. Well, at least Simon. Miles, you will have to wait until Adelina gives birth, so no harm comes to your five children,” I said with a devilish smirk.

I knew that bringing his children into the mix would cause a rise, and I wasn’t about to let them just walk away after coming to my pack prepared to attack them without me present. He was putting women, elderly and children into a battle that didn’t involve them, and didn’t care.



“Five? That can’t be correct,” he gasped. He looked at Simon and his Beta shrugged his shoulders.

“Oh, I assure you that number is correct. Phoenix had Addie examined by my aunt before we put her under protection.

Five beautiful little ones. None of which will ever know who you are. I will make sure of it. You will accept her rejection, if you don’t die first, and give her a chance to live a good life. Not one where she is treated like a mere vessel to carry your pups, or a punching bag for your fists,

I replied.

His shoulders straightened, and his body went stiff. “What?

You didn’t think I would find out about that? Oh, and Simon, I know what you have done to Asteria as well. They trust me, and told me every last sorted detail. With that alone I should kill you where you stand,” I spat. Updated by Jobnib.com

The two men looked at each other once more. Simon whipped his head to look at me once again and said, “f\*vck you Maddix. What I do to and with my mate isn’t any of your damn business. I, Simon Green, challenge you, Alpha Maddix Young, for the title of Alpha of Blood Moon. The stipulation for the challenge is, to the death!”

An evil grin spread across my face, and I turned to my Gamma. “Have our warriors lead his people to the training grounds,” I told him. I then looked at my dads and asked them to officiate the challenge. They agreed and as we walked towards the grounds, Damian grabbed my arm.

“Maddix, you know they aren’t going to fight fair. I have a bad feeling about this,” he said.

I shook my head and told him not to worry. I had already assumed they wouldn’t fight fair, and had linked Timmy and Gunner to having the training fields surrounded by the Blood Moon and the ally warriors. After I explained what I had done, Damian slapped me on my back and said,

“Seems you have thought of everything. That’s the sign of a good Alpha. Staying one step ahead.”

Arriving at the training grounds, I took my place on my side of the challenge. Simon took his, and my dads walked to the center. After looking in both of our directions, my dad, Loki, spoke.

“Alright, we all know why we are here today. Personally, I think it’s a waste of time because we all know what is going to happen, but here we are. Simon Green, Beta of Northern Sun, has challenged Alpha Maddix Young for his title as Alpha of the Blood Moon

pack. He had given the stipulation of death, and the only way to win is if your opponent dies by your hand. Any outside interference will cause an immediate stop of the challenge, and it will be considered null and void. At that point, the person who interfered and the person they helped will be imprisoned and sentenced to death per the rules and stipulations of the challenge. Are we clear boys?" he stated.

Both Simon and I agreed that we understood, and I noticed that Damian had moved closer to where Miles was standing. I knew he would make sure Miles was kept under control, but honestly, it wasn't Miles I was worried about. It was the warriors he had stationed outside our borders in hiding.

My dads exited the area, and were now standing on the sidelines. Liam held up his hand and when it dropped, Loki sounded the air horn to begin.

I have prepared most of my life for challenges and battles, and the first thing my dads taught me was to never make the first attack. Watch your opponent, learn their mannerisms, and wait for them to strike first. Especially in a challenge.

The lack of training Simon has had is evident in his movements. I felt like this was going to be too easy, but didn't want to underestimate him either. Instead of trying to tire me down before shifting, he instantly shifted. Stupid mistake. His wolf, Slade, stood at the opposite side of me snarling as if he was about to attack. Just looking at the ginger colored wolf I knew he was no match for Dakota.

Size alone was a huge one.

Like clockwork, his wolf charged towards me, and when he was close he leaped into the air aiming for my head. I was able to jump out of the way, and he totally missed me. As he was midair, I was able to land a punch to his wolf's ribs.

When his paws hit the ground, he immediately went in for the attack again. However, this time when I went to move, he was able to catch my right calf.

He sunk his teeth deep into my leg, and I screamed out.

Dakota was begging for me to shift, and I asked him for just a few more moments before we unleashed him. I knew what I was doing, and had a solid plan. His careless attacks were getting easier to calculate, and I could tell he was getting tired.

I hollered to Simon and told him he should just give up.

There was no way he would beat me once I shifted, and I told him that Miles knew that he would die in the challenge and didn't care about him. The mind game was working because he became seriously distracted. What I hadn't anticipated with the taunting was for him to continue with the attacks.

He caught me off guard when he jumped at me again. This time he was able to sink his teeth in my shoulder. He started to shake his head viciously, and I could feel the muscles tearing. The pain was excruciating, but I couldn't concentrate on that. No matter what I did, he wasn't releasing me in human form. I had no other choice but to give Dakota his wish and shift.

After the shift, Dakota stood facing Slade. Blood was still oozing from our shoulders, but in my wolf's form the wound was closing quickly. The expression on Slade's face went from one of triumph to one of fear. Dakota was almost double the size of Slade, and the small wolf knew he was about to meet his end.

Dakota started to stalk his prey, and with every step forward he took, Slade took 2 backwards. I could hear Miles on the sidelines screaming for Simon not to give up.

He was encouraging his supposed friend and Beta to go in for the full attack.

I had no problem finishing this worm off, but the fact that his friend was encouraging him to die didn't sit well with me. I had to deal with that later though. I had to stay focused on the task at hand.

Dakota started to circle Slade, and I heard Slade's voice enter our mind. "Please just kill me and get this over with.

My human is an idiot, and I know there is no way I can beat you. It's obvious to everyone except my human and his Alpha. I will warn you though, as soon as you kill us, his Alpha is going to attack," he said

Dakota agreed to his wish, and immediately ended his life by sinking his teeth into Slade's neck and ripping out his throat. Just as Slade had warned, before Simon's body had hit the ground, Miles signaled his men to attack. Here we go!

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\*Damian POV\*

Something in me told me to stay as close to Miles as I could get. It was clear that the Miles I had met in college, was not the Miles Kernshaw standing in front of me. It was as if he had turned into a whole other person all together.

Maybe he was just good at making people think he was a good person, and then once he drew them in and got close to them, he showed his true colors.

Either way, he's out of control.

As the challenge between Maddix and Simon continued, it was clearly obvious that Simon was out of his element. For someone who claimed to have massive training, his actions didn't show it at all.

I watched as Simon continuously haphazardly attacked Maddix. After countless attempts to connect, he finally was able to sink his teeth into Maddix's leg. Foolishly, he quickly released him and sprinted away so that he could charge Maddix again.

Over and over, every attempt to do any critical damage to Maddix failed. Maddix was still in human form, and yet, Simon couldn't get the upper hand.

Miles was screeching at Simon, encouraging him to keep attacking. I think for a moment it distracted Maddix, because Simon's wolf was able to finally get a grip on my brother-in-law's shoulder.

Maddix screamed in pain as Slade tore through his shoulder muscles. Then I saw the look in Maddix's eyes.

Dakota was coming forward, and sure enough, Maddix shifted. It was a quick shift, and Dakota took a moment to get to his feet.

I saw Dakota glance at where Miles and myself were standing, and our eyes met. He was signaling me to watch Miles, and I nodded in understanding.

Fear overtook Slade when Dakota stood before him. I think he truly knew he was done for. Dakota was double the size of Slade, and could easily crush him.

I watched as Dakota stalked Slade, and I overheard Loki say, "He's a goner. He doesn't stand a chance. Why doesn't he submit?" I whispered, "Because he can't." It was true, Simon ruled it as to death, and death was the only escape from the situation.

Dakota's eyes glazed over, signaling that someone was linking him. Who would be linking them during a challenge? Then I saw it, Slade's eyes were also glazed over. He was speaking to Dakota, and no sooner did their eyes clear, Dakota ripped out Slade's throat.

What I wasn't expecting was that before Simon's body could hit the ground, Miles signaled his men to attack.

The alarms were going crazy throughout Blood Moon, and wolves were now fighting viciously. In both human and wolf form, warriors of the Northern Sun were attacking anyone they didn't know. They had no idea what pack they were from, and they didn't care. They were deemed the enemy by their Alpha, and were instructed to win by any means necessary.

I fought off anyone who came near me, killing them one by one. I showed zero mercy, because I knew they wouldn't show it to me if the shoe was on the other foot.

When I felt myself getting tired, I would think about my mate and our pups. Focusing on making sure they were safe kept me going.

I was being circled by two very large gray wolves, but the sad part was, they didn't have the scent of the wolves from Northern Star. These wolves were from my own pack. My own men were attacking me, and unfortunately, I didn't recognize them to be able to reason with them.

"I know you aren't from another pack. Care to tell your Alpha why you are attacking him?" I asked. They glanced at one another and only one shifted back to human form. I did the same to face the warrior face to face, and what he said struck a nerve. "You aren't our Alpha. We only pledged allegiance to your father, and his son, the rightful heir, Lance. We don't accept the bastard son as our Alpha," he spat.

I started to laugh, and told him that whether he liked the idea or not, I was the Alpha. He was no more than a traitor, just like my brother was. I asked if there were others with him, and he said that it was just him and the wolf with him.

This made me laugh even harder, because their ignorance was clear to me.

Without sparing them another thought, I shifted back into my wolf, Zion, and he went in for the attack. The man who had shifted to speak to me instantly lost his life. I spared no mercy and ripped his head off of his shoulders. His friend attacked me immediately and was able to bite into Zion's ear, ripping part of it off.

I howled in pain, but quickly shook it off and went after the gray wolf. Zion got entangled with the wolf, and they fought each other hard. However, in the end, the gray wolf laid at my feet dead. I tore his throat out with one bite.

His blood had filled my mouth, and the sickening taste of iron caused me to gag. I had never tasted so much blood at one time, and I hoped I never had to again.

I heard a yelp in the distance, and I turned to see a group of wolves getting the better of Loki. Liam was lying on the ground not far from him in human form, and I couldn't tell if he was alive or not.

I raced towards my mate's fathers and jumped on the first one I came to. I quickly killed the wolf by twisting his neck.

It seemed that no matter how many I killed, more kept coming. Finally, joined by more warriors, we were able to help Loki. Henry and another warrior had shifted and carried both fathers to safety. Liam was alive, but was badly injured.

My eyes darted around the battlefield looking for Maddix and Miles. Miles was nowhere to be found, but I did spot Maddix fighting alongside his uncle Jason. They seemed to have

everything under control, and I could also see that we were rapidly going through our attackers.

A small voice came into my mind and all it said was,

“Help”. The voice was that of my mate, and I took off towards the library.

When I arrived, what I saw made me furious. Miles had my mate by her hair, and Maddix’s own Beta, George standing with him with a knife to Melian’s throat. “Get Maddix here now!” Miles bellowed.

Henry had come up next to me and started to plead with his brother. “George, what the hell? What are you doing?” he cried out. George didn’t reply. He wouldn’t even look at his brother. “George, let the Luna mother go. Do you forget how powerful she is? If she wanted to, she could kill you where you stand.” he taunted. Still, George remained silent.

“Miles, you are barking up the wrong tree, man. You know if you hurt either of them, we will all kill you. I mean, you will die today regardless, but hurting them will only cause your death to be drawn out and be as painful as possible.” I said.

Maddix arrives on the scene with Jason and Phoenix, only for Miles to take his claw and jab it into my mates stomach. I lost my mind and took off towards him. Alette fell to the ground, and before I could reach Miles, a hole formed in his chest where his heart used to be.

Once he fell to the ground, behind him stood his mate, Adelina, holding his heart. To save her sister, she took his heart.