Chapter 5: How we met.

Nadia's pov

The rst time I met him, he saved me from my stubbornness.

It had been an alphas council meeting at the palace.

Some silly alpha boys, were taunting me and bullying me.

They had probably never seen a girl ght back so hard before.

There were three of them against me.

But I wasn't going to let them get away with bullying me.

I sucked one with a punch to the nose, kicked another in the stomach. I was fast but I was eight, they were twelve.

They pounced on me, but I kept on ghting.

They broke my arm, busted my lip, my left eye was swollen shut, but I kept on ghting.

" If you lay one more nger on her, I will break all your bones I promise you."

He had threatened them menacingly.

The boys froze in their spot.

No one can ignore the command of a prince.

Our families have always been close, his mother the queen had been best friends with my mother, before she found her mate the king.

We were childhood friends, but that was the day he became my knight in shining armor.

My parents wouldn't let me go near alpha events after that.

The next time I saw him, I was twelve and he was fteen, all the governing Alphas and their families had been invited to a private gala with the King.

I was dressed in a beautiful long urry peach gown, my hair in a twisted low bun 'just like a princess' the Queen complimented when she saw me.

Soon enough, the adults got busy and we the kids went off in the palace with our separate groups.

I had been searching for some owers rumored to be extremely poisonous but great for powerful witches, with my best friends Mona and Aubrey when we heard a group of boys chattering. And there he was in the middle of the boys laughing. I couldn't tell if it was his long perfectly curly hair that danced around his face as he walked, or his pretty pink lips parting away for the laughter, or how tall he was or when his eyes met mine. I thought they were hazel at rst but then the look intensied and I realized they were green. I'd never seen such beautiful eyes before and I knew I should have stopped staring but I couldn't, not until he was in front of me.

"Nadia Right?" He asked and I suddenly realized I had been unconsciously holding my breath.

"My mom doesn't allow anyone in here, I don't think it's safe." He said, his face contouring into a thinking expression.

"Or are you girls witches." He asked jokingly

And his friends stared to laugh and make eerie noises.

"No we're not ." I replied snorting my little well pointed nose in the air.

"Alright non-witches" He said as he reached out to tuck in some strands of my hair that had loosely fallen out to my right cheek. And it was in that moment, that the twelve year old me fell in love.

After that we got closer, we hung out on several occasions as teenagers, parties, trainings, meetings, family dinners. Up until I left for college at eighteen.

So no, I would never pass up the opportunity to be with him, even if it was just for a second.

At thirteen the only thing I wanted from the moon goddess and fate was to be mated to him.

I shook my head to clear the cobwebs of my reminiscing.

I have been moping around like a lovestruck fool. But if Kalen thinks he can replace me with a common human girl.

Then he knows nothing about me.

If the king thinks I am going to walk away because he said so then he's got another thing coming.

He better get ready because I am going to obliterate his little human girl.

I am a freaking Alpha 's daughter.

A natural born Luna, created to be queen.

There will be no denying me of my birth right.

I won't be accepting anything less than what I deserve, than what I am entitled to.

And I am freaking entitled to be queen.

I am entitled to claim my mate and be happy with my mate.

King Kalen has got a big ght on his hands if he insists on going down this path he's currently on.

I will drag him back to the right path, if I have to.

With my mind made and renewed energy in my freaking veins, I got ready and headed straight for the palace.

Kalen's pov

I haven't been able to sleep for the past three days. I've been a bit slower than usual, my body felt heavier and my heart felt like someone was pulling at its strings and it denitely wasn't in a romantic way of any sort.

Something was wrong somewhere, but I just couldn't gure out what it was. Whenever I close my eyes I see her big blue eyes staring at me, calling out to me. Her eyes were sad and I always woke up at that point.

I didn't want to see the rest of it. It was probably another plan of the goddess to manipulate me into going to her.

It was never going to happen. Not now, Not ever.

"Alpha, Breakfast is ready." My Kitchen head Soa announced outside my suite after knocking twice.

"Thanks Soa." I said to her In mindlink.

Then I mind-linked my Beta Axel to let me know my schedule for the day, as I walked into the shower.

After a nice warm shower, I dressed up in a sky blue dress shirt leaving the top two buttons unbuttoned, a pair of diamond cuinks, a dark blue suit pants, and a pair of black Hermès loafers.

I ran my hands through my still-damp hair, staring at the big lose waves, randomly listening in on the thoughts and mind-links of everyone in the palace.

I was halfway down the stairs when the sweet scent of raspberries and vanilla hit me.

It was so intense, it was almost crippling .

I'd overheard Soa talking about crepes, scrambled eggs, oats and coffee but I was certain there was no mention of raspberries.

Well one can never be too sure with crepes, maybe it was just how good Soa's food was that it's scent permeated through the entire palace.

I shrugged, thinking to myself, as I stopped in front of the doubled doors leading into the dining.

But it wasn't until the huge double doors were pulled open, did I realise that it was my unfortunate mate.

My eyes drank her in hungrily.

"Our beautiful mate, Xenadia." My Lycan said, with so much pride, I wanted to knock him upside his head.

There she was, seated at the the dining, a wide smiled plastered on her face as she complimented Soa and the other chefs.

Everyone at the dining including her, my Beta Axel, his mate Mona, my younger sister Eliana, my personal security details Izan and Liam all stood as I walked in, necks bent in reverence.

But I paid them no heed. I was furious.

"You may seat." I announced as I took my seat throwing daggers with my eyes at her.

"What the hell are you doing here?" I asked her in mindlink

"Having breakfast with my mate." she replied nonchalantly as she went about asking for some food helping.

"FIRSTLY, I AM NOT YOUR MATE!" I gritted out in anger.

"Secondly, I for one did not invite you here."

"You don't need to invite me Kalen, the palace is as much mine as it is yours.

Remember the part of the Prüvodce which states that what is yours is mine and what is mine is yours?" She replied smiling away with so much grace and poise, one would think she was the woman of the house already.

"Meet me in my suite after breakfast." I said on a note of nality.

Axel had been giving me weird eyes all through breakfast. Prompting me to tell him what was going on. But I didn't, I knew better.

Knowing Axel, he'd only laugh and say I told you so.

"With these mates thing, you never can tell. The goddess is always out to surprise you. She always knows just what you need." He always says. And being a strict follower of rules, while he can't openly defy me, he'll still make it clear that he stands with the mating system and I shouldn't ght it, especially as King as it is a bad example to the people.

But I couldn't care less, I believe in the people's freewill.

After breakfast, I mind linked my head tracker Ivan who was already at the pack house to clear my schedule for the next hour while I cleaned up this mess with Nadia.

I perched some part of my bum on the edge of the desk of the private oce in my suite, legs crossed going over a le when she walked in.

I knew she was coming, I had already sensed her immediately she stepped on this oor.

"Kalen." she called out as she walked into the oce, as though she was unsure of the pronunciation of the name.

"First off I want to apologize. I know I shouldn't have just shown up like this but I knew that if I'd asked, you'd have said no."

"Of course I would have. You have no business here at the palace." I spat out furiously but she just giggled in an annoying manner.

" Is that what you tell yourself to make you sleep better at night?

Come on now. We both know that's not true."

She said, paused then let out a shaky breath, before speaking again.

"Kalen, I didn't come here to ght.

Heck I'm not even angry you almost killed me just because you wanted to f*ck that sI*t....

I let out an angry growl.

It was a warning, telling her to wat her tone and her words.

She swallowed hard and smirked at me.

This is f*****g Xenadia, I used to call her ride or die.

Growling wasn't going to work on her.

This isn't going to go down well.

Thanks for your patience everyone.

I'm updating two stories, usually it's not a problem, but right now I'm under the weather.

It's a big struggle not to disappoint my readers.

I really appreciate you all.