

## Chapter 5

"No but I will deal with it, Evan. I am the Alpha. Just because my mother is still the current Luna until I mate another doesn't give her the right. She can step down any time she wants. I'm not stopping her." I said in a low voice so I don't disturb my mate.

"I understand man. I don't know how you've put up with it the ve years already. If I was in your shoes, I would have thrown her in the dungeon already." Evan said causing me to give a light laugh.

"I have thought about it." I joked which caused him to chuckle.

"Alright man, I'll get out of here but if you need anything just let me know. Okay?"

"There is actually something you could do." I mentioned looking at him. "Can you nd someone in the pack who is about her size and see if they might have a set of clothes for her? I don't want her to have to wear the torn ones she was wearing. Actually, just see if they have a pair of night bottoms and a pair of jeans. Then go to my room and grab one of my t shirts out of the closet."

"Yes alpha. If we can't nd anyone, I'll have Dawn go to town and grab a few things for her." He said. "Actually, I'll just send her anyways. It will get her out of my hair and she loves shopping. Plus, she can get a few other essentials women need."

"Sounds good. Just don't tell her I found my mate. Just tell her we found a girl passed out on the border and she was really hurt. That's if she ask."

"Gotcha man." Evan said heading towards the door.

"Thanks Evan. For everything." I whispered before he shut the door.

After Evan left, I let go of my mate's hand, picked up the bag Evan brought me and went to sit at the table in the corner of the room. I wasn't really hungry but I know I needed to eat. I started picking the boxes out that the chef gave him. He sent a bacon cheeseburger with all the xings including an onion ring on top, fries, a good portion of mixed fruit and a piece of cherry pie, along with BBQ sauce for my hamburger and ketchup for my fries.

I didn't realize how hungry I was until I nished it all. He even put a can of orange soda in there and a few small travel size bottles of wine. After I was done eating, I threw all the containers away and went back to the chair by the bed. After I sat down, I grabbed ahold her hand and started rubbing small circles on the top by her knuckles. I was completely enjoying the sensation of the sparks that owed between our hands.

As I held her hand, I laid my head down by her arm just calming myself in her vanilla and apple scent. At some point in time, I must have passed out. I don't know how long I was asleep for but I got jerked awake by someone running their ngers through my hair. Then I remember, I'm in the inrmary with my mate. I smell her scent and relax a little. I sit up and run my ngers through my hair. I sit up straight in my chair and look at her.

She has this deer in the headlight look. It's cute, but she looks terried. She is visibly shaking. I go to grab her hand and she snatches it away. Jumping off the bed and falling down on her butt. I jump out of my chair and race around to help her but as soon as come around she is scooting away from towards the wall. I stop.

"I'm not going to hurt you darling."

She starts frantically looking around for something. I notice the door has caught her attention. She looks between me and the door.

I get down on the balls of my feet again and put my hands up in a surrender type stance. "I mean you know harm. I promise. Will you please let me help you back on the bed?"

She shook her head vigorously.

"Please darling." I pleaded.

Shook her head again.

I sighed. "Can I at least put the blanket around you? It is kind of cold in here. Or even hand it to you?"

She thought for a second and nodded her head and held out her hand. I stood up, grabbed the blanket and took a couple small steps towards her and got back on the balls of my feet kneeling down and handing it to her. She hurried and took it and wrapped it around herself still keeping her eyes on me.

"I want to ask you a few questions. Are you ok with that?" I asked her hesitantly.

She looked down to the oor and shrugged her shoulders.

"What pack did you come from? You don't have the scent of a rogue but I can't place the scent of the pack you come from."

She shrugged again. Ok. I'll try another question.

"Is there a reason You were passing on my land?"

I see her shudder slightly. Must be something but she still isn't talking.

"Do I need to send out a bulletin to all the other territories stating you were found here and you are trespassing without the Alpha's permission?"

"No, please don't." She begged me in a whisper. Her voice was so angelic it made my heart skip a beat.

"Why not?"

She looked at me with tears in her eyes. I slowly went to her and wrapped my arms around her and pulled her into my lap. I gently pushed her head onto my chest. I felt her tense body slowly start to relax.

"Please don't send me back there. Please. I can't go back." She whispered as she started crying.

"What is your name darling?" I asked in a soft tone against her head.

"If I tell you, will you please not make me go back? When I get better, I will leave and you will never see me again." She asked me.

"I promise I will not make you go back as long as you answer my questions, please."

She sighed. "My name is Everleigh White."

"Everleigh huh? That's a beautiful name for my just as equally beautiful mate." I said lifting her chin so she looks at me.

I feel her stiffen again before she looks me in the eyes.

"What?" she gasp.

"You are my mate." I stated still looking in to those memorizing storm gray eyes of hers.

She lowered her head to my chest. "I don't understand. They told me I would never be worthy of a mate." I heard her whisper to herself.

"Who told you that?" I asked getting angry.

She looked at me getting scared and tried getting out of my arms. I just held on to her and took a deep breath calming myself.

"Whoever it was is a dipshit. You are worthy of a mate. You are worthy of me darlin." I whisper to her bringing her face back up.

"I don't know what happened before and I won't force you tell me. If you eventually want to tell me that's ne but just know this. You are worthy of so much. I will do anything in my power to make you happy." I stated before putting a kiss on top of her forehead. As soon as my lips leave her head, she puts her hand up there holding the spot I kisses. Her eyes meet mine looking surprised. I give a little chuckle.

"You are safe here ok. I know you don't know me but please trust me. I will not let anything happen to you."

All of a sudden, the door to the room opens. I sit up a little straighter and look over the bed pulling my mate more into me. I see it's Dev and visibly relax.

"Evan asked me to bring these by for you sir. He was having issues keeping his mate from coming here and dropping them off."

"Thanks Dev. Put them on the bed please."

Dev walks in and places the bag on the bed and looks at us on the oor with a small smirk.

'Alpha, is she ok?' Dev mind links me nodding towards Everleigh.

'Yeah. She's just freaking out a little. Can you do me a favor since you're good with nding information?'

'Anything sir.'

'Find all the information you can on Everleigh White without anyone outside the pack knowing.'

He nodded to me before looking at Everleigh. "I'm glad to see you're awake ma'am and that you are okay." He bowed and went out the door.