

## Chapter 85 - Unscentable

Brad POV

He woke up starving hungry, though he smiled as he looked down at Piper, his Mate, still asleep in his arms. She had not only claimed him, but he now bore her Mark to, trailed his fingers down her neck slowly, to her mark spot, had Marked her twice. There was no real harm in it. He'd wanted to Mark her so she would recall it, know he wanted her, so he had, both he and his wolf had now claimed her.

Mating her completely, after she'd Marked him, there was no way he wasn't going to not Mark her. She did not recall the first time, she would now, the Mark on her neck did not change, the beautiful filigree on her neck was still the same, only there was a slight difference in the bite position. He'd missed slightly on his wolf's Mark, so the two scars from his fangs were slightly joined together now. It looked like his fangs were larger than normal was all. He felt her body shiver under his touch and smiled to himself. Touching one's mark spot was a turn on. He slid his fingers away from it. They needed food before he tasted her again.

He could see it was already dark outside, touched her face gently, she was his forever now, his Mate and Luna. Not only had she Mated him, she'd initiated it, asked him, said please and begged him. It made him happy, he had gotten permission from her. He could feel Benson was happy himself, his Mate had come forth when he'd called her to him, she'd not even hesitated, had wanted him as much as Benson had wanted Harper, and those two had Mated like crazy, a lot more than he and Piper had.

He had not expected to Mate Piper so quickly, thought it would still take a few weeks to get there. He was happy to just lay there and watch her sleep in the bed, curled into him. Was thankful for Benson's ability to see in the dark so he could watch her, really look at her. Heard his stomach growl at him, he was feeling hollow and hungry. It probably meant she too was hungry, just had yet to wake up because of it.

Glanced at the time and was surprised that it wasn't all that late, only 1900. Mind-link to his father to check on Brandon, knew their son would be Piper's first concern.

'Well, well, well. Look who's come up for air.' he heard his father's amused voice.

Brad couldn't help but smile himself, but let it go. 'Brandon, where is he? How is he?'

'Currently with Eddie and Izzy. Fine I believe.'

'What did you tell him?' Brad asked 'about Piper and I not being around all day?'

'The truth, son, what else?'

'What?'

'I didn't use the word sex. But I did tell him you were Marking and Mating...Aspen stared right at me, then just receded.'

'Any issues with Aspen?' There was always that concern, about how Aspen was going to react to the news.

'Not that I'm aware of. She did Mark you right son?'

'Yes.' Brad smiled again 'Piper is still sleeping.'

'Good son, I'm happy for you. Now to pack news. Timothy went home today. Annabella is still here though.'

'That's alright, I don't think she is going to leave, attached herself to Izzy really quickly.'

'Interesting!'

'Not really, Izzy is an Arctic Wolf and Annabella is half Arctic Wolf.'

'Oh, that explains all the touching I saw today. Annabella is annoying Eddie and his wolf with the way she keeps touching Izzy's hair, though Izzy doesn't seem to mind it at all.'

Brad chuckled, 'It'll sort itself out, likely Timber is just still very possessive over his Mate.'

Felt Piper stir in his arms 'I have to go,' he commented, and heard his father laugh. Likely knew Piper was waking up, cut the link.

Looked down at her and watched as her eyes fluttered open and then looked up to him. Brad smiled right down at her “Hi.”

“Hi.” She murmured softly back.

Brad chuckled, she sounded a little on the shy side to him. “Brandon is with Izzy and Eddie, and I hear Timothy has gone back to his pack.”

“Good, I still don’t want to be around that man.”

“Just to let you know, father already told Brandon about you and I. A heads up, it is likely the whole pack knows, he’s not one to keep news to himself.”

Saw her shake her head but say nothing, didn’t seem annoyed. “Is Aspen alright?”

“Apparently so. I guess we’ll see. We should shower and get food. I’m starving.”

“I could eat.” Piper nodded.

Brad smiled down at her, leaned down and kissed her softly, growled a little and then pulled himself away from her, “I’d better not do that or we might not make it to the dining room.” heard her actually chuckle, loved hearing it. Loved that she seemed to be completely comfortable with him now, fully Marked and Mated their bond fully realized and intact.

Showered and dressed, Bradley walked Piper downstairs to the dining room to get food. It was still open and there were a few pack members about, mostly patrolmen coming off shift. He and Piper got food and for once, he saw her actually load up a plate like a wolf would, had worked up an appetite, it seemed, smiled to himself as they sat down. She sat right next to him for the first time of her own accord, like that allot, she would normally sit across from him.

It didn’t take long for his father and Lilly to find them, or his unit for that matter. Seems his father had told everyone they were up, Brandon stared from one to the other and then sat down next to Piper, “You were gone all day.”

“I slept most of the day,” Piper told him.

“That’s not what Grandpa said.”

Watched as Piper frowned right at his father.

“Hey, I just stated Mark and Mate.”

“Aspen knows what that means,” Brandon muttered.

“Sorry Brandon.” Brad heard her apologize to their son.

The boy wasn't used to anyone spending time like that with his mother. He was going to have to get used to it though. Brad was going to ravage his Luna all the time, they had years to make up for, and he fully intended to do just that.

It was nice to have his whole unit and his Luna here at the table all together and actually know that everything was going to be okay, they were going to be happy and his family was right here, to be with him.

“Piper?”

“Hmm.”

“I'd like you and Brandon to move into the Alpha Suite.” Brad told her, in front of everyone. They were Marked and Mated now and he was not interested in them sleeping in separate rooms at all.

“A...Alright.” She nodded, there was a slight hesitation, but it put it down to his sudden statement, likely surprised her with it.

Mind-linked to his head omega and organized for her and Brandon's things to be moved to the Alpha Suite right now. Saw Piper raise an eyebrow at him and then frown a moment later.

“What?” He asked her.

“Did you just organize to move Brandon and I?”

“Yes.” Brad nodded “As we sit here, all your things will be moved into the Alpha suite.” He was not going to lie to her. He did know she did not like this type of thing, but he wanted her in his suite right away. It was where she belonged. Now they were Marked and Mated. “Brandon can pick whatever room he wants. There are three other bedrooms other than ours up there. Though I did choose the first one for him, it's the biggest.”

Piper was frowning at him still, but said nothing, likely a little unhappy, but she knew it was going to happen. She was now his Mate and officially, the Luna, would be moving into their suite. All things she would know would happen and in short order.

Opened up a pack wide mind-link and connected himself to all, he felt not just Piper in that link but Brandon and Izzy as well, smiled to himself she was happy for him to mind-link to her, it seemed, a good sign.

'I your Alpha wish to announce the Luna officially to the pack. Piper Harper Whitlock, my Mate and my Luna.'

Brad could feel a lot of happiness come back at him down that mind-link. It seemed the pack was very happy for him, about the news being official, Piper seemed a little shocked that he had just announced her. But he would not delay it. Wanted her to know that he not only wanted her. But that he couldn't wait to announce her to the pack, and he did, he wanted to help make her feel secure here inside the pack.

'I would also like to officially announce my son, and the heir to the pack, Brandon Whitlock.'

Saw Brandon stare right at him, he smiled at his son and then watched as Piper hugged him, smiled down at him reassuringly. There were still going to be some bumps along the road, he imagined, but they had plenty of time to figure those out now. Took a breath in and said "Piper, I'd like to bring up the subject of moving your belongings from Portland to the pack." knew it was a touchy subject but it needed to be dealt with now.

Saw her look right at him, then she stated simply "Our belongings will arrive early next week, I believe."

"What?" he frowned at her.

"I have already organized it, couriered my house key to the moving company already."

He was staring at her now, had no idea she'd even done that, had a van out there and two movers, she'd gone out of her way not to use them, it seemed. Trying to annoy him, it seemed.

Definitely like to do things her way, he somehow got the feeling that was never going to change. He leaned back in his chair and watched her as she turned and talked to Izzy. The topic turned to her business, that Izzy had been dealing with today while Piper was busy.

“Piper, I would also like to talk to you and Izzy about weddings and your Luna Ceremony.”

“Mm, I guess we could. Though I'd like to do that in private,” saw her eyes move to Hadley and Cooper and wondered what she was thinking. Left that alone for now.

They sat inside the Alpha Suite with her later that night, and found out she was only unhappy he'd had the omega's move her and Brandons things because they had gone home for the night, and he 'd recalled them after they were done working. She didn't think that was fair to them. Told him she didn't like that kind of thing, stated that they could have moved her and Brandon's things. There wasn't that much and he should have let the omega's actually rest after their day was done.

Brad had stared at her for a moment, was used to just asking them to do things and they did it, regardless of the time, that was likely going to stop. Brad just nodded, she was going to be a good Luna to this Pack and he knew it, seemed to have a good work ethic. She was going to bring a bit of the human worlds, once you'd gone home for the day, that was that, you didn't get called back. Piper was of the opinion that once your shift was over that was it. You were done for the day, go home and rest.

His omega's were going to love that, the ranked members were going to have to get used to it, likely take some doing on their part.

Brandon was asleep in his new room, seemed happy with it, liked that it was big and spacious and that it had its own bathroom as well. Izzy and Eddie wanted to discuss their wedding and her human family between themselves before talking to him about it. Brad was fine with that.

Brandon seemed fine with all of Piper's things having been moved into Brads' bedroom, though he had gone in and looked around, touched a few things. It was likely he was happy to have his parents together. His human friends would have had parents that slept in the same room. This would be no different.

“The Luna Ceremony, I would like to do on the next full moon Piper. Then our wedding?”

“A wedding as well?”

“Yes, to show the human world you’re my wife, you have a very public human life and I don’t want the world thinking you have suddenly up and vanished.”

“Oh...thought a lot about this have you?”

“Yes! How to bring you here, without the humans freaking out that you’ve gone missing. It was always a concern, trying to bring you in.” Brad admitted to her.

“Hmm, never really thought about it myself.”

“Could you now then?”

“I can,” she nodded at him “It’ll need to be later if you want a lavish wedding as you stated, that will take time to come together, and where are you planning on holding this wedding?”

“Where ever you want, for all the human contacts who you want to invite, so anywhere you like. But not inside the pack. We can’t have that many humans in the pack at once; too much of a risk.”

“I’ll look into it.” she smiled at him, and seemed to understand the concern about wolf exposure.

Brad smiled at her. “Now for the big one. Your Luna Ceremony. The full moon is only three weeks away.”

“Not this full moon Brad, let this one pass.”

“Why?” he asked with a frown. It was tradition to celebrate on the first full moon after Mark and Mating

“There is not enough time to design and make a dress. Is why not?”

“Oh, I hadn’t thought of that...Piper, in your house, in your work studio...there was a dress.”

“Mm, there is.” She nodded “Leave that well enough alone please.”

Didn't want to upset her at all, they were getting along well right this minute. "It would look beautiful on you," he said softly "I would like you to have the dress you always dreamed of."

"It's ruined." She stated flatly.

"Make a new one...Do you still want to wear that one?" He asked cautiously.

"I don't know to be honest. Can you leave that alone please? for now."

Brad nodded "I can." He wanted to ask her many more questions about that dress, like why she made it? Why did she keep it? Why did she ruin it? Likely all very good reasons in her book, but also likely painful to talk about. It appeared to be like the topic of her parents' home, still a no-go zone. Hopefully she would talk to him about it one day, he wouldn't push her. when she was ready.

"I also want to design and make a dress for Izzy, and I have a feeling your sister will want something for this full moon coming. There will be a lot for me to do in these upcoming three weeks."

"Mm, it is likely," Brad sighed, "but Piper, you don't have to design everyone's dresses."

"No! You came into my store to harass me over a dress for your sister. I'm sure you still want her to have one deep down. You might be mad at her but..." she looked right at him pointedly "you still want her to look beautiful...for Cooper, right." Could hear that she was trying not to laugh.

Brad huffed "If he's her Mate then I guess so."

"That must be very annoying for you. Your Beta and your little sister."

"It is and father says it's okay even if they are not Mates." ran a hand through his hair and sighed "Change of topic. We need to announce our relationship publicly to the human world."

"I suppose we do."

"You suppose." Brad raised an eyebrow, and frowned at her, before he realized there was a slight smirk on her face. She was toying with him.



Growled right at her and yanked her onto his lap. "Yes." he pulled her in close and murmured "Teasing me Piper. You'll end up naked."

Heard her actually chuckle softly and then look at him from beneath her lashes, and murmured softly with the slightest growl behind her words "I might like that."

Brad grinned and he was up off the couch and carrying her to their bedroom. She was really laughing now. "Good, let's get naked." he laughed right back at her "In our bed."