Future Beta Nate

Chapter Two

"Nate, get your ass to the alpha's oce." My father, our pack's beta, growled in my head.

been on edge since we've had a few rogue attacks. Being the future beta, I had to be at all the meetings to prepare myself for when I take over for my father. I'm currently at the age to take over, but our current alpha doesn't have a son. I've always wondered what was going to happen with our pack when the current alpha had to step down. Sighing, I nished getting ready and headed down to the alpha's oce. All the oces were

I was just getting ready for the day when my father mindlinked me. The entire pack has

on the rst oor of the pack house. Staff had rooms on the second oor, unmated wolves had the third and fourth oors. Delta's and gamma's had the fth oor. Beta's had the sixth oor, not that my family used it. My mother wanted to live in a house away from the pack house. If we have to, my father and I will stay here. My mother and younger sister never

stay in the pack house. The alpha and his family have the seventh oor. Arriving at the alpha's oce, I knocked and waited. "Nate, get in here." I heard the alpha call out. Opening the door, I found Alpha Atlas sitting

in the chairs in front of the alpha's desk. "Alphas, father," I greeted them.

"Nate, good morning." Bailey greeted me.

didn't need to give my mate a reason to reject me.

growl.

Mitch.

at our kitchen table.

into the kitchen.

border." Alpha Atlas ordered. "Yes, Alpha. Did something happen?" I asked him. Most of the encounters with rogues have been to the south of us. The northern terrain was dense forests and mountain

"Nate, I need you to get a team together. I'm increasing security around the northern

"Patrol reported smelling rogues, but could not track them." The alpha answered.

"Mitch, get the guys. We have an assignment." I linked him. Mitch was hopefully going to be the future gamma to our pack. His father is the gamma under Alpha Atlas.

"On it. Meet you out front." He linked back.

I went to the kitchen to eat before I went to meet up with my team. My father mindlinked me before I had a chance to eat and I had a feeling it was going to be a long day. Walking

Bailey, was sitting at the table with her two friends, Penelope and Chloe. I wondered if there was time to stop by home to grab something to eat, but before I could turn and leave, Bailey noticed me.

into the pantry. "Busy day?" she purred, playing with her lips. Bailey has been chasing me since high school. She's hot, but she's not mate material. I haven't found my mate, and I refuse to be with anyone less than my fated mate. It didn't stop them from trying, though, which was more annoying than anything. The thought of anyone other than my mate having my child

terried me. Even with a condom on, I couldn't bring myself to actually have s*x. I've seen

mates get rejected over having pups with another. And being twenty-two and mateless, I

"Very busy, Bailey. Excuse me." Before pushing past her, I said. I moved to leave the

kitchen. I'll make time to stop by home. "Be careful, Nate. Wouldn't want to see you hurt." I heard her call out as I moved through the house to the front door.

As soon as I was outside, I felt like I could breathe. Breathing in the forest morning air, I

"Dude, that's my fucken sister." He growled, pushing Max's shoulder. "She's still fun." Caden, Max's younger brother, chimed in and Mitch groaned. "Okay, you guys, shut up." I said, rolling my eyes.

"Having standards doesn't make me holy." I told him. And Mitch let out another groan.

"Thanks David, I feel so much better." Mitch told him sarcastically, and I chuckled. Poor

"f**k off." I growled out.

"And I pray that none of you are her mate." I told them. No one was good enough for my

Arriving on at the house, I walked in to nd my mother in the kitchen drinking her coffee.

My father built my mother a log cabin. It had two oors, four bedrooms were upstairs with

the master's room being on the main oor. Both my sister and I had our room upstairs, and

we each had our own bathroom. I was glad that I didn't see my sister as the boys sat down

"Morning mom." I greeted her, kissing her cheek. "Nate, boys. How was your night out?" She asked us. "Uneventful," I answered before any of them could. The reason I stayed at the pack house. "Nate, honey, why are you home? Your father told me about your assignment." My mother

boys groaned. "And what have you eaten?" she asked me, as I took out an apple. "Mrs. Winters, he had a granola bar." Mitch answered her, and I pushed my lips into a line. "And an apple." I said when she gave me a pointed look. "Sit and I'll make you boys' breakfast." She said, pushing me out of the kitchen and over to

"Your mom is so sweet." Mitch teased me as we walked over to the treeline behind my house. "You guys are lucky she's so sweet. My father would have kicked you all out of his house." I

chuckled. My father loves my mother, his fated mate, more than anything, and it shows. He

Stepping into the forest, we all stripped down and shifted into our wolves. It was going to

take us a few hours to make it to the northern border. It was a beautiful autumn day and

Duke, my wolf, was happy to be out. He was all black and the same size as Alpha Atlas'

It was midafternoon, and we were almost at the border when Duke let out a growl. Sning the air, I knew it was rogues. "Rogues." I opened a link with the others.

"The scent is faint," Mitch said. Duke and the others were sning around before we

"Human," David said, and we all shifted back. Why would a human be in our territory? The

alert when the most beautiful woman I've ever seen walked into the clearing. Breathing in,

Her long copper hair sparkled in the afternoon sun. She was wearing a v-neck navy blue

pants she was wearing hugged her hourglass shape. Her gray eyes were looking into my

long sleeve shirt that hugged her curves and showed off the top of her cleavage. The

area is clearly marked as private property. I heard her curse and Duke was instantly on

"Thats right. Umm, did I interrupt something?" She was moving to the other side of the clearing, pulling her dog with her. I forgot we were all naked until she said, "Sorry for the interruption. You guys have fun." and then she was gone.

"What?" Mitch exclaimed, but I was focused on the woman walking away. The wind blew

"Mate." Duke breathed out, coming forward to watch his mate.

"Alpha Jim?" I mindlinked before I answered Mitch.

and her scent had my heart racing in my chest. My mate was human.

"Nate, did you nd something?" the former alpha was in my head.

"f**k, I forgot to call her." he said to himself, but I heard him.

"Yes. She's by the northern cliffs by the river." I answered him.

"Did you give a young woman permission to be up here?" I asked him.

"You said Jim gave you permission to be here?" I asked her, and her face turned red as she

"Shit." The former alpha exclaimed and Duke growled. "Just nd the rogues and I'll be out there as soon as I can." He informed me, before closing the link. "Nate, is she really your mate?" Max asked me.

"Alpha Jim said to keep looking for the rogues and that he'd meet us out here." I told them.

"She totally thinks you're gay." Caden laughed, and I pushed my lips into a line.

she won't be safe if we don't nd them." He said. "Mitch is right, Nate. Lets nd the rogues and then you can worry about getting your mate." Max said, and I nodded. Duke shifted and took off, determined to nd the rogues.

paired with humans. They don't feel the bond like we do.

"Nate, what the f**k are you doing?" Mitch yelled in my head.

"I don't care. She is ours." He growled out.

he took off running in that direction.

"She's there."

she was okay.

trying to protect her human.

"Duke, how can our mate be a human?" I asked him. It was uncommon for wolves to be

It was after dark before we picked up the scent of the rogues. Following their scent, I

Duke was close when we heard her scream and he ran faster than I'd ever seen him.

Coming upon the scene, all I saw was red as I saw my mate underneath one of those

eabags. He had ripped her shirt as she fought to get him off of her. He stabbed his claws

into her before Duke ripped the piece of s**t off her. Duke ripped his throat out and threw

his lifeless body before turning his attention to the other two rogues. Her dog was barking,

picked up my mate's scent. She has to be in the area. Duke was immediately on alert and

"Alpha Jim, are you close?" I linked him. "Did something happen?" He asked immediately.

"The rogues are dead, but they attacked her and her dog won't let me near her." I told him.

"That's Bluey. Sit down and let her come to you. I'll be there soon." He said, closing the link.

The guys had shifted back and were trying to approach Bluey and she was losing her mind,

"Alpha Jim is on his way," I informed them. Bluey started whining while circling her and nudging her with her nose. My heart ached for my mate and Duke was whining in my head. Before Alpha Jim entered the clearing, Bluey had nally curled up beside her, resting her head on her chest. I was about to move when Alpha Jim stopped me.

something to wrap around her torso to stop the bleeding?" The alpha asked me. The others started packing things up while I moved to hand the alpha one of her hoodies. Bluey was a lot calmer now, and I could kneel beside my mate. "Alpha Jim, how do you know her?" I asked him. He tied the hoodie around her torso to

behind his desk. His father, former Alpha Jim and my father, the current beta, were seated

ranges. "We'll nd them, alpha." I told him before I left his oce to organize my team. I already knew who was going with me.

into the kitchen, I immediately regretted staying at the pack house last night. Mitch's sister,

"Morning ladies." I said, walking over to the fridge to get a bottle of water. I opened the pantry to get a few granola bars. Turning around, I ran right into Bailey, who was standing behind me. She ran her hand down my chest and I instantly stepped back

looked around and found the guys waiting by the water fountain. I ripped open one of the granola bars I grabbed while I walked over to the group. Mitch gave me a look, and I shrugged, taking a bit. "Didn't you eat?" He asked me. "I would have if your sister wasn't in the kitchen." I sighed. "Still don't want to take her for a ride?" Future Delta Max asked me and Mitch let out a

"I'm going home to grab something to eat before we head to the northern border. Patrol had reported smelling rogues but were unable to track them." I told them, before heading toward home. "Oh, I wonder if Ruby is home." Mitch said, walking beside me.

"Isn't her birthday soon?" David asked me, walking on the other side of me.

baby sister. Ruby is the sweetest girl and this lot are monsters compared to her.

"Oh, come on, holy boy." Cole, Caden's twin, chuckled.

"Mitch, not all of us have f****d her." David chimed in.

"Can you guys stop talking?" He huffed.

asked me while I was looking in the fridge. "I needed to eat rst." I shrugged. "Did something happen to the pack house kitchen?" she asked, and the guys snickered. "Nothing is wrong with the kitchen, mom." I sighed.

"Would you boys like some pancakes?" my mom asked, standing up from her seat, moving

"Mom, you don't have to make anything. We need to head out." I answered her and all the

the table. "Thanks mom." I told her, sitting at the table. Caden and Cole were st pumping, and I rolled my eyes. After my mother cooked pancakes, bacon and eggs and my men could barely move, it was time to leave.

"Thanks mom." I kissed her cheek before we were leaving.

was a tough man, but with my mother, he was a big softy.

"Maybe, but it's been four years." I told him and he huffed.

"Be careful, Nate." She called out.

weeks.

others while I was thinking.

entered a small clearing.

couldn't meet my eyes.

"Who is she?" I asked him.

"Yes," I breathed out.

"He didn't say."

"f**k," I growled out.

"Dude, it's ne," Mitch said.

"So, what are we doing?" Mitch asked me.

"Does he know her?" Max asked, and I shrugged.

"Did you guys see her?" he asked me.

"Have you found the rogues?" he asked.

"We got a hit, but nothing else," I told him.

her scent of the sea lled my senses.

wolf. I had a feeling I was mated to an alpha's daughter, but I haven't met her yet, and I've met all of them so far. Taking turns, every pack would throw a mating ball every few months for all the unmated wolves. Our pack is next to host, and it's planned for the next full moon in a couple of

"Mate could be there?" Duke said, and I sighed. He was running through the forest with the

soul until Mitch interrupted the moment. "Miss, you shouldn't be here." She looked away from me to look at Mitch. "I have permission from Jim to be here." She stuttered out, and I looked over at Mitch. "Bluey," she called out, and a medium-sized dog came running up to her. She grabbed on to its harness. I could tell that she was uncomfortable.

"Follow the scent and, hopefully, with you in the area, the rogues will move along." He said. "Alpha Jim, who is she?" I asked him again. "Mate," Duke said, joining the conversation.

"How can my mate be a human?" I yelled out. "A hot human," Cole said under his breath. Growling, I was about to kill Cole for checking out my mate, but Mitch stopped me. "Nate, calm down. We have to nd the rogues. It looks like she will camp in the area and

standing over her unconscious human, protecting her. My wolves circled the two remaining rogues, and they weren't leaving here alive. Max and Mitch's wolves handled the rogues while I shifted back, now covered in blood. I tried to approach my mate, but her dog wouldn't allow me to get close enough to make sure that

"Stand back," I commanded. "Duke, she's hurt." Mitch said, and I growled. "I know, but she would never forgive me if something happened to her dog. Now, move back." I demanded.

They moved back, and I sat down, waiting for Bluey to calm down.

"Stand down." He said in my head as he entered the clearing. He could walk over to my mate and her dog with no issues. "It's okay, Bluey. We are here to help." He said, patting her on the head. "Gather up her things and we will head to where her SUV is parked. Nate, hand me

help slow down the bleeding, and then he picked her up.

"She's my granddaughter."