

# Rejecting, Your Broken Promises

## Chapter 11-20

Katrina's POV

Royal Knight Pack

I got to sleep in my childhood room. My bed is so soft. I saw that nothing had changed in it since I had left to go to Blood Claw. I also remember why I had to go there. I am already upset that the problem will arise again, and I don't want to leave here. I just got back, and I want to spend time with my family. I finally feel safe after all these years. I had the very best sleep last night. I don't want any more drama, I just want to be happy and safe. Being safe is the most important thing to me now.

I am about to head down to breakfast to eat with my family. I had slept in, and that was a treat too. No more getting up before the sun at 430 to get work done. We ended up staying up talking until midnight until I was about to pass out. I was exhausted. My day had been long, and the rejection had taken some of my energy out of me as well. I may have been hurt by his rejection, but it came with a blessing. My parents had my memories wiped by a warlock who was friends with my parents. He had put a failsafe in with the spell he put on me to lock my memories. Vincent Ash was a powerful warlock and was considered to be a King himself, inside his coven. He was happy to help my parents, and he had put an addition into the original spell, just in case my protector was seriously hurt, or killed.

The situation that I was in was really very dangerous, and so he added that I would get my memories back once I had found my mate. So, even if he was a cruel jerk to me, even with me accepting the rejection, the spell had been broken simply by meeting my mate. By the morning, my memories would have all been restored, but seeing the pack emblem and the familiar surroundings made them come flying back to me. I am so glad to be home, but the problem that caused me to have to be hidden away was still there. Jasper was the problem, Alpha Jasper Kershaw to be precise. He is 32 now, and I am sure he will be coming for me again.

Flashback 7 years ago

"We cannot allow this Bas, I will not allow our daughter to be taken away from us by him. He will kill her, he only wants her for her power, he does not love her. I won't allow him to do this to her. He is too old for her anyway. She cannot even sense him as a mate, and I wouldn't want him for her anyway. Look at what just happened to his last Luna". I heard my mother telling my father as I approached my father's office, the door was open a little, so the soundproofing wasn't working.

I didn't want to eavesdrop, but I did want to know what was happening, as I knew that they were talking about me. My brother Christian came up behind me, followed by Bryson a short time later. We are all listening intently to our parents' conversation.

"I will not allow it, Deanna, I have already given him my answer, but the problem is, one of the spies we have out gathering information on his pack, came back last night advising me that Alpha Jasper was going to take her from the packhouse." I heard my mother gasp and then my father's voice sound out again, "That isn't the worst part Dee, his plan is to force mark her. He wants to make her his, and although our pack is strong, we can't keep her a prisoner here forever. We need to figure out a way to take care of her until it is safe for her. I will deal with Jasper, but we need time to keep her safe while we get it done", I heard my father say to our mom.

"If I may, sir, I have a friend that I have known for 20 years, that lives in a pack about an hour and a half away. I can take Peyton there, under a fake name, and keep her safe while you get this sorted out. It should not take more than a year at the most for you to get this done. I hate to suggest it, but he has a lot of pack funds available to him, and he can get this taken care of by paying the right people off. We need to prove his plan to the werewolf council, and then kill him for even considering it", I heard another voice in the room say. There was another female in there with my parents, and I had a suspicion of who it was, our head female trainer, Nina.

"That is too far away. How will we be able to keep her safe so far away? This is a nightmare. My poor baby is only thirteen. She is still a child. Bas, I remember that he had taken a young mate the last time too. She was at least 18, he had her as his Luna for two years, and then she died under mysterious circumstances. I can't allow that to happen to our baby Bas, I can't. I would rather take Peyton somewhere where she can be safe and still near us. What is wrong with him? He is a 25-year-old man and wants my 13-year-old daughter as his Luna. That is sick, he is almost twice her age" My mother yelled out, and we all gasped from the hallway.

I saw the door open wider and my father looked out at all of us but didn't say anything. I know he is trying to think of a way to make it better, less scary for us as we are 13, 12, and 11, but there is nothing that could have been said to make it any better. It is absolutely disgusting, and we all thought it was. He looked down at the floor for a minute thinking, and then opened the door wider and said, "Well, you know the worst of it, you all might as well come in here".

We all walked in slowly because we were ashamed of getting caught, especially when we had been told time and time again, that we were too young to deal with adult matters. They were right. I feel scared and disgusted by what I heard Alpha Jasper wanted me for. I was only 13, I was too young to know who my mate was, he could not have thought that anyone was going to be OK with what he had planned. My mother walked up to me with tears in her eyes and hugged me to her. I can feel my brothers coming up on either side of her and hugging us both. We stood there for a few minutes, and when we broke up, I saw my father leaning on his desk having watched us, and he had tears in his eyes as well.

“Well, let’s think about it and come up with a plan, so we don’t lose Peyton to a madman. I would hate to have to go to war, and my people may perceive it as favoritism, but I would level his pack, to protect our daughter, or our sons. I think Nina had a good idea, about taking her to Blood Claw. I know that pack. It is small, and he would never think of looking for her there. They are not a strong pack, but the Alpha and Luna are good people, and they have a son, who is Peyton’s age. I just don’t want everyone to know what is going on, as you know the Omegas gossip. It will go everywhere, and then us being without Peyton will all be for nothing. He will find her and take her. So, we need to do this secretly, on a need-to-know basis. Nina, I am good with you telling your friend, but she doesn’t need to tell her family. If it got out, then the whole pack would know, and Jasper would come and get her. We will make up a plan, and hopefully, the year goes by quickly. Nina, go ahead and call your friend and tell her you will be there next week”, my father told her.

Nina nodded at him, and then at me, giving me a small smile, and then exited the office to go call the Luna of Blood Claw. My father is rubbing his forehead with his left hand, and that is what he does when he is really stressed out. I walked to him and took his other hand in mine, and he pulled me to his side, giving me a hug.

“Bas, are you sure about this? I am really worried. I can take her, and we just go somewhere safe until you can get him caught and taken care of. I just have a bad feeling about this. What if he knew you had a spy and is doing this to try to catch her outside of our gates? I don’t want her to go”, my mother said, whispering the last sentence and trailing off, as she looked at my father.

“I am not sure Dee, but what else can we do? We need to let him see she isn’t here, and that we don’t know where she is. He will eventually move on to someone else. He is 25, he is young himself and making bad decisions. He knows that you are a healer, Dee, and he is betting on her being one too, or having another gift. I think it will be easier on her, and keep her from slipping up and mentioning us. If we have a spell put on her, I will also have Nina check in with us each week, so we know that everything is OK with them both. Will that make you feel better Dee?” my father said to my mother.

“I guess I will have to live with it, whether I like it or not, but this is going to cost Jasper. I swear me losing time with my daughter is going to cost him as much as it is going to cost us”, my mother said, and I saw the glint in her eye, she was not playing. Alpha Jasper was going to pay for the plans that he made for me.

End of Flashback

I will ask what happened to Jasper at breakfast. I put my leggings, t-shirt, and sneakers on and headed downstairs to meet my family. I got a few curious looks and a couple of she-wolves that took one look at my clothes and laughed. I guess since I was dressed like an Omega, they figured I was one. Well, no need to correct them. Dad will do it soon enough.

I walked into the dining room and saw my brother Christian locking lips with Amanda, and they were both just glowing as they gazed at each other. I am so glad that they are happy, but hopefully, they can try to reign it in at the breakfast table for a little while. I put my juice on the table and went to see what they had and got an omelet and a strip of bacon. I headed back to the table and ate half the strip of bacon and half my omelet. I am super full and just can't eat anymore. I am stuffed. I look around the table, as there is no talking going on anymore, and my mother just asks, "Are you done? That is just a two-egg omelet. You can't be full already?"

"We need to go and talk, if now is a good time for you all? Amanda said gently.

"Actually, can you give us about 15 minutes? I had a meeting that had been requested by a valued Alpha. One that we have had good dealings with for over 20 years. He has helped me on numerous occasions with his people coming in and training packs as needed to protect themselves against rogues. He came in last night and said he needed to speak to me about an emergency situation that he needed my help with. He has never asked me for anything before, so I know that this is very important to him. I have to take that first, as I told him 9 am, and that is in 5 minutes. After that, we can talk. So come up at 915, and we should be done by then. Is that OK with everyone?" my dad said as he looked around the table.

"How about we make it 30 minutes, Bas, I need to get a few things done, but we should be up there by 930. Is that OK with you?" my mother asked him, and he nodded as he rose from his chair and gave her a kiss as he walked away.

"OK guys, you heard him, 930 at his office. Christian, please take Amanda with you and keep her safe. She is not just Peyton's only friend, she helped to save her from that awful pack. I need to take Payton with me and get a few things done. We also have an appointment", my mother said and went over to refill her coffee and then lead me out of the dining room. We head up to her room and when we enter, I see clothes strewn across her bed and even more on a rolling rack next to her bed. There are two ladies standing in the room with us that I have never seen before in my life.

"Peyton, please meet Lynda and Shannon. They are here to help ease you back into being yourself. Lynda will cut your hair and the clothes here are for you to try on and see if they fit. I had to guess at your size, so you could try on a few outfits, to see if we needed to go up or down on the size", my mom said to me and I nodded eagerly. I was glad to get a pair of jeans again.

I am so glad I washed my hair so well last night now. I finally felt clean, after I washed my hair 4 times. I know you aren't supposed to, but I washed until I felt clean again, and it took a minute. I wasn't allowed to get regular showers and I had to make do with what I had. I had a razor in there too, and the best-smelling soap. I am just happy being back here and having cold air in the summer. It helps a lot, as I would burn up in my room overnight, and it is so hard to fall asleep when you are hot.

I sat down in the chair at my mother's make-up table and looked at my reflection in the mirror, as Lynda started cutting my hair. She worked quickly and my hair needed it. I hadn't had a haircut since I left the pack 7 years ago. This was much needed and now it was sleek, to just below my shoulders and just a part on the side, it was simple, but I looked 100% better. My hair was now lying properly with no more split ends, it swayed as I walked well. I grabbed a few pairs of jeans and went into the bathroom. I ended up being a size 2, according to the jeans, and I already knew I would get back to my regular size 8 soon. That is what I was aiming for, and I will try to eat at least something at all three meals. Even if it is just a cup, I wouldn't push it, but I want to have my curves again, and not see my ribs anymore. I am the daughter of the Alpha King and at 5'9", I need to be strong enough to protect myself. That includes training, in both cardio and weights. I made a mental note to ask Christian and Bryson if they would help me train.

I know one day Alpha James, or Alpha Jasper, will show up, and I want to be ready and able to take care of myself. I want to feel safe again, and even though I am with my parents, I know that precious sense of safety could all be taken away in an instant.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 12

Sebastian's POV

Royal Knight Pack

I feel like I am being pranked right now. I look at my friend and subordinate, Alpha Heath Poe, as he tells me what he found out yesterday while he was visiting the Blood Claw pack. I feel my eyes getting wider and wider, in actual surprise, and I am trying to keep my mouth from falling open. Stunned would be an understatement. I keep letting them speak, and I know that the three men in front of me know that I am listening to them. Because my expression keeps changing as they told me shocking things.

Alpha Heath, his grandson and soon-to-be heir of Ever Green, and the former doctor to Blood Claw, Trevor Williams were all in front of me and telling me the worst story that I have ever heard of abuse, and it was about my own child. They were imploring me to help them find her, as they were all three very concerned about her well-being. I am fighting off just jumping up and going to the gates of the Blood Claw pack and killing Alpha James myself.

I had already mindlinked my own pack doctor who had helped doctor Williams last night, who had come in last night with a concussion and a severely dislocated shoulder, courtesy of Alpha James. He was apparently trying to beat the information of where my daughter had gone out of him, thankfully, with the first blow, he had knocked him unconscious. Unbelievable was the word I am searching for. I am so glad that they came here to get help for someone that they didn't even know and to report the wrong-doing to me. I looked at them again. Doctor Williams was wearing a sling for his arm, as it had been severely dislocated, and left like that for hours as they collected him to bring him here for

help. Alpha Heath was not himself, as he is usually very calm, even in the face of danger, but I saw the glint of fury in his eyes, and even if I were not going to do anything about what they were reporting, I knew that he would be. His grandson, Percy Wright, is extremely anxious, and although I have only seen him on one other occasion, he impressed me. Percy is a strong young man that comes from a line of very strong wolves.

He was clearly the most upset. He was training with Heath's elite training team, and he managed the course with ease, his mother and father rooting him on from the stands. He was calm and calculating on the course. He had no problem finishing the testing with flying colors. I was called by Heath to come and see him, as I knew that Percy would be the next Alpha for Ever Green, and I did indeed want to see him in action. He didn't know I was there until after the testing. I would have expected nothing less from him, seeing who raised him, and who his grandparents were. But today, he is not the same man. His leg is bouncing, and he is not focused on me at all. He was struggling to stay seated and looked like he needed to leave to go do something.

"I really appreciate you coming and letting me know this. I recently just found out last night about the problem there myself and, believe me, it will be taken care of, personally, by me", I told Heath, and the whole group stopped moving and looked at me because this matter was usually something that I would send my Beta, or Gamma to take care of, not the Alpha King himself.

"Percy, I see that you are obviously more upset by this matter than they are. If you don't mind me asking, why?" I asked, I know that there is something more here, and I need to know why.

"Last night I sensed my mate. We were in the auditorium hall with Alpha James escorting us to our seats. It was faint, but I sensed my mate. I smelled it again, much stronger this time, in the kitchen, after Timothy had rejected her, and she had left the pack. I want to find her, and claim her, as I am her second chance mate. I don't know what she looks like, as I didn't get a good look at her, but I want her. I need her. I am sorry King Sebastian, but I feel like I need to be out there finding her, instead of losing time here. She could be hurt out there. I want to protect her, and I need to go. I am sorry for being rude King Sebastian. But in my family, we take mates seriously, and I want mine", Percy tells me in a passionate plea to allow him to leave so he could start searching local packs, or calling other packs, to try to find her.

My face showed the shock of his words, but I have to say that with him wanting her, sight unseen, and wanting her this much, they must be mates. I can completely understand why he was so upset now, and his wanting to find her, to protect her from Alpha James, touched my heart. He has only known her for less than a day, and yet he is all about wanting to make her his. I am glad that she has such a strong mate. I know her mother will be as well. Oh, I need to mindlink Dee to bring Peyton here, now. I can set his mind at ease.



“Give me just a moment gentlemen, I believe I can help”, I told them and then started mindlinking my wife and daughter, as well as my sons, to my office. It is a little early, but I need to have them all here for this.

“Heath, I am so glad your grandson has found his mate and is so happy to have done so. I can tell that he indeed wants to go and find her quickly, and I believe that I can help him out with this. Please wait a moment while my family comes here to join us, so we won’t have to do this twice”, I told them and they all seemed fine with waiting, and honestly, we didn’t have to wait long.

My sons arrived first, and Christian had Amanda in tow. As soon as they entered, Amanda immediately went to hug Doctor Williams, but Christian pulled her back from him and growled low in his throat. Amanda looked at him adoringly and said, “You are so sweet baby, but this is the doctor I worked for. Let me go to greet him”. He let her go grudgingly, and she gave Doctor Williams a quick hug. Seeing his sling and grimace when she hugged him, she then asked what happened to him.

“Alpha James” the doctor replied.

“Is he coming?” Amanda said, and I could hear real fright in her voice. She is scared, and after hearing just a little of what went on in the Blood Claw pack, she has a reason to be.

“No, he knocked me out by throwing me into a wall. I was out, so he couldn’t ask any more questions. When I woke up, I was here. These men rescued me from Alpha James, and he knocked him out to do it” Doctor Williams said, and motioned to Percy, who sifted uncomfortably in the chair.

“Thank you so much. I am sorry I didn’t greet you earlier, but I was worried about Alpha James coming after me and Katrina. He will kill us if he finds us, make no mistake about that”, Amanda said, and two loud growls cut through my office, coming from my son Christian, and from Percy. I smiled, they would both take good care of their mates.

I see Percy’s head snap towards the door, and he suddenly stands up. Good, he knows she is here. I was hoping that he would sense her before anyone else in the room did.

The door opens and Dee lets her enter first, as I had told her that Peyton’s mate was here. She wanted to see for herself and stayed a little behind to watch. Peyton entered the office and then stopped. Her head tipped up for her to smell the air in my office and her eyes snapped right at Percy. He stepped closer to her and said, “Mate”, but Peyton didn’t approach, and didn’t reply. It makes sense, she just got rejected yesterday, she has had a lot happen to her in the last 24 hours. It is understandable. She gave him a tentative smile and didn’t refuse him as he pulled her to his chest and took a deep sniff of her neck, and he was calm now. He sat down, pulling her into his lap, and her brothers both kept an eye on him. I am assuming just in case she called out for help, but I would not have had her come to my office if I thought that there would be any problems.

My wife closed the door behind her when she entered, and locked it. She then comes to sit on my lap, smiling at Peyton and Percy sitting in front of my desk. I cleared my throat and cleared the air by giving a short version of why they were here, and what they had requested.

“So, without knowing where she was, who she was, or what she looked like? You wanted to help her?” my son Christian asked Percy suspiciously.

“Yes, she is my mate. I am going to claim her if she will have me”, Percy said in all seriousness, looking up earnestly into her face, as she was taller than him, sitting on his lap. She smiles at him briefly and gives a nod, and then looks back down at the floor shyly. I can feel the happiness radiating out of my mate in my lap as she watches this play out. Two of our children have found their true mates in the last 12 hours.

“Percy, I want you and Heath to know that this is not quite over yet. First of all, this is my daughter Peyton Hunt”, I told them, and a stunned silence filled the room from the three visitors, who were not aware of our connection.

“Stop, is this little Peyton?” Heath asks me and I nod at him, smiling. He hadn’t seen her since she was 12 years old, and she thought he was the strongest man she had seen. I think she may have even had a little crush on him, as she followed him and Von everywhere they went on that visit here at Royal Knight.

“We thought she was gone, we were told she had died,” Heath said to me, and I can see the anger for her rising up again in him. He wanted to punish Alpha James in the worst way, and I may take him and the Elite team with me when I go visit Blood Claw.

“I know, that is what we were told, Heath,” I told him, and then filled the room in on what had happened. It was their turn to look shocked and surprised now.

“So, who told you that she was dead?” Heath asked, and from the look on his face, he already knew the answer to the question.

“We had been calling weekly and speaking to Nina, the woman posing as her Aunt. Nina was one of my head trainers, and she was watching Peyton there at Blood Claw. When we couldn’t get a hold of her for over a week. I had one of my warriors call to speak with her on his cell phone. He ended up speaking to Alpha James. He was telling Alpha James that they were friends and he wanted to get together with her while he was in town. Alpha James pulled no punches when he said that his Luna, Nina, and Peyton, who was going by Katrina while she was there, had been killed. We didn’t want anyone to call her by her given name, and Jasper be able to find her so easily. So, we had a friend of ours put a spell on her, one that, thankfully, he put a special clause in. When she met her mate, the spell would be broken. I am glad he had the foresight to do that, we might have never got her back if he hadn’t” I told them, and I heard Percy growl low in his throat and pull Peyton closer to him.



“I knew she had disappeared several years ago, and then heard she had been killed, but I never knew why it happened in the first place. You could have sent her to be with me and my pack. I would never have let anything happen to her, Sebastian. We are friends and I love all of your children. I would have taken care of her, and prevented any of this from happening”, Heath tells me, and he appeared hurt that I didn’t trust him with the safety of my child.

“We had to put her where no one would think to look for her. Because of this, I knew he would show up at all the strong packs, thinking that I would have put her there for her protection. Nina had suggested Blood Claw because they were a little speck on the map, small, and not worth attacking. Their land wasn’t that great, and it was just supposed to be for a year, until I got everything settled and completed. We put her there based on them being lacking, and therefore not anywhere we would have sent her”, I told him, and he nodded in understanding, but I could still see the hurt in his eyes.

“I am sorry my friend. I trust you with my life, and the lives of my children. I was trying not to abuse my power by using my position to protect my own child. I wish I had just told you what was going on, so you could make arrangements to help me, and then Peyton wouldn’t have been abused for the last 6 years”, I told him, and Percy could not contain his wolf any longer.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 13

Heath’s POV

Royal Knight Pack

I cannot believe that poor girl had been abused for 6 years by Alpha James. I just saw what he had done to the doctor, a full-grown wolf, in a matter of minutes. She would have been helpless to defend herself against him. My anger rises again, and I know Percy is struggling as I heard his wolf growling harder this time. I can tell by Percy’s growl that I need to defuse the situation before he phases here in this office.

“Aramis, please stop. She is OK and sitting in your lap right now. She isn’t going to reject you. Stay calm before you scare her unnecessarily. She has been through enough without your show of strength. There will be a time soon when the proper people will be punished for what they did to her. I will not be letting this go, so stay calm and don’t scare Peyton. You will get your chance to defend her soon”, I told him in a stern voice. Sometimes he can go overboard and be a little aggressive. He needs to keep a cool head. That is the only place where Dawson surpasses him. Dawson stays cool-headed and makes excellent decisions in a fight. Percy is strong and deadly with his weapons. Dawson is too, but Percy is better with weapons. I should know. I trained them both. Percy is much more aggressive, and in a fight, that is very beneficial. Here in the office, it is not.

I saw him calm down and then put his nose to Peyton's throat to take in a deep breath. She giggled a little as his nose brushed her marking spot and she flushed. She is thankfully going to get back to normal, and I have to assume that she has the power of healing in her, just like her mother, as she is sitting here totally fine, with no obvious scarring on her. I am going to have to ask, and I am sure this is going to be a difficult question.

"I have to ask, because I saw Alpha James' handiwork last night. Peyton, are you a healer? I only ask because that could be the only reason for you to still be OK after all these years. That is the only thing that could be, as I saw how he treated you for a brief moment when he was escorting us into the auditorium. He was angry at you, but not Timothy or Fallon. You were the obvious victim there, but he never saw it as such", I asked her quietly, to keep Percy calm, and to not cause even more stress for Peyton.

"She is, Alpha Heath. We haven't run tests on her yet to prove it, but her medical chart is 4 times larger than the next closest one, belonging to a warrior in our pack. He has been involved in many battles over the years. She should not be doing as well as she is. The last incident was what tipped us off. Alpha James had just hurt her again and her wrist was broken in several places, she had a hole in the back of her hand from Fallon standing on her hand and digging her heel in, as well as a sprained ankle. We set her wrist and put it in a temporary cast. She should have been injured for the whole week, even with wolf healing. But Katrina, I mean Peyton, did have a wolf. Not until her 20th birthday, that is. She woke up two days later, felt great, and went to get her cast removed. Her wrist had been broken in several places, and for her to be immediately healed as soon as she got her wolf, we suspected she was a healer. That was the only explanation for it. That was why we brought her here. Luna Queen Deanna is a healer as well and we figured she would be safe here and be able to learn to use her special abilities", Doctor Williams said to the group.

I am stunned. Having a healer in your pack is rare, and they would be very important to have. The Goddess has favored Percy with this, and he needs to appreciate his mate. She is truly a gift to our pack, but it needs to be kept quiet. People are always trying to take healers, as they feel like in a war or rogue situation, you could use them to help your people. If someone had a healer, he could have his people healed with each battle, or until the healer passed out from reviving his people back again. It would be like having an army that could never die. They would become unstoppable. This is not good. I am now suspecting what the problem was for her to be taken away and hidden now.

"Sebastian, did the problem with Peyton stem from someone knowing, or assuming, that Peyton would get the gift of healing?" I asked, and I already knew the answer.

"Yes, a visiting Alpha was here, as a bird flew into the window and broke its neck. Payton loved animals and felt back for it. None of us knew she had the power until after her crying over the dead bird in her hands, it woke up and flew away. Due to Luna Deanna having the same power, he knew right then that she had it as well and wanted her for it. She was only 13 at the time, and I refused him wanting to take her as a mate. She was too young to tell if he was her mate anyway. He was 25 when he asked for her hand. I was

already investigating him about his Luna dying under mysterious circumstances, despite her being young and healthy. I got no co-operation from his pack, and they all said the same thing. When you get so many similar answers, it tips you off that they have all been told what to say”, Sebastian told me, and I agreed. I have done too many interviews in my life to not know that was the truth.

“Heath, I also believe that he sent the men into Blood Claw to get her. I have no idea how they found her, but Peyton said that they were not rogues. She could smell that they were from a pack, and that she told Alpha James and Timothy both that. She said they both hit her after she told them, and they didn’t believe her. Alpha James then had the bodies immediately burned before the Beta could even look into it”, Sebastian said.

“The Beta was the only one willing to stand up and say that Katrina, I mean Peyton, could not have helped them in their attack. She had just turned 14, she didn’t have a wolf. There was nothing she could have done, but Alpha James was so distraught at losing the Luna, he would have killed anyone who even implied that she was innocent”, Amanda said, and the guilt in her voice was clear.

This poor girl had to have grown up through her hard teen years with no friends, and no support. She has had such a bad life. I will link Von on our way home and see if she can get her a room ready for her. We will put her on the Alpha floor with us, so Percy and I could protect her. He is going to need to take this slow. He is also going to have to take care of the problem that both Von and I had warned him about. He had been sneaking out to see Stephanie, and she was a she-devil. She has him wrapped good and tight around her finger. Neither of us liked her. She is lazy, and will not train. She also will not do her assigned duties at the pack house. She is an Omega and basically gets away with not doing anything, as she is running around the whole pack claiming to be the next Luna for Ever Green.

I lean my head back and look at the ceiling. I have been friends with Sebastian for a number of years, 26 to be exact, ever since he was 16 years old. I respect him and he is a good and fair Alpha King. I cannot allow anything to happen to Peyton. She has been through more in her young life than anyone should have had to go through. I already know what I will have to do, and he isn’t going to like it. I will call Gabi tonight and get her up to speed. We will make plans for Gabi to be there around the time we arrive. After all that Gabi had to go through with jealous females wanting Tanner, I really expected the boys to listen to our cautionary tales. We warned them both about these women just wanting a ranked man to take care of them because it was for their own good. But he didn’t, he was like a wild child after he left his parent’s pack. Maybe it was just guilt of hurting Gabi that kept him from doing it there at Blood Rose with his parents. I know he respects Von and me, but it was very disappointing to see what he was doing in my pack.

I thought I was going to have to set him straight, as I was going to tell him that if he took a chosen mate, and I was going to mention her name specifically, then he would have to wait to take over the pack. He was not making good decisions, and I would not allow my pack to suffer for it. I could turn it over to his mother for her to train Elena, who was 2 and a half years younger than her brothers, and she could take it over if she wished. She

will be 18 years old soon, towards the end of May as her birthday is about 9 days away. I will let him know after we get back to the pack. I do not want to embarrass him here, in case someone were to overhear us speaking, but I will not hesitate to defend Peyton in this. She is an innocent victim in all of this, and I will not let Stephanie do anything to her. Even if it results in me having to banish her from our pack.

I glanced over at Peyton sitting in Percy's lap, and she looked happy. I smiled back at her, and wish I knew what was going through Percy's mind. It seemed that he was wanting her and totally willing to accept her. I believe they need to hold off on marking and especially on mating because Peyton has been through a really traumatic event, and she will need time to figure out what she wants. She has just now been saved from her hellish life, and it takes time to stop flinching and being scared of people in general, as it was apparent to me, that she was fair game to anyone at Blood Claw.

I will also need to up my patrols too. I need to make sure that Jasper doesn't get his hands on her. He will not attack us, but that doesn't mean that he won't show up unannounced to try to see her after he finds out that she has come to Ever Green. I will also have to notify the guards at the gate, so we can keep Peyton safe in our pack/ Once word gets out about her and Percy being mates, it will spread like wildfire, as he and Dawson are both very eligible bachelors. A lot of girls' hearts will be broken once they find out he is off the single list.

The talk continued while I was thinking and I realized that both Sebastian and Percy were looking at me and I said, "I am sorry I was making plans for my security to be increased with Peyton coming to Ever Green. I didn't hear what was asked of me".

"That is fine, Heath, I know that she will be safe with you there, and I figured you were already making plans for her safety already. When were you and Percy planning on leaving here?" Sebastian asked me.

"Tomorrow will be fine with me if that is acceptable to you and Deanna? I wasn't planning on tearing her away from you, as I know you just got her back here after 7 years", I told them, as I knew it was going to be very hard on them to let her go again.

"That is fine with us, Heath. Yes, we will miss her, but we got our baby girl back and you are only a little over an hour away from us. So, we can come to visit you at any time, and please know that we will. We can take turns doing it, so we don't overwhelm you, but I am excited to see her fulfill her potential as Luna, with her mate. I couldn't be happier about this Heath", Sebastian said to me. I smiled and nodded because I am glad that our families are being joined as well. I just know that when we get there tomorrow, I don't think that our arrival there will go as smoothly as they think it will.

I look at Percy, smiling and happy as he looks at Peyton, and wonder what he is thinking. How is he going to handle this Stephanie situation that he got himself into? I pray that he hasn't done something stupid like sleep with her yet, and then realize that he has probably done a lot of things with her. She does tend to get around, and I don't trust her

at all. Yes, I will call in the calvary, and Von, to be there tomorrow when we arrive. I will not let this poor girl be a part of the show that I know that Stephanie will be putting on, as the only thing that she is truly good at that I have seen, is leading Percy into doing whatever she wants him to do.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 14

Timothy's POV

Blood Claw Pack

I am going crazy worrying about Katrina. I have no idea where she is, but I know I need to find her before my dad or Percy does. That a\*\*\*\*\*e beats me in everything, and I won't let him take this away from me too. He and his twin were the best at everything at Alpha training and I can't stand either one of those cocky bastards. They excelled there, without ever breaking a sweat. I invited them both to my engagement party to see me be announced as Alpha as soon as we can get the Luna ceremony done. I wanted them to see that I was going to be Alpha way before they did when I took over for dad. Dawson was invited too, but he had to be at a neighboring pack for something the next day and couldn't come.

I will take back my rejection from Katrina, and I will mark her right then. I hope that it will be right in front of Percy, and I hope it freaking hurts him to see me do it. Plus, dad won't be able to take her away from me because we will then be bound together. He would know that it would kill me, plus he needed to get over his vendetta against her. She was young and there was nothing she could have done to stop or prevent what had happened. My mom was a strong wolf, and so was her aunt. If Katrina had stepped into the fight, she would probably have been killed as well.

My mother had loved Katrina very much and had hoped that we would end up together. She would always smile when she would watch us playing and hanging out together. I told Katrina that I promised to love her and that I was going to marry her, and I would. I will not break my promise to her. I was angry and hurt, so I turned away from her. I knew she got the blame for something that she had no control over, and I know I hurt her more than my father ever had with how I reacted to her. I had stayed away because I didn't want to hurt my father even more than he had been, by claiming Katrina. But now, I am sure that he has been hurting the wrong person. She wasn't the reason for what happened to my mother.

I really wished I had spoken up for her back when I realized she was my mate. I am only a month older than her, but I was scared to leave her behind in the pack if I claimed her. Dad would have killed her if I had claimed her and then left her there. He would never willingly accept her as my Luna. At least the way I did it, taking the coward's way out, I could claim that I didn't know that she was my mate when I left the pack. She is my mate, and she would have wanted to believe me due to our bond, even if she suspected that I

was lying about it. She was so happy when she felt the mate bond, and the sweet way she smiled up at me was just like when we were kids. I could feel her happiness through our bond, she was so happy that I was her mate. She was so hopeful and then I ruined it.

I still thought she was the most beautiful girl in the world. I remember our first kiss, it was the first kiss for both of us, and it was still the best kiss I have ever had. Neither one of us had any idea what we were doing, but after our lips touched, I knew she was special, and I wanted her so much. I wanted to grow up and marry her, and I made her so many promises. None of which I kept. I told her we would always be friends. I told her that she was special to me and that I would never hurt her.

But I did. I have struck her two times. The day my mother died, and then on the day of the engagement party when she refused to submit to me. She knew I was going to reject her, and yet she still refused to beg me not to do it. I wanted her to beg me to keep her as my mate, I wanted to hear her sweet voice begging me. I craved to hear it, and she refused to do it. I couldn't stop myself from wanting to hurt her like she was hurting me right then. I hated that Fallon was standing there and filming it. She wanted to have the rejection recorded as she was living to see Katrina break when she got my rejection. As an Omega, it could potentially kill her. I know what she was actually waiting for, it was for Katrina to die from the pain of it, because I was an Alpha. I didn't want to see her break, I just wanted her to beg me, and then I was toying with actually giving in and marking her right there if she did what I said to do well.

I closed my eyes and imagined her on the floor looking up at me, begging me with soft words coming from her pink lips. Goddess, I am getting hard just imagining it. I shift myself as now my pants are now uncomfortably tight. Even dirty, with no makeup, or her hair done, she still looked beautiful lying on the floor, except for the red mark, marring her face from where I struck her. The unfamiliar feeling of guilt comes up and washes over me. I am ashamed of my actions towards her, seeing me dating other girls, knowing I had been sleeping with them and Fallon for the last 4 years. My wolf, Malachi, was furious with me since we knew that she was my mate when I turned 18. He never liked Fallon, and he wanted his Goddess-given mate.

Fallon had always wanted to be the Luna of this pack, and never gave up hope that it would be her. She was sure of it. She was wrong. She even spent the night in my room, so she would be the first person that I saw when I woke up on my birthday, but she wasn't my mate. She was so disappointed that she cried her eyes out. She went to her room, to get ready for the day, but when she came to breakfast, she was composed. She also gave me the proposition of being my chosen mate. She gave me some really excellent reasons why I should choose her. She was OK with sharing me, as long as SHE was the Luna of Blood Claw, and that I marked her. She wanted our children to go on to run the pack. She had Beta blood in her, so she would be strong and provide me with strong pups. She was beautiful and would take care of the pack. She knew some of the Luna duties already and would be glad to train to become the perfect Luna. She had a great argument, and I agreed with her.



That was, until an hour later and my wolf Malachi sensed my mate. I could smell her from down the hallway. I walked faster to see who the Goddess gave me, only to see that it was Katrina. She was in the kitchen washing dishes and humming to herself. Disappointment and frustration were my only feelings. She was not strong, she wasn't trained, as she was lower than an Omega in our pack. I felt my claws dig into the door, as I was half phased because Malachi wanted to mark her right then, and I couldn't. I cannot accept her. That was the day I left. I had to, or Malachi would have accepted the bond right then. I went to my room and packed up and snuck off, without saying goodbye to anyone, except my dad and Fallon. I stayed away from the kitchen area, and Fallon and dad kept me informed of what was happening in the pack while I was gone.

The abuse continued for Katrina, and Fallon only stopped mentioning what all she and dad were doing to Katrina, when I yelled at her for laughing about my dad breaking Katrina's arm for her not going fast enough with her cleaning. Since it was her right arm, and she couldn't work for a week because of her injuries, she also didn't get to eat either, per my dad's orders. I knew that Fallon was also behind some of the times that Katrina got punished. I think that they had decided to team up for Katrina to be hurt. Fallon out of jealousy, and my dad out of anger, seemed to be the dream team of pain for Katrina.

I tried to call Percy again several times last night, and several times again this morning, and he is still not answering my calls. I want to kill him, but I know in a fight, he would kill me, quickly and probably not even break a sweat. At least in a fair fight, he would. I am not going to plan to fight fair. He started this by trying to steal my mate away, and he will deserve everything he gets for doing it. I will not be giving her up like that. She was given to me by the Goddess, and I will not just be handing her over to him to take from me.

I started thinking about Katrina again. I can't help it. Seeing her so bold last night, unbending. I could feel some power coming off of her, not so much in the auditorium before the meeting, but it came off of her in waves in the kitchen. She was so hot, and I have never wanted her more than right then. I don't know how, but she is not an Omega or a warrior like her aunt. She is much more than that. She may even be of Alpha or Beta descent, although I don't know how she could be. I remember her not being hurt at all by my rejection and walking out on her own while I lay on the floor for 10 minutes before I could yell out loud enough for anyone to be able to hear me.

Seeing her a\*s as she bent to get up, was a nice sight. She was too thin, but I bet she would have some lush curves on her if she were allowed to eat properly. Fallon told me that dad was only allowing her to eat once a day and would even take that away in punishment if she pissed him off, which was almost every day. Once we are together as mates, I will make sure that she gets to eat all three meals. I can always hide her in another pack if I need to until I get control of the Blood Claw pack. Then I will tell Fallon and dad what is going on AFTER I marked Katrina. If I needed to, I would banish them both to keep Katrina safe.

I may be weak at certain moments to save my skin, but I am not stupid. I will live again to fight another day. I will make plans to get them back, or plant seeds to get another,

stronger pack, mad at the same person I am after, and then go in with them to get what I need to do completely. I may even try to do it in this. If Percy does find her first, I may have to incorporate others into helping me. I am willing to play along with anyone, to get what I want. I have already decided to get dad and Fallon in on this to help me find her. I am already almost to dad's office right now.

I knocked on the door and waited for him to say "Enter" before going in. He looks terrible. He has not shaved and is still in his clothes from last night. He hasn't brushed his hair, and I have never seen him look so bad before, even when mom died.

"Dad, are you OK?" I said to him, as I was seriously concerned about him.

"I am fine, I just need to figure out where that b\*\*\*h went and get her back. I have called 20 packs in a 300-mile vicinity, and no one has seen or heard of her. I want to get both of them back, but I have to get Katrina back. I made a promise that she would be dying by my hand. I can put her in the cells and keep the key on my person if I need to, but once I get her back, she will never be leaving here again" my dad said, and he had a wild look about him. I step back because of the anger he is putting out. How has he gotten in such bad shape when she hasn't been gone a whole day? Was it because she was there, and available to be hurt whenever he got angry? She was a punching bag for him, and he couldn't let her go.

"Dad, I need to talk to you about that. I agree, we do need to find her. I will talk to you after we locate her, and I will help you out in the search for her. I am putting the engagement announcement on hold until we can find Katrina", I told him with a serious face. I am glad I know how to school my features because he was looking at me with suspicion. I could see his eyebrows raised in disbelief. He was right not to trust me, but I was sincere in my offer to help him. I want her back, and the fastest way to get that done is by both of us working to get it accomplished.

"I don't know if you need to put your engagement off like that son. I know what you are thinking, and I will not be passing on the pack to you if you insist on having Katrina as your mate. I forbid it. Make no mistake about it. I WILL be killing her over what happened to your mother, so think twice about marking her. I will disown you and banish you from the pack if you were to do that. I am not falling for your act, Timothy", my father tells me, and the amount of hate coming from him is actually pushing me back away from him. I am completely stunned at what I am getting from him.

Before I could open my mouth to say anything, a sharp knock at the door sounded and the door opened to reveal Beta Mitchell. He appeared to be anxious and a little scared.

"Arthur, why have you entered my office without waiting for my answer? You know I don't allow anyone in here without my approval. I was in the middle of a conversation with my son", my father told Beta Mitchell.

"Alpha, you are requested to the gate. Alpha King Sebastian Hunt is at our gates, along with Alpha Heath Poe. They had demanded entrance, but we had to tell him that Alpha Poe

was on the no-access list and that we couldn't allow him entry. Alpha King Hunt demands both of you at the gate and gave us 5 minutes to get it done before he sends for additional backup and surrounds us" Beta Mitchell said quickly to us both.

Beta Mitchell doesn't get upset or worried. In fact, I have never seen him this anxious in my life. He knows that this is serious, and I am already walking out the door following him, and when I don't hear footsteps behind me. I turned to look back at my father, who had not gotten up from his chair.

"Dad, are you coming? We have been told to go to the gate. This is serious", I told him.

"Go ahead and handle it, Timothy. They do not need us both and I have calls to make. There is no reason for him to be here other than Alpha Poe going to tell you about perceived abuse. There is no proof of it, and I don't have time to deal with this. You are about to take over. This is something you are going to have to learn to deal with sooner or later. Let me know what happens out there" my dad says as he picks up his phone and starts making calls again. I growled in anger and followed Beta Mitchell out of the packhouse, and to the gate.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 15

Dawson's POV

Blood Rose Pack

Mom was mad, she had been all morning, but when I asked her if she was OK, she said she was fine. I know that she is not, and Dad is mad too, but he also said he was fine. I know I haven't done anything lately, so I am in the clear, but if Percy did, it would be a problem because they went across the board with both of us. They will fuss at him, and me, even though I didn't do anything, well, this time.

It was 3 pm and mom said to get ready that we were all going for a visit to Ever Green. Yes, there it is, Percy screwed up. Great, I will not be having a good day. Mom and dad also got some paperwork ready for them from the safe and said that we were making a quick stop on the way there. Dad told me to get upfront with him as he wanted to go over the paperwork with me. They are going to be turning the pack over to me by my 21st birthday, just like when dad took over the pack. Sooner if I find my mate, but after over 2 years of looking, I still haven't found her yet, but I haven't given up. I am still looking for her.

Dad tells me that we are stopping on the way to Ever Green to get the treaty with the Golden Moon pack signed, as the one we have expires in 2 weeks, at the end of May. Dad explains that it is the same treaty, with one change. The change is that both his name and my name are on it as Alphas this year. I am so glad that mom and dad have so much faith in me to go ahead and change the treaty to add me to it. Dad said next year, it will just

have my name on it. He explains that they don't know that we are coming but will when we get approval to enter from the guards at the gate. Dad mentions it is because the Alpha of the Golden Moon likes to talk a lot, and we have only got about an hour or so to spare. As he wanted to be at Ever Green by 6 pm.

Dad also wants me to go over it with the Alpha and Luna, and they will sit back and let me do it. That if I get to a spot where I don't know what to tell them, dad will jump in to help me. Mom then spends the rest of the short car ride telling me about Golden Moon, as it is only 30 minutes away from our pack, so we like to keep a good relationship with them. Their pack isn't very big, about 560 pack members, but they would be the first line of defense against an attack coming from the south of us. We wanted to be good neighbors, and keep the treaty in place. We have increased to almost 1,200 members, 1,185 to be exact.

I learned from Mom that Alpha Gerald Reynolds and his Luna, Meghan Reynolds, run the Golden Moon pack. That they had a son, Robinson, who they called Rob and would be taking over the pack soon, as he was already 21, but he was waiting for his mate for him to take over the pack. Mom said that they had 2 girls, one that would be a little younger than Percy and me, as Luna Meghan was pregnant at the same time as mom, but that she couldn't remember her name. She said that they also had another daughter, who was 19 years old, and her name was Brandi.

I remembered Rob. I met him at the last two balls that were held in our area, as he was looking for his mate as well. Rob was a nice guy, and I hope we can continue to keep a great relationship between our packs. I hadn't dated, and that kept me from making other Alphas jealous because Percy and I drew heads wherever we went. I do remember his younger sister Brandi from the one they had last summer. She had just turned 18, so it was her first one, and she kept coming back to ask for dances. I finally had to tell her to stop, that I was looking for my mate, and that I knew for sure that she was not my mate. She was clingy and pouty about it, very childish and spoiled and I was thankful that I dodged a bullet. She would not be a good Luna, she cares about herself way too much.

We got there and we were quickly allowed into the packlands, with dad driving straight up to the packhouse. I could see that the Reynolds had been rushed because the Alpha and Luna were at the top of the steps, and Rob came running up from the training fields to meet us, pulling a t-shirt on as he came up to us. I waited for him to get there and gave him a handshake, as I was in business mode, and he arched his eyebrow at me and then laughed. Dad and mom did too, but I was keeping it serious.

We headed up to the first-floor office when I smelled it, a flowery smell that was not perfume. It was strong and intoxicating, and I needed to follow it. Mom and dad were behind me, and my Mom was very observant and pulled me to the side before we were supposed to enter the office and said, "Do you scent your mate? What do you smell, Dawson?"

I nodded and told her it was the most alluring floral scent that I have ever smelled. She was really happy and headed into the office before me, telling me, "OK, let's do this, and

then we have another order of business to discuss". Dad looked surprised, but Elena was bored and already on her phone on the far couch and could care less what was happening. Alpha Gerald, nodded absently towards us, as he was helping his son read over the contract and making a point to tell him what to look for, just like dad had done for me in the SUV on the way over here. Normally I would be very patient, but I could tell my mate was there, and I was excited about finding her. I want to know what she looked like and hold her close. I am so glad that I already KNEW that it wasn't Brandi.

They finally signed the contract and I slid it back into the folder and put a clamp on it, so I wouldn't lose any of it while I went to find my mate, before I could leave the office to go search for her, my mother did it for me.

"Alpha Gerald, if you could be so kind as to have all of your single wolves go to the training area, my son has scented his mate here, and we would like to find them, and take them with us, if that is alright with you," my mother told him.

"How wonderful that Dawson found his mate here, that is so great. Maybe Rob will find his mate in your pack one of these days" Alpha Gerald said, and then mindlinked the single members of the pack to head to the training field.

Dad clapped me on the back and was excited for me, before pulling my mom in for a kiss. That was my cue to get out of there. Elena was happy for me and got off her phone to go with me to the training field to find my mate. I saw about 100 girls there, but I never got her scent. I looked around disappointed and really frustrated.

"Has anyone left the pack since we arrived?" I heard my mom say. I am struggling to breathe because I was so close to finding her, and I want her. I want to introduce her to my brother when we see him. I saw Alpha Gerald look over at Luna Meghan, and she said, "These are all the single wolves we have in the pack. I saw the look on Rob's face, who sharply turned to look at his parents standing there.

"No, it isn't. My sister is not here. You didn't include her", Robb said to them, and then the most irritating voice said, "Rob, I am right here" and started giggling.

I looked over to see Brandi, with two other she-wolves, and thankfully it was none of them. I looked at Rob and said, "No, I have already met Brandi, and I knew she was not my mate". I heard her growl at me and then start walking away.

I felt a hand on my shoulder and turned to see Elena. She is pointing back to the packhouse at someone in the window on the top floor. I look up at her and she takes my breath away. I felt a jolt go through me and I started walking back to the house, as I heard Brandi scream, "No it isn't possible. He is not mated to the freak". I can hear my mother speaking to Alpha Gerald and Luna Meghan about the fact that they had both just lied straight to our faces, but I couldn't stop, until I realized I was going to need some help getting to her. I turned around and said, "Rob, can you help me get to my mate?"

Rob came up to me and said, “Sure, but you are going to owe me one” before laughing and heading to the packhouse.

We headed up to the Alpha floor and I noticed that there was a padlock on the outside of the door, locking the person inside the room and my wolf was pissed. I knew which room was hers because of the lock. It also didn’t help that Brandi was with us and bitching the whole time. I stopped walking and turned to her to say, “Your presence is not needed here, either shut up or go away. I don’t care which, but leave us alone”. She gasped in a breath as if she had never been spoken to like that, and I bet she hasn’t. She is the little princess here, and apparently, her sister is not.

“Hang on, I don’t know why mom would have locked her in here, she must have done it because you came. Hang on a second”, Rob told us as he went to mindlink his parents. He wasn’t alone. I was mindlinking my parents as well, and letting them know that they had locked their daughter up with a full padlock in her room. The lock and surrounding hardware were not new either, both pieces had rust on them, the padlock, and the main piece that was attached to the frame, and I was getting angrier by the second.

“Let me try, I can set her free” my wolf, Steele said.

“No, they are coming, I will give them a little while to get here” I linked back to him. I want to know what the hell is going on here. Why is my mate locked in the tower like some kind of medieval princess? I think Rob would be more forthcoming about it, than Alpha Gerald and Luna Meghan.

“Rob, I am not trying to start anything, but why in the hell is my mate locked behind this door? I am even more concerned by seeing this than I was about your parents lying to me about all the single wolves being on the training field”, I asked him.

Rob signed and went to respond before Brandi broke in and said, “She isn’t just a werewolf, you are going to wish I was your mate when you see her”. I turned to her and said, “Isn’t your room up here? How about you go to it and stay there?” She gasped at how I spoke to her and then thankfully left us alone.

Rob looked at me and said, “I love my sister, but I am the only one in the family that does. It is hard fighting with three of them against just me. My sister Sloan is in there and she is a wonderful girl. She is 20, she is beautiful, but for the last 8 years, my mother has been locking her in her room. She isn’t allowed to go to balls or special events, not even holidays with the family. In fact, if her Omega had been sick and not able to work today, you would never have known that she was there. I took her to lunch and back to her room before I went to training. Her Omega usually brings her food to her room, and then brings her tray back down to the kitchen. So really the Goddess was working in your favor today. My mother hates her with every fiber of her being. But dad won’t allow her to try to kill her”, Rob tells me. My sister gasped in shock, and my mouth was hanging open in disbelief. What the hell is going on in this pack for my mate to be treated like this? I growl out and the door is shaking with the power I am sending out.



The elevator door announces its arrival on the Alpha floor, and my mom is arguing with Luna Meghan as they exit. Luna Meghan needs to cool down because mom is about to kick her a\*s. She is already twisting her hair up and siding the tail into her shirt and her earrings are already out, Luna Meghan needs to stop arguing with her right now. Alpha Gerald is talking to dad as they follow behind them and I know that Alpha Gerald is working to repair what Luna Meghan was still tearing down.

“I don’t think you understand, Sloan doesn’t need to leave here. We are taking care of her, and I highly doubt that she is mates with your son. I think he was mistaken. If the Goddess was involved, he would have been mated to Brandi, who would be an excellent Luna, and bear him handsome pups”, Luna Meghan said and looked over to her husband for support.

“I swear to the Goddess, Luna Meghan, if you don’t open that door right now, I will allow you to meet her. I will start a war between us if you do not give my son his mate. What is your problem? Stop stalling, and open this door” mom said, and she was not playing. Luna Meghan had no idea that my mom was ready to go right now, and was perfectly serious about going to war with them if they didn’t comply. My mother had done this before, but I have only seen it once before, when Percy and I had been threatened. Mom does not play when it comes to her children, and for once it is working out on my behalf. Dad nodded to Alpha Gerald, letting him know that mom was serious about it. I will tell you that they would drop them both where they stood, and Rob would be Alpha before their bodies were cold.

I could see Alpha Gerald’s eyes glaze over and I knew he was linking with some warriors to come up to the Alpha floor. I nodded over to him to let mom see and she said, “For the Goddess’s sake” before punching Alpha Gerald in the side of the head and knocking him out. Luna Meghan looked shocked and then started screaming. Mom turned to her and punched her too, knocking her out, as well.

I turned to Rob and said, “You will need to cancel the warriors, now Rob. Because if they come up and hurt any of my family, you WILL be at war with not just Blood Rose, but with Ever Green, and the Black Night pack too. We will be over 3,000 strong, and you will be leveled to the ground. I just want my mate. That is all. If she decides not to go, that is fine. But I want to see her, and I want to talk to her. I will not leave here without doing that. If your mom had just unlocked the door and let me meet her, none of this would have happened. I am very close to ripping up this treaty, but I will not leave here without my mate, she is mine” I growled out.

The elevator sounded again, and 8 warriors came out of it and started heading for us, and mom slid her weapon from its holster. It is about to get serious here.

Rob stepped forward and said, “Stop! Mom and dad started an argument with them over my sister Sloan. Dawson is her mate and wanted to take her with him. You know how mom is. They are OK, just knocked out. Please do not do anything that will result in a war between us and three packs that we would have no chance of winning. Let Sloan meet him, and if she wants to go with him, it is her right to go with her Goddess-given mate.

Any of you would want that too". He steps between us and the warriors, turning his back to us as a symbol of trust. Elena takes the key from Luna Meghan's hand and unlocks the door, and my nose inhales the sweetest scent that I have ever smelled in my life.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 16

Sloan's POV

Golden Moon pack

I got to get out of my room today, so it was a special day. My brother came and got me and took me down to the dining room, and I got to pick what I wanted from the serving line. I got a few of my favorite foods, which was rare. Mom always has them send things that I don't like, deliberately. It is annoying, but not deadly. If I get hungry enough, I will eat it and my Omega assigned to me will always make sure to bring me some cookies, or a treat with her hidden in a ziplock bag in her pocket at least once a day. That way, if mom or a higher rank goes to check my tray, they won't find it. She knows what mom does, and periodically she will bring me some of my favorites, but that is only when the regular chef is off.

Everyone is scared of me, and they usually leave me alone. I say usually because my sister and her two best friends love to mess with me every time they see me, which thankfully is not often, and I am forced to stay in my room. I did see them briefly at lunch, but they left me alone. I know why Jessica & Olivia are both hoping that they can be Rob's mate. They know he gets pissed off when they mess with me, and since he was my lunch date, I was off limits for them today. I could see them giving me ugly looks, but they did not approach us.

I really enjoyed my lunch for once and was kind of glad that she was sick today. I haven't had lunch in the dining room for about 8 months when she had a week off for vacation. I had a different Omega each day, and they were terrified of me, because of the things Brandi tells them about me. All four of them refused to bring my tray up to allow me to eat, and mom got pissed at me for scaring them off, but it was all Brandi. I got to come down for lunch that day, and then there was no dinner because they had an event they were hosting here, and none of the staff was willing to bring my tray up to me.

It is really frustrating to hear what Brandi says about me, she tells a few lies that are based on one truth. I am a hybrid, I am both a werewolf and a witch. My beautiful purple eyes are both a blessing and a curse. They can tell that I am a witch, by my special eye color, and they will flee. Brandi implies that I have killed people with spells and gives them a full line of all of the horrible things that I have done to previous Omegas. She isn't specific, but if they thought about it, they are older than I am. I have been locked up since my grandmother died, and they would know if any Omegas have died in the last 8 years, and they haven't. Since they have been here for over 20 years, they should have known

that. But people allow fear to take away reason, and here we are. With me locked up as a prisoner in my own room, free to look out my windows, but never go outside.

My lack of getting to leave the house for the last 8 years has resulted in my skin being very pale, with no blemishes, sun marks, or freckles. It makes my dark brown hair, which is just short of black, stand out. Then add my purple eyes to the mix, and I have a very unique look.

According to my sister, I have a shocking appearance that no one would ever want to be with. I see her, out there on the training field, messing around with the warriors, but she never gets in trouble for not waiting for her mate, or for anything that she does. Mom loves her so, and she can do no wrong in her eyes. I, however, cannot seem to do anything right in her eyes. It all resulted in something that happened some time ago. Before I was even born. You see, I take after my paternal grandmother, who was a full witch. She was beautiful, and I look a lot like her. I can't see my appearance anymore, because mom took all the mirrors out of my room.

Over fifty years ago, my grandfather, Magnus Reynolds, scented my grandmother, Seraphina, in the forest. She was invisible to him, cloaked by a spell, and yet he followed her scent. He sat at her feet and waited for her to take the spell off and show herself to him. She finally did and they fell in love. It took longer for her to fall in love than it did for him because as soon as he saw her, and looked into her purple eyes, he wanted her. She was his mate, but she was not a wolf. They had my father, who had the werewolf gene, and everyone was happy for a number of years.

My grandmother, who was called Sera by my grandfather, had been the head of her Coven, and they were not happy that she didn't take a warlock as her husband, or mate. They believed that more powerful witches would have resulted from that union with a warlock. Several of them were still very angry years later and plotted revenge on her and my grandfather. Twenty years ago, right before I was born, we were attacked by about 100 rogues who had been put together by 5 witches. These witches had worked with my grandmother but were not as strong as my grandmother was. They were still angry about her leaving them, and none of the warlocks being "good enough" for my grandmother. They believed that she thought that she was above them, and better than them, and they wanted to hurt her, by coming after my grandfather. They were successful in it. My grandfather died in her arms, during a very bloody battle. After he died, my grandmother used her power and snapped the necks of all the rogues, and then killed the 5 witches that put them all together to cause the turmoil and this battle.

Although she ended it, there were major casualties for our pack as well, besides my grandfather, who I never got to meet. My other grandfather, my mother's father, who was the Beta here for the Golden Moon pack, was also killed in the battle. His being killed drove the beta female to die as well, wasting away without eating or drinking anything for 8 days. It tore my mother apart seeing her mother waste away like that, and not being able to help her. A part of my mother snapped after that. When I was born, my mother was so excited, so happy to have me. Right up until I opened my eyes for the first time.

Then she didn't want me anymore. She passed me to my father, who in turn passed me to my grandmother Sera.

She raised me from infancy until she died when I was almost 13. I missed her terribly and I didn't understand why my mother was still blaming me for deaths that occurred before I was even born. I didn't have a part in it at all. But there it was, my mother hated me, and my dad supported my mom. He loved his mother. He never disrespected her, and neither did my mom because she saw what she had done to stop the attack and was scared of her after that. But when my grandmother Sera died, a part of me did too. Everything changed, I could not leave my room, just seeing me would upset mom. I didn't pick this, and I didn't choose this, but she could not get past the loss of her parents, and as far as she was concerned, the 5 witches that attacked our pack were the only ones to blame, and she hated all witches from that point on.

The only family member who is nice to me is Rob. He defends me, he takes care of me as best he can, and he knows how much I love him back. He can't override mom, as she is the Luna, but he told me once he takes over, he will have a house built for mom and dad to live in, and I will be able to go wherever I want in the packhouse after that. I probably won't go too far, but I would like to get outside and feel the sun on my face.

I hadn't been back in my room for 10 minutes when I heard the familiar sound of the padlock sliding through to lock me in my room. During the day it is usually unlocked, but I know better than to leave my room. The lock sliding into place makes me realize that we will be getting guests today.

I hear a lot of commotion on the training grounds about 30 minutes later, and it is between classes, so I get curious to see what is going on out there and go to my windows. I see a lot of she-wolves on the training field and they are all lined up. I wonder what is going on. I keep watching and see my parents come out with a group of 4 strangers, and my brother Rob. I see my sister is overly excited, so I know it probably concerns the younger male standing with his family. I felt a chill run through me, and I kept my eyes on him. There is something special about him. I can tell he is getting frustrated and speaking with my parents. I see Rob say something, but a member of their group, a younger female, is staring right at me. I keep watching as she reaches out to him and gets his attention, and then points me out to him. I feel a rush go through me as we stare at each other, and my mind goes wild.

I can feel my wolf get up and take notice and I see my sister getting mad and looking up at me as well. Great, that is not good, she will pull some more crap to keep me from getting food tonight. Fortunately, I had a good lunch. I see an argument break out and then Rob, the girl, and the young male head to the packhouse. I can smell him outside my door. He smells so good to me. Like fresh clean towels, or being outside right after it rains. I could hear them talking in the hallway, and then I heard my mom.

This is not good, she hates me, and she will never let me leave. She is ashamed of me, and I can hear her, oh no, she is stalling. This is going to be bad. I can already tell that something bad is going to happen. I can hear the woman in the group say something to my

mom, and my mom is mad. My mom will not allow this, and if she doesn't want it, my dad will be on board with backing her up. I want to yell out that they can just leave me, but I know already that they will have asked for backup, and the stranger might get hurt. I wish I could help them, but I can't call out. For someone who hates witches, it was really strange for my mother to have my door and room sealed by a warlock. Apparently, my crying to be let out of my room bothered my father and upset him. She didn't want to hear it anymore, so I just didn't speak very much. It made dad feel guilty and mom couldn't have that, so she silenced me.

I heard a scuffle and then it was quiet for a little bit. Two minutes later, I could hear Rob speaking to someone in the hallway and saying that my mate wanted me. Really, oh I hope he still wants me when he sees me. My eyes give away that I am not just a wolf. Will he hate me too? Now I am worried, I am really scared. I don't want to be rejected and that is what Brandi said would happen to me if I ever met my mate. She said that with me not being a pure werewolf, then no wolf would ever want me. She had been saying that for a long time, and I know she had heard it from my mother. He is still here and caused all this to get me, so I really hope he does want me and isn't disappointed when he sees me.

I hear the key go into the lock and the door opens with a teenage girl, about my age, standing there looking happy that the door was finally open. She steps to the side and the most handsome man that I have ever seen steps into my room looking at me in awe.

I didn't move. I let him come to me because my legs wouldn't move, and I was scared. He takes me in his arms and hugs me, he takes a deep breath in at my neck and gives out a pleasurable growl against my neck. I cannot stop the shiver that runs through me at hearing it. That makes him hold me tighter and say, "Mine" in a very deep voice. I pulled back and looked up at him, as he was 6 inches taller than my 5'10" frame.

I smiled up at him and when we made eye contact again, it felt like electricity going through both of us. We both felt it, and I waited, to see if he still wanted me. He is not letting me go, and brings me in for another tight hug, this time grazing my marking spot with his teeth, and I can't breathe because of the fear that he will suddenly let me go and reject me. I feel the tears coming up because I know any minute that he will decide he doesn't want me, because of me being a hybrid. I am an abomination according to my parents.

"Baby, what is wrong? Why are you crying? Are those happy tears?" he says to me. I don't move or answer.

"Mom and Brandi have her believing that her mate would reject her. No matter who it was, because she was not just a wolf, but a witch too", Rob stepped up to me and said to the man holding me. I nodded at him and waited for his answer because, now that he knows, he can go ahead and reject me.

No, I will never reject you. You are mine. I want you with me. If you want to come with me, you are my Luna. You are my mate, and I want you with me always” he said, and I started to cry again.

Rob hugged me and told me to pack a small bag, but I didn’t have much so it would be quick. I would get more clothes later with my mate and his family. I packed a few things and then went to pack a picture of my family when I realized I didn’t have one of my family. I was never included in the family photos, and I don’t have any. Only photos of me and my grandmother, and I packed those away and turned around to look at Rob. He hugged me again, and said, “Sloan, you are only 30 minutes away. I will come and visit you, and we will take photos of just the two of us, OK?” I nodded and hugged him back.

“I love you, Sloan, don’t you ever forget it,” Rob told me, and I walked out of my room into the hallway. The lady in the hallway hugs me and leads me to the elevator, and the group goes down with Rob as he walks me to the SUV. The girl gets in the far back, and I get in the middle with my mate. I am scared, but I don’t believe my life will be worse living with them. It seems like my life is on the upswing now, and I will give it a chance.

Rob gives me another hug, and I tear up again and squeeze his hand. My mate said, “I will get her a cell phone in the next town, and she can text you her number, so you don’t have to worry about her”. Rob nodded at him with tears in his eyes and said, “Please take care of my sister, I love her”. I can feel the tears running down my face as we leave. We can’t wait any longer. If my parents wake up, they will never allow me to leave with them, and I don’t want to stay another second in a place where I am not wanted.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 17

Dawson’s POV

We are leaving the Golden Moon pack, and I am holding my mate’s hand. I feel the tingles where our hands are joined, and I can’t keep the smile off my face. I feel like I am being watched and look up and meet dad’s eyes in the rearview mirror. He is smiling too. It is a comfortable quiet in the car, but I know my mom. She will be worried about Sloan until she makes sure that she is comfortable here with us. She will already love her because she is my mate.

I smiled at Sloan as I saw my mate was trying not to be obvious as she looked at me. I see her blush as she gets caught again and then looks away out the window. I am going to give her a little time to get used to us, and I look back up at my dad again and said, ‘When we get near Ever Green. I would like to stop and get Sloan a cell phone so she can call her brother. I want her to be able to keep in touch with him.’

“Yes, Tanner, I agree. I want her to have a phone too. I would also like to stop and get her some new clothes as well. I remember leaving Red River myself with just one bag, and I want her to have what she needs. They haven’t taken care of this sweet girl, and I want



her to know that we ARE going to take care of her. So, I already mindlinked dad, and he said something came up that he had to do with Alpha King Hunt, and they are running behind because of it. We have time to go to a clothing store as well. So, if you could stop at a mall on the way there, maybe you and Dawson can get her phone with our carrier added to our plan, and Elena can come with me and we can get her some clothes and shoes, maybe a haircut, if she wants to get one. Then meet up again after we are done to finish our trip to Ever Green, how does that sound to everyone?" My mom asked us all.

"No, I want to go with Sloan, mom. I don't want to be separated from her" I said, and I realized that I sound whipped already, but I am, and I could care less. She is my mate, and I love her.

"Dawson Wyatt Wright, I know you love her, but for the Goddess's sake, she will not want to be picking out underwear with you there, it would embarrass her. I probably just embarrassed her by saying it anyway. You know that Elena and I will keep her safe, and we won't be apart more than an hour. Just be patient and stay calm, I can let you know exactly where we are, and what we are doing while we are apart, OK?" mom said, and I knew when she used my whole name like that, that I was not going to like what she said. Plus, she was right. I saw Sloan blushing and looking down, and she was so cute. I wanted to reach over and pull her into my lap and hold her to me while I sniffed her neck, but we can't do that right now. Dad is driving, but tonight after dinner, she will be fair game for me.

"Son, I understand. I was like that too when I met your mom. But she ran from me, she was scared. We have uprooted Sloan from her home, and the least we can do is take care of her and let her be able to stay in touch with the one person, besides us, who loves her. Rob would appreciate it too. He was just as upset at her leaving as she was. He loves her, and he will have to bear the wrath of both of his parents over allowing her to leave, so at least let him get a picture of her, and maybe a call from her after we get her phone set up. Look at it from her point, she doesn't want to be away from you either, but we need to get this done. It will only be an hour. You know that your mom is very efficient, and your mom needs to see what size she is to be able to get her clothes. She can't do it without Sloan physically there with her" my dad said, talking to me as he kept his eyes on the road.

"I can't wait to introduce her to Percy and his mate, and to Von and Heath. I can't wait for them to see you. You are so beautiful", I told her. I take her hand to my lips and kiss the back of it, and her blush deepens even more. I am charmed by her, and I wish she would talk, but I don't want to pressure her. I lightly rubbed the back of her hand with my thumb as we started heading to the mall.

I mindlink dad and said, "After we get the phone, I want to go to a jewelry store and get her an engagement ring, and maybe a necklace for her. I want everyone that sees her to know that she is mine". I see dad nod in approval at my idea, and I sit back in my seat, happy to hold her hand as we get closer to our stop.

When we get there, I don't want to let her go, but I know I can't stop us from being separated right now. I look down at her while I give her a hug and I see her smile up at me and I take the moment to quickly lower my face to hers and give her a chaste kiss. But I feel like the luckiest man in the world. I feel the tingles take over as our lips meet and I can hear her heartbeat increase, and I know that the kiss has affected us both. I let her go, but I told her, "I will be close, mom will link me if you need me. I love you. I will see you in about an hour, Sloan". I can't help looking back at her as dad and I split up from her, mom, and Elena. I am happy to see her looking back at me before they went round the corner.

We bought her phone, and her accessories were purchased quickly, and we then headed to the opposite end to find a jewelry store. I want her to know how much I love and want her. I don't want her to have any doubts at all about me and my intentions towards her. I am glad dad is with me as I am nervous now. I don't know what she will like. I had just met her, but then I saw a diamond ring, with deep purple amethysts flanking it, and they reminded me of her eyes. I get a wedding band with diamonds and amethysts in alternating order on it, and my dad nods in agreement. He also mentioned that when I gave them to her, to tell her why I picked the one I did. I saw a beautiful diamond infinity necklace that I also wanted to get for her. I am happy with my purchases, and we headed to where mom said they were.

I saw Elena in the hallway outside the salon, holding several bags, with a few heavier ones sitting on the floor. I look inside and see mom standing with her back to the wall and watching as the stylist cuts Sloan's hair. I hope it isn't by much. I love her hair. I saw only a few inches were cut, and it was still close to her butt, and I am glad that she didn't get a major cut. I liked it long and I couldn't want to grab a handful of it and use it to tip her head so I could bring her rosy lips up towards mine for a more thorough kiss. I can feel my pants getting tighter, and I need to calm down here before I scare her. She has had a long and stressful day already, so I stealthily grabbed the heavy bags from the floor and said, "How did you guys manage to get so many things bought in such a short amount of time?"

"You know mom, she works smarter and not harder. She sent me over here to get the hair appointment and knew she had 45 minutes to shop. So, she found out what size Sloan was and then had me pull out exercise clothes for her, while mom got her jeans, shirts, shorts, and then the OTHER stuff." Elena smirked at me and I know she knew why I had to pick up the bags, as my problem was growing with the mention of other stuff. I really wanted to see if her other stuff matched or not. It really wouldn't even matter, I just wanted to see her in it.

"Elena, stop messing with your brother, you will be 18 soon, and it is a real thing, wanting to be with your mate, so leave him alone. I am glad he found her. I think she is a sweet girl, who will make a great Luna. She was Goddess sent, and I know she is perfect for your brother" dad said, and she smiled at me again before looking at dad with a completely innocent face and saying, "What? I was just teasing him, dad, he's a big boy, he can take it" and then got back on her phone with a smile on her face.

I looked back over at Sloan, and I saw her looking at me in the mirror before blushing and looking away again, looking guilty for getting caught looking at me. I couldn't stop my feet from moving forward and telling her, "I am glad you kept your hair long, I like it long". I see the stylist look at me in the mirror and then turn to look me in the face and say, "Hey, my name is Juliet. Would you be my Romeo?" I look at her name tag, and it does say Juliet, but she is barking up the wrong tree with me.

"I don't think that would be appropriate considering you are cutting my fiance's hair, do you?" I told her in a cold tone. She has the grace to blush, and I make a mental note to never bring Sloan here again. That was incredibly rude of her to say, especially in front of her. I am glad that Sloan was done because I didn't want to stay there any longer after she said that. I would not have any woman put even a seed of doubt in Sloan's head. I am with her completely and I have never found any other woman as attractive as I find Sloan.

Juliet then takes the cape off of Sloan for her to get up from the chair, and I see mom paying at the desk and speaking to the woman behind the counter. I know without a doubt mom is telling them what happened with the stylist. When Sloan stands up from the chair, I see she is wearing some jeans and a t-shirt in some type of light purple color, and she looks beautiful. The jeans fit her well, and I send thanks to the Goddess for choosing her for me, and to my mom, who always knows what she is doing. I think I might hang back and enjoy the view as we head to go back to the SUV.

I changed my mind pretty quickly when the third brave soul approached her and asked for her number. I quickly grabbed her hand in mine and walked with her to the vehicle. We loaded everything in the back of the SUV, and I took mom aside for her to put the ring and necklace boxes in her purse. She smiled up at me and put her hand on my cheek and said, "I am so proud of you, Dawson. I know that she will love these because you picked them out yourself, especially for her". We all loaded up and headed for Ever Green, as we were going to have dinner there.

I was glad that Elena finally got off her phone, probably because the battery was almost dead, and started to talk to Sloan. "I think you have the coolest name, Sloan, I love it. Are you going to be missing your friends from Golden Moon? We are pretty close to your pack, so it would be nothing for them to come and visit".

I was waiting for her to respond, as she had not said anything up to that point. So, I was really excited to hear her sweet voice answer, Elena, "No I don't have any friends. No one there liked me except for Rob. My grandmother did, but she died when I was 12. I still miss her. Mom was mad when I was born because I am a hybrid, a wolf, and a witch. Mom hated me because she hated witches, so she gave me to my grandmother to raise. She was scared to show my grandmother her hate, but after my grandmother died, that is when everything changed", Sloan said, and I went from being happy she spoke to being angry enough to go back to the Golden Moon, and rip her parents' heads off.

"Oh honey, I am so sorry to hear about what you went through. We love you and we will take care of you. You do not have to worry about that at Blood Rose. You are the next Luna, and I will personally train you to take over for me" my mother said, and I smiled in

the darkness, as I was so glad that she said that. Sloan needed a mother's love, and my mother stepped right into the void to tell her that we loved her and would support her from now on.

"Well, you have a friend now, I am Elena. You are mated to one of my brothers. He is part of a set of twins, but they are fraternal, not identical. So, you won't get confused. As a matter of fact, my other brother, Percy, had just found his mate too, and I couldn't have been happier for both of them. I hope I love Percy's mate just as much as I love you. I don't have a lot of friends either. Most of the girls in the pack just tried to befriend me to try to get close to my brothers. That totally sucked, but my best friend, Michelle Williamson, is also like me. We don't take any crap from any of the girls in the pack, and we can handle ourselves. She is second only to me in the pack of female fighters", Elena said proudly.

We all hear my mom's throat clear from the front, and Elena then corrects herself, "OK, mom is at the top still, but I am a close second. Michelle is third, but we are all strong women. I think that it is super cool that you are a witch. I think your sister and mom are being jerks to you because they are just jealous of you. I think it is awesome that you are a hybrid, and I can't wait to see what you can do when we get back home".

"I didn't get a lot of training from my grandmother. Dad told her not to train me because my mom was adamant about me not using my power in the pack. My grandmother was a really strong witch, and I was hoping that one day I would learn about my powers, but since mom hates witches, she avoided them. We have only had one come into the packhouse. They sealed my room with a spell to keep them from hearing me crying out to be let out. I learned pretty quickly to just stop asking for help, it made dad upset to hear me crying, then mom would yell at me", Sloan said, and I couldn't contain the growl that ripped out of me in anger at her treatment. I saw Sloan jerk in surprise and drop my hand, but we are now on Ever Green land, and I unbuckled myself, and then her, and carefully lifted her onto my lap and started sniffing her neck to calm down Steele, who was ready to go kill both of her parents right now.

Sloan did a little yelp of surprise before allowing herself to relax in my hold. I know Steele is communicating with her wolf, and hopefully, she will let me see her wolf soon. I am almost humming in pleasure at having my mate in my lap, we barely had to slow down to enter the packlands as they knew we were coming today, and we were waved right through.

I felt anger coming off of my parents in waves and I leaned over to look out the windshield to see what was going on, as it was more than what Sloan had just shared with us. It had grown a lot greater than it had been, and I knew that there was a problem in front of us at the packhouse. I leaned over a little more to see, as my view had been blocked, and I wish I hadn't. I see Heath and Von standing side by side, with a beautiful blonde standing just behind them. Percy was looking pained, and Stephanie was trying to wrap herself around him. She was crying and clowning, and I knew this was going to happen. I just hope that his mate forgives him for whatever he ended up doing with Stephanie. She is a horrible she-wolf, and she knows that she is not his mate. I already

know that mom is going to help Percy as soon as the vehicle stops, but he is going to deserve the lecture he is about to receive.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 18

Percy's POV

I watch as my mate hugs her family goodbye and promises to let them know when she gets to Ever Green safely. I smile gently down at her and keep my hand on her back because I always want to touch her or hold her hand. Everything about her calms me and Aramis down, she is the very best thing that has ever happened to me, and I am so glad that the Goddess gave her to me. We are off to a late start due to Alpha King Hunt, and Heath going to Blood Claw to have a quick conversation with Alpha James.

I wanted to come with them, but they felt that with me being her mate, I might blow up and let it slip that we have her, and she wasn't actually missing anymore. I agreed I couldn't let that happen, so I was glad to stay behind and watch her pack. She moves so smoothly, watching her has become my favorite thing to do. She can just be standing there, and I think no one has ever done it better. I have it bad, and I don't care if everyone knows it. I have caught her mother smiling at me several times, and I know that I am amusing her, but I can't help myself. We spent hours together getting to know each other better. I got to spend time with Christian, Amanda, and Bryson and I invited them all to come to Ever Green to visit us there.

Christian and Amanda both said that they were going to be coming there in a week, to see how Peyton had settled in. Luna Queen Hunt had two suitcases filled with clothes, shoes, a new handbag and wallet, and a new cell phone as well. I could tell that Peyton was sad to leave her family. She had just gotten there the same night as us, we just didn't know that she was there. Probably because we were behind her a few hours, and at the pack hospital getting Doctor Williams checked out for another two hours. We were not going to allow him to go back to Blood Claw. He was coming to Ever Green with us. The pack was big enough now that we really needed any extra help that we could get.

I was trying to figure out how to tell Peyton about my previous girlfriend. I had told Stephanie when I left yesterday morning that we needed to take a break, to seriously look for our mates. That I wanted my mate, and I encouraged her to look for hers as well. I knew that we would both be better off with our true mates. But Stephanie broke down and started telling me, "You promised to make me Luna, Percy. Just a few days ago, why are you doing this to me? I love you, I want to be with you. Even if you weren't going to be Alpha, I would still want you".

Aramis mindlinked me, "she is a lying w\*\*\*e, who just wants to be Luna. She has no other reason for why she is doing this, other than the fact that she wants to promote herself to be the Luna. She does not love you and I know for a fact if you had Heath announce that he will not give you the pack if you are going to make Stephanie Luna. I already knew this



as I have spoken to his wolf, Hunter, and Hunter told me that. So, it is a good thing you found Peyton, or else you were going to lose the pack that you love”.

“What in the hell are you talking about? Ever Green is my pack. I have been told that since I was a child”, I told him, and I am pissed off. I wonder who else knew about this?

“Heath and Von knew you were sneaking out to see Stephanie. You know neither one of them can stand her. You were also told since you were a child to not be messing around with any she-wolves that were not your mate, let alone ones that were going to be in YOUR pack, and yet what did you do, brainiac? You messed up. Stephanie will not let you go, and when Peyton gets there, if you don’t get it fixed for her, and support Peyton. You are going to have a heck of a time phasing dummy. I won’t let that jealous she-wolf hurt my mate”. Aramis linked me back.

Holy s\*\*t, they knew I was sneaking out. This is not good. I don’t want to have to deal with this. I wish I had never done it, and now I know what dad meant when he said that he wished he could just have waited for mom. He did pretty well, he only messed with a few she-wolves, but it still hurt mom, especially since she had to deal with the backlash from it. Now my poor sweet Peyton will have to deal with it too. Aramis is right, I will not be allowing Stephanie to cause any problems between us. She needs to leave her alone, or I will deal with her. I am kicking myself for falling into her trap.

“Yes, you did, because you may not pay attention, but my hearing is a lot better than yours, and she has been telling everyone that will listen at Ever Green that she is going to be the next Luna. Heath and Von have heard her say it as well. Plus, she doesn’t do her assigned job duties with her “ getting out of work because I am the next Luna” speech. People are scared to argue with her, half the pack knows you are going to “visit” her. She is completely worthless, and I cannot believe that you cannot see how bad she is” Aramis linked to me.

This is worse than I thought. I was just going to excuse myself for a little while after we got back to Ever Green to go tell Stephanie that I had found my mate. But that may look even worse, and I don’t want Peyton to be caught up in the drama of it. I don’t ever want to make her doubt me. I am just going to link Stephanie on the way home and tell her we are completely done, and to not disrespect me or her new Luna. That I found my mate and my love, and we are done. She needs to go ahead and find her own happiness with her own mate. I only told her recently that I would consider her to be my chosen mate if, at 23, we haven’t found our mates. I only did it to get her to stop crying. I have always wanted to find my true mate.

I had been raised to know that I needed to find my mate, that I would be much stronger with a true mate. I was never going to give that up, but from the sounds of it, she was running around for a while saying that she would be the next Luna. I will be talking with her, but never alone again. If I have to, I will have Heath with me, or Von, so that she can’t say anything happened between us. I am seeing now what I aligned myself with and it isn’t a pretty picture. I looked down at Peyton, with her pink cheeks and she was just so perfect. There I said it, she is perfect, and I am so happy the Goddess gave her to me. I



hope this doesn't go badly, but now that Aramis has mentioned it, I know for a fact that it will. Stephanie is clingy and isn't happy unless she gets her way. I have been giving into her for two years because of the bonus I get from her, but she keeps trying to push it further when she knows that I won't have s\*x with her. No one else will bear my pups, it will be my mate.

We were about 30 minutes away from Ever Green when I got a mindlink from Stephanie saying, "When will you be here baby? I can't wait to see you. Maybe you can spend the night with me tonight. You can always sneak out after the Alpha and Luna go to sleep".

"No, Stephanie, I will not be sneaking out ever again to come to meet you. I told you before I left that we were done. I meant it. I told you that I wanted to find my mate and was going to focus on that. I encourage you to do the same. I will be bringing your Luna home with me. Do NOT cause a scene about it. I will not allow you to hurt her". I linked her back.

"Are you f\*\*\*\*\*g serious right now, Percy? You promised me that I would be the Luna. How could you do that to me? I have taken care of all your needs for the last 2 years, and you are just going to leave me behind, with no benefit to me from it? I won't allow it. You are not just gonna love me and leave me. You thought wrong if you thought I was just going to step back and let you take my position away from me. I will ruin you in this pack. I will be the Luna, or no one will. I will kill that b\*\*\*h if I have to, Percy. Do not get it wrong, it is me or no one", Stephanie linked back.

"Is this a good time to tell you that I told you so" Aramis broke in and I growled out in anger. He is pissing me off and I have enough to deal with right now.

Heath looks back at me and I know he sees my eyes clouded over and he probably knows who I am mindlinking with. I linked him and told him, "Stephanie just threatened Peyton, after I told her that I had met my mate, and she would be Luna, not Stephanie". Heath growls out too, and before he can respond, Stephanie links me back. "Percy, I am so sorry baby. I overreacted, it is just because I love you so much, that I can't stand the thought of you being taken away from me".

"Stephanie, I told you that we are done. We are. Accept it and move on, or I will have to punish you for the threat against the Luna that you just made", I told her.

"Percy, she is not the Luna yet. I didn't break any laws. There is nothing that you can punish me for doing. I may be an Omega, but I am not an i\*\*\*t. Plus, it was in a mind link, so it is your word against mine. You are about to find out what happens when you make promises that you have no intentions of keeping. She will find out quickly just what kind of man she is mated to. You are going to be sorry for lying to me and leading me on, because I assure you, that is exactly what I am going to tell her. We girls have to stick together, so I am going to help her out", Stephanie told me, and then started laughing before she cut the link.

Hold s\*\*t, I am about to be destroyed here before I even have a chance to win her over. We are mates, we have a strong bond, but I have not marked her yet. I feel like I am about to cry here, that vicious she-wolf is about to take my mate away from me. We will be there in 20 minutes. I have to do something quickly or I will lose her. I have got to tell her the truth, right now, before Stephanie blows me out of the water, and I already know she is prepping to do it.

I turn to Peyton and grab her hand in mine and squeeze it lightly to get her attention as she is still looking out the window, probably at the gorgeous sunset that we are seeing. But I have to do this before I lose my nerve. I cannot lose her like this. I finally see why my parents drilled it into us so often. I thought I was smarter than them. That I knew better and could have fun while I waited for my mate. I was wrong, and I hope that what I have done hasn't cost me my mate.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 19

Peyton's POV

Nearing Ever Green Pack

I felt a squeeze on my hand, and I turned to see Percy looking at me earnestly. He seemed upset and I knew he was mindlinking earlier, probably with someone in the pack, so I gave him privacy. I will admit I got a little scared when he growled a few minutes ago, but he seems calmer now. Probably because he is touching me. Mates soothe each other, and I enjoy the little tingles on my hand.

"Baby, I need to tell you something and it isn't going to be easy. I want to apologize to you beforehand, but I will work to make it up to you for years if I have to. Just please, I love you. Please don't leave me", Percy said, and now I am concerned. There are only a few things that would cause a mate to walk away from another and I am really scared of what he is about to say to me.

What in the fresh hell is this? I really thought that my life was going to pick up. To be better, although this would have to be completely horrible even compared to what I have just gone through for the last 6 years. Why is he just now popping up with the "I have to tell you something?" This didn't just happen, or at least I don't think it did. I am starting to get upset and I want to pull my hand back away from his, but I already know that he will just keep holding onto it. I feel sick and out of control. I am trying to brace for the bad news, but I already feel tears coming to my eyes. I wish he had told me about this in mom and dad's pack. How embarrassing is this going to be for me? I know Christian will come and get me if I need him to, and I am trying to calm down, but I felt the tear when it escaped from the corner of my eye.

Percy sees the tear and he has to close his eyes because I know he is affected by my tear sliding down my face and I know that I am close to crying. He is having a hard time trying

to say it, but I am going to go out on a limb here and guess that I will be more upset by his “revelation” than he will. Why didn’t he tell me before we left my parent’s pack? I already know why, because this is going to be bad, really bad. He could have told me there, and then I could have decided on whether I needed to stay there while he dealt with whatever this is.

“Peyton, please just hear me out. I have been kind of dating a girl at Ever Green for the last 2 years since I came here from my parent’s pack. Her name is Stephanie. She just mind linked me and said that she was going to cause problems for me, and for you, and then kind of threatened you. I am sorry. I told her before I left to go to Timothy’s engagement announcement that I was looking for my mate, and I encouraged her to do the same. She doesn’t want to, she wants to be the Luna of Ever Green, and it has come to a head now”, Percy tells me.

I stay focused on his eyes, and he seems sincere in what he is telling me. I can tell he is being honest with me. If that is all that it is, he scared me for no reason. I wish he had said that it wasn’t that bad, so I wouldn’t have panicked about hearing it. I smiled at him and brushed the tears away and kept my hand in his. I was not going to hurt him by jerking it away, and I can accept that. I hope that is all of his revelation for me. I allowed myself to relax in my seat, but then I got a little doubt popping up in me. That WASN’T that bad, so what did she threaten him with? He just glazed right over that. She threatened him. With what? She was threatening to tell me what? Let’s not forget she threatened me. With what? Physical harm? Death? What is she planning on telling me, because from the sounds of it, she is going to start something when we get there, and I am really not up for this. The tears come back again, faster this time.

I had just found my good mate. I refused to acknowledge Timothy as anything but a mistake on the Goddess’s part. I hope he and Fallon have a long and horrible reign over Blood Claw. Screw both of them. But Percy, this is hurting my heart. I was so happy. He seemed to love me from the moment he knew I was his. Why am I being punished again? What have I done to deserve this? I was a good kid, I didn’t act up much, I was kind to both my brothers and I know that I have done nothing to deserve this. I have had to deal with a lot of abuse trying to run from a man that was warped enough to try to claim me at 13 years old. I cannot stop the sob from coming out of my mouth and I pulled my hand away from Percy’s.

He goes to grab it again and take it back into his hand, but I turn my body towards the window to look out at the beautiful sunset that I had just enjoyed a few short minutes ago. I am trying to focus on the stunning colors that are showing in the sky and trying to get my mind to stop racing. I am panicking about what I need to do next. How is my arrival at the pack that I was supposed to become Luna of now going so horribly wrong? I know it is about to go badly because that was what she threatened. He doesn’t have to say it. He is not giving me the full information that I need from him, and I am going to be the one embarrassed by it. I have never done anything to this girl, yet she is gunning for me. I can tell he is upset, he wants to comfort me, because he can feel my emotions, even without us being marked.

I wish he had said something before. I do not know if I can take this alone. Make no mistake about it, because I will be alone. Well, I have Heath and Von, I am sure, but I am struggling not to just ask Christian to come and get me. I just wanted a mate, to love me and I wanted a few pups, and this is the second bad hand that I have been dealt. This is not fair, but when in the last 6 years has it been? I have dealt with more pain than a person should have, and I am still here. I will cry now because when I get there, she will not be seeing me cry. I will take in all that she hits me with, and then I will decide how I want to move forward.

If it is bad enough, I will just reject him and then go back home. I feel like I need to message Christian now, but I am sure that he will get dad and they will probably all come as a family to get me, and warriors will be involved. I will not do that to Heath. I can't say anything about Percy right now, because I am mad enough right now, to stay in another pack until I can get past this. Until the shame of this blows over, but since it hasn't happened yet, I don't know how long I would need to go, or where I could go. But I do know that this will be a crap show, and I didn't sign up for it.

I see Heath is studying me in the side mirror since I am turned away from Percy. I know he is hurt by that, but he has got to see my side of it. He KNEW this information and I feel like he planned this out, thinking that we would make our bond stronger, and I would not be able to leave him. I feel set up and angry. I felt the hot tears coming back and I mindlink my wolf, Sienna, "Hey, I know you heard what he said, and he omitted a lot. I am concerned. I do NOT want to cry in front of my potential pack".

"Yes, I heard it, and she had better tread lightly. I have had a hard three days. You have been under too much, and we had to leave Blood Claw. We have one good day with family, and now we are heading to our mate's pack today, and not know if the shock we are about to receive is that she is pregnant, or what it is going to be, but if it gets bad enough, I will take care of her. We can fight for the Luna position" Sienna told me.

"I have not trained, ever. I don't know how to fight". I linked her back.

"Don't worry Peyton, I have got this. She is an Omega, and from what Aramis told me, she hasn't trained and has been spoiled. I have already told you that we are strong, and we are special too. You are not just a healer. You can put your faith in me. You will soon get help in your first phase, and we can have a good long run", Sienna told me.

"Who is Aramis? Why is he telling you this stuff?" I linked Sienna.

"He is Percy's wolf. He loves us completely. He is angry with Percy too, but he said that although Percy did do most of it, he was waiting to have s\*x until he met his mate, so it was not ideal, but she would come off looking worse for it, because she was w\*\*\*\*\*g herself out, to become Luna. It will be obvious to all that see it, and if not, maybe you should mention it, you know if it comes up in conversation" Sienna said, and then laughed.

I feel better as he did do more than kiss, but he did break it off with her before he found me, so that helps me feel better. She is just another woman who wants a ranked wolf, for money, power, ambition, whatever it is that they want, instead of wanting to have their true mate. "OK, then why do I have a gut feeling that I am about to have the rug pulled out from under me? Percy is a really attractive man, and they tend not to want to wait. I am not happy about it, but I can get past that. I just feel like there is something else that I don't know about yet. Something big, that is something that I should know. Do you know what it is?" I asked her.

I got no reply from her, but the warrior driving the SUV said, "We are here" and I know the men are glad to be back home. I liked the pack symbol on the gates and the pack is huge and very nice. I like the forest nearby, and how it is set up, with a very large packhouse, and like subdivisions of little homes, in various sizes where the families were living. It was well thought out and managed and I would expect nothing less from Heath. He was my hero growing up and I may have had a little crush on him when I was younger. He was bigger than life. I thought that Heath and Von were a great couple, and I enjoyed getting to visit them on each trip they made to the Royal Knight pack. I know, without having to ask, that he will be my hero again in this. I try to calm myself down, but the anticipation of what is about to happen is making it hard for me to calm down.

We pull up to the packhouse and I see Von, looking as beautiful as ever as I get out of the SUV. She comes right to me and starts to hug me, as she hasn't seen me for 7 years now. I hugged her back and she murmured in my ear, "Heath and I have you little one. Don't worry about anything". Of course, she knows, I am sure Heath mindlinked her in the SUV to let her know what had just happened. Heath came up and hugged me too, and said, "She is right. I will let nothing happen to you. Percy is a good man, but young and naïve. He fell for her tricks, and she was now going to try to slither her way into the position. Do not worry. I will be settling this once and for all. He needs this wake-up call".

I have no idea what is going on, but I see a very attractive girl heading for us quickly with a group of girls with her. I make sure I look at her little friends, I don't want to be getting caught alone with any of them, and it is about 20 girls in total. I will wait to see what happens, as they may just be wanting to see what happens between Percy and Stephanie, and are not actually supporting her in whatever she is about to try to do. She is heading right towards Percy and attempts to kiss him right in front of me. That is low, and I went to approach her. I feel Heath's hand on my wrist and he shakes his head from side to side to tell me to stop. He is waiting for something, and I wait to see what it is.

I heard another SUV coming up and I see her fall in Percy's arms and start crying and wailing, and I can't really hear what she is saying from this side of the SUV, but Von takes my hand in hers and leads me to the other side of the SUV where this Stephanie girl is really pulling out all the stops and is trying for an academy award.

"What in the hell have you done, Percival Heath Wright?" comes ringing through the dusk, and Percy jerks up, and Stephanie stops her crying act, and starts backing away. I don't know who this lady is, but with his whole name being called, I am sure this is Gabi

Wright, Percy's mom, and I have heard great things about her, and now I am happy to have a good seat for the show.

## Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 20

Percy's POV

Ever Green

Oh s\*\*t, my mom is here and as I turn to her, I see my dad right behind her, and I already know this is bad. I turned back to Stephanie, who had apparently decided that she didn't want to play anymore, with my mom yelling out, "Stop right there Stephanie".

I see Stephanie turn back around to my mom, and she knows who she is. Mom and dad come here all the time to visit me, Von, Heath, and the elite training team. They all know that even though she is shorter than a normal she-wolf, she is not scared of anyone, and will put you in your place really quickly. I am already concerned that mom knows exactly who Stephanie is, and I know that knowing who she is means that mom knows what I have been doing. s\*\*t, this is going to go badly for me.

"Percy, please tell me what the hell is going on here? I have heard about what you two have been doing. I found that out late last night, and I have to say I am very disappointed. How many times have I told you about these girls just wanting to be Luna that are not your mate? Did you not hear what your father and I said to all three of you? Did you think I was joking about how it feels, how it hurts your mate? How will she then have to face and deal with these potential women causing her deliberate pain? Undermining her because they are jealous of who her mate is when the Goddess gave you to her and not them. I am disappointed in you, Percy. I don't know what else we could have said to have prevented this, but I also know she led you right along. You were not guilty of this alone" my mom said to us both.

"Look, we have been together for 2 years dating now. I love him and I want to be with him. I would do anything for him. He promised me that he would make me his chosen Luna. I plan on holding him to that. I am sorry he found his mate, but he was committed to me first. I wanted him, and he wanted me, or he wouldn't have been coming out to see me for the last year in my home. He did promise me to make me his Luna, just ask him", Stephanie brazenly said and stepped forward to wrap her arm tightly around mine and snuggle into me, like we were a happy couple. I see her look over at Peyton, who is clearly stunned, and this night has gone from bad to worse. This felt so wrong, and I wanted her off of me. She didn't smell good like Peyton does. I want to touch Peyton all the time. I don't want Stephanie to touch me ever again. Now that I have found my mate, I don't want another.



“You are about to see where they are going with this Percy. Keep your mouth shut, and watch the show”, Aramis mindlinked me, and before I could ask why Heath stepped forward to Stephanie and me, I knew that it could and would get even worse.

“OK, Stephanie, you can have Percy if you want. But as the Alpha of Ever Green, I am telling you now, that he will not be taking over my pack from me. Him not waiting on his true mate and being with you. Sneaking around to go to your house, showed me what Percy really wanted in life. But you have shown everyone in this pack what your worth is. You sleep around, not with Percy, but with other men in the pack, as he won’t sleep with you. You don’t help with anything in this pack. You have a scheduled shift you are supposed to work, and you make other girls do your work for you. Yet you still show up to get your check every week. You have been doing that for the last year. Von baby, can you tell me how much she owes the pack now?” Heath called out behind him to my grandmother, while staring at Stephanie.

“Heath, Stephanie has been getting paid for the last year and a month, and right now today, she owes the pack \$41,340 dollars. She has not worked to receive her pay in 57 weeks, and as of tomorrow, she will owe another \$738.21 as it is already scheduled to go into her account”, Von calls out and then wraps her arm around Peyton. Peyton is still stunned and when I tried to get Stephanie off of me to go to her, Heath stepped into my line of sight to block her from me, and I knew he was about to blow me out of the water this time.

“What does it matter that I have been getting paid? I am about to be the Luna here, so I see no problem with what I have been doing. All of the funds are about to belong to me and Percy anyway, so what is the big deal? He just needs to reject her and mark me, and we will be done with this”, Stephanie said, bumping me in the arm like the idea she just tossed out there was a good one. It wasn’t.

“That is where you are incorrect, Stephanie. The Luna cares for all the packmembers, you only care for yourself. You not seeing what the problem is, is the problem. You have to care about every one of your pack members, and you are willing to overwork your fellow Omegas, and then, on top of that, get money for the work they did. That is unbelievable. For you to not see a problem with it makes me realize that Percy has made a huge and incorrect choice with you being made the chosen Luna. I have no faith in him or his decisions. So, I am sorry to tell you that he will not be taking over Ever Green”, Heath told her.

“But it was my birthright” I called out in pain. Even knowing where he is going with this, and that it is not real, still hurts me. I have disappointed all of the important people in my life, because I had to have a good time with Stephanie, along with several others.

“It was your choice to pick her. She is not able to take care about the pack, so you took it out of my hands. You will not be the Alpha here, and you will go back to the Blood Rose pack and become the co-Beta there”, Heath tells me, and I am almost shaking in anger.

“But I was supposed to be Luna here. Am I going with Percy back to Blood Rose to be the Beta female?” Stephanie asked. Goddess, she is still after the position.

“No, Percy will not be co-Beta. He will be a warrior. His mother and I have discussed it, and we feel that it is best for him to start over with his training and get his head on straight. He will not be a Beta”, my father called out to me.

“A warrior?” Stephanie screeched out. “My true mate was just a warrior, and I rejected him because I needed someone higher up in the pack. I already had a warrior, I don’t want to have to exist on warriors’ pay”, Stephanie said.

“You won’t have to, you will still be an Omega there, and get your Omega pay. Well, you will after you pay Ever Green back all the money you were paid for working when you weren’t working. Luckily, we pay about the same as Ever Green, so here in about 13 months, you will start getting paid again. If you give the money you are getting paid tomorrow back, otherwise, you will owe for 13 months and 1 week”, mom said to Stephanie, and seeing her mouth fly open at hearing that, almost made me laugh, except it was really serious.

“No! I have not worked all this time, to groom Percy to make me his Luna, for it to all be taken away like that. That is not fair. I won’t accept it, and neither will he. You don’t have any children that you can pass Ever Green on to. I can do better. Von can train me. I can learn to care more. You haven’t even given me a chance yet”. Stephanie started to whine now, and I could see the wheels working in her head.

“I have already made my decision. Gabi will be taking over the pack, while Elena is trained to become the Alpha of this pack. Do not worry your pretty little head about it, Stephanie. I have it handled. You can still have Percy, and Tanner here has made all the arrangements for a cute little cottage near the training fields for you two to live in. Now, it isn’t as big as your house now, but it will work until Percy rises up the ranks to most likely be the head warrior or the training warrior. He would excel at either of them. You will be taken care of, you will already have a house, and you can eat at the packhouse, so the debt will be paid off fairly quickly”, Heath told Stephanie, and the scowl couldn’t be hidden from her face now.

I see what they have been saying, she planned this the whole time. She lured me in with what we were doing and then had s\*x with other men after I left. I never knew her at all. I really believed that she loved me. That was the reason she wanted us to do what we did. I guess that was conceit on my part. I was an arrogant guy, and I assumed that she wanted me because I was one of the most eligible singles around, but it was all a lie. She was only interested in being the Luna, having money, and getting what she wanted, even if the pack had to suffer for it. That is not how a Luna is supposed to be. They are supposed to be like my sweet mate over there, who was still watching this play out, but she would not look me in the eye anymore.

It hit me right then, this whole thing playing out as it has, was not going to be the worst of it, it would be having to face my mate who just heard that I had told another that they could have her position, hot on the tail of her first mate having done the same thing. There is no way that this has not hurt her, and I will do anything to keep her as my mate. I loved her completely and I want her more than I have wanted anything in my whole life. Then I had to face my mother, and she was really pissed off. I looked up to the sky and prayed to the Goddess that I could fix this for both of them. I love my mate and my mom more than anyone else, and it hurts my heart that I hurt them both.

“Great job Percy, I didn’t want to be an Alpha. Thanks for thinking of others when you were wanting to mess around with this slut” I heard my sister say, and the knife dug in further. I see my brother and a woman next to him standing behind Elena, and I am just so freaking glad that my whole family is here to see my little indiscretion get broadcast to everyone present, and it has grown to about 100 wolves now, being nosey and wanting to see what happens next. This is not how I pictured me returning to the pack with my mate.

“I am not paying the money back, Heath. If you knew I was doing it and allowed it, then that is on you two. You have never liked me or given me a fair shake. You thought that since I was an Omega, I was worthless. But I am not, I have value, even if you two can’t see it”. Stephanie rallies and tries to get the crowd on her side, but it is too late. They saw her for what she was, an opportunist that tried to lure me by using her s\*\*\*\*l favors to try to get the Luna position. I thank the Goddess that I never had s\*x with her because that would have been so much worse. I still don’t know if Peyton will still want me after this, or not. She looks upset and I am upset as well.

“Stephanie, you forget that Heath and Von adopted me when I was just “an Omega”, so do not play the rank card here. You will pay the money you owe us back, or you will be banished from the Ever Green pack. You stole from us. That is embezzlement. You showed up every Friday and signed a sheet saying that YOU worked YOUR assigned duties here in the pack. You didn’t, you bullied, and strong-armed others into doing it for you. You knew that they were too scared to tell on you because you were telling everyone here that you were about to be the Luna, and you lied to them. You will not be getting the Luna position. The pack is about to become mine now, and very soon it will be my daughters. You will either pay it back, or I guess we can take it to the werewolf council to see what they decide that we can do to you for punishment” my mom told her, and she was mad, really mad, and I think Stephanie was about to get her a\*s handed to her.

“You wouldn’t”, Stephanie gasped. She knew that, because of the amount of money that we were talking about, she could be facing years in a cell at Ever Green.

“Oh, I would. I know exactly who and what you are. You wanted what wasn’t yours and tried to take it. I didn’t deserve it when it happened to me, and this sweet girl doesn’t deserve it either. You were the cause of this whole thing, you set your eyes on my son, and tried to lure him in. I am proud to have Peyton as my daughter-in-law, and I only hope that she won’t reject my i\*\*\*t son for being led by you to try to take the Luna spot away from his rightful mate”, mom told Stephanie. My mom is hurt by what I did, but she

knows that Stephanie specifically went after me. She will forgive me, but she and dad are pretty pissed right now.

“Fine, then I choose banishment then. I didn’t like it here anyway. I was just going to stay because I was going to be Luna. Hey, Peyton, just remember that he was going to give me your spot. He may have just found you, but he has been sneaking out to me for over 2 years now. We may not have had s\*x yet, but we did everything else. So, all your firsts, he has already done them with me. You may be getting him now, but I have already had him. I hope you enjoy my used goods. Remember that when he tries to touch you again”, Stephanie said and started laughing as she tried to kiss me. I push her off me, and she laughs even harder. “Enjoy being a warrior, Percy,” She says to me.

“You have 1 hour to get your a\*s out of MY pack. At 1 hour and 1 minute, I want her to be put into a cell”, mom instructed the three warriors near her to follow Stephanie. Stephanie was no longer messing around anymore, but sprinting back to her house to pack up and get her car loaded up and get out of our pack, she knew mom wasn’t playing with her. The warriors were easily keeping up with her and a fourth warrior took the second SUV from our convoy back to Ever Green and drove it over to her house, to follow her to the border after she got packed up.

I tried to go to mom and tell her I was sorry, but she looked up at me and said, “Not now Percy, I cannot believe that you put this poor girl into this kind of a mess. I am so disappointed in you. What if she rejects you because of this? That was a horrible girl, and I know what you thought when you saw her; a good time, because that is exactly what she wanted you to see. I am going to be so angry if we have a rightfully angry Alpha King here in the morning. How could you not have cleared this up? I would like to meet her while I still have two soon-to-be daughters-in-law. Please give her time and space if she asks for it, Percy. I will speak to you tomorrow” my mom said, and I could see the tears in her eyes because of my not having listened to her and created the same thing she went through.

This was hard on her, and I caused it. Dad looked at me for a minute and I knew he was pissed too, before turning and heading off after mom. Von and Heath are flanking Peyton, as they escort her into the packhouse. I see she hasn’t got her luggage out yet. s\*\*t, every single person that I cared about is hurt right now, and I never wanted that. But seeing Peyton leaving her luggage in the SUV, has me scared to my soul. Please, Goddess, don’t let her leave me over this.