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Percy's POV

Royal Knight pack

I wish I had thought this through when I told Peyton that I was going to be here to support her. I am getting roasted here because even though my name has not been brought up, they are all aware she was after Peyton, and I am Peyton's mate. It was not hard to figure out that I was the i***t who she was trying to get on the hook. Apparently, every single person in this room can tell who Stephanie was talking about though. She was a user and a manipulator, that used her body to lure people into doing what she wanted. I am just hoping that my face is not totally red right now. I feel humiliated, and ashamed, because she did lead me around by the nose. She told me that she got picked on at the pack house by the other Omegas and I got her workload decreased because of it. So, she could go in later as we were up late, so she got the easier jobs, and now I know why she wanted the easier jobs. So she could pawn them off on the other girls, who didn't know what she was doing. It is much easier to pawn off an easy job than a hard one, and I fell for her tricks completely. It was not my finest hour.

Stephanie was smart, for a long time, none of the girls knew about the others doing Stephanie's work. She was able to fly right under the radar for over a year because of it. I wished I had listened to my parents about this. I could have totally skipped over this particular part of my life, which seems to have a life of its own. It seems like it has come back and shamed me, over and over again, because of the dumb choices that I made. I have to say that I am a little impressed that for a girl who isn't the brightest, she had a great plan. She had me convinced that she loved me, that we were exclusive, and that she didn't want to be the Luna, she just wanted to be with me. That was the best one, and the one that Heath showed me was the biggest lie of all. Stephanie couldn't wait to drop me after she found out that I would be returning back to Blood Rose, and that I would lose my ranking. When she found out that I was going to be demoted to a warrior, and have to work my way back up, she dropped me like a hot potato. That was also when I found out that she had found her mate, a warrior, and rejected him, to try to get a higher rank wolf as her mate.

It was humiliating that I fell for her plan, I thought I was using her when actually she was using me, and I had no clue at all about it. I also hate that so many in the pack knew what was going on between us, especially Heath and Von. I disappointed them with my choice to do this, and they tried to warn me, but I refused to listen. I made a mental note to make sure I tell my children to wait for their mates. I grimaced at that, I was also warned myself, and I didn't wait. I thought I knew more than my parents did at the time, and so I did what I wanted to do. It bit me in the a*s, and I know I need to start even earlier with drilling that point into our own kids. Mom and dad started it when we were like 10 years

old, so I am going to make sure that we get it nailed down and start at 5 years old. I don't want them to ever make the same mistakes that I did, and that was the whole reason that my parents had warned me. It was to prevent me from doing exactly what I ended up doing. Hopefully, my own children will learn from my mistakes, and not duplicate what I did.

"Look, the work got done, does it really actually matter who did it? I mean no one was really hurt by doing 1 extra chore and they got off on time, so it was within their work hours. It shouldn't be this big of a deal. I mean, isn't this a petty problem and a waste of all of our time here?" Stephanie said to the Council, and her voice grates my nerves hearing her speak. How did I find anything at all about her attractive? I love Peyton's soft soothing voice, it makes me happy to hear it each and every time. What the hell was I thinking? I had to have just been wanting to get out and experience all that I thought my parents had been keeping from me, not realizing that they were indeed protecting me.

"Actually, it isn't petty at all, you took over \$42,000 from the Ever Green pack, for work that you never did. More so, the incoming Luna felt compelled to make it right. She didn't feel like your fellow co-workers should have to wait on you to give the money back. We are all aware that you don't want to pay it back. But they did the work and should have been paid the benefit of it. That is something that a Luna does, Ms. Turner. She takes care of and protects her pack. She doesn't steal from her pack, or abuse her power, by trying to force others into doing their assigned work for them. A true Luna nurtures and takes care of her people. You need to keep that in mind when you think that this was a victimless crime. Those women did numerous jobs for you, you pulled this for over a year, yet you sit her in front of us like it was no big deal. You are absolutely shameless, and I just wanted to get that on record. We can move on to the bigger matter now" The fifth council member said, and Stephanie shifted in her seat. We could all see that she was really nervous about the threat that she made. Her lawyer started to speak to her, and she kept shaking her head no to everything that he told her. He was getting angry with her, and before he could stop her, she stood up to speak.

"Hey, I didn't mean it, it is just something people say. I wasn't actually going to kill her. I was just jealous of her stealing my man away from me, and I let my anger get the best of me, that was it. Plus, she isn't actually a Luna yet, so it doesn't really count. I am not a member of the Ever Green pack, so she wouldn't be my Luna anyway. So, I should just get a warning or something like that, because I didn't mean it how it sounded" Stephanie said and then nodded like we should all just take her word for it. Like since she said she didn't mean it, that should be good enough for the Council. I had to put my hand to my mouth to stop myself from laughing out loud at her thought process. She was not joking at all when she said it at the Dark Savage hospital, she meant what she had said. Everyone here who heard her say it on that recording knew that she meant it when she said it, she is just blowing smoke, and we all knew it.

"Ms. Turner, what pack are you a member of?" one of the council members asked her.

"The Dark Savage pack," Stephanie told them.

“Wrong, she is NOT a member of my pack. She had been there for a little while, but she is not a member of Dark Savage” Jasper called out loudly and then gave Stephanie a hard look.

“Actually, Dark Savage now belongs to Alpha Cameron, but we are aware that she is not a member of Dark Savage. Ms. Turner, did you stop at the border of Ever Green when you were leaving and denounce your allegiance with the pack?” Leader Miller asked her.

“No, I was just getting the hell out of there as I was told I would be arrested if I wasn’t gone in one hour’s time” Stephanie said and then turned around to look at Gabi and glare.

“You are still a member of Ever Green, Ms. Turner. So, she is indeed your incoming Luna. Before you go to argue with us again, it doesn’t matter if you were a member or not. Peyton is the daughter of the current Alpha King. His children, who are always exposed to potential harm were protected by the same laws that a Luna is protected. It is to make sure that someone thinks twice before harming them, as the penalty is steep for making that choice. You have already been made aware of this fact and there are numerous witnesses to the fact that he had told you that Peyton was his daughter, before these threats were made. You were aware of the fact that she was his daughter when you made the threat, Ms. Turner. The sentence that is carried with this threat, is the same, you just kind of duplicated it. You threatened the incoming Luna of Ever Green, who IS your soon-to-be Luna, as well as the daughter of the current Alpha King. The end result is the same. You are documented saying it, and the penalty for it is death” Leader Miller said.

“That wasn’t me, that was someone else on that video. You can’t prove it was me. I would never say something like that to Peyton. We may not see eye to eye about my losing Percy, but I wouldn’t try to kill her. I have never hurt anyone before in my life” Stephanie cried out in her defense. I guess she suddenly forgot the part when she admitted that it was her, but she was just joking around about it.

“Ms. Turner, you already admitted it, in front of this whole courtroom. You can’t backpedal now with it. You said, it, we all know it was you, and we can bring up witnesses to that effect as well. I was there, I was in the hallway. I saw you screaming your head off and I was looking right at you when you said it. You did it, I can have 5 witnesses up here to testify to it, but it is a documented fact. I can have the audio verified as being you, but you will not be able to refute this fact. Council member Phillips and I both eye witnessed you saying this. As did the Alpha King and Queen, Alpha Heath Poe, Alpha Cameron Adkins, Alpha Tanner Luna Gabi, Percy, and Peyton, were also there, and eye-witnessed it as well” Leader Miller told Stephanie.

“Everyone that you mentioned has someone who is involved with or loves Peyton, of course, they will all lie for her. I am just an Omega nobody cares about, so naturally I will be the one to be punished for something that I never said” Stephanie yelled out into the court.

“Stephanie, I saw you, another Council member saw you, Alpha Cameron saw you. None of us are related to or lying to the court, about this” Leader Miller said.

“I heard you too. I was looking at you screaming your fool head off as you were being taken away because Percy found his mate. You hated losing him, but you lost him the second he found her. You weren’t pining for long because you came right to Dark Savage and hooked up immediately with Jasper, I would know, I felt it. So don’t play like your heart was broken. You don’t have one. You just have an agenda and will do anything to get a higher rank. You are an absolutely disgusting person, and I can’t stand to even look at you. You threatened the nicest person that I have ever met, and I wish I could punch you all over again for your comments” Cassidy told Stephanie as she looked at her with contempt.

“You should talk, you tried to kill me. Because you were mad that I wanted your position as Lead Omega, and with me sleeping with Jasper. You’re just jealous of me. Because he loved me and wanted me. You don’t have anyone who wants you, Cassidy. Peyton just lucked out getting mated to Percy. That is the ONLY reason that he wants her. He liked being with me, he wanted me and came to me on his own. He didn’t have to be made to do it by the Goddess forcing him to want me by making me his mate. He saw me, and he wanted to have a relationship with me. You need to shut the hell up because you don’t have anything to talk to me about. You are the real criminal here, you almost killed me” Stephanie told Cassidy.

“I wish I had started sooner on you Stephanie. You don’t deserve to live with how you act. Rejecting your mate, yea, Stephanie don’t look so shocked. I met him and I know you rejected him, he is still at Ever Green, and he was blessed with a second chance mate. They are perfect together and he realizes what a bullet he dodged with you, he has a nice family now. But you didn’t get a second chance mate, know why? When you abuse what the Goddess gives you as her blessing, she doesn’t give you a second chance. I have a second chance now, and I have never been happier. He didn’t judge me, he knows the pain that I went through, everything that Jasper has put me through. The Goddess finally gave me what I wanted most in my life. Someone who smiles when he sees me and wants to be with me. A mate who doesn’t want to “get something” out of the deal and is happiest when he is with me. Even if I only have a little time with him, I am thankful for the last week since I met him. I will be forever grateful that the Goddess forgave me for my actions and made up for getting Jasper as my first mate. If I had the chance again, I would have accepted his rejection, and run to find Trevor right then. I was just a stupid young girl who really thought that if I became who Jasper wanted, he would finally love me. The truth is, that was never going to happen, because of my rank” Cassidy told Stephanie and we can all see how emotional she is getting speaking her truth.

“Yeah, right, YOU got a second chance mate. After all that you have done. I am calling bullshit on that. There is no way that happened. How? How could you have been forgiven by the Goddess? You are a killer, the only one up here on trial, who killed not one, but two people. You are going to try to lay that bullshit down to us. I am not buying it, not one little bit. You go tell that to someone else because I am quite sure I am not alone in not believing it” Stephanie told her and then started laughing at her. Stephanie was going to

lose that bet. Cassidy had found her second chance mate at Ever Green. Doctor Trevor Williams who had helped get Peyton out of Blood Claw was her second chance mate, and he couldn't be happier about finding her. As a doctor, he knows the kind of trauma that Cassidy went through, the level of pain that she had felt when her mate willingly marked another woman as his chosen mate. He is here today, further back in the courtroom, with warriors around him, in case this goes badly for Cassidy. He agreed to comply with what the Council voted, but I know that it might kill him if she were put to death for her actions. I see her glance back at him and give him a smile before looking back at Stephanie.

“ Now that I have cut Jasper loose, I have a good mate. One who doesn't cheat on me every time I turn around. One that doesn't mark someone else while we are still bound together, not once but twice. That was the only regret that I have in life. That I punished the wrong people. I allowed the pain that was making me go out of my mind, allow me to knowingly kill two women who were only guilty of them wanting my mate. He didn't tell them that he already had a mate, he lied to them, and to me. Telling me that we could be together after he made Carrie his Luna first. I was an i***t, and young, and fell for it. His marking Carrie almost killed me. I really think that was his goal. I bet he was actually counting on his marking her to kill me because we have all heard of cases where it has killed a few she-wolves before. He thought that I would die, because I am just a weak Omega, and then he would be free of our bond. But it didn't kill me. It just broke my heart. The fact that he could do that to me, for him to want me dead, just because I wanted to keep him as my mate. I honestly don't know how I made it through the second time when he marked Jasmine. I was told that I had been out for two weeks. Waking up in the hospital when someone found me passed out in my room when I didn't show up for work the next morning. Jasper Alpha commanded me not to tell anyone that he was my mate, so I couldn't tell them. Even when they both figured it out, and asked me directly, I couldn't tell them. I wish that I had just agreed when he rejected me and left to go find my worthy mate, instead of taking it out on two women who never realized that Jasper was using them for their rank. He did them both wrong too, allowing them both to think that he loved them when he never did. Jasper loves himself, and only wanted to be Alpha King. He is a dangerous man, and I am glad that he got caught before he could put his plan into action. He has hurt so many in his quest for getting more, having more, and for him to be more. He aligned himself with men, and women, to get himself closer to his goal, all because he is power hungry, and he didn't want to just be an Alpha. It wasn't good enough for him” Cassidy told the courtroom, and I could tell how shocked everyone was by her words.

Everyone present was well aware that Christian was already confirmed to be the next Alpha King, he had been since birth. For Jasper to be able to take it over, let everyone present know that he had planned to kill not only Christian but Bryson as well, to take over the position he coveted so much. Gasps rang out all over the room as stunned expressions were seen, and the hall grew to an uproar of people that were angry that Jasper would even think that he was worthy to be the Alpha King. For Jasper to have that level of violence in him, to kill two young men, to take over as Alpha King, showed what kind of a man he really was to everyone here in the courtroom. Everyone is looking at him

now, and I watch both Amanda and Luna Queen DeAnna stand up in the row in front of us. This is about to really go badly for Jasper.

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Jasper's POV

Royal Knight pack

How in the hell did this turn from Stephanie's trial into mine? This is ridiculous, and I am not going to just sit here and take this. Especially from that worthless Omega, Cassidy. She is getting everyone worked up for no reason, she needs to shut her mouth. So, I growled out a warning for her to do just that. I heard a louder growl coming from the back of the seated area, and then the sounds of a scuffle. I raised up in my seat to see what was going on and see a guy that looked about my age dragging four warriors up to the front of the courtroom with him. This must be Cassidy's new mate, it couldn't be anyone else, no one else cared for her like that, as she was unimportant.

He is looking like he wanted to rip my head off, and I wish he would try. He doesn't look that strong, despite dragging those four warriors along with him. I am an Alpha, so I wasn't worried at all. He didn't intimidate me, he would be easy for me to defeat. I see them finally get control of him and convince him to go back to where they had been sitting before. I gave him a smirk and the look he gave me actually scared me. He wanted to hurt me, it was clear all over his face that he couldn't wait to get his hands on me to get vengeance for Cassidy. He didn't know that she wasn't worth it yet.

"You are wrong, Cassidy is important. Plus, I already told you I was not going to let you phase again. So he will be able to hurt you. You cost me, my mate. I always wanted my mate. She was perfect for us, and you kept hurting her. You kept making deals to get you where you wanted to be. How is that working out for you now? You are going to get us both killed you, i***t. I wanted to mark Cassidy, and you were so scared of that happening, that you conned Carrie into becoming your mate. You knew she thought you were attractive and worked it in your favor. Did you know what was going to happen to mate when you marked another? Or did you not care because what YOU want is always the most important? You don't need to answer that. I know the answer, I always have. I hope he tears your throat out and kills you for threatening Cassidy" my wolf Bain linked to me, and he is pissed.

"I didn't threaten her, I just growled so she would know that she needs to shut the hell up and stop throwing me under the bus. She needs to worry about her own self and keep my name off of her lips. My business is NONE of hers and she needs to remember that. We are nothing to each other, I rejected her long ago" I linked back to him.

“Yes, YOU did. But I didn’t. I only wanted my mate. You ruined that for me, and never cared about how I felt about it. I always wanted her. I wanted her to bear my pups, and for us to grow old together. I never wanted any of these women who slept with you because they wanted to be the Luna. I also didn’t want to be with the ones who had fallen for your looks, believing you to be a good and decent man” Bain links me back. He has lost his mind. There is no way I would have allowed Bain to mark our mate, I would have killed her first. He was right, I really thought that since she refused to accept my rejection, I could get it broken by marking another while we were still bound. I was really pissed off that it didn’t actually work, either of the times that I tried it. That b***h just refused to die.

“I knew that already Jasper. You really think that you are fooling someone, but you are not. Remember, we are one and the same moron. I know exactly what you’re thinking. I have known everything this whole time, you have not hidden anything from me. I was just glad to have her around for me to be able to see her, to be able to smell her scent. When you blocked her from me, I would have killed you if I could have. But don’t worry, I am thinking that I might still get my chance. You have taken everything from me, allow me to do the same for you” Bain linked me back, and now I am a little worried. When I was Alpha, I was strong enough to keep him suppressed. Now, I wonder if I am still strong enough. I wonder what he is planning on doing. But I then laugh and brush it off. I have never been in a situation that I couldn’t talk my way out of, so I am not going to worry about that now. I will be just fine.

“Jasper, you are despicable. I cannot believe that you would plan to do such a thing to my mate. I hope you get what you have earned for all your disgusting plans” Christian’s little mate called out to me. I don’t even look her way. I don’t even know her name, and I couldn’t care less what she says. I haven’t admitted to anything. They don’t have any proof anyway, it is just speculation on their part, and I am not worried at all.

“Jasper, if you had hurt either one of my sons, I would have made you sorry. Why wasn’t being Alpha enough for you? That is a great title and something that few get to aspire to. I am appalled that you would make these plans to get Peyton, all in an effort to become the Alpha King. Does life matter so little to you that you would kill two of my three children? To then force my third child into being your mate, against her will? Is being the Alpha King so important to you to do all that? Making all those plans, just to put yourself in a powerful position? I guess that was your plan all along when you found Peyton at 13, I cannot believe that you were OK with thinking about killing my young sons. Are you crazy, Jasper? You can ignore me all you want, but the truth remains. We all know what you were planning to do. Why don’t you just admit it, to all of us?” Luna Queen DeAnna called out to me, but I was not going to respond to her either. I am not going to admit to doing anything or showing any kind of emotion that would make anyone think that what Cassidy had said was true. They don’t know me, and I have the benefit of the doubt to help me get out of this.

“Aren’t you guys supposed to be speaking to Stephanie about her wrongdoing? I want my own trial, and to give my own defense. How is allowing these two women to speak nonsense remotely involved in my alleged charges against me?” I asked the Council. I see

the Alpha King staring directly at me when I turn to look at the Council. I went back to staring at the wall across from me again, keeping my focus on that. I am not going to allow him to get me scared. I just need to get out of this, and then go back and take my pack back from Cameron. He can go back to being my Beta if he can show me that he had not betrayed my loyalty.

“Actually, they are all tied together, Jasper. Remember, you took Stephanie to Ever Green to try to trade her, for Peyton. Or did you choose to forget that you went there and attacked Alpha Heath’s pack? Did you also forget that you sent people onto his packland to spy and try to get information on Peyton? Guard, you bring the witnesses into the courtroom, please? Leader Miller called out to the warrior at the door. The warrior nodded and then went to open the door and I watched as seven people entered the room and were put in the witness box across from me. s**t, this is not good. I saw the spy I sent in first to watch Ever Green, Tina Boxman. I saw my former Beta, Garrett, and Gamma, Andrew, there along with the three warriors that went with them, a tracker, and two strong fighters. I forgot that I had not gotten them back, I guess they had all been caught and had been being interrogated for over 2 months. The last person was Heath, and he was glaring at me. I guess that was why he wasn’t out in the seated area, he was going to speak about me shooting him. I wish I was a better shot now, I had wanted to kill him so badly that day.

Stephanie recognized them too and glanced over at me like I was caught but I didn’t look back at her or react. I am not going to just hand it to him. Cameron was my new Beta, which I had to choose because Garrett had come up missing after he went onto Ever Green territory. I had honestly thought that I would never see any of them again. I kept my face expressionless as they started again.

“Ms. Turner, do you recognize any of the people on the witness stand?” the councilman on the end asked me.

“Yes, I know Alpha Heath, That woman Tina, and the former Beta and Gamma. I don’t know the other three” Stephanie told them.

“Do you know how they came to be found in Ever Green?” the councilman asked.

“There were all at Dark Savage, but after I slipped up and told Jasper that Peyton was at Ever Green, he sent the woman in to gather information on Peyton. The Beta and Gamma were still at the Dark Savage pack until the day that Jasper told me that we were going to go to the Ever Green pack to get me and Peyton traded out. But Percy wouldn’t come out, and Peyton never came to the gate. That was the day that Jasper shot Heath. I didn’t know that he was going to shoot anyone” Stephanie told them, and of course, another gasp went around the courtroom at me having shot Heath. I mean I got shot as well that day, he wasn’t the only one that had been shot. One of his snipers shot me too. I wish she would shut the hell up, but she knows that I won’t be helping her out in this, so she is willing to take me down with her. I take my focus off the wall and start staring directly at her, in the hopes that she will shut the hell up with her talking when she sees my face. She can take a hint, but she is not looking at me, she is focused on the people in the witness box.

“Ms. Turner, do you know, of your own personal knowledge, if Jasper gave them instructions to do that, or if they were acting on their own?” the same councilman asked her.

“I wasn’t in the room with them, but I know that he had a meeting with Beta Garrett, and Gamma Andrew before I was able to bring his lunch into his office. They seemed serious when they left the office, but I didn’t hear the plans they had made. I can tell you though that whenever Jasper left the pack, he always had one or both of them with him, and this time he didn’t. He had also told me on the way there that we needed to cause a disturbance at the front gate, so his men could get in the Ever Green pack. He thought they might hide Peyton away, and so he had a team going in to try to get her back while we distracted Heath at the front gate” Stephanie told the Council, and I was gritting my teeth at how stupid she was. She just told them that she was an accomplice in the attack, why is she so stupid? She isn’t just condemning me, but herself, as well.

“Stephanie is right, he doesn’t go anywhere alone, he will always have at least his Beta, or his Gamma with him” Cassidy pipes up, and I turned to glare at her too.

“Thank you, ladies, we will go now to the video evidence now,” the councilman said, and I wonder what they are talking about. There are two 85-inch TVs hanging from the ceiling of the courtroom and they both come on with the same video so everyone can see them in the gallery, one on either side of the aisle. They also have one that sits at the back of the room playing the same video so the Council could watch as well.

I watch as I see Tina’s face pop up on the screen, and we all listened to what she said. It wasn’t good. She completely threw me under the bus. I mean I knew she was here for the last couple of months, but I honestly couldn’t get her back in my pack. I had lawyers working on it, but with her literally caught trespassing and then sent to the Royal Knight pack. I had no way of getting her back. She had told them everything, that I had been sleeping with her too, and our pillow talks as well. That was the worst part, as I had indeed told her that I had not cared for either of my Luna’s. That I was just trying to get a strong heir from one or the other of them. Hearing the parents of Carrie, and Jasmine, growling at me as Tina admitted that I just “needed someone in a higher rank in the Luna position, and didn’t care who it was” did not go over well either. It is like someone is trying to ruin me. No one will want to have a treaty with me once this is done, I will be on my own with my pack. She told them about my thoughts and feelings about other Alphas and Betas, and they weren’t good opinions. How I thought that I can get almost any woman to fall in love with me using my looks. I took a quick look at the gallery, and they were all intently watching the screens transfixed at what she was saying.

Both my former Beta and Gamma told me about how I lied to them and told them that it was a rescue mission to get my true mate back and that they had no idea that she was mated to Percy. They were going in on my Alpha orders, and I wonder how they got them released from my Alpha order to keep their mouths quiet about that. I glanced over and see King Sebastian looking at me with a smile on his face, and I know that he overrode the command. He knew what I had done, and he took my command off of them. I had promised them too that if they had gotten caught doing what I asked them to, I would get

them out of it. I lied to them too. I guess their being in cells for two months let them know that I wasn't the trustworthy Alpha that I led them to think that I was. They told everyone the plan that I gave them, that I sent them in with a tracker, and two warriors to try to take Peyton from the pack when they found her, but they were all caught while still trying to get near the packhouse. Heath was looking at me smiling and I knew that he knew. He knew that I had sent them into the pack already and probably caught them pretty quickly. The tracker and warriors were also on record and testified against me too, and now I am kicking myself for not just telling the Beta and Gamma to relay my instructions. Now they are swearing in their testimony about the words that I said to them, and it is looking pretty bad for me.

I did tell them that they needed to be gentle and not hurt her, I knew that she was going to be scared of being taken, and I didn't want her more upset than she was already going to be. I turned to look at Peyton to see if she would appreciate me caring about her treatment and saw Percy reaching forward and gently squeezing her shoulder to let her know that he was there. I glared at him for touching her, she was not supposed to belong to him. He then gave me a smile and then leaned forward to give her a kiss on her mark, and she gave a quick shudder at his action. I am clenching my fists so hard now that my nails are breaking the skin. I wanted her first, she was mine, not his. She should have always been mine. I see that both Carrie's parents and Jasmine's parents are looking at Peyton, and then they all turned back to look at me, and they are furious. I can tell that they want me dead. When I go back to Dark Savage, I am going to start making them all pay, starting with Percy. Then I will kill Heath, King Sebastian, my Beta Cameron for trying to take over my pack, and then all of those traitors on the witness stand that couldn't keep their damn mouths shut. Oh yeah, and then I will take care of Cassidy and Stephanie if they don't get put to death. Both of them are ruining this for me, making me look bad, and getting into my business. They need to keep their mouths shut if they know what is good for them.

"You are fooling yourself if you think that you will be going back to Dark Savage, Jasper. You are no longer Alpha there, you have been replaced, and I don't think that you will have to worry about anything else pretty soon" Bain tells me through mindlink.

"Are you threatening me Bain?" I linked him back.

"No, I am promising you, that since you ruined my life, and lost my mate to us, I am going to now ruin yours. I hope you are planning on meeting the Goddess soon a*****e because I have no interest in living without my beautiful mate. Just remember, you brought all of this on yourself" Bain tells me and recedes to the back of my mind again.

That was not an idle threat. He is serious, and now I am worried.

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Cassidy's POV

Royal Knight pack

I don't care what the outcome here is today. I still had almost two whole wonderful weeks with my mate, so I can die a happy woman. I just want to make sure that Jasper gets what is coming to him, especially for all that he ended up doing to Peyton. He is at the root of how her life ended up being so messed up. I will accept my punishment, as I was wrong for what I did. I know that the Goddess forgave me by allowing me to even have a second chance mate. I had already explained to Trevor that if I am sentenced to death, I will accept it. I also told him that if the Goddess sees fit to allow me to live, I will help him in the hospital for the rest of my days. I had already been out there and helped him get a lot of things updated and everything in the hospital was straighter than they were before. My gift is to see where things can be improved, and get it done. It was why my kitchen at Dark Savage was so well designed. I may not be a doctor, but I am very good at optimizing areas to be run the very best that they can be.

I am trying to hide my smile as I watch all six of the witnesses in the box from Dark Savage, turn on him. It was good to see them tell the truth about what he did and has been doing for years. He deserves this. He lied to all of them, telling them that they would be OK, using their faith in him being a good man and willing to help them if they got caught. They knew it now, he lied to all of them. They were just pawns he used to get his agenda done. They failed, and he left them there to rot. He could not get them out of it, because what he sent them in there to do, was illegal. It violated many laws, and I am so glad that they told the truth. I am glad that moron Stephanie told the Council too. She never realized that she put herself in as an accessory to shooting Heath. Whether he forced her to go or if she had gone voluntarily herself, she was a part of it and will be going down with him.

I watched as the screen changed and others started their testimony. This one was going to be hard. I glanced at Peyton and gave her a smile, as we all heard Alpha James tell everyone what he had been led to do. He didn't sugarcoat it, he accepted all the blame. But anyone who heard what he said could hear the pain in his voice, at losing his Luna, whom he loved so well. He felt sick about his actions now, but he told them truthfully what all Peyton had experienced at his hands. Because of him losing his Luna, and because of Fallon leading him to blame Peyton for the whole thing. I could see his new Luna reach over and hold his hand tightly in hers, I could see tears in both their eyes at hearing him admit to all he had done to her. To hear him say that it had been Jasper's men on his property, but he had their bodies burned before it could have been proven by the Council. But the men's faces were all saved in his memories of that fateful day.

We all watched as Beta Mitchell spoke about what happened and what he had seen that day. He told us all that he had maintained Peyton's innocence the whole time and never realized that his own daughter was the one who had started that ball rolling. Both with Jasper's old Beta at the mall, the same man who was killed trying to take Peyton at Blood Claw, and then going to the video that had Alpha James picking out the men from the book from Jasper's office, then Beta Mitchell doing it as short time later, and picking the same

men too. We all watched as Peyton did the same thing, picking out the men in question. The video then changed to Fallon admitting what she had done in the mall and then her telling Jasper's Beta exactly where Peyton was. Then Fallon told the whole courtroom that he had paid her \$20,000 for her to tell him where Peyton was, for him to go and ambush her. I see my second chance mate up on the screen next telling how bad the abuse that Peyton had suffered was. Then the video cuts over to see all the "files" of her injuries, that were not in a regular folder, but inside binders from all her injuries. The shock that ran through the room was palpable. They all knew that she should have been dead. They all also knew that she would never have experienced any of it if Jasper hadn't decided that he wanted to be the next Alpha King and that he was going to physically take it over.

I looked over at Jasper and see him looking in shock at all the injuries that Peyton had sustained, and he now realized what she had been put through. All the pain and suffering that she had endured, because of his wanting to be Alpha King caused her. I could hear sobbing as Luna Queen DeAnna thought about all that her daughter had been through. It was heartbreaking, and I started tearing up too. Everything that Peyton has gone through, and yet she is here to support me, to try to help me, and I don't deserve it. This sweet girl went through enough already and I glanced over at her to let her know that she doesn't have to. She has been through enough, I appreciate all that she did for me. Her saving my life just could never be repaid. I felt like me dying the same way that I had killed Luna Carrie, and Luna Jasmine was the form of justice that I had earned from my actions. To die in the same pain as they were in, to experience the same thing that they felt, that was only fair. Peyton just shakes her head no at me, knowing what I am trying to tell her. She then gives me a smile. She is so stubborn, but she is still going to try to help me. Despite the fact that I do not deserve her help.

The screen changes to blank and Council member Teresa Phillips stands up with Peyton and they start walking toward the front of the room. I see Stephanie and her lawyer get up from the table and then he motions for her to go back to her chair nearest the door that they came in. Peyton then motions me to come and sit at the table. Peyton sits down in the chair next to me, and Teresa stands in front of the table to speak. I watch as the witness box clears of the six members from Dark Savage, with Heath remaining seated. I watch as the four women who had come in with Teresa and Peyton, go up to the witness box now. I guess this is my turn and I am scared. I know what I did deserve to get, death. I deserved to die again, but after finding my mate, I wanted to live. I want to bear his pups and I want to grow old with Trevor. I turn to look at him again, and my eyes filled with tears as he smiles and nods encouragingly at me. He is supporting me, and he loves me. I gave Carrie and Jasmine's parents an apologetic look as tears start rolling out of my eyes as I turn to face the Council. I can never make it up to them. I can never make it right for them. My heart is breaking for them to have to relieve this again. All because of my actions.

"We will be giving all of the sentences out at the end of this trial. Stephanie had her chance to speak. This will be the trial for Cassidy Bridges now. We have both video statements, and witnesses here as well. Please start your defense Council Member Phillips" Leader Miller told the gallery, and the room was silent. It was rare, almost unheard of for a member of the Council to be the defense at a trial. This was only the

second time in the 200-plus years that the Council has been formed that it was happening. The first time the council members who are present have experienced it, as the last time it happened was about 120 years ago.

“I am not here in official Council capacity today. Although you will see my video play later, as well as my opinion on the judgment that I feel, should be given here. I know that we all have opinions formed on what the judgment should be in this case, but I want you to please listen and take into account what you will be hearing from me, and my witnesses today” Council Member Phillips started out, continuing to speak about crime, and punishment, and to be honest, it didn’t always sound like this is going to be good for me at all. Peyton squeezed my hand under the desk and the Alpha King smiled at me, but my guilt was eating me alive. This was the whole reason that I had poisoned myself. For me to die fairly, just as I took their lives away, I took my own life away too, experiencing all their fear, pain, and worry as I knew exactly what it was that I had done, and what was going to happen to me because of it.

The first lady spoke from the witness stand as she relayed who she was, and why she was there. Her name was Angie and she started speaking quietly, looking at the floor, and telling her story. She was an Omega too, she had been rejected as well for being weak, not a high enough rank for her warrior Trainor mate. He had rejected her, but she begged him to just give her a week, for him to try to fall in love with her. He had a girlfriend already, another warrior. He gave her three days and then on the 4th day since he was not as adamant about rejecting her as he was at the beginning, Angie thought that he was actually going to give her a chance. Then the pain came from his betrayal. He was sleeping with his girlfriend, who had already told Angie the day before that she could not have him. The girlfriend told Angie that she would be keeping her boyfriend. Angie described the pain from the betrayal.

I could hear sobs from behind us as any woman who had been rejected remembers that pain. That grows and keeps growing until you almost wish to beg for death to come and take you then, so you don’t have to feel it anymore. She then looked up and right at Jasper to describe the pain of the biggest betrayal there was. When she had felt him make another his chosen mate. The searing pain in her neck, added to the pain in her abdomen and heart causing her heart rate to skyrocket and then knock her out cold. She glanced around the gallery, and then back to the Council before telling them, “I have had broken bones, and I can handle pain. As Omegas we do the bulk of the work. We are not weak. We get cut, burnt, and seriously hurt, more than anyone else in the pack. I have never felt that kind of pain ever before, or ever again. I would not wish it on another. It is the ultimate betrayal, 10 times worse than childbirth. I did not want to come today. I do not like to talk about it. Ever. But to hear this poor woman experienced it, not once, but twice, that level of betrayal. It is a wonder that she is not dead. Once almost killed me, I cannot for the life of me think about experiencing it twice”

The three other women all gave their stories, and although most reasons for the rejection were because they were thought of as weak, or not powerful, the pain threshold was described as the same for the other three women too. How they wouldn’t wish it on an enemy, and all agreed on how they couldn’t believe that I had survived it twice. Clearly,

the Goddess had plans for me, for some reason. Teresa then switched to the videos from the two women who couldn't make it here today. All of the stories had been painful to hear, and numerous women present had felt the pain of rejection. But of the ten known cases of women who had their mates mark another, while the bond was intact, only six of the ten women were still alive. The pain of the ultimate betrayal had killed the other four women.

That was the fact that Council Member Phillips pointed out. As well as telling the gallery that many more women had been suspected of dying from this over the years. That death had been reported, as any deaths with no clear cause, had to be reported to the Werewolf Council. She told the gallery that a cause was something like a car accident, an attack by rogues, or an attack by another pack member. Something that could be proven as the reason for the death. She brought out a folder and then took the papers inside of it out, and a video rolled above as Teresa told the gallery about how over 300 women in the last 20 years have been dying mysteriously. That over 200 of the deaths that she had been following had occurred in the last 10 years. How she started looking into these "mysterious" deaths as she built cases up.

She made good points about how it was usually occurring to lower ranks she-wolves, who just mysteriously died, and yet for no apparent reason. How when she got to the packs, to speak with the ranked wolves to question the death, no one there knew anything about why, but in almost every case that she had investigated that either the Delta, Gamma, Beta, or Alpha, had coincidentally just recently marked a chosen mate. How instead they could have just rejected the mate, and wanted for them to accept it, or ask for an intervention by the Council.

"This is all documented, and I can provide proof of all that I am saying to you. In recent years, it has become acceptable for the higher-ranked wolves to want to ignore the gift of the Goddess mate, for a chosen mate. For whatever reason. I am here today to say that this has got to stop. These people did not know more than the Goddess did. She puts mates together for a reason, we may not always know what the reason is, but unless they are abusive, your mate is the best person for you. I am going to put together a law for it to be a punishable offense for this to continue. We are losing numbers quickly, and for what? Because you wanted someone hotter? Thinner? Not a redhead? It is ridiculous what these women had been put through, all because someone with power decided they didn't want their true mate. I want to make it so that if this continues to happen when we come to investigate it, and we know what happened, they will get stripped of their rank" Teresa's voice rang out, with gasps again running through the room at the extreme measures that they thought that she was taking. But I thought that it was great. Something needs to change, we have value, even if the higher ranks choose to ignore the bond.

Teresa looked around at the gallery, with several people now nodding their heads in agreement with what she was proposing. I see that Jasmine's mom and Carrie's mom are now looking at me with tears in their eyes and whispering to their husbands. Teresa gave a pregnant pause and then started speaking again, "I know that some of you think that may be a little harsh. But 300 women have died, I believe because of this happening to them, the horrible pain that they were in, literally broke their hearts and killed them.

Women who didn't deserve the hand that they were dealt. Who deserved to love and be loved in return. This will only be for when the sentence is earned. When a higher-ranked wolf decides to mark another, while still bound to their mate. There is no reason for anyone else to ever have to die again over this. We can form a committee to go to packs to mediate, for the rejection to be worked through and resolved, or for the rejection to be accepted. One way or another, this will have to be done, because I can no longer sit back and watch women being allowed to keep dying over and over again. All because some jerk decided that he knew better than the Goddess. It needs to stop, it HAS to stop. The cost has become too high".

"I would like to say something to the Council, and King Sebastian, if I could" Carries mother stood up, along with her mate.

I am frozen in my seat. I am scared to look at them, as my guilt at what I had put them through was washing over me like a wave. I looked down at the table and closed my eyes waiting to hear them condemn me for my actions.

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Peyton's POV

Royal Knight pack

It has been hard to hold it together for Cassidy's defense. I had been rejected too, and the pain of it hurts you to your core. It stays with you, even if you get blessed with a second chance mate. I can remember Timothy's rejection like it had just happened to me yesterday. In my therapy sessions when we were working through it, my therapist told me that even though I couldn't prevent it, it wasn't all a bad thing. To look at it from the Goddess's standpoint. Originally, I was indeed created to be Timothy's mate. The situation changed though, it changed because Timothy changed with the pain of losing his mother. Then changed even more with his being allowed to do whatever he wanted to do, with no consequences or correction.

That changed him from the man that he was originally supposed to be, into someone else. Into someone who thought that it was OK to take another man's mate, even though I had already been marked by Percy. Timothy made some real mistakes in his life, but I do think that when I accepted his rejection in the kitchen that it truly hurt him. That he was thinking about the mistake that he made, rejecting me. That he did want me on some level, but just wasn't brave enough to stand up to the pack that had abused me for so long to do it. He just went the easy route, to not cause any waves, and I am so thankful for his rejecting me. After all that he had done to me at Blood Claw, and taking Fallon as his chosen mate, when he knew I was his mate. I am just thankful that at least he didn't try to mark her before he tried to reject me.

I heard the testimony that those ladies gave. Their words were real, and heart-wrenching. You could feel the pain that they still felt from it. The fact that all six of them were so careful to note that as much as they went through with their rejections, Cassidy suffered more than them. All of the women left the pack that they were in after their mate marking their chosen mates. Usually because seeing their mate with their chosen would hurt them too much, seeing them together day after day, and building a family with the she-wolf who took their mate. They all ended up accepting the rejection though, none of them wanted to keep any further connection. Cassidy though was still bound to Jasper as her mate and had felt the betrayal each and every time he slept with someone in the pack. They were all amazed at her strength. They all had noted that, in both the live testimony and the two that had recorded theirs, to try to help her. It spoke volumes to the courtroom about how much respect they had for her, to have survived all that she had with Jasper. It was also clear to the courtroom that it was his plan to try to kill her by marking another, on both occasions. He was angry that it hadn't worked. He should have learned from that, that maybe she wasn't as weak as he thought she was.

I was scared for Cassidy when Carrie's parents stood up to address the Council. I can imagine what they want to say. I can also imagine the horrible amount of pain that comes with losing your child. For them to lose their only daughter, had to have been a nightmare for them. We are not downplaying that at all. We are trying to show that Jasper's actions were the reason that she had been driven out of her mind, in her pain, in her grief, and in an effort to make it stop. She just picked the wrong people to poison. It was Jasper who hurt her so much, so she should have killed him. But with their bond as true mates still in place, Cassidy couldn't bring herself to do it. She loved him so much, she just couldn't kill him, no matter how much pain and anguish he put her through. It wasn't right what she had done, but just thinking about how many she-wolves he had slept with there at Dark Savage. How many times she had felt his betrayal, the pain coming, over and over again. It really is a testimony to her strength that she was functioning as well as she is.

"You are free to speak," Council Lead Miller told her.

"We are Laura and Peter Henderson, Beta's at the Wind Song pack, and Carrie was our daughter. She was a beautiful girl, happy and kind. She had developed a crush on Alpha Jasper when she first saw him at 16 for a training event. She knew he was not her mate when he approached her a few years later and started to court her. She did not lie to us about him not being her mate. She told us that even though she respected the mate bond, she was willing to be with Jasper for the rest of her life. That if she ever met her mate, she would reject him. We knew it was a bad idea, that there is nothing better for you than your mate, but she would not listen to what we were telling her. She insisted on being his Luna, so we allowed her to become his chosen mate. We were not worried for her, we have known him for numerous years, and have had many dealing with him, and his pack. He seemed to be a good man, and she was a strong Beta female" Mrs. Henderson had to stop talking as her voice broke, and we knew that she was getting emotional. Her husband rubbed her back gently and held her as she tried to calm herself down. There was silence as we all waited for her to be able to speak again.

“We had asked Jasper before we allowed them to get married, we specifically asked if he had found his mate yet. He told us that he had not, and that was why he was picking a chosen mate. One that he found to be beautiful and strong and be able to provide Dark Savage with strong heirs. We believed him. He lied right to our faces and never gave any inkling that he wasn’t telling us the truth. We wouldn’t have allowed it if he had just told us the truth, and our daughter would still be alive. I am disgusted by the callousness of your actions Jasper. How you could not just hurt your true mate, over and over again, but deliberately try to kill her by marking a chosen mate. Are you not aware that Cassidy could have provided you with strong pups? Or were you just so focused on her being an Omega, that you just couldn’t see past it? You did this, you are the sole person responsible for my daughter’s death. If she could have ignored your charm and good looks, she would still be alive today, and I would have some grandpups. You took that away from me, from us. I will not forgive you or let this go. Your actions and lies are the reason for Carrie’s death. I do not want that young woman punished any further for Carrie’s sake. Cassidy has suffered enough, more than two lifetimes, because of this” she paused trying to think of a word strong enough to describe Jasper, but ended up shaking her head and then nodding to the Council before sitting back down.

“We would like to say something too, if we may” a strong voice rang out in the courtroom. It was Jasmine’s dad Beta Mixon from the Dark Shadows pack.

“While I agree that this poor woman has suffered a great deal, she still killed our daughter. I wish I could give her full grace, or a full pardon, and say that we understood, but I can’t. She had a choice, she could have left the situation that she was in. But she didn’t, and she was the one who took our daughter’s life. My wife, Brenda, who you need to thank because she knows the pain of rejection. I think you and your excuse are just a convenient lie, but my wife assures me that it is not. She had to go through it herself, as we are second-chance mates. She understands the pain that you went through, as her true mate cheated on her, multiple times, trying to force her into accepting his rejection. Which I am happy that she did. She does not know the pain of having your mate mark another, while still bonded to you. That is your saving grace, as she believes what these ladies have told us today. I still think that some form of punishment is required here. I know you feel bad about it, I can tell that you are being honest in your feelings of regret, and I see that you are acknowledging your wrongdoing. That will not bring my baby girl back to life though, will it? I do not think that you should be put to death for it, as your actions, although premeditated, stemmed from the pain that Jasper put you through at Dark Savage. I believe that originally you were planning on killing Jasper. That way if he changed you could pull back on your plan” Beta Mixon stopped speaking and looked to his wife. We could all tell that he was overcome with emotions on this. The pain that they still felt was palpable in the room. Jasmine’s death was more recent and still very fresh in their minds. I bet you never get over the pain of losing your child. He squeezes his mate’s hand, and then straightens his shoulders, and started talking again.

“I place the full blame though, on Alpha Jasper. He lied to us, and our daughter, to get us to agree for Jasmine to be his chosen mate. She saw what she wanted to see. He was attractive to her, and she fell hard for him. She fell for his charming words, and actions toward her. She spoke to her mother every day on the phone, and he cheated on her and

didn't attempt to hide it from Jasmine that he had. It was like a switch was flipped about a month after she got to Dark Savage. He became another man, one that she no longer wanted to be with, but was ashamed of her choice at having accepted being his chosen Luna. It was like now that she was there, he didn't care about her anymore. That her whole purpose was just for her to give him an heir. I didn't know, and it took two more months of it happening before she told her mother what was going on. She was humiliated by what had happened as she had been waiting on her true mate when he in and swept her off her feet. She did not deserve what happened to her, she loved him, and he deliberately broke her heart. I came here originally to make sure that both he and Cassidy were given the death penalty for their actions. But after hearing the testimony of these women and hearing my mate's thoughts on it. I am OK with what the court decides to do for Cassidy. I will never get my daughter back. I only hope that Jasmine thinks that what I am doing was fair and just. She was a sweet girl, and she figured it out. She told her mother that he had lied to her, that he did have a mate, one that his wolf wanted, but one that Jasper refused to accept. She felt terrible at what had happened, and I believe that she would have wanted us to allow this woman to have a happy life, with her second chance mate. I will defer to your sentence, I just wanted to speak for my daughter. Her life was cut short because Jasper wanted someone young, that he could control because there was no bond there. He picked innocent young women and preyed on them. He is a deceitful man and has hurt so many. I pray that it ends here, today, as he should not be allowed to harm anyone else" Beta Mixon finished, and he and his wife sat down. Everyone could see the pain that they were going through from this, and my heart breaks for them. But I am very glad at what he said, both sets of parents were going to be OK with the verdict. They were not going to pursue the death penalty for Cassidy. That is a good thing.

"I wanted to say one more thing in Cassidy's defense. It isn't widely known, but it may bring some peace to these two families here that lost their daughters. Cassidy was overcome with guilt. She knew what she had done was wrong, and she used the same poison on her own self because she wanted to die, for having taken her anger out on Carrie and Jasmine. She realized too late that she should have just accepted the rejection and left Dark Savage, but she had nowhere to go, no friends, or family to help her. She drank the same poison that she had been giving them, in a much higher dose, and she did indeed die. She died in front of a number of people; including myself, Leader Miller, King Sebastian, Peyton, and a number of witnesses who are also present in this room. She is only alive because Peyton jumped in and saved her with her healing power. Cassidy knew that she deserved to be punished, and she went through the same things that both girls experienced with their death. She did get punishment, at her own hands. She was then brought back by a kindhearted girl, one who knew the pain of rejection and couldn't live with herself if she didn't try to save Cassidy. I wanted you to all be aware of that, as it wasn't known. I happen to agree with what Beta Mixon said. I believe that this whole thing had been caused by Jasper. So, I am good to leave my vote for the death penalty for Jasper himself. I believe that Cassidy has suffered enough at his hands for several lifetimes, and as the Council goes to take into account what the witnesses have said. The facts as they have been given to you should stand for themselves, especially the fact that she was willing to kill herself, to make it right. Please acknowledge what the families have also said, which is now a matter of note as the proceedings are all being audio and

video recorded. I personally believe in my heart, that the Goddess has forgiven Cassidy. It is rare to receive a second chance mate, especially for an Omega-ranked wolf. But Cassidy has received her second chance mate. We all know that mates are gifts straight from the Goddess. This is a clear indication that the Goddess knew Cassidy's heart, and knew she really felt bad for her actions. If the Goddess can forgive Cassidy. Remembering that we all know that the Goddess knows much more than we do. Who are we to further punish Cassidy?" Council member Phillips finished speaking and looked around the gallery. She turned to the front and had the tech then play her recorded video.

We all hear her voice ring out into the hall speaking her opinion of what has happened, and her defense, laid out clearly and concisely for all to hear it. She speaks with no emotions, just telling the facts, and then why she believes that Cassidy should be spared. I glanced over at Jasper who is livid. I see him clenching and unclenching his hands, and I know for a fact that he is about to lose it in the courtroom. I am worried about Cassidy. His eyes keep going back and forth between Teresa, and Cassidy like he doesn't know who to attack first. I can see that his wolf is close to the surface, but his wolf is not going to allow him to attack Cassidy. I can see where the problem lies now. Just like in my situation, the wolf wanted his true mate. He never wanted anyone else, and Jasper wanted a ranked wolf. He was able to suppress his wolf, probably because he was an Alpha. But with him stripped of his rank now, I am interested in seeing how this ends up playing out for him. Since people can hear Teresa's voice all around the room, some have started watching Jasper too. They include my dad and Percy, who are both ready to leap to my defense at a moment's notice if needed. But I don't think that he will be coming for me. I think that he will be trying to hurt either Teresa or Cassidy, depending on who wins this battle of the will going on inside Jasper.

I feel bad for his wolf having to live with Jasper, all these years wanting his mate and Jasper refusing to allow it. It must have been so hard for him. I feel a tear falling as I remember how much Malachi loved and wanted me. How Timothy had to leave the pack early because he knew that it was a matter of time before Malachi was going to try to mark and mate me. How I wasn't good enough for Timothy to want to accept me. I look forward and I see from my dad's face, he knew exactly what I was thinking about. He glanced back to Jasper to watch for any aggressive moves on his part. Teresa's video comes to a close, and silence is all over the room. No one is speaking because we are all waiting on Jasper to do whatever it is that he is fighting over.

We see his head come up and I gasped as I see that Jasper has won the battle of control for the moment. I see his eyes narrow on Cassidy, and I know that he is about to attack her. His intent is clear. He didn't get to kill her before, so now he is going to try again before he loses his own life. He is cuffed to the chair, but the chair, although heavy, is not fixed in place. He jumps forward dragging it behind him screaming, "This is all your fault, Cassidy. I am so sick of you and you're wanting to stay with me. I rejected you for a reason. You are a worthless she-wolf, and I am going to kill you, just like I should have years ago"

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Jasper's POV

Royal Knight pack

I am done with this s**t. I already know that they want to kill me. I know what “judgment” they want to pass down. I have been paying attention here. I guess everyone here wants me dead. Well, fine then. I will go ahead and take Cassidy out first, then they can kill me, for killing her. But she will be dying before I do, and that is enough for me. I leaped forward screaming at her, and I see Peyton trying to pull Cassidy out of her chair and away from me. I go to pounce on top of Cassidy and then I run into a wall. I bounced back, falling to the floor, looking up in surprise, as there is literally nothing there. Nothing is blocking my way. What the hell is going on here? I get up quickly and try again, breaking the arm off the chair, as Bain won't let me phase. I was just going to use my claws to cut her throat out, but that a*****e refuses to cooperate with me. He won't let me hurt her when she is the only option available to hurt here. If I were to kill Council member Phillips, they would keep me alive for months, torturing me as punishment, until I welcomed death. The same with Peyton, plus she has suffered enough.

I am blocked from getting to Cassidy, it is like there is an invisible bubble surrounding Cassidy, Peyton, and Council member Phillips. This is witchcraft, and I can't get past it, but my anger won't abate. I just start hitting the arm of the chair on the invisible barrier over and over again, before turning to try to see who is doing this. I don't have to look far. I see Dawson and Percy both standing protectively in front of a slim woman with purple eyes, and there is my tip-off. Those purple eyes are a sure sign of a dirty freaking witch. Why is she even allowed to be in here? She does not belong here, in this pack, or in this courtroom. I decided that I will take care of her first, and then come back and take care of Cassidy. I change up my attack and jump over the half wall and run towards them, they are on the second row, so they are very close when I am suddenly floating in the air, unable to move and she just uses her hand to send me back to where I was sitting before, just hovering in the air. She did not set me down, and I know that she won't unless one of the Council members tells her to do so.

I hover for a little while before I get lowered back to the floor, I see Leader Miller nodding to the witch. When my feet hit the floor, I realized that I am suddenly calm. Like all the anger that I had just felt, was gone, and in its place peace. I bet she did that too, maybe to calm me down, or to make it to where Bain had a shot at getting to come forward, and he took the opportunity. I suddenly realized that Bain has completely taken over now. I am being pushed back into the background as he looks over at Cassidy. I already know what this i***t is about to do, and I fight as hard as I can to take back over, but it is too late. Bain is in control now, and he is not going to give it back up until he says his piece.

“Peyton has suffered enough, really? What about what all you did to our mate? Cassidy has suffered enough too. So, stop trying to attack her, and go sit down” Bain linked to me, and I growled in frustration.

“There is no other option Bain. I won’t allow her to be free to live a good life, she doesn’t deserve it. She is the reason that they came to Dark Savage. Her killing my Luna’s was the whole reason that they even came to the Dark Savage pack in the first place. They are all against me, they have wanted to strip me of my title for a long time now” I linked him back.

“No, it was your actions, Jasper. Your actions were the reason that they came to the gate. Then they saw what was happening and stepped in to stop it. But this is ALL on you Jasper. All of it. All Cassidy did was love us, when you did everything that you could to hurt her, over and over again. I warned you what would happen. So this time you can take a back seat and watch the show like I usually have to” Bain linked me back.

“I have something to say to you all. I don’t know how much time I have. My name is Bain, and I am Jasper’s wolf. He will never tell you the truth, but I warned him what would happen if he lost my mate. I knew what he was trying to do when he marked the other two Luna’s. He honestly thought that Cassidy was weak when she is not. She was our perfect mate, and I wanted her. I always wanted you Cassidy, but he fought me. He was after power and becoming much more than the Goddess wanted for him. He made plans, bad ones, and I will answer all your questions before he takes back over. I do not know how much time I have, but I wanted you to know that I am sorry Cassidy. I am sorry that I was not strong enough to get you marked and mated. To fully make you ours, in every sense of the word. But I couldn’t, he would have killed you if I had. It was better for me to be able to get to see you, and scent you every day than if Jasper had killed you because I took you as our mate. I didn’t want to lose you, I never did, and yet, here we are, because of his actions. He did try to kill you, Cassidy, every time that he marked another, he was hoping that it would kill you. He had a friend that was an Alpha whose true mate refused to accept the rejection and his marking his chosen Luna killed her. That was 9 years ago, and probably the reason for the upswing in “undetermined” deaths. His name is Roderick Peters, and he is still the Alpha of the Rising Sun pack if you want to speak to him Council member Phillips” Bain tells the courtroom and then looks around. I see when he stops on Peyton, and I try again to stop him. He is telling everything. We have a fight for dominance, but I cannot subdue him right now. Something is preventing me from being able to take back control from him, and I fear by the time I can take control back over, it will be way too late for me to save us.

“Peyton, I am truly sorry that you went through all that you did. When Jasper saw you bring that bird back to life, something in him decided that if he had you as his mate, then he could be the next Alpha King. He made some very bad plans, for your brothers and for you. He was at least going to wait until you were 18 to mate him, that was the only good thing that he had planned, but knowing Jasper he probably wouldn’t have waited. He was going to have held you underground, hidden away with no interaction with anyone other than him, while your family searched for you. He was not going to bring you out of hiding until you were completely under his full control. Alpha Cameron, there is a small push

button on the right side of the fireplace inside the Alpha's office. It is on the mantle and near the wall, on the right-hand side. You will be able to find the hidden room by pushing that button. You can send your Beta to check right now if you want, just have them video it, so you can give it to the council for evidence" Bain gave a tight smile to Peyton, and she seemed upset. Maybe the thought of being hidden underground was worse than what she had endured. I am screaming at Bain to shut the hell up, and he just keeps talking. He is going to get up both killed. What is he thinking? he is worse than Cassidy and Council member Phillips.

"He should never have gotten away with all he did, but his Beta was approached in the mall, with Fallon giving the information to him about your whereabouts. Jasper had planned the extraction, and they all thought that she was just going to be handed over. No one expected Luna Victoria, or Peyton's security to fight to the death over her. That was an accident, and I want to apologize to you as well Alpha James, as we all know that it pushed you both into a very dark place. You probably would have been OK, except for Fallon being so jealous. King Sebastian and Queen DeAnna, I am sorry for the pain that you went through when you were told that she had died in that attack. We didn't know whether she had survived, we didn't know if she was alive or dead, and Jasper couldn't say anything for fear of incriminating himself. Everyone honestly thought that she was dead, so we all moved forward with that thought. If we had suspected that she was still alive, I guarantee you that Jasper would have attacked Blood Claw, to get her back" Bain stopped again to look around to see who else he needed to apologize to, he stopped on the parents of the Luna's.

"I am sorry for your loss as well. Jasper picked them because he knew Carrie had a crush on him, and it didn't take much to get her to agree with becoming his chosen. She wanted to be his Luna, but he shouldn't have lied to her, or you, about not having a mate. We did, Jasper just didn't want her. He just said that Cassidy didn't have a good enough pedigree to be his mate. Despite the Goddess gifting her to us. Jasmin also liked Jasper, so it was easy to charm her as well. A handsome face and charming words can go far in getting women to fall in love with you. Carrie figured it out too. Even though Jasper had Alpha commanded Cassidy not to ever admit it, both the Lunas in fact ended up figuring it out. Sometimes I could force control over Jasper, and they could then tell that I loved Cassidy. They did ask her, repeatedly, but she was not allowed to admit that she was our mate. Jasper almost drove her mad with all that he did to her. She went through so much, and for him to think that she was weak, he is absolutely mistaken. She is strong, and he messed everything up by not seeing that himself. He was not destined to be the Alpha King. He is not wise, patient, or caring enough to be a good Alpha King. I am just thankful that he changed his mind about killing Christian and Bryson after Peyton was advised as being dead. That was the only thing that made him give up his crazy idea of becoming the next Alpha King. I believe that is all of the apologies that I wanted to make. Does anyone have any questions for me, before Jasper takes over control again" Bain said to the Council.

"Did Jasper intentionally attack the convoy to try to get Peyton?" King Sebastian asked.

“Yes, Fallon was telling the truth when she said that she was paid \$20,000 to give up Peyton’s location” Bain answered him.

“Would he have really killed my sons to take over as Alpha King?” Queen DeAnna asked quietly.

“Yes, he was already making plans again on how to get rid of Christian and Bryson, at the same time and make it look like an accident. He was also trying to figure out how to kill Percy, as well. He needed Peyton’s mark to disappear from her neck, so he could mark her himself. So, he is actually still actively trying to plot it all out to kill all three of them” Bain told us, and the growls are loud in the gallery, and with the Council members.

“So, did Jasper send the 6 people who testified here earlier into Ever Green to get Payton? Leader Miller asked.

“Yes, he did. He also told them that he would help them if they got caught. But he lied, he just thought that they would be killed if they were found trespassing and wasn’t worried about them after they didn’t return. He just replaced his Beta and kept going” Bain told them.

“Was it always Jasper’s intent to shoot me at the gate” Heath’s voice rang out.

“Yes, he meant to shoot you, but he was actually trying to kill you, not injure you,” Bain told him. More growls ran throughout the room.

“Jasper said that he put the men down in his notebook as missing when his Beta, and crew, showed up to take me from Blood Claw. Why didn’t he feel it when they were killed?” Peyton asked.

“He did, he knew that they were all dead. He is an Alpha, correction, he was an Alpha. He felt it when the bond between them broke. But just in case it got investigated he put “missing” instead of “deceased” to try to put distance between him, and his Beta’s actions. He didn’t want to come up with charges against him for trying to abduct the Alpha King’s daughter. He knew he was 100% in the wrong. But he felt like having you as his chosen mate and then your brothers being killed put him in the position of being the next Alpha King. He knew he wasn’t qualified, but he thought that you being his mate, was the very best chance he had at becoming the next King” Bain told them.

Bain looked around the room one more time and then focused on Cassidy, “I am sorry that I couldn’t stop him. Please remember that I did try to stop him because I have always loved you. I loved you since the first time that I caught your scent. I will love you until my spirit is taken away by the Goddess.”

Bain looks to the back row where Cassidy’s second chance mate is sitting watching this all play out. “Please take care of her. She is worthy of all the love that you can give her. She needs a lifetime of it to make up for what Jasper did to her. I am sorry that I couldn’t stop

him. I will rest easier knowing that you will love and take care of her from now on” Bain told Trevor, and I wish he would let me have control back. So, I can take all the bullshit that he just said back. As soon as I have control again, I will try to kill her one more time. It is only fair that she goes with us, as she caused this whole debacle.

“What have you done you fool? You told them everything. Why, why did you do that? We are both going to die now” Jasper is screaming at me in our mindlink.

“I told you that I had no interest in living without my mate. I told you that you needed to get prepared to meet the Goddess. I know what I did. I did what needed to be done. You ruined my life, so I ruined yours too. You have done too much, to both me and Cassidy for the last 10 years. You did unspeakable things to so many. Things that you need to be punished for, so get ready for the punishment. Your day is coming, Jasper” Bain told me and then finally gave up his control. I am back in control now, and I need to fix this.

“He was lying to you all! He is angry about losing his true mate, so since he cannot live without her, he wants to kill us both” I gasp out yelling across the room as soon as I have control. No one said anything but I have several people looking at me with scorn and contempt. Some looked at me like I am crazy to try to backpedal now in an attempt to save my life when everyone knows that Bain told the truth. I still want to live though, and what Bain just did was not conducive to that. Telling the Alpha King that you were going to kill his two sons, and take his daughter as your chosen mate, is not going to go over well.

Then laughter erupts from the witness box. I see Heath with one hand splayed out across his chest, as he is holding it as he laughs his head off at my comment. I feel the heat rising from my embarrassment at his laughing at me. “Are you trying to be serious right now, Jasper? Do you think that anyone here believes a word out of your lying mouth?” Heath then goes back to laughing at me again.

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King Sebastian’s POV

Royal Knight pack

I don’t know how Bain was able to take control of Jasper, but I am glad that he did. I am ready to get this trial over with and get people out of here. I need to have some time with my family. Just hearing what Bain had said about Jasper’s plans, I wanted to just walk over there and rip his head off. I was so glad that Heath let him know that it was WAY too late for him to try to make anyone believe that anything that his wolf said was a lie. We could all hear the honesty and truth coming from what he said, unlike anything that Jasper said. The courtroom is still looking stunned at all the revelations that Bain had

given them. I don't think any of us, the Council, or myself, have had something like this happen during a hearing. This was like a three-ring circus, and I am still waiting on some clowns in a little car to show up.

The only thing that I felt bad about was the fact that Bain would have to die along with Jasper because I am positive that is what his judgment is going to be. I see Anthony looking around at the rest of the Council and then said, "We will be taking a 15-minute break before we advise the sentences."

We head into the back room and sit around the large table back there. There is a secretary there, and she notes the votes and documents some of the reasons that we came to the result that we did with our votes. I was surprised that the most difficult one was for Stephanie. There was some division in the council on her, and I was staggered by the reasoning for it. They wanted to make it right, and I would rather them come to a decision that would be safest for Peyton. But in the end, they made fair judgments for all three, and I was proud of the way they came to the decisions. I saw that there were notes left in there by Teresa, that the secretary read out when the discussion had come to a standstill. Teresa had made excellent points and reminded them of the law. She also made a good point about punishment, and things rolled smoothly from then on. I think that she is right about getting an additional two members on the Council, with one of them being a woman. Teresa looked at things a little differently than we did, and it showed in the level of thought that she put into her verdicts. I especially appreciated how much thought she had put thought into Jasper's sentence, it was something that I was glad to see be thought of as I had been feeling the same way she had on this.

We came back into the courtroom, and I stayed in Teresa's seat, in the center of the table, while Leader Miller called out in a loud voice, "Ms. Turner, if you would please come to hear your verdict." Stephanie and her lawyer approached the area right in front of where we are seated and stood there looking up at us. I will only have to vote if it is a tie, so I am not worried about this. They have already made their decisions on all three of them, and my vote had not been needed at all. These men are all logical, and fair, they had come up with the best outcome, and they didn't play favorites. They have been doing this for quite a while, and I trust them, and their judgment. I am honored that they are confident in my thoughts and opinions as well as to have included me in case a tiebreaker was needed. But right now, we need to focus on getting the judgments handed down.

"Ms. Turner, you are accused of embezzlement, collusion, and accessory to commit murder of an Alpha-ranked wolf. We also have you noted as threatening to kill your incoming Luna on more than one occasion, this is also noted as being threats against the daughter of the Alpha King. Originally, we were going to sentence you to death immediately, but the amount of money that you had taken from Ever Green was too high for us to not try to make this right. Therefore, we decided that you will be going to prison until you are able to pay back the funds in question. It should take you about 5 years working in the work programs to be able to pay it back to Peyton Hunt, and then your sentence will be carried out after your debt is paid" Leader Miller told her.

“That is not fair, I didn’t even know that she was the daughter of the Alph King the first time, it shouldn’t count. Plus, I shouldn’t have to pay the money back if they were dumb enough to give it to me. I left to avoid paying it back, it is going to take forever to do that. I never told her to pay them back anyway, if they were willing to do the work for me, that is on them. They shouldn’t whine about not getting paid when it was the easier jobs that I was pawning off anyway. Percy got my workload decreased because I was too tired to stay up with him at night” Stephanie called out, and then turned around to look at Percy with a suggestive smile, and a wink. Stephanie then glanced at Peyton sitting beside him, to give her a knowing smirk.

Peyton stood up and addressed the Council, “I do not need to be paid back. As much as I appreciate the thought that the Council gave to me for trying to get the money back, I do not need it. I saw where things needed to be put right because a selfish pack member took advantage of others who were defenseless against her. They could not cross her as she had been lining herself up to try to become the next Luna, never realizing that would not be happening for her. The other Omegas were just trying to keep from getting in trouble and did the work, without complaint. They did not demand to get paid for it, and none of them asked any of us for the money, they just accepted it as their lot in life to be trampled on. I saw how the problem had occurred, and I fixed it, I remember my days of doing all the work, and not being appreciated for it. I made them whole again because I wanted to do it, so I did. I would prefer that you go ahead and just carry out the sentence now if it is all the same to you. I have enough money, but the peace of mind that will come with knowing that this particular she-wolf won’t be popping back up or causing any more problems for me, or our children in the future, would be priceless”. Peyton sat back down, and I am glad she asked to speak. I had the same thought, I didn’t want to speak for her, but as far as I am concerned, making sure that Stephanie can’t make good on her death threat is what needed to happen here.

“You are not in charge of me, b***h. You are not in charge of anything here. How dare you tell them to kill me now. I swear you think you are so good because you are the Alpha King’s daughter, but you are nothing. I only wish that Alpha James had killed your sorry a*s while you were at Blood Claw. Then you wouldn’t have ruined everything. I had been working for over 2 years on Percy trying to get him that attached to me. Having to go slow and take my time, so Heath and Von didn’t notice us together and then try to stop me. Getting Percy to accept and love me, took a lot of time. I had him eating out of the palm of my hand before you showed up. I have never wanted to kill anyone, more than how I want to kill you” Stephanie growled out to me in anger. Growls rang out around the courtroom, but before I could move Percy stood up quickly to speak.

“You are wrong, you were leading me around, that is true, but I never ever loved you. Were we having fun, yes, because I was young and thought I was doing what I wanted to, but I was wrong. I wish to the Goddess that I had never touched you. Knowing that I did touch you makes my stomach turn at knowing now how many you were also with at the same time. Apparently, everyone but me knew about it and knew exactly who you were as a person. Knew that you were untrustworthy and dishonest. A liar and manipulator and I am glad that after today, I will never have to see you again. I will not miss you for one second, I did have lustful thoughts for you, and we fooled around some, but we were

never in love. I didn't even know what that was until I met my mate" Percy called out into the courtroom. He then closed his eyes like he was praying before he spoke again in a much lower and gentler voice as he gazed down in love at Peyton.

"Peyton is my everything, she is my other half. The calm to my storm, and I have never in my life felt so much for another person. Even my own family, who I love with my whole heart cannot compare to what I feel for this beautiful woman beside me. I would protect her until my last breath leaves my body. Peyton is loving and kind, gives grace to everyone, and finds the good in people. I only wish I could go back to the day I met you Stephanie, and walk the other way to avoid you. I only want Peyton to have all my firsts, but since my heart was only involved after I met her, she has. All the firsts that count to me, are all involving Peyton. I count nothing that we ever did as something that I want to remember, Stephanie. So, as far as I am concerned, Peyton has received all of my firsts, because my heart didn't truly work, didn't truly beat with unconditional love in it until I met her. She is right about the judgment too, I do not want you trying to come back and hurt one hair on Peyton's head, or our pups. I agree with Stephanie's sentence being carried out today, so Peyton never has to fear anyone hurting her again. As the incoming Alpha, fiancé, and mate to Peyton Hunt. I ask that you reconsider your vote for what Peyton asked. I would rather have peace of mind for the safety and wellbeing of my mate and pups, than have the money returned"

We all heard it, what he said, and his love for Peyton. Dawson is usually the smooth talker, the more thoughtful of the twins, and able to communicate better because of it. Percy is not as good at expressing his feelings, but he just did great. He even brought me to tears with his impassioned plea for Peyton to be completely safe from all her tormentors. I happen to completely agree, but I didn't bring it up, as since I have involvement in this case, and Jasper's. I didn't want anything coming back with a problem or issue that would have caused a future problem in the years to come because I had a vote in with it. Teresa's vote carried in this, and the only thing she didn't "officially" vote on was involving Cassidy, but that hadn't required my vote either.

"You can't mean that Percy, you told me that you loved me. That you wanted to be with me. You even told me that I could be your chosen mate" Stephanie cried out with tears running down her face at hearing that the man she tried to manipulate and force, had just announced to everyone here that he had never loved her.

"I told you that I loved you because you made me say it, by crying, just like when you forced me to tell you that I would make you a chosen mate. But I never meant it. I gave myself three years to find a mate. I was NEVER going to take a chosen mate. We want our mates, our true mates, in my family. You are never stronger than by having your mate by your side. I told you before I left to go to Blood Claw that you needed to look for your mate because I was going to be looking for mine" Percy told Stephanie.

"I rejected my mate for you Percy. I wanted you, not him. Look at all I did for you. For you to drop me because I am an Omega" Stephanie tried again, we are long past her tears working on me anymore, but she still kept trying.

“First, you lied and told me that you hadn’t met your mate when we met. I never asked you to reject your mate. You rejected him because you didn’t want to “just” be mated to a warrior. Wasn’t that why you ended up giving me up? After my family said I was going to be demoted down to a warrior to work myself back up the ranks again. It was never about rank for me. I believed that Peyton was an Omega too when I found her. That was what I was told, and what I believed. It didn’t matter to me who she was because she was my mate, and that was all I needed to know. You are the one hung up on being a higher rank, and having a lot of things. Peyton is hung up on helping others, and truly caring about them. The pack can feel that too, she will be an excellent Luna, just like my mother, and grandmother, Von. You would have been a terrible Luna, and the pack would have suffered so much if you were ever given any kind of authority there. I shudder to think of what I would have done to Ever Green with you by my side, it would have been an absolute nightmare.” Percy told Stephanie.

“I hate you, Peyton, I hope that you die, and I hope that the pain of it kills Percy too” Stephanie screams out and jumped over the half-wall to lunge at Peyton. Percy threw his arm out and knocked Stephanie to the ground, as he held Peyton behind his body. I just wish he had hit her harder, but it was enough. Enough to show everyone in the courtroom who she actually was if they hadn’t already gotten the message from her interview. Stephanie was picked up and the silver handcuffs were put on her quickly so she couldn’t phase and try to attack Peyton again. We were all amazed at the speed that Stephanie had, if she wasn’t so lazy, she could have been a warrior with moves that fast. She was taken from the courtroom screaming her head off about “getting Peyton back” not realizing that there was not going to be a second chance. There was not going to be an appeal, this was done, she was being taken right now for her sentence to be carried out. She was just so focused on what had just happened with Percy that she wasn’t aware of it, she will find out quickly enough.

“Cassidy Bridges, please come to the front to accept your sentence” Leader Miller called out. We watched as Cassidy and Teresa both head up to stand in front of the Council. I am sure most thought of Teresa being there as her lawyer, but this was showing the whole Council, and myself, that she was in defense of this woman, and all that she had gone through. She wanted to give them the opportunity to know that she believed in Cassidy and wanted her to be allowed to live.

“Ms. Bridges, your case has been a special one. One that I am glad for all of the witnesses who came forward in your defense, both in person and through their videos. It is hard for someone who has not gone through, or experienced, what you have, to make a good and just judgment. Because we honestly have nothing to be able to compare it to. It makes it almost impossible actually. In fact, we deliberated on your case the longest. We have to look at the laws, even if we want to go with our feelings. We know that you are very loved by several of your former pack members and the Omegas at Dark Savage, clearly by Bain, and also by your second chance mate Trevor. The fact alone that the Goddess has given you a second chance mate, speaks volume’s to the Council, especially to me. It shows us that the Goddess herself wanted you to have another shot at your life and that she still has a purpose for you or your future pups. I also took into account the wishes of the families

of the former Lunas, thoughts, and wishes into account as well” Leader Miller said to Cassidy.

“We would be remiss if we didn’t point out the fact that your actions at Dark Savage were indeed evil Ms. Bridges. You have cost the lives of two she-wolves who didn’t deserve the death that they received. They were just caught up in Jasper’s web of lies, and deception, the same as you had been. They both had feelings for him, even if they were both aware that he was not their mate. He lied to convince them to come to Dark Savage to become his Luna. He tricked them too, so they were hurt by his lies, and then found out that he did have a mate. I am sure that was upsetting to them as they had both been assured that he had not found his mate. I understand you not wanting to do harm to your mate. The level of anger and pain that you need to get to, to be willing to do that has to be almost unbearable. I struggled with this, as you killed your Lunas. It should have been cut and dried, but it wasn’t, and it still isn’t to me in this case. I was also glad for the women who have survived the uncaring acts of their mates, with their true mates deliberately hurting them by trying to force break the bond. Them coming here to try to tell us the incredible level of pain associated with what happened to you. So, we can try to understand, and comprehend for ourselves, what it felt like firsthand. These women clearly knew what that kind of staggering amount of pain felt like, as we are finding out that numerous women have not been as fortunate as you have in this. It is not the level of pain that you experienced that I am struggling with in this, it is the fact that you killed, not just one, but two Lunas. I don’t know if the ends justified the means in this” the second member of the Council stated.

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Cassidy’s POV

Royal Knight pack

I closed my eyes as I knew I had a 50/50 chance of living through this trial. He was right, my actions had indeed been evil, and wrong. I killed two innocent girls because of my jealousy and rage. That rage should have been directed at Jasper, not them. I just let my pain and torment allow me to disregard my common sense. I punished the other two innocent victims in this. They didn’t choose to chase Jasper, he pursued them. He lied to them, and I will just have to live with my guilt over it, until they pass down my sentence, and put me to death as well.

“I agree with what you are saying. This has been a most difficult case. On one hand, we have the law, which is clear. We just sentenced Ms. Turner to death for the same thing, with just the threat of killing the incoming Luna and the King’s daughter, among her other charges. But this has been indeed different. When we are experiencing a high level of pain, sometimes our mind can break to spear us the full amount of pain, or wolves can

take some of the pain off of us too. But in this case, from what each one of these women said to us, it hurt their wolves so badly that they actually lost them, not for good, but for several months in healing. I have been hurt before in battles. I have been in a great deal of pain, from my injuries. But I have never experienced a level of pain where my wolf actually left me. This leads me to have gone out after hearing about this case, to speak to a few friends of mine about this. Men who have sustained life-changing injuries, for me to get more information on the subject. My motto is if I don't know, go ask an expert. I believe in doing that very deeply. I have spoken to numerous men this week, Alpha ranks and warriors, who have lost limbs in battles. None of them advised me that they had lost their wolves, despite the high level of pain that they were in. I also had video calls with several doctors who treated the six women who testified. I spoke with the nurses who witness what they had told the doctors about what they had suffered when they were questioned after they woke up from their comas. I read the transcripts that had been typed up from the original notes taken at the hospitals. I have an excellent sense of reading people's character. None of these women were lying to us on the stand" the fourth Council member stated.

"I was with him for the calls and interviews he made to the hospitals because I needed to know as well. I didn't want this to come down to us men on the council not being able to "get it" because we haven't experienced it. I conducted my own research, at 5 different hospitals on my own this week, while my esteemed colleague was out speaking to the men who had been greatly injured. I am not naïve enough to assume that this just happened to women either, so I had the hospitals do research to see if this had happened to any young men too. It is not just women getting or being rejected by their mates. I figured that if the pain had been bad enough that some men might have been taken to the hospital for treatment if the same thing had happened to them. It took them 5 days to find three young men that this same thing had happened to for me to question. I don't know if this is a pride thing, as men don't want to admit when they had been hurt badly or not, but I asked for the records to be checked. Two of the three young men stated that they lost their wolves for several months from their true mate marking a chosen one, while still being bonded to them. They also spoke of a massive amount of pain, that made them lose their minds for a period of time as well. I have to agree with what Teresa said to us all earlier, we need to get some laws in place to keep this from happening. No loss of life is acceptable as far as I am concerned in this, especially deliberate and ugly acts made by people who care more about what they WANT, than the mate bond that they were blessed with" the fifth member of the Council stated.

I am surprised that they had even taken the time to give me a fair shake about this. He was right, Stephanie was probably dead already and she just threatened to kill Peyton. Yes, she had done it multiple times, but she never actually killed or tried to kill her until about 5 minutes ago. I am pretty sure that all the work that they had done on this investigation wasn't just for me though. I believe that it was out of respect for their fellow Council member, and because Peyton is also backing me. I also believe they did it to be more informed as this is not going to stop happening. Unless laws are changed to protect the ones that are branded weak, or unwanted, for whatever reason. When women have been rejected, although that hurts you very badly, it rarely kills someone. The pain of your mate marking someone else, while bonded to you. It could kill you. It kills your heart,

your soul, and your emotions, everything changes in a heartbeat. You go from the pain of betrayal as they are usually having s*x before marking their chosen. So, the pain goes from bad to hurting bad enough you wish for death to take you. There is no way to describe it, that kind of pain level is too high for anyone to be thinking clearly, you just cry and beg it to end, until you pass out. If I could have figured out a way to stop the pain that I was in the throes of, I would have probably seriously thought about it, as I was in extreme agony.

“I see no point in dragging this out any further. We have all been able to say our main thought process in this. I want to note that the third member of the Council, Teresa Phillips was already noted as being a vote in the defense of Cassidy Bridges, but as her defense attorney in this, her vote does not count. And we are just taking the votes from the Council members on the bench today. I will start with my vote. I vote that Cassidy Bridges be placed on a three-year probation for her actions and for her to stay on property at her current pack, the Ever Green pack. I feel after this time period, if no problems are noted with her, that she be allowed to come and go from her pack, with no restrictions. If this is acceptable to Alpha Heath Poe, and incoming Alpha Percy Wright” Leader Miller announced to the court.

“I am sorry Ms. Bridges. I cannot agree with my colleague on this. I did try, but in the end, I cannot allow the deaths, of not one, but two Lunas to be ignored. You made a premeditated decision to end the lives of two women who did no harm to you. I just cannot get past that, so I am voting strictly from the law. I do not think that too much leniency here will be a good thing. I think you earned a death sentence and that is what I am voting for. I did see that the Goddess had forgiven you and Carries parents as well. I am thinking that the Goddess may have granted you favor in this, but I cannot vote any other way than I did. I am sorry. I cannot imagine a level of pain that should cause you to lose all rationality and kill your Luna” the second Council member stated.

“I do not happen to agree with you. I believe that this young woman acted while she was still out of her mind in pain. She was not thinking clearly and made a huge error in judgment. Was she wrong about it? Yes. She was greatly in the wrong for it. But I think that this was a perfect storm. I believe that great misdeeds were done to get Cassidy to where she finally lost all sense of good judgment. I think the bulk of this blame lies solely on the shoulders of Jasper Kershaw. He not only went out of his way to pick young and naïve women to try to control them, but he ended up cheating on them and abusing them as well. His mate could feel that, as they were bonded, so every time he cheated, including with his current Luna, Cassidy would feel it. I do not in any way, shape, or form, agree with what Cassidy did, but I believe that she deserves a second chance. I vote that she gets a 5-year probationary sentence, where she is monitored, and watched to make sure that she is no longer a danger to herself, or others” the fourth Council member stated.

“I believe that Cassidy has suffered enough. I believe that she feels a great deal of guilt over her actions now that she is in her right mind. I think the fact that she poisoned her own self with a large dose of the same poisons, shows her remorse. She already was dealt the death penalty. She was brought back because this young woman saw the good in her and wanted her to have a chance at a better life. One where she now has a mate that

clearly loves her and will take care of her. After hearing what the doctors said, I believe that the fracture of losing their wolves which had been noted in all of the victim's statements, occurred not just because of the overwhelming physical pain, but because of the overwhelming emotional pain that came with it. In the kind of trauma that happened to them, their wolf was broken so badly that it took months to heal. We have all sustained pretty extensive injuries in battles that we have fought, but I have never once lost my wolf. I cannot imagine the pain I would have to be in to lose him, to not hear from him. He is my voice of reason, my best friend. I wouldn't want to live without him, and yet I wouldn't want him hurt so badly that he had to leave me to do it. I believe that Cassidy has been put through enough pain for two lifetimes. Jasper did a number on her, and I agree with Bain. I hope her second chance mate loves and takes care of her. I also vote for no death sentence, and for four-year probation to be held on Ms. Bridges. I believe that away from Jasper she will flourish and grow to become the she-wolf that she was always meant to be. I also believe that the Goddess agrees with this sentence. It is rare for an Omega to be granted a second chance mate. I believe that great things can be expected from this" the fifth council member stated to the court.

Teresa started jumping around in joy and then bowed in respect to the rest of the Council, but I stood there. Still stunned that I wasn't sentenced to death. I hadn't even allowed myself to even think about the possibility of becoming free from my charges. I knew that Teresa and Peyton were hopeful and that Gabi told me that it was going to be OK. But I never once let myself believe that it could even happen. I couldn't even dare to dream. I stood there with my mouth still open when I heard a voice behind me ask to speak to the Council. Now that the judgment had passed, a question had been raised.

"I know that between the years you gave Cassidy that she has a total of 4 years for her probation. I appreciate you listening to the testimony given in reaching your decision. I was just going to ask permission for Cassidy to be able to leave Ever Green to travel to the Blood Rose pack for the wedding of Peyton and Percy. I can guarantee that neither she nor her mate will be allowed to leave our pack unattended. Cassidy is assigned as one of Peyton's bridesmaids, and we didn't even dare to hope for her to be able to do it until the outcome was given. Now that she is on probation, can we request that Cassidy be allowed to travel for the wedding? I am sure that Peyton and Percy would be fine with escorting her with them, from Ever Green" Gabi asked the Council. I hadn't even thought of that. I am still reeling from the verdict.

"We are aware of the upcoming wedding, I will have to get a consensus on this with another vote" Leader Miller advised Gabi. Teresa went up to the table and they all started discussing it between themselves. Now that the verdict was in, she was allowed to go back to making decisions along with the rest of the Council. She was only exempt from voting on the same case that she was defending. I also knew that the whole Council had been sent invitations to the wedding, so they would all be coming as well, but with them never announcing their whereabouts, for safety reasons. They would certainly not be announcing that fact to the courtroom. I knew for a fact thought that Teresa and Leader Miller would both definitely be coming to the wedding. There will be a high number of powerful pack leaders there, and security will be tight for the event. Gabi has been in charge of all the security details.

“I know that you are still working on your answer, but I wanted to say that Von and myself will also be able to help to keep an eye on Cassidy and Trevor at the wedding. I am confident in the fact that they are both very happy staying at Ever Green, and neither of them has any plans to leave. They are both welcome additions to my pack. I am not trying to sway your vote, but I know how much Peyton loves Cassidy. I was there when Cassidy drank the poison to kill herself. Peyton felt she knew Cassidy even in that short amount of time and believed in her enough to risk her own well-being to save Cassidy’s life. Please consider allowing Cassidy to be able to participate. I feel like she has missed out on enough happy moments in life, and it is time to get some normalcy for all of them now” Heath said to the courtroom. He was still seated in the witness box and could probably hear what was being said. Anyone that knows him, knows that he had a big caring heart, and would do anything for Gabi, and his grandchildren.

“I will be there as well, with DeAnna, we do not mind being a chaperone for her as well. I agree with Heath, I do not believe that she or Trevor will be a flight risk. They are very happy together from all I have heard over the past few weeks. Not to play favorites, but I want my daughter to have all of her bridesmaids if it is at all possible. Plus, you know with this wedding, the whole pack will be locked down like Fort Knox with a great deal of added warriors, and protection spells included in it” King Sebastian also chimed in from the bench. He spoke in a lower tone so no one in the gallery would hear, but I am standing directly in front of them, and I heard him include himself in vouching for me.

I cannot help it, I started tearing up. I have never in my life experienced so much support as I have received today. Never, in my life. I am overwhelmed as my life had been spared, but for important, powerful men to also believe in me, and be willing to speak up for me, I could not stop the tears from falling. I felt a hand on my back, and it is Trevor. He stood next to me and pulled me in for a hug. I heard a chair scrape the floor and I see Jasper two feet from me, held up in the air about two feet above the floor. I sighed, I guess seeing me with my mate, and not about to lose my life like I suspect that he is about to, made him try to kill me again. I turned to look at Sloan and mouthed the words, “Thank you” to her. She smiled and then flicked her hand to put Jasper back into his seat. I guess he figured that since everyone was talking and not watching that he would try to kill me again.

“Cassidy, we will allow you to travel to Blood Rose with your mate. This is a one-time trip, and allowance for you as we were aware that you had been asked to participate in the wedding. We are allowing it, as the people standing up for you have all shown the kind of people that they are throughout the years. I believe that you will not give anyone any problems in going on the trip, and we will allow you to leave Ever Green for a total of three days for this wedding. Our verdict of four-year probation will stand from this date, and is in effect for the four years, with the potential of it dropping off a year early, with good behavior. Good luck in your life Ms. Bridges. I believe that the Goddess does have a vested interest in your future” Leader Miller called out to the quiet room. No comments were made, no snide remarks, and neither set of parents had threatened me, or said anything since the verdict was given. I am hopeful that my life may be on the upswing.

“Now, Jasper, I see you just want to keep racking up your charges. You have attempted to attack Ms. Bridges twice now, with the intent to kill. The second time was after our

verdict was just confirmed as she was NOT getting the death sentence. What would possess you to try to kill her, after we had just come down with her judgment? Or are you in such a hurry to anger the whole Council, as I believe you already know what your Verdict is? Leader Miller asked Jasper.

“This is a travesty. You want to pin this all on me, but she killed two Lunas. I cannot believe that you think what I did was worse than what she did?” Jasper yelled back towards Leader Miller.

“We weighed the facts, Jasper. Plus, technically she did die to pay for her crimes, at her own hands. Now you need to remember you have so many charges against you, that you really need to be more specific about the “worse than what you did”. Which time? Which heinous act? The attempted k*****g when she was 14? Or the one you just tried to do? The room that you built to hide her in until you could bend her to your will? Lying to two different Beta couples to lure their daughters to your pack? Cheating on your Lunas? Cheating on your mate? You really need to be specific about where you are going with this. Because as far as I and the majority of the Council is concerned. It was indeed YOUR actions that caused her to go out of her mind and choose to hurt those innocent women. So, you indirectly were the cause of their deaths, your actions were the root cause of what happened to them both. Your actions are the very reason that Luna Victoria died, and that Peyton was abused for years. If you hadn’t made the choices that YOU made, none of that would have happened” Leader Miller told Jasper. This time when Jasper jumped up, he ran straight up to attack Leader Miller.

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Gabi’s POV

Royal Knight pack

Finally, some action. I can’t wait to see Jasper get what he deserves. I was so happy at Sloan taking the initiative to protect Cassidy for Peyton. Sloan knows how much Peyton cares about Cassidy. We were all glad when Sloan protected all three women the first time that he attacked, but she knew he was going to attack the second time and stopped him again. Dawson was so happy at how quickly she reacted, he is sitting with his protective arm around her, wanting all who can see him know that Sloan is taken. He is the proudest man in the room showing off the fact that his mate, his fiancé is protecting not just Peyton, Cassidy, and Teresa, but Leader Miller, the Alpha King, and the rest of the Council as well. It is time for Jasper to get what is coming to him, so I took the initiative and stood up to go open the swinging door between the Council and the rest of the courtroom and waved for Cassidy and Trevor to come out and come to sit with us.

They slid onto the row behind us, which was smart as Jasper has come after Cassidy twice. I sat back down, and Sloan takes Jasper and floats him over to the table that Cassidy had been sitting at and dropped him onto the floor next to the chair. He gets up quickly in embarrassment and gives her an angry look before jerking the seat back and sitting down. He is furious that he is not able to talk his way out of this one and sat there with his arms folded.

“Jasper, I really thought you were smarter than that, but I want to thank Sloan for all her help today with keeping Jasper from hurting anyone else. I know that I speak for the whole Council, and the Alpha King as well in saying that he has hurt enough people, and that will all stop today” Leader Miller said.

“I have it uploaded and ready now, Anthony” Council member Phillips said.

“Thank you, Teresa. Now, your trial was over, but since you like to act up so much, and I can be petty too, I am going to reopen it, and include a few new charges. Go ahead and play the video please” Leader Miller called out. A video popped up on the screen and you see the new Beta to Dark Savage standing next to the fireplace in the Alpha’s Office as he tried to find the button in question to open the secret room. We all heard a gasp from the person videoing the whole thing on their cell phone as a hidden door pops open. The Beta starts walking into the dark hallway using his cell phone for light, but two steps in, he sees a light switch and flips it on. It takes about 5 seconds but then a stairwell is illuminated, and the men start heading down the stairs.

The whole area gives off a dark and chilly vibe as neither man speaks while they go down the stairs. At the bottom, all we see is the Beta’s back on the camera, and we all heard his gasp, before the second man, presumably the Gamma steps to the side to see. We see a full-sized bed with floral bedding on it, in a youthful print, with a pink comforter on it against the far wall. There were also two cuffs noted as affixed to the wall for her arms to be attached to, probably to protect his face from Peyton trying to attack him or protect herself. That wasn’t the worst of it. There were also cuffs on the end of the bed as well. His plan was to take her at 14, why would there already be cuffs attached to the bed frame already. The whole thing made your stomach turn to see it. You knew at a glance that he was never going to wait on her to be 18, he was just sugarcoating it, so we all wouldn’t think that he was a sick bastard. But we all know the truth now, he deserved death, as quickly as someone could issue it. He was going to manipulate her into falling in love with him in some kind of sick Stockholm syndrome. His whole intention was to try to condition her in an attempt for her to make her parents think that she really loved him. The roar of anger that Percy let out once his shock let up literally shook the room. Percy jumped up and headed straight for Jasper, but Sloan stopped him too.

I put my arm out and placed it on his. Peyton did too, but this needs to play out, we need to see all of it, and they need to add all of the additional charges on Jasper. Jasper turned and gave Percy a smirk, but another growl shook the room, and King Sebastian was now the one out of control. He was heading for Jasper too and the smirk he was wearing was enough to make your blood run cold. He was going to kill Jasper right now, and I could understand it, I could. But we need to finish this, and I was glad when Queen DeAnna

hopped up and ran to stop him. I can understand his rage, and I am furious too, but I know that he will not be living much longer, we need to allow the rest of the video to play, and then let his additional charges be set and noted against him. He deserves each and every charge that he gets. It matters because this is on record, and he needs to have all his wrongdoing attached and noted.

King Sebastian went into the witness box with Heath, who was also sitting like he was also about to leap up and kill Jasper. King Sebastian then put Queen DeAnna onto his lap so he could take in her scent to calm down. Jasper isn't smirking like he was, he knows that his time is up, so he is just waiting on when his sentence will be carried out. After his attempt to attack Leader Miller, a total of 10 more warriors entered the room. The video started again, and whoever was filming stepped up to the bed and pulled on the chains to show that they were attached to a metal frame, that was bolted to the floor. Whoever was the unlucky person to get cuffed, even with their wolf strength, was not going to escape what was in store for them. You could tell from the hiss when he touched the cuffs that there was silver mixed in with it, to weaken the wolf. He had thought of everything in his prison for Peyton.

I see movement next to me, and Percy now has Peyton pulled into his lap and sniffing her neck like he would die if he didn't. He is clearly very upset, and frankly, I am too. I see tears in Sloan's eyes for the plans that Jasper had for Peyton, which none of us would have ever known anything about if Bain hadn't told on him. Poor Peyton though, she is shocked and horrified. She had to turn from the video to look out the windows, as she realizes that even with the beating and mistreatment that she received after the attack at Blood Claw, she really dodged a bullet with this one. It was clear what Jasper's plans were going to be, from day one of capturing Peyton.

The men went through the whole area, and she had a small kitchen with a fridge, a microwave, and a table for two. She also had a tiled shower, with a glass surround, so he could watch her take her showers if he was in the room. There were no separate areas, just one big open room that was like 40x40, from the looks of the video. There was a TV, and two empty bookshelves, for books and DVDs, but it was clear that this would have been a horrible way to live for anyone. If Jasper had been successful in getting her, what if he were killed in an attack? Peyton would have been left down there, only found when the room was discovered. It was a nightmare existence that none of us could imagine for anyone, let alone a 14-year-old girl. The comments that they made let us all know that they could see what was going on, even without being told what the room was to be used for. They both condemned Jasper as well in the video, and I know that most of the room was feeling sick over what we had just seen. I know I was.

"You are a disgusting person, Jasper. You do not deserve to live a moment longer. I do not condone violence, but I swear to you, if my daughter didn't need me to comfort her, I would rip your head from your body right now" Queen DeAnna told him, and he gave her a smirk, and said, "Give me your best shot, Queen." It was clear to all of us the disrespect that he was giving her as he said her title. King Sebastian growled again at the disrespect that his Queen and mate were being given. I know that he was holding on by a string right

now, Maybe Jasper thought that it would be an easier death with the King, I know it would be a quicker one.

“Jasper, why? Why did you have that room built? What you had planned for me, to do to me, is disgusting. I have never hurt you, or done anything to you. So, why would you plan to do something so utterly wrong to me like that? What is wrong with you that you would think that it would be acceptable to r**e me? That isn’t how normal people think or behave. I don’t understand, why? Why would you want to hurt me like that?” Peyton said in a soft voice from Percy’s lap.

Jasper turned around with his smirk still on his face, but he stopped at seeing the tears running down Peyton’s face. “I was going to wait until you were about 16 or 17, I swear to you Peyton. I was not going to try to sleep with you at 14. I know it looks bad, but I was just getting the room ready. People were going to be looking for you, so I couldn’t bring them in while you were there. I had to get the room totally ready. I needed to get it covered up quickly, and for people to forget about its existence. I was going to eat dinner with you, watch movies with you, and we would have grown to love each other. The s*x, when you were old enough, was just going to bond us that much closer together. I would never have r**d you, I care for you, and I wouldn’t have deliberately hurt you. Please believe me Peyton” Jasper said, and he looked honest, but this man is a master manipulator and a very convincing liar. I don’t believe him, he is just trying to get out of this new evidence.

“I don’t believe you, Jasper. You had a mate, a good woman, and you chose to hurt her, your own mate. I have a mate. I know how strong the bond is with that. Yet you chose to ignore it and look for specific women to mate with. In your quest to be stronger, more powerful, with strong pups. You are a monster, a monster who likes to hurt others. We all heard what you did, from your own mouth, because Bain is the only one out of the two of you that can be trusted at all. Even he said that he didn’t believe that you were going to wait. You hide your monster with an attractive face, and people fall for it. I wish your outside matched your inside because then no one would have fallen for your lies at all. You are an evil man, and I won’t feel safe until you are dead. I only feel bad for Bain, I hate that he will have to die as well, for your evil acts. I pray that he is saved from the pain when your sentence is carried out” Peyton said, and Sloan leaned forward and nodded to Peyton. I am so glad that Sloan and Dawson wanted to come today to support Peyton and Percy. I feel the same way about Bain, he didn’t deserve the bad human side that he was dealt.

“So, we are going to add your creepy prison to your charges, with the other suspected charges of what your plans were if you had gotten your hands on her. Thank the Goddess that you didn’t. I am also going to add two charges of attempted murder to your previous charges as well, as you tried to kill Cassidy two times today in court. Oh, and me, you tried to kill me too, so I will note that too. I have to say, Jasper, in all my years on the Council, I have never felt as sick, and disgusted, as I did today when we all saw the plans that you had for Peyton. That sweet girl never deserved any of the evil plans that you made for her, from the attempted kidnappings to this horrible room that we just saw. I am appalled at what we have seen and heard today, and I am ready to pass down your

sentence. I vote for the death sentence, to be handed out immediately. I also want his body burned and thrown away, I do not want him to be buried, he does not deserve that level of respect after how he disrespected his status as Alpha". Leader Miller said.

"I agree, there is nothing more to add. Seeing this and now realizing the level of evil that you have inside you, I am almost willing to change my vote for Ms. Bridges. You indeed deserved the death penalty, to be carried out as soon as it can be, preferably today" the second member of the Council advised.

"I don't even want to look at him anymore. I am sickened by the video that we just watched. Death is also my verdict" Council member Phillips said.

"You don't even need my vote, as you already have a majority, but I will tell you that it has been rare for us to EVER get a consensus on this Council, but I bet we get one today. I agree with Jasper being given the death penalty. The sooner the better" the fourth member stated coldly as he looked at Jasper.

"I will not spoil the run that we are on today. Death, you deserve it. I don't think I have seen a more deserving person for it either. I cannot believe the level of charges against you, and I believe that you are capable of so many more heinous acts. You have acted shamefully. As an Alpha, you are held to a higher standard, and yet you do this. You have had every opportunity in the world to live your life with honor, help people to have a better life. Instead, it really seems like you were not satisfied with one of the highest titles that you can have, and instead wanted the highest title of them all. You would have caused so my strife and discord if you would have succeed. It brings fear to my heart how close you were to make your plans a reality" the fifth member of the Council stated.

Jasper started laughing and said, "Do you really think that I am alone? That I am the only one who has done wrong? Please, you all should know better than that. I assure you that there are numerous others out there, the same as me. That is why this is such bullshit, their stupid true mates had the brains to die when their true mates marked their chosen mates. But not mine. That b***h held on, why? Can someone please tell me why? You already mention hundreds of freaking worthless bitches who refused to let go of their ranked mates, and why? Because they were greedy and wanted to have the prestige of having a rich, ranked mate. Why should these weak Omegas be allowed to get mates that they don't deserve? You never deserved me Cassidy, and I really never deserved to have such a weak and disgusting mate. You're not important enough to carry my children. How could they have any pedigree at all, if you were their mother? How the hell you managed to survive it when I did it not just once, but twice? That is something that I will never understand. I hope you die a horrible death Cassidy, you ruined everything for me, and for what? All because you wanted to be a Luna. You are the same as Stephanie, as far as I am concerned. I think that it is complete bullshit that you managed to kill not one, but two Lunas and yet there you are. Still breathing, and not deserving to live. You have nothing important or special about you, and I wished Bain had let me kill you when he scented you as being our mate. You were hot in bed, but you are worth nothing out of it" Jasper ranted out into the quiet room.

“Mr. Kershaw, you bring up some interesting points. Care to mention these Alpha or ranked members that you were referring to? You know, the ones that have escaped our notice these many years? Can you give me a few names or something more to go on? I would be glad to look into that, so you won’t be punished alone” Council member Phillips asked him. She kept her tone light, but you could tell from how thin her lips were right now that she was pissed.

“I am not telling you anything, Teresa. Figure it out on your own. Just remember the Alpha command for people to keep quiet about things is a tough thing to get around” Jasper said and then started laughing again.

“Jasper, you can think however you want, as it is your own opinion. But I never wanted to be a Luna. I only wanted to find my mate. Someone that was supposed to love me and take care of me. I was never good enough for you, but I loved you with my whole heart. I tried to become the woman that you wanted. I changed everything about myself to conform to what I thought you wanted me to be. But I realize now, you don’t know what you want, other than to be the next Alpha King. You didn’t want a person, you wanted the title. You love yourself, and that is it. Don’t blame me for your stupid house of cards falling down. You were the moron who wanted to have more than he deserved and then got mad because his house fell down. I will miss Bain, I love Bain, but you, you are absolute evil. Let me be the first to tell you that no one is going to miss you, at all, Jasper” Cassidy told him and sat back down.

I know that Teresa is pissed off, it really seemed like Jasper was actually dumb enough to give her some names. She will need more members on the Council for her to try to delve deeper into figuring out who the men were that were responsible for all those deaths in the last 20 years. She will have to give up on a lot of them, as hard as that is going to be on her. Things have really changed in the last 20 years, people have died, and now different leaders have taken over. Leaders that wouldn’t know what happened back then. Clearly, she will need to just stay within in the last 3 to 5 years. We will just have to pray that the Goddess will take care of the men, and women, who thought so little of their mate bond that they would deliberately try to kill someone that just honestly wanted to be with their true mate, regardless of their rank.

I feel for Cassidy as well in this. I heard the pain in her voice. I know that she is worried about Bain suffering when Jasper is put to death, so I will have to get Sloan to tell her what she is going to do for Bain. I only hope that it doubles the amount of pain that Jasper feels. I will pray to the Goddess that however he is killed that Jasper suffers the maximum amount for it. If anyone deserved it, he does.

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Sloan’s POV

Blood Rose pack

I am so excited about tomorrow. The big trial had ended last weekend and we all needed this kind of joyous occasion to bring us all together. The smaller trial of Anna and Jennifer occurred two days later. My whole family was allowed to attend as Vincent and King Sebastian have been friends for a number of years and made a special allowance for us to have witches in the courtroom. The trial was conducted very quickly, as compared to Stephanie's, Cassidy's, and Jasper's. Anna really thought that her standing up to say how sorry she was for the confusion about me being Dawson's mate was hilarious. They had no idea how many videos we had on them, and what all we knew. Every defense they came up with got blown away by the lawyer that Dawson hired to address the Council on my part. Dawson didn't want me to be anywhere around Anna, or Jennifer, because he knew just how much they hated me. Dawson was also scared that they would attempt to hurt our pups too. I agreed with him, and I sat safely between Dawson and Vincent for the whole case. I have to say that them getting the death penalty helped me to sleep better at night.

Gabi had thrown the families of Anna and Jennifer out of the pack about a week and a half after their attempt at killing me. She did it because they kept approaching me, trying to get to me agree to just let the girls off with a stern warning. They kept getting more and more aggressive with me about dropping the charges on Anna and Jennifer. They were not aware of the mountain of evidence that they both had against them and just felt like I was bullying their daughters about this whole thing. They figured it out at the trial. The shame at their daughter's actions came off of them in waves after the videos had played. They got to see how their daughters really were, when they weren't kissing up, or playing like they were innocent like they did in front of their parents. No one other than their parents had shown up in support of the girls for the case, except for their defense attorney. I have to say that he tried, he believed what the girls had told him. He ended up looking like an i***t up there because of it. He walked off fuming as soon as his clients were picked up to be taken and dealt with. He did stop by my seat and apologized for having believed them when they had come to him for help.

Jennifer's parents did come up and tell me that they were sorry for what the girls had done. I could tell how upset they both were over it, now they knew the truth of what happened, and not just what they had heard from the girls. It was all because of Anna's and Jennifer's own actions that they were receiving the consequences that they were right now. But it took them actually seeing what all the girls did on video for them to finally believe it. I knew that hearing the girls making their plans, and seeing Anna put not one, but two droppers full of poison each, into my drink without hesitation, was a shock to them. That action was finally what showed them who Anna really was at her core. Anna's parents didn't speak to me or approach me after the trial. I could sense how bad they felt towards me after all the hateful things that they said to me when they still believed what Anna had said happened. They both just nodded at me, probably feeling terrible about all the bullying that they gave me to try to get the trial stopped, before walking away. I could understand wanting to protect your pup. I am extremely protective of the two I am carrying now. I have a tiny little bump already that I enjoy rubbing and talking to as if

they can understand me now. We already love them so much, and Dawson and I cannot wait to get to see them.

Peyton and I are staying in the same suite tonight. We are having some spa treatments with our bridesmaids, parents, and friends in what I was told would be a “fun girl’s night”, but I have no idea what all that is going to entail. Really very few of us did, including Peyton, Cassidy, Elena, and Michelle who were also in the dark about it as far as the spa treatments. I got my hair trimmed a little bit, and my nails done. Dawson liked my hair long, so I wouldn’t cut very much off, just got a trim so it looks its best for tomorrow. The lady that cut it was the lady who would be doing my hair tomorrow. She told me how nice my hair was as soon as I sat down in her chair, and that she wanted to do a deep condition on it before she washed and cut it. I agreed and it was very relaxing feeling her do a scalp massage for me as well. I have to say that she was right about deep conditioning. My hair looked glossy, and beautiful when she got done with it. She ran her fingers through it so I could see how even more silky it was after the treatment. While she let the conditioner sit, I sat there with my head in a damp towel under the portable dryer. I watch Gabi and the stylist talking animatedly with each other and the stylist nodding at something Gabi had told her. I enjoyed getting spoiled, getting to eat some really good food and just having a relaxing night with my friends and family.

I got a deep pink color on my toes, as I wanted that pop of color as I walked down the aisle. I went with a lighter purple color, a periwinkle, on my hands because my flowers are varying colors of purple roses, from lilac to deep purple in my bouquet. My nails have a little iridescent shimmer to them, and I think that they looked beautiful. I had my ring finger done in a darker purple to stand out. The deep purple roses were my absolute favorite. The outer ring of the flower was a rich, deep purple and then had a pinkish-purple color closer to the center, with a periwinkle color in the actual center of the rose. I have never seen such gorgeous flowers before, and my excitement over them made Dawson laugh at how happy I was over them. Just looking at them gave me joy, and I cannot wait to walk down the aisle tomorrow.

I had picked purple for my bridesmaid’s dresses, the girls all got the same shade a beautiful violet color. I didn’t care what style of dress they wanted, they got to pick whichever one they felt looked best on them. All of our bodies are different shapes and sizes, and I want them to look their best too. I didn’t care about anything other than marrying the love of my life. That was going to be the highlight for me. I have family and friends now, and that still makes my heart swell with happiness.

I have Michelle, Moira, Morgana, and Alyssa who are all going to be with me walking down the aisle on the happiest day of my life. I feel like they are sisters to me, along with Peyton and Elena, and I love all of them so much. I feel like the Goddess blessed me with all of these wonderful women who have been so much better than the sister I was actually given for the last 20 years. I never in my life thought that I would have such a big wedding or wedding party. I never even allowed myself to even think that I would be able to get mated actually because I believed what my mom and sister said to me repeatedly. That I was a freak that no one wanted, and that I would die before I got to leave Golden Moon. So, the life that I am living now is like a dream come true for me. A handsome and

loving mate, and babies on the way. My mind is still blown by all of it, and I firmly believe that Dawson being my mate saved me. The Goddess sent him to Golden Moon, and my Omega being sick, so I had to come down to get lunch, allowing him to scent me. It was no coincidence that it happened that way. It was all the Goddess working for me, to protect me, and to bless me with what she had planned for me. I will forever be in her debt for the rest of my life. I could never repay her for all that she has blessed me with in my life now, it was worth everything I had to go through to get here.

Elena will be standing for both Peyton and me, in her gown which is a light pink base, with a purple tulle overlay that goes from the straps of the gown down to the floor. The light pink shows strategically on both the top and bottom of the dress. The overlay stops being mostly purple around her thigh area and starts blending with the light pink at that point. It is just pink from her knees down to the floor and it is a beautiful, and original dress. The dress looks stunning on her, and the colors look great on her. It is a V-neck ballgown and I believe that Elena steals the show in it. She is absolutely gorgeous in it, and we are all so happy to have her standing up for both of us wearing it. This wedding is going to be one of a kind, and Gabi's brilliant mind worked everything out to the minute details that usually fall through the cracks. Gabi wanted this to be perfect for her boys, and it shows in all that she has done for us all. Tomorrow will go off without a hitch, I am absolutely positive about that.

My cousins are super excited about the wedding and getting to participate in mine. I have even more cousins, in the Coven, quite a few in fact, but they all wanted to meet me. In fact, Dawson had gone with me as we went to their coven to introduce me before the wedding. There are a number of witches coming to the wedding, and Dawson was cute growling out warnings to some of the unrelated young adult males who looked at me longer than he felt was appropriate. The warlocks thought it was funny Dawson was jealous, right up until Vincent straightened them out that I was not available to them, for anything. The warlocks got out of there pretty fast after that. I got to meet a lot of families that were excited to get to meet me at last. They all told me how much they missed my grandmother. Which at first made me sad with missing her, but hearing all the stories about things they did growing up was so much fun. Getting to see pictures of her when she was young and seeing how much they loved her really made it a special day. I am looking forward to seeing them all again at the wedding.

I am already missing Dawson, and I just saw him a little over an hour ago. This will be the first night sleeping away from him, and I really didn't want to. I sleep better next to him, as I always felt safest in his arms. The men are in another room, separated from us. They are doing the same thing, spa treatments, skin treatments, and haircuts as well on their side. Gabi wanted all of us to look our best for the pictures. I know that she is so excited about the wedding, and she has really been focused on trying to make it perfect for all of us. She doubled up on everything. The photographers, the caterers, the elders doing the ceremonies, she had thought of everything. She had listened to what we wanted for the flowers and food. She had actually tripled up on the makeup artists and hair stylists. She told us that in the morning there will be three more of each showing up to get everyone done in time for the wedding. She told us that the men would have two of the hairdressers until they were all ready and then the extra would come over to the women's side to help

get us all prepared. That the missing stylists were on the men's side right now doing the hair and spa treatments, making sure that all of us would be looking our best tomorrow.

Gabi had spent who knows how much as everyone had been given their own robes and slippers to wear. She did it for both the men's and the women's side and there were a great number of people here. We had taken over the suites on the east side of the packhouse, the men were on the opposite side of us. There were usually reserved for visiting Alphas and their families Council members, and extended family members. So, the interconnecting suites had all been unlocked and left open for people to wander around in and us still be together. One room was for visiting with each other, food, drinks, and snacks. The middle room was for haircuts and skin care treatments, and the last room was for our nails to get done and had also been blocked off by some hanging curtains to block the three massage tables. None of the she-wolves really had an issue with nudity, but it wasn't just she-wolves here tonight, and Gabi wanted everyone to be comfortable. I was torn on the massage as I thought it might be nice to try it, but with me being pregnant, I was unsure if it would hurt the babies. I decided to wait, as I could treat myself to one after the babies are here. I will not ever take the chance on them getting hurt, and with the women here split between it being safe and unsafe, I decided to just err on the side of caution.

Tonight, was all to do with calming nerves, eating, drinking, and enjoying getting to spend time with each other. I have to say that I enjoyed my mask and facial, my face was glowing, and not just from the pregnancy. I felt like a Queen with all the special treatment that I was receiving tonight. I was enjoying getting to listen to the other girls talking and joking around, as they were having a lot of fun too. Queen DeAnna was here with us, all of our bridesmaids, Beth, Teresa Phillips, and Gabi. I think back to earlier when we had the wedding rehearsal. Walking up that long aisle to Dawson was easy as the seats were basically empty, but I just focused on Dawson and went right to him. His smile of joy as I walked up the aisle to him made me smile too. I think that he is even more excited about tomorrow than I am.

I saw some of the decorations in the hall after the rehearsal tonight before we all had a special dinner in the meeting room. There were about 50 of us in there, with the wedding party, extended family, and parents. Then when we parted after dinner Dawson tried a number of things to get me up to our room for a little while. I knew what he was thinking, I wanted to go with him too. But Gabi only smiled and said, "One day won't kill him" and escorted me away. I feel like I went from being cubic zirconia to a shined-up, and well-cut diamond from all the spa treatments tonight. The ladies started dropping off about two hours later. They went to find their mates and go to bed. It was down to Gabi and Queen DeAnna now with Peyton and me. Beth had just left a short time earlier, leaving with Moira and Morgana. The rooms had been cleared out, and the hair and makeup stations were set up and ready to go in the morning. There were a number of dresses set up and hanging off of two rolling racks. They looked like a beautiful pastel rainbow with the dresses lined up on the racks. Peyton's dress was hung up on a stand, with all her items right there with it. My dress was hung up as well, and the realness of it all sets in. I am getting married tomorrow. Two of the bedrooms were set back to normal for me and Peyton to use for tonight, and Peyton and her mom headed into her room to speak quietly

together. I know that having her mom here with her is a comfort. Even if mine were still alive, she would have tried to cause problems the whole night. I feel nothing but relief that she and Brandi were not here to be able to cause problems like I know that they would have tried to do.

“How do you feel, Sloan?” Gabi asks me, looking at me like she could read my mind.

“I am fine, thanks, Gabi. Seeing Peyton with her mom brought mine into my mind, but honestly, if mom and Brandi were here, they would have ruined the whole night. I couldn’t have eaten or had anything to drink because they would have probably still been trying to kill me. Mom never loved me, and neither did Brandi. I know that I am way better off without them in my life. But I am glad that I have Peyton, Elena, and my cousins, who actually love and care for me. I never thought that I would be able to find a mate, let alone him love me so much that he would want to marry me. I am so thankful that the Goddess gave me Dawson” I said to Gabi, and then sighed. This is going to be so much harder than I thought that it was going to be.

“I want you to know that both Tanner and I are both here for you. I think Tanner walking you down the aisle as he did in rehearsal, was the wrong choice for me to make. I think that we need to talk about that because I could see how much pain your father was in seeing you walk down the aisle with Tanner. I know that you have a very difficult relationship with your father right now, but he didn’t know about the abuse. Vincent and Beth checked his memories, and I think that you need to think about that. I just let Tanner do it because he volunteered, and I had been too busy to stop and ask you. I knew that you would need time to think about it. Tanner loves you, and Peyton, very much already and was glad to step in to help. He would indeed agree to do it for you tomorrow as well, but I think you should take tonight and decide if that would make you happy or not. This would be a large first step in having a real relationship with your father. He loves you, it is clear to me how much he loves you. He just didn’t realize who Meghan was until it was too late. I think a good second option for you is Vincent. Either of them would be so glad to walk you down the aisle. You just think about it and tell me in the morning. Whatever you want to be done, is what I will make sure happens. I just want your day to be perfect. I don’t want you to think back on it, with regret. I want you to remember your wedding day with only love and happiness” Gabi told me and then gave me a kiss on my cheek before she left.

I haven’t even thought about it. I guess I just didn’t think about it because I didn’t want to deal with it. Rob had told me when I got engaged that if I wanted him to walk me down the aisle that he would. I guess I just assumed that was what was going to happen but forgot to tell Gabi that Rob was going to do it. But he would be much happier if he just got to sit and enjoy the wedding with Isobel. I am still so happy at his finding his mate, I have Peyton and the Alpha King to thank for that. Isobel was training Peyton on how to use her second gift and doing very well at it. The Goddess knew what she was doing there too, my brother has never been happier either. We have already signed a new treaty with Golden Moon to protect them, and Isobel, from anyone finding out about her abilities. The Royal Knight pack and Ever Green pack had signed a treaty as well. Immediate family in other packs were also involved from the Crimson Shadow pack to the Black Night pack, for

protection for Isobel. The way their family protected each other and included us, as the twin's mates immediately in it as well, was something that I am still getting used to. They were so welcoming and loving, and I am used to family being the ones who hurt you the most. This change is a good one, that I can get behind.

I headed for bed, I will shower in the morning before I get ready for the biggest day of my life. I have some pretty big decisions to make tonight, and I already know that I won't be sleeping well thinking about it. I pray to the Moon Goddess for guidance in this, as she has shown herself to have my best interests at heart. She will know if I need to just play it safe and let Vincent walk me down the aisle, or not. She will also let me know if I need to extend an olive branch to my father, and maybe let down the wall around my heart that I have for him. It is going to be tough for me to decide. Mom telling me that he knew that she was hurting me, or told her to do it to me, had always hurt me. It was hard not to believe her as it did seem that he didn't care enough about me to stop her from doing it. I know now that she really was a great liar. I saw how emotional he got at the bridal story when he cried at just seeing me in my wedding dress. I know that I can trust Vincent and Beth completely, but I don't know if I am ready yet for a real relationship with my father. What if I am wrong? What if he ends up being worse than mom to me, or breaks my heart like mom did? I look at the ceiling thinking for hours, before finally drifting off to sleep after midnight. Knowing that tomorrow I will either break my father's heart or allow him to have a second chance in my life.

Rejecting, Your Broken Promises Chapter 130

Peyton's POV

Blood Rose pack

I wake up and I cannot wait to get the day started. I hop out of bed and go grab my shower. I get wrapped up in my fluffy robe from last night and wrap a towel around my wet hair. Today is the day that I become Mrs. Percy Wright. And I could not be more excited about it. In our culture, it is acceptable to mark and mate. The mark, and your scent, tells everyone that you are mated, and unavailable. Marriage is a full extra step that most don't even bother with. But even though it is not necessary, it makes me so happy that Percy wanted to claim me in as many ways as he could to show the world that I belong to him.

I had a good time getting some one-on-one time with my mom. She was also the first person to hear that she was going to be a grandmother. She could barely contain herself and I could tell from her excitement that she wanted to tell dad as soon as she got to him, but I begged her not to. I hadn't even told Percy yet. I was just so excited about it, that I slipped up. I went to the pack doctor just yesterday as I have been really tired lately, and he confirmed it. I asked him not to say anything, as I wanted to tell Percy first, but before

I could do it, Gabi pulled me away from him after dinner. I didn't want to tell anyone but him first, but while mom and I were talking I slipped up when I mentioned that I was glad my dress still fit. It was a corset top, and it had been a little big on me at the waist anyway, so it just fit perfectly now. I was a few days over a month and a half pregnant, and it looks like Percy got me pregnant on or around the first try. But with all the stuff going on, I really didn't notice that my being tired was staying with me until Isobel called our training early yesterday. I was going to argue with her about it until she smiled and told me to go to the doctor, before looking pointedly at my stomach. She can see into the future too, and she already knew. She just wanted me to go get tested so I could tell Percy for sure, and not in a vision that I was pregnant.

So, I went to the pack hospital, where not everyone knows who I am, and got the tests run. I was crying with happiness, I am hoping that Percy will be happy too. I know that he had originally planned to wait for about a year before having babies, but I wasn't on birth control yet when we first got together. We were just using condoms for the last month but hadn't used anything the first few times. I am hoping that he will see that this was the Goddess's will. The doctor did an ultrasound and he could tell where I was at in my pregnancy. It also looks like our pups and Dawson and Sloan's pups will be about a week apart, and will probably be more like siblings, than cousins. I am bouncing with excitement at getting to tell Percy today. I am hoping that he will be as happy as I am about it. I am also glad that we didn't know about this when I got kidnapped. Percy would have probably killed them all if he would have known before we could have calmed him down.

I head into the main room and see a covered tray and Sloan already sitting there eating a big breakfast. We greeted each other and were grinning at each other with silly smiles on our faces. It is our wedding day, and we are both really excited about it. I lift the lid off my tray of food and I see eggs, bacon, sausage, and pancakes. I have coffee, and orange juice served with it. I go ahead and grab a cup of coffee not even thinking about it and take the third sip of it before I make a sound and grab my phone on the table. I don't think I am supposed to be drinking coffee. I check on it and breathe a sigh of relief, I am not really supposed to have it, but a little will not have hurt them. I see Sloan looking at me, and the smile that creeps across her face getting bigger and bigger tells me she already knows what is going on. I try to just look down at my food and ignore her, but I can't stop the smile that grows across my face too. But I cannot say the words, I have to tell Percy before anyone else officially knows. Sloan gives me a knowing smile when I do glance back up, but she says nothing. I know that she will keep the secret, but with how this is going, I need to focus and keep my mouth shut until I can tell Percy.

I am struggling with if I need to even tell him today. Will he be unhappy that we didn't get that year together that he wanted us to have before we started having pups? I know we didn't plan for this to happen, but I also don't want to upset him on our wedding day either. This is hard, and I started to cry, I don't want him to be angry with me. I honestly don't know what to do. I cry silently as best as I can and then feel arms around my shoulders hugging me. Sloan is standing next to me and pulled me up to give me a tight hug, letting me know that she loves and supports me while I cry these stupid tears. I knew I had been crying more lately too, but I just assumed it was because of the k*****g,

Jasper, and the trial being overwhelming. I have not put any thought into it being anything other than that. Sloan just pats me on the back and tells me, “It is going to be just fine Peyton. Percy loves you and he will be ecstatic.”

She knew exactly why I was crying. Percy had told his plan to them as well over dinner before Stephanie, Jasper, and Cassidy’s trial started. He wanted us to take a month-long honeymoon, as he hadn’t taken over Ever Green yet, so we could have some alone time. He also wanted me to get my Luna training done with Von, and Gabi, so I was prepared to help him lead the pack. He just wanted to be able to get some time alone with me, and I didn’t want to ruin it. Now I am worried about what he is going to say about this. He didn’t discuss children, he just discussed wanting to wait just a little bit, like a year, before we got pregnant. That is not going to work now, because we now have about 3 months, give or take a few days before they are here. I will have to stay quiet about this as I cannot ruin this day for him. He was so happy about marrying me, but I don’t want him to think that I am trapping him by having our children too early. I guess I need to speak to him.

Sloan pull a chair next to mine and holds my hands in hers as she said, “What do you want to do? Are you going to tell him? I can see what you are thinking, and you are just getting yourself more and more upset. You cannot allow yourself to stress over this. Can you just try to look into the future to see? Or be able to tell the best way to go about it? I think that he will be happy. I really do Peyton. I know how happy he was with hearing that I was pregnant, and my babies will just be his niece or nephews. He may just be wanting to wait because he thinks that you want to wait. He was giving you an out, and you didn’t say anything to the contrary to him about it, so he might think that you don’t want pups just yet. Don’t panic. I can always link Dawson to feel him out. Dawson knows Percy better than anyone else. They share a bond, and I think that you would feel better about it. This is YOUR day too. I can already tell that you’re overthinking is sabotaging your happiness. This is your special day, do not let doubt mess it up for you. I cannot imagine anything better than a miniature Peyton to hug, kiss, and spoil.”

The floodgates really opened hearing that, and now I am sobbing uncontrollably. She is right, I will not be able to enjoy this day not knowing. I am going to ruin my makeup with my crying when I get made up if I don’t deal with this first. Good or bad, I just need to know. I didn’t want anyone to know before him, but it looks like there is no way around it now. I feel arms coming around me, and I look up with tear-filled eyes to see Gabi hugging me and crying herself. When did she enter the room? I never heard her come in.

“I heard Peyton, I am sorry, you two were talking when I came in and I heard before I realized it was a very private conversation. Percy loves you so much, stop worrying, I will go handle this myself. Dawson does have a bond with him, but so does his mother. I can read Percy like a book. I already know. Let me handle this for you, OK? Will that be acceptable to you honey? Because I really don’t want you to be upset. I know how those pregnancy hormones are. You will be upset all day, and I want smiling happy photos. I know what he said, but I also know that he is incredibly jealous of his brother over having pups on the way. Is it OK if I step in? I wanted this day to be perfect, and as far as I am concerned it now is with more grandpups on the way for me. I am positive that Percy will

feel the same way, I also know you want him to know before anyone else finds out” Gabi told me, and I nod my head at her. She is right. My whole day will be ruined by my stressing out about this. We need to get it straightened out because I don’t want my special day ruined either. I don’t want to look back at our pictures and see a stilted smile or remember that I was not truly happy on what is supposed to be one of the very best days of my life.

Gabi heads to the door and stopped before opening it, and said, “I will be back soon. Don’t open the door to anyone else. They will take one look at you and know that something is wrong. I will send everyone down to get their breakfast. I wanted you two to have a calm morning, so I just had your breakfast brought up. It is going to be fine Peyton. The Goddess has smiled on you both. My grandpups will be like brothers and sisters to each other they will be so close and I agree with Sloan. What could be better than having a miniature Peyton? I will tell you, having a mini Peyton, and a mini Sloan for me to spoil.” She then gives us both a big smile and heads out the door. I hope that she is right because with the weight that I feel on me right now, I just can’t imagine this day turning out good for me at all.

Percy’s POV

I can tell that Peyton is upset. Very upset, and I can’t go to see her and comfort her. It is hurting my heart because I can feel everything that she is putting out there, and I am really worried about her. She wanted to marry me just last night, but I can feel doubt, she is doubting marrying me. She is doubting that I want her. I have never loved anyone more than I love Peyton, of course, I want her. She is crying pretty hard right now because I can feel her anguish. It is coming off of her in waves and what she is feeling is enough for me to decide that I have to go see her. She needs me right now, and I won’t let her suffer alone. I know what mom said, but I can’t leave her alone with her feeling this way. I will just call her through the door, she won’t technically be able to see me, so it will be fine. I just know that I can’t stay here and let her worry and stress over something when I can fix it for her. I don’t think that even mom will have a problem with it, as I will be basically still not seeing Peyton. I don’t know why mom is taking this so seriously, when as far as I am concerned this is just icing on the cake. Peyton is already mine in the eyes of the Goddess.

I stride to the door and throw it open only to stop in my tracks because my mother is standing there about to knock on my door. Wow, she got her fast, she must be coming to talk about what is wrong with Peyton. I open the door wider as I step back to let her enter my room. I know it is bad when she shuts the door behind her and then motions me to the chairs in the seating area. Did Peyton change her mind? Does she not want to marry me now? Did something happen to Peyton? Mom needs to start talking now, but she sits there just looking at me with her head tilted like she is trying to figure something out. I am sorry but I don’t have time for this. I need to get to Peyton, so I stood up and told mom, “I need to go check on Peyton. I will be back in 5 minutes. Something is really wrong, and I just need to make sure that she is OK.”

“That is why I am here son. We need to speak about the wedding and Peyton. So please come back and sit down” mom tells me and my heart drops. Did Peyton really change her mind about marrying me? I sat back down as she asked, but I am stunned, is Peyton calling off our wedding? Why didn’t she talk to me last night? Everything was just fine last night. I love her, and I need her with me, what in the hell is going on? I can still feel Peyton crying, and I hope that she isn’t alone. That would make it worse.

“Is Peyton alone mom? She is clearly upset. I need to go to her. I want to marry her, why is she doubting my wanting to marry her? What has got her so upset with me? I have been so patient with her, I have not pushed her into doing anything that she wasn’t ready for, so she can be fully comfortable with me. I need to know what is wrong, mom. I need to go to her” I told my mom, and I am itching to leave the room. I can’t sit still any longer. I started to pace in front of mom, and she keeps her eyes on me as my anxiety plainly shows.

“Percy, I have heard you had plans for a month-long honeymoon, and that you had told Peyton that you wanted to wait to have pups,” my mom said. What nonsense is she speaking about, is this so important that we need to deal with it right now? I head towards the door again.

“Yes, mom, I wanted a month-long honeymoon. I will only have time for that kind of long honeymoon now. Because when I take over Ever Green, I won’t be able to leave the pack for long time frames. I just wanted to spend time and get to have a little one-on-one time with Peyton now that she is safe. She has always had people after her. I just wanted to spend some relaxing time with my wife” I told my mom.

“Percy, do you want children? Have you discussed it with Peyton? Do you know if she wants pups?” my mother asked me, and I finally lose my temper.

“Mom, do we have to do this right now? Seriously? I need to check on Peyton. She is so upset, and I have to go to her. We did talk a little bit about it, but like I told you. I am trying to be patient with Peyton. I just want her to be happy. If she doesn’t want pups, I won’t push her to have them until she is ready. But it seemed like she did want to have her own children, sooner or later. I am just fine with being with Peyton until the Goddess decides that we can have them. If she doesn’t, then we can adopt. But I need to go check on her, right now mom. I love you, but I don’t have time to stay here and play twenty questions right now. Maybe tomorrow before we leave, but I want to go check on Peyton, she needs me right now” I told my mom, and this time I pull my door open to exit the room.

“Percy, I know why Peyton is upset. Please, come back in here and shut the door. I only have one more question for you, and then you can go” my mom said, and I freeze.

“If you knew what was wrong with her, why weren’t you leading with that mom? You know how to interview people. You are deliberately upsetting me, and I want to know why? What is going on? You are keeping me here, away from my mate, and for what?

Why? What do you need to know?" I said to my mom. She just kept staring at me and then pointedly looking at the open door. I took the hint and then slammed the door shut. My patience is at its end, and I am so frustrated right now with knowing that my mate is sad and upset. I feel like pulling my hair in frustration, but I am really trying to fight to stay calm right now because she is my mom. I love her, but I need to get to my mate, she needs me.

"Do you want children too, Percy?" my mom asks me, looking me dead in the eye.

"Of course, I want pups mom. I want to have beautiful daughters that look just like Peyton. I want as many pups as Peyton wants to have with me, but I am leaving it up to her. She has been through enough and I want her to let me know when she is ready. I won't push her mom, no matter how bad you want grandpups. Peyton is what is most important to me, I will not put her in a position of being under pressure from me to cause her stress again. She needs me to love and protect her. I will help build her back up so that when she is ready, we can start. I was trying to help her by letting her know that there is no rush. I will be 21 in December. I am still young, we have plenty of time. So, slow your roll mom, I love you, but this is not up to you. When the Goddess decides that we are ready, then we are ready" I tell her and head for the door again, because this time I am not coming back until I speak to Peyton. I heard mom make a sobbing sound and I stop in my tracks. Is my mom crying? She rarely cries and as I turn back to look at her, she gave me a watery smile and said, "The Goddess is ready son"

I feel the breath knocked out of me in my surprise when I finally understood what mom meant. I need to sit down. No, I need to get to Peyton. I don't need to sit down. I need to go speak to her. I need her to know that I am so happy to hear this. I sprint to the other side of the packhouse. I need to see my sweet mate, no matter what mom said. We are not humans, we are wolves, and I want to hug and kiss my mate. I am going to make sure that she knows that I could not be happier to hear this. But when I get to their suites, the doors are locked. Thankfully before I can start to bang on the doors my mom comes up behind me with a key and said, "You can speak to her through the door Percy, but I want you to get your first look at her at the wedding, OK? Just trust me on this. If you need to you can hold her hand for a minute, but I don't want you to miss the opportunity that I am trying to give you."