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David

POV

"No" Amelia snaps looking at me with a look of utter disgust

"But I'm your mate" I say stubbornly.

"No David. You were my mate. I have rejected you and I'm beginning to know more and more that it was definitely the right thing to do" Amelia seethes as her words hit me deep.

"You have lied to me, treated my pups in a way I can never agree with. Your only saving grace was that I assumed Mathew would never be on board with it all. To know you both thought that what you did was right has left me utterly devastated. Never mind Lina."

"Amelia I love you" I say desperately.

"No you don't" she says emotionlessly, which somehow scares me even more. "If you'd loved me you would have never lied and abused our pups behind my back. I suggest you focus on trying to get back on the good sides of our children. If you hadn't noticed not one of them has come to check on you."

To hear my pups hadn't come to see me wasn't surprising but it hurt just the same. Reality was truly starting to sink in for me now, I hadn't only lost my mate at this point but pups also seem to have lost all respect and care for me. "None of them?" I ask in surprise.

With a shrug Amelia responds, "Mila asked me to let her know how you are. Other than that not one of them has asked me. You've made your bed David, now it's time for you to lie in it I'm afraid."

"I never meant for this to happen" I whisper as I desperately pray for her to look at me the way she used to. Instead her eyes, as she turns to look at me, are filled with fury.

"You didn't think. You let power go to your head and you became selfish in your decisions" she snaps. Without giving me another glance she turns to Henry who is still watching her.

"Why are you looking at my mate" I growl to Henry as jealousy creeps in.

"Because I'm worried about her" he says without looking at me still.

"Now we're not mates you're going to try your luck again?" I snarl. With that his eyes finally meet mine as he takes a step forward growling lowly.

"You disgust me brother" he snarls. "You literally met

Amelia when we were out on our first date. 10 minutes in may I remind you so I can't even class it as that. Ever since then I have been respectful and been nothing but a good brother, unlike you. Don't mistake my kindness for the mother of my niece and nephews as anything more

Somebody has to be there for them as it hasn't been you."

"Unbelievable" Amelia mutters rolling her eyes at my reaction as I bring up something so pathetic even I can't believe I stooped so low.

Looking down in shame I go quiet for a moment as I attempt to talk to Mathew.

"What do I do?" I ask him quietly but he stays silent on me.

"I'm sorry" I attempt to say but Amelia holds her hand up to stop me talking.

"Save it" she snaps. "I don't want to hear some insincere excuse of an apology, just so you can feel better about yourself."

As she steps back I watch as she holds the bridge of her nose and takes a few calming breaths. Opening her eyes she offers Henry a sad smile, "now Henry, what do you suggest we do moving forwards?"

"He will come with me as I've said. I've got a medical escort coming so he can travel back safely, as I wasn't sure how he would be healing. At this point it seems slowly but Mathew is helping him now at least. When I get to the pack I will consult with Axel and Evan about what they believe we should do in terms of punishment, there will be no give just because you were the previous Alpha here" he explains.

"If anything it'll be worse" he admits as he runs a hand through his hair. "As an alpha you're meant to lead by example, even after you've passed the title on, people look to you with respect. It's a shame it's come to this."

"I'll take whatever punishment they deem fit" I say after a moments silence

"Good" is all he replies.

One good deed doesn't make up for a lifetime of wrong ones, remember that David" Amelia says suddenly.

"You're using my mother's line on me?" I attempt to joke but it falls on deaf ears.

Well-if she had been buried she would be turning in her grave at how you've acted" she replies. Her words were simple but they cut me deep. Not because of how harsh they were but because of how true they were also.

"Is there no chance for us Amelia?" I ask, my voice seeming distant as I'm hesitant to hear her answer.

"No" she replies simply. "I thought for a little while there might be, and when I heard you'd been hurt I was upset.

More upset than I thought I'd be, but I realised it was because I was worried for the father of my pups, not my mate. A rejection is final. I made up my mind and Lina was with me for the decision. If we are lucky we might even get a second chance mate." "Oh really? Even at this age" Henry jokes to her making her chuckle slightly.

"Even at this age" she repeats with a smile in his direction.

*Like I said,

I, I would concentrate on your pups at this point

DavidR she says turning her now serious gaze to me.

"Concentrate on showing them how sorry you are."

"But I want you to see it also" I reply sadly.

"And I will, through the way in which you work to improve things with our pups. We are done now" she repeats as I feel a tear drip down my cheek.

"I will be by tomorrow to organise your transfer to my pack" Henry says stepping to the door. "Get some rest and think about what you are going to do to start making some changes for the better."

"Goodbye David" Amelia says in a monotonous voice as she slips out the room without waiting for me to reply.

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I suggest when you get to my pack, you take the time to really see how brilliant those twins of yours are. I wouldn't hand my pack over to anyone you know this. They have proved themselves time and time again, and the critical help they have provided Jax and Nova since being here has only cemented that fact for me. For all those years I wished I had an heir and felt like I was missing out, I can happily say that those two taking over in time make it all alright" Henry says seriously. "I'll be by tomorrow." With that he steps out and closes the door behind him, leaving me once again in silence, my only company being that of my rampant thoughts.

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Amelia POV

'Amelia" I hear being called as I step out of the pack hospital and into the crisp, fresh air of the early morning

Turning I see Henry jogging as I wait for him to reach me.

"Thank you for your support in there Henry, it meant a lot" I say as we begin to walk back slowly.

"It was the right thing to do" he assures me. "I'm incredibly horrified by David right now, my parents would be ashamed."

Your mum would be" I say pointing out the likeness of David and his father. "You know it's funny, all those years of hearing how your father treated you both growing up, I thought David could never do that to his pups, or to me. But he did, he's just like his father in his methods, just not as obvious with them."

"It's embarrassing" Henry mutters looking ahead of us as he shakes his head. "I am here for you thought Amelia, not in the way that he assumed for a moment, but because I count you as family still even after your rejection of my brother. The pups are incredible and you should be so proud. If you ever need to talk you know I'll listen don't you?"

"I do" I say with a soft smile. When I first met Henry I was young and up for fun. I met him on a night out at a pack bonfire with friends and we bonded over a drinking game. I felt this connection to him, and as it turned out he felt it also. So when he asked me on a date I didn't hesitate to say yes, he was attractive, an Alpha and was fun to be around. But 10 minutes into the date, when his younger brother interrupted us to collect the keys for the car, I found out why I felt so connected to him. His younger brother had turned out to be my mate, the one who I had then been with for almost 30 years. That was why Henry and I felt a connection, and as soon as we both realised that we never even went close to the flirty conversation we had held before I met David. Instead we became great friends, always being there for one another when life got a bit tough.

"You've been a great friend and confidante over the years you know Henry" I comment. "A great uncle to my kids and a great Alpha to your pack."

"I try" he smirks before offering me a thankful smile.

We walk for another minute in silence before he speaks up again. "When I lost Ola it was the worst day of my life, the pain of her leaving was too great for my mind to comprehend at that point. It took me a long time to get to the right mindset where I was determined to show her exactly what she gave up. Although David can't get you back from what you've said, it doesn't mean that in time he won't change to be more determined to become a better person you know Everybody has a point to prove in the end." "I know" I say with a sad smile. "I hope he does change, I hope he shows those pups of ours just how regretful he is for some parts of our past. It's a shame that his decisions have cast a shadow on the more positive aspects of our relationship. Does that ever go away?"

Henry's first mate Ola, who was also my step-sister, was with him for 5 years before rejecting him for another Alpha and subsequently moving to the other Alphas pack. It turned out she had been harbouring feelings for this other man for many years. So when his mate died and he offered her a place by his side, she jumped at the opportunity, leaving Henry alone and lost for a little while. My dad had died 6 months earlier and when Ola moved, as did my step mum, Yvette. I haven't heard a word from either of them since. But I watched as Henry built himself back up, and today he is a man many look up to. When David was so unhappy with the twins that they no longer felt comfortable in their home pack, Henry immediately offered them a place at his. He saw the potential they had and he became the fatherly figure they so desperately deserved, sometimes I forget just how grateful I am for how he has been there for us all despite his own loss.

"In a way" he answers me. "You learn to separate the good from the bad and look at it from a different perspective. I almost had to look at Ola and I's relationship as if I was an outsider to figure out what was truly good and what was all part of her lies." "It's such a shame" I sigh as he nods in agreement

"People do learn from mistakes though" he says as I look at him shocked

'Ola?!" IV ask. "I don't think she learnt from one mistake when I lived with her."

"Oh goddess I don't know about her" he laughs. "Last I heard she was still mated to an alpha from one of the southern packs. But I definitely learnt from my mistake. I learnt to never trust blindly again; to always make sure I judged their inner character, not what people portray on the outside. It's one of the reasons I figured Nova was something special, that and my wolf wanting me to bow to her."

Throwing my head back in a laugh I take a few seconds to respond, 'she's definitely one of a kind."

"How are the pups dealing with David?" Henry asks quietly.

*Jax is being Jax. He was cordial and polite when David brought those witches from what I was told, he was considerate of me and kept David at a house away from the packhouse. He also told me he was here when he saw me" I start. "That boy and honesty" Henry chuckles.

"Perhaps it has something to do with not being honest to me all those years, despite doing it to protect me" I say, finally voicing a thought I had a few days ago.

"Most likely" Henry says in agreement.

"Mila wanted to know how her dad was and asked if I wanted her to join me, but that was for my sake I believe, not for David's. The twins haven't said a damn word" I admit. Always visit FindNovel.net for more novels and updates.

"It doesn't surprise me" Henry says. "Mila had it different from the boys clearly. But also the twins will still be hurt from his recent actions. We will have to see in time what happens."

"Well it's out of our hands now" I say as we walk into the packhouse. "Goodnight Henry."

"Goodnight Amelia" he says and with a friendly smile he disappears to his guest room leaving me to head up quietly to mine.

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Alex POV:

Shifting back as we reach the lake edge I gather a beaming

Ophelia into my arms and swing her around happily.

"She's back" I whisper, before claiming her full lips with my own in a soft, loving kiss.

Pulling away, I put her down as she loops her arms around my neck, her body pressing close to mine. Posted by FindNovel.net "I feel whole again" she grins. "I wanted to tell you as soon as possible, but Alice suggested a surprise. I'm glad I stayed quiet." "I'm just glad you're both alright" I mumble nuzzling my nose into her neck, inhaling her scent as I revel in having her beside me again. "I missed you."

Feeling her delicate hands begin to play with my hair I moan into her neck as she silently giggles. "I missed you too Alex" she breaths in my ear. Pulling my head back I raise a brow, my eyes bright with mischief. "I think you'll have to show me, just how much you missed me....tonight." "I was already planning on it" she giggles while slapping my chest playfully. "So tell me about it, how did it go?"

"It was. not what I expected," I admit. Sitting down I tug her into my side, staring out across the clear lake. "Losing Kingsley was a massive blow."

Her breath hitches. at that, tilting her head up to look at me I see tears in her eyes. "I can't imagine how difficult that must have been for Nova and her sister. Nova missed out on so much time with him already, it's heartbreaking."

"Yeah" I sigh. Memories of Nova's anguished scream rushed to the forefront of my mind. "The noise she made. it was brutal Lia. They killed him in front of her. pulled his body apart."

"They what?!" She gasps.

"You heard me" I mumble. "But, f*vck me, you should have seen her after. Jax and her were magnificent, as soon as Kingsley fell they were engulfed in this blinding light." "The Moon Goddess" Ophelia gapes.

"I believe so" I admit slowly. "I will have to speak to them about what exactly happened, what they experienced. But for now I want them to take some time to gather their thoughts. The power that was emitting from them both was something I have never experienced before. It was raw, powerful.. ancient."

"Was anything else said?" Ophelia asks quietly.

"Esmerelda said there is only ever destined to be one

Guardian Wolf at any one time" I muse.

"But there has been two for the past 25 years" Ophelia points out.

"There has" I agree. "However, Kingsley and Nova were never at their true potential. I don't think Kingsley ever was."

"Why?" Ophelia asks intrigued.

"Well for one, Drake withheld a lot of their strength until he was 25. Kingsley also told us it was only in the last year or so that he really grew in size, unlike Kia. She has been growing for a while now, more so in the lead up to her birthday" I explain. "I know, Alice mentioned Nova having to take pain medication before meeting Jax, which I was surprised about" Ophelia admits.

"She's massive. There is literally no other word for her size, Zeus also" I chuckle. "I think being in Jax's company, with them being mates, helped soothe the pain. But I can imagine why she was finding it difficult before. The way they fought after, the way they held themselves, i believe it was Nova and Kia's true awakening."

"It would make sense. Nova was unsure of what her gifts were, I think she was of the understanding that when she turned 25 they would just appear. But with such little knowledge it's hard to find answers" my mate says, her concern for her new friend showing in her eyes.

"Her gifts did begin to appear, the closer to this fight we got, the more we became aware of what Nova and Kia were able to do" I muse. "But when Kingsley passed, it was a whole other level. Not only that, but Jax and Nova are a couple that share gifts." "Is Jax as strong as Nova?" Ophelia asks.

"No, I don't believe so. I mean he's far stronger than any of us and Zeus did kill Cedric" I admit. "But Nova and Kia, they are the ones that hold the power. They are an empath, Jax is not. They all can mindlink anyone and I believe all their senses are as strong as one another."

"I have a suggestion" Lia says quietly as she purses her lips and looks forward, her nerves rushing through the bond suddenly.

"And that is?" I ask nudging her gently.

"They speak to the oracle" she whispers as I stiffen slightly.

The oracle is someone who resides in our pack, her knowledge is great and seemingly limitless. But everything comes with a price. "I know what you're thinking. If they go, what will happen?"

"Yeah" I admit in a subdued tone, memories nudging at my mind once again.

"It won't be like last time Alex" Ophelia whispers as her soft hand caresses my forearm.

"How are you certain?" I ask slowly. Hearing her sharp intake of breath I turn to see her pain filled eyes.

"I'm not" she mumbles. "But I'm hopeful."

"Hopeful isn't always enough Lia" I remind her gently.

Falling silent we watch the water ripple slightly in the soft breeze, as we allow our minds to wander. Mine returns to my last visit with the oracle, in the midst of the vampire onslaught that started the war. Sent by my father because he was desperate to gain knowledge on how to prevent so many lives being lost, he requested I find the answer from the one that would know. I warned him of the consequences, that to gain something means to lose something, but he didn't listen..and that cost him his life. "Knowledge is never free Alex" Ophelia says after a few moments. "Do you think it's wise to continue figuring things out as we go along, to walk into the unknown and conjure up these great plans on the spot? Or do you think it's best to gain knowledge, to gain understanding and clarity?"

Sighing deeply, I ponder over her questions. "I think it's their decision" I finally say.

"You're right, it is" she agrees immediately. "We will of course warn them, that it comes with a price."

"And when they ask what that price will be?" I ask her.

"We tell them the truth, as unhelpful as it will be. We never know what the price is, admittedly what your family suffered was horrendous.. worse than could be imagined.

But we know it's not always deaths" Ophelia says gently.

Letting out a harsh laugh I shake my head at the horrid thoughts, "oh it could be losing your fertility, your ability to see, ones you love, homes, memories... I trail off:

"But what we do know is it's never something that has occurred before" Ophelia whispers.

"Don't you think Nova has lost enough?" I ask her.

"I do" she says. "That's why it's up to them. But I don't think it's fair to keep the option away from them."

Heaving another sigh I slump back, now lying down I gaze at the clear sky above. A stark contrast to the gloominess that surrounded us throughout the fight. "I will tell them of her" I tell her as she also lies down beside me, resting her head on my chest as I stroke her long hair therapeutically. "They may not even want to" Ophelia reminds me.

"I know" I whisper, kissing her hand softly. "Some way or other though, we need to find more information on Guardian Wolves."

"And we will" Ophelia reassures me.

"I do have something I want to discuss with you though." I say to her quietly.

"Hmm?" She asks, her hand stills where it was lightly tracing my tattoos on my chest.

Taking a deep breath I ask, "How do you feel about stepping down from our positions?"

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Ophelia POV:

Freezing, I don't move for a moment as I process what Alex has said.

"Lia?" He asks, his deep voice coaxing me from my thoughts. "What do you think?"

Sitting up I spin so I'm sat looking at him clearly. "I think it's the right thing to do."

Seeing a slight hint of shock pass through his eyes, he soon sits up opposite me. "Really?"

"Really," I confirm. "You know I've always been very keen on the idea of Jax taking your place once our time has come."

Now I think it's more than evident that it's the right time, he has a Guardian Wolf by his side. We know that Guardian Wolves are our protectors, our supporters and someone who will do anything in their power to continue our work in creating peace and unity between packs and other species."

"Exactly," Alex says, looking at me in relief.

With a nervous chuckle, I shrugged before trying to sound casual with my next comment, "I would also like to start a family with you."

"You would?!" He gasps. "But..you..?"

"I know," I whisper. Seeing a hint of hope in his eyes! quickly put my hand over his and shake my head slightly, "nothing has changed for me Alex, I can't have children. I'm sorry."

"No Lia" he replies sternly. "Don't ever apologise for that."

"You were hopeful," I whisper.

"No," he says, shaking his head. "I was hopeful we could start soon, yes, but then I remembered it takes time to appoint a new Alpha King."

"Oh," I mumble, my cheeks heating in slight embarrassment.

"Would you really want to start a family soon?" He asks quietly.

"I've always wanted a family with you Alex. I just needed time to process the fact that that ability was taken from me" I explain. When Alex found me, I had been chained and beaten, and my purity had been taken from me by force. He was my saviour, in far more ways than one. He found that spark in me once again, he built my confidence back up and he was there for me through all my trauma and helped me learn how to cope with it. But when I learned that from the way I had been treated, I could never have kids...it sent me on a downward spiral. The loss I felt was hard to comprehend, and the worry I held that my mate would be disappointed, ate at me until one day I exploded and told him the truth. To say I was embarrassed at even thinking he would care, was an understatement. I was mortified that I considered him holding that against me, and I know it upset him to. But he was understanding, forgiving and supportive. For a long time, I struggled with rational thinking; my life had been unstable for a long time, and it showed. But Alex changed all that, he not once held anything against me. He worked to replace any horrific memories with beautiful ones.

"I worried that after what happened to me, bringing a child into our life would complicate things and endanger them" I explain.

"I know" he says quietly, "I did also. Losing my family like that..it made me want to wait."

"I know too" I whisper. "But I want a child between us Alex."

"Why don't we adopt?" He asks suddenly.

"You'd want to adopt?" I ask in confusion.

Nodding slowly, he offers me a small smile. "Knowing you can't have a pup of your own, whatever route we took, has made me realise I could only ever have a pup of my blood with you. Anything else would feel wrong. Like I was betraying you...even if it wasn't physically." "But you wouldn't be Alex," I say, furrowing my brows.

"I know but." he trails off with a little shrug. "I just can't wrap my head around that, and there are so many pups out there in need of a loving home. Nova and Luca are perfect examples; they may not be blood-related, but have you seen a more stable sibling bond than them?"

"No... Are you sure, Alex? I don't want you to feel like you have to make that decision just because of me," I whisper.

"I'm not," he assures me. "It's for all of us."

Blinking quickly to keep the tears at bay, I offer him a wobbly smile.

"Oh, sweetheart," he whispers before pulling me close. Sniffing as I rest my head on his chest, I can't help the tears that fall.

"You're so good to me" I mumble as his chest rumbles with deep laughter.

"I was thinking the same about you" he chuckles. "So were really going to do this? I mean I know it takes time, the process of stepping down and finding the next Alpha King, but it gives us ample time to look into everything properly."

"We're going to do this," I giggle, pulling away and flashing him a wide grin.

"Parents," he smirked as he nudged me gently with his shoulder.

"We will be" I promise him, grasping his hand tightly as we struggle to tame our excited grins.

We return to our comfortable silence for a few more moments, before I hear Alex sigh once more. "What you thinking about now?" I tease him, sitting straight and rolling my eyes at him.

"Kingsley's pack" he admits as my eyes widen in surprise.

"I have to admit I hadn't thought of who would replace him"

I reply quietly. "Do they have a Beta?"

"Do you think it's time for them to be recognised as an official pack?" Alex asks me, clearly lost in his thoughts to not have registered my question.

"They aren't a normal pack though" I point out.

"They're not, and it doesn't mean they have to be" he says with a slightly shrug. "What Kingsley was achieving was impressive, why change his dynamic of running things?"

"So you suggest someone continues his legacy?" I confirm.

"Definitely" he replies immediately. "I was thinking Luca."

"Because of Sophie." I realise.

"Well yes, in a way. But Luca is far more than a Beta, his blood is the only thing that kept him in that position.

However being Rogue King doesn't mean he needs Alpha blood" Alex explains. "The pack trusts Sophie, she's a familiar face and will ensure to do what her father set out to do. Luca is a great leader, he has a natural ability and he is very likeable, plus a formidable fighter. I think they'd be a great replacement."

"I agree" I say softly. "So it still be a Rogue Pack?"

"Yes, but be recognised by the council" Alex elaborates. "I believe it will help with peace and overall unity."

"I think it's definitely worth mentioning to them," I reply with a smile. "Change is coming."

"Change is coming," Alex repeats.

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Alex POV:

As Ophelia and I return to the pack house, I see Elder Martin deep in conversation with Jax's Beta, Laurence.

"Elder Martin, it's good to see you" I say as we reach him.

"I'd like to extend our thanks for ensuring Ophelia and the others were safe."

"It's our duty Alpha King" he replies with a polite smile.

"I wondered if I could have a few minutes of your time

Elder?" I ask, holding his gaze as he looks at me curiously.

"I will go and see to the other pack members that have returned" Laurence says, bowing his head and politely excusing himself. "Thank you again Elder Martin."

We both watch the Beta walk off, smiling and greeting those he passes, taking the time to interact with everyone.

"I have to say I'm impressed with the way he has helped

Alpha Jax recently" Martin comments.

"He's a brilliant Beta, has been for many years" I agree.

"You wanted a word?" He asks, turning his attention back to myself.

"Yes, let's go to the conference room. I'm sure Jax won't mind" I tell him, gesturing for him to follow me. Walking quickly to the back of the pack house, I soon open the door to the conference room and let Elder Martin enter first.

"Take a seat" I tell him. "I've just been speaking to Ophelia about a couple of different matters. I wanted your opinion on them."

"Go on.." he says slowly.

"First, is the matter of me stepping down from Alpha King" I tell him bluntly. Studying his reaction closely I see no hint of surprise, instead I see his eyes soften in understanding.

"You knew?" I ask, leaning forward on the desk.

"I had a feeling it would be happening sooner than later" he says with a small chuckle. "I'm well aware of everything you have been through over the years Alpha Alex, you may be young still but your experiences scream otherwise. I also know what Luna Ophelia has endured...I always had a feeling that when the time came you would step down willingly."

"And why's that?" I ask in amusement.

"You want a family" he says with a shrug. "Luna Ophelia has been very transparent with me over the last few years regarding her struggles, and I am more than understanding if the reason for stepping down is to focus on family. You have lost a lot Alpha King, there is no shame in focusing on the future."

"Hmm" I say quietly as a small smile plays on my lips.

"You're very observant."

"I'd hope I was" Martin laughs, "it kind of comes with the position."

"Very true" I muse. "I will be honest. Yes, Ophelia and I would like a family, we would like time to devote to our future pups especially due to it being through adoption. It could be a different path to many and I'd like to have the time to focus on that and be there for my mate. But there is another reason, Jax has the mark of the crown."

"As does Nova" Martin points out quietly.

"As does Nova" I agree. "I didn't mention the crown to Ophelia, but I'm sure she has already noticed it. Nothing gets past her. Although I am surprised Jax hasn't mentioned it to me yet."

"I'm not" Martin replied calmly. "He has a very good understanding of what to prioritise and focus on, with everything that has happened over the last few weeks..the crown isn't a priority. But now."

"Now it is" I finish for him. "I'd like to personally put Alpha Jax forward as a candidate for the next Alpha King."

With a broad smile Martin stands to go and look out of the window. "I'm not surprised by that."

"Is there anything you are surprised about these days?" I ask him in amusement as I stand to join him.

"Occasionally" he nods slowly. "To be honest, I can't think of any other Alpha currently worthy of being Alpha King, there are certainly no others with the mark of the crown."

"Exactly" I agree quietly. "So you agree with my idea?"

"I do" he replies, his eyes focusing on mine. "But I do have a request."

"And that is?" I ask furrowing my brows as I try to think of what it could be.

"That you continue to work alongside Alpha Jax throughout his transition, and to offer support when he does become Alpha King" he tells me.

That would be a given" I say with a shrug.

"That means staying involved Alexander..not on the front line when it comes to it. But to be there to offer advice whenever asked, especially in the near future. I have a sense the transition may not be as smooth as hoped after everything that has happened as of late" he explains. "I don't think that's too much to ask."

"True" I agree quietly. "If Jax is willing for me to continue working with him closely, then I will. However I will also highlight that my family is my focus. Ophelia and I will be looking into it, and when we think it's safe to progress we will." "Understood" Martin says immediately.

"I believe Nova will be a brilliant Luna Queen" I tell him, turning round and taking a seat once again.

"Without a doubt" he agrees. "Although I do think her being here means that life will not be easy for a while."

"Because a Guardian Wolf normally appears in tumultuous times" I say quietly. "They come to help bring peace and rectify wrongs that are made. I'm aware of that."

"I've taken the time to look through the information Elder Johnathon has, there is a lot. In the past there has never been a Guardian Wolf during times of peace, and never more

than one at any given time. It is said that only one of their offspring can become a Guardian Wolf, and parents unfortunately die before their pups reach their awakening age. For both Kingsley and Nova to have been around at the same time is both a testament to Kingsley's ability to keep himself alive, and a warning from the Moon Goddess that whatever we have coming is going to be serious."

"Jax and Nova want pups, what will happen?" I ask in surprise.

"In the past, some only find out they are a Guardian Wolf at the age of their awakening, there was one recorded time that an individual found they were one when they were

39..the day their father passed away. There is no guarantee and no way of knowing if their pups will be a Gaurdian Wolf" he explains. "So I wouldn't ever stop them from having a pup. I've also spoken to Johnathon about Sophie." he mentions quietly as my brows raise in interest.

"What about her?" I ask in confusion.

"Her birth mark is rare, we have a feeling we know what it is but until she shifts I don't wish to elaborate. But when the time comes she will be of great help if that is the case, but she also cements my fears that our future is looking rocky" he says gravely. "I was going to ask her and Luca to take over the Rogue Pack" I mention quietly as I watch his reaction closely.

Seeing the corner of his lips quirk up in a small smile, I relax.

"I think that would be a very fitting idea" he praises. "Luca will be a fantastic leader, especially with Sophie by his side to support him. But I don't like referring to them as the Rogue Pack I have to admit. Not after hearing Kingsleys explanation as to who many of the members are. Laurence has also mentioned the reasoning behind some of the rogue warriors that came here and how they became a rogue. Rogues unfortunately have a bit of a history and a negative connotation, and what Kingsley has achieved is vastly different from leaders of the past."

"I want to change their pack name, and I believe them being formally recognised by the council will help" I say quietly.

"Then the wanderers as Kingsley called them, will be just that. Wanderers. Ones with no sense of home or belonging.

But I wish for Luca and Sophie to continue offering them a place to call home, and to continue the oath that all pack members swear to when they join. It's..safe."

agree" Martin says with a small smile on his face.

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"Will you tell me what you think is coming?" I ask him calmly as I lean back in my chair.

"When I know more, then yes. But until then it's just a theory" he says quietly, his face serious.

"Perhaps speak to Esmerelda" I suggest.

"I'd rather not" he chuckles, "she will come to me if necessary. Asking her questions will not always bring me answers, I learned that a long time ago. Sometimes it just brings more questions." Chuckling I nod my head as I agree, "it does.

"I also need to speak to Mila and Alpha Jax" Martin says gloomily. "Bruno wasn't at his pack and he hasn't come to the Council buildings yet, I doubt he will be showing."

Heaving a sigh I rub my temples as concern for my friend rises, "Jaxon won't be happy."

"No..he won't" Martin admits.

"Well good luck with that." I mutter.

"So you really are ready to step down?" Martin checks as he observes my reaction.

"I am" I reply with conviction.

"It's time for a new Alpha King."

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Chapter 1

Jax POV:

"Jax..I've put you forward, you are the one truly worthy of being the Alpha King, along with Luna Nova as your Queen and Luna, sharing a bond of true power."

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After saying those words Alex simply stands before me holding my gaze as my mind races at what's he's just told me. Alpha King was never something I expected or thought about, so to be told he'd already put me forward was a shock to say the least. "Cat got your tongue?" Alex teases as he leans back on the desk crossing his legs casually as everyone in the room watches in shocked silence. "Don't be a cocky bastard" I mutter to him narrowing my eyes.

Throwing his head back he laughs loudly before walking round to take his seat again. "Not many people would dare speak to my like that, me being the Alpha king" he smirks.

"Not many people would dare call me Jaxon" I counter with a pointed look in his direction making his smirk grow. "Have you really thought about this?"

"I have" Alex replies, "Ophelia and I have discussed it already."

At the mention of her name Luna Ophelia stands and moves to sit by her mate. "Do you mind discussing this in front of everyone in this room?"

"Perhaps that should have been something asked earlier by your mate. Does it look like he plans on leaving any time soon?" I ask pointing to where my Beta is wide eyed with excitement as he practically bounces in his seat. "Sorry Alpha" he says sheepishly.

"It's fine" I chuckle. "You're free to speak in front of the others, I don't think I need to remind anyone to not repeat a word that is spoken" I say looking around as everyone nods in agreement immediately.

"I believe you're the perfect candidate Jax, you are an incredibly successful Alpha in your own right. You have a pack that respects you and trusts you more than any other I've seen. I could go into the qualities you possess but I don't want your arrogance to grow quite as much as my partners has" she says winking at Alex who scowls at the desk. "Being Alpha King is a great responsibility and I for one believe it is one you can handle. The way you conducted yourself and others throughout this dealing with Charles and Cedric was commendable."

"I had plenty of help" I point out.

"You did" she agrees with a small smile, "but help is necessary. You see becoming Alpha King is not just about yourself but who you have around you. I don't think it's necessary to talk about how wonderful Nova is, everybody already knows of her qualities. But having a Guardian Wolf as the Luna Queen would make a great difference. A Luna Queen is there to support, to offer advice and opinion, to offer a sense of comfort to the many along with kindness and reassurance. Together the King and Queen are strong role models and leaders, but very much a team. Not only that but Laurence here, although as excitable as he currently is, he is an incredible asset to you. You have Alpha blood yes?" She checks with him.

"I do Luna, yes, my mother was the daughter of an Alpha" he answers trying to calm his voice.

"So is my Beta, Beta Oliver" Alex explains. "I believe it's strengthened my time as leader. Your help and the way you have conducted yourself during our time here hasn't escaped our notice."

With those words I see Laurence's mouth open in shock as he appears lost for words at the praise he has received.

"You also have twin Gammas" Ophelia points out. "Although it's been seen before it is rare, and we've seen how yours handle themselves. They work in unison, yes they might tease one another as siblings, but in the role as Gammas they are a team and don't push for dominance. In the past twins in positions of authority have fought to get above one another in the hierarchy, I can't see this happening here."

"They have lost too much in the past to risk losing one another" Nova suddenly says quietly. "It's something I was always incredibly proud of when they were younger and I still am, they always work to help the other do better, not just themselves." "Exactly" Ophelia says with a bright smile in Nova's direction. "But ultimately Jax you are their leader, you are the voice of reason and what you say goes. We've discussed this before haven't we Alex?"

"We have" he admits. A dark look crosses his face before he continues, "when I lost my entire family I was in a bad place. What kept me going was my mate, my pack but also you Jax. It was the way you helped me with my men, your strategies which helped us succeed, the way you threw yourself into helping me defeat those vampires. I saw something in you 3 years ago and I see it even more now."

"As do I" Elder Martin suddenly says making my eyes flash to him. "Even more so after the very recent events. A change is coming..we need to embrace that."

"You've really thought about this?" I ask Alex as he holds my gaze steadily.

"I have" he replies confidently. "Like I said, the process can take a while. There will be others who put themselves forward, there are always those tempted by power and greed. But no others have the mark of the crown, it's a sign by the Moon Goddess." "Why was it on our mark?" Nova asks intrigued, "why not with the moon we received? To show our bond?"

"I can answer this part" Elder Martin interjects. "I spoke to Esmerelda, she is quite the fountain of knowledge."

"When she speaks freely" I say raising my brow.

"Well yes that's true" Elder Martin chuckles. "As you know she sees the many different paths we can take, all the different versions of the future. Your bond of true power only came into place when Kingsley unfortunately passed away, it was only then that Nova could welcome her true powers and ultimately share some of them with you Alpha Jax. However you both were always worthy for this role, it was something that has always been the same in every version Esmerelda has seen."

"Do you have the mark Luna?" I hear Nova ask Ophelia hesitantly as I realise I have never paid attention to her mark before.

"I do" she says moving her hair to show the crown at the bottom of her mark.

"If they're worthy to become the alpha King and Luna Queen why go through the procedure with the council?" Axton asks in confusion.

"Just because they're worthy doesn't mean they will end up in that role. Like we said, it's a procedure we have to follow, tradition" Elder Martin says.

"What is the procedure?" Luca asks still looking in shock at what has been discussed in this office.

"It is a vote between council elders and the other Alphas" Alex begins explaining. "You have to go through stages which I will explain further once you've had chance to digest this. But if another Alpha has enough votes then he can become Alpha King." "Despite Alpha Jax being worthy?" Luca checks.

"We tried to appeal it for Alex's father who also bore the mark of the worthy" Elder Martin sighs, "but other packs believe it's fair to offer the opportunity to anyone who is willing to work for the position. Alex's dad still won but not all Alpha Kings have had the mark, some generations there was none with it."

"So thats 21 packs in total?" Sophie checks. "I'm sorry I'm still learning about all the packs."

"Don't apologise Sophie, you're picking up the information incredibly quickly" Axton says as Luca nods at his Alpha in thanks.

"So there are 21 packs in the Northern Territory yes, but Alex isn't just the Alpha King of the northern territories. He's the King of both northern and southern, so it's a total of 47 packs" Elder Martin explains.

"That's a lot" Sophie comments. "But it will be 48 will it not?"

Seeing the proud look in Elder Martins eye he smiles widely as he answers, "it will."

"Alpha Bruno has a large influence over the Southern Packs" I sigh as I see Axton tense from my words.

"He does" Elder Martin agrees slowly. Sitting for a moment I furrow my brows as a thought comes to mind. "Elder Martin" I say sharply as my eyes find his.

"Yes Alpha?" He asks his voice more cautious than it was a minute ago.

"Why are you not at the council buildings with Alpha Bruno right now?" I demand.

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Chapter 2

Jax POV:

"I think we should finish up here for now" Alex says quickly as I continue to look at Elder Martin as he shifts uncomfortably.

"Nova would you please ask Mila to join us?" Axton requests quietly as my mate simply nods in response before her eyes glaze over.

"Laurence I'd like to speak to you when I'm done here" I say as he stands to go. "Can you also get Florence and Theo to attend, along with Naomi and Alice if they are rested enough." "Yes Alpha" he responds before quietly leaving as Alex and Ophelia follow suit.

"Can we have dinner Nova?" I hear Luca ask hopefully as he pauses in front of us.

"Of course" she smiles. "Why don't you come up to our suite? I can have the living room set up to eat."

"Sounds great" he smiles, "just mind link us when you're ready."

"Luca" I say quietly before he leaves, "I know you and Sophie have a lot to discuss. But in my opinion I couldn't think of two better people to replace Kingsley."

"Thank you Alpha" he says gratefully.

"Jax" I remind him rolling my eyes as he chuckles.

"Jax" he corrects himself before smiling to everyone and leaving, closing the door quietly behind him.

Turning my attention to Axton and Elder Martin I see them sharing a look between themselves.

"What's going on?" I ask sharply.

"I think it's best we wait for Mila" Axton says quietly, "she was going to speak to you after this anyway."

"About what?" I growl, my concern for my sister growing as I notice the uncomfortableness in Elder Martins eyes.

"Jax" I hear Nova say as I feel her hand softly grasp my arm, immediately relaxing me. "Let's just wait for Mila. Your mother is coming also."

"Ah s**t it's serious" I groan as I sit down rubbing my face while I silently stress. Tapping my foot impatiently I sense Nova move and come and sit on my lap, resting her head on my chest.

"Relax" she links me. "For Mila you need to relax. I can sense Axtons nerves and concern for his future mate. She won't want you to be uptight and grumpy right now, we need to be there for her whatever this is about."

Rubbing her back gently as I let her calm my inner anger I sigh reluctantly, "you're right, as always."

Hearing her giggle into my chest I smile as I kiss the top of her head and wait for my sister to join us. Hearing the door open quietly my head snaps up to meet Milas worried gaze as my mother follows behind her sending me a sharp warning glance. "Mila?" I ask quietly.

"I'm sorry Jax" she whispers.

Nova quickly stands from my lap and goes to guide Mila to the sofa beside Axton, holding her hand gently in support.

"Sorry?" I ask in confusion.

"I didn't want to worry you just yet, I wanted you and Nova to have just one day where you didn't need to worry about others" she says as she breaks down sobbing.

I watch Axton as he gently pulls her head into his chest, "do you want me to say?" I hear his whisper as Mila nods in his hold.

Lifting his head he holds my gaze confidently as he speaks clearly, "Bruno wasn't there when the two Elders went to ensure he was going. They commanded his Beta and he didn't know where he was either, he'd purposefully not told him so he couldn't be found." "WHAT?!" I thunder as I feel Zeus move forward in my mind. "Elder Martin?!" I exclaim turning to see him looking at Mila with concern.

"I know Alpha, I know" he says with a pained expression. "It wasn't me who was handling it but after meeting with you and Nova recently I had decided to be come and travel back with Mila following the fight. It's..uncommon for someone to report an Alpha for refusing to accept a rejection and I wanted to ensure she was safe."

"We did it this way because we thought it would be safer for Mila" I growl. "I should have f*****g forced him to accept it."

"Jax you had to think of your sister, you did the right thing. Mila made the right decision" ma says quietly as I send her an incredulous look.

"But it wasn't the right decision, I mean now look? He's doing it to punish her even more" I fume.

"He's already punishing her enough" Axton snarls as I sense his fury towards Bruno. "What I witnessed earlier was horrific."

"Earlier?" I ask deadly quiet as Mila sends me a panicked look.

"Jax please stay calm" Nova says as I try to control my breathing. "I know you're protective of your sister but you need to listen to what she has to say."

"He slept with someone else" Mila says, her voice trembling. "He did it during the fight as well and Alia took all the pain, it's why I stayed in human form" she admits as my breathing becomes laboured.

"I refused to let her take it this morning, she needed to recover and it's not fair on her either" Mila whispers. "Being with Axton helped, but it was still painful."

"That f*****g man, when I get my hands on him" I snarl as I remember the arrogant pricks face as I took my sobbing sister away from his pack.

"What do we do?" My ma asks quietly but calmly.

"What if we mark one another?" Axton says furrowing his brows. "Would it stop the pain?"

"You know the laws Alpha" Elder Martin says shaking his head, "although Mila and Bruno aren't marked they have still got the bond between them, it wasn't sealed but they did make it stronger at the beginning. It could put him at a serious risk.." "He deserves it" I snarl angrily. "I never thought I'd be the one to say that someone should mark another behind their mates back but after everything he has put her through?! Surely this is different."

"We could appeal it.."Elder Martin suggests.

"Or we could just mark one another and deal with the fall out so I don't have to discuss my mating life anymore in front of the council?" Mila suggests, her eyes hopeful.

"What would the fall out be?" Axton asks the Elder.

Before he has chance to answer my office phone rings and I growl as I stomp over to answer it. Without looking I pick it up and snarl angrily to whoever is on the line, "I'm busy at the moment, you're going to have to call back later." "Jax" I hear my ma gasp, shocked at my attitude.

"I would have thought you'd want to hear what I have to say.." the voice says with a smug tone to it.

"BRUNO" I roar as everybody in the room looks to me in shock.

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Chapter 3

Mila POV:

"BRUNO" my brother roars as my eyes snap fearfully to meet his.

"W..what?!" I gasp as Jax takes a few steady breaths to calm himself. Placing the phone down on the desk carefully he puts it on speaker as Elder Martin moves closer while motioning for Jax to stay calm. "So you're going to listen?" I hear Bruno ask as a shiver runs down my spine at hearing his voice again.

"Yes" Jax says through gritted teeth.

"Is your gorgeous sister there?" Bruno asks in amusement as Jax looks to me for confirmation before speaking.

Hesitantly I nod my head before he answers, "she is."

"Great" Bruno laughs, "and her new fella?"

"How did you know she has a new.. fella?" Jax asks being cautious not to mention the word mate at the risk of angering him.

"Oh I felt them" Bruno replies casually. "It's interesting to know exactly how I've been making Mila feel I have to say."

"You know nothing of how I've felt" I snarl my confidence reappearing suddenly in my anger as I storm to stand next to Jax. "I have simply kissed a man, you have done far more than that."

"Ah there's my gorgeous mate, I have to admit I've missed that voice of yours" he says slyly through the phone. "Did you like your present this morning?"

"You bastard" Jax growls as he grips the desk tightly, his knuckles turning white in his anger.

Chuckling down the phone Bruno seems relaxed and uncaring as he baits us, "well I couldn't let her forget about me now could I? I didn't know if last night was enough."

Seeing Axton surge forward I hold my hand out and subtly shake my head. He can't know about Axton just yet, not if I have any chance of him accepting the rejection. "Bruno are you going to accept my rejection?" I ask forcing my voice to be calm.

"I am" he replies making all of us look at one another in shock. "I have no need to be tied to you any longer."

"You had a need to be tied to me?" I ask in confusion.

"Well not at first, but recently I did yes" he replies vaguely.

All is quiet for a moment as we sit and contemplate what he has said before Elder Martin speaks up.

"Alpha Bruno. May I ask why you decided to not travel to the council building today?"

"Why travel when I'm going to accept it" he laughs down the phone. "I had business to attend to I couldn't afford to waste time on such trivial matters."

Hearing a knock at the door Jax motions for Nova to answer it and I see her head over quietly. Seeing four warriors from the White Mountain Pack with concerned looks on their faces Axton immediately sends me an apologetic glance before going to them.

"I, Alpha Bruno of the Deep Forest Pack, accept your rejection" I hear Bruno state clearly through the phone before we both cry out loudly and drop to the floor. As a loud ringing sound reaches my ears and my stomach convulses with my heart breathing loudly, I see Jax rush to my side to help me along with my mother.

"It'll all be over soon darling" I hear my ma's comforting voice sooth as she rubs my back. "Deep breaths, that's my girl."

"Axton" I hear Jax hiss, then I'm faintly aware of my mate moving to crouch by me.

"Shhh Mila it's alright" he whispers but I hear the tightness in his voice as he does so. As he gathers me into his arms I feel the strong sparks between us snapping me out of my pain.

"Mate" we both say clearly as I look into his eyes.

"Mate" he repeats in a whisper kissing me gently as his intoxicating scent surrounds me. "Is Bruno still on the phone?"

"No, he hung up immediately" Jax replies as he helps me stand. "Sit down Mila" he says gesturing for Axton and I to take a seat.

"Are you sure?!" I hear Nova ask in a panicked voice making me look round. "You need to come in."

"How long have you been unable to reach them?" I hear Axton ask as he holds on to me tightly trying to control himself.

"What's going on?" I whisper looking between them.

"None of them have been able to reach their mates" Axton says as my heart begins to beat wildly.

"Since this morning Alpha, Anna told me at 11am that they were going to the lakes with the Gamma for a pups day out. She said she would send me pictures, when I got none I tried calling. I haven't been able to get through" one of the warriors says worriedly. "You all have pups" Axton comments looking between them as they nod in response. "Let me

get hold of him and I'll call you back, maybe they're not back yet." "It wouldn't stop Laura messaging me Alpha" another of the warrior says.

Just then there is another knock at the door and Nova sends Jax a worrying glance. Opening it we are faced with another two warriors from the White mountain Pack.

"Sorry to intrude Alpha. I know we are due to be travelling home soon but I haven't been able to get through to Constance and I wondered if you'd heard any correspondence from the office today to show she was working late?" one of the warriors asks. "I haven't.." Axton says as he slowly stands.

"Alpha" I hear Luca call out as he comes sprinting to the office. "I haven't made any contact with the other warriors from the pack. I asked for training reports to be emailed to me and I've had nothing. Some of the warriors downstairs can't reach their families and are concerned."

"This isn't right" Axton growls. "Men I need you to step out, I know you're worried and rightly so, so am I. But I need to get answers."

"Yes alpha" they chorus looking between one another worriedly.

"Please don't spread panic just yet, you know we will do everything in our power to get to the bottom of this" Nova says to them comfortingly as they all look to her gratefully.

As the door closes she spins on her feet and strides over to Axton, "get up the emergency CCTV."

"The emergency?" He checks as he quickly pulls his phone out.

"I don't have a good feeling about this" Nova says. "For them all to not be answering or contacting their loved ones after such a fight then something is amiss. You need to get up the ones that I set up."

As he types away I glance at Nova in confusion, "I organised an emergency CCTV. It's only known by Axton, Luca, I presume Sophie and it would have been you also once you were at the pack." "That's clever" I comment.

"Who the f**k is that?" Axton growls as he zooms in on the camera. "That's not a pack member is it?" He checks with Luca and Nova as I see the camera looking at what appears to be the living room in a building, where a large man in black clothing is stood in the view of the camera.

"No" Luca growls. "Fuck.." he exclaims as his horror filled eyes look up.

"Do you think..?" He gasps looking at Axton as my mate quickly moves to look at another camera. "The kitchen" he mutters.

"That's not the normal chefs" Nova says immediately as she rushes to the desk.

As she's busy typing away on the computer the phone rings and she reaches her hand out absentmindedly to answer it, "Luna Nova, how may I help?" She answers politely despite multitasking.

"Bruno?" She asks furrowing her brows as she straightens and looks at me again. "You've accepted the rejection why are you calling?"

Turning it on speaker she places it down once again, "I just wanted to know how my good friend Axton is doing?" His voice asks causally down the phone as we all freeze in our movements as I feel a chill ripple through me and my breathing quicken. "Bruno where are you?" Elder Martin asks from where he's been observing us all.

"You haven't checked the number" he says in amusement as Nova frantically looks at the phone. Seeing her face drain of colour she gasps in panic.

"No" she whispers.

Hearing a deep chuckle Bruno replies with glee, "it's amazing what money can buy you these days" before he hangs up once again.

"Where was he?" My brother asks deathly calm.

As tears pour down my brothers mates face I feel Axton stand and move to opposite her as if in a trance. As she moves her eyes to look at him I see him stumble back as if he knows what she's going to say. "The White Mountain Pack..."

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Chapter 4

Axton POV:

"NO" I snarl as I stare at Novas tear streaked face. "It can't be.."

"What is the Deep Forest Pack insignia Mila, it's a tree yes?" Jax asks as he goes to stand beside Nova, pulling her close to his side as he envelops her shaking hands in his own.

"It's a tree with a standing wolf howling upwards" Mila answers as she comes to stand with me, wrapping her arms comfortingly around my torso, as I comprehend what's happening.

"Luca show me the cameras" I order before he rushes to pick up my phone and comes to stand by the table. Setting it down I quickly get up the living room feed again hoping the man is still stood in front of the hidden camera. Seeing he hasn't moved I pinch my fingers on the screen and zoom in. "Where would it be on their clothes Mila?"

Furrowing her brows as she thinks back she bites her lip before answering. "Have a look on their top left side near the shoulder, but they rarely wore a uniform such as this" she tells me. Moving the camera just as the man moves we are all able to clearly see their pack insignia standing out in a bright white thread on their black clothes.

"He's really done it" I snarl as I step back, feeling the anger rolling off of me in waves Mila moves with me, keeping a hand on me at all times so the mate sparks can help calm me.

"I'm so sorry Axton" Mila whispers as I see tears in her eyes, her lip quivering as she holds back her emotion.

"It's not your fault Mila" I say, "don't even go there please. He's had a problem with me for a long time, this is just his excuse. How did he even know about us?!" I exclaim looking at Luca.

"My guess would be from the Luna Ceremony, but I just can't think of anyone there that would know him well enough to tell him about Mila" Luca says as he runs a hand through his hair with stress.

"Gamma Zak" Nova suddenly says making Axton and Lucas heads whip back to her. "Bruno said just then, it's amazing what money can buy you. Zak also organised a mothers and pups trip to the lake, that's awfully coincidental isn't it? When was he so thoughtful to arrange one in the past, and why didn't he tell you on your daily debrief?"

"That motherfucker" I growl. "What I need to know is how the hell they got it so no one has managed to contact us."

"Zak has access to the main CCTV, I bet you anything it'll be down. He also had the packs support and trust, a trip to the lakes wouldn't be a red flag normally would it...people would you assume you asked him to. Also at training, do you still have it where everyone leaves their phones?" Nova asks efficiently.

"We do" Luca says. "But what about the main lines?"

"Could quite easily be blocked" Mila mentions, "my brothers have shown me plenty to do with technology over the years and I know for certain that it is possible."

"So, if Zak arranged for everyone to be in large groups at the time of The Deep Forest Pack moving in it wouldn't be too difficult to overwhelm them if Bruno took them with large numbers. How many pack members were left Alpha Axton?" Jax asks me. "237, 68 of which were warriors" I reply immediately. "I haven't felt a single pack link break."

"So they've done it with no deaths.." Luca muses furrowing his brows.

"If he had purposefully invaded and killed innocent lives he knows he would have us, the council elders, deal with him. He also knows he would create many enemies in the north. Your pack has taken in quite a few other pack members over the years and have an extensive list of allies in your own right, don't you Alpha Axton" Elder Martin suddenly interjects. "He's thought this through."

"He's doing this for a power play". Mila exclaims as her large sympathetic eyes find mine. "He's already dominant in the southern territories, his pack has grown an overwhelming amount in the last couple of years."

"Luca, access the pack finances, follow emergency procedure of the transferral of pack funds, immediately" I order before he nods his head and moves to a chair in the corner to do as I asked.

"How long has Zak been your Gamma?" Jax asks.

"A little over 2.5 years, he is now 23. He took over from his father. Originally I wanted to appoint my own Gamma as I thought he wasn't quite right, but it was his birth right and no one else within the pack was as trained as him" I explain.

"Your pack is the first when you reach the Northern Territory isn't it, then there is Moonbeam Pack which has already fallen..." Jax suddenly says as he begins to look at a map in front of him. "I'm linking Alex and Laurence immediately we need to figure out his game plan."

"I'm going to look through the cameras, see if anyone seems in danger of being hurt or worse. Luca when you've finished that I need you to organise 5 warriors to accompany me on a visit to the pack territory for a meeting with Bruno" I growl. "Yes Alpha" I hear him reply.

"I suspect they had more help than just Zak" I hear Nova say to Jax as she too looks over the map in front of them. "It's not an easy pack to infiltrate or take over."

"They also knew to attack when the alpha and beta weren't there along with the warriors that came to our aid" Jax mutters.

Looking through the CCTV I don't see any pack members until I reach the final camera in the conference room. "Zak.." I growl furrowing my brows.

"You can see him?" Luca checks rushing over. When he reaches to me he does a double take as he looks at what I'm watching, "what the..it doesn't make sense."

"What's wrong?" Mila asks as she moves to be beside me. Gasping at the sight before her she looks at me before speaking, "is that Zak?!"

"Yeah" I mutter.

Feeling Nova and Jax's questioning gaze on me I explain, "he's tied up and badly beaten. He looks unconscious but...there's a lot of blood. A lot."

"They got what they wanted, now there is no use for him" Luca mutters.

The office door flings open and I see a furious Alpha King stride in, his aura bristling as his piercing eyes focus on me. "Is what I'm hearing true, Bruno has got your pack?"

"I fear so" I say standing up. "I've felt no pack links break indicating no deaths. I've looked through CCTV and his pack members are in every camera shot, their pack insignia is clear to see. Never mind the fact that we actually spoke to Bruno on the phone..he called from my personal office number."

With a snarl I feel Rex pushing to shift when I say that piece of information, but I force him back knowing I need to handle this situation. "I've got 5 warriors at the ready to travel with me. I need to speak to him as peacefully as possible, I wish for no harm to come to my pack members."

"Jax get 5 men also, Nova and you will travel" Alex orders as Jax bows his head and his eyes glaze over as he mindlinks. "I also want 50 warriors to hang back when we go, stay 10 miles out ready to move in if things escalate. Luca organise it please."

Alex's eyes never leave mine as I hold his gaze. As a snarl erupts from him he spins and slams his fist down on the office table, cracking it, much to the displeasure of Jax who throws him an angry glare.

With that Alex stands and his eyes flash with that of his wolf, "I'm coming with you, that fool won't know what's hit him."

The Blessed Ones – A Blessing Or A Curse?

Chapter 5

Nova POV:

Hurrying downstairs we we all prepare to leave, I quickly catch up with Alex to voice what Jax and I had been linking one another while everyone was busy discussing the plan in the office. Ensure you are reading this novel on FindNovel.net. Visit FindNovel.net to read the complete novel; it's free and updated.

"I need a word" I say quietly, aware that Axton and Jax are busy organising the warriors for travel. "Elder Martin I need you to listen as well."

As they both stand to one side to me I speak lowly, "you said you sent two elders to the deep forest pack and his Beta didn't know where he had gone, yes?" I check with Martin.

"Yes" he agrees.

"So logically his Beta didn't know of his forceful entry to the white mountain pack, which means he didn't know of warriors leaving? I have a theory.." I begin as Alex nods for me to continue. "Mila said the pack had grown considerably over the last few years, and we know he's not a decent man. He rules his pack with fear and the way he treats others is despicable, we've heard that first hand. What if he has got other southern packs working under him?"

"He's growing his supporters" Alex mutters. "f**k you're right Nova. His control is bigger than we think."

"I think he saw his opportunity when he learnt of Axton and Mila. Axton and Bruno have never gotten on, I didn't make the connection when Mila originally told me who her first mate was but I remember now. They butted heads, and often, when they were at alpha training together. I've heard all about it" I explain. "But I'm concerned Axtons pack is just a stepping stone for him."

"The southern packs have been quiet recently, the council elders have reported nothing out the ordinary. Some packs are even more successful in their businesses" Elder Martin says. "Too quiet..too successful.."

"I think Bruno has been a busy man whilst we have all been distracted" I admit quietly. "Or at least I think it's a strong possibility. Either way I think he has a strong influence there now, do you think he could be working his way to being Alpha King?"

"Maybe, but he doesn't stand a chance now by his actions" Alex says furrowing his brows. "Something just isn't sitting right with me."

"Me either" I sigh. "We need to be alert."

"Most definitely, I also don't want Mila coming" Alex says as I nod my head in agreement. "JAX" he bellows to get my mates attention. "Are the warriors ready?" He asks as Jax arrives.

"Yes, Axton is loading them up now. He's efficient with this" he comments in approval. "You've filled him in?"

"She has. I don't want Mila coming" Alex repeats to Jax.

"I agree" Jax agrees immediately, "I already know Axton is in agreement. She is not to be put in any harms way."

"Shall I break the news to her?" I ask quietly, "perhaps hearing it from me rather than her very protective older brother and mate would make her argue less. I know she feels she has a point to prove, to show him she's not scared but she needs to stay home." "Please" Jax asks, looking grateful for my suggestion.

"I'll go speak to her now" I tell him, excusing myself and going to find her.

Seeing her come out of the packhouse trembling and very pale I rush to her side, "Mila? Are you ok?"

"I'm fine" she says but her voice lacks confidence. Clearing her throat, she then straightens her shoulders and tries to smile, but it doesn't reach her eyes. "I'm just horrified that I could have caused this" she admits.

"Mila" I sigh, feeling sympathetic for my sister in law. "You're not to blame. I can imagine why you think that, but honestly, I think you were just the final nail in the coffin for Bruno's revenge on Axton. You heard your mate, they haven't got on for a long time. Years in fact." "Why?" Mila whispers.

"They met at Alpha training, I believe they were both there for 2 years. Axton was extremely successful and Bruno resented him for it. From what I've been told he was jealous of Axton's natural skills and the fact that their peers looked up to him and also got on with him very well" I explain. "You know what Alphas are like, they love to be the best. Others were more accepting of the fact Axton was more successful, but Bruno despised him for it."

"Bruno is the Alpha of one of the biggest packs in the southern territory though. I don't understand why, after all this time, he still needs to settle a score against Axton" Mila replies quietly.

"Some people hold grudges for a lifetime" I answer. "It's sad but it's the truth, and I imagine the years apart have only spurred Bruno on more. The bigger his pack has grown, the more he's heard of Axton, he's probably been waiting for the opportunity." "I hate this" Mila whispers, "I want to make it all ok."

"I know you do" I say, taking her hand gently as we both sit on the packhouse steps. "I don't think you should come with us Mila."

"What?!" She asks her eyes shooting to mine in surprise. "But why?"

"Because I'm worried he still wants to hurt you. Alphas don't like losing, and this is going to sound horrible, but I think he accepted the rejection easier than we expected considering he put you through all that. It's bothering me I have to admit" I explain. "But I'll be with all of you?" She says furrowing her brows.

"It's not that you can't protect yourself or that we wouldn't be there for you. I think if he saw you and Axton together, it could trigger him. As much as we want to storm in there and show him how much he's f****d up, we can't" I sigh. "He's got all those pack members still, alive as well. We have to be peaceful and try to protect them."

"But the Luna should be there for her pack" Mila whispers.

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"A Luna needs to protect her pack also. By you not travelling, ensuring Bruno doesn't see you, it is going to help them I'm sure of it. It will lower the risk of angering him further and lower the risk of violence" I explain whilst wrapping my arm around her shoulder. "I'm sorry Mila, I know how much you want to be there for everyone and to show how brave you are. But we already know that, we know you are strong, courageous and loving."

"Thank you" she snuffles.

"Now" I say offering her a bright smile, "I want you to smile, support your mate and your warriors. Go show that protective brother of yours that you are confident in our ability to handle this, and remember, you have people here that still need you." Taking a deep breath she wipes the few stray tears that have fallen and stands up determinedly. "You're right" she states before smiling and taking my hand, leading me to where the others are

ready. "Kick some a*s if needed Nova." "You know I will" I wink making her giggle slightly.