

## Chapter 11 - His Heavenly Mate

### GRAYSON'S POV

The sound of my heavy paws thumping against the forest grounds ring through my ears , the feeling of the leaves crunching underneath my paws and the wind blowing through the short hairs on my body felt like I was free of any anger that was rippling through my veins . I halt in my steps as I catch a glimpse of guards patrolling the borders of the Argent Pack .

I step behind a tree , lowering myself to lay down onto the damp grass as I hid from their sight .

I watch as they keep on walking , they aren't very good at their job if I can simply just hide just here .

I whip around as I hear someone clear their throat behind me , I stand tall , hovering over the guy with light brown hair , his arms crossed over his chest as he glares at me .

Well , at least this one is good at his job .

"Shift ." He demands , his eyes flicking neon green .

A beta , wonderful . I would say gamma , but he is alone , gamma's always has someone with them .

I take a step back before I shift , standing naked in front of him in all my glory .

"Who are you ?" He asks , his eyes fixed on mine as his eyes take in my features , I could tell that he was mesmerizing my identity .

A grin tugs at my lips as my eyes flick around the darkness surrounding us .

"I am none of your god damn business ." I shrug .

The man rolls his eyes before walking over to the tree and sticking his hand inside the hole , pulling out a pair of shorts .

"Listen , I can smell you aren't a rogue ." He states as he chucks the shorts into my direction , I grab it with one hand and slip them on .

I don't need him to look at my business .

"Of course not ." I frown . What kind of rogue is stupid enough to shift when getting caught ?

None .

"Then tell me why you are lurking around our borders ." He grits out .

"I'm looking for someone ." I shrug .

I don't need this beta to interrogate me , I'm not hiding anything .

"Who ?" He clenches his jaw out of pure annoyance of my vague answers .

"She's about yay high .." I gesture with my hand to my chest " And she has copper hair , she is feisty with forest green eyes ." Explaining what she looks like has my manhood pressing against my pants , which is so fucking wrong since I am currently in a pair of gym shorts .

My heart doesn't even want her , yet my body does . It's fucking weird .

The man's eyes narrow into slits , his eyes growing dark .

"And what do you want with Heaven - Leigh ?" He grits out protectively . The way her name falls from his mouth irks me , I should rip his tongue out for even saying her name .

"We should have met up today , but she isn't answering my calls . I'm a friend of hers ." I lie .

His eyes soften as if he suddenly feels bad about his tone .

"Well lucky for you , I know where she'll be tonight ." He smirks so knowingly , jealousy creeps up my spine , anger boiling through my veins .

What the fuck is he implying ?

Is she fucking him ?

My hands ball into fists as I cock my head at him .

"There's a little get together by the lake , I'm on my way over there now ." He points to the back of him , my eyes following the direction he's pointing in .

Oh .

"You can come ." He invites me so willingly , he must be stupid . My eyes flick down to my attire and I frown .

"Thanks , but I would have to decline ." I smile .

He pulls the sweater over his head , chucking it at me .

“Put that on , I’m not that cold anyways .” He shrugs as he stood in his jeans and his white t - shirt .

“Thanks .” I follow him through the woods .

It wasn't far , just about the most awkward five minute walk I ever fucking had .

"So I never asked your name ?" The guy mutters as we reach an open piece of ground , a bonfire in the middle and a dock stretching over the lake water .

If I tell him my name , he'll know who I am and I can't let that happen yet .

"Isaac . Yours ?" I need to keep on pretending I am interested in knowing this dude , he seems nice but I don't like it that he instantly knew who I was talking about , as if he watches her all the time .

"Kai ."

Heads turn to us as we walk towards the beer keg , red solo cups stacked right next to it and Kai takes two out , filling them with beer before handing me one .

"Kai , where you been ?" A guy with dark hair comes over .

"Derek , this is Isaac ." Kai introduces me and I stick my hand out , shaking his hand .

"Nice to meet you man ." He nods his head at me and I lift my cup into the air , nodding back before taking a sip .

Strange that Derek didn't ask about who I was , but perhaps he is drunk .

Heaven - Leigh better get here soon , as nice as these people are — I seriously don't want to make friends because I never want anything to do with this pack again .

"Here she is ." Kai shoves his elbow against mine and I inwardly growl , if only he knew who the hell he invited to this little party in the first fucking place .

Who just invites someone they don't know ?

Perhaps he is stupid like the rest .

My eyes follow the direction he's looking at , finding Heaven - Leigh and her annoying friend walking out of the dark of the woods — alone .

Why is she walking alone ?

The woods are dangerous , especially outside their borders .

Are they stupid ?

God , not them too . Why is everyone dumb ?

"You okay man ?" Derek asks me and I only realise then how intensely I was staring at her , my hand clutching the plastic solo cup in my hand , almost crushing it .

Why the fuck does he ever care ?

"Yeah , excuse me ." I don't give Kai or Derek another glance before I walk towards Heaven - Leigh .

As soon as her eyes lock with mine , she halts in her steps . I thought it would bring me more joy to see the fear written all over her face , yet I felt like the biggest asshole on the planet as I notice her trembling hands that she was clutching onto her puffy jacket that was open , exposing her white tank top that hugged her body like a glove , making her breasts look round . The exposed skin on her stomach between the hem of her crop top and her black jeans that showed off her curves looked as soft as can be , like out of a movie .

If only I could trail my lips across her body ..

No .

I don't want her .

"What the fuck ?" Her annoying friend grit out , anger written all over her face .

I roll my eyes before they flick between the two of them , a smug look on my face as Heaven - Leigh glances at her little friend .

"What's the matter Mia ?" Kai asks from behind me , his voice protective .

I wonder if they are mates .

"What are you doing here Grayson ?" Heaven - Leigh asks , anger laced with every word directed towards me .

She's hot when she is angry .

I smirk .

"Why do you think ?" My eyes squinting into slits .

"Why are you so angry ? Aren't you friends ?" Kai asks very unsure of himself .

Can someone just shut this man up ?

"No ." Heaven - Leigh cocks her head at me , glaring angrily at me .

Busted .

"What ? Who is he then ?" Derek asks as he steps forward .

Oh , not him too .

"My mate ." Heaven - Leigh mutters , the word rolling of her tongue in disappointment .

Good , maybe this won't hurt her as emotionally as it will physically .

"Don't be so sour about it ." I shrug , I turn on my heel and look at Kai , who looked pissed off and then at Derek — who looked confused as fuck .

"Then why do you seem to hate each other ?" Kai asks , his eyes flicking between us .

"Because , she isn't my type ." I shrug and Kai looks at my mate like he's about to fucking hug her .

"He's just here to reject me ." She shrugs as a low chuckle escapes her lips , but there was no humor in her expression .

"Are you fucking serious ?" Kai asks angrily , I notice his hands balling into fists .

What is he going to do , kick my ass ?

"Well if you adore her so much , take a hit ." I laugh as I point at my mate .

God , what is wrong with me ?

I basically just pawned off my mate like property in an auction .

"You piece of shit , leave !" My mate's friend yells as she storms to right in front of me .

I cock my head at her , a smug grin tugging at my lips .

"What are you going to do ?" I growl , my eyes flicking red , the colour reflecting in her blue eyes .

"I'm going to .." her hands reach up and in one swift motion , I grab them , twist them , turning her back against my front and my mate were mere inches away , staring at me with eyes filled with fear .

“Don’t hurt her .” She grits out , but I did not miss the way her heart skipped a beat .

“Or what ?” I cock my head as my one hand wraps around her throat , slowly putting pressure right where her windpipe is .

“Or I’d really rip your head off .” She stares me down .

I hear the sound of leaves crunching behind me and I whip around , grabbing Kai’s fists that was aiming at my head .

“You are slow .” I grit out in amusement .

The next second , I was tackled to the floor , my face hit the dirt first .

I was flipped over unnaturally fast and I locked eyes with my mate before her hand slammed down into my chest , her hand wrapping around my heart .

I know she could see the fear in my eyes as my lips parted , my lungs gasping for air .

She sat on me , straddling me before she slowly lowered her head , her soft lips brushing against my ear .

“I told you I would rip your heart out if you laid a finger on her .” The amusement in her voice was so clear , it was slightly turning me on .

Her body stiffening , telling me that she knows what she is doing to me .

I could feel her fingers unwrap from around my heart , her hand slowly pulling out of my chest and I could feel my flesh instantly starting to heal .

Damn , if there weren’t people around I would so rip her clothes off .

No , I can’t — I love Emily .

I will always love Emily .

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HEAVEN - LEIGH’S POV

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I stood up from the ground , my eyes fixed on Grayson's blue orbs , relief washed over his face as he realised that I was not going to rip his heart out of his chest , that his life will be spared . His life that he will live out with Emily , not me .

Perhaps he deserves to die .

My feet were on either side of his body as I stared down at him , his chest heaving , his dark hair fallen back in a messy state .

I notice his skin healing fast , like any wolf does .

I wish I had the courage to rip out his heart , to watch him take his last breath -- but I couldn't because I am weakened by the stupid mate bond .

His smile was so bright as he chuckled .

Was he enjoying this ?

Amusement swirls in his eyes as he glances up at me , his hands next to his side and I feel his hand wrap around my ankle , but I don't look our contact because I know Kai wouldn't hesitate to rip him apart , I could see it in his eyes .

" Leave . " I command , my eyes fixed on him , but I was talking to everyone else .

" If you would kindly move so that I could get up . " Sarcasm drips from him lips as his fingers gently rub my ankles , the sensation of sizzling in my skin was shooting up my leg , making me a wet mess between my legs .

I hate him .

I rip my foot from his grasp and step on his chest , cocking my head to the side as I smile down at him .

"I wasn't talking to you ." I mutter in the most innocent way and even if no sound came out of his mouth , I could feel the prick's chest vibrating underneath my shoe .

He was loving this .

Disgusting pig .

My eyes flick up to Kai and Derek , then I look over my shoulder at Mia .

" Leave . " I breath out as if I were relaxed .

" What ?" Mia gasps and Kai and Derek looks at me as if I were the stupidest person on this planet .

" I said leave !" I growl as I began to grow impatient . Grayson and I need a little chat .

Mia shuts her eyes before brushing past us , grabbing her brother's wrist and then Derek's hand before pulling them away .

" And keep this side clear of people . " I command . Kai's eyes didn't leave mine once until we were alone in the dark , away from prying eyes .

" So what now ? Are you going to kill me ?" the smug look on his face made anger ripple through my veins , but the way his eyes sparkle as he looks at me , it makes me soft , weak and vulnerable .

" Maybe I should . " I cock my head at him . His hand lifts and wraps around my ankle again .

"Move your damn foot or I'll move it for you . " the smug look on his face is replaced with a serious one . The grip of my ankle began to hurt , but I didn't budge -- he was not winning this .

I smirk down at him , letting him know I wasn't going to follow him demand , but my foot was suddenly pulled out from underneath me and I gasp as my back hits the ground , my head hitting it harder than I thought it would and the sound of a chuckle rang through my ears . As my eyes focus on the tree branches above my head , I sit up , my eyes locking with his blue orbs , he too was sitting up straight , staring at me as he leaned back on his hand .

It felt as if we were staring at each other for the longest of time before he let out a sigh , running his hand through his messy hair , pulling out bits and pieces of broken leaves and little sticks .

" Look , I didn't mean for any of this . " he stares at me intensely .

" For any of what ?" I scoff .

" To hurt you , to reject you , to meet you . " He sighs , his hand picking at the leaves in front of him .

It's like a slap in the face while someone is pulling each and every limb in opposite directions . It feels as if my heart was slowly being ripped out of my chest . He regrets meeting me .

" Wow . " I huff as I bite the corner of my bottom lip .

" Please , I know you owe me nothing but I already have my life all figured out and all of this , between us , is ruining it . Please , we can reject each other and part ways peacefully . " he pleads , which makes my heart ache . He really doesn't want me . Goddess , you fucking owe me more than a mate . He seems so sincere as he talks , but the way my lungs are currently begging for air

, has me losing my mind . Why couldn't he just want me as much as he wants her ? Am I that revolting ? Am I unattractive and weird ?

" Heaven - Leigh . " he sighs as he stood to his feet . My eyes flick up at him and he holds out his hand for me to take . All I could do was blankly stare at his large hand , noticing his soft skin . I want to take his hand , but it is as if I couldn't move , as if my limbs were numb . His eyebrows raise in suspense and I let out a sigh , my shaky hands taking his . He pulls me off of the floor , my breath hitching in my throat at how close we are at the moment . I could feel his warm breath fanning against my face , his hand still holding mine .

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GRAYSON'S POV

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Her hand was so small in mine , her green eyes holding a sadness in them , a sadness I wish I could take away and my chest ache's at the thought of having to hurt her even more . My thumb absentmindedly rubs over the top of her hand , her skin silky soft . She's so close , it's intimidatingly intoxicating , making me want to pull her into my embrace and hold her forever .

Her eyes suddenly changes , anger swirling in them as she steps back .

" Does Emily know you're here ?" every word dripping with hatred .

Emily , fuck . I need to get back to Emily .

" Yeah , I'm sorry to do this . " I sigh .

" I , Grayson Coffin , reject .. " a sting on my face makes me fall backwards .

She just punched me .

" Shut your trap before I really rip your heart out . " she growls , her eyes flicking neon red .

" Heaven - Leigh . " I sigh .

" No . " she holds up her hand to silence me .

" You are a piece of shit , you are a joke to any alpha because what alpha rejects their true mate for a chosen mate ? You are weak and pathetic and don't ever think I will let you reject me because I would rather rip your tongue out than let you do that . I won't let you hurt me because you're just a pussy , scared to face your true fate . You have three options right now . So or you leave right now without saying another word and go back to your pack or you take my hand and accept me , give me a chance or you say another damn word and I rip your tongue out before

ripping your head off . " she rambles , her chest heaving . Anger was radiating off of her in waves , if she wasn't my mate , I would actually be kind of scared .

I wish I could accept her , I wanted nothing more than to find my mate , but that was before I met Emily . I swear the first week I dated Emily , she was boring and I wanted to break up with her , but after that , she began to be a huge part of my life , we began to hang out constantly and I fell in love with her , harder than I thought I did and now I can't leave her , even the thought of losing her makes my heart break , it literally hurts me more than the thought of breaking this bond with my true mate .

It's weird because how can that be ? I never in my life seen mates like us , we don't click , we don't crave . Well I certainly don't , the only thing I enjoy is when we touch , we warm sparks erupting between us is like heaven itself .

I take in a deep breath before I nod , not saying a word as I brush past her . I would try and reject her again , but the way she punched me and the way her eyes are swirling with anger -- I did not want to take the risk of losing my head right now . I still want to live , I still want to rule and I want to do all of that with Emily by my side .

As I walk deeper into the woods , I pull the sweater over my head and toss it to the bushes , it's a nice sweater and not mine -- Kai would find it eventually .

" Stop . " Heaven - Leigh's voice rings through my ears . Has this girl no end ? My eyes flutter shut as I listen to the leaves crunching underneath her steps as she walks over to me , stopping right behind me . I could hear her heart beating rapidly , almost as if it were going to beat right out of her ribcage .

" What ? " I breath out . I don't want to turn around and look at her , her green eyes has this effect on me -- I forget about Emily when she's so close .

" Why don't you want me ? " her voice slightly breaks and my chest ache's at the sound .

Please don't fucking cry .

I can't stand it when people cry , what do guys even say ? What should another even do ?

" Because I am in love with Emily . " I grit out and an angry growl escapes her lips , I could feel the power radiating off of her and my body stiffen .

How does such a young woman carry so much power ? She hasn't even claimed the title yet . My feet turn with my eyes glued to the ground before I look up at her broken expression . She looks so broken .

"I'm sorry . " I mutter . I truly am sorry for hurting her , but I will always choose Emily first .

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HEAVEN - IEIGH'S POV

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He can't even bare to look at me , his eyes keep on flicking down to the floor . I must be really unattractive for him , well probably because Emily is his type and I am nothing like her .

Where she has blonde hair , I have copper hair , where her eyes were a shit colour , mine was green . What does he even see in her ? Why is it that the one guy I am romantically interested in , hates me ? But then again , it is probably just the stupid mate bond that pulls me to him , because I can't possibly imagine caring for such a heartless douchebag .

" Am I not someone you can love ?" the words fly from my mouth before I could even think . I sound fucking desperate and I loath it . Look what he's doing to me , I am weak .

An alpha doesn't beg , an alpha takes what they want , but the fact that I'm a woman probably counts me out . The sigh escaping his lips tells me everything he's already thinking .

I'm not someone he can ever love .

My throat tightens as I gulp down the lump in my throat . I shove my shaky hands into the pockets of my jacket , my head slowly nodding as I back away from him . The way my body reacts when he's so close , it irks me because I wish I didn't react to him . I wish he didn't have an effect on me at all . I wish I could accept his rejection and move on , but every time he starts with it and I think I'm ready , my heart shoves my head one side and I stop him .

I'm not worth it for him and I never will be .

He'll pay . She will pay . They both will .

" I'll never let you break this bond and I hope it fucking shatters your life , slowly and painfully , until I am all that you have left and then I will break us too , so that you will be alone forever . " I grit out , anger was bubbling in my chest and out of my mouth . I knew I was harsh , but I did not care . I just didn't know if I meant it or not . Will I ever be ready to face this rejection ? Will I ever be able to accept it ?

His eyes lock with mine , fear coating his orbs .

" You wouldn't dare . " his tone is flat as he speaks . Maybe it's good that he gets angry , because each and every time , he seems to confident .

" Yes , I actually would . " I cock my head at him , my eyes narrowing into slits as I glare at him .

Why does he have such pretty eyes ?

He steps forward , grabbing my throat firmly . " You will not ruin my life . " he grits out and I couldn't help but smile as his eyes grow darker . My hand wraps around his wrist , my thumb resting over the inside of his wrist and I could feel his pulse throbbing rapidly .

"You can't say that when I already am darling . " I smirk and his grip around my throat tightens , but I refuse my mind to let me think I am not breathing , because I can .

" You aren't ruining my life and I won't let you . You're merely making it interesting . " he smirks , his grip loosening a bit . He glares down at me and I step forward , his chest raising as he takes in a deep breath .

" Grayson . " I batt my eyelashes at him sarcastically . He hums in response as his eyes flicks between mine , his stare so intensely that I merely forget to breathe .

" Just look at me . See me . " I plead , my voice soft . His throat bobs and his jaw tightens . His jaw looks sharp enough to cut through my skin and I am all for it , my physical scars would heal easier than the emotional ones that the rejection will cause. His musky scent fills my nostrils and I could feel the wetness pooling between my legs .

" Fuck sakes . " he mutters so angrily as his breathing was heavy and his eyes narrowed into slits as he glares at me , his eyes so dark yet there was a glint of light as his eyes trail over my face .

"Just go . " I sigh as I try to pry myself free from his grip but his free hand snakes around my waist and pulls me to him , his lips mere inches from mine , his hot breath fanning my lips and I slightly part them , my eyes focused on his soft lips .

Is he going to kiss me ?

" You're fucking infuriating . " he grits out , his teeth clenching on each other .

" Ditto . " I roll my eyes and I rip his hand off of my throat .

" Already tired of my touch ?" he smirks so devilshly , it makes my stomach twist .

"Yep . " I pop the p before I back away from him . I can't stand him touching me any longer .

" Have a nice life . " I wink before turning and I walk away , my ears sharp , but I didn't hear any footsteps except my own . I wasn't worth it , he isn't even following me -- because I am nothing , nothing to him , nothing to my mother , nothing to my own pack because everyone thinks that I am just a big fat joke .

## GRAYSON'S POV

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The way her hips sway side to side as she walks away from me has me mesmerizing. My heart was yelling at my body to move , to follow her , to stop her from leaving , but my mind was telling me to stay put , to watch her just walk away and try again tomorrow . The only worse part of this is , I just ruined my chance to make things up with Emily .

She disappears into the darkness and I can't pry my eyes from the spot where she disappeared into .

I should just give her time and be patient -- the only problem is that Emily is not so patient .

I start to walk back through the forest when I feel a sharp pain shooting up my spine , making my neck stiffen .

I swiftly turn on my heel and jump into the air , shifting into my wolf . The sound of every bone breaking rings through my ears and the feeling of my bones breaking and others healing together felt painless as I went through this over a hundred times . I wish I could stay a wolf forever , to forget about women , to forget about responsibilities and just run , for the rest of my life I wish I could run and be free from everything .

I run back into the direction of where Heaven - Leigh had walked away from me and took in a deep breath , every scent filling my nose until I smell hers . She smells like roses mixed with lust . A growl escapes my lips as a deep growl escapes my lips and I burst through the trees , my eyes searching the terrified crowd until it lands on her , a smug look on her face as another guy has his arm wrapped around her . With my head low , I stalk over to them , growling and the people in my way , move aside .

" Stay calm . " he orders everyone as they make a path for me . As I stand in front of her , her hand reaches up and rests over his and anger rushes through me as I use every ounce of strength I have and leap forward , aiming for his head before she steps in front of him . I fall to the side , growl after growl escaping my lips .

"Everyone back to the pack lands !" she booms , her voice full of care for her people , yet powerful and confident .

The guy releases her and walks off , her eyes still locked on mine . I easily tower over her human frame .

" I knew you'd come back . " she smirks . Of course she knew I would come back , she kissed someone else just to piss me off and lure me back here . The people around us slowly make their way back to their pack , every crunching sound of leaves breaking and sticks snapping rings through my ears as she stands in front of me with a smug look on her pretty face . Her red hair

falls down her back so elegantly and I can't deny her beauty , but she's playing dirty and it's about to get dangerous .

I shift back , rolling my neck as I stood up straight , the cold breeze blowing against my manhood , making it jump in a way it shouldn't right now .

She takes her jacket off , pacing towards me and throwing the jacket into my hands .

" Cover yourself . " she huffs , rolling her eyes . The wind slightly blowing strands of hair into her face . I smirk as my fingers fiddle with the puffy material in my grasp .

" You think this little material will cover me up ?" I scoff as I look down at the light blue material .

" Enough for me to not go blind by the horrifying sight . " her soft lips twitch up in disgust .

" I promise it's not that big that it would poke one of your eyes out from standing so far . " I take a step forward , a smirk tugging at my lips .

" But maybe from up close . " My smirk fully appears as a stunned expression falls upon her face .

"Scared ?" I ask , my eyebrows raising .

" Of what ? Your little ding dong ?" she chuckles as she crosses her arms in front of her chest , little goosebumps erupting upon her skin .

" You're funny , you can't belittle me . " I glare at her .

"I know , because there's not a tinier dick on this planet than yours . " amusement swirls in her eyes .

With my tongue circling in my cheek , my eyes trail over her body . Maybe if I kiss her and give her what she wants , she'll agree to my terms ?

" Can I bargain with you ?" I ask , the side of her lip tugging into a small smile .

"What can you possibly have that I would want ?" she scoffs . My heart rapidly beats in my chest as I build the courage to say the next words . Why am I so nervous ?

" Me . " I let out a shaky breath . I watch her chest rise as she takes in a deep breath .

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" Me . " his voice was shaky , as if he were unsure . Each and every bone in my body wanted to scream , they wanted to jump in joy , my heart was pounding and my lungs were screaming for air -- because it seems that I simply forgot to breathe at his response .

His eyebrow raises at me and I take in a deep breath , pulling my courage together because even though he'd accept me for the time being , he'd just throw me away again afterwards -- for her .

" No . " I croak out . My head slightly shaking sideways and I watch his eyebrows furrow together in a frown . He couldn't possibly think that he can trick me . His eyes darken as he takes a step forward in all his nudity and I take in a deep breath .

I dare myself not to let my mind grow weak and look at him , all of him , so I simply look right into his eyes .

" No ? What do you mean no ? " anger dripping from every word . It's funny that he gets so angry , he doesn't even want me , but when I reject his offer , he gets mad .

Maybe he's starting to get confused about who he wants .

" What I mean is no , Grayson . " Shaking my head , I turn to leave . It's right about time that I get back to the pack lands , because I know that Mia , Kai and Derek will be waiting at the borders for my arrival .

" I'm standing here , offering you what you want . " he grits out . I freeze on my spot , turning my head to look at him standing with open arms , as if inviting me to run right into them .

" Just because you want to bargain your freedom from our bond afterwards . " I frown as he takes a few strides towards me . I give in my urges to keep my eyes off his body and they trail down his neck , a small vein visible on the side . My eyes trail further down his hard chest and then his torso , his sculpted abs looking so delicious . If only I could trail my tongue down his torso without having to worry that he'd go back to Emily . God , even the sound of her name makes me want to puke my lungs out .

" Is that such a bad thing ? We can have one good night , we can end this on good terms and then part ways peacefully . Our packs will get along and there will be no war . " he rambles enthusiastically and it makes me wonder if he's stupid . If we have this , one amazing night

together , it will only grow our bond and I won't have that -- I can't because I feel it in my bones , we will break the bond and it will only make things more painful .

" It is a bad thing because it will only grow the bond that you don't even want . " I hiss , I feel my cheeks heating up as anger bubbles in my chest . My heart aches for him and all he wants is to get rid of me .

" Please Heaven - Leigh , if you even care the slightest for me , you'll do this . " he pleads , his eyes turning soft , his words sounding so sincere but why should I be the only one to care ? He doesn't care about me the slightest and now I have to care enough to let him go ?

Fuck that .

" No . " I shrug .

" And I am so done with this fucking conversation . Go home Grayson because you are seriously just pissing me off more and more and it won't end well ." I glare at him .

" So you don't care for me ?" he asks , he looks somewhat hurt .

" Why should I care enough to let you go when you don't care enough to even try and fight for our bond ?" My eyebrows raised at him questioningly .

" You think I don't care . " he mutters baffled . He stares at me agape , as if trying to read my mind . I only shrug at him , because I didn't know what to think because he looks as if he cares , but then again -- he doesn't .

"I do care , I can feel the bond Heaven - Leigh , but what I feel for Emily is more , it will always be more . " he's telling the truth , his heart didn't skip a beat as he spoke and I could see it in his eyes . His god damn beautiful eyes that's just breaking my heart , again . I could feel the tears pooling in my eyes before a tear trickled down my flushed cheeks . I shut my eyes for a second , the tears that were resting on the rim of my eyes now pooling down my cheeks before I open them again , wiping them away with the back of my hand .

" I'm sorry . " his eyebrows furrow together in a frown and I could tell he was truly sorry , but his apology wouldn't change the fact that he'd go back to her .

" So am I . " I breath out . His eyes shut and I turn and run . Running is for the weak , but at this moment -- I am . The way he looks at me , the way his eyes swirl with so much emotion will get me to accept his offer and it is the last thing that I want to do .

He won't control me .

I won't let him .

" Heaven - Leigh !" I hear him call from afar , but I push my legs to run faster . I need to get away from him .

I could hear his footsteps thudding behind me , chasing me but it stopped when I crossed out border , falling to my knees as I got halfway to the packhouse . My chest was heaving as I took uncontrollable breaths , not because I was unfit , but because it felt as if my heart continued to break every time I ran away from him .

With my one hand clutching the material of my shirt and the other resting on the damp grass in front of me , I try to calm my uncontrollable heart beat by taking deep breaths .

" Princess , are you alright ?" One of our patrolling guards kneels in front of me , placing his hand on my shoulder . I shrug him off , leaning back against my feet with my hands on my knees .

" I'm fine . " I grit out before standing to my feet , dusting my jeans off .

" Are you sure princess ?" he asks and I bite down on my teeth at the nickname . I am not a fucking princess .

" Stop calling me that !" I boom as my eyes flick red . His eyes glance down at the floor instantly , bowing his head .

I hate that nickname , I hate my mother , I hate Grayson and I hate this stupid pack ! I swip around and storm off towards the packhouse .

As I burst through the doors , Mia sits on an armchair , wrapped in a grey blanket . Her eyes filled with worry as she stands up , walking towards me . Her head cocks at me as she slightly frowns in pity towards me .

"Don't . " I croak out , tears already swelling in my eyes again . She sucks her lips into her mouth before padding over to me . I huff as I shove my hands into my jean pockets .

" Are you alright ?" was all she asks . Biting the inside of my cheek , I nod . I know I shouldn't lie , but I know she already knows I am not alright , I'm far from okay . She closes the distance between us , opening her blanket and her arms and she pulls me into a hug and for the first time , I let it all go .

I sob into her shoulder as she holds me tight , whispering that everything will be okay while she rubs soothing circles on my back .

" I'll make some hot chocolate , grab some food and I'll meet you up in your room for a movie or three . " I feel her smile against my cheek and I swallow my tears , nodding before I pull away from her . She smiles sweetly at me before making her way to the kitchen and I take a deep breath before dragging my feet over to the stairs . I halt in my steps right before my floor , locking eyes with my mirrored ones , except these orbs are filled with hatred .

" Where were you ?" she asks so uncaringly .

" Out . " I shrug before I try to brush past her , but she grabs my bicep in a strong grip .

" Watch your tone . " she grits out .

" And please , at least try and put on clean clothes . " she rolls her eyes . She is so unbelievable , my ears and cheeks are still tear stained , but of course she doesn't care . I don't know why I thought she would .

" I sat on the grass . " I frown at her .

" Like a dog ?" she laughs .

No , like a heartbroken daughter .

I only raise my eyebrow in response before I try to walk away , but she pulls me to her once more .

" Where are you going ?" She doesn't like me one bit , but wants to have a midnight chat ? More like scowl .

" To my room . " I frown at her . Where else would I be heading when going up the stairs ?

" You know , you're selfish . " she clicks her tongue in disappointment .

Me selfish ? Says the woman who hates her own daughter .

" How come ?" I ask curiously , even if I already know the answer .

Grayson .

" You keep that poor boy bonded to you when he doesn't want to be . It's not very nice Heaven - Leigh . " she smiles so sweetly , it irks me . Of course she can care about someone else's child , but never her own .

" He's my mate . " I argue .

" He doesn't want you . No one does and no one ever will . " she frowns sympathetically . How I wish I could punch her in the face , just once .

I force a smile , nodding .

" Can I go to bed now ?" I mutter .

Her eyes trail over me , disgust lingering in her eyes before she lets her grip on me go .

" Sure ." she shrugs , striding past me down the steps .

I hope Mia dodges her , even if my mother is nice -- she seems sadistic tonight .

I sigh as I walk back to my room and I plop down onto the bed and a few moments later , Mia arrives with a basket filled with food that was hooked on her arm and two cups of hot chocolate in her hand .

This is probably why I will always put Mia first , because she's the only real family I will ever have .

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## Chapter 15 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON'S POV

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I watch as she speeds up , her legs running faster and faster . She's fast like a lightning bolt , but how ? Not even our fastest warrior would catch up to her . My eyes flick read as I take a deep breath and push myself to be faster , every muscle in my legs burning as I follow her scent , only stopping a few feet away from their borders , that she just crossed .

With my chest heaving , I lean my back against the nearest tree , watching her tumble to the ground , her breath rapid . Fuck , is she okay ? I push myself off the tree as my feet drags me closer to her , but I freeze when patrolling guards stop . One of them kneeling in front of her , his hand on her shoulder and I inwardly growl . Why the hell is he even touching her ? The other glances around them and I sneak behind a tree before making my way back home . She's done with me , she is never going to reject me and we are just going to live like this , forever . Anger ripples through me halfway home as the realisation hits me , I'm going to lose her . I am going to lose Emily .

I sigh as I stand in front of our packhouse , I could see our lights still on and I know Emily doesn't sleep until I am in bed next to her . I am royally screwed . Taking a deep breath , I walk up to the patio , opening the front door and slip inside , finding Emily sitting on the bench right inside , her hands fiddling with each other as she looks up at me , our eyes locking and an intense feeling fell between us . Goddess , not tonight . She stands up , crossing her arms over her chest and her eyes trail down my naked body , with her jacket in my hand . She lifts her chin , inhaling the scent and her eyes narrow into slits , glaring at me and if looks could kill -- I'd definitely drop dead right now .

" I guess I don't have to ask where the hell you were . " she growls , her face scrunching up in disgust , but her lip was starting to tremble . Oh god , don't cry . I can not handle someone else crying tonight too .

" It wasn't what you think it was . " I sigh , my heart aching at the thought of her thinking I cheated on her . I mean , I almost did , but the key word is almost .

" Then what was it , naked boy . " she seethes , her eyes flicking yellow and I roll my eyes . Is she trying to be dominant ? It's cute , but that's not her role in this relationship .

" I went to reject her . " I breathe out as I explain .

" And did you ? " her eyebrow raising , anger swirling in her eyes . It doesn't look like she's believing me .

" Did I what ? " my eyebrows furrow together as I frown at her . She isn't making sense .

" Did you reject her ? " she asks .

Right , that ..

I smile guiltily at her and she scoffs , her eyes glancing down at the floor .

" Just like before . " she sighs .

" I tried . " I mutter , guilt creeping up my spine . I am failing her , I am failing our relationship and I am failing as this pack's future .

I am a big failure , a nobody when I have to be the person . I am suppose to lead this pack one day , but I can't even stay strong for the girl I love the most in this entire world and reject my own stubborn , disrespectful , spiteful mate . Goddess , she makes my fucking blood boil .

" You tried and you tried and you tried again . And failed every fucking time ! " she bellows , tears swelling in her eyes .

" I'm sorry . " I step towards her , but her face scrunches up in utter disgust as she glares down at the light blue material in my hands . " You're still holding onto that damn jacket as if it's giving you oxygen Grayson . You didn't try because you don't want to reject her -- just admit it . " a single tear rolling down her cheek and I clutch Heaven - Leigh's jacket in my hands out of anger .

" I want to reject her Em , I really do . I want to be with you and only you . You are my everything since we started dated and I want you to be the mother of my children and I only want you by my side when we rule this pack together . You are my love , my life , my everything . " I plead with her . Because that is exactly what I feel , she is my whole entire heart and without her -- I will die of heartbreak .

Her eyes flick between mine before she slowly nods .

" Then reject her Grayson , for good . " she pleads , another tear rolling down her cheek and I nod .

" I will . I promise baby . " I look down at her and a small smile creeps up her face .

" I'm heading to bed . " the edges of her lips twitch up for a second before she turns on her heel and walks to the stairs .

" I'll be right there . " I mutter before walking towards the kitchen .

I look down at the jacket in my hand before my gaze lifts and I glance around . Nobody is around . With a guilty smile tugging at my lips , I lift my hands , lowering my head and I bury my face in her jacket , her rosy scent filling my nose and I let out a sigh of relief , all of my stress instantly fading , disappearing as if it weren't there in the first place .

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EMILY'S POV

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Waking up at dawn , I roll over , finding Grayson asleep with that bitch's jacket clutched in his arms . Not me , a piece of material that she wore , her scent is all over that thing . My first instinct was to punch him and cry , but what good will that do ? The only way that I will get rid of that whore , is to kill her . I silently lift the covers off of my legs and slowly climb off the bed , grabbing my phone from the nightstand and quietly tip toe to the bathroom . I bite down on my teeth as I shut the door and walk over to the bathtub , filling it with bubblebath and water . I strip out of my clothes , putting my phone on the little table next to the bathtub .

I slowly get in , my tensed up body relaxing under the hot water . It is as if every nerve just went numb -- my mother always told me that taking a warm bath is the best therapy your body can have .

I hate it that Grayson hates taking a bath , he always says that you're lying in your own filth . It grossed me out a bit to think of it like that , but I don't care -- I love bathing . I dry my hands on the towel before I pick up my phone and I dial a number that's saved under ' Brother ' , but of course I don't have one actually .

" Hello ?" the man answers and I sigh , he sounds in a good mood today .

" Good morning . I have a job for you . " I mutter . I did not want to talk too loud because I'm afraid of waking Grayson up .

" Who's the poor soul this time ?" I could hear the smirk on his face .

" I'll send you a name and location over text , can't say much . " I whisper .

" Cool . " he ends the call and I smile as I text him .

Emily: The Argent Pack , Heaven - Leigh Pierce .

A small devilish smile creeps up my face , but I couldn't help it . She has to disappear from our lives before ruining everything I worked so hard for .

I had made a deal with a witch , she gave me the spell I needed and I had someone kill that she needed gone and that was when I found my hunter . It's funny , because his name is literally hunter , as if his parents knew what he would become .

Hunter : Seriously ? Do you know how much that will cost you ?

Is he saying no or is he just pushing his price up ?

Emily : I am a regular client , I think you can ask the same price as last time .

He better not come here and play smart , I am not dumb .

Hunter : She's an alpha . The price is double .

Emily : Then she better be dead by tomorrow's sunset .

It irks me that he's doubling the price , over her . What the hell is so special about that bitch ?

Hunter : Deal . You still know how it works ? I send proof and then you pay -- or your death will follow .

I roll my eyes .

Emily : Got it .

I put my phone back on the table after clearing the chat and my back slides down the bath and I take a deep breath before going under the water , resting my head flat against the bottom , feeling my hair float all around my face as if there were no gravity calms me and I blow out the air , feeling the water fill my mouth before I sit back up , gasping for air as my face surfaces .

The feeling of water roll over my eyelids was soothing in a free kind of way , as if it were a reassurance that all will be right in the world because she will finally be gone .

Hunter better get his job done on time because if I have to deal with one more week of this -- I might go and kill her myself .

I hear footsteps and then the door handle goes down and the door swings open . Grayson leans against the door frame , shirtless . His hair is messy and his eyes still puffy from being half asleep .

" You're up early . " he yawns , the back of his hand covering his mouth .

I shrug at him , because even though I am always over joyed to have him close , I still won't forget about how he slept with her jacket , for her scent . He held it in his arms like his prize possession and I hate it . I hate that I saw it because for the rest of the day , when I look at him -- it is all that I will remember .

" Yeah well , the sight of my chosen mate sleeping with his true mates jacket wrapped in his arms so lovingly made me mad and I didn't want to continue to lay next to you and see that ." I grit out , my lip twitching up in disgust . His eyes immediately flicks to the floor .

He feels guilty , good .

Even if his heart wants her , the spell keeping him in love with me will never break .

I twirl my pendant necklace between my fingers as I keep on glaring at him .

" I'm sorry . " he sighs . I bite down on my teeth to stop myself from rolling my eyes at him because if he thinks his apology will fix what he had put us through , he is so damn wrong .

He will work to fix this .

S i x t e e n

## Chapter 16 - His Heavenly Mate

HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

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My eyes flutter open , the light sharp from the sun and I instantly frown .

Something feels wrong .

I sit up before pulling the duvet off of me , it's hotter outside of my damn bed .

I pad over to the window , my feet dragging over the cold tiles of my floor before I halt , tugging the curtain open and my eyes widen . The sun is at it's peak , making it almost mid day .

I never sleep this late .

I scurry to the bathroom , taking a icy cold shower . As I step out of the shower cubicle , the heat crawls over my skin once more .

“Fuck sakes .” I mutter before walking into my room and turning on the airconditioning .

The tiles underneath my warm feet began to instantly go colder than it was before , but my body still felt hot .

I put on my lacy black underwear and my strapless white bra . I pull on my black denim shorts and a white strapless crop top that clung to my body and I pull on my black sneakers before rushing out of my door , my eyes starting to blur as I rush down my hall out of breath .

What the hell is going on ?

My hand tightly grabs the railing of the spiral stairs and I inhale a deep breath before forcing my eyes to focus on every step I take downwards . Before I walk past the third floor , my legs cave and I stumble forward , but a strong arm wraps around my waist , stopping me from rolling down the stairs .

“I got you .” Kai’s voice rings through my ears like a sharp sting and my hand clutches his wrist that was against my front . I hold onto him as my vision blurs even more .

“Thanks .” My voice coming out in a mere whisper , I lean back and rest my head against his chest .

“You’re boiling .” He mutters as his other hand feels my temple , his voice full of concern .

“No , I’m fine .” I grit out , it feels as if all of my energy is draining away , fast .

“Mia !” Kai calls his sister down the hall , making me frown .

Why was he calling her ? The sound of her door bursting open echoes through the hall .

“What ?” Her annoyed voice bellows down the hall , making my head pound .

A groan escapes my lips as I squint my eyes shut .

Can she not be so damn loud ?

“What’s wrong with her ?” She gasps as she walks over to us .

“Heat my dear sister , the only punishment the goddess gives when mates don’t mate each other in a few weeks of meeting .” He grits out , his breath heavy . Was why he breathing so hard ?

“And what is wrong with you ?” She asks as her icy hand grabs mine , making my skin burn .

“She’s unclaimed sister and I am trying my best to control myself .” He grits out .

“Mia .” I breath out shakily as I lift my hand , reaching for her .

“You have to keep her in her room .” Kai instructs .

Mia nods as she pulls me from his arms , his comforting warmth that was against my back was now gone , replaced with an aching pain .

I grab onto Mia and she helps me up the stairs .

“How long does this last ?” I groan as I cling to her and the railing .

“No clue , but I’ll take care of you .” She smiles as she helps me to my room .

She sits me down on the bed and I lift my heavy head , looking at her .

“I need a cold bath .” I nod towards the bathroom and she nods before rushing over and I hear the water filling the tub .

Mia helps me into the cold bathtub and my aching body relaxes .

“Is that better ?” She asks as she sits on the ledge , her worried eyes piercing into me .

“Yeah .” I croak out .

My breathing began to steady and my vision began to clear .

The cold water was really helping , as if controlling the heat .

“Can I get you anything ?” She asks .

“Ice cream — a lot of it .” I chuckle .

Mia giggles , but her face was filled with concern still .

“Does it hurt ?” She asks , fear laced in her voice . I frown before my eyes flick around . It doesn’t hurt .

“More like a burn .” My eyebrows scrunch together in a frown as I explain .

“Burn ?” She asks with unease .

“It’s not that bad .” I shrug , but she doesn’t seem to believe me one bit .

"On second thought , I think we can stay inside these borders forever . I don't want a mate ." She shrugs as she stands up and heads to the door .

" I'm going to grab that ice - cream . " her lips are sucked into her mouth with a worried expression on her face . I think I just caused my best friend to be afraid of finding her mate .

Great now I have to fix this .

A few moments later , Mia comes back with two tubs of ice cream , vanilla flavored with a chocolate sauce pinched underneath her arm .

" You shouldn't be scared . " I chuckle as she sits down on the bench next to the tub .

" Of what should I be scared ?" she shrugs , popping open the ice creams and handing me one with a spoon and placing the chocolate sauce right next to her where I could still reach it .

" Finding your mate . " I raise an eyebrow at her as she shoves a spoon full of ice cream into her mouth .

I take a bite and it were as if the ice cream immediately melted , that was how hot my insides were .

" I'm not . " she shrugs .

" Not all mates have it like I do Mia , yours will be better . Yours will actually love you . " I mutter , my eyes fixed on the ice cream in front of me .

" You don't know that . " she scoffs .

" I do . I can feel it . " I smile at her and she hesitantly flicks her eyes around the bathroom , looking uneasy .

" Just focus on getting better . " she smiles , changing the subject . I wanted to explain that I can't just get better because it's out of my control , but that will only scare her more -- so I nodded instead while continuing to eat my ice cream , relaxing in the fact that my body was starting to cool off .

After about an hour of laying in the bath , I began to feel gross . I hated a bath -- it was gross .

" I think I'm fine now . " I smile as I stand to my feet , grabbing the towel from behind me and wrapping it around my body . Every second longer that I laid in that germ infested thing , I was getting annoyed more and more .

" Are you sure ?" she asks , her eyes flicking up from her phone as she looks at me , as if examining my state .

" Yes . " I glare at her as I step out of the bath and onto the fluffy rug . I dry myself off before slowly padding into my room , my body still weak as I pick up the aircon remote and turn it on again . Mia follows me , sitting down on my bed .

" Can I help you with anything ?" she asks and I shake my head as I pull out my red cotton shorts and a thin strap cotton crop top and put it on without a bra before I plop down onto my bed where the aircon was directly blowing onto my body . I could feel my skin heating up since I stepped out of the cold water , but I couldn't stand to be in there for another second .

" Want to watch a movie ?" she suggest and I nod , laying with my eyes closed .

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After two hours , I notice the daylight start to dim and I frown at the sight . I have completely waisted my time and day .

" I hate this . " I mutter with my eyes fixed on the window .

" I thought you like this movie . " Mia mutters between her chewing of popcorn .

" Wasn't talking about the movie . " A sigh escapes my lips as I frown at my window , watching the daylight slowly fade .

" Then what ?" she asks , pausing the movie .

" I don't like laying here , feeling so weak . It's not me . " I frown .

" I'm sorry , but I'll stay for the night and we can watch movies and eat anything you want and I'll try to make it as fun as possible . " she smiles . I didn't have the heart to tell her I just wanted to be alone , that I wanted to have peace and quiet because I know that she too hates sitting around like this . It's boring enough to just sit around for half a day , imagine twice the time .

"Thanks . " I smile warily and she smiles back at me before pressing play again .

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As promised , Mia did her best to make this a fun night . We ordered two pizza's from the kitchen , a bowl of strawberries with a chocolate fountain , more ice cream and donuts followed by a lot of snacks for the rest of the night . Mia found old board games hidden in boxes in the storage room and she sat in a onesie , wrapped in a blanket with earmuffs to keep herself warm , where I still sat in my cotton shorts and crop top , exposing my heated skin to the cool air of my room . It currently felt like twenty degrees in here for me , but Mia said it felt like winter when she fell into a heap of snow in summer clothing . It made me laugh because it felt like a summer breeze cooling off a sunburn .

I told Mia she could sleep in her own bed where it would be much warmer, but she insisted on joining me as she just took another blanket out of my closet to sleep with.

She is my bestest friend.

All through the night, I felt restless, my body aching when I laid on my back, sprawled out, but when I crawled into a ball, it relieved my pain but then I started to feel extremely hot so I tossed and turned the whole time, feeling extremely tired as it felt like I didn't sleep for even a second.

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## Chapter 17 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON'S POV

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Through out the whole day, Emily has been nice to me, caring for me and following me around everywhere like a lost puppy and I love it, she wasn't mad at me anymore and when I tried to apologize for all the things that has happened, she shrugged it off and said it didn't matter, she loved and trusted me.

I must admit, it isn't really like her. She usually demands I do things with her, but she even offered to join me in training -- not to train but to sit in the sun and watch, as if she were afraid she'd miss something important, but then again, if her mate showed up, I'd be around her twenty four seven too.

All that is strange is that's it's all very sudden -- Heaven - Leigh showed up a while ago.

But that's all gone now and she finally looks happy again, laying in my arms as we watch a movie.

She was laughing, holding my hand and she didn't even try to jump my bones like usually, it's as if she were a whole other person.

As I watch the movie, realization hits me like a kick to the balls.

She's up to something.

Whenever she becomes nice and obeys my every word and follows me around, it's to prevent me from finding out what she has done.

I look at her phone and my jaw irks , she seemed too relaxed this morning when she caught me sleeping with Heaven - Leigh's jacket .

Something is definitely wrong .

" I just need to make a quick call , I forgot my dad asked me to invite some family friends over for the weekend . " I slap my face as if I really forgot . I pull my arm out from behind her and lean forward , picking up my phone .

" Okay don't take too long , this is the good part !" she giggles .

" Want anything to drink ?" I ask as I make my way out of the room .

" What are you getting ?"

" I thought about making some hot chocolate with that little marshmallows you like . " I smirk and she pouts in admiration as she nods her head .

I wink before I stride out of the room and hurriedly walk to the kitchen , picking the kettle up and walking to the sink , filling it with water . I turn the kettle on and dial Rick's number .

" Hello ?" his voice sounding sleepy and I bite down on my teeth , I hate to wake the man but I need to know what the hell is going on .

" Hey Rick , Grayson here . I'm sorry to bother man but I need a favor , immediately ." I bite down on my bottom lip as I pace the kitchen , grabbing cups , hot chocolate , sugar and the milk .

" Yeah , of course . " I hear him shuffle around .

" Sorry if I woke you up . " I apologize , I feel bad for waking this man up .

" No worries , what can I do for you ?" he asks .

" Can you hack deleted messages ?" I bite down on my teeth , I know she wouldn't have kept them if there was anything .

" If it was deleted in the last forty eight hours , yeah . Just give me the number . " I hear him type away on his laptop . I give him Emily's phone number and a few minutes go by .

" How long will this take ?" I mutter as the kettle finishes boiling .

" About ten minutes , why ?"

" Can you send the photo's to my phone ? I have somewhere to be . "

" Yeah sure . "

" Thanks , I'll pay you in the morning . " I mutter before ending the call , putting my phone on silent before shoving it into my pocket .

With the finishing touch of our hot chocolate , I pour the tiny marshmallows over the foamy top , smiling as I pick them up and carry them back to the screening room , where Emily sat and giggled .

" All done . " I smile as I hand her the pink cup and she squeals .

" Thank you . "

We sit in silence , watching the movie and I couldn't help but feel extremely uncomfortable , my throat was scratchy , every bone in my body felt itchy , as if something was coming .

I feel my phone vibrating in my pocket and I muffle the sigh that wanted to escape my lips .

One buzz , two , three and four .

I stopped counting as I pulled my phone from my pocket and I bit down on my teeth .

Six attachments .

Evidence that she has done something .

" What's that ? " she asks , trying to peek over and I smile at her .

" A surprise I'm planning for you . " I smirk and her eyes widen .

" What is it ? " curiosity fills her eyes.

" Don't ruin your own surprise , or I won't do it . " I lie .

The surprise is for me , a surprise that she has caused .

" Fine . " she rolls her eyes and focuses on the movie .

I stare down at my phone , not wanting to open the text because it means she has done something and I don't want her to be like this , I don't want her to get into trouble .

I open the text and open the first picture . Who the hell is Hunter ? I frown and then the blood drains from my face , it swears I could feel my heart beat stop for a second . It felt as if the world was starting to slow down , almost stopping .

She's getting Heaven - Leigh killed .

That's why she has been following me around the whole day , Emily has been waiting for me to fall in pain so that she knows Heaven - Leigh is dead . When one's mate dies , the other can feel it , as if it were happening to them -- but it doesn't .

I keep on reading , trying to keep the anger inside .

She has to be dead by tomorrow's sunset .

He could try and kill her tonight .

Without thinking , I raise to my feet , putting the cup down on the table , I turn to her .

" I love you , but I can't let you do this . " I grit out angrily , a protective and possessive feeling falling upon me , for Heaven - Leigh.

" What do you mean ?" her eyebrows furrow together as if she were really confused .

" I know you're trying to get her killed and I know it's for us , I know you are doing this for us but I physically can't let you do this to her . " I croak out , my breathing was shaky .

Her eyes widen and she jumps to her feet , grabbing onto my hands .

" Just wait it out , I'll be with you to ease your pain . She will be out of our lives and we can move on . Grayson please , just let her go , for me ." her eyes were pleading with me and I couldn't stop the anger bubbling in my veins , it felt as if it were taking over my whole body .

" You don't even deny it , you are a murderer and you can get killed for this Emily !" I bellow . My eyes flick between hers , but all I could see was confidence , she wasn't scared .

" I won't . I have gotten away with this so many times Grayson and now that you finally know , I can tell you all about it . It has been eating me up inside , but I didn't want to put you in danger . Just please , don't leave me . Tell me you love me . " She pleads , her one hand reaching up , wrapping around her pendant as she rubs it with her thumb .

" I do love you Emily and that's why you need to stop , you can get hung for this . She's an alpha ." I plead , but it is as if she doesn't even hear me .

" Don't worry about me . " she steps forward , cupping my cheek .

" Nothing will come between us , ever . " her eyes looked so dark , as if she were lost in the thought of Heaven - Leigh's death . It was frightening , but I do love her .

" Okay . " I smile , I suddenly felt I could trust her with this , that she'd be totally fine . I pull her closer and wrap my arms around her tiny body .

"Just please , don't get caught . I can't live without you . " I croak out . My heart aching at the thought of losing her .

" I'll be fine . I promise . " she snuggles into my chest and I begin to relax .

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Walking down a long corridor , the lights start to dim , the floor feeling shaky and there's only one door . The door is painted white , but with every step I take , I begin to see more clearly . The red , red handprints all over the door , smudges of fingers dragging over door handle . It's blood . My breath hitches in my throat and with a shaky hand , I open the door , the blood on it still warm .

Who's blood is this ?

Pushing the door open , it gives me the view of complete darkness , no sight of light , no window's to let the moonlight in .

I slowly walk inside , feeling the wall for a light switch until I found one , flicking it on .

I slowly turn around , finding Heaven - Leigh on the white bed , blood oozing out of her , everywhere . Her neck was slit open , her arms were bloody , her chest had gun wounds and as I stalk closer , she was cut in half .

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Gasping , I wake up on the couch , Emily's head resting on my chest , the only light is the tv shining onto us and I slowly look around . No blood . No dead Heaven - Leigh . Just a bad dream .

I slowly shift Emily in next to me and I stood to my feet , looking down at the love of my life , peacefully asleep .

She's so beautiful .

I bend down , kissing her on the cheek .

" I'll be back . " I whisper before my legs carry me outside .

I love Emily with all of my heart and I trust her , but I don't trust the guy she's hiring . He will throw her under the bus and she'll get caught . I need to protect Heaven - Leigh to protect Emily from being hung for murder of an alpha without reason .

She'll see that this is what is best for us .

I silently close the front door and sprint towards the woods , warming my muscles before I get to the boarders . I shift right before I exit out boarder and then I run like hell , letting the ground beneath me know that I am in charge right now because I need to get to my mate , I need to save her so that I could save Emily .

E i g h t e e n

## Chapter 18 - His Heavenly Mate

HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

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My eyes flick open at a sudden sound . Irritation ripples through me -- I swear I just fucking fell asleep ! I was still laying on my duvet , under the aircon while Mia was curled into a ball underneath two blankets of her own . I smile as guilt creep up my spine , she really could have slept in her own bed .

My body still felt warm and sensitive .

My head snaps to the window at the sound of sharp clicking , but there's nothing there and then I look at the door , seeing a shadow right behind it in the corridor , pacing up and down in front of it . I could tell they were trying to be quiet as I watch ther slow pace and I take a deep breath , focussing my senses on the scent , but I frown as I realized that I didn't recognize it and the sharp smell of aconite makes bile rise up in my tight throat .

I slowly turned to Mia , shoving her shoulder and her eyes slowly fluttered open , a scowl on her face . I push my finger to my lips , showing her to keep quiet as I point to the door . She frowns at it and then we hear another set of footsteps .

" Who are you ?" I could hear one of our patrolling guards ask with authority and then with a very soft pew a gunshot went off - no doubt that they were using an incredible silencer a- and body drops , but it wasn't the one in front of my door . My hand clutches Mia's and I pull her from the bed , my body still feeling weak . I tip toe over to my desk , picking up my chair with all of my strength and silently rush over to the door as she climbs off the bed as soft as possible , I could smell her fear , but she had every right to be afraid . I quickly place the back of the chair underneath the door handle , making sure the handle couldn't go down to open the door . I walk over to the window , opening it and I look at Mia , pointing at it .

I know we can shift and fight , but we have no idea who's out there , we have no idea who just killed one of my guards and we don't know what kind of weapon he has or what he or she is .

All that I know is that he's probably here to kill me and I can't let him kill Mia just because she chose the wrong night to sleep over .

" Move . " I mouth as I push her towards the window . Her eyes wide as she poked her head out , looking down the four stories . I grab my phone from my wooden nightstand as my hands slightly shook .

I have to be strong , for Mia .

" Move it . " I grit out in a mere whisper and she sighs as she puts one leg through the window and then the other . My handle started to go down and a rush of fear fell over me . I watch as the door handle begins to go up and down as far as it could , fast and hard , as if the person on the other side of the door was beginning to get angry before they began to kick the door . My head snaps back to Mia , her eyes wide and laced with fear and she looks down .

" You have to go , now . " I frown at her , I watch her take a deep breath before she let's go and jumps .

God , please don't break anything .

I hold onto the ledge of my window before looking down at Mia , holding her leg in utter pain and I bite down on my teeth , my head snapping to the door that flies open , a hole in it and a man with a gun in his hand enters , I could smell the wolfsbane on him as the smell fills my room . I instantly let go as his gun points at me , my feet kicking off against the wall and I do a back flip off the wall , I could feel my heart racing as I fall and I land next to Mia , my ankle buckling underneath me and a sharp pain follows with the sound of a bone snapping -- and not in a good way . The air around me felt extremely hot , making me slightly sweat .

" Move . " I grunt as I hop onto my other foot , pulling Mia up from her ass . I feel eyes on me and when I look up to my window , the man stands in my window , pointing his gun , aiming right at me and I focus all of my hearing on his weapon , the silencer making a small pew , as if loud wind blowing through the air , sound echoes through my ears as he shoots and I push Mia away from me as I jump back , falling onto my ass but I scurry to my feet , watching Mia hop away .

" Faster Mia !" I growl loudly , hoping that someone would hear . I look up and at least the gun is pointed at me , I dart each bullet , running towards the woods , my ankle thobbing and my vision blurring as heat over takes my whole body , but luckily I could feel the bones healing . I glance back up , focusing my vision on my window and my heart skips a beat as I realise that the man in the window is gone .

Where did he go ?

I freeze as I try to catch a breath , trying to focus as my mind begins to feel fuzzy . I look around me , looking for Mia , but it feels as if the world was turning in slow motion , as if every breath I took felt shallow and slow .

Was it slow or was it my brain playing tricks on me ?

A loud scream echoes from the house and my eyes flick red as anger mixed with fear rushes through my entire body , every nerve was on alert .

Mia .

I bolt forward with the last strength I have left -- if this man wants me dead , he can kill me , but not Mia . I'm determined to save her , but a strong arm wraps around my waist , stopping me and a hand covers my mouth . I don't scream because the sparks erupting all over my skin makes my aching body relax and I immediately know it's Grayson . His touch making my mind feel clear and my body less hot .

" Shhh . " he whispers before removing his hand from my mouth , his chest rising against my back and I could tell he was inhaling me and my heat .

My ankle was only throbbing , but the bones were back in place , healed and the pain is almost fully gone .

" Let me go !" I grit out as I leap forward , my hand prying his arm off of me . I almost fall forward , but luckily my ankle felt fine and I rushed from his reach , turning to look at him .

He has an extremely confused look on his face and I turn around again , looking towards the pack house before I dart forward . Even though my body was craving his touch and his touch alone , my goal was to save Mia -- even if it's the last thing I ever do .

" Where are you going ?" he yells and then I hear his footsteps follow me .

" Someone attacked , Mia -- she's .. " My breathing began shallow and my vision blurry , but I couldn't stop . My best friend is in danger .

" Stop !" he growls , his hand wrapping around my wrist , pulling me to a halt .

I growl as I whip around , I could see my neon red eyes glow in the reflection of his grey orbs .

" You're on heat , weak and you'll get killed !" he grits out , anger mixed with fear clear in his tone as it slightly cracked .

" He will kill Mia !" I bellow as I try to rip my arm free , but he pulls me closer , cupping my cheek .

" Heaven - Leigh !" an unfamiliar man's voice calls out , a muffled screech echoing along and my eyes squint shut . I know it's Mia .

" I have to go . " I sigh , my eyes pleading with him .

" I'll save her , but you have to stay here . " he frowns , his eyes flicking between mine .

" You won't save her , you hate me . You hate her . " I try to rip my arm free again , but his grip tightens on me , making me winch .

" I don't hate you . Please , stay here . " he grits out before he twirls us around , making him stand closer to the packhouse before he shoves me back . I take a step forward , wanting to run past him , but he lifts his hand , giving me a warning look .

" Trust me . " he whispers before he backs away .

I stand still , looking as my mate , who hates me , walks off to save my best friend . My knees begin to shake and I walk to the nearest tree , resting against it .

If I hear her scream , I'm darting to her faster than lightning . I take deep breaths , trying to focus on saving my power , but the heat over taking my body makes it almost impossible . With the coarse wood scraping against the sensitive skin of my arms , my knees buckle and I slide down the tree , feeling the splinters in my skin as I lean against the cold bark .

This isn't good .

The sounds of a loud gasp and deep growls and a few soft shots of the gun ring through my ears , but I couldn't move . All I wanted to do was move , but all my energy was focused on my hearing . I need to hear . A sharp pain runs down my spine , forming in my stomach and I crawl into a ball , black dots filling my vision and my eyes start to flutter shut .

No , no , no . I can't pass out , not right now . I have to help , I need to save my best friend and my mate .

Don't fall asleep Heaven - Leigh . I try to lift my head from leaning against the bark , but everything feels heavy , everything feels hot and sore . The woods around me starts to spin as my eyes fall shut , blackness taking over and I go limp , falling forward and sleep takes me instantly , but it isn't the soft kind , it's the hard kind that makes your head hurt .

N i n e t e e n

## Chapter 19 - His Heavenly Mate

GRAYSON'S POV

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Rushing through the woods with a bag filled with clothes around my neck , my paws thud against the ground .

" Faster Mia !" I hear Heaven - Leigh's distraught voice . Every inch of my body pushes forward , faster and I halt at the sight of her dodging bullets and Mia runs away towards the pack house . My eyes dart up to where Heaven - Leigh was growling at , seeing a man standing with a gun . His eyes lock on me as I shift and he disappears . I grab a pair of shorts out of the bag and put them on before I hear a muffled yell , jumping forward , I grab Heaven - Leigh , wrapping my arm around her waist and place my other hand over her mouth .

" Shhh . " I whispers before removing my hand from her mouth , my chest rising against her back and I couldn't help inhale her scent , it was more intoxicating , more inviting . She's on heat . Her warm body against me felt like heaven and hell mixed into one , my first instinct was to take her right here against the tree .

" Let me go !" She grits out as she leap forward , her hand prying my arm off of her . She stumbles forward , but quickly balances as she turns around , looking at me with a scowl on her face .

My eyebrows furrow together in a frown and her head snapped towards the pack house before she strides over to it .

" Where are you going ?" I yell as I follow her suite . That man is still in there and I am pretty sure he wouldn't hurt Mia , but one never knows .

" Someone attacked , Mia -- she's .. " Her breathing began to slow down , but it didn't look like she wanted to relax , her head turned as she looked around as if she was losing herself .

" Stop !" I growl and I take long strides towards her as she slowed down , my hand wrapping around her wrist , pulling her back and she halted in her steps .

She growls as she whips around , her eyes flicking neon red . I get that she's angry at me , but I am trying to fucking help here .

" You're on heat , weak and you'll get killed !" I grit out angrily , but my throat betrays me as my voice cracks in fear .

" He will kill Mia !" She bellows as she tries to rip her arm free from my grip , but I pull her closer , cupping her cheek . Her skin is so soft .

" Heaven - Leigh !" an unfamiliar man's voice calls out , a muffled screech echoing along and I notice her eyes squint shut . It sounds like her annoying friend , but the fear that's written all over Heaven - Leigh's face tells me it is .

" I have to go . " She sighs , her eyes looking up at me in an innocent way as she pleads .

I can't believe I'm doing this , but I can't let my mate get hurt .

" I'll save her , but you have to stay here . " I frown as I felt annoyed . My eyes flick between hers , searching for any sign of trust towards me .

" You won't save her , you hate me . You hate her . " She grits out as tears swell in her eyes , she tries to pull free from me , but anger takes over and my grip tightens on her , making her winch .

Why does she have to be so disobedient ? If she listened , then I wouldn't have to fucking hurt her at all .

" I don't hate you . Please , stay here . " I grit out in a pleading voice before I twirl us around , making her stand closer to the forest before I slightly shove her back towards the trees . She takes a step forward and I lift my hand , pointing a finger at her as I feel my eyes flick red , giving her a warning look .

" Trust me . " I whisper before I back away and make my way to the packhouse , glancing over my shoulder at her staring at me before I run around , finding her annoying friend pressed to the floor , her head being squashed by the bottom of the man's shoe .

" Let her go . " I growl , feeling somewhat protective over the girl , it doesn't mean I care about her , I just have a thing about men laying hands on women .

The man's eyes squint into slits , as if he were surprised that I'm here .

" And you are ?" he grits out .

" A friend of a friend . " I smirk as I walk towards him . His eyes flick down to my feet .

" Stop right there or I will break her neck . " he threatens and I tilt by head back laughing .

" Do you think I care about her ?" I raise a brow at him .

" Well you are here to save her ." he shrugs and my eyes flick down to Mia , her eyes teary , her mouth bloody and I almost want to laugh at her stupidity . She knew the man was in the house , why would she go back ?

" Listen man , leave now and don't come back and maybe I won't hunt you down . " It sounds like a reasonable offer .

" I can't . " he frowns .

" Well then I can't let you live ." I shrug , but he doesn't seem frightened of my threat , his eyes swirl with admiration and I declare it , he is officially down right stupid and crazy .

" It's your funeral . " I shrug . The clicking sound is followed by his hand raising as he points his gun at me and I inhale the smell of wolfsbane .

" Try me . " I don't miss the way his voice shakes and I bite the inside of my cheek to stop myself from smiling .

He's afraid .

" What are you going to do ? Shoot me ?" I cock my head at him .

" You might think this won't kill you , but it's laced with wolfsbane and it will . " he looks so proud . I gulp down the fake lump in my throat as I back away .

" Okay , just tell me what you want . " I try to act like I'm scared for my life .

" The other girl's head , where is she ?" he asks , his eyes focused on me .

" She went through the back entrance , in the kitchen . Please , just let us go . " I beg as I lie .

His eyes grow dark and he looks down at Mia .

" Is there a back entrance ?" he asks her as he adds pressure on her neck . She doesn't say anything as her eyes fix on me and I shoot her a wink as the man looks down at her .

" Answer me !" he grits out and her head nods , making him lift his foot and he kicks her that she faints .

That's going to hurt when she wakes up . My eyes flick back to the man , his gun pointed at my chest .

" You , inside . " he nods his head towards the door and I bite on my teeth as I stride forward .

" Slower !" he yells .

Is this man not scared to wake the whole damn house ?

Nonetheless , I slow my pace , giving me more time to scan his stance and grip on the weapon .

One wrong move and I could die .

I focus on his hands as I slowly walk towards him and as I put my one foot right in front of him , my one hand lifts , grabbing his wrist as I duck , kicking his feet out from underneath him , but as I bend his gun backwards , letting it point upwards , his other hand grabs me by my face , his fingerless gloves was soaked in aconite , making my flesh burn in an unbearable pain , but I couldn't let him win . Clenching my jaw , I stand up straight , head budding him with all the strength I could and he lets out a grunt as he stumbles back , his grip loosening and I grab the

gun , shoving him backwards before I release the mag , looking at the bullet before pushing the mag back in before I point the gun at him .

" You never should have come after my mate ." I growl before I shoot him in the chest . Blood starts to pool from his chest as he lays flat on the floor , but it wasn't as satisfying as I hoped it would be . I shot him again and again and then again in the head , making sure he was dead .

A soft grunt snaps me from my killer side and I whip around as I throw the gun to the ground and I walk over to Mia as she rolls on her back , her eyes squint shut .

" You look like shit . " I cock my head at her .

" Where is Heaven - Leigh ?" she croaks out between spitting blood out of her mouth . I lean down and grab her hand before pulling her up .

" She's safe , just around the corner . " I nod my head towards the dark and Mia starts to limp forward . I roll my eyes as I hook her arm in mine and help her back to where I left my mate .

My eyes flick red at the sight of my mate passed out against the tree , the smell of her heat setting off an enormous amount of energy that I struggle to contain . Her body was calling out to me and every second of smelling her , it got harder to resist .

" I need to go . " I grit out as my eyes were fixed on her sleeping form . I freeze as I smell blood and it wasn't Mia's .

" Heaven - Leigh !" Mia leaps forward , letting me go as she scurries to her best friend's side . A source of fear rushes through me as I look at her .

" She's burning up !" Mia freaks as she tries to pull Heaven - Leigh up from the ground .

" Where the hell are all our guards ?" she frowns , looking around into the darkness and a weird feeling falls over me as I look back to the backhouse .

" Good damn question . " I slowly turn and walk back to the pack house .

" Where are you going ?" Mia calls out , fear laced in her voice .

" Just to check something out , stay here . "

I walk into the dark pack house , the only lights on were those of the kitchen and the dim lights of the hall . The whole house stinked of burning wolfsbane . He put them all to sleep . " I cough as I back out of the house .

" There's burning wolfsbane everywhere , the house reeks of it . " I raise an eyebrow at her and she looks into the far town .

" I need you to stay here with her . " Mia gets to her feet and I step back , shaking my head .

" I can't , she's on heat and I don't know if I will be able to control myself ."

" Then just stand far away and keep an eye on her , fuck sakes . Stop being a child . " she seethes as she brushes past me .

" Now where are you going ?" I ask , my hands in the air as I hopelessly give up with this girl .

" To get equipment and guards . I'm pretty sure the patrolling ones are out too . " she frowns at me in disgust , as if I were the reason of all this mess .

I stand and pace up and down as I glance at Heaven - Leigh now and then , her red copper hair hanging loose around her shoulders makes her look so innocent , so pure . Her skin looks so soft and her smell ... her smell is intoxicatingly dangerous .

I shouldn't be here , I shouldn't have come .

But then my mate would be dead and Emily would have hung for her hand in this if someone ever found out .

This man , Hunter , was very good at his job . If I knew about him sooner , I would have offered him a permanent job , but here I am , killing one of the best hunters ever to save the love of my life and my mate .

A few moments , I hear a lot of foot steps . I pry my eyes away from my mate and turn around , looking at Mia sending men into the packhouse with masks on and bins and two of them walking right behind her towards us .

T w e n t y

## Chapter 20 - His Heavenly Mate

HEAVEN - LEIGH'S POV

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My eyes wrench open , complete darkness surrounding me as my eyes flick around , the only small light is that of my aircon . I sit up , my body warm and I look down at my dirty legs . Why are my legs dirty ? Realisation hits me as my head snaps to the side and find an empty bed . Where the hell is Mia ? I scurry to my feet , my body feeling like jelly as I pull my door open , looking at the whole kicked into it .

It wasn't a dream .

Where's Mia ?

I dart down the hall as my heart starts to pound in my chest . I grab the railing as I skip two steps at a time , running to the floor below me . The smell of aconite hits my senses , but it was faint .

" Mia !" I yell as I run towards her door and I tug the lever down before I push it open and I find an empty bed and empty room . I run over to the bathroom . Empty .

"Kai !" I yell as I run out of her room and across the hall , I open Kai's door , finding him fast asleep .

" Kai !" I bellow , but no response . What the hell is going on ?

" Leigh ?" I hear Mia's voice and my heart drops as relief washes over me . She's alive . I run out of Kai's room to find Mia walking down the hall with a cup of something steamy in her hand .

" Mia ! Thank the gods . " I rush to her , wrapping my arms around her neck .

" Wow , you almost made me spill my coffee . " she acts so concern for the liquid .

" Who cares ? What happened ? Where's that man ?" I ramble .

" Relax , he's dead . " she smiles and my eyebrows furrow together in a frown .

" Grayson killed him . " she explains and it were as if pieces of the memories fall into place .

"Where is he ?" I ask concerned . He saved us . I hope he's safe .

" At home , he's fine . " she shrugs , as if reading my mind .

I blow out a breath that I didn't know I was holding , nodding as my eyes dart around .

" What's wrong with Kai ?" I ask as I point back towards his door .

" The hunter burned wolfsbane all around the house , keeping everyone asleep . He was about to burn some right in front your door but the guard stopped him -- the one he killed . " Mia's eyes flick down to the floor in sympathy and I bite down on my teeth as anger rushed through me .

" What guard ?"

" Max. "

Fuck , he wasn't even twenty five yet . He was such a good guard , always patrolling and never slacking .

My eyes flick back at Mia .

" Why was Grayson even here last night ?"

" I don't know . " her eyes flick around .

" Do you think he knew about the attack ?" I ask and her eyes widen at my question .

" How could he ?" she asks baffled . I shake my head as I look around , I can't be making these types of accusations about people .

" You're right , he couldn't have known . " I mutter , but her eyebrow raises at me .

" You think he organized it ?" she asks and my head snaps up and down the hall before I grab her by the arm , pulling her into her room .

" No , because why would he change his mind and kill that man ? He could have just canceled the attack . " my eyes fall to the floor as my heart slightly aches at the thought of my mate wanting me dead . I get that he didn't want to be bonded with me anymore , but this was extreme . I really thought that he actually cared about me , but then again , he did save us last night so maybe he did care about me ? Maybe there's hope for us .

" Do you think he knows who arranged it ?" Mia asks and my eyes flick back up at her , anger swirling in my eyes as it began to flick red , my body felt like it was over heating .

" Emily . " I growl . Who else would he want to protect than his chosen mate , the girl he loves so much .

" Is that his chosen mate ?" Mia asks and the words falling from her mouth irks me . He shouldn't have a chosen mate , he has a mate , me !

" Uhu . " I roll my eyes before I walk to her door .

" I'm going back to my room , my body is still weak . " I breathe out as I try to calm myself .

" I'll walk with you . " Mia chimes with concern .

" No , I'm fine . " I smile warily at her before I walk out of her room and down the hall . As I stood at the steps , my eyes flick up towards my floor and then down . Perhaps our pack doctor can give me something to fix me , to subside the symptoms .

I sneak down the stairs , silently as possible .

As my feet hits the cold tiles at the bottom of the stairs , I let out a breath of relief , the colder my feet , the cooler my body . I look at the clock on the wall , seeing it's four am and I bite down on my teeth as I slip out of the front door and I make my way towards the town . It was so quiet , the

only people out were the patrolling guards . Some of them were looking at me as if I were a piece of meat , but that's just because I'm on heat and unmated .

" Where are you going princess ?" Derek's voice rings through my ears and I jump as I turn around , looking at Derek walking up to me .

" Doctor . " I step back as his eyes swirl into darkness .

" Alone ? " his eyebrow raises and I roll my eyes .

" Yes . I'm not ten . " I grit out in annoyance before I turn and continue to walk .

" I'll escort you . " he murmurs as he follows me . I guess I can't blame him , he is our beta and it is dark outside , but the village is just another twenty meters , where there is light and lamps .

" I'm really fine , you should go and patrol . " I demand and he laughs .

" And if something attacks you , your father will have my head . " he chuckles .

" And my mother will give you a gift for a job well done . " I huff and then silence falls between us . We walk to the pack doctor in the middle of town before he clears his throat .

" You should be in bed . Away from males . " His eyebrows raised and my eyes narrow into slits .

" Don't tell me what to do . " I huff before walking into the clinic and leaving him outside .

The few nurses around walk up to me , bowing their heads .

" Princess , what can we do for you ?" they ask , concern filling their faces .

" I need to see the doctor on duty . " I smile and they nod before running into different directs . I sigh as I walk over to a chair , sitting down . The cool steel that presses against my bare skin felt like heaven , almost making me moan in pleasure . I am so over this heat , I hate it . I can't do anything . I couldn't even protect Mia .

The doctor comes walking down the hall , she was wearing heels and a pencil skirt , a smile spreading across her face as she glances at me .

" What can I do for you ?" she asks as she bows her head .

"Firstly , stop bowing . " at that , she stands up straight for her half bow .

" Secondly , I need to know if you have something to take away this heat . " I grit out in annoyance .

" You've met your mate . " her eyes widen in surprise .

" Not my favorite thing , but yes . " I glare at her .

" And he's not mating you , because ?" she asks curious .

" None of your beeswax . " I roll my eyes .

" Right , my apologies . " her eyes flick down to the floor .

" Can you do anything for me ?" I snap impatiently .

" I can subside the smell and weaken the symptoms , but you'll still feel weak when you do too much . " she smiles and I nod .

" Great , do your work . " I give her a tight smile and she nods , gesturing her hand towards the hall .

Sighing , I stand to my feet and slowly follow her into a room .

Luckily she can do something about this , imagine if she couldn't -- I would have lost my shit , right here , right now .

" I'll be right back . " she winks before leaving the room . I hop onto the small single bed , lazily swinging my dirty legs to the front in back as I wait for her .

She comes back with two bottles of pills .

" These are for in the morning . " she holds up the one bottle .

" And this is for the night . " she smiles , holding up the other bottle .

" I marked them so you'll know which to take when . " she hands me the boxes and I frown at her .

" Why did you pull me into this room when you could've given them to me out there ?" I ask as I nod towards the door .

" Because of these . " She pulls open a drawer , taking out a pair of tweezers .

" Can you even feel the splinters in your arm ?" she asks as she pulls gloves on and walks over to me , tweezers in her hand .

I frown as I glance at my arm , blood slowly prickling down my skin .

" Oh . " I frown . How did I not feel that ?

" It's normal , when a woman is on heat , her senses are else where . " she chuckles as she plucks the splinters from my arm .

" Makes sense . " I mutter , I could feel my skin pulling together where she pulled the pieces of wood out .

" Thanks . " I mutter as I hop off the bed as soon as she puts the tweezers down .

" Anytime . " she smiles before backing up .

" Oh and only take these pills with water and after you ate . " she adds as she walks me out of the clinic . I nod before walking down the stairs , finding Derek sitting on the edge of a small pole .

" You didn't have to wait . " I mutter , my eyes fixed on the bottles in my hands .

" I wanted to . " he shrugs . We didn't say anything else as he walked me back to the packhouse , but I knew he wanted to . This is what I liked about Derek , he respected boundaries , unlike Kai and the rest of these fucking people in my life .