

# Fated Human Alpha

## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 1

Ruby POV

Gemma is growling as he wraps his arms around the woman and it is all I can do to keep her under control. She is touching our mate", Gemma says. "No, he is touching her of his own free will. He is human and he knows nothing of what he is to us." "How can this be happening? How could the goddess do this to us", Gemma whimpers. I'm just about to tell her to calm down when my grandfather gets my attention. "Come on Ruby, I will show you to your new office." He opens the door and I follow him inside. I'm grateful for the closed door and his fading scent. "Is everything alright Ruby" my grandfather asks. "Of course", I say, looking around at my office. It really is magnificent. Floor to ceiling windows give a stunning view of the human city. The decor is warm colors with pops of blues and greens. I couldn't have designed it any better myself. "I know you are as hurt and angry as I am, so stop trying to hide it", Gemma says. I can't give into those feelings right now, Gemma. "Come on, take a seat at your new desk" my grandfather says with excitement in his voice. I smile and come around to sit in my new chair.

"This is wonderful grandpa, thank you." "I'm glad you like it. You earned this. Don't ever forget that Ruby. These are the files for today's meeting if you want to look them over. I'm going to run to my old office before we meet with Maverick and the other suits." I laugh and he heads out the door closing it behind him. I'm just about to talk to Gemma again about behaving during the meeting with Maverick when a knock sounds on the door. The coconut scent that invades my nose lets me know exactly who it is. He knocks again before he pushes the door open slowly. "Ruby" he says as his eyes land on me. I stand and he steps inside my office. "I apologize that Delilah interrupted our introductions." "I'm sure we will have plenty of time for introductions if you need to attend to your visitor Mr." I say hoping he will fill in the blank with his last name. "Please just call me Maverick. We aren't that formal around here." He reaches out his hand and manners prevail as I place my hand in his. I knew I was going to regret it as I feel the tingles where our skin touches.

I feel like we shake longer than is necessary before he lets go and I pull my hand back. "It is nice to meet you, Maverick. If you'll excuse me, I want to go over the files before our meeting." "Of course, it was nice to meet you Ruby," he says before he turns walking out of my office. My name on his lips makes butterflies flit in my stomach. I tamped down those feelings. He is not a wolf and I would never interfere in his relationship. Gemma whimpers again "but he is our mate. The goddess chose him for

us. There has to be a reason, Ruby." "I know he is, but taking him from someone he has already chosen isn't something I am willing to do. This is not how I expected finding our mate to go either." She recedes in my mind and I try to focus on the files in front of me.

Maverick POV

I hear the office door close and I lead Delilah into my office. I don't appreciate the show she just put on in front of my bosses. "What the hell was that about?" She makes her pouty face as she walks over pressing her body against mine. "Don't be mad at me. I just wanted to see what she looked like. You know I get jealous when you are working so closely with other women." "Lilah, I have never given you any reason to doubt me, or my loyalty to you. I don't appreciate you coming here to mark your territory." She laughs "it's not like I peed on you. I just want her to know your off limits." I roll my eyes and she wraps her arms around my neck. "I'm sorry, I'll try to do better." She pulls me down and presses her lips to mine. Despite my irritation with her, I give into the kiss. We have been together for three years and I really do love Delilah. She pulls back and I smile back down at her. "I love you so stop worrying. You're the one I asked to marry me, didn't I." She giggles and looks at her ring. "Yes, I am." "Alright, I have an important meeting and I need to properly meet my new boss." I kiss her one more time before I usher her out of my office and toward the elevators.

I turn and head to the office next to mine. I knock twice before I push the door open slowly. As I shake her hand, the smell of her perfume invades my nose. Nice, you were just reassuring Lilah and here you are being a creep smelling her perfume, I think to myself. As I shake her hand, I notice how green her eyes are. What the hell is wrong with me? I realize I've held on to her hand longer than I should. I pull my hand back and rest it at my side. She is very professional, which I appreciate. I'm glad she is so interested in the business. Honestly, when Stephen told me he was bringing his great granddaughter in as chief operating officer I was worried. I have worked for Stephen since I graduated from college and despite the fact that my name is not on the company letterhead, I treat it like it is. Stephen has been good to me and I want all that he has built to continue to be successful. I hope she is as passionate about this company as Stephen and I am.

The meeting starts in five minutes and I start to gather my files. My door opens and Connor walks in. He has been my best friend since college and he started here the same time I did. "So did you meet her?" "Yes she seems very capable." He rolls his eyes "only you would meet a woman and talk about her business capabilities." "All of us are not dogs." He puts his fist to his chest "you wound me. I'm not a dog, I just appreciate a beautiful woman." "Here's some advice that I'm sure you won't take. Focus on business and keep pleasure where it belongs, at home." He laughs, "you sound like an old married man already." I gather my folders and head for the door. "That's good because I am, the ceremony is just a formality." He laughs and slaps me on the back "you're a lost cause." I don't even justify that remark with a response. We walk down the hallway to the conference room. When we get inside, Stephen is sitting at the head of the table with Ruby sitting on his right side. Connor and I take a seat on the left side of

the table. Ruby POV SEAR\*ch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

When the door opens to the conference room, I brace myself knowing his scent is about to surround me again. I keep my expression even and nod at both men. I stand "Ruby, this is Connor, he and Maverick have both been working on this deal", my grandfather says. I stick out my hand, shaking Connor's. He flashes me a smile and I chuckle inside. "It's nice to meet you Ruby. I look forward to working with you." I can tell he is like a lot of the wolves I know. He thinks his smile melts my panties, but he couldn't be more wrong. I nod and take my seat. We begin to discuss the upcoming deal that they have been working on with a large real estate company. It takes us an hour to go over the files before I feel up to speed on the company we are representing. "We have a meeting scheduled with John Brenard in two days," Maverick says. "Good, I will continue to review everything and be ready to take part in the meeting." Everyone gathers their things and I can't help but watch him in his suit. It fits him perfectly and I can see the tip of a tattoo sticking out of his sleeve as it rides up his arm. I feel the heat rise in my body and I force myself to look down at my papers. When I look up, my grandfather is smiling at me like he knows a secret. Once Connor and Maverick leave the conference room, I stand picking my folders off of the table. "Sit down young lady and start talking." I roll my eyes but do what he asks. He crosses his arms and sits back in his chair waiting for me to speak. "Fine, Maverick is my mate." He smiles and I'm sure there is confusion on my face. "This isn't a good thing, grandpa. He already has a mate." "Delilah is far from a wolf. A snake maybe, but not a wolf." "You know what I mean. He is in a relationship with someone else and I will not interfere in anyone's relationship." What he said finally sinks in. "Why would you call her a snake?" "I have lived a lot longer than you have and I have become a pretty decent judge of character. That woman doesn't love Maverick. She loves what he can buy her." I growl low and slap my hand over my mouth. My grandfather chuckles "I guess Gemma doesn't like her mate being used." "Don't encourage her grandpa." He stands, "I think the goddess knows better than anyone. Your grandparents have proven that. I have a feeling that she isn't wrong this time either." We head for the elevator and I allow myself for a second to think about what it would have been like to meet him under different circumstances. Gemma is right, I'm hurt and angry that my mate is with someone else. We reach the pack and I head for the cottage. I can't wait to shower and change into something more comfortable. I pull on yoga pants and a t-shirt before I head outside. Jade will be home soon and I need to head to my room before she gets here. My sister has this weird ability to know when something is wrong with me. I grab my plate of food and head upstairs to my room. I sit on the chair and turn on the tv. I don't know how long passes when my door opens and my sister plops down on my bed. "Thanks for knocking Jade." "When have I ever knocked to come into this room?" She stands up coming around to look at me. "Something happened to you. Tell me what happened today." "You're out of your mind. Nothing happened, I'm fine." She keeps staring at me and I look away. "Don't lie to me. Something happened at the office today." I sigh and just give in. I know her well enough to know she isn't going to let this go. "Promise me that you won't say anything to anyone Jade." She makes the cross her heart sign and pulls the chair up next to mine. "I met my mate today." She is just about to scream and I stop her. "He is human and he is with

someone else." "Oh Ruby, I'm sorry" she says and wraps me in a hug. For the first time, I let tears flow. After a few minutes, I sit back and she brushes the tears off my cheek. "It sounds like an ice cream and movie night." I smile and try to push the thoughts of a mate that isn't mine out of my mind.

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 2

Maverick

POV

After the meeting, I head straight to my office. I know Connor will have more to say about Ruby but I have an important phone call so I am saved from his ball busting for now. I close the door and pick up the phone. It rings twice before my mother picks up. "Hello sweet boy." "Hi mom, how are you feeling?" "You know you don't need to call me at the same time every day if you're busy." "Don't be ridiculous, you are more important than any meeting I could have." She laughs and I love that sound. My heart sinks with the thought that there could come a time when I won't be able to hear it. "How did your big meeting go? How is your new boss? Do you think she will be a good fit?" I start to laugh. "That's a lot of questions at once. The meeting was good. She seems really intelligent and driven. She definitely isn't just there because she is Stephen's granddaughter." "I guess your worries are put to rest then." "Yes, I believe that she will be an asset to the team. Stephen will be able to enjoy his retirement." "I'm glad but I'm sure he wasn't worried about you running things, Maverick." I would like to believe that but I don't want to focus on work right now. "Enough about work, I want to see how you are." "Maverick, I have been in the hospital for a week. I'm not really that exciting. I've watched more game shows and soap operas than I care to admit. The meds are helping with the nausea and hopefully the chemo is helping with the cancer." "Not hopefully, it is helping. You have to be positive. That is as important as the medicine, mom." "When did they say you could come home?" "They want me here for at least one more week and then I can go home." "You mean you can come to my home." "Maverick, I'm sure that Delilah is not going to want me hanging around your apartment. Besides, I'm still capable of taking care of myself." "Mom, first of all, that isn't true. Delilah loves having you around. Second of all, my apartment is big enough for you to have privacy and I will be able to keep an eye on you. If you get sick, I want to be there to help you." She laughs "that's a mother's job." "Well, it's my turn to return the favor after all the years you took such great care of me." We talk for another twenty minutes about her favorite tv shows and the nurses love life's at the hospital. Despite what she is going through, I can tell she is smiling and happy. When we hang up, I sit back in my chair. I hate that she has to be in the hospital for another week but I know it's where she needs to be. I give myself the same talk I do every time I think about her being sick before I get back to work. I look at my watch and realize that it's already five. I'm supposed to meet

Connor for a drink before I head home. Delilah has plans with her friends so I agreed to the drink. Actually, he didn't give me any choice. I was happy to go home and veg out on the couch. I pack up my briefcase and head for the elevator. "Have a good night Mr. Colwell", Jennifer, the floor secretary, says as I step onto the elevator. I nod and the elevator door closes. I'm thankful that she was behind the desk putting distance between us. She has asked me out several times despite me being very clear that I am not interested and very taken. I would never cheat on Delilah. The door to the elevator opens and I spot Connor across the lobby talking to a woman, of course. He meets me by the door and we head out into the parking garage. As we head to my car, I notice the parking sign with Ruby Solace written on it. Connor notices at the same time. "The next time I ask you about a woman and you tell me she is capable when she looks like that woman does" he says, pointing to the sign. "I'm taking your man card. I'm not sure if you realize this, but taken doesn't mean dead, Maverick."

I laugh as I throw my briefcase on the back seat. "Get the hell in before I change my mind." I slide into the driver's seat of my car and Connor gets into the passenger's seat. Before he can say anymore, I turn the radio on and pull out of my spot. "What bar are you dragging me to?" He smiles and I have a feeling I'm not going to like the answer. "The Den" he says and I grip the steering wheel. "That is not a bar. It is a night club with girls dancing in cages." "They have a VIP lounge and there are no girls dancing in there. We can have a few drinks and then your boring a\*\* can go home." "Fine, a couple drinks and then I'm going home." I drive to the club I've only been to on one other occasion. It is packed and as we make our way across the floor I realize why I have only come here once. People are packed on the floor and I try to dodge women who are trying to rub against me. Connor, of course, is in his glory dancing with every willing woman. We finally make it to the VIP section.

Connor leans into the bouncer and slaps his hand for a shake. I'm sure giving him an obscene amount of money to get in. He pulls the rope back and we head up a red carpeted set of stairs. A woman who is barely wearing a dress leads us over to an area with couches. We both take a seat and order a drink. There is plexi glass allowing the VIP section to see the dance floor. It's a sea of people and I'm so grateful to be in VIP right now. The waitress returns and hands me my Manhattan. "Is there anything else I can do for you gentlemen" she says in her most seductive voice. I shoot a glare at Connor before he can answer. He looks back at her, "no sweetheart, we're good." She walks away and he sulks as I sip on my drink. "You're a terrible wingman." "Yes I am", I say and laugh. After I finish my first drink, I'm feeling more relaxed and slightly buzzed. I sit back just watching the people dance until my eyes land on something that immediately sobers me up. "What the hell is wrong with you", Connor asks, as I stand so I can see the dance floor better. I point and when he looks I know I'm right as the blood drains from his face. I don't even think as I start to walk toward the stairs. "Maverick, be calm. Maybe there's a perfectly good explanation for your fiance grinding on some random dude." I turn "shut the f\*\*k up right now Connor." I take the stairs two at a time and manage to weave through the bodies until I reach the woman that is supposed to be my future wife dancing with some a\*\*hole. I take a breath before I tap her on the shoulder. When we make eye contact she freezes. She tries to unwind

herself from her dance partner, but I don't want to hear what she has to say right now. I turn heading back toward Connor. When I reach him he has sympathy in his expression. I turn back toward the VIP area without a word to him. Once I walk past the bouncer I can hear Delilah screaming my name. I turn back and the bouncer is stopping her from following me. "Is she with you sir" he asks me. I look at this woman that I love. "No, she is with some a\*\*hole on the dance floor." "Maverick, please I'm sorry we were just dancing. Please don't do this. I love you." Everything in me wants to believe that she drank too much and it was just dancing, but what would have happened if I hadn't been here tonight? I turn and make my way back up the stairs and sit down in the same chair. I flag the waitress down and order another drink. I have no intention of getting sh\*t faced but I need another drink before I go home.

"I'm heading home, Connor. Do you want me to drop you off?" "Maybe you should come to my place tonight. She probably will be there when you get home." "No, it's my apartment. I'm going home and going to bed. We have an early day tomorrow." We both head for the stairs and I pray she isn't here and ready to make a scene. I'm grateful when we leave VIP and the crowd has died down. We head to my car and I pull up at Connor's apartment building. "Are you sure you want to deal with her tonight?" He really is a good guy. "I'm good, I'll see you bright and early." He closes the door and I pull away. The drive home I replay the scene over and over in my mind which does nothing to improve my mood. I pull into the parking garage for our complex and notice that her car isn't in its usual spot. I don't know whether to be happy about that or not. My mind goes to the fact that she could be with that a\*\*hole. I shake those thoughts away and head for the elevator. I push the button for my floor.

I turn the key in my door and once I'm inside I don't even turn the lights on. I head down the hallway to my room. As soon as I open the door I stop dead. Delilah is passed out on the bed. I take a deep breath before I head inside and grab pajamas out of my drawer. I grab a suit for tomorrow and head to the guest room down the hall. I don't think I have ever been this angry in my life. After I'm showered and dressed, I slide into bed. I set my phone alarm and lay there staring at the ceiling. How the hell did everything go to sh\*t in one night? I turn over and sleep finally takes me under. The Dream Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

I'm sitting at my desk in the office when I hear the door open. When I look up, the biggest wolf I have ever seen is sitting in front of me. I expect to feel fear but I don't. I stand walking around my desk until I'm just a foot from the wolf. She lays down and I notice how beautiful her fur is. It is chocolate brown and looks like silk. I have to stop myself from reaching out to touch it. The wolf whimpers and our eyes meet. She has beautiful green eyes that send a shiver down my spine. I take a breath before I start to reach out my hand. Dream Ends

A banging brings me out of the most vivid dream I've ever had. I sit up and realize that Delilah is screaming for me to open the door. I walk over "enough Delilah. I have to get ready for work. I will talk to you later." "Maverick please" she pleads with me. "No, I can't

talk to you right now. I'm going to get ready for work." I pick up my clothes and head for the bathroom. Once I'm ready, I take a deep breath before I open the door and head for the kitchen. She rushes in and starts to try to explain what happened. I don't respond and once I have my coffee, I walk past her. I head through the living room and she follows me. "Maverick, please don't throw everything we have built away because I made a little mistake. It was just dancing." I stop and turn around, looking into her eyes. "You and I have a very different idea of what constitutes a little mistake. I told you, we will discuss this after I get home from work." She drops her head and I leave before I say something I will regret.

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 3

Ruby POV

The sunlight breaking through my window feels warm on my face. I open my eyes and I can hear a light snoring next to me. I chuckle, we haven't slept in the same bed since we were pups. I nudge her and she groans. Jade is often late for training because she likes her sleep. "If we're late for training you know what's going to happen." She groans again. "We will have to run five miles and I don't have time for that this morning." She jumps up and rushes toward her room like her a\*\* is on fire. I can't help the laugh that escapes me as I head toward the bathroom. I throw on my sports bra and yoga pants before I join Jade in the kitchen. We grab our water and head to the training field. Autumn, Archer, Brooklyn, and Wesley are already warming up. We join them and my uncles step out onto the field. They are larger than average Betas because they were born to my grandparents.

As the Betas of the pack, they handle the training of warriors. Wesley and Brooklyn will become Betas when I take my title. After we turned eighteen, Jade, Archer, and I sat down to discuss the Alpha title. In a normal pack there would be no question who is to become Alpha, but the Scarlett Rose is far from a typical pack. I love the way our pack is run and I expected that we would all take the Alpha titles as my parents and my Aunt Serina and Uncle Nicholas did. So I was shocked when Archer and Jade declined. I was hurt at first and tried to convince them that we should all be Alpha, but they didn't agree. After a lot of discussion and a plan for them to help me lead, everything was settled. Archer will be the head warrior and Jade will continue to work at the hospital. All major decisions will be made as a team, but I will be the only Alpha.

"Since everyone is on time today, we are going to skip our run and get right into training", my Uncle John says, looking at my sister. I chuckle under my breath. "It seems our future Alpha is volunteering to start the sparring" my Uncle James says, smiling at me. I step out of the group and prepare myself to spar. "Alright, who wants to have their shot at the future Alpha," my Uncle John asks. I hear chatter but no one steps

forward. I notice Tanya, one of the female warriors, is bothering my brother again. He has made it clear he isn't interested, but she isn't listening. "Tanya, you look like you're ready to spar", I say as she touches his arm. Her head whips in my direction and she looks shocked. "Let's go Tanya, you're up" I hear from behind me. "I didn't volunteer, that's not fair." "Well here's your first lesson, life isn't fair sometimes" my Uncle John says. She rolls her eyes but joins me up front. "Human form only ladies" my Uncle James says. They both step back but stay close enough to intervene if needed. We start to circle each other and I drop my voice so only she can hear me. "My brother may have manners but I don't. Leave him the f\*\*k alone."

She smiles and that just pisses me off. I lunge forward, landing my first punch to her face. I don't use all my strength because killing her is not the goal of this exercise. She stumbles back but manages to stay on her feet. We are equal in size but I'm an Alpha so that gives me an advantage. She moves toward and connects with a couple jabs to my side. "Beat that b\*\*ches a\*\* Ruby", Gemma says with a growl. This time when she comes at me, I do a roundhouse kick, knocking her on her a\*\*. The blood that is pouring out of her lips gives me some level of satisfaction. She wipes the blood away before she makes it back to her feet. "B\*\*ch" she says low so only I can hear. If she thinks her calling me a name is going to make me lash out and make a mistake, she is very wrong. I start toward her and I can see a flash of fear in her eyes before they turn black. "I said no wolf" I hear my uncle yell, but I don't stop moving toward her. Wolf or not, she is about to find out why I'm the Alpha. I step toward her and land a punch to her stomach. When she doubles over, I raise my knee, striking her in the face. She flies back and this time she doesn't get up.

My Uncle James rushes over to check on her. She opens her eyes and he helps her to her feet. She looks in my direction and bares her neck to me. I know she isn't being sincere. She is just trying to save her a\*\*. I'm sure she knows that she is in trouble for allowing her wolf to surface when my uncles gave us direct orders. "Tanya, there will be consequences for you not following orders and allowing your wolf to participate in the fight." She drops her head. "You will stay after training to discuss what those consequences will be." "Yes Betas" she says before she joins the warriors on the other side of the field. I'm glad at least she doesn't go back to stand near Archer. We train for another hour before I head back to the cottage to get ready for the office. After I'm showered, I pull on a gray pencil skirt and a blue silk blouse. I put on my heels and head downstairs. I grab my coffee off the counter and head out to the SUV. It takes me thirty minutes to reach the office. As I drive I think about facing Maverick again today. I pull into the parking spot that has my name on it and just stare at the sign for a minute. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Ruby, what is the plan with Maverick" Gemma asks. Besides her telling me to beat Tanya's a\*\* Gemma has been quiet, which isn't like her. "Honestly Gemma, I don't know what to do. I have no plan. If our mating is meant to be, then it will happen without us interfering in his relationship." I expect her to whimper but she doesn't. She stays quiet and I don't know what's worse. "Gemma", I call out to her. "I'm here Ruby. I know you're

right but this sucks." I chuckle "yes it does, but no matter what, we will have each other." "Yes we will" Gemma says. I grab my briefcase and head through the lobby. I step into the elevator and a pretty woman about my age joins me. "What floor" she asks. "The sixth please", I respond and she smiles. "We're going to the same floor." She pushes the button and turns sticking her hand out to me. "My name is Jennifer, I'm a secretary on your floor." I take her hand "I'm Ruby Solace, it's nice to meet you." Her eyes get big "Ms. Solace, it's nice to meet you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you." "Thank you, I'll be sure to let you know if I need something." We both step out of the elevator and I head toward my office. As I pass Maverick's door, his scent makes my knees go weak, but I manage to make it to my door. This is definitely going to be hard but I belong here and we will get through it. Maverick POV

As soon as I reach my office, I close the door. I throw my briefcase on the couch and plop down in my chair. A knock sounds on my door and Connor sticks his head in. I know there is no sense in telling him to go away because he won't. He comes in and closes the door. I hate the look of sympathy on his face. "I wondered if you would be here today." "Why the f\*\*k wouldn't I be here? I have work that needs to be done and I need to be ready for our meeting tomorrow." "Don't be an a\*\*hole. You know damn well why I said that. I understand that your angry at Delilah but direct that sh\*t at her." My mood shifts and he's right. "I'm sorry man, it's just a hard pill to swallow. What do you think would have happened if I hadn't interrupted them last night? How many times has she done this? I've been asking myself these questions over and over again. I believed her when she said she loved me. I'm so angry at myself for being stupid and trusting her so blindly. I never thought she would do this to me." "I'm not trying to defend her, but did she admit that she cheated?"

"Just because she didn't f\*\*k the guy doesn't mean she didn't cheat. That wasn't innocent dancing. I would have no problem with her dancing with a man, but dry humping is a different story." "What are you going to do?" "I'm so angry right now I don't know what I'm going to do. I hoped coming here and being away from her today would allow me time to process everything that happened before I talk to her later." "I'm here for you man. Whatever you need, I'm here." I stand walking around my desk and pull him into a bro-hug. "Thank you, Connor. I really appreciate you having my back." "Always man, you know that. I'm going to head back to my office, but if you need me just call." He heads out the door and I sit back in my chair. I start to review the files. Twenty minutes later, a knock sounds on the door and Jennifer sticks her head in. I can't deal with this sh\*t today.

"What can I help you with Jennifer?" She smiles and comes to stand in front of my desk. "I was wondering if you need anything, Mr. Colwell." I want to scream at her but I maintain my composure because even though she is a pain, she isn't the one I'm really angry at. "No Jennifer, I'm fine. Honestly, I have a lot of work today and I don't want to be disturbed. Thank you", I say and return to my files. I hear the door close and I'm grateful that she left without having to be told twice. I work until the alarm on my phone goes off. I put my pen down and pick up my phone. I really need to see my mom, so I press the facetime app. The screen lights up with her beautiful smile. "Hello sweet boy"

she greets me as she always does. "Hi mom, it's good to see your face." She looks at me for a minute before she responds. "Why do you look so tired?" "I didn't sleep well. No reason to worry mom." She gives me a look, but I'm grateful when she starts to tell me about her soap opera.

As I talk a knock sounds on my door. I have made it perfectly clear that I'm not to be interrupted today. The door opens and Ruby walks in. My irritation at the interruption seems to melt away. "Oh I'm sorry. I didn't realize you were on the phone" she says. "Who's that Maverick" my mother asks, and I know what she is doing. "That is my new boss, Ruby." "Oh good, let me say hi." I turn the phone to face Ruby. She smiles and waves at my mother. She really is a beautiful woman. She looks up at me and her beautiful green eyes lock with mine. The wolf from my dream pops into my head before I shake it away. What the hell is wrong with me? "I'm sorry for interrupting your call. It was very nice to meet you, Mrs. Colwell." She heads for the door without another word. I turn the phone back toward myself and my mother has a strange smile on her face. "She likes you." "Mom, she is my boss and I have a fiance." I have no intention of telling her right now what happened with Delilah. "I never said you would act on it. I just said she liked you." "Alright mom, I have to get back to work but I'll call you later." "I love you Maverick." "I love you too, mom." I hang up and I wonder why my mom thought that about Ruby.

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 4

Ruby

POV

"Why the hell did I do that" is the first thought I have when I sit back down at my desk. I could hear how upset he was through the wall during his conversation with Connor. I couldn't hear exactly what he was saying but he sounded angry. I debated whether to check on him and my desire to make sure my mate was alright won out. I shouldn't have gone in there. I interrupted his call and what would I have said if he wasn't on the phone? Gemma chuckles and I roll my eyes. "I'm glad your enjoying this." "I am, it's not often I get to see you frazzled. Besides, you want to be close to him just like I do." I block her and turn to my computer. I start to type up my notes for our meeting when there is a knock on my office door. I already know it's him on the other side when the scent of coconut invades my nose. I take a deep breath before I answer him. "Come in" I say. The door opens and I'm glad that I blocked Gemma. He is the most handsome man I have ever seen and I don't need her comments right now. He smiles and I'm glad I'm sitting down. "Ruby, I'm sorry about that. My mom loves to talk to new people." "You have nothing to be sorry for and your mom is lovely."

"Yes she is. I'm very lucky to have her." I see a flash of sadness in his expression. Before I can dwell on it his smile returns. "I try to call twice a day while she's in the hospital." "You're a good son for doing that. Can I ask why she's in the hospital if I'm not being too invasive?" "No, I don't mind. She was diagnosed with b\*\*\*\*t cancer a month ago. Her oncologist wanted her to have intensive chemo for two weeks before she can start her outpatient treatments. She'll be staying with me when she gets out of the hospital." It breaks my heart to see the pain on his face as he talks about his mother. "She seems like she is in good spirits. If you ever need to be with her, please know that I will completely understand. Family is the most important thing we have." "Thank you, Ruby. I really appreciate that." We stare at each other for a minute before he finally speaks again. "Oh, I came in here to find out what I could do for you. I know you didn't just come in to meet my mom." I chuckle panicking inside for a reason to tell him.

"I thought we should go over my notes for tomorrow's meeting since you have been working on it for so long. I would like to see exactly what properties are involved in the acquisition." "Of course, I'll grab my folders and meet you in the conference room. It will be easier to spread them out in there." I nod and he leaves my office. "Quick thinking" Gemma chides, at me. "Goddess, he is so hot." "Seriously, after all, he just told us that's what you have to say." "Ruby, do you remember when your grandfather was sick and Tabitha helped him." "Of course, I do but you know as well as I do we can't expose our kind to humans that we are not officially mated to." "I love you for being a rule follower but there are gray areas when it comes to mates. You're a very smart woman and I still believe he will be ours, so we need to come up with a plan for Autumn to meet his mother." I think about what she just said. Even if we don't get our mate, we can still help him by healing his mother. I can see how important she is to him and I know how I would feel if my mother was sick. I stand from my desk and grab my folders.

As I head to the conference room, I stop in the hallway. I can see through the plexi-glass that Jennifer is talking to my mate. She is a little too close for my liking. Gemma growls and I watch as Maverick steps back from her, shaking his head. I walk in and Jennifer steps back and smiles at me. "Ms. Solace I was just asking Mr. Colwell if I could do anything for him. Is there anything that I could do for you while I'm here?" "No, thank you" I manage to get out but what I really want to say is f\*\*k off. She rushes from the room and closes the door. I want to ask Maverick what the hell that was about but he starts to spread the folders out, so I let it go.

Maverick POV

I head into the conference room and set my folders on the table. I hear the door open and look up to see Jennifer walking toward me. She steps into my space and I try to be calm. I step back "can I help you with something Jennifer?" "I just wanted to let you know that Delilah has called every hour on the hour. I know you didn't want to be disturbed but she is getting pretty angry when I tell her that you aren't taking calls today." I feel like she is enjoying telling Delilah that she can't talk to me. She steps toward me again and I'm losing my patience with her. "If that's all, Jennifer, you can go back to your desk." "Are you sure there is nothing I can do for you?" A throat clears and

she finally steps out of my space. Ruby is standing there staring at her. I swear her beautiful green eyes darken for a second, but I know that's not possible.

Once Jennifer is gone, I start to spread out the folders. Ruby comes around until she is standing next to me. Her perfume invades my nose and I swear I've never smelled anything so sweet. We both take a seat and listening to her speak is one of the sexiest things I have ever heard. I know Connor laughed when I described her as capable, but her being capable is attractive. It just adds to her beauty. I don't understand what the hell is going on with me when I'm around this woman. I'm not saying I haven't noticed pretty women, but this is more than that. I need to focus on work and what I'm going to say to Delilah when I get home. We work for the rest of the afternoon. By the time we finish it's time to head home. "Thank you Maverick. I am definitely ready for our meeting tomorrow. I'm glad that my grandfather has recognized what an asset you are to the company. You are very good at your job" she says. The pride I feel is strange. It's the same I would feel if my mother said it to me. "Thank you, Ruby." "I'll see you tomorrow, but before I go I have a question for you that is not work related." "What's the question?" "Do you believe in holistic medicine?" I chuckle "I believe nothing can hurt. Why do you ask?" "One of my best friends is a healer in holistic medicine and I would love to have her visit your mom." "That would be amazing. Thank you, Ruby." "You're very welcome, I'll see you tomorrow." She turns and heads out of the conference room. Warmth spreads through my chest at her words. There is just something about this woman. I shake those thoughts away. It's time to go home and face the only woman I should be thinking about. I park the car and head up to our apartment. When I walk inside, I immediately smell my favorite Italian food. I set my briefcase down and head into the living room. Delilah is standing with two cups of wine and a smile that a few days ago would have made me happy. She is wearing my favorite red dress. "Hi Maverick, I got your favorite dinner and I have wine" she says as she starts to walk toward me. "Delilah, this isn't a date. We need to have a serious conversation about the future of our relationship." "Maverick, please I love you. I know your angry but I we can get through this." "I'm going to change and then we are going to talk." I head to our room and grab gray sweatpants and a t-shirt. Once I'm showered and changed, I head back out to the living room.

I take a seat on the loveseat across from her. "I have thought a lot today about what I saw last night." "Maverick" she starts to say and I cut her off. "Just listen to what I have to say." "You're not even letting me explain or defend myself. That isn't fair and I should have the chance to tell you exactly what was going on." "My eyes work perfectly fine. There is no defense for what you were doing. You were not dancing with another man. You were practically f\*\*king him on the dance floor. As I said, I have thought a lot about what I saw. I need you to go stay with your parents because I can't have you here. I understand that you don't think what you did is a big deal, but it is to me. You had the audacity to come to my office acting possessive in front of my boss because she is a pretty woman and you are the one who is out screwing around." "I never f\*\*ked anyone else." I stand "the fact that you define cheating as f\*\*king is part of the problem." "So that's it. We are over just like that." She jumps up and wraps herself around me. "Maverick please, don't do this. I love you and I would never hurt you intentionally. I

drank too much. It was just dancing." "Delilah, I still love you but I can't trust you and that means this is over. I hope that you learn from this so that you never have to feel how you do right now again." I head for the hallway that leads to my room. I turn back, "I'll sleep in the guest room tonight and you can take your things tomorrow." She starts to sob but I don't turn back because I don't trust myself. I have to think about what's best for me and if I forgive her, I will never have peace after what she has done. I head to the guest room and lock the door. Ruby POV Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

After I change I head to the pack house. I promised my parents that despite having our own space, I would still have dinner in the pack house. When I walk into the dining room, everyone is seated at our two tables. It makes me laugh how the tables keep growing. I take my normal seat between Jade and Autumn. Archer is across from me. "Thanks for today, Ruby" he says to me, and I know exactly what he's talking about. I wink at him before I start to eat. Jade leans in as I chew "how was work?" I stiffen, I will kill her if she says anything about Maverick in front of everyone. I'm not ready to tell everyone yet. My grandfather smiles at me from his table. Sh\*t I hope he didn't say anything. My mother will be really pissed at me if I'm not the one to tell her. "It was good." Thankfully she doesn't say anymore. "Autumn, do you think you can come to the cottage after dinner?" "Absolutely, is everything alright?" "Yes, I just thought we could hang out for a while." She nods and we finish eating. I stand ready to head back to the cottage when my mother stops me. "Ruby, can you come upstairs for a minute before you head home?" "Of course" I say and look at my grandfather. He shakes his head slightly, telling me he didn't say anything.

I head upstairs and my mother and grandmother are waiting for me. I'm going to kill Jade, I think to myself. "Have a seat Ruby." I sit across from them. "So, your mate is human", my grandmother Sabrina says. "Jade has a big mouth." "Don't be mad at your sister. You should have told me first" my mother says. "She is worried about you and that is the only reason she told me." "I just wanted to figure things out before I said anything. I wouldn't have told Jade but you know she is an empath and relentless." They both laugh and honestly, I'm not even mad that they know. My sister has kept many of my secrets so I understand why she told, this one. "So what is your plan", my grandmother asks. "You sound like Gemma but honestly, I don't have a plan. He is with someone and I can't interfere in that." She leans forward and takes my hands. "Take it from someone who had a human mate. The goddess knows exactly what she is doing. I'm not telling you to interfere in their relationship, but I am telling you not to give up on the bond that the goddess has gifted you." "What if he marries her then what?" She places her hand on my face. "Have faith and understand that relationships are not always what they seem. I thought I was happy before I met your grandfather, but that was a lie and the goddess knew that. She makes no mistakes and this time is no different. I am grateful every day for the bond she gifted me and some day you will be too."

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 5

Autumn POV

I head to the cottage with Jade and Brooklyn to wait for Ruby. I know something is going on and it's not just her wanting to hang out. We are together all the time when she isn't at the office. Once we're inside, I turn to Jade. "What is going on with Ruby? Did something happen?" The look on Jade's face when I ask tells me that it's big. "She has to be the one to tell you guys. I already told our mother and I'm sure she is going to want to kill me for telling her when she asked me to keep it a secret." I won't push Jade because it's not fair to ask her to break her word to Ruby, besides, I'm sure the secret is why I'm here. A few minutes later, Ruby walks in and plops down on the couch next to me. She looks around at the three of us before her eyes land on Jade. "I'm sorry Ruby, I was worried about what would happen. I know that you didn't want me to say anything but I thought maybe grandma could help give you perspective." She stands up and wraps Jade in a hug. "I'm not mad. I shouldn't have asked you to keep a secret like that." Ruby sits back down and takes a deep breath.

"I found my mate two days ago." Brooklyn and I squeal like pre-teen girls. "That's amazing. Why the hell are you keeping that a secret? You should be shouting it from the rooftops. Did he do something that I have to kick his a\*\* for?" The sadness in her eyes squeezes the heart in my chest. We may not be blood, but she is like my sister. I would destroy anyone that hurts her or my family. "He is human and has a human mate." "Maybe she is like your grandmother's first mate. The goddess must know something he doesn't." "I don't know, but I won't interfere in their relationship to have him. I can't compromise who I am to have my mate. I can't wonder for the rest of my life if he chose me for me." I pull her into a hug. There is nothing I can say right now to make her feel any better, but I can at least make her laugh. She pulls back and I smile "I could turn her into a frog for you." We all burst out laughing. "As tempting as that is, I don't think so." "Seriously, tell us everything that happened." She does and I hate that finding her mate wasn't the best day of her life. We all dream of the day we find our mates. It's supposed to be the day we feel the most complete. "So what are you going to do, Ruby?" She smiles but it doesn't reach her eyes. "I'm going to trust the goddess." "I hope that she is able to have her mate," Summer says. I love my wolf and I pray that she is right for Ruby's sake. Summer is the reason I know the goddess has a sense of humor. The day I got my wolf and she said her name was Summer we both laughed. She is full of energy and sarcasm which I love. "I hope so too, Summer." "Autumn, I was wondering if you would do me a favor" Ruby asks. "Of course, you know I would do anything for you." "Maverick's mother has cancer and I was hoping you could try and heal her." "You know that I have no problem doing that but how exactly are we going to make that happen without telling them what I am." She smiles "I told him you were a holistic healer." I laugh "I guess that could be true. I'm not using medicine. Still you know that I can't hide the glow from my magic. I can't expose our kind to humans even if it's for a good cause." "I have a plan for that part, just trust me." "Then I'm in. When do

you want to make this happen?" "Well I thought that you could come with me to the office tomorrow and meet Maverick first."

"Absolutely, I would love to see where you work and meet one of the future Alphas of our pack" "I'm going too" Brooklyn and Jade say in unison. Ruby rolls her eyes. "Fine, but I have a big meeting tomorrow so you all can't come until after it's over." "Road trip" Brooklyn yells and we all start laughing. We spend the rest of the night just hanging out and watching movies. I start back to the cottage I still share with my parents. I don't keep secrets from my mother, so I plan on telling her about me helping Maverick's mother. When I walk in my parents are sitting on the couch in the living room. I head upstairs knowing that my mother will be up to ask me about my day. I change and get ready for bed. Mom comes in as she usually does. "So what's going on with Ruby?" I chuckle and she plops down on my bed.

I tell her everything and she just listens. She brushes stray hair from my face and places her hand on my cheek. "I'm proud of you for wanting to help but I want you to remember two things. You must not reveal yourself to humans that are not part of the pack or family. The second thing is if you do this and it doesn't work you can't blame yourself." I c\*\*k my head and smirk at her. "I remember what dad said to you the day you helped Stephen and my answer will be the same. I will try not to blame myself. I understand that there is always a chance she won't respond to my magic but I want to at least try for Ruby and for Maverick." She wraps me in a hug and I say a prayer to the goddess for strength and healing.

#### Archer POV

I head from the dining room with Wesley. We head out of the pack house and get ready to shift for patrol duty. "Archer", I hear an annoying female voice from behind me. I turn to see Tanya walking in my direction. "I guess your sister didn't hit her hard enough" Wesley says and I chuckle. "What do you want, Tanya? I don't have time right now." She places her hand on my chest as she starts to speak. "I just wanted to let you know that I'm not mad at you for what your sister did to me in front of everyone today." I take her hand off me. "Tanya, I don't know how many times I can say this to you. I will never be with any woman but my fated mate and you are not her." She pouts and I roll my eyes. "I am a warrior's daughter and you have no idea who the goddess has planned for you. She could be an omega or even worse a pathetic rogue for all you know." I growl that she would even use the word pathetic about my future mate. She steps back and I'm done being diplomatic with this girl. "Then so be it. I had hoped that you would take the lesson my sister gave you today and learn from it but I guess not. I am not interested in you and I never will be." I turn and when we are far enough away we both shift.

Lazlo takes off and we reach the border in minutes. Axe walks by our side as we reach the guards we are relieving. Despite that I am not Alpha, they still bare their necks at me. It was a hard decision, but honestly I'm glad I decided against it. I'm glad to lead the warriors and help my sister rule the pack. The guards leave and we begin checking the

area. I catch the scent of something but I can't quite make it out. It's definitely outside the territory but I don't like anyone being this close to our pack. I start to walk toward the border and Axe growls low warning me. He is my best friend and he worries. Despite his warning, he follows me into the trees just over the border. The scents are now a mix. It is definitely a vampire, but something else is there. We step farther into the trees and the scent of lavender invades my nose and Lazlo growls deep.

Three vampires drop from the trees. "I believe you are in the wrong place mutt" a male vampire says to me. Lazlo growls. Axe comes to stand next to me. They begin to laugh and point in our direction. "You're outnumbered mutts." I link my father not knowing how many others are out here. The vampire jumps at us and Lazlo swipes his paw, knocking him against the tree. The two other vampires jump and Lazlo side steps, avoiding the hit. That's when we notice that Wesley has shifted and has his fangs bared. He is fighting one of the men and the other is running at me. This time Lazlo bites the vampire in half. We catch movement on our right side and when we look a beautiful woman with red flowing hair is staring in our direction. Four more vampires run from behind her and I can hear the sound of paws hitting the ground in the distance. "Enough" she yells and the men stop dead. "Return to the coven now." They immediately follow her orders and her eyes lock with ours. "Mate" Lazlo says, so only I can hear him. I can see she realizes it too. We shift and I head toward her but she disappears into the trees. "Archer what the f\*\*k are you doing," I hear my father's voice from behind me. I turn and he looks pissed.

#### Danica POV

I use my speed to catch up with the others. What the hell is happening? This can't be right. My beloved cannot be a wolf. We reach the coven and Milo looks pissed. "What the f\*\*k was that Danica? We could have killed both of those mutts if you hadn't given orders to retreat." I reach out and grab him by the throat. "You don't question me, Milo. I am the one in charge, remember that. Do I make myself clear?" I start to squeeze his throat, not enough to cut off his air supply but enough to remind him how strong I am. "Yes Danica" he rasps out and I drop him to the ground. I turn looking at all my men. "Maybe if you had killed the wolves quicker I wouldn't have had to save your a\*\*es by retreating." I have to focus my mind here and not on the wolf I just left in the woods. I head toward the mansion. I can hear Milo coming behind me. Once I'm at the base of the stairs, he grabs my arm turning me to face him. "I'm sorry I questioned you Danica. I just" he trails off. "You just what." I don't care what this a\*\*hole thinks or what my father had planned, I will never be his. "You were staring at that wolf like you knew him or wanted him." "Let me make this clear Milo. I am nothing but your leader. I don't care what plans you made with my father before he died. I decide who I make my beloved." "Danica, I have loved you since we were teenagers. Please reconsider your decision. I will be a good beloved and stand by your side to rule the coven." I step toward him. "The only thing you would love is power. I am the only leader of this coven. Make no mistake about that. You are a soldier and that will not change." I head to my wing and Milo knows better than to follow me. I peel off my clothes and step under the spray of the

shower. I promised my father that I would deal with the Scarlett Rose pack after they killed my cousin, but what do I do now?

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 6

Archer

POV

I know why my father's angry but he has to understand I'm not a child anymore. He doesn't need to protect me from the evil of the world. I am a warrior. I debate whether to tell him about my mate but I won't keep secrets from him. "Dad, I'm fine. We scented the vampires and I alerted the other warriors to join us. Wesley and I were handling the situation until the others arrived. I do need to speak to you in private about something." "He orders the remaining warriors to stay near the border and increase patrols. We reach the pack house and Lazlo is pacing in my mind. "We have to find her Archer." "Calm down, we will but right now we need to figure out why she and the others were attacking the pack." He quiets and once we are in the office my father turns to me. "How many vampires were involved in the attack?" "There were three who attacked but seven in total." "There was eight counting the hot vampire chick," Wesley says. I growl and I'm sure my eyes darken when he speaks about my mate. If this was any other man I would have him against a wall for speaking about my mate like that. When I look back at my father he has a smirk on his face.

"Is this what you wanted to talk in private about?" "Yes, the female vampire is my mate." He comes to stand in front of me and wraps me in a hug. "We will figure it out, Archer. We will go to the coven and see if Porter has any idea what coven these vampires came from." "Thank you dad." "I'm sorry Archer. I didn't mean to disrespect your mate" Wesley says. I chuckle "I know you didn't and she is hot." We leave my father's office and resume our patrol but I can't get that beautiful woman out of my head. I just pray that she is more interested in mating and marking than killing me and my pack members. The Next Day Gwen POV

I can't wait to wake up in some place other than this hospital. "Rise and shine Ms. Colwell. I have your breakfast for you" Bianca my nurse says. "You're in a good mood today. I guess that blind date went pretty well." "You could say that" she says with a chuckle. She helps me sit up and puts my tray in front of me. "I'm going to miss you when you leave Gwen." "I'm going to miss you girls too. I'll have to come back to visit once my treatments are all done." She smiles before she leaves the room. I pick up the remote and turn on the TV. I can hear a familiar voice coming from the hallway. A few

minutes later, my door opens and I'm shocked to see Delilah, especially when I realize she is alone. She and I have never been close and I can't see her coming to visit me unless Maverick brought her. "Delilah is everything alright." I can see tears in her eyes. A pit forms in my stomach. "Delilah, is Maverick alright?" She starts to nod and sob at the same time.

"Gwen, Maverick is angry with me and I need your help to make him understand how sorry I am. I didn't cheat, I swear to you." "Delilah, what the hell happened?" "I went out with the girls and I had too much to drink" she says as she sobs. "I was dancing with some random guy. It was only dancing I swear to you. Maverick walked up to me and he wouldn't even let me explain. I would never do anything to hurt Maverick. You know that Gwen. I love him." I let her finish before I finally interject. "I'm confused about what you want me to do about this situation Delilah?" "I need you to speak with him. Maverick and I are engaged. I didn't cheat and I deserve a chance to make things right." "I understand that you're sorry for whatever happened, Delilah, but I can't make Maverick forgive you. This is between the two of you." "I just need you to talk to him, please." "Delilah, what the hell are you doing here?" I turn to Maverick's voice.

#### Maverick POV

I arrive at the hospital before I head to the office. It was nice of Ruby to offer to have the holistic healer see my mother, but I need to speak to her first. When I arrive outside my mother's room and I can hear two voices. When I realize who the second voice is I can't believe she would come here knowing that my mother is sick and bother her about our issues. "Maverick, I just thought" I cut her off. "You thought that if you pleaded with my mother who is in the hospital I would forget what you did. This is completely inappropriate and I want you to leave." She stands and walks toward me. I step back. "Delilah, I think I made myself clear the last time we spoke." "Maverick, we're engaged. We're supposed to be getting married in a few months. This was all a mistake." "Delilah, this is neither the time nor the place to continue this conversation. I am here to visit my mother, so please leave."

She rushes from the room and I take a deep breath. "Do you want to tell me what the hell that was all about?" I chuckle "I wasn't keeping it from you mom. I just want you to focus on getting better." "Maverick James Colwell, you do not keep things from me. I don't care what your reason is. Do I make myself clear?" I smile "yes mom, I promise I won't keep any more secrets." "Good, now sit down and tell me what happened." I take a seat on the bottom of her bed. I tell her exactly what happened. I see sympathy in her eyes and I know what she is thinking about. "Are you sure that this is what you want to do? I know you love Delilah." I take a deep breath. "I don't want you making this decision because of what your father did." I smile "mom, I'm making this decision because I need trust and what she did destroyed that. I cannot wonder about what she has done or what she will do in the future." "I'm proud of the man that you have become." "Thank you, mom."

"Now to what do I owe this unplanned visit," my mother asks. I almost forgot the reason I came after dealing with Delilah. "I was wondering if it would be alright for me to bring a holistic healer to see you." She chuckles "when did you meet a holistic healer?" "I know a lot of people, mom." She c\*cks her head and grins at me. "Fine, Ruby actually offered to bring her if it's alright." She smiles like she knows a secret. "She is my boss mom nothing more." "Alright I believe you. I would love to meet this holistic healer and your boss in person." "Am I going to regret this mom?" She slaps my leg. "Give your mother a hug and get to work. I hug her and head out of the hospital. I drive the thirty minutes to the office. When I arrive I only have half an hour before the meeting with Mr. Brenard. Ruby POV

I head out to the SUV and the girls are already waiting. I laugh when I see they are all wearing business dresses. I don't ever think I've seen Brooklyn in a dress. "Not a word Ruby." I laugh and raise my hands in surrender. We all hop in the SUV and head toward the office. I lead them up to my floor to wait in my office until after the meeting. "Wow, this is a nice office, Ruby" Jade says. "Yes, I love my office." A knock sounds on the door and when it opens Jennifer pokes her head in. "Ms. Solace, Mr. Bernard is here and waiting for you and the others in the conference room." "Thank you, Jennifer. I'll be right in." I gather my folders and head toward the conference room. I step inside and Mr. Bernard stands to greet me. "Aren't you pretty" he says as he shakes my hand longer than necessary. "I already don't like this a\*\*hole", Gemma says. "I agree but I can deal with the a\*\*hole to make this deal for the company." I set the folders down on the table and offer him a seat. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Now what kind of gentleman would I be if I didn't pull your chair out." He pulls the chair and when I sit down he touches my shoulder. Someone clearing their throat gets my attention. I turn to see Maverick and Connor. Maverick looks angry. I wonder what happened to upset him. I shake those thoughts away and focus on the meeting. "Mr. Bernard, I'm glad we could meet today. Maverick and Connor have gotten me up to speed on the deal that your real estate company has made for the six properties. I believe that our company would be a great asset in helping you secure this deal." "Now I understand that Stephen is your grandfather", Mr. Bernard says. "Actually, he is my great grandfather but I'm confused about what that has to do with the deal." He chuckles "I understand that your grandfather, wanted to keep the company in the family, but I don't think a woman should be in charge. Maverick was doing a fine job. Maybe you should just sit in your office and look pretty." I'm just about to tell him exactly what he can do with his deal when Maverick beats me to the punch.

"Mr. Bernard, I believe it's time for you to leave." "Excuse me" he says, not believing what he is hearing. "I think you heard me just fine. Ruby Solace is more capable at this job than half the men I know and the fact that you would insinuate otherwise because she is a woman is ludicrous. I'm sure that Ruby would agree that we will not be doing business with a man like you." He looks toward me. "I believe you heard my VP. You can see yourself out of my building." I stand leaving the conference room. As I walk down the hall toward my office I don't know what I feel more, anger or gratitude. Even

though I could have handled that a\*\*hat myself, I didn't feel like Maverick viewed me as weak. I open the door to my office and the girls look toward me. "That meeting was fast", Brooklyn says. I fill them in on everything that just happened. "He handled that like a true Alpha" Jade says and I roll my eyes. "I'll be back. I need to go talk to him."

I head toward his office and I can hear Connor and Maverick talking. "What the hell did I just do" Maverick says. "I believe that you defended the honor of our new boss", Connor says. I chuckle to myself. "She doesn't seem like the kind of woman who needs me to protect her, but I couldn't sit there and listen to that pr\*ck talk to her that way" Maverick says and I smile. "Are you smiling about our mate?" "Settle down Gemma it's just a smile." I knock on his office door and open it. Connor smiles when he sees me. "Connor, can I speak to Maverick alone for a moment?" "Of course" he says and leaves closing the door behind him. "I'm sorry Ruby. I know I shouldn't have said those things. I overstepped" I raise my hand to stop him from apologizing. "I came in here to thank you for what you said. I appreciate you having my back. I meant what I said about the VP position. You have earned that." He smiles and goddess I could look at that face all day. I look away to stay focused.

"I brought my healer friend to meet you before we go to see your mom." "Great, I spoke with her and she is on board with meeting her and you in person." "I'll warn you before you come to my office that my sister and other best friend are here too." He chuckles "I'm glad to meet anyone that is important to you." His words make warmth bloom in my chest. I lead him to my office and I pray that the girls are on their best behavior. I open the office door and the three of them are standing there with huge smiles on their faces and I know they were listening to our conversation. Goddess help me with these three women.

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 7

Maverick

POV

The door opens and Ruby steps in front of me. I smile because it feels like she is protecting me from these three women, which I'm sure isn't necessary. "Maverick, this is my sister Jade and my two best friends, Brooklyn and Autumn. Autumn is the healer we spoke about." I reach out my hand, shaking each of theirs. "It's very nice to meet all of you. Autumn, I can't tell you how much I appreciate you doing this for my mother. I'm a firm believer that positive thoughts and believing that something can work can make all the difference in the world. My mom is the most important person in my life and I would do anything to make her well." My mind drifts to all the pain my father caused her but I shake those thoughts away and focus on the here and now. "How is your father doing

with your mom being sick", Jade asks. "Jade" Ruby snaps at her. I place my hand on Ruby's forearm. "It's alright, he's not involved in our lives after the choices he has made", I say to Jade. I don't elaborate on what those choices were. "Thank you again, Autumn, for offering to do this." "It is truly my pleasure to help in any way I can", Autumn says. "I should head back to my office and type up a report about our meeting for the files." "Maverick, we can leave around lunch time to head to the hospital if that works for you", Ruby says. "That would be fine", I say before I head back to my office.

So much has happened this morning between dealing with Delilah and that a\*\*hole. I'm honestly exhausted, but I have things I need to get done before we make the trip to the hospital. I take a seat behind my desk. I try to focus on the files but my mind wanders to what happened in Ruby's office. I look down at the hand that touched Ruby's forearm. The feeling of her skin against my fingertips gave me a feeling of warmth throughout my body. I have never felt anything like it before. What the hell is going on with me? She is my boss and now is not the time to be worrying about how her skin makes me feel. I open the file and start to work on my report. I have known Stephen long enough to know that he probably would have punched that ba\*\*ard in the face for the way he spoke to Ruby, so I know he will understand why we didn't make the deal. Normally, I would be the one to let him know but I'm sure Ruby will be doing that now. Despite saying he's retired, he still wants to know what's going on with the company which I completely respect. I finish the report so I can give it to Ruby before we leave for the hospital. As I walk out of my office, Jennifer rushes toward me.

What the hell is wrong with this woman that she won't give up? "Mr. Colwell, can I have a moment of your time?" "What can I do for you Jennifer?" "Based on the fact that you won't speak to Delilah, I assume that you're no longer engaged. I was hoping that we could go out for dinner" she says with a wink. "Jennifer, this is a completely inappropriate conversation. I have made it perfectly clear that I am not interested in you. That won't change even if I'm not with Delilah. I am your boss and the next time you invade my personal space or proposition me in any way, we will have a conversation with Human Resources. Do you understand me?" She steps back with a hurt look on her face. If I hadn't been clear that I wasn't interested I would feel bad right now, but I don't. "Yes sir." She turns and I'm hopeful this time she will listen to what I just said. Once she walks down the hall and out of my sight, I turn back toward Ruby's office. That's when I realize Ruby is standing in the hallway outside her door. How much of that did she just hear? I walk toward her and hand her the papers. She takes the report but says nothing for a long time. I stare into her beautiful green eyes for a moment before I finally speak. "I'm ready whenever you ladies are to go to the hospital." I'm grateful when she turns back and opens her office door. She walks in and grabs her purse. The others stand and look in Ruby's direction. "We will meet you at the hospital, Maverick." I nod and head out to my car.

Ruby POV SEAR\*ch the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

I want to kill Jade when she asks about Maverick's father. I know as an empath she has a hard time not asking about things when someone seems hurt or upset. When he places his hand on my forearm, the tingles that erupt travel right to my core. Oh my goddess, I have never felt anything like that in my life. Gemma growls and I block her. I can't growl in front of this man. How the hell would I explain that? When he leaves my office, I turn to Jade. "Why would you ask him about his father?" "I'm sorry, I could just tell that there was something wrong and I couldn't help myself. I know he doesn't know it yet, but he is important to me." I smile and pull her into a hug. "I know you didn't mean any harm and I appreciate you worrying about my mate. I have a feeling I know what he meant by choices." After a half an hour, I open my door with the intention of letting him know we are ready. When I see Jennifer approach him in the hallway, I can feel Gemma pushing to the surface. "I don't want her anywhere near our mate," she says. "I don't either, but we need to let him handle this. He doesn't need our protection from this woman. He has proved he is a very capable man." When I hear her say that he isn't speaking to Delilah, I won't lie, I feel hope.

I feel both pride and anger listening to him tell her exactly what he thinks of her advances. I will never understand women that throw themselves at men that are clearly not interested. She reminds me so much of Tanya. If I see her even bat her eyes in his direction again after what he just told her, I will fire her a\*\* on the spot. When our eyes meet, it's so hard not to tell him what he is to me. I force myself to turn away from him. I walk into the office to grab my purse and take a minute to calm myself and Gemma down. Once he leaves, Autumn comes to stand in front of me. "What the hell just happened?" "The secretary was hitting on him and he put her in her place." "That's good that he shows no interest in her isn't it" Brooklyn says. "That doesn't stop Gemma and I from wanting to beat her a\*\*\* They all burst out into laughter and I feel some of the anger fade away. I don't mention anything about what was said about Delilah.

We reach the hospital thirty minutes later. Brooklyn and Jade stay in the waiting room while Maverick leads Autumn and I to his mother's room. When we walk in, his mother is resting with her eyes closed. She looks so peaceful and when I look at Maverick all I can see is love as he looks at her. "Mom, we're here", he says softly, and her eyes fly open. She smiles "the medicine really does knock the hell out of me." I hate that she is sick and I'm hopeful that Autumn will be able to help her. "Autumn, this is my mother Gwen. Mom, you met Ruby before and this is Autumn the healer." She shakes Autumn's hand first. When I take her hand, she pulls me in for a hug. I chuckle and hug her back. When I pull back she smiles "you both are very beautiful young ladies." "Thank you, Gwen," we both say. "Are you ready to let me try to offer you some of my healing Gwen," Autumn asks. "If it could help me stop taking this chemo I'm more than ready." We both smile and I turn to Maverick. "For this to be done properly you're going to need to wait outside Maverick." He looks at me confused but thankfully he heads for the door without questioning me. Autumn POV

Once Maverick leaves the room, I turn back to Gwen. "I know that what I do is hard to believe in, but I need you to do your best. I need you to keep your eyes closed until I am completely done. No matter what you feel, do not open your eyes until I tell you to." She

nods and closes her eyes. I place the head of her bed down so she is flat. I start to pass my hands over her and begin to chant, working from her head down to her feet. I squeeze in behind her bed and place my hands on either side of her head. I begin to chant and my hands begin to glow purple like they did the day I helped my mother heal Stephen. I close my eyes and I can see the spots that have been caused by the disease in her body. As my magic flows to each spot, they get smaller and smaller until they disappear. The largest spot takes the longest, but I'm able to make it disappear just the same. I open my eyes and start to chant, moving my hands above her body again.

Once I'm done, I use the bed remote to put her head back up. "Gwen, you can open your eyes now." She does what I say and I see a single tear run down her cheek. "Are you alright?" "I have never felt anything like that before. Do you think that it worked" she asks with hope in her voice. I can't just tell her that it did, even though I want to. "Faith and believing are part of the healing process, Gwen. I believe that you are healed but you need to believe too." She takes my hand in hers. "I believe and I can't thank you enough." She looks toward Ruby. "Thank you Ruby, for bringing Autumn to help me. All I want is to have more time with Maverick and be there when he has his own family." "You are very welcome Gwen. I'll go get Maverick", Ruby says. "Wait, can I ask you something before you get Maverick?" Ruby nods and I come to stand next to her. "Was Maverick upset today when he was at the office?" We both wait for her to continue. "It seems that his engagement is over. I hate to see him upset." "No he seemed fine, Gwen", Ruby says, offering her reassurance. I'm so happy to hear her say that Maverick is no longer engaged. I knew the goddess would never give Ruby a mate she couldn't have. "Ruby, do you like my son?" Ruby has a shocked look on her face and I can't help but chuckle. A knock sounding on the door saves her from the question. A nurse pops her head in and I'm thankful that we were done with the healing. Ruby heads to get Maverick and I'm sure she is grateful the nurse came in when she did. Delilah POV

The secretary shows me to the office. Once I'm inside he stands. "Did she say she would speak with him? He will listen to anything that woman says." "Maverick interrupted me while I was pleading with her to help me. I don't think she will be any help to us." "You couldn't just follow the plan. You had to go out being the sl\*t you are." "You didn't mind me being a sl\*t when I was on my knees for you." "Don't flatter yourself Delilah, anyone can give a bl\*w j\*b. I've had much better. All I needed you to do was marry him so I could get a piece of that company when he takes over." "I already told you that he isn't in charge anymore. That b\*\*ch Ruby is in charge because she is Stephen's granddaughter." He laughs "do you think what happened today with Mr. Bernard won't keep happening. I'm sure her little delicate heart won't be able to hang with the men of the corporate world. You want to be married to a COO and I want a way into that company. So you better start doing whatever it takes to get his forgiveness." "You better hope he doesn't find out what you have done. He won't think twice about destroying you." He grabs my arm and starts to squeeze. "I would be very careful, Delilah. I'm not as soft as Maverick." "Let me go, you're hurting me." He releases me. "Get the hell out of my office and call me when you have him back in your bed."

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 8

Danica POV

I head to my office. I open the door and roll my eyes. I step inside and walk to my desk. "Constance, I am in no mood this early in the morning." She smiles "you know you love seeing me." "If you weren't my sister I would kick your a\*\* for being in my office without my permission." She sticks her tongue out and I hold back a laugh. "So what happened last night?" I roll my eyes. "Why are you asking me about that? You have never cared about what the soldiers do, so why do you care now?" She smiles, "oh, this must be really good for you to be so defensive. You know you want to tell me." "Constance, I am not in the mood for this today. The scouting did not go as planned and that is the end of it." She stands "you forget that I know you better than anyone else. I also know when you're hiding things. I'll figure it out, that's what sisters do." I roll my eyes and she heads out of my office. I haven't been able to stop thinking about his eyes. Despite how far away he was, I could see they were a beautiful chocolate brown color. I knew immediately he was my beloved. I just don't know how to move forward.

I stand going to the shelf where my father's books still rest. I pull down the book with the red binding. I have read it over fifty times trying to find the answers to why my father made me promise to end the Scarlett Rose. Even on his deathbed he wasn't honest with me. Making up some story about his brother's coven being taken from Drayce. Telling me how I needed to avenge the family name. He could care less about his brother or his brother's coven. The more I have read the journals he kept I'm sure all of this has to do with power. He even brought Milo into the plan, thinking that I would accept him so readily. I feel like my father knew something that he didn't want me to figure out. A knock sounds on my door, bringing me out of my thoughts about my father. I'm glad when I see it's not Milo. Jeremiah steps in and bows. He was my father's most trusted advisor and has been very supportive of me taking over the coven.

When I first took over, I worried that the men would not accept a female leader. It wasn't until I allowed the doubters to take me on that they finally accepted me. "Danica, I heard that there were some issues with the scouting mission." "I'm sure you did. Did Milo run right to you?" He smiles "you know him so well. So do you want to talk about what happened?" "Honestly, the only thing I want to talk about is my father." He nods and I continue. "I need to know the true reason that he insisted the coven destroy the Scarlett Rose." I see sympathy in his eyes. "I wish I had those answers for you Danica. Your father always had his own agenda which I'm sure you know better than anyone. He kept certain things to himself, but that doesn't mean that you need to follow his orders blindly." "I promised him that I would end the Scarlett Rose. How do I go back on a promise I made while the man was dying?" "I had the utmost respect for your father as our leader, but a promise made under false pretenses isn't really fair to you. Find the answers and make your own decisions. That's what a good leader does." I smile and he stands to leave. "Thank you, Jeremiah." He nods and leaves my office. Archer POV

We reach the coven and we are greeted by Porter. "Porter, thank you for making time for us today" my father says. "Lake, you know that you never have to thank us for helping, in any way we can. I'm sorry you are stuck with just me. The others are visiting Brooke, Jayden, Adrian, Andrew, and the pups. They will be having their Alpha ceremony soon. We are hoping you all will be able to attend." "Of course we will," my father says. "Ruby will also be having her ceremony soon and Gabriella will send out the invitations." He leads us to an office and we all take a seat. "So you said that you had some questions about a vampire coven?" My father looks at me to speak. "During our patrol, Wesley and I scented vampires just outside the pack land. When we went to find out why they were so close to the pack we were attacked. During the attack, a woman stepped out from behind the trees. She is my mate and she seemed to be in charge of the others. She called for the men to retreat and left before I could reach her." Porter smiles "did she make eye contact with you, Archer?" "She did, that's when she gave the orders to retreat." His smile seems to get even bigger.

"I take that as a good sign that she didn't try to kill you after she realized who you were." "She left without saying a word. I doubt that is a good sign. I have no idea what coven she is from or why they were near the pack." "I still have some connections in the surrounding covens. I can reach out and see if I can find out any details that might lead us to your mate." "I would really appreciate that, Porter. I need to find her and we need to know why the vampires were so ready to attack our pack." "Of course, I will start making the calls today. As soon as I have any answers, I will call you immediately." We stand and I take Porter's hand in mine. "Thank you, again Porter." We head out and I shift, we start to run back to the pack. As we run, I say a prayer to the goddess that Porter can help us find the answers and I can find my mate. I push the thoughts of rejection that have been plaguing me since the night I saw her from my mind and focus on finding her.

## Ruby POV

As soon as we are safely in the car, I turn to Autumn. "Thank you for healing her." She leans up and wraps her arms around me. "She is important to our Alphas, which means she is important to me." I nod and turn back to the wheel. "Oh no, we aren't done talking Ruby." I figured she was going to bring up what Gwen had said about Maverick's engagement. When Gwen spoke about Maverick she didn't seem upset. I felt like she wasn't so much checking on Maverick as telling me that he was available, but that wouldn't make any sense. Gemma was prancing in my mind and the little hope I felt after his conversation with Jennifer just got a lot bigger. "What is she talking about," Jade asks. I roll my eyes but turn back to the girls. "Apparently Maverick is no longer engaged." Screams fill the car and I cover my ears. "Ruby is going to get her man" Brooklyn chants. "My man, what are you fifteen?" We all start to laugh. I turn back and start the car. I told the secretary that I wouldn't be returning to the office when we left for the hospital. I need to talk to my grandfathers Stephen and Archer today. "It's time to come up with a plan to get our mate" Gemma says. "Settle down Gemma. I have every intention of getting our mate now that I know he isn't with that woman." [SEARCH](#) the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

We reach the pack and I head for the pack house. I reach my grandfather Archer's office. "Come in Ruby" he says, scenting me before I even knock. I smile and when I walk in I'm wrapped in strong arms. He sets me on my feet. "How is everything going at the office" he asks. I'm sure he is pretending he has no idea why I'm here. I am sure my grandmother told him about my mate. "The office is fine but I need to talk to you about my mate." He smiles, "I had hoped you would come to speak to me about him." "I just never expected my mate to be human and in a relationship." He laughs "yep I remember that was a hard pill to swallow. Your grandmother was in the process of leaving Greg but I had no way to know if she would accept me or love me like I did her." "What did you do?" "I did exactly what you're doing. I was patient and let her make all the decisions about ending the relationship with Greg." "How and when am I supposed to tell him what we are?" He smiles "that I can't tell you. All I can say is you will know when the time is right. Just remember to be honest and accept that his response might not be what you expect a mate to say. Imagine having no idea that werewolves exist and now you are chosen to be mated to one." I laugh "that would be a lot." I stand going around the desk to hug him. "I have faith that you will have your mate and run this pack better than anyone before you." "Thank you, grandpa."

I head to the cottage that my grandfather Stephen shares with Maryah. I knock and Maryah is smiling when she opens the door. She motions her head "he is in the living room." She hugs me before I join him on the couch. He wraps me in a hug. "To what do I owe this visit from my favorite granddaughter?" I laugh "you say that to all of us." "Well, it's true." "I wanted to talk to you about the deal with Bernard from today." I tell him everything that happened and he just sits listening. I tell him what Maverick did and that the deal won't be happening. "First of all, that a\*\*hole is lucky Maverick has a cool head. I would not have been so calm. Secondly, we will never do business with a man that has views like that. So enough about that ignorant ba\*\*ard. How are things going with Maverick?" "We just lost a huge deal and you're worried about my mating." "I worry about the important things in life. There will always be other deals but you will only have one mate. Now tell me how things are going." I tell him about our trip to see Gwen and her healing. "I always liked Gwen. I'm sure she saw through Delilah's bullsh\*t. Sounds like we will have a new Alpha soon." "I hope so, grandpa." Maverick POV

After I leave the hospital, I decide to head back to the office. I have nothing to rush home to, so I would rather just occupy myself with work. As I drive back, I think about how happy my mother was when I came back into the room. She even told the nurse she wanted to have more scans before she would take anymore chemo. I'm glad she felt like the healing helped her, but I don't want her to stop the treatments. I believe in miracles but we still need to be practical. As I pull into the parking garage, someone walking out of the office building catches my attention. What the hell was she doing here? I park my car and rush upstairs to my floor. As soon as the elevator door opens, I rush over to the desk. I don't even care that Jennifer is the only one sitting there. "What can I help you with Mr. Colwell?" "I just saw Delilah leaving the building. Did you send her away when she came looking for me?" "I'm sorry sir, she wasn't here to see you." The anger that was only a low roar is now a full on rage. "Who was she here to see?" She must hear the anger in my voice. "She was here to see Mr. Blakely."

I take a deep breath before I head to Connor's office. I push open the door and Connor looks up from his desk. He smiles at first but he must realize that the look on my face is one of anger. "Maverick, what the hell is wrong with you?" "How long have you been f\*\*king her?" I see the moment he realizes who I am referring to. "No way man. I wouldn't never do that to you." "Really, because you f\*\*k everything that doesn't move. The fact she came here to see you seems like she is part of everything." He starts to walk toward me. I'm not even hurt about Delilah sleeping with him. All the love I had for her has slowly started to fade away. I'm angry that he thought so little of our friendship that he could betray me. I have always thought of him as a brother. As soon as he gets close enough, I don't know what comes over me, but I punch him in the face. I don't even wait for a response. I head back down the hall to my office and lock the door once I'm inside. I have never hit another person in my life, but his betrayal feels far worse than hers.

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## Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 9

Connor POV

As soon as I see the look on Maverick's face I know that he is pissed. I never expected the anger to be directed at me. He actually thinks that I would betray him with that b\*\*ch. He is like a brother to me. The pain in my eye as I look up at this man that is my best friend from the floor is nothing compared to how hurt I am that he thinks so little of me. I manage to get to my feet and before I go to his office, I grab the phone off my desk. I'm so angry and hurt I don't even go to the bathroom to see the damage he did to my face with that punch. I reach his office door and I begin to bang, not giving a sh\*t that people are looking at me. "I'm not going away Maverick until you talk to me." The door flies open and Maverick has his fists balled at his sides. "I have nothing else to say to you Connor." "Like hell you don't" I say as I push past him. Once I'm in the office, I whirl on him. "How dare you think that I would do something so horrible?" He goes to speak and I stop him. "Shut the f\*\*k up and listen, it's my turn to speak. You have always thought I was a dog and I never corrected you, but I'm not. My body count is still in the single digits. I may not have only been with two women, but that doesn't make me a man-wh\*re." "That still doesn't explain why Delilah was in your office." "Maybe if you had come in and asked me we could have avoided all of this. I was waiting for you to get back to let you listen to the conversation." He looks at me confused. I put my passcode into my phone and push play on my voice memo. Recorded Conversation

"Connor, it's good to see you." "Delilah, we are not friends and after what you did to my friend, I can't imagine what would possess you to bring your a\*\* here." "Don't be like that Connor. It was all a misunderstanding. That's why I'm here. I need your help to get Maverick back. He will listen if you tell him he should give me a chance to make amends." A laugh is heard from Connor. "You are out of your mind if you think for one minute I would help you. Maverick is better off with someone who actually cares about

him. All you care about is money and yourself." Delilah laughs before she speaks again. "Don't be a child, Connor. I didn't f\*\*k the man and even if I did, you of all people don't get to judge me. I didn't come here to argue." The clicking of heels can be heard. "If you help me to get Maverick back, then maybe I can do something for you." "You better back up Delilah, because I don't want anything that you're offering. As a matter of fact, leave my office before I have you escorted out by security." "Fine, if you don't want to f\*\*k I can offer you something else." "There is nothing you can offer me that would make me betray Maverick." "What if you could be Vice President of the company? If you help me get Maverick back, I know someone that can make that happen for you." "Get the f\*\*k out of my office you conniving b\*\*ch. I hope Maverick f\*\*ks the first woman that he can find." She screams and a door slamming is heard before there is silence. Recording Over

I push the stop button on my phone. Maverick is silent and I can see regret in his eyes, but right now I don't care. I start to walk to the door. "Connor, wait, I'm sorry." "You should be" I say before I leave his office. I head back to my office and grab my keys from the drawer. As I walk toward the elevator I can hear Maverick calling my name. The door closes but not before, I see Jennifer smirking. That b\*\*ch is definitely up to something. The phone vibrates in my pocket but I don't even bother taking it out. Once I'm in my car, I drive to my apartment. I make it upstairs and inside my apartment. I head right for my bedroom. I change into sweats and head to my home gym. My earbuds are blaring my playlist as I start to circle the heavy bag. As I punch it, I pour all my hurt and anger into every punch.

#### Maverick POV

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phone out of my pocket. I dial and she picks up on the first ring. "Maverick, I didn't expect to hear from you. You just left the hospital a half an hour ago." I don't even know what to say. "Maverick, what's wrong?" "I screwed up and I think I just destroyed my friendship with Connor." "What the hell happened?" I tell my mother everything and she just listens. When I finish, I expect her to say something profound but instead she's silent. "Mom, are you still there?" "I am, I just can't believe that you would do that to Connor."

"Mom", I start to say, but she stops me. "Don't mom me Maverick. You had no right to treat him that way without getting his side of the story. I have taught you better than that." I sink further down into my chair because I know she is right. "I'm sorry mom." "I'm not the one you need to apologize to. Maverick your human and you made a mistake. The character of a man is not determined by his mistakes. It's determined by what he learns and how he moves forward after making them. You need to make this right." I smile, "I promise that I will." We talk for a little while longer before we say our goodbyes. I try one more time to call Connor and it goes right to voicemail. I grab my keys and head out of the office. Once I'm in the car, I think about what I am going to say to get Connor to at least talk to me. I reach his apartment and his doorman lets me in. Thankfully, he didn't think about telling them to take me off the list. I reach his apartment door and take a deep breath. I knock and of course there is no answer. A knock a few more times and he still doesn't answer. Well, I'm not going away. I slide down the wall until I'm sitting on the floor outside Connor's door.

People pass by and I can tell they are nervous seeing a man sitting on the floor in their building. Fifteen minutes later, Connor's door opens and he crosses his arms across his chest. "Maverick, get the f\*\*k out of my building. Other tenants are reporting a weirdo outside my door." I scramble to my feet. "I'm not leaving until you let me apologize and beg for your forgiveness." I expect him to smile or laugh but he doesn't. "Connor, I'm an a\*\*hole. I was so angry when Jennifer told me that Delilah came to see you I wasn't thinking straight. I was hurt and angry. I should have told you how I was feeling and asked you why she was there instead of letting my imagination get the better of me." He still hasn't said a word and I hate how much my actions hurt him. "I'll leave, I just needed you to know that I'm an a\*\*hole that f\*\*ked up. I know I don't deserve your forgiveness, but I hope one day maybe you will be able to forgive me anyway." I turn to walk down the hallway. When I push the button for the elevator, I hear footsteps behind me. I turn and a fist collides with my face.

I look up at a smiling Connor. He reaches his hand out and I take it. Once I'm back on my feet, he pulls me into a bro-hug. "Come on Maverick. Let's have a beer and figure out what your crazy ex is up to. When we head inside, he replays the message for me as we drink our beer. "I can't believe what an evil uncaring b\*\*ch she is. I'm so grateful that I realized it before I actually married her." "You definitely dodged a bullet", Connor says, and we both laugh. "The better the question is who the hell was she talking about that could help you get the VP position." The Next Day Ruby POV

After training, I get dressed for the office. My grandfather asked me to meet him and Maryah for breakfast in the city before I head to work. I arrive at a diner I've been to a few times with my parents. When I head inside, the scent of coconut invades my nose and immediately makes me think of Maverick. Gemma is pacing and I look around. My eyes land on someone I didn't expect to see. He notices me at the same time. He stands and walks toward me. "Ruby, I didn't expect you to be joining us when Stephen invited me to breakfast." I smile and immediately know what my grandfather is doing. "Will you excuse me for one moment? I need to make a phone call. I'll join you at that table when I'm done." He nods and I step outside. I dial my grandfather and he picks up on the second ring. "Good morning sweetheart." "Really, you tricked us into a date." He busts out laughing and I can feel the smile on my face. "Don't be mad. You two just need a little push." "I'm not mad. Thank you" I say before I hang up the phone.

"He smells so good," Gemma says. "I know he does. Let's just hope that, despite not feeling the pull, we can win our mate." Once I'm back inside, I head to the booth. I slide in across from Maverick. "Why do I get the feeling that your grandfather won't be joining us?" "I guess he thought that we should have breakfast together before we head to the office." He chuckles, "I will never say no to breakfast with a beautiful woman." The minutes he says it I can see the regret on his face. "Maverick we are not in the office. We are just two people having breakfast. Thank you for the compliment." The smile returns to his face and the butterflies in my stomach could carry me away. We order breakfast and I swear I have never been so happy to just sit and talk with another person.

Once we finish, the waitress brings our check and sets it on the table between us. I reach at the same time as he does and our hands touch. The tingles I feel where our hands brush are getting stronger. "No way Ruby. My mother raised a gentleman. The breakfast is my treat." "Only if I can pay next time." He smiles "it's a deal." He stands and ushers me out of the diner ahead of me. [Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

He leads me to my car and I slide into the driver's seat. "I'll see you at the office" he says, before he closes the door. "He is going to be ours" Gemma says. "I hope so too, Gemma. It may take time for him to feel it too, but he is worth the wait."

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## **Her Fated Human Mate Chapter 10**

Danica POV

I make my way down a hallway that hasn't been used since my father died. I still feel strange about being here, like I'm invading his privacy. I know how ridiculous that sounds, but it doesn't change the way I feel. When I reach the door of what was once

my father's room, I pull the key from my pocket. I walk inside and it is just as I expect it to be. Dark colors and very masculine. I know my poor mother must have hated this room. I miss her every day, unlike my father. He was never abusive, he just wasn't kind or caring in any way. He wasn't really a father. The only thing I can thank him for is making me a strong warrior. I start to look around the room. I notice a large desk with a bookshelf next to it. I'm just about to start going through the books when I feel Constance in my mind. "What the hell do you need Constance?" "I just thought you would like to know that Milo is organizing soldiers out in the yard." I am going to kill that a\*\*hole. He thinks he can give my men orders. I walk out of the room, locking the door behind me. I use my vampire speed to make it outside in seconds. My sister is sitting on the steps and points in the direction of a large group of men and women.

I start walking toward them and she is on my heels. She is technically my second in command, but unless she starts acting like it I'm going to appoint a trusted soldier to take her rank. I make eye contact with Barrett, who looks pissed at what's happening. He is loyal to me alone. "What the f\*\*k is going on here?" Milo is head soldier as appointed by my father but his behavior is going to change all of that. "Danica, we were just planning our next attack on Scarlett Rose." "On whose authority are you planning an attack?" I can see he wants to say mine but he must think better of it. "I just assumed we would be making another attack. As the head soldier, I wanted to prepare our soldiers." "Making assumptions was your first mistake. These are my soldiers, not yours. You don't make any decisions without my permission. As for being the head soldier, I think that position has gone to your head. As I did not appoint you, that changes today." The shock on his face would be comical if I wasn't so pissed. "As of today you are no longer head soldier. Barrett will now hold that title. No attacks are planned without my permission", I say directly to Barrett.

He bows and I look back at the a\*\*hat who thought he had some power. "This is ridiculous. You can't just strip my title from me without cause." I take steps until I'm standing in front of him. We stand at the same height and I'm in no way afraid of him. "I am the coven leader. I can do anything I want. You will not undermine me and I will decide who holds rank in my coven." He finally drops his gaze and I turn to the other men. As I look around, they all drop their gaze and bow showing their allegiance to me. I start toward the mansion. "Constance and Barrett follow me to my office now." I don't look back as I walk into the mansion. I head straight to my office. Once I'm inside, I take some deep breaths. "That was pretty impressive sis", Constance says, and I shoot her a glare. There is a knock and the door opens. Jeremiah walks in. I had alerted him of this meeting. "Sit," I say to Constance and Barrett." I can see that Constance wants to make a smart a\*\* comment but thankfully, she doesn't.

I turn to her first. "What the f\*\*k is wrong with you?" She looks affronted, "I did nothing." "Exactly, you are the second in command and you sit your a\*\* on the steps as that a\*\*hole gives my soldiers orders." She goes to speak and I silence her with a look. "I want you to be my second in command as it is your birthright and you are my sister but if you do not start acting like it you're done. Barrett will be promoted to that position and you will lose your rank." I see hurt cross her face and I keep my face expressionless. I

love my sister but she needs to grow up and know that I mean what I'm saying. She is twenty, not a child. I am twenty-two and I have been training since I was fifteen. She is a good fighter but she is immature. "Am I clear about Constance?" After a few seconds she nods. I turn to Barrett. "I trust you and you are an excellent soldier. I know you are loyal and that is the only reason you are being given this rank." "I won't disappoint you, Danica. I will defend you and the coven with my life."

"I'm glad to hear that. I want you to keep an eye on Milo. He will not be happy about what just happened." He nods and I dismiss him. "I think that was a good decision, Danica. I'm not sure what your father saw in Milo other than obedience. He would do whatever your father told him. Which I would venture to guess had some promise attached to it." I feel anger because I believe what he promised him was leadership and me. Jeremiah bows before he leaves my office. Constance and I are alone now and she has been quiet since I told her she could lose her rank. "Constance" I start to say. "I'm sorry Danica. I will do better." I wasn't expecting that. "I'm glad to hear it. I love you, Constance, and I want you by my side to lead the coven." She comes around and wraps me in a hug. I hug her back and when she pulls back there is a smile on her face. "Do you want to tell me what you're keeping secret now?" I chuckle "I suppose but I swear to the goddess Constance you need to stay calm and tell no one." She makes the motion of zipping her lips and throwing away the key.

"During the scouting mission, two wolves from the Scarlett Rose crossed the border. Milo led three of the soldiers to attack them, which pissed me off. I stepped out from the trees and one of the men looked right at me. When our eyes met, I knew instantly that he was my beloved." She starts to screech but covers her mouth with her hand. She lowers her hand. "What did you do? What does he look like? Is he a hot wolf?" I feel jealousy when she speaks about my beloved being hot. "Ooh you don't like me calling him hot." I ignore her statement and answer her first question. "I called for the soldiers to retreat." I see a pained look on her face. "You can't hurt your beloved Danica. I know what you promised our father but you can't." I stop her. "I know I can't. I need to figure out why our father was so hell bent on me ending the Scarlett Rose. Come with me. I was in his room before you alerted me about Milo." We both stand and head back upstairs. I enter the room with more resolve to find exactly what my father's motive was for his dying wish. Constance picks up a book that was lying open on the desk. "Dani, this might be your answer." I take the book from her hand and sit on a chest at the end of his bed. It's open to a page with a picture of a red wolf. Under the wolf is an excerpt of a prophecy. At the bottom are two words in my father's handwriting, Scarlett Rose.

### Passage From the Book

It is said that white wolves are rare, but there is no wolf that is more powerful than one with fur like fire. This wolf is a direct descendent of the goddess herself. A wolf with fur that is like fire will be mated to a wolf that is a direct descendent of the guardians. This pup, born of two wolves that have been hand picked by the goddess herself, will come to rule the supernatural world when she receives her wolf. The power the pup holds will be greater than any supernatural that has come before her. If a supernatural being was to slay the pup before her first shift, they would gain all the power, becoming the ruler of

all supernaturals. If the pup completes her first shift, then no one will ever be able to take her power as she will be protected by both the goddess and the guardians alike.  
End of the Passage

"That ba\*\*ard, even in death he was a liar. I still don't understand why he didn't try to take the power for himself. He cared only about himself, so why would he give this opportunity to anyone else?" "Maybe he knew that he would die before he could make it happen but he wanted a vampire to have the power", Constance says. She has to be right. Nothing else makes sense. "He must have told Milo of this prophecy. I will be damned if he kills anyone's pup or hurts my beloved's pack for power. That pup was chosen for a reason." I look at Constance for the first time and she is smiling. "I think it's time to introduce yourself to your beloved and deal with that a\*\*hole Milo for good." I hug her once more. I take the book with me and lock it in my safe in the office before I head in search of that ba\*\*ard.

### Maverick POV

As I drive to the office I think about my breakfast with Ruby. I'm glad that Stephen set it up, but I wonder how she was really feeling about it. She is nothing if not polite. When she said she wasn't upset that I called her beautiful, I felt my stomach flip. She is so different from Delilah. I guess when you're so close to what's happening you can't see how bad it is. I think about how self-absorbed Delilah was and how little she cared about what was important to me. My phone rings, bringing me out of my thoughts. I push the hands free without checking to see who is calling first. "Hello" I say and when the person responds, all the happiness I had a few minutes ago is gone, replaced with pure anger. "Son, did you hear me? It's your father." "You are not my father anymore after what you did to my mother. What do you want Bruce?" "Maverick, what happened between me and your mother has nothing to do with our relationship." I grip the steering wheel so hard I feel like I could rip it off." "You betrayed my mother for some young tart who knew you were married. You really think that has nothing to do with our relationship, because you are so wrong. You stopped being my father the day you walked into our house when I was eighteen and told my mother you were f\*\*king someone else." "Maverick" he starts to say and I cut him off.

"This conversation is over." I end the call before I pick up my phone and block his number. As I'm setting the phone back on the charger, it rings again. This time I look and it's my mother calling. I swear to god if that man called my mother I will kill him with my bare hands. I take a breath so I don't sound aggravated when I pick up the phone. "Hey mom, what's wrong" I ask. "Nothing, I just need you to come to the hospital." My heart clenches in my chest. How can nothing be wrong if I need to come to the hospital? "Mom", I start to say and she stops me. "Maverick James Colwell, just get your butt here." I can't help the chuckle that escapes me. I send a quick text to Ruby about being late and silence my phone. I slide it into my briefcase. Once I reach the hospital, I head up to my mother's room. When I walk in, I stop dead in my tracks. Ruby is sitting on the edge of my mother's bed. She stands and turns to face me. God, this woman is breathtaking every time I see her. She is wearing a gray business suit. A pop of pink is

sticking out of the lapel. Although she has no cleavage, I can see the shape of her breasts. My mother clears her throat and when I look in her direction she has a knowing smile. Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Now that you are both here, we can get on with it" my mother says, and I have never been more confused. She pushes the button and a nurse pops her head in. "I'll be right back with him, Gwen." A few minutes later, a young doctor walks in and smiles at us all. He lingers on Ruby a little too long for my liking. She comes to stand next to me and the doctor begins to speak. "At your mother's insistence, we repeated her scans. We would expect to see very little improvement with the amount of treatment she has received. Honestly, I have never seen anything like this before. We found no traces of cancer remaining." My mother looks at me with the biggest smile and I can't believe this is happening. Could she really be cancer free? "How is this possible", I say, not wanting to doubt what he just said, but it seems improbable. My mother speaks before the doctor does. "Sometimes you just have to believe something will heal you" she says and winks at Ruby. I turn to Ruby and I don't know why I'm so compelled, but I need her in my arms right now. Without overthinking it, I pull her into my arms. At first she stiffens but then she relaxes. "Thank you Ruby."

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