

Chapter 20 A cruel murder

The next morning the entire pack as well as the royal academy wakes up to the horrible news that the previous night the wolf healer was cruelly murdered.

What shocked everyone was the cruelty with which the crime was carried out, everywhere there was no talk of anything else, the royal guard among them Pedro came to the conclusion that the wolf healer had certainly been tortured to deliver some information that for the brutality of the crime he refused to surrender.

At the royal academy Erick and Joshua talk about what happened, Joshua is immensely worried because since yesterday his father's words echoed in his mind and he was determined to have a serious conversation with Eduarda, because who knows if he revealed the conversation to his sister that she had with her father before his death, her sister felt safer in sharing her secret because Joshua was absolutely sure that Eduarda was hiding something from him.

"Do you think this has something to do with his visit here yesterday", Joshua asks Erick, after all, another thing that was disturbing Joshua was the sequence of disastrous things that were happening around Eduarda, first the draw and her departure to academia and now the murder of the wolf healer, right after he discovered one of Eduarda's powers.

"At this point in the championship anything is possible", responds Erick with a look at the same time thoughtful and worried, "but you don't have to worry because your sister's safety is important to me too", Erick when realizing what he had just finished to admit it to the friend, he tries to hide it, "because if she's important to my Beta, she's important to me too".

Joshua represses a smile, as he understood very well what his friend had said, that Eduarda was a priority for him.

When they turn the corridor on their way to the cafeteria, they come face to face with Professor Draco, who is very pale, and seems to be talking to himself.

"This horrible thing that happened isn't it really Professor Draco", says Joshua only to call the professor's attention to their approach.

Draco jumps and looks scared to the sides, and then replies:

"Yes, yes terrible, really terrible," and walks away.

"Man that was weird", says Joshua laughing at Erick

"And when he wasn't weird" replies Erick but following Draco with his eyes

"There's something there", says Tron and both feel Kairon's agreement

"Joshua send a message to your uncle to say that I want to see him, and I think it's a good idea to prepare, maybe I will assume the throne much sooner than expected"

Sensing Erick's concern, Joshua also looks in the direction Draco leaves and remembers that he was also in Eduarda's room, and now it has lost all its grace.

"Consider it done, I'll get in touch with him and stop by the nurse's office to see my sister.

Draco feels like slapping himself, he needs to regain control or he'd be dead soon too, if they knew he...

No he refused to think about it, yesterday he made a decision, now there was no going back, he would need to fulfill his part and the first step was to approach Eduarda and identify the protector.

As he is about to open the bedroom door he is stopped again by Joshua and thinking of him is "what the hell annoying boy".

"You're back here too Professor" he says to the surprise of na irritated Draco.

"I need to have a word with Eduarda alone", he says trying to get rid of the boy who doesn't budge from the place

Joshua's eyes glowed azure blue, and he gave off such fury that for a moment Draco felt like flinching, then it dawned on him and Draco burst out laughing, he couldn't believe it, things took years to happen, and now they took off with a swiftness, giving Draco no opportunity to prepare, as the center stones of this game seemed to be all on the board. Because he was almost sure that he was facing Eduarda's protector.

"Have you by any chance found your mate son yet?" asks Draco

"Not yet," replies Joshua, wondering what is going on there.

"Well apparently not all the pieces then," mutters Draco more to himself than to Joshua.

"May I know what your visit to Eduarda Professor is about?" asks Joshua, losing all patience with this meaningless conversation.

"I think you'll do, protector," says Draco, watching Joshua's reaction, which Draco had to admit showed almost no reaction, other than a quick look at the door that separated both of us from Eduarda.

"What if I told you that I am the guardian?"

This time Joshua's reaction is more visible, he widens his eyes and stares at Draco, but soon his father's words sound in his mind reminding him that he would have people he would use in every way to kill Eduarda.

So he composes himself, and facing Draco says:

"I have no idea what you are talking about teacher, I must have missed it"

Draco has to admit that the boy has potential, smiling at him says:

"Okay, when you're ready let me know, but remember that time is running out and we're wasting precious time", and turning and leaving because he knew he couldn't force the approach for now.

Joshua stands still watching him disappear in the corridor, and now even more decided he opens the door and looking at Eduarda says:

"We need to talk"

"I know, I was waiting for you".

Eduarda had reflected and was sure that her mother trusted Joshua, what happened was that they had so many things to say that day, but so little time. But before she can say anything Joshua says something that surprises her:

"I am your protector, whatever that is"

