

Sanctuary: A Hidden Pack (New Edition)

Chapter 3 Rejection

Lakota "Damn it, Lotus. Stop acting like an idiot." I mumble out loud as she wakes me up again, and I am really starting to get pissed off with that annoying Lycan of mine. Lotus has been like this ever since midnight, and the first time she woke me, I thought it was to sing Happy Birthday to me as she has done every year since she showed up. All she says is that I need to get out of bed and follow her directions, but I am not having it. In a few hours, I have to be at the front of the Pack-house to shift as it is my eighteenth birthday, but I won't be shifting because I don't want anyone to know I have a Lycan. I hear sounds coming from outside, and I already know where the sounds are coming from; it is coming from the Beta floor. More specifically from Jane's room as it is above mine, and I know exactly what the sounds are from: her having sex with her Mate, our future Alpha. Jace is a pompous ass just like his Father, and I can't wait for the day my Father and I walk out of this Pack. Jace and Jane turned eighteen almost two months ago, and it turned out they are fated Mates. Lotus, for some reason, has been agitated ever since that day, and most of the time she retreats to the back of my head when they are around. I am wide awake, and I know I won't be able to get back to sleep. I get out of bed to close my window when I smell an amazing scent. "*Mate, Mate.*" Lotus yells in my head, and I walk closer to the window to find out where the smell is coming from; my head snaps up as I realize it is coming from Jane's room. I quickly duck back into my room as I hear someone on the balcony above me, and I have a pretty good idea who that person is. "*Dad, wake up.*" I yell through our mind-link, and within seconds he stands in front of me outside my room. I tell him through the mind-link what I found out, and Echo nearly takes control. There is a knock on the door of our floor, and Dad decides to stay out of sight while I open the door, only to be faced with Jace. He looks at me in disgust as his Father steps behind him, and even though I know he is our Mate, Lotus and I don't want him as our Mate. He must have known ever since he turned eighteen that I was his Mate, and still he told everyone that Jane was his Mate; she even played along with him. I thought she was my friend, but I guess she only acted as my friend because of Dad's rank, and now I understand why Lotus acted so strange. "Why did the Goddess pair me with a Wolfless Mate?" He asks with disgust on his face, and I just stare at him with a blank expression on my face. "I, Jace, future Alpha of Silver Shadow Pack, reject you, Lakota, as my Mate and Luna." He says, and I double over from the pain in my chest; I look up at him as I am on my knees. "I, Lakota, accept your rejection." I say through gritted teeth, and I smirk at him as he crashes to the floor in pain. Two Warriors grab Jace to get him to the Alpha floor, and after our Alpha looks down at me, he follows his Son. Moments later, Dad picks me up to bring me to my room, and after a few minutes, I feel the pain lessen. Being an Alpha and a Lycan, it doesn't take me long to recover. About an hour later, there is another knock on the door, and I hear the door open after a few seconds. Dad is on border patrol, and I link him to let him know that someone is on our floor. "Lakota, it is Doc. Where are you?" He calls out, but I can tell that he is not alone, and I tell Lotus to help me act weak. I whisper that I am in my room, and a few moments later, Doc shows up in the doorway with our Alpha and Jace right behind him. Doc checks me out as Jace keeps his eyes on me, and he is starting to give me the creeps. Once Doc is finished, he walks towards our Alpha. "Being Wolfless, it will take her at least a week to recover from the rejection, Alpha." He says, and I see a smirk appear on Jace's face. Doc leaves our floor when our Alpha tells him they will look after me. Jace follows his Father and Doc towards the

door, and I sigh in relief when they leave me alone. I strain my hearing as I hear the door close, and I know that only Doc left. "Jace, if you want a strong heir for the Pack, you will have to keep Lakota here. You need to mate with her to make sure our Pack gets a strong heir; Jane will just have to deal with it like my Mate did." "Dad, I will talk to Jane about this and order her to accept my Pup as her own. Just like you did eighteen years ago, Lakota will give birth to my heir." Jace responds, and Lotus nearly roars out loud when his Father says, "You will mate with her once she has recovered from the rejection. In the meantime, we will leave for Alpha George in the morning." *"Dad, you might want to come back. I am having trouble controlling Lotus."* I say through our mind-link, and about ten minutes later, Dad walks onto our floor. Doc is with him, and I know Dad made sure he ran into him on his way back; Doc would have told him about my condition.

