



Chapter 6: Secrets

Sable POV

Alpha Darius has a lot of nerve to try to set up a way to force me to accept dinner with him. What no one in this pack knows, well except my parents, but they are gone, and no one else knows, is that I have a telekinetic gift. I can control the muscles and actions of other people. It is handy when you are a warrior and why I ended up becoming lead warrior. 

I made sure to use it this time with Darius. I was taking a gamble but I really don't want him bothering me about dinner or any other kind of date. I would rather spend the rest of my life alone than to choose a chosen mate.

I'm not trying to be a bitch, but I hate having to repeat myself over and over again to Alpha Darius and other warriors in the pack. I get back to my cottage and start working on my little garden of herbs. I find it therapeutic and calming. Especially, when I'm upset like right now. 

I continue working on the garden quietly. All of sudden I hear soft footsteps approaching. I look up and for the first time in a few days, I see Jake. He's back from scouting. "Hey Jake!" I say, standing up and wiping my hands on my pants. "You're back! That's great!"

He smiles at me, "Hey Sable. Yeah, I'm back. I even got what Alpha Darius was asking for, and you can see I'm back safe and sound."

"That's awesome! Well, of course, I won't hold you up, but how was your first experience as a scout?"

"I won't lie, I was very scared. But it was easier than I thought."

I was surprised when Alpha Darius sent Jake to the Winter Moon pack. I

heard the alpha there has a reputation for killing intruders on the spot. Scouts tend to go on their first mission after they have trained for a couple years, at least. Then the first mission is always something easy, not something as intense and dangerous as scouting the most notorious pack in the region.

It didn't set right with me when Alpha Darius sent Jake on this mission. But I am impressed with Jake and proud of him for accomplishing his mission. "Well, I'm glad you are back. Alpha Darius was in the training facility when I left a little while ago. Why don't you go and see if he is still there." I say smiling.

"Thanks Sable. See you around." 1

I return to gardening and let myself get lost in thought until it starts to dark.

Darius POV

I didn't expect Jake to come back. I sent him as a decoy so Marcus, the other scout I sent behind him, could look at the Winter Moon defenses. They are the biggest threat to my operations, and I want to eliminate the Alpha. He has no Luna or heir. If I can eliminate him, then I can take over Winter Moon and I can expand my trafficking circle with the resources from his pack. He has grown Winter Moon substantially in the last five years and if I can infiltrate the pack in the most vulnerable spot, then I can conquer the pack.

I sent Jake because he is expendable. He is of no use to me. He comes from a weak pack and has no fighting ability. If he dies, it means nothing to me. Sure, he accepted me as his Alpha and I respected him, but he complains like a little bitch all the time. I need men for warriors. There

are others that have come from different packs, and they don't cry about missing home. They adapt to Dark Flame and to me as their new Alpha. He didn't want to fall in line with that mentality, but he also never defied me. So, I was stuck between a rock and a hard place. I don't want other pack members to think I'm unjust. I need them to see me as a kind and respectful Alpha. It's part of my cover. If the Elders were to catch on to what I am doing outside of agriculture, they could have me arrested, stripped of my title or killed. The pack members being happy with me and the pack is part of my cover. It would be nice to make Sable my Luna to complete the circle, but I'm still working her down. 2

"Jake, well done on completing your mission. What did you find?" I asked him.

"Well, Alpha Darius, I overheard patrol talking about securing the full moon route for next week. I followed behind in the shadows and mapped out the points of the route as you ordered." Jake said.

"Why were they interested in securing the full moon route, Jake?"

"Apparently, they are hearing news about pack members missing after full moon runs. They don't know why pack members are going missing or if there is someone involved. Nor do they suspect that you have any involvement. At least, I didn't hear either of the patrol guards mention it, sir."

Hmm, this is new. The smaller packs are starting to report the disappearances of their pack members. I will need to be more mindful or find another way to get other pack members for the East Region. Alpha Jasper likes his harem of women, but so do his warriors. Bloodlust pack is an apt name for his pack. He pays me handsomely for the women I supply him with too.

If there are men that don't want to acknowledge me as their Alpha but

look like they could be good slaves for Alpha Jasper, I send them too. He pays me for them so far, and he hasn't told me to stop sending them, so I will continue with how I am running things. Either way, this is supporting my pack and pack members and helping me gain the resources I need to take down Winter Moon. It's only a matter of time before Alpha Jaxon falls, and I rise to power.