

Chapter 25

Zander's POV

As I walk back to the pack house after taking her home, I mind link Kane.

"I need someone to look after Nicola while I'm gone. Maybe even stay in the house with her."

"Why?" He questions.

"She heard something whisper to her tonight and felt watched. With everything that's going on, I'd rather be safe than sorry." I say back.

"Not sure if you noticed, but there's really not a whole lot of females around here for that job Zander. I don't mind looking out for her during the day but I have my own mate to come home to at night."

I rub my fingers against my temples, hating that he's right about this.

"Just find someone I can trust." I sigh.

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The next day I head off to the first pack, the Blue Moon pack, to get details about the attack they had. I didn't learn much from them, seeing as they have poor fighters and defense in the pack, and it felt like a waste of time. They are mainly known for agricultural and do provide almost half of the food supply to our species, but their surveillance of pack borders is greatly lacking.

I dropped by another pack as well and still didn't get much information. All of them offered up the same thing; they had a wolf out on patrol and came across a body with a note attached. Each alpha gave me their note and it looks like they were all written by the same person judging by the handwriting. After visiting the second pack, I decided to call it a night.

As I lay in bed, I take out my phone and thumb through some of the numbers I've saved. Kane managed to get me Nicola's cell phone number before I left and I proceed to shoot her a text.

Me: Goodnight darling, I hope you sleep well.

A few minutes later I get a reply.

Nicola: Who is this?

Me: Zander

Me: Wait. Who else would it be??

Nicola: Goodnight Zander, I'll be dreaming of you

I smile as I lay my phone down before I roll over and fall asleep.

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The next 10 days were spent visiting multiple packs and still not getting a whole lot more information, but I did pay my respects to the fallen. I decided my next stop would be to the Raiders pack to see if I could finally get some more details. I was trying to push off seeing Alex, since I still want to hit him in the face, but I was getting sick and tired of the monotony of my other pack visits.

"Hello Alpha Verduce," I say as I shake his hand.

"Alpha Knight, welcome." He leads me into his office and we make some small talk before we dive right into the hot topic.

"As you know, there was a note left along with the body." He says to me and I nod.

"Yes it seems to be the same one left on everyone." I say unimpressed at where this conversation is going.

"Right. But what's written on it isn't what intrigues me the most." He says as he sets a glass of water on his desk.

"You see, when I was looking over the note the next day, my bull headed Beta barrels in and runs into my desk. He knocks over my glass and I

quickly snatch up my papers, but not before majority of them got wet." He says as he dips his finger in the cup of water.

"Once the paper was saturated, the word 'full' appeared on the back." He proceeds to wipe his wet finger across the page and show me the word that's suddenly visible.

My eyes widen slightly at this new information and I quickly reach into my coat pocket. I pull out 10 of the other notes that I have received from the other alphas and hand them over to him.

"Here. I got these from the other packs. Check and see if it's the same." I say to him.

He proceeds to check each note, and as happened previously, a word appears on the back, but this time they're all different. We write down each one on a separate piece of paper and try to arrange them the best we can to make out, yet again, another note.

The fucking Fae and their games.

"Most wolves love one on a full moon, but yours next king' were the words that we put together. The sentence doesn't really make sense and I know we're missing still missing almost half of the message. But it's clear, something is going to happen on a full moon.

"Looks like you might find love soon." He chuckles as we stare at the words on his desk.

Little does he know I already have.

I groan slightly and blow out a breath of air I've been holding, hating the mind fuckery. We don't have enough of the pieces for this to make sense yet and Alex doesn't know that I've already met my mate. My mate that he's been way too interested in.

"I need to find out what the other notes say."

"I agree." He says back. "Let me know what you find out, our pack is always at service."

"Thank you Alpha. Trust me, I have a feeling this isn't a love note for

me." I grimace.

Even though I hate the idea of staying here any longer, Alex gives me a room for the night so I can make some phone calls. I manage to reach most of the remaining alphas and inform them of the information I need with a deadline of tomorrow night. There's still a few that have yet to returned my calls, but I'm hoping I'll have enough to make sense of the message even if I don't hear back from them by tomorrow.

The next day, I'm eating lunch as I stare over everything I've complied so far, trying all I can to make sense of it. My nerves are starting to eat away at me and my wolf is restless, wanting to go back home. I decide to give Nicola a call to ease my mind for a little bit and make sure she's okay.

"Hello?" I hear her voice through the phone.

"Hey." I sigh and suddenly I'm unable to think of what else to say.

"Zander, are you okay?" She asks, nervous at my silence.

"Yeah I'm okay. Just- just really needed to hear your voice. Make sure you're okay."

"I'm okay, just miss you."

"I miss you too. So much."

"When will you be back?"

"Tonight. Not sure what time but I promise I'll come find you as soon as I get there."

"Can't wait." I swear I can hear her smile through the phone and it makes me so damn happy.

"Me either. I've got to go though. See you soon darling." I say before hanging up.

It's almost an hour later when I finally hear back from one of the last remaining packs. Alex's Beta is in the room with me, since apparently he

had to leave to take care of something, as we try to scramble the message.

"Lose." I say out loud as I write it down.

I stare at the board until realization hits. My heart feels like it's thundering out of my chest and I immediately jump up from the table.

"Lose? Lose what?" He asks, baffled by the alphabet soup strung up and my sudden change in behavior, but I don't bother filling him in.

All I know is I need to get back to my pack as soon as possible. I don't have all the words but I can put enough together to assume that I'm planning on losing something I love on a full moon, which is tonight, and that's only one thing. Nicola.

I've never even taken the time yet to stop and think if I love her, I already know I do. I'm not sure when exactly it happened but I know that if I lost her, I've lost everything. Without her, there's no reason for me to live any longer. It would destroy me..

I run as fast as I can to my car and grab my phone to dial Kane. The phone rings multiple times before going to voicemail and I curse.

"Pick up dammit!" I keep calling and finally on the 4th try he does.

"Zander." He sounds out of breath. "We've had a security breach, you need to get here as soon as possible."

I hang up the phone and decide to ditch the car to travel in wolf form, knowing it will be faster to cut through the woods. I need to find my mate as soon as I can.

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