

True Luna 181

Chapter 181

He Isn't His Father

(Emma's POV)

was in complete shock.

Alpha Nathan's son was my daughter's mate?! Was the Goddess messing with us?

"Where is he taking her?!" Alpha Hunter screamed, trying to get out of Logan's hold. "She is mine! Bring her back!" Logan growled.

looked around and saw our numerous guests staring at us. smiled at them and grabbed my mate's arm. Take him to the kitchen. mind-linked him. We can't do this here.

Logan glanced around us and growled quietly. He started pulling Alpha Hunter away.

"What the f*uck are you doing?!" Alpha Hunter growled. "Let me go to her!"

My heart skipped a beat. There had to be a misunderstanding.

Mom? My daughter mind-linked me. What is going on?

Don't worry, honey. said, trying to sound as calm as possible. will talk to your dad. He is just surprised, that's all. But why? She asked and could hear the desperation in her voice. Who is

he, mom?

My heart broke for my little girl. She didn't deserve this.

He is Alpha Hunter. said. He is Alpha Nathan's son.

She didn't mind-link me back and focused on my mate and Alpha Hunter.

We were already in the kitchen.

Logan let go of Alpha Hunter and growled.

"Alpha Logan, will fight you to get to her," Alpha Hunter growled. "She is mine. You can't forbid me to see her. You can't take her from me. Why would you even do that?"

Alpha Hunter was shaking. could tell that he was holding back from attacking my mate.

Logan took a step closer to him, but grabbed his arm and stopped him. "Do you know who she is, Alpha Hunter?" asked, making him look at me. "Does it matter?" Alpha Hunter growled. "She is my mate. don't care who she is. don't care about her position in the pack."

took a deep breath and tightened my hand around Logan's arm. My mate was shaking. could feel the anger radiating off him. "She is our daughter, Alpha Hunter," said, trying to stop my voice from trembling.

Alpha Hunter's eyes widened. He looked from me to Logan. could see his body tense up even more, but he took a small step back. He looked back at me and could see the fear in his eyes.

"Your daughter?" he mumbled quietly.

"Yes," nodded.

Alpha Hunter closed his eyes and tightened his jaw. "don't care about the past," he said. "She is mine."

"Well, ftucking care!" Logan exclaimed angrily. " am not letting my daughter be with a man whose father almost destroyed my family!"

Alpha Hunter opened his eyes abruptly. He growled and took a step closer to us.

"My dad made a mistake," Alpha Hunter said angrily. "He was cursed. He would never hurt anyone. He is a good man."

Logan growled loudly. "A good man?! He tried to kill a pregnant woman!" "Logan," called him, pulling him closer to me. "Stop." He looked at me angrily. "Don't tell me that you are okay with this!"

looked at Alpha Hunter and took a deep breath. wasn't okay with it, but the Goddess had to have a reason for creating a mate bond between them. "I am not okay with it, but we can't blame Alpha Hunter for his father's mistakes," said, looking back at my mate. "He isn't his father."

Logan narrowed his eyes and tightened his jaw.

"Emma...," he spoke sternly, but interrupted him.

"We can't separate them," said softly. "It wouldn't be okay. We need to let them decide. We need to let Sophia decide." Logan studied my face for a second before he closed his eyes and sighed. His body relaxed a little.

Remember everything we taught our kids about mates. mind-linked him. We can't go against it, Logan. It wouldn't be fair.

Both Logan and decided that we would teach our kids about the value of the mate bond. We always told them that a mate bond was a gift from the Goddess which should be protected and cherished. Logan was the one who insisted on us doing so. He wanted to correct his own mistake.

Logan opened his eyes and looked at Hunter.

"I am against this," Logan said quietly. "My daughter shouldn't have been mated to you. But my Luna is right. I will let her decide."

Alpha Hunter clenched his fists. I could see anger flash in his eyes.

I leaned in and placed a small kiss on Logan's chest. I was so proud of him. I could feel his anger and pain. I could feel his fear. I had the same emotions he did. I was angry. I was scared. I was in pain. I knew how hard it was for him to put aside those emotions. I knew how hard it was for him to say those words.

"I am not going to hurt her," Alpha Hunter said angrily. "She is my mate. My father taught me to cherish the Goddess' gift and that's what I will do."

I glanced at Logan. He wasn't convinced.

"I need to see her," Alpha Hunter said and I could hear the pain in his voice. "Wait here for a second," I told him as I pulled Logan toward the other room.

I needed to calm him down a little before we took Alpha Hunter to see Sophie.

As soon as the door closed behind us, Logan pulled me to him and kissed me. I tangled my fingers into his hair and kissed him back.

"Why her?" Logan mumbled as he leaned his forehead on mine.

"I don't know," I sighed as I caressed his cheek. "The Goddess had to have a reason."

Logan sighed and lifted his head. He placed another small kiss on my lips. "I love you," he mumbled.

"I know," I said, smiling back at him. "Let's get this over with."

Logan grunted and took my hand in his. We walked back to the kitchen.

“We will let you meet our daughter, Alpha Hunter,” Logan said. “One wrong move and you are out of my pack.” Alpha Hunter tightened his jaw and nodded.

gave him a small smile as started walking out of the kitchen and pulling Logan behind me.

Where are you? mind-linked my son.

Dad's office. He responded immediately. What is going on?

didn't answer his question. knew how he would react if he knew that we were bringing Alpha Hunter with us.

Chapter 182

My Angel (Hunter's POV)

My whole body was trembling. needed to see her.

Sophia.

Her name was perfect. She was my Angel.

couldn't believe that the Goddess mated me to her. What was her plan? Was she trying to punish us? Was she trying to punish our parents? No matter what her reason was, would never give up my mate. would fight for her until my last breath.

We approached a large, oak door, and knew that she was in the room. could smell her sweet scent. could hear her heartbeat.

"Dad...", someone spoke but stopped as soon as walked into the room.

My eyes found her immediately. She was staring at me wide-eyed. A man who was standing next to her pulled her behind him, making me growl. "What the f*uck is he doing here?!" the same voice exclaimed angrily.

couldn't see my Angel anymore. wanted to rip that man apart and pull her to me.

"We need to let Sophia decide what to do, Alex," Luna Emma said. "He is not going anywhere near her," the man called Alex said. " am deciding for her."

My eyes snapped to him and growled again. Who the f*uck was he?!

He was so similar to my Angel. They had the same eyes and the same hair. They had the same facial features. It had to be her twin.

"Alex, honey...", Luna Emma said, but he interrupted her.

"I am not letting him hurt her," Alex growled, keeping his eyes on me. "I am not letting him near her."

I clenched my fists and tightened my jaw.

"She is my mate," said angrily. "You can't keep her from me. You can't decide for her."

Alex opened his mouth to speak, but a melodic voice stopped him. "Lex, please," she said, making my heart skip a beat. "Let me talk to him." looked at the man who was standing in front of her. Who the f*uck was he, and why was he touching my mate?

wanted to rip him apart. narrowed my eyes at him, making him growl a little. "Don't t*ouch her," told him quietly. "Step away."

"Don't tell me what to do," the man said angrily. "She is my cousin. I am protecting her from you. I will always protect her from you and everyone else."

tightened my jaw.

was the one who would always protect her. I was the one who would always make sure that she was safe. "You don't need to protect her from me," said. "I am her mate. She is safe with me."

"Tell that to your father," the man said. "He tried to kill my mother and me."

My eyes widened a little. So this was Beta Andrew's son?

"Mason, please," my mate said softly.

wanted to see her. wanted to touch her.

Holden was on edge and I was barely able to stop him from taking over and ripping everyone apart.

"Let's give them some time to talk," Luna Emma said. "Alpha Hunter won't hurt her."

looked at her and smiled a little. I was extremely thankful to her. If she didn't calm Alpha Logan down, I wouldn't be able to see my mate.

"Are you serious, mom?!" Alex exclaimed angrily. "I am not leaving her alone with him!"

"Yes, you are, Alex," Luna Emma sighed. "Sophia will be fine."

Alex tightened his jaw and clenched his fists.

"I won't hurt her," told him.

He approached me and pointed a f*inger at me.

"If you hurt her, will ftucking kill you," he threatened me. "I will rip you apart and burn the f*ucking pieces." believed him, but his threats were unnecessary. would never hurt her. She was a part of my body and my soul. Alex walked past me and stormed out of the room.

"Mason, Mike, come on," Luna Emma said.

"Alex won't be your only problem if you lay a f*inger on her," Mason said as he walked away slowly.

I ignored his threat because could finally see her.

Goddess, she was so f*ucking beautiful. She was staring at me and could tell that she was very nervous. She kept glancing behind me at her parents. "You have 10 minutes, Alpha Hunter," heard Alpha Logan's voice.

could hear the door close behind me. We were finally alone.

smiled at her and she took a deep breath.

couldn't do this anymore. approached her in three long strides and cupped her soft cheeks. Both of us gasped.

The tingles and sparks were so intense. My body shivered. My heart was racing so fast that thought it would jump out of my c*hest. Holden was jumping up and down. could tell that he was saying something, but couldn't focus enough to know what.

finally had my mate in my arms.

She placed her small hands over mine and smiled a little. "Hi, Sophia," mumbled as leaned my forehead on hers. "Hello, Hunter," she said softly, making me smile.

"You are beautiful, Angel," said quietly. "I can't believe what a precious gift the Goddess has given me."

She was. couldn't believe how lucky was. couldn't believe that this beautiful she-wolf was mine.

could feel her tense up a little. raised my head and looked at her beautiful green eyes.

"Our parents..." she spoke, but interrupted her immediately.

"What happened with them isn't our concern, Sophia," said. "We can't let that stand in our way."

She took a deep breath and closed her eyes. She furrowed her eyebrows and bit her lower l*ip.

almost fainted. wanted to do that. wanted to k*iss her and taste her and bite her l*ips gently.

F*uck

"Sophia, Angel, you are mine," told her softly as caressed her cheeks. "I will never stop fighting for you. want you." She opened her eyes and looked at me. almost melted into a useless puddle.

kept my eyes on hers as bent down and pressed my l*ips against her soft ones.

could feel my heartbeat in my throat. could feel the tingles in my toes. could feel my body warm up. She tasted f*ucking amazing.

She m*oaned a little and parted her l*ips. Her warm breath made me shiver. wanted more of her. Both of us closed our eyes at the same time.

wrapped an arm around her waist and pressed her closer to me.

She fit perfectly in my arms.

would never stop fighting for her. She was mine and it would always stay like that.

Chapter 183

Fear

(Alexander's POV)

was pissed as f*uck. Was my mom going crazy?!

I slammed her office door behind me.

My whole body was shaking with anger. wanted to go back and kill him. wanted to go back and take her somewhere safe. If he hurt her...

The door opened, and the rest of my family walked inside.

"What the fuck, mom?!" screamed as turned around. "If he hurts her..." "Don't talk to your mom like that," my dad interrupted me angrily.

looked at him and tightened my jaw. "Alex, honey, know that you are scared, but he won't hurt her," my mom said. "She is his mate. He can't do it."

clenched my fists and started pacing around the office nervously. "Why would you let him talk to her?" Mason asked. "He doesn't deserve her. What his father did..."

"Was horrible," my mom said, interrupting Mason. "But Alpha Hunter isn't his father." "No," Mason said angrily. "He could be even worse."

The fear exploded inside of me. Mason was right. He could be even worse. What if he was hurting her right now? What if he killed her? What if I never saw her again?

My heart was going to jump out of my body. I could feel it in my throat. It would fall out of my mouth. I was f*cking sure of it. 'She is okay, Alex,' Axel told me. 'She is alive. I would know if she wasn't. You would know if she wasn't.'

Axel was right, but the fear I felt blocked me completely. I couldn't feel anything but my heart racing like crazy. The door burst open and my uncle and aunt walked inside.

"Is it true?!" my uncle growled loudly. "Is the fucker's son her mate?!"

My uncle was as pissed off as I was. My aunt looked worried.

"Yes," my dad answered his question. "Alpha Hunter is her mate."

My uncle growled and looked around the room.

"Where is she?" he asked.

"Talking to Alpha Hunter," Mason mumbled angrily.

My uncle's eyes widened. He looked at my parents.

"How could you let that happen?!" he screamed. "We have to go get her! He is going to hurt her!"

I completely agreed with him.

"It's okay, Andrew," my mom said. "He won't hurt her. She is okay."

My uncle's eyes widened even more.

"What the hell, Emma?" he asked angrily.

"She will be okay, Andrew," my mom sighed. "He isn't going to hurt her."

My uncle looked at my dad in disbelief.

"You let your daughter alone with that man?!" my uncle exclaimed angrily. "Are you f*ucking insane?! His father tried to kill my mate and my son!" "That boy is not his father, Andrew," my mom said with a hint of anger in his voice.

My uncle looked at her and narrowed his eyes.

"No, Emma, but he was raised by him," he said, taking a step closer to my mom. "Do you have any idea how much hatred toward us Nathan probably planted into his son? You rejected him. We humiliated him. Logan and I beat the s*hit out of him. He hates us, Emma, and you just left your daughter alone with his son."

The fear I felt just doubled. My uncle was right. I should have never left that office! I should have never left her alone with him! "Andrew...", my aunt spoke, but I didn't hear the rest.

I growled as I rushed out of my mom's office and toward my dad's. I saw

red. I was going to kill him.

Someone stopped me though.

I growled and looked behind me.

It was Jake.

"Don't, Alex," he said, tightening his arms around me. "She is okay. Give her a few minutes to deal with this on her own." narrowed my eyes at him. Did he think that he would be able to stop me? could shake him off like a bug.

"Alex," heard my dad's voice.

looked up and saw him standing at the entrance to my mom's office.

"Give her a few more minutes," dad said quietly. "She is okay."

wanted to rip them all into tiny pieces.

"Come on," Jake said as he started to pull me back into my mom's office. "Don't lecture me, Andrew," heard my mom's annoyed voice. "I was there. saved them."

walked in just in time to see my uncle growl at my mom. "swear to Goddess, Andrew, will punch you if you don't stop growling at your sister," my aunt said sternly.

"That is my niece in there!" my uncle said, clenching his fists. "What if he hurts her? What if he tries to take her away? He is his father's son." "Warriors are stationed around the packhouse," Jake said calmly. "We've increased border security. He isn't taking her anywhere."

"mind-linked Jake as soon as agreed to this s*hitshow," my dad said. "I told him what happened and told him to secure the place. am not letting anything bad happen to my princess."

My uncle scoffed and sat down on the couch. He crossed his arms over his c*hest and looked at my aunt. "Do you agree with Emma?" he asked her. My aunt sighed and nodded.

"This boy isn't Nathan," my aunt said. "We can't ruin the possibility of love for Sophie."

And then a hopeful thought came to my mind.

“What if he is her cursed mate?” asked, making all of them look at me. “What if she has two mates, just like mom did?” couldn't read the emotions on their faces.

“hope not,” my mom said. “I don't want her to go through that.”

“But that could mean that there is another man for her,” said. “That could mean that she can reject Hunter.”

My mom sighed and approached me. She lifted her hands and cupped my cheeks.

“know that you are worried, honey,” she said softly. “I know that you want to keep your sister safe, but don't hope that she has two mates. You don't want her to go through that pain.”

tightened my jaw and took a deep breath.

heard the office door open and looked behind me.

“Fia!” exclaimed as rushed to her and pulled her into a hug. She was okay. She wasn't hurt. She was alive.

Chapter 184

Who Is She?

(Hunter's POV)

entered the bedroom, closed the door, and took a deep breath.

could still taste her on my l*ips. could still feel her skin under my f*ingerprints. Her scent was still in my lungs.

was head over heels in love and would fight for her until my last breath. thought that my heart would break when she said that she needed a little bit of time to figure everything out. didn't know why. She wanted me as much as wanted her. could tell. knew it.

'It's because of her family,' Holden sighed.

'know,' mumbled. 'But Luna Emma doesn't have a problem with it.' 'Her father and brother do,' Holden growled. 'They will try to take her from us.'

could feel his anger growing. He was possessive. He was territorial. 'Of course am,' Holden sighed. 'I am a wolf. am an Alpha wolf and she is mine.'

'I know, Holden,' said. 'Everything would be okay. We will give her some time to talk to her parents. She wants us.' "She does," Holden agreed. 'I talked to her wolf. They both want us.'

smiled and leaned against the door. ran a finger over my lips, remembering how f*ucking good she tasted.

She was mine. Sophia was mine.

My smile grew. My heart felt like it had grown double ever since saw her for the first time. felt stronger. was happier. Everything was better because found her.

'You need to call your parents,' Holden said, making me tense up. "F*uck," mumbled as leaned my head against the door and closed my eyes.

'They will be thrilled, Hunter,' Holden said.

'hope so,' mumbled as opened my eyes and took a deep breath.

reached into my pocket and pulled out my phone.

Awake of nervousness washed over me. What would my parents say? What if they reacted the same way Alpha Logan did? Would it be bad if I called them tomorrow?

'Just call them, Hunter,' Holden sighed. 'They will be pissed off if you hide it from them.'

sighed and unlocked my phone. Holden was right.

'I am always right,' he said, making me roll my eyes.

I searched for my mom's number and pressed dial. I took a deep breath and waited to hear her voice. It didn't take long for her to answer.

"Hunter, honey, is everything okay?" she asked worriedly. "Did you arrive? Were they nice to you? Did they hurt you?" I stopped myself from chuckling.

"I am okay, mom," I said as I walked over to the bed and sat down. "I arrived and they were very welcoming. I'm not hurt." My mom sighed in relief. "Oh, I was so worried."

I gulped and closed my eyes.

"Is dad there?" I asked, wanting to tell them as soon as possible.

I had to do it before I changed my mind.

"Yes, honey, he and Harry are watching TV," mom said. "He is waiting for me to get ready so we can leave."

"Can you go to the living room and put me on speaker?" I asked.

There was a moment of silence before my mom spoke worriedly.

“Why, honey?” she asked. “Is everything okay?”

“Yes, mom,” said, trying to stay calm. “Just go to the living room and put me on speaker.”

“Okay,” my mom mumbled and could hear her move.

heard the door open and close. heard her footsteps. A few moments later, could hear my father and brother arguing about something.

My heart was beating faster and faster by the second.

“Oh, hey honey, are you ready?” heard my dad's voice.

“Almost,” my mom said. “Hunter is on the phone.”

“S*hitface!” my brother exclaimed, making me roll my eyes.

“Hey, bud, is everything okay?” my dad asked.

could hear my mom scolding Harry quietly. could imagine him rolling his eyes at her.

“Yes, dad, everything is fine,” said. “I have something to tell you guys.” “Did something happen?” my dad asked worriedly. “It did,” said as a small smile spread across my face. “I found my mate.”

My family was silent for a second, but then their joy erupted.

“Oh, Goddess!”

“knew you could do it, s*hitface!”

“That’s my boy!”

chuckled and shook my head.

“Who is she?” my mom asked. “Is she pretty? Oh, what am asking, of course she is!”

“We have a new Luna?” my dad asked, not even allowing me to answer my mom's question. “Will she be able to tolerate your annoying ass?” my brother asked, chuckling.

rolled my eyes. was going to kick his a*ss when came home.

“will tell you if you allow me to speak,” sighed.

“Sorry, honey,” my mom said. “We are just so excited.”

I smiled and took a deep breath.

“So, tell us about our new Luna, son,” my dad said. “Who is she?”

gulped and closed my eyes. tried to take another deep breath, but couldn't. It felt like a hand was squeezing my lungs. “Sophia Carter, daughter of Alpha Logan and Luna Emma,” said quietly.

The silence on the other end of the call made my stomach turn.

“What did you say?” my dad mumbled after a while.

“Alpha Logan and Luna Emma’s daughter is my mate,” repeated. “That's awesome,” my brother said excitedly. “I heard that she is very pretty.”

He still didn’t know what happened between our dad and Sophia’s parents. “Mom, dad?” called them, ignoring my brother. “We are very happy, honey,” my mom said quietly. “We are just a little bit shocked.”

understood that.

“Why?” my brother asked. “Is it because she has magic? think it’s cool.” “How did her family react?” my dad asked me.

sighed and ran my f*ingers through my hair

“They were shocked,” said. “At first they didn’t let me see her, but Luna Emma managed to convince Alpha Logan to let me talk to Sophia.”

“Why wouldn't they let you see her?” my brother asked angrily. “She is your mate!”

“We will explain later, honey,” my mom told my brother.

“Did you talk to her?” my dad asked.

“ did,” said, smiling a little. “She wants me too, dad. She just needs a little bit of time to figure things out with her family.”

would give her time. would wait patiently. would do whatever the hell needed to do to have her. would show her how much wanted her. would show her that was a good man who was worthy of her love. would show her family that was a good man who would love her and protect her until my last breath.

Chapter 185

Confused (Sophia’s POV)

Lex was holding me so tightly that I was having trouble breathing. "I am okay, Lex," I said, rubbing his back gently. "He wouldn't hurt me." "We don't know that Soph," Mason mumbled angrily. "We don't know who he is."

'He is my mate,' Stella growled.

'He is, Stella,' sighed. 'But it's understandable that they are afraid. We need to be patient with them.'

She didn't respond, but I could feel her annoyance.

Lex let me go and looked at me worriedly.

"What are you going to do?" Jacob asked me, making me look at him.

I took a deep breath and released it slowly.

I wanted him. Goddess, how much I wanted him. He was my mate. He was made for me and I was made for him. But...

"He is dangerous, Sophia," Mason said as he crossed his arms over his chest. "His father is dangerous. You need to think about what to do." It didn't feel like I was in danger when I was in his arms. It didn't feel like I was in danger when he was kissing me.

I looked at my dad, who was leaning on my mom's desk. He had a worried look on his face. I moved away from Lex and approached my dad. I needed his comfort.

He opened his arms immediately. He knew what I needed. He knew how much I loved him. "Oh, princess," he mumbled as he wrapped his arms around me.

I wrapped my arms around his waist and leaned my head on his chest. "Everything is going to be okay, Sophie," my dad said. "We will love and support you no matter what you decide."

I didn't know what to do. wanted him. wanted him so much it hurt. But his father hurt my family. His father almost killed my aunt and Mason. His father almost took my mom away from my dad.

Was his father the same man he was all those years ago? Would he even accept me as his son's mate? Was he still angry at my family? Would he try to hurt me as an act of revenge? Would he try to hurt my family again?

Well, didn't care if he hurt me, but couldn't let him hurt my family. And then there was the whole issue with my magic.

had both light and dark magic inside me. Anna and my mom taught me how to gain control over the darkness. They taught me how to suppress it and stop it from consuming me. hadn't told anyone yet, but it was getting harder and harder to keep the darkness away. could feel it pushing me to set it free. could feel it fueling up my insides.

could tell that Lex could tell that something was going on, but he still didn't bring it up. It was only a matter of time before he would.

What if hurt Hunter with my magic? What if hurt his family or pack? What if they started to fear me?

had so many questions and so many concerns. had so many reasons to accept him and so many to reject him. was so confused and didn't know what to do.

"Your dad is right, sweetie," my uncle said. "We will support you no matter

what. We are just scared."

looked at him and nodded.

"I know," mumbled. "I am scared too."

My dad k*issed the top of my head and rubbed my back gently.

“You can’t do it, Sophia,” Mason said as he started to pace around. “His father could hurt you. He could hurt you. Maybe you are not even his real

mate. There are so many things to consider...” stopped listening.

My heart felt like it was going to stop.

What did Mason say?

wasn't Hunter's real mate?

What? Why would he say that? was Hunter's mate. felt it all: the connection, the tingles, the sparks. felt it all. It was there. It wasn't fake.

could feel my heartbeat in my throat. What the hell was Mason talking about?! “What did you say?” mumbled as stepped away from my dad.

Mason stopped talking and looked at me. He furrowed his eyebrows. “I said a lot,” he mumbled with a confused expression on his face. “You said that I’m not Hunter’s real mate,” mumbled, trying to stop my voice from shaking.

Alook of guilt flashed across Mason’s face. He looked at my mom.

And then it dawned on me.

They thought that was his cursed mate.

felt tears in the corners of my eyes.

"Sophie, honey, he is your Goddess-given mate," my mom said as she pulled me into her arms. "You are not cursed, princess." I hugged my mom and leaned my head on her shoulders.

Warm tears fell on my cheek.

"I am sorry, Soph," Mason mumbled. "We were talking about the possibility of you having two mates just like your mom, and it just came

out. I didn't mean to hurt you. I am sorry. I am so sorry."

Stella whined. Her pain overwhelmed me. I closed my eyes and took a deep breath. My mom kept kissing the top of my head. "You are not going to go through that pain, my princess," my mom said softly. "I promise."

Was it possible? Did I have two mates just like my mom did? Was Hunter my cursed mate? Was I bonded to another man as well?

'No!' Stella whined. 'We are his. I know it. I can feel it.'

I didn't respond. I couldn't. The pain was drowning me

"Okay, everyone out," my brother said angrily. "Leave us alone."

"Alex...my uncle spoke, but Alex interrupted him.

"I said to leave us alone," Lex said. "I need to talk to her alone."

My mom kissed the top of my head again and let me go.

"It is going to be okay, Soph," my mom said as she cupped my cheeks and gave me a small smile. "We are all here for you." heard the rest of my family leave my mom's office quietly. My mom and dad stayed.

"We love you, princess," my dad mumbled as he hugged me tightly. "It's going to be okay. promise."

"love you too," mumbled as hugged my dad back.

He let me go and took my mom's hand in hers. They both gave me a small smile and walked out of the office.

took a deep breath and turned around to look at my brother.

Chapter 186

Scared (Alexander's POV)

turned around to look at Fia as soon as my dad closed the office door. She looked like she was in pain. She looked exhausted. She looked so scared and confused.

My heart broke and wished that could take her pain away. wished that Hunter never came here. wished that he wasn't her mate.

But she wasn't tired just because of what happened with Hunter. She was tired for days now. And knew exactly why.

"I don't know what to do, Lex," Fia mumbled as she let her head fall to her chest.

She placed her hands on her head and groaned.

clenched my fists and tightened my jaw. wanted her to reject him. wanted her to stay here where she was safe. What if Hunter's insane father decided to hurt Fia as an act of revenge against my mom and dad? How the fuck could let her go to Hunter's pack knowing that Nathan was there?

Simple. couldn't.

But wasn't going to tell her what to do. Despite what I had said earlier, wasn't going to make decisions for her. said it out of fear. Now that had calmed down a little, could think clearly. She was a smart girl. She would make the right decision.

had trouble calming myself down. From my point of view, my twin was in

danger and was scared s*hitless. could feel panic increasing inside my body. could tell that was on alert. My heart rate increased when she recognized him as her mate and it hadn't slowed down since. was tense and was on edge. kept thinking about her well-being and it was hard for me to focus on anything else. felt helpless and powerless. felt vulnerable. It didn't feel like that just because of Hunter. felt like that because could tell that she was having trouble with her magic. This situation with Hunter could only make it worse and that made my stomach twist painfully.

watched as Fia walked to the couch and sat down. She sighed and looked up at me.

"can't tell you what to do, Fia," mumbled as crossed my arms over my c*hest. "A part of me wants to. A part of me wants to make this decision for you, but know can't."

"know," Fia sighed.

"What do you want to do?" asked her softly.

She looked up at me and shook her head. "I don't know, Lex."

sighed and approached her. sat down beside her and rubbed her back gently. "You must have some ideas," said, studying her face.

Her eyebrows furrowed and she looked down at her hands.

“want him, Lex,” she mumbled. “But I am also scared. What if his father doesn’t accept me? What if he is still angry at our family?”

I'd noticed that she wasn't afraid of him not accepting her or of our family being angry at her. It made me happy. She knew that we would always be there for her, no matter what.

“And my magic...,” Fia added quietly, making me tense up.

“What about it, Fia?” asked, making her look at me.

“I don’t want to hurt him,” she mumbled. “I don’t want to hurt anyone.”

My heart clenched painfully. I pulled her into a hug.

“You are not going to hurt anyone, Fia,” said softly. “We will find a way to deal with it. We always did.”

And then a thought occurred to me.

I let her go and grabbed her shoulders.

“Give it to me,” said.

We never tried it before, but I was sure that it would work. It had to work. Why hadn't we ever thought of that? Her eyebrows furrowed. “What?”

“The darkness,” explained. “Give it to me, Fia. At least a part of it. It will be easier to deal with it if we share it.” If she could give me her magic and make me stronger, she could surely give me her darkness as well.

Her eyes widened and she gasped quietly.

"Lex, no," she said. "I am okay. can deal with it."

"Fia, can handle it," said sternly. "Give it to me. will be fine."

She clenched her fists and shook her head.

"No, Lex," she said. "I am not putting you in danger. am not doing it. can handle it. Everything will be okay." "Fia...", spoke, but she interrupted me.

"No, Alexander," she said sternly. "Stop asking. We've never done it before. don't even know how to do it. don't even know if could do it." "It would be the same as when you share your light magic with me," said. "Only it wouldn't make me stronger, it would make me weaker."

It made sense. It had to work.

Fia narrowed her eyes at me and crossed her arms over her c*hest. "If told you to do something that would weaken me, would you do it?" she asked, making my eyes widen a little.

Of course wouldn't. would never do anything that could potentially harm her. But this was different. It wouldn't harm me and would make it easier on her.

"That's not the same", argued. "I won't get hurt." "Yes, it is, and we don't know that," she sighed. "I am not doing it, Lex."

wanted to argue again, but she interrupted me before even got to speak. "Don't even try, Lex," she sighed again. "I will talk to mom and Anna about it. am not putting you in danger."

took a deep breath and released it slowly. She took my hand in hers and leaned her head on my shoulders. "What should do, Lex?" she mumbled. ran my f*ingers through her hair and leaned my head on hers.

“ don’t know, Fia,” mumbled. “I will be here no matter what you decide to do. need you to know that will never let anyone hurt you and will never let you hurt anyone. am here for you just like was from the day we were born.”

She was my twin. She was in every memory had. didn’t know how a life without her looked. couldn’t even imagine it. We shared everything in our lives. She was there for me through everything in my life. We started walking together. We started talking together. We were there for each other through everything and would never allow anything or anyone to change that.

Chapter 187

Furious (Hunter’s POV)

My family was a bit surprised but thrilled that found my mate. could tell that my dad struggled with the idea of Emma’s daughter being my mate, but he was happy for me.

A huge smile spread across my face. I’d never been happier. understood Sophia’s need to take a little bit of time to think everything through, but knew everything would work out.

stood up and walked toward the door. needed to go find her. already missed her. wanted to spend some more time with her and get to know her a bit better. We both wanted to talk to our families, but now that that was done, was more than ready to spend some time with my mate. could maybe even k*iss her again.

‘You have to k*iss her again,’ Holden sighed longingly. chuckled and stepped out into the hallway. assumed that Sophia was in her mom’s office. left her there less than half an hour ago.

had a huge smile as approached Luna Emma’s office. Her scent was strong here and it relaxed me immediately. took a deep breath, enjoying the shivers that went up and down my spine.

was just in front of Alpha Logan’s office when heard something that made me furious.

barely managed to keep Holden from coming out and tearing the whole place down.

“I still think that there is a chance he could be her cursed mate,” a voice

said.

Cursed mate?!

As in not real?! Someone thought that there was another man out there that would try to take her from me?! Cursed like my father was Luna Emma's cursed mate?!

My heart raced and my vision blackened.

No!

F*uck no!

She was mine and was hers! There wasn't anyone else who could claim her. There wasn't another man who could take her from me.

Before even realized what was doing, burst through the door, growling and glaring at everyone inside.

"She. Is. Mine!" exclaimed, emphasizing every word.

They were staring at me wide-eyed. No one spoke a word.

"I am not her cursed mate!" shouted as my body started shaking. "She is mine and won't let you take her away from me!" "Alpha Hunter, no one is trying to take her from you," Luna Emma spoke softly.

didn't believe her.

Did they tell Sophia that could be her cursed mate? Did she think that too? Holden whined. My heart broke. felt like something heavy was sitting on

my chest.

looked around the room for the first time since I barged in. My Angel wasn't here. Where was she?

"Where is she?" I asked as the lump in my throat grew.

I looked back at Luna Emma.

"She is in my office," she said softly. "She is with her brother."

"She is mine," I told her. "This isn't a curse. You broke it. This can't be a curse."

Luna Emma approached me and took my hand in hers. Someone growled quietly.

I felt the anger inside me grow. These people didn't trust me. They would never trust me.

"I am sorry, Alpha Hunter," Luna Emma said softly. "We are all just a little bit shocked and scared."

Why were they scared? I would never hurt Sophia. Goddess, just thinking about hurting her was painful.

"I would never hurt her," I mumbled, trying to swallow the lump in my throat.

I couldn't decide which emotion was dominating. I was both equally angry and sad.

"Maybe you wouldn't, but your father might," someone said, making me look up.

It was Sophia's cousin. He was staring at me with a pissed-off look on his face.

The anger started winning over.

"My father would never hurt her," said, clenching my free fist. "He would never do something like that to me." "Your father almost killed my mom and me!" the man shouted, taking a step closer to me.

saw ftucking red. let Luna Emma's hand go and took a step closer to the man.

"My father changed," growled. "He isn't the same man anymore. He was cursed. He would have never done it if he wasn't." Someone pulled me back. Another man stood between Sophia's cousin and me. The man pushed Sophia's cousin back. "We are not going to do this," a man holding me said sternly.

looked behind me and saw it was Alpha Logan.

He let me go and gave me a stern look.

"I will not allow him to insult my father," said, clenching my fists. "I am sorry, Alpha Hunter, but your father almost killed my mother," the man said, making me look back at him. "I can't have respect for that man. I can't trust him or you."

My heart clenched painfully. Did Sophia feel like that too? Did she also think that my father was a horrible person?

"My dad changed," said. "He turned his life around. He is a good person and a great father. I am so sorry for what happened, but he would never hurt anyone. He would never hurt Sophia."

could see Sophia's cousin's jaw twitching. He clenched his fists and took a deep breath.

"Mason, honey, know that you are worried and scared, but we can't judge Alpha Hunter based on his father's mistakes," a woman said softly.

looked at her and could tell that she was Mason's mother. So she was the woman my father threatened.

"Hunter?" heard my Angel's voice and turned around abruptly.

didn't even hear her approaching the office. was so focused on my anger and pain that didn't even hear my mate coming. Her voice and her presence took every ache away.

rushed toward her, pulling her into my arms. The tingles and sparks made me shiver. Her scent surrounded me and relaxed immediately.

"What happened?" she asked softly as she rubbed my back gently. Her t*ouch was all needed to calm down.

couldn't even answer her. closed my eyes and buried my nose in her hair. took a deep breath and let her scent fill my lungs.

Chapter 188

They Are Happy? (Sophia's POV)

could feel how tense Hunter was. could feel his anger and fear.

"What happened, mom?" asked again when Hunter didn't respond to my question.

He only tightened his arms around me and pressed me closer to his body. "Hunter overheard us talking about the possibility of him being your cursed mate," my mom said, making me tense up.

What?!

Asharp pain in my c*hest made me clench my fists. Why would they talk about that? He wasn't my cursed mate. was sure of it. "Iam not her cursed mate," Hunter said, his voice laced with pain. "She is mine. There isn't anyone else for her."

rubbed his back gently, but he didn't relax, not even a little bit. "You broke the curse mom," said, trying to remain calm.

"did, honey," my mom said. "That's why don't think this is a curse." Hunter raised his head and turned around to look at my mom. His hold on me loosened. took the opportunity to step away from him and look at my family. understood their fear, but was angry at them. They had no right to come between us. They had no right to hurt him like that.

loved them all so much and had to make sure that they knew how much loved them. had to make sure that they knew that I understood their fear and suspicion.

looked at my uncle. loved him so much and knew how much he loved me. He was an amazing person, but everything that had happened to my mom and aunt Daisy made him very suspicious and careful.

knew that out of all my family, he was probably the most worried and the angriest. knew that he would have the hardest time coming to terms with this. He was the only one wanted to reassure right now. Everyone else could wait.

"Uncle Andrew know this is hard for you," said, making him look at me. "I know that all you want to do is protect your family and make sure that we are all safe. can't even imagine how hard it must have been for you to watch someone threaten your mate and your sister."

stopped to take a deep breath. Just thinking about someone hurting Lex...

couldn't even think about that. Just the thought of it made me want to scream and unleash the darkness inside of me. forced myself to focus and finish what wanted to say.

"But that someone wasn't Hunter," continued. "I love you, uncle Andrew, and will never stop loving you, no matter what decision make."

His jaw tightened. He looked from me to Hunter.

"But I have to be the one who makes the decision," said as I looked at the rest of my family. "None of you have the right to do it for me. Even if he was my cursed mate, it is my right to choose if I want to accept him or not."

Hunter growled quietly. He took my hand in his and pulled me closer to him. My mom and dad were watching me with small smiles on their faces. I am proud of you, princess. My dad mind-linked me.

I didn't respond. I looked at the rest of my family. My aunt was smiling at me and my uncle was looking at me with a worried expression on his face. Mason looked pissed off. Mike kept glancing at Mason with a worried look on his face. Uncle Jake was looking at Hunter, but I couldn't tell what he was thinking.

"You are right, honey," my uncle spoke after a few moments of silence. "You have to be the one who makes this decision. You are a smart girl and we all trust you to decide what is best for you."

I gave him a small smile.

I love you so much, honey. My uncle mind-linked me. I am so sorry. I know that Hunter isn't his father, but I am so scared. If something happens to you...

I watched him close his eyes and take a deep breath.

Nothing will happen, uncle Andrew. I mind-linked him back. I will be okay.

He opened his eyes and looked at me. He gave me a small smile and took aunt Daisy's hand in his.

"I talked to my parents," Hunter said, making us all look at him.

The tension in the room increased.

"What did they say?" I asked him, trying to stop my voice from trembling.

Were they angry? Did they tell him to reject me?

Hunter looked down at me and smiled. "They were a bit surprised, but they are so happy that found you." My eyes widened a little. They were happy?

"Of course they are happy," Mason scoffed. "Your father will get his revenge through Sophie."

looked at Mason with a shocked expression on my face. Hunter and Lex growled. Our parents and Jake gave him a disapproving look.

Hunter tensed up. I could tell that he wanted to say something, but Lex interrupted him.

"Can I talk to you outside, Mason?" Lex said angrily.

Mason looked at him and narrowed his eyes. Lex was standing behind me, so I could see his face, but a few seconds later Mason moved and walked out of my dad's office. I heard the door close and took a deep breath. "I am sorry, Alpha Hunter," my aunt said. "Mason is very protective of Sophia and he sometimes has trouble controlling his temper."

"I understand," Hunter said, but I could tell by the tone of his voice that he was pissed off.

I squeezed his hand, making him look down at me. The angry look in his eyes disappeared immediately.

"How about we go back downstairs, Alpha Hunter?" my father said. "The other Alphas are probably wondering where we are." Hunter looked up at my dad and nodded.

I wished that he didn't have to go, but I needed some time to myself. I needed to think. Most importantly, I needed to talk to Anna as soon as possible. It was harder and harder for me to control the darkness, especially now that my emotions were a mess. I needed her to help me. I needed to be sure that I would never hurt anyone. I needed to be sure that I wouldn't put Hunter in danger by accepting him as my mate.

Anna (Sophia's POV)

was pacing around my little office nervously.

My parents, my aunt and uncle, and Hunter went to the Alpha gathering. They were gone for a while and they needed to go back. Mike was probably home or downstairs. He was excited to participate this year. I had no idea where Lex and Mason were, but the important thing was that they weren't there and could use this opportunity to talk to Anna.

I asked Seth, one of the warriors in the packhouse, to go get her. I didn't want my family to see me walk around the packhouse. They would ask questions and I wasn't ready to talk about it with them. I didn't want to worry them. I had to find a way to deal with my magic before I told anyone. My office door opened and Anna walked inside with a worried look on her face.

"Is it true?" she asked as soon as she closed the door. "You found your mate?" I took a deep breath and nodded. I didn't even know how she found out, but I didn't care about that. A huge smile spread across Anna's face.

"That's amazing, sweetie!" she said as she approached me and pulled me into a hug. "Who is he? What did your dad say? What did Alex say? Did they scare the crap out of him?"

Anna let me go and chuckled. She kept her hands on my shoulders, smiling softly at me.

"He is Alpha Nathan's son," I mumbled, making her eyes widen.

"What?" she mumbled as her hold on me tightened.

"He is Alpha Nathan's son," I repeated quietly.

She studied my face for a few seconds.

"Wow, the Goddess has a crappy sense of humor," Anna mumbled as she let me go.

sighed and gave her a small nod.

"What did your family say?" Anna asked.

"They weren't thrilled," sighed.

Anna studied my face for a second. "What did Alpha Hunter say?"

A small smile spread across my face. I remembered how it felt when he first touched me.

"I can tell by the look on your face that, unlike your family, he was thrilled," Anna said, chuckling.

"He was," I said. "He said that his family is happy too."

Anna's eyebrows furrowed. "What are you going to do?"

I took a deep breath and released it slowly. I stepped away from her and started pacing around the office again. "I don't know, Anna," I mumbled. "I want to accept him, but I am aware of everything that happened between our families." "That's not an issue, Sophia," Anna said. "Your families will have to suck it

up and move on from what happened."

She wasn't wrong. I knew that my family would never stop loving me and supporting me. I didn't know much about Hunter's family, but I had a feeling that they would support him too. We would find a way to get past everything that had happened. It wouldn't be easy, but we would find a way. But that wasn't the biggest issue I was facing. That didn't worry me as much as my magic did. I felt it grow stronger. I felt it consuming me. "Don't worry about that, Sophie," Anna said softly. "Your family will support you."

took a deep breath and released it slowly. “know,” mumbled. “I know how hard this is for them, but am sure that everything will be okay.” “Why are you so worried then?” Anna asked, making me look at her.

My heartbeat raced. felt shivers run down my spine. It made me uncomfortable. It made me even more nervous than already was.

“It’s my magic, Anna,” said quietly. “It’s getting harder and harder to control it.”

Anna’s eyes widened. She furrowed her eyebrows. could tell that her breathing picked up. “What are you talking about, Sophia?” she asked quietly.

started pacing around my office again. clenched my fists and took a deep breath.

“can feel the darkness pressing to be released,” explained. “It started a few days ago, but it intensified when saw Hunter for the first time today.

It's like the emotion of seeing my mate for the first time made it worse.”

didn’t want to admit that to myself, but it was the truth. It felt like my insides were shaking. felt like had to keep my muscles clenched at all times just to be sure the darkness won’t come out. had bad days before, but it was never like this.

“Oh, Goddess,” Anna mumbled.

“I am afraid, Anna,” sighed. “What if can’t control it? What if hurt my mate? can’t accept him if am a danger to him and his pack.”

Stella whined. felt a lump in my throat. Just thinking about rejecting him hurt like hell. Just thinking about rejecting him made me want to cry. But would do it if it meant that he would be safe. would never be able to forgive myself for hurting him or his pack.

was dangerous. What happened between our families wasn't the only issue here.

"You are not a danger, Sophia," Anna said, making me look at her. "We will find a way to stop the darkness. will find a spell or a potion. will start immediately."

"What if it doesn't work, Anna?" asked, my voice trembling. stopped by the window and looked at our backyard. My eyes found my mate immediately. My heart fluttered. My body shivered. He was so handsome and wanted him so much.

looked away from him. couldn't accept him until found a way to control this darkness that was making it hard for me to breathe.

looked at my mom and dad who were talking with Drake and Amy. They must have arrived recently. saw them glancing at Hunter. My parents must have told them what had happened.

"It will work, Sophie," Anna said softly. "We always found a way. We will find a way this time as well." My office door opened, making me turn around. Lex walked inside with a worried look on his face. He sighed in relief when he saw me.

"Why are you up here?" he said, glancing at Anna. "What happened?" "I just wanted to talk to Anna about my magic," said quietly

Lex looked at Anna and clenched his fists. saw him take a deep breath. "Can she share it with me?" he asked her, making me gasp.

"Lex, no!" said immediately. "I already told you that won't do that!" Anna looked from Lex to me with a confused expression on her face. "You think that she could share her darkness with you?" Anna mumbled quietly.

"Yes," Lex nodded, ignoring me completely. "I want to make it easier on her." "Lex...", wanted to argue, but Anna interrupted me. "It could work," she said, glancing at me.

No. wouldn't do that. wouldn't put my brother in danger. There was no way that would be giving him any of my darkness. There had to be another way to contain it.

Chapter 190

In Love (Hunter's POV)

I needed to see her.

The first day of the Alpha gathering was too f*ucking long and too f*ucking boring. couldn't stop thinking about her. kept thinking about k*issing her again. kept thinking about holding her in my arms again. couldn't focus on any conversation had with other Alphas and was sure that they thought was a complete idiot. felt like a lost puppy the entire day. just wanted to see her again.

was so f*ucking in love with that girl.

Now that was in my room, lying on the bed, and staring at the ceiling, the need to see her only grew. felt deprived without her. couldn't breathe normally. My heart wasn't beating as it should. Everything just felt wrong.

needed to see her. couldn't wait until tomorrow. It wouldn't be able to go that long without her sweet scent. wouldn't be able to go that long without touching her soft skin.

knew that she lived close to the packhouse, but also knew that she had a small office here. wasn't sure if she was still here and had no idea where her office was, but would find it. would ask someone. didn't give a

f'uck. needed her.

stood up and rushed out of my room. The need for her grew with every heartbeat. could feel it pulsating inside my body. Iran into one of Alpha Logan's warriors. He eyed me up and down and bowed his head a little.

"I need to see Miss Sophia," said politely. "Can you tell me where her

Office is?"

The warrior eyed me suspiciously. I was grateful that he was careful not to let anyone close to my mate, but I didn't have time for this. I needed to see her. It was getting harder and harder for me to remain calm.

"I am her mate," I said, trying to keep the nervousness out of my voice. "I need to talk to her."

I could tell that he mind-linked someone and I was hoping it was Sophia. I wasn't sure if her father would allow me to see her without anyone present. "Please follow me, Alpha," the warrior said after a few moments.

I sighed in relief and rushed after him. I wasn't even paying attention to where I was going. All I could think about was seeing her. All I could think about were her soft lips pressed against mine.

Holden growled lustfully. I ignored him. I couldn't control my own needs, and I most certainly couldn't focus on controlling his needs as well.

Her scent got stronger and I took a deep breath, letting it fill my lungs. I shivered and the need for her exploded. I rushed past the warrior, making him grab my arm.

I had to stop myself from growling.

"Alpha...", he spoke, but I interrupted him.

"I know where the office is," I said. "Thank you."

I knew exactly where her scent was coming from. I could feel her presence behind the last door to my right. I pulled my arm out of the warrior's grasp and rushed toward her office. I couldn't wait any longer. Despite my impatience, I knocked and waited.

"Come in," she said softly, making my heart skip a beat.

opened the door and sighed in relief.

There she was. My beautiful, little Angel.

"Sophia," mumbled as closed the door behind me.

She gulped and saw her shiver.

closed the distance between us. She stood up and pulled her into my

arms.

The feeling of her body pressed against mine sent my mind into ecstasy. The bond was f*ucking amazing and couldn't believe that this perfect woman was mine.

"missed you," mumbled as buried my nose in her hair. "I missed you so f*ucking much."

took a deep breath and released it slowly. She shivered when my breath touched her skin. ran my hand up and down her back, wishing that could just rip the shirt off her body and feel her soft skin under my f*ingertips. She pressed herself closer to me, making me smile. She wanted me as much as wanted her.

looked down at the desk and saw a bunch of hand-written books. couldn't tell what was written.

"What are you doing with all of these books, Angel?" asked as placed a small k*iss on the top of her head. She looked up at me. lifted my hand and caressed her soft cheek. just

couldn't resist. was just about to bend down to k*iss her, but she started talking.

"You know that have magic, right?" she asked me quietly.

nodded. "I know. Why?"

She took a deep breath and stepped away from me. felt empty and cold without her in my arms.

"Sophia?" called her, narrowing my eyes.

Why did she step away from me?

"My magic is unpredictable, Hunter," she mumbled, looking down at the books on her desk. "It's dangerous." My heart raced. What was she trying to say?

"I'm having trouble controlling the darkness inside me," she continued, her voice laced with worry and fear. " am a danger to you and your pack."

What the f*uck was she trying to say?!

didn't f*ucking understand. Was she trying to reject me? No! Over my dead f*ucking body!

was just about to grab her when she started pacing around the room. "I can't hurt you, Hunter," she said, her voice trembling. "I would never forgive myself if hurt someone in your pack. would never..."

stopped her rambling by approaching her and pressing her against the

wall. placed my hands on the wall, caging her in. bent down to look at her beautiful face. My heart was going a mile a minute. wasn't going to let her leave me.

She looked into my eyes for the first time since walked into her office. shivered and gulped.

“What the f*uck are you saying, Sophia?” mumbled. “You are not leaving me. You are not rejecting me. am not scared of your magic. You are not dangerous. You will not hurt anyone.”

She glanced down at my l*ips, making all the blood in my body rush down to my d’ick.

F*uck.

“Hunter, I...” she mumbled, but couldn’t hold back anymore.

pressed my l*ips against hers, using my tongue to part them open. Her taste invaded my senses and was in f*ucking heaven. She wasn’t leaving me. wasn’t going to let that happen. She was f*ucking

mine, and would never let her go.