

170 ANGRY WOLVES

Uther was standing on his feet; his hand had slammed down hard on the table as he breathed hard and began to growl. 1

"Is it true that you let in the child of Bale?" Uther demanded. 2

"Where did you hear this from, Uncle?" Xaden asked as he sipped his goblet.

"Whispers." Uther's said. "I can hear the wolves whispering and saying that Bale's bloodline is present in this pack. I had heard the rumors, and I had dismissed it to be all false."

Jasmine's heart was beating as she hurriedly cleaned up the place where the wine had been poured.

"I remind you that you do not need to do this," Lily said to her.

Jasmine, still jealous of this woman, felt ashamed that she was nothing like her.

That this woman was the supposed mate of Xaden.

This woman was not a tainted blood like her and had just been announced as his future Luna. 1

Also, for the fact that his uncle had just risen in



rage at the demand that Xaden had kept a child of Bale.

She felt her heart beating.

The sweat beads poured down from her forehead.

"She is right, Jasmine," Aurora said. "You do not need to clean her."

Aurora rolled her eyes at Lily, even though Lily did not take note of it.

Meanwhile, the tensions on the table remained.

"This is hardly the place or the time to talk

About this uncle." Xaden tried to calm him down. 1

Uther banged the table, and everything clanked hard.

"I demand an answer!" Uther said. "You shall not teach me or regard me as a child! I may not have been in this pack in many years, nor have I been here to rebuild it, but that does not mean that I will stand and watch it being desecrated."

Xaden sighed. "What you heard is true."

There was further uproar and murmurs of anger from the crowd.

Although it was strictly from the men who had come along with Uther.



They all rose to their feet, and their eyes were bewildered by its wolf energy.

They turned colors, began to frivolously foam by their mouth, and growl in hostility.

They were angered, ready to change by all means.

"This is a great sin," Uther said, his eyes now a blazing red. You shall hand this bloodline of Bale over to me."

Xaden was now up on his feet. "That would not be necessary."

"It was not a request," Uther said, his jade eye glimmering in rage. It was an order. Your parents would be disgusted by what you have done!"

At that moment, one of the wolves spat.

Indicating their disgust and their Distrust in him. 1

"Hand over this child of Bale," Uther said.

"Whoever he is, and we shall forget all that has happened. We shall forget that you committed a great sin, and we will return to our merriment."

"I am afraid I have to decline." He said. "I do not want to have Bale's bloodline here, but my intentions bode well."

Jasmine felt the sting in her heart.

"Is the child of Bale bound by the power of the



accord?" Uther asked. "The last I heard, accord only covers the Alpha and Luna, not their offspring."

Xaden remained firm. "No, it does not. The child of Bale was my own decision."

Uther's face was a mask of thunder. "Hand me over this child of our enemy! Bloodline of the one who murdered your mother, your father, your sister, and your entire pack! Hand him over to me!"

Xaden did not budge.

"If you do not hand him over to me to beheaded, then I shall refuse my offer of your mate, and I shall disown you," Uther said. "I shall swear on my wolf and go to war against you!" The 2

Jasmine's heart was racing.

Xaden was not even looking at her.

She knew that he was going to give her up. 1

This was his family, for crying out loud. The only family he had

Why would he want to betray them over her? 2

Especially after she was who she was.

She was about to face death, and she knew it.

This was indeed to be her end.



Aurora, on her own hand, was weighing in her mind which was better.

She hated Jasmine and wanted her gone, more than Belle in fact and this could have not come at any much better time.

But the thing was, Lily was now Xaden's supposed mate.

That meant that despite Jasmine's bond with Xaden, Lily had the upper hand.

Lily would always have the upper hand because she was his true mate.

She would rather have Lily gone than let Jasmine die and face a more significant obstruction.

So Aurora sat this one out.

She said nothing neither did she give away the fact that Jasmine was right there.

Before Xaden could decline, Jasmine's hand shook, and she mistakenly cut her finger with the edge of the wine jar she had been holding.

"Ouch." She said in surprise. 2

It was but a drop of blood.

At that moment, Uther and all his men howled and growled, and their eyes turned to face her.

"A woman from Bale's bloodline!" Uther

screached once they had smelled her blood. 3

She backed away in fear as all eyes went on her.

Even Lily turned back to look at her.

Everyone was looking at her.

"We shall bed her before we kill her!" One of the wolves said. 2

"She shall pay for the sins of her father!" Another screached.

Uther's teeth began to grow to his wolf teeth.

"What insult!" He snapped. "You dare bring such a monster to our midst! Despite what its bloodline has done."

Jasmine began to move back to the wall.

Her newfound friend Fiona just looked at her in shock.

The goblet she had been holding had toppled to the ground at the mention of her true bloodline.

She knew it.

She knew that Fiona would never want to speak to her if she knew now who she truly was.

Jasmine felt her body shiver as they progressed towards her. 2

They were snapping at her.



She had no one to come to her defense.

She hit the wall as they all came towards her.

She had heard the awful things male wolves did to their enemies.

Worse women.

She had witnessed the things her father had done to slaves he had won from conquests.

She knew that she was about to suffer the same fate.

No one came to her aid.

Fiona just stood transfixed in shock.

Then, she saw that one of the men had turned to their proper wolf form.

He jumped on her, and then she closed her eyes, waiting for the impact.

But it never came.

Instead, she heard a whimper like a little puppy crying and a loud thud.

She felt a dark shadow over her and then raised her hand away to see who it was.

It was Xaden.

She had not seen when he did it, but he had come to her very front and raised and blocked the wolf from hitting her.



He flung the wolf to the floor, and it landed like a rag doll.

She gasped.

Unable to believe what he had just done.

Fighting his own bloodline because of her! 2

Uther and the other wolves looked at him in shock.

"You just attacked your kin!" Uther said.

It was surprising because Xaden's kin no longer existed.

The wolves that Uther had come with belonged to the original pack.

"And I would do it again," Xaden said, his eyes glowing.

"For a tainted blood! For someone who is of the bloodline of those who killed your own!" Uther said in disbelief.

Xaden stood upright like the true Alpha he was, and then he used his hand to protect Jasmine from behind.

"I have made a law in this pack," Xaden said.

"Jasmine belongs to me. You shall not harm her. No one shall touch her."

Uther was baffled in horror. Astonished.



Even Lily was now looking at him in shock.

Uther tried to speak again. "Your parents will be-

"I AM YOUR ALPHA!" Xaden demanded.

The entire hall went hush.

It was like a spell had been cast on all of them.

He breathed, and then they became subdued.

"YOU WILL NOT DEFY ME!" He snapped.

Everyone, except for Jasmine, was compelled to obey him.

Those who had converted to their wolf forms began to whimper and cry as if the power of his voice had brought them pain.

Even Uther had become subdued.

His eyes were no longer red, and his teeth returned to their human.

"NO ONE SHALL TOUCH WHAT BELONGS TO ME!" 7

