

## Chapter 70

I was hoping to talk to her after dinner tonight, but I don't think me or my wolf could handle it. We have so many questions, but our emotions are too high and I don't think we would be able to ask them in a way that would actually get us answers. So I let Bennet stick to her the way he has been since she arrived in our pack, and I stay just out of her sight. Danny has also kept close to her, but he thankfully caught on to my mood and hasn't tried to bait me into approaching or talking to her. Josh seems to think I need a babysitter and hasn't left my side all night. I do relax a little as I watch Kennedy say goodnight to everyone and then head upstairs with only Bennet in tow.

"Let me know if anything happens. I still don't understand what had her screaming last night." I link Bennet, who has been harboring a low level of annoyance with me all day. It makes sense, he's loyal to his Luna and his Luna is currently pissed at me and the world at large.

"Yep." Is all I get at first. "You going to keep avoiding her, or are you going to grow a set and actually talk to your mate sometime this century?"

"First of all, f\*ck you! Who do you think you are talking to? You may be my friend, but I am still your Alpha."

"Then act like it. She is miserable and doing an amazing f\*cking job of hiding it. It would probably help if her mate was the one comforting her, not her gamma."

"I saw you comfort her. Keep your damn hands to yourself. I can't help it if she has to get past the fact that Jeremiah is mated to someone else and she has to move on. She's done a great job pretending to not be in love with him though. I give her acting skills an A+."

"You deserve all her wrath if that's what you think is going on. Dumbass. What's the plan, in case she decides to talk to me and asks? You going to just steal her away from her friends and family, or are you going to give her an hour to pack up and say goodbye?"

"Watch the tone. I was hoping to talk to her in private tomorrow. Claude is still a threat and I don't think he's the only one. She's too fragile to be left alone, but I don't know if it would be safer to leave her here or take her home. We'll talk in the morning. I will find a way to get her alone." We are just going to skip over the absolute disrespect he threw at me. As long as he's doing his job I can put up with her attitude clearly rubbing off on him. Her mood is going to affect his, but I didn't think the effect would be this strong so soon and from someone without a wolf.

"Yeah, good luck with that." He scoffs. What the hell is happening? We have been friends forever, but he has never talked back to me when it's serious.

I didn't stick around the party for long after she left. I tried to dance and talk with my sister, but all she wanted to do was talk about Kennedy and that topic was not open for discussion, which obviously made her mad at me too. Naturally, she's excited to gain Kennedy as a sister in more ways than through Jeremiah. The last thing I wanted to do was be in or cause a fight on the day of her Luna ceremony so I said my goodnights and went up to my room where I could at least calm my wolf by being in proximity to Kennedy.

When I got to the top of the stairs I found Bennet sitting in a chair just outside her door playing a game on his phone. He was still in his suit from the ceremony. He hasn't left her side for a minute. And I kind of feel bad about putting him in this position, but it is his job to protect her at all costs.

