## Chapter 0359

We are grappling on the ground now. I still have a firm grip on her wrists, but she is flexible and keeps trying to flip me over onto my back. There are chunks of mud and forest floor flying around us. I keep blinking to keep it out of my eyes, but I can taste it on my tongue. He head whipping back and forth and her legs kicking at my back as I sit across her stomach.

"You don't know what you're talking about. No one denies an Alpha when they choose you. He chose me, wanted me to be his mate." She spits at me.

"Then why did he never mark you?" I honestly wasn't trying to be mean, but that makes no sense. No chosen mate would wait to be marked. She's delusional if she thinks it is going to happen now. "How long was he promising to do it and didn't. Your Alpha played you, not me." I huff against her as she pulls her wrists free and pushes me off of her. I hit my side, but scramble up quickly.

"Two years of work. Two years of commitment. I did everything he's ever asked me to and all you had to do was bat your virgin eyes at him. All these assholes talk and it got back to him exactly how innocent you are. He's going to take you and break you and then throw you away like the rest."

She's still throwing lazy punches. She has no idea what she is doing. She never trained to be a Luna, if this is how she fights.

"So you are telling me." I finally land a solid punch to her cheek and she falls. "That in two years, he has cheated on you and you stayed committed hoping you would change him, that getting his mark would make you better than everyone. But it never did, did it? No one took you seriously, no one listened to you, everyone saw you for the joke that he made you and your true mate bond. You make me sick, both of you do and I don't even know who 'he' is."

She's starting to wobble, but her fury is keeping her upright and fighting.

"Of course you know, you've been planning this from the moment you got here. And I am not a JOKE!!" She screams as she lunges at me.

I don't even think, I just react. Her lunge is clumsy but forceful and I reach around her, almost in slow motion, grab the nap of her neck with one hand and use the other to propel her naked ass into the trunk of a massive tree face first with all of my strength. She collides with a sickening crunch and then collapses with no other sounds.

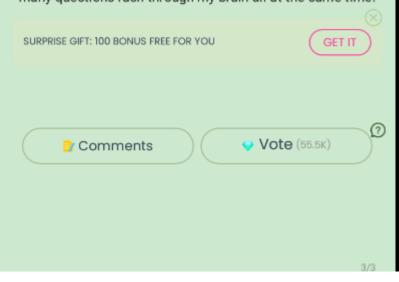
I get two breaths in and then I hear it. The painful wail of a heartbreaking howl. I know it came from Tyler, feeling her die. I can't breathe...I killed someone...I took a life. She



would have killed me, the logical part of my brain which is probably my wolf, tells me. But, I took someone's life. That isn't my decision to make. My shallow breathing is making my vision go blurry at the edges. I need to get control, now! I close my eyes and breath deep into my lungs then let it out slowly.

"Well, that was entertaining. I thought she might challenge you after our little tryst earlier, but I wasn't sure what the outcome would be. You truly are the best choice as my Luna. I'm so glad you fought so hard for me." A very familiar, silky deep voice sounds behind me. It has never been this confident before though. Usually joking or energetic, but this version is calculating and cruel. Chills run over my whole body.

I turn slowly and so many things click into place and so many questions rush through my brain all at the same time.



## Chapter 0360

Mike. Mike is the Alpha of this rogue pack. Does that mean he is this Rogue King that everyone is talking about? The happy go lucky goofball that just follows his friends around, this is their leader? I never saw that coming. There are even a few guys I'm not super familiar with that I would have pegged as the leader over him. He's not a small guy, but he doesn't come across as a fighter. Maybe like people do to me I underestimated his abilities.

"I know that you want me. I see the way you look at me, you can't help it or deny it." He says in a smooth voice.

"What are you talking about?" I whisper, so confused about who is standing in front of me right now.

"So shy and innocent. I knew there was a fighter in there somewhere, it just needed the right motivation to come out. I'm glad to know I am that reason for you. That you will defend your connection to me to the last."

This boy has lost his ever loving mind. Is he really this self absorbed that he can turn Janice's jealousy into me fighting her for him? No one is that crazy right?

"You were not a reason for anything that I did here. I didn't even know it was you she was talking about."

"Don't play coy with me, you already have my attention, you

don't need to play hard to get. I know you could sense my power and you were drawn to me."

"No, I can't honestly say that is true in any way. I'm not drawn to anyone, least of all you." I should really stop talking, but I can't seem to help myself. Maybe the shock is getting to me, but he might kill me just for insulting him, based on the look that briefly flashed across his face. Before I can get too far into that thought process though a loud growl and snarl come from my left and a large gray and white patched wolf comes barreling towards us.

I jump out of the way ready to shift, my brain fog gone in a flash, ready to fight my next attacker if needed. But the wolf heads straight for Mike and stops right in front of him.

The loud sounds of popping and snapping draw my attention, but I keep Mike in my line of sight not trusting him in any way, stepping away from both of them slowly.

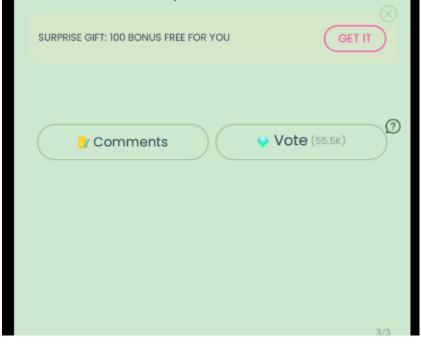
"WHY?!? Why did you do it?" Tyler roared at Mike. "You killed her?!" It was both an accusation and a question. "You chose her, took her from me, why would you kill her? You could have just given her back to me."

"I didn't kill her, friend. I never actually would have killed her. She was easy and fun to have around. Always willing to show me how devoted and dedicated she was to me." Mike closed his eyes and licked his lips. Gross. "Even after I chose my Luna I would have kept her around for variety. And she would have stayed too. She never would have



gone back to you, she always had the choice." His eyes were now challenging and calculating, but I don't know if it was directed at Tyler or me. He's a snake and knows how to use his words, that is how he's gotten this far. "Your new little toy here was jealous and wanted me all to herself, apparently she doesn't like to share. She's the one who killed your mate."

Tyler turned to me menacingly. The man I knew was gone. His wolf is feral with grief and Tyler no longer has control. He starts to stalk towards me slowly, hesitating, like he's having a fight with himself. Maybe he is. His human side who knows me and knows I wouldn't just kill his mate for no reason versus the wolf part that can't live without his mate.



## Chapter 0361

"What the f\*ck?! You are crazy! She attacked me and you know it." I point at Mike, but don't take my eyes off Tyler. "
Tyler, you know I wouldn't kill someone out of spite. I didn't even know she was your mate or the crazy b\*tch that left you for this tool." I'm pissed, because I see what Mike is doing now. He is tying up loose ends and Tyler is a loose end now that he is mateless and out of control. He's no longer a good soldier.

I have to divide my attention between the two of them. One is taunting to see who will come out the victor and one is so out of control that he will kill me or I will kill him and either way it will break one of us in the end.

Where is everyone? Osiston and Nickolas and the rest of the team shouldn't have been that far from me. The thought flits through my mind as Tyler growls again and takes more controlled faster steps towards me. His wolf is winning.

"You know Tyler isn't there anymore. Losing a mate is hard enough, but most males lose their humanity without their other half. He will destroy you and I would hate to see that. You really should defend yourself, Love. I would really hate to have to start my search over. It took me a long time to find you and you are the strongest I have seen, the first to beat Janice and she took on many worthy candidates."

"You used her to vet potential Lunas? You are crazy!" I keep moving back, keeping distance between Tyler and I. I am trying to mindlink my team, but my head hurts and it feels like there is a weight on my brain.

"Oh, you can stop trying to talk to your sister and your uncle and whoever else was following you. They can't help you here." I stop short. How did he know I had people following me?

"Bring her back to me." Tyler growls out.

I look back at him. "You know I can't do that, no one can. I'm sorry, Tyler. I didn't mean to hurt her. I didn't know." Tears are falling from my eyes, but I don't move to wipe them. I have to be ready. Mike will give some kind of signal and he will attack me.

"You can. You're the Luna now, you can bring her back. Let him mark you and gain your full strength and bring her back with your powers."

"I am no one's Luna and even if I was they don't have that kind of power. I don't know what Mike has told you but he is lying to you."

"You are the next Luna Queen. You have been chosen. The current Alpha King will soon fall. He won't get away with letting his people suffer. There are more people in the Royal line that are better for the job, he has gotten lazy and arrogant. The Luna Queen has the power of the Moon



Goddess. Bring. Her. Back!!" I can see Mike's eyes light up at the idea that Tyler will beat me or make me submit. He is cruel and has brain washed these people into believing he is right and they have suffered at the hands of Alpha Reggie.

I'm going to try and stick with logic for now. "I have no idea what you are talking about. The next Luna Queen hasn't been found yet and even if it was me, which it's not, they communicate with and talk to the Moon Goddess. That's all. There are no other secret, hidden, special powers. Mike is lying to you. He's not even the next Alpha King. And from what I can see he's a coward, hiding behind others so he doesn't have to do any real work. He is no true leader."

