Pain in the Night

Chapter 2

Bree's POV

I had gotten into my warm bubble bath to relax, and I nally did. I was able to lay in my favorite honeysuckle scented bath, and I drifted off to sleep. I woke up in a great deal of pain in my abdomen and it was taking my breath away. I remember sitting up quickly and water sloshing out of my tub and getting on my oor how I was awakened, and I screamed out in shock. I was alone and I couldn't imagine why I was in this kind of pain. Then I remembered that I met my mate, and he had another, a chosen one, and they must be having s*x.

I tried to get out of the tub, but I cannot as the pain is too overwhelming, and I cried out again in pain. Goddess, please stop this. I will have to investigate medication to help me with dealing with it, but it isn't as if I can prepare for it, I already know that I am out of luck on anything to take this pain away from me. Jade had to get used to it, and I guess I will have to learn to endure it too.

I twist my body and try to get to the top of my tub. I tried to slide up and over the side of it, and I am now cursing the high walls of my stupid soaker tub. I feel the pain ramping up and getting worse in my abdomen, and I feel a tugging on the n****e on my right breast and then my mouth is aching as I know he moved from her breast to her mouth. I feel pain for another minute in my abdomen before it is thankfully over. I lay against the side of my tub, resting and waiting until I have the strength to stand up.

I cross the bathroom and grab a towel to dry my body off and then get two more towels out of my hamper to clean up all the water spilled across the oor. I put all the dirty towels away again and glance at my face in the mirror. I look a mess because apparently, I was crying over the pain, I hadn't taken my makeup off yet, so my face looks terrible because of the makeup running. I get my wipes out and start cleaning my face-off, with new tears springing up. I must get out of this bond. I cannot live like this, for months, or years on end having to deal with my mate sleeping with another woman. I don't know-how in the world Jade was able to stand it. Maybe she got a little help from her wolf lvory.

My wolf Nala is a black wolf, and she is beautiful. I hear her tell me, "Bree, we are strong. We will get through this. I felt his wolf, Roan, and he wants us, but he said that your mate made a deal and that the human is his Luna."

"Why doesn't he want us Nala?" I linked her back.

"I don't know right now, he didn't say, but I am sure it is because of his human side. Roan was very direct in saying that he wanted us both very much. His human side is strong, and he isn't letting him contact us. But we will not out, one way or another, exactly what is going on. You never know, he could be spending the night here after the wedding. We may see him in the morning, and he may accept us." Nala links me back and I nod, hoping that she is right.

I go and lay down in my bed. I cannot sleep, my mind won't stop trying to gure out why my mate doesn't want me. I looked great at the wedding, and I wondered if he already knew who I was to him? If he sensed me at the wedding, coming up the aisle, but I can't remember smelling his scent. Maybe he came after the wedding, just for the celebration? If he is friends with Asher and was doing like Asher used to, that could explain the human with him, but he should have sent her home, and been with me. How can he treat me like this, especially if he is friends with Asher? Maybe he isn't aware that I am Asher's sister. It would be like slapping Asher, and basically the Stone Moon pack in the face by ignoring me or rejecting me. I can tell that he is older than Asher, but he seems like he is in his early to mid-twenties. I was designed to be his mate and there should be no reason at all for me to be replaced by a human, I have been trained to run the pack, by my mother. I was designed by the Goddess for him, there would be no one better for him, than me. I was created to be his perfect mate.

Is he planning to reject me in front of everyone tomorrow? That would be so embarrassing. It is like a slap in the face to be rejected, to not be wanted, and for him to reject his mate. For him to have a human, who is NOT his mate, be his Luna. It is unheard of. I will be bringing shame upon my pack, and myself. Goddess, please don't let him reject me in front of everyone. I feel my face get warm with embarrassment and try to calm down. I need to not overreact; I need to wait and see if he comes to me to explain, to change his mind. Maybe she was his girlfriend and he needed to break it to her gently.

"Right, Bree, he needed to break it to her gently, that is why he is sleeping with her, and

causing you to feel the pain of his betrayal. He knew it would cause us pain, and he did it anyway. We need to reject him when we see him. There is NO excuse that he could have, to account for the way he has treated us. I took some of the pain off you, or you would have passed out from the pain of it. I do not need to continue to allow us to feel the pain. Roan wants us, his asshole human doesn't, I can feel it. I know it will hurt us, but you must reject him if he doesn't reject you tomorrow. I have a bad feeling about him, as he is strong to overcome the mate bond and keep his wolf in the dark about what is going on. He is capable of great deception, I can feel it, and we need to break this bond. We cannot stay tethered to him" Nala linked me, and I know that she is right.

Our wolf halves feel the pull even more than our human side does. For Nala to be telling me to break the bond, she must sense something, or got warned by Roan. I will do as she asks, and I will speak to my parents about it rst thing in the morning, and make sure that is what I need to do. I feel the tears sliding down the side of my face and I curl up into a ball on my side when I go lay down on my bed. and wonder if I will have the strength to reject him. Nala seems positive that we need to, but my heart is saying to give him another chance, that he might have a valid reason for his actions.

Jade gave Asher a few chances, and it ended up working out for them. If I can be with my mate, which is what I want to do. I really feel like he may just have committed himself to her in error, and just needs time to straighten it out. I don't want her to suffer, but I am his mate, and I belong with and to him. I was meant to be his Luna and run his pack, no one will be able to love him like I will or be as effective a Luna as I would. I can allow him another chance or two, it is the least that I can do. He must have some feelings for me, we are true mates, and the Goddess assigned us to each other. He will be strongest, by being with me too. I will just have to remind him of that, he just needs to be reminded is all.

I fall back into a restless sleep around 3 am as my mind wouldn't shut off, and kept coming up with excuses for him, repeatedly before I fell asleep. I get up at 645 when my alarm sounds, and I feel like I had gotten no sleep at all. My face is puffy with my crying, and I looked drained when I wash my face and look in the mirror. I don't think I have ever seen myself look so bad before.

I get dressed and head downstairs to nd my parents. I see Dixon rst, and I know I look bad as he does a complete double-take and then comes over to hug me. I rest against him, and I am so thankful that I have such a great brother. He will be 18 soon and I hope he meets his mate. He will be an awesome mate, and she will be a lucky girl.

I see Mason and Braxton coming, and I hear a growl of warning as I let go of Dixon to greet

them. We all turn around and I see my mate standing there, with an angry look on his face, and keeps looking between me and Dixon. Dixon steps in front of me, to protect me, and my mate growls again. Mason and Braxton step up to make a united front in front of me, and my mates starts growling even louder.

Please Goddess, please let this mean that he wants me. I don't see his date here with him, and I have hope, even though I felt that he slept with her last night. I smack Dixon in the arm and come through the gap between him and Mason and look at my mate.

"Does this mean you are claiming me now, mate?" I asked him in a low tone, as I didn't want everyone in the dining room to hear what we were saying.

The growling stops and he looks at me, "I can't mate or mark you as my Luna. I am sorry. I have made my choice and took a chosen mate already, so I cannot give you the title."

I gasp and take a step back and thankfully Dixon catches me before my legs give out. I need to get out of here. I am not hungry anymore, and I don't want to look at his stupid smug face. He is smiling expectantly at me like he felt like I just needed to fall into his arms. He is mistaken. I won't be falling for him. I see a hand curl over his shoulder and I

see his girlfriend, human, Luna, I don't know what she truly is to him, come to his side and keep her hand on him, holding him to her.

"Is this her?" she asks my mate, and he nods in agreement.