

Chapter 103 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

"Looking smart Alpha" I hear Laurence say as I step out of the bathroom I was using to ready myself in. Attaching my cufflinks I have a quick check in the mirror and nod to myself. Dressed in a smart black suit with a green tie I assume matches Novas dress I admit I look good. Running a hand through my hair I style it into a perfect messy styled look I know Nova is into rather than a slicked back gelled look.

"Thanks Laurence" I say slapping his shoulder as I go to pour us a glass of whiskey. Holding them up we toast "to The Midnight Sky Pack."

"Been a long day coming this" Laurence says as we head downstairs. "A ceremony for our true Luna" he explains when I look at him confused.

"The pack seem much more enthusiastic for this ceremony" I chuckle.

"Wonder why" Laurence scoffs. Seeing his eyes glaze over I wait before he turns to me with an excited gaze, "ladies are coming down."

I feel a wash of nerves rush through me before I shake them off. This time is nothing like the ceremony I had to go through before I remind myself as I spin to look up the stairs waiting for my beautiful Luna to arrive. Feeling Zeus excitement increase along with mine I soon forget about my nerves as my mates enticing scent hits my nose.

My ma walks down first along with Mila and Naomi, "you look beautiful" I say to them as they reach the bottom. Seeing my mum's bold look I smirk, "I see what you're doing ma."

"Is it working?" She asks innocently.

"I think it will send just the right message, you are one strong independent woman as they say" I assure her making her grin widely.

"Your Luna looks like something else" she says with a mischievous glint in her eyes.

Seeing my confused expression Mila steps forward, “I don’t think I’ve seen someone so gorgeous before as her” she says seriously. Straightening my tie she smiles at me, “proud of you Jax.”

“Thanks Mila” I murmur before I hear the sound of heels walking to the stairs. Looking up I freeze as my eyes meet Novas.

Trailing my eyes down I take in her dress that hugs her figure perfectly, her legs peaking through as she walks carefully down the stairs showing how toned and shapely they are. Looking back up I see a soft blush staining her cheeks as she sees my reaction.

“Wow” I whisper as she comes to a stop in front of me. Her long lashes flutter as she looks up at my star struck gaze. Staring for a few moments she chuckles nervously.

“Is it ok?” She asks looking down and smoothing the front.

“Nova you look amazing..like a goddess” I say softly making her bite her lip to stop herself from grinning. “I’m pretty speechless” I say with a chuckle.

“Can say that again” Alice comments quietly as she walks pasts.

“You look handsome” Nova says reaching out and playing with my jacket collar. “Although I can’t wait to take this off later” she links me making my breath hitch in anticipation.

“Don’t start now, these trousers make things very obvious” I link her back making her smirk.

Hearing Laurence clear his throat I realise everyone is watching our silent conversation and Nova blushes once again.

“You look stunning Luna” Laurence says kissing her cheeks politely making me growl lightly at him. “Oh jeez Jax, my pregnant mate is right there” he says making everyone chuckle.

“Sorry man” I say scratching my head. “Are you ready my Luna?”

“Yes” she replies confidently making me smile as she takes my arm.

“Nova” I hear Kingsley call before we step outside.

“Dad” she exclaims happily as he comes to stop before us.

“I just wanted to see you before you go up there and say how proud I am of you, and..you look just like your mother” he says with a soft smile as his eyes tear up.

“Oh dad” she whispers as she carefully hugs him. “I’m so happy you’re here.”

“Me too” he whispers. “Right go do your thing you two, I’ll see you after.”

Uttering my thanks we continue out as two pack members open the rear doors to the gardens and I hear Nova gasp in amazement. There are lanterns adorned around the gardens casting a glow on the surrounding flowers, with white, green and gold fabric draped overhead I see lights which I know Nova will think are beautiful as soon as night falls.

We step down together and walk through the pack members as they all murmur between themselves how amazing Nova looks. Smiling proudly as everyone's eyes are trained on my Luna I hold her until we reach the steps up to the temporary stage before I kiss her cheek and walk confidently up to the front to address the crowd.

Once the others have taken their place alongside Nova I hold my hand up to gain everyone's attention and the gardens fall silent.

"Good evening everyone and welcome to our guests that have joined us. Today marks a proud day for the Midnight Sky Pack, our true Lunas ceremony" I say loudly as everybody claps at my words. Walking to the side I watch as Laurence escorts her up the stairs before I take her hand and guide her to the front.

Turning to her with a wide smile as everyone watches eagerly I begin to speak, "Nova Vinrock, by the blessing of the Moon Goddess you were fated to become this pack's Luna. Do you, Nova Vinrock, promise to take on the responsibilities of Luna and make them your own?"

"I do" her voice rings out loud and clear as she maintains my gaze.

"Do you, Nova Vinrock, promise to never betray this pack or its members throughout your time as Luna?"

"I do, until I die" she adds on making my smile grow.

"Do you, Nova Vinrock, promise to watch over this pack and its members and protect whenever necessary?"

"I do" she calls clearly her voice never faltering.

As I move to slip the glove on and take the silver knife I see Nova shake her head slightly and I motion for her to instead knowing she won't be pained. She picks it up gracefully ignoring the loud gasps of those from the crowd at her bare hand touching silver and holds her other hand high before she makes an incision on her palm and lets the blood drop into the chalice I'm holding below. Offering her my hand she repeats the motion allowing mine to drop in also before we clasp our hands together.

"Then repeat after me" I start looking at her eyes once again, "I, Nova Vinrock Luna of the Midnight Sky Pack, vow to protect the pack members with my life, to defend those in need and strengthen everyone. I promise to love and care for the pack members as if they're my own family and I vow to always stand beside them."

Hearing her repeat the words I hold the chalice up as she swiftly drinks without wincing or showing any sign of the blood being an unpleasant taste.

“I never want to do that again” she links me though whilst maintaining a straight face making me laugh loudly.

“You wont” I promise back.

Turning to the pack I bring Nova into my side and stand proud, “our Luna..Luna Nova of the Midnight Sky Pack” I shout proudly as everybody begins to cheer loudly and the pack link begins to flood with congratulations.

“I have a couple more announcements i would like to make before we can begin the celebration. I thought it appropriate to also announce the official appointment of Novas own Beta and Gamma. So please can we welcome Beta Naomi and Gamma Alice to the stage” I shout turning to see their shocked faces.

“What?” Naomi asks in confusion as they reach the stage.

“You may be the mated Beta Female but this way, the both of you are Novas Beta and Gamma. It’s appropriate given what she is..no?” I ask them quietly quirking my brow.

“Oh my goddess” Alice whispers as I help them both up to the front. Nova grasps the knife and continues the ceremony to name her Beta and Gamma as the crowd watches on intrigued. Once done drinking from the chalice both Alice and Naomi gasp as their eyes shine with that of their wolves.

“What’s happening?” Theo asks rushing forward concerned for his pregnant mate as the ladies stay quiet for a moment.

“They are gaining some of Kia’s strength” Nova murmurs not worried at all as everyone looks confused.

“Seriously?” Laurence asks in shock.

“Their aura will be stronger and their sense sharpened” Nova explains quietly as I see Kia is present in her eyes.

“Wow..” Naomi murmurs as they turn their attention to Nova after a moment.

“Beta..Gamma” Nova says bowing her head as they respond whilst the crowd cheers loudly.

Stepping forward I speak once again, “I’m sure many of you understand why we deemed it fit for Nova to have her own appointed officers. For those guests who are slightly confused, I’ll explain throughout the evening. Now..enjoy the celebrations!” Taking Novas hand I kiss her softly before pulling back to see her eyes full of life.

“Our Luna” I whisper before pulling her in for another passionate kiss which she responds to just as passionately.

Second Chance

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Nova POV:

“That was a surprise” Naomi says as we leave the stage.

“It was meant to be” I smirk, “but you both deserve it and it just makes sense doesn’t it.”

Hearing them both agree I grin before feeling Jax approach. “I’m so proud of you, so strong” he says with admiration as he wraps his arms around my waist.

“I’m glad we got to enjoy this” I say smiling as I turn to face him. “Shall we go mingle?” I suggest looking at the crowd waiting to congratulate us personally.

“Let’s” he agrees eagerly.

“Nova!” I hear my brothers booming voice as he comes running to me before lifting me in the air. “I’m so happy for you” he says emotionally into my ear as he lowers me to the ground. “You are an amazing Luna and you will do a wonderful job for this pack.”

“Thanks Luca” I whisper holding back tears from his words.

“Stunning” Sophie exclaims as she gently hugs me, “you were born for this role..and this dress is made for you.”

“Literally” I say with a laugh, twirling I wink at her, “Alice is talented isn’t she.”

“Very” she agrees.

Seeing her confidence I smile proudly, “you both look extremely happy” I comment to them as Luca holds her close to him.

“We are” he says with a genuine smile. “The pack love her and it’s brought some joy back for them.”

“I’m glad to hear it” I say as I see Axton approach. Seeing his brows furrowed as he takes large sniffs of the air I look at him with wide eyes.

“Congratulations” he says happily before looking around slightly. Bringing his attention back to us I smile knowingly. “I’m really happy for you both, you look perfect together.”

“Thank you Alpha” Jax says graciously, “I’m glad you could make it today.”

“I’d say you’re the glad one aren’t you Axton” I say slyly as he looks at me blankly. Pointing to my nose he blushes as he cocks his head.

“It might be nothing” he mutters.

“Or it could be everything” I counter staring at him as everyone else looks at us confused.

“Trust you to notice” he chuckles as he looks around again.

“Alpha?” Luca asks looking at him with concern. “If this is too much you don’t..”

“No no” Axton says waving his hand, “trust me I’m glad I came, I am genuinely happy for the both of you and wish you nothing but the best.”

“Then?” Luca asks with furrowed brows.

“I think I smell my mate..but it’s faint” Axton admits with confusion. Once he says that I grasp Jaxs arm as he looks at me at the same time.

“What if..?” He links me surprised.

“I know” I link him back excitedly.

“Hey, how about I go grab us some drinks and you can tell us about your first few days at your new home, Axton id like to hear all about it” I say ensuring he stays close before rushing off.

Seeing who I’m after I grasp her arm lightly, “Nova! You ok?” She asks seeing my slightly flushed face.

“Don’t ask why but could you please come with me quickly?” I ask quietly as she nods in confusion.

As we reach the group I see Jax grin.

“I didn’t get drinks but look who I found on my travels” I exclaim catching Lucas eye, “this is Mila..Jaxs sister.”

With that Axton spins around quickly and locks eyes with Mila, seeing his confusion as well as hers as she subtly try's to take a breath of his scent I grin at the others.

Axton quickly shakes himself off as he extends his hand out, "it's a pleasure to meet you Mila, I'm Alpha Axton of the White Mountain Pack."

She cautiously extends her hand to shake his and as they meet she gasps softly. "What..?" She whispers staring at their hands.

"Sparks?" Jax asks knowingly.

"How did you know?" Axton asks confused as he also looks at their joint hands.

With a deep breath Mila speaks quickly, clearly wanting to get the obvious out for everyone to know, "I rejected my first mate...he has yet to accept the rejection."

"Oh.." Axton says looking slightly crestfallen.

"I think you're my second chance" she whispers nervously as she looks up to see his eyes widen in realisation as a smile stretches across his face.

"That's why they're faint" he murmurs to himself. "Mate" he smiles before pulling her in close burrowing his head in her hair.

Seeing Alia move forward in Milas eyes she says "mate" clearly once they step back to look at one another again.

"Congratulations sister" Jax says as he kisses her cheek. "Alpha Axton, I think it's about time don't you."

"You can say that again" he mutters as he continues to stare at Mila in awe.

Quickly hugging Mila I offer my congratulations to the pair along with Luca and Sophie. "Mila why don't you fill him in on everything, I think after next week you will both feel the bond properly. Although I think Alia has made it quite clear" I add on looking at Milas face as she blushes.

"Thank you Nova" she says kissing my cheek as Jax and I turn to walk away.

"Jax, Nova" I hear Amelia shout as we turn to see her with two drinks ready for us.

"Congratulations" she squeals as she hugs us both hard.

"Amelia this is absolutely stunning" I say motioning to the gardens. "It's more than I could have ever hoped for."

“Jax said you like your flowers and I thought this is just beautiful out here, it’s perfect for the both of you” she says happily grasping my hands.

“You might want to go see your daughter” Jax says with a mischievous smirk.

“Why?” She asks sharply, “oh goddess she’s not drunk already is she?”

Hearing that I splutter a laugh into my drink as Jax snorts next to me. “No ma” he laughs before he points to where Axton and Mila are sat close together chatting quietly on a bench.

“Oh my..” she whispers holding her heart, “is that..?”

“Her second chance mate” I finish for her as her eyes fill with tears.

“You’re sure?” She asks nervously.

“Well the signs weren’t as strong but I think it’s because Bruno still needs to accept her rejection..which will be soon won’t it?” I ask Jax as he nods. “Axton could scent her and they had faint sparks when they touched. But also..Alia was forward when she said mate.”

“They’re mates” she squeals loudly making Milas head snap up to look at her mum as she flushes red.

“Okok don’t embarrass her ma” Jax mutters as many heads turn to look at us.

“She looks happy” she whispers as we watch Mila laugh at something Axton has said.

“He’ll be a good mate to her” I say confidently to Jax and Amelia. “They’re what each other need after everything.”

“You’re right Nova” Jax says surprising me slightly. “As much as I find it a little strange my Lunas ex mate is now my sisters I believe everything happens for a reason. They can help each other recover and grow..they’re meant to be.”

“They are” Amelia says just as confidently. “They were always meant to be..they’re fated.”

“Exactly” I say with a smile. “Now..who fancies a dance?”

Seeing Jax grin he holds his hand out to mine, “be prepared to be amazed” he whispers in my ear making me shiver.

“I can dance also you know” I shoot back.

“Oh trust me..I’ve seen those hips move” he says with a smirk.

“Alpha” I gasp mockingly before giggling from the wine.

“When you’re dancing in the room I mean” he says with an innocent look making me frown. “But also in bed” he adds on making me roll my eyes as I knew he was thinking it.

“Let’s dance” I laugh pulling him to join the lively crowd already dancing away.

Rogue Attack

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Nova POV:

“You really can dance” I say to Jax as we sit down with some food.

“Told you” he smirks. “My mum thought it necessary I learn as I would have to attend many functions and of course for any ceremonies.”

“Your mother is a clever woman” I admit. “Another thing I must thank her for.”

“This food is delicious” Jax comments as he digs in happily. “It’s nice to have a few moments alone, it’s lovely having everyone congratulate us but I was so hungry.”

“You’re like a big child at times” I say making him laugh.

“Only you get to see this side of me” he warns as I chuckle.

“Oh of course” I wink. Tucking into my food I inhale the delicious aromas as I try not to eat it too quickly. Holding another forkful to my mouth I suddenly grimace and recoil.

“Surely you cant think this is bad?” Jax asks looking at me incredulously. Taking another sniff of the food I shake my head thinking I must be imagining something before I notice Kia’s ears perk up. Dropping my fork I stand quickly scenting the area as I see Jax do the same. Freezing as I scent the recognisable scent of rotten eggs I spin to Jax noticing he’s also scented it.

“ROGUES” I shout loudly before quickly forcing myself out of the dress and shifting before anyone has time to realise what I’m doing. Kia’s large form bounds through the crowd of shocked faces.

“Warriors with me” Kia links them making others jump into action as Zeus appears alongside us.

“They’re near the cells” Jax links me as we bound round the pack house.

Seeing a group of roughly 30 rogues racing towards the cells I growl as I realise they will get there before us. Howling loudly to alert the cell guards they rush to shift ready to stand strong against the many rogues. Hearing the warriors behind us I urge Kia on as we pull away from Zeus. Leaping off of the small incline Kia lands in the middle of the throng of rogues immediately biting and tearing the necks out of 3 of them.

She snarls loudly as one bites her flank but quickly spins and bats a paw sending it flying to hit a nearby tree with a sickening crunch. Seeing Zeus jump in Kia and him move fluidly fighting back to back as if a well practised team. With our warriors surrounding the rogues and us in the middle their numbers soon begin to dwindle before we are left with only 4 slightly feral looking ones.

“These are mine” Kia growls loudly making everyone retreat as she stands proudly facing them. Releasing her aura the rogues immediately drop to the ground where Kia huffs.

“That’s no fun” she links them before retracting her aura as they stand shakily. “Attack” she orders them causally as they all leap at her at once in desperation. Butting one solidly with her head they end up slumped on the floor where she efficiently stands on its chest and bites into their throat immediately killing them. Feeling claws drag down her back she growls loudly before pushing off of her front paws and swinging herself round smoothly to bite another one’s flank. Swinging her jaw she sends it flying knocking another one down as she does so. Seeing one jump down at her from a height she snaps her powerful jaws down on its exposed neck and breaks it before throwing it to one side along with the others that have fallen.

Turning we see just one left as he snarls loudly at us. “We need one to interrogate” I hear Jax say making Kia huff in annoyance.

“He’s right Kia and you know it” I tell her sharply before she relinquishes control and lets me shift back quickly. Not caring for my nakedness i stand tall as the wolf launches itself at me to the horrified gasps of the warriors and visiting Alphas and officials. Rolling I avoid its claws before righting myself and punching it square in the jaw dazing it. As it lunges at me I sidestep and lock my arm tightly around its neck cutting off its breathing, keeping my grip strong as it thrashes its body to try and escape my hold I fall backwards purposefully throwing it off of balance.

“5..4..3..2..1” I count down as its eyes roll backwards and it slumps unconscious in my hold. Releasing my grip I stand and kick it away as it shifts slowly back into a dirty looking man.

“Take him to the cells” Jax orders two warriors whilst throwing me some clothes to put on as he does the same.

“They came for Caroline” I growl ignoring the whispers from around me.

“I know, she’s been checked and she’s still down there, her restrictions are secure and holding” Jax assures me as I run a hand through my hair in frustration.

“They weren’t my pack” I hear my dad mutter into my ear so no one else can hear. “They’d have died already if they were, they were wanderers.”

“I know..they were almost feral, I could see it in their eyes” I say quietly. “You need to speak to Caroline tomorrow, see if you can get any more information before we end her” I add on as he steps back with a quick nod of understanding.

“Nova dear..how in the world did you do that?” I hear someone call in disbelief making me turn to see Alpha Brent stood in shock. Looking around I see the faces of many visiting Alphas and packs all stood with the same shocked faces.

“Your aura..” Alpha Henry says looking at me in awe as Axel and Evan stand next to him with proud smiles on their faces.

“I’ve never seen anything like it” another Alpha comments as he looks at me questioningly. “Why am I wanting to submit..an Alpha never submits” he growls slightly frustrated.

Growling back at him he immediately bows his head submitting as his eyes look to mine with shock.

“Until now” Axton says making me chuckle.

“You’ve got quicker..and stronger” he comments moving forward looking at me as he kicks the body of a rogue away that Kia tore the throat out of.

“I have” I admit. “Kia’s really something isn’t she.”

“Fucking hell you don’t say” Luca says with a loud laugh. “That’s my sister” he says proudly to the Alpha and Beta of the Moonbeam Pack next to him as I shake my head at him.

“Nova..May I?” Alex asks coming to stand beside me as he has stayed back from the crowd until now observing. Nodding slightly hesitantly he continues to look at me before I reply.

“Yes” I say clearly.

“Nova is now Luna Nova of the Midnight Sky Pack, but she is also a Guardian Wolf..to us all” he shouts holding my hand high as everyone gasps in shock, their wide eyes on me. “I, Alpha King Alexander have pledged my loyalty to Luna Nova already. She is a gift to us all and one that should be treated as such. By her show of strength today you will all know exactly how formidable her and her Wolf Kia is. Stronger than me” he admits making everyone look at him in surprise. “Which I hate to admit but I can’t lie. She is the epitome of good in this world and she will do anything to protect those who deserve it. Her words to become Luna carried more weight than you know..the Midnight Sky Pack is blessed. But we are all also blessed.” He finishes with a bow as I blush heavily.

“Our Luna” my pack says proudly in unison as they all bow low to Jax and I.

“Bit of an overkill” I whisper to him as he winks at me before passing my hand to Jax.

“Everyone needs to know” Jax simply says gazing down at me.

“A Guardian Wolf..” Alpha Brent says in awe, “I should have known. You are magnificent.”

“She is” Jax says proudly kissing me. “Let us sort this little..incident..out and then we can continue on with the celebration.”

“You’re not letting anything stop you today are you” I comment as we watch everybody slowly disperse.

“Fuck no” he says shaking his head, “and after that show of strength..I just want to bend you over and fuck you till morning” he whispers in my ear making my core tighten at his words as arousal floods through me.

“That better be a promise” I whisper back as he smirks at me knowingly before he takes a deep breath in his nostrils flaring.

“I noticed your increased speed and strength then Jax..I think you need to remind me of it” I say suggestively as I step closer to him trailing my hand down his chest to rest on the top of his shorts.

His eyes darken as he shifts slightly, “it is..and trust me, I will. But first, let’s find your dress and mingle until the earliest it’s acceptable for us to leave.”

Looking down at the baggy top and shorts i had on I giggle at the drastic change of attire to my stunning dress, “please.”

“Couple more hours” he mutters to himself as he rearranges in his shorts with a little hiss.

“Use that Alpha control Jax” I tease.

“You make me lose all sense of that love” he growls back playfully as making me laugh.

Worries

Chapter 106 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"You did well not to rip or stretch this" Alice comments as she helps me back into my dress she has retrieved.

"Yes not quite sure how I managed that" I reply absentmindedly. I see her turn to look at Jax out the corner of my eye before leaving the room quietly. He comes to stand in front of me and holds my chin lightly guiding me to look at him.

"Are you ok?" He asks quietly.

"So many questions" I say with a little laugh.

"Such as?" He asks.

"Why attack with 30 rogues to try and get Caroline?" I start.

"My best guess is they knew we were distracted with the Luna ceremony..how I'm not quite sure. But they knew the pack was gathered all together" he says furrowing his brows as he thinks.

"Exactly.. it was a stupid time to attack, we had the added support of Alex, multiple other alphas and betas who would all have fought rogues and the pack warriors were all there apart from those on patrol which they somehow managed to slip through" I point out.

"I thought that" he admits. "Perhaps it was to show they won't back down. Our patrols should have been tighter even with a celebration going on. Whatever their reasons it's clear now that they are somehow working with rogues or wanderers as your dad refers to them as. So they must be giving them an incentive. For rogues to be working with hunters makes no sense, unless.."

"Unless they're being controlled by witches" I finish as he nods in agreement. "Why would witches be willing to help the hunters?"

"Every species wants to be the strongest" Jax starts, "and with you and your father both being Guardian Wolves it would bring strength and unity to the entire werewolf species in general. Of course I imagine there would still be some disputes nothing is ever easy but vampires, witches, goddess knows what else..they would all feel more threatened as a result."

"So it's not just the hunters that are after me?" I say with sadness.

"I think there will be opposition coming from all directions for a while. But remember what your dad said, he was looked after and protected by a witch. I think it's those that are power hungry that will be against you, not all species as a whole love" Jax says gently caressing my arm.

"But that gives us an idea of where to look" I say after a moment as Jax looks at me with interest. "Those who are desperate for power, it narrows down the options doesn't it."

"It does" he agrees. "Look I know we can't catch a break at the moment, or it certainly feels that way. But let's enjoy the rest of tonight as tomorrow it's the hunters meeting. We can see if Evan

and the others found out anything from the scouting missions in the morning and go from there. I think it may be wise asking Elder Martin for a visit."

"You're right" I agree as I stand to go touch up my lipstick. "Let's go back down."

"Ready to be bombarded with questions?" He chuckles amusedly.

"I don't like all the attention" I admit quietly.

"It will pass, but you need to understand a Guardian Wolf not just being a myth is a very big deal. They don't know about your dad yet, the information we know isn't out there for everyone. So let's just be patient" Jax says with a comforting smile as he takes my hand. "Plus I will happily remind anyone I need to that tonight is our Luna ceremony and we are there to enjoy ourselves."

"Thank you babe" I say kissing his shoulder softly. As I walk down the stairs I feel many people's eyes turn on me and watch my every movement. Seeing Alex leaning casually on the wall waiting for us I look at him with a grimace.

"I've really dropped you in it now haven't I" he says with a confident smirk.

Growling at him lightly I nod, "just a tad Alpha King."

"Oh she's used my title..I'm in real trouble" he murmurs to Jax.

"It's not you Alex" he says quietly.

"Kia loves the attention and showing off her skills but of course it's me who then deals with the conversations and stares" I mumble looking at him slightly apologetically. "It's just taking some getting used to, I'm sorry for snapping at you."

"Don't apologise" he says seriously. "I know what it feels like but I'd be more open to the idea of getting used to it if I were you" Alex says quietly. "You both will be getting looked at like this for a long time."

"What?" I ask him sharply.

"You'll know in time" is all he says before waltzing off to find Ophelia.

"Infuriating" I hiss to Jax as we watch him walk away.

He barks a laugh as his eyes dance with amusement, "he is. Come on, let's go mingle." Taking my hand we continue to the gardens where we are met with Laurence, Luca and Axton.

"There's our Luna" Laurence smirks proudly.

"Oh goddess" I groan as he chuckles.

"You were awesome Nova, let me go get your a drink. I think we could all do with relaxing" he says with an understanding smile my way.

"Kia is a machine Nova" Luca says proudly, "and you just as much may I add."

"Yeah" I say with a little shrug, "we might be impressive but it's causing us some issues."

"Nova" Axton starts before looking to Jax.

"I don't mind you speaking to her Axton, I understand you have seen her grow over the years and been there for her, and you're mated to Mila now after all. Fucking hell you're going to be part of the family" he says with a laugh rubbing his forehead.

"Yeah that was unexpected" Axton chuckles as his eyes find Mia dancing with her ma. Turning back to me his face turns serious, "look I know how concerned you were about everyone knowing who you are exactly, I've seen you struggle for years about the fact that one day everyone would know. But you need to just accept it, you are literally a wolf of legend..it's massive news to everyone. You are strong in all aspects and you should be proud of that. The attention might not be what you want but instead of allowing it to piss you off to put it bluntly, why don't you embrace it. People will move on in time Nova, but trust me. When you fight like you just did, it's worth talking about."

"You're sure?" I ask them all as the men nod confidently.

"I want to shout from the rooftops that you're my sister" Luca says with a shrug. "You kick ass but not only that, you are just as powerful with your words and influence."

"It's going to take some getting used to love, but you've been blessed by the Moon Goddess and that can't be ignored. Embrace it as Axton said and together we can navigate the attention, you're not alone in any of this" Jax says wrapping his arm round my shoulder protectively.

"Here's your drink Nova, Jax" Laurence says handing us both a glass. "I've made sure everyone knows to let you both enjoy your evening, people have questions and that's understandable but they can wait until morning."

"Thank you Laurence" I say gratefully.

"Pleasure" he says as I gulp my drink down eagerly. "Now may I have a dance with my Luna?" He asks raising a brow at Jax.

"One dance" Jax says smirking.

"So generous" Laurence mocks as the others laugh. Taking my hand he leads me to the dance floor where he starts to lead me with natural confidence.

"You had dance lessons too huh?" I ask with a giggle.

"Yup" he smirks, "Jax only agreed to Amelia's nagging if I also attended."

"Smart man" I comment with a laugh.

"Nova I know this is quite overwhelming but I just wanted to make sure you knew that I am here for you whenever. You're my Luna and it's in my blood to protect you, if you need me you shout" he says into my ear quietly.

"Thank you Laurence" I say biting my lip. "It's all just became very real, I've known my responsibility for a long time, but now others do to I feel like they may have expectations of me."

"But you are also just a person" Laurence says understandingly, "there is no doubt you are an incredible woman Nova but that does not mean life should take away from your joy. That's why Jax and myself want you to enjoy this evening especially."

"I know" I murmur as he spins me gently before pulling me close again.

"I'd die for you Nova" Laurence says suddenly making me look at him in shock. "You are my Luna and as Beta I am naturally protective of you and want to be there for you, when I became Beta I swore it."

"I don't want you to die for me" I say in horror.

He chuckles at that before he replies, "I'm not planning on dying Nova. But what I'm trying to say is Guardian Wolf or not, first and foremost you are my Luna. I know you don't need people's protection, you are stronger than many of us combined. But that doesn't change how people will view you, that's what I'm trying to show you. If anything they may respect you more and that's always a good thing. Ignore people's expectations, you make smart decisions on your own and that's what's important."

"You're a wise man" I say after a moment making him puff his chest proudly.

"I am" he agrees cockily.

"And a good friend" I add on softly making him smile.

"Exactly, you would do anything for us and we would do anything for you" he says comfortingly. As the music stops we step apart and I feel lighter for our conversation.

"Thank you Laurence, that meant more than you know" I say as we walk back to where Jax is watching.

"Anytime Nova" he smiles before squeezing my hand and saluting at Jax. "Mission accomplished" he smirks.

"Mission?" Jax asks raising a brow.

"Be there for my Luna" Laurence says proudly making Jax grin at his Beta and friend.

Time For Bed

Chapter 107 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Standing with Laurence and Luca I watch my Luna dancing with the ladies, relaxed finally and enjoying herself as I hoped she would be.

"She was just nervous Alpha" Laurence says knowing where my mind was. Looking at him questioningly he continues, "she's worried about people's expectations. I told her I'd die for her and she was shocked."

"I bet" I comment dryly.

"I only said that to show her that being a Guardian Wolf doesn't change how I view her. She's my Luna first and I'm proud of that, she may be strong but it doesn't mean people are going to step back and let her deal with everything" he says with a shrug.

"That's what I've been saying" I agree, "we will get through this together."

"Nova has always been quiet about her worries" Luca says from beside us as he watches his mate dance with Nova. "She hates worrying people with her concerns and I've had to remind her before she is just like any of us in that respect. Worries, nerves, they're both part of being a person."

"Exactly" Laurence says. "That's what I was getting at."

"Well whatever you said Beta, it worked" Luca smiles. "It's nice to see her having fun, she has a great personality which I hope never changes because of what she has to go through."

"It won't" I promise as he looks at me for confirmation.

"Good" he says with relief, "she belongs here I can see it."

"She really does" Laurence says as a group of pups go up and begin to dance with her. "The pack adore her" he comments as she spins a young pup around making him giggle loudly. He turns to see me watching her with blazing eyes making him smirk, "don't tell me you're jealous of a pup?"

"Don't" I snap before chuckling, "she looks so good it's hard to not get jealous."

"And she's all yours" he says rolling his eyes before striding away to where Naomi has taken a seat. "I'm going to take Naomi to bed, she looks dead on her feet" he links me as I wish them both a good night through the link.

"That was fun" I hear Nova say slightly breathlessly as she comes to stand in front of me. "They're going to bed now though, those parents are going to have some grouchy pups tomorrow, it's 1am!" She exclaims with a loud laugh.

"Worth it" I smirk as I pull her close and claim her lips with my own. Tasting the sweetness of what she's been drinking as she opens her mouth for me we both moan at the same time. Pulling away breathlessly I reach a hand down to grasp her ass making her gasp in shock as I push her body close to mine.

"Are you ready for bed?" I whisper huskily as I feel her thighs tighten when she feels my bulge pressing into her stomach. Seeing her eyes slightly glazed from the effect of alcohol I chuckle slightly drunkenly, "oo am I going to get some freaky drunken sex tonight?"

"How did you know?" She smirks as she relaxes her legs and I get a whiff of her arousal. Groaning as I pull away I feel my trousers tighten further so I pull her down to sit beside me.

"What are we doing?" She asks confused.

"Well I can't go say goodnight to everyone with a raging boner can I" I smirk as she giggles. Shifting I feel her hand trail up my leg under the table cover before she cups my bulge, "nova" I breath as I stop her hand from moving any more. "If you do this here I can't be blamed for taking you in front of everyone."

Feeling her heart rate spike I look at her with raised brows. Blushing furiously she pulls away, "didn't know that's what you were into" I tease.

"It's not" she says, "but the thought of you taking me upstairs is what I'm into."

Leaning back I close my eyes and run through some invoices I need to send for the restaurants I own tomorrow as I attempt to calm down. Growling I stand up and pull her with me, "time to say night" I say as she laughs behind me.

Quickly walking around and saying goodnight to our guests we are finally pulled aside by my very drunk ma. "Someone's had a good time" I comment as she sways slightly.

"I have" she grins, "so much fun!"

"It's nice to see her this happy for once" I link Nova as she laughs with my mum.

"Maybe time for bed?" I suggest to ma as she grasps a bench.

"I think you're right" she sighs before righting herself and pointing to a guard. "Help me?" She asks wriggling her brows.

Seeing him bite back a smile I shake my head, "just help her upstairs" I laugh as he nods at my instruction. "Get some rest ma" I call back as we walk away.

"Make some pups" she calls back making me smirk at Novas reddening face.

"Happy to practise" I growl in her ear as I smack her ass playfully making her squeal.

She laughs then races up the stairs before I have time to react. Huffing out a smile I run after her to see her struggling with our lock.

"Almost" I tease as I cage her between my arms. Smirking at her I move my hands down and lift her up wrapping her legs around my waist as I quickly open the door and walk us through. Feeling her soft mouth littering kisses down my neck I lower her to stand in front of me.

"So beautiful" I murmur before trailing my hand to her zip and pulling her dress off quickly. "No panties?" I ask shocked.

She giggles holding them in the air, "I thought I'd make it easier for you." Feeling my member throb in my trousers she reaches her hand out and quickly unzips me before pulling them down as I undo my shirt shrugging it off.

Feeling her small hand wrap around my shaft I buck my hips gasping as her warm mouth sucks me in deep. "Babe" I groan throwing my head back as I grasp her hair guiding her movements. Feeling her hands move to grasp my cheeks I look down to see her looking at me already as I begin to thrust into her mouth. Scenting her arousal grow I continue as she makes sounds like that are like music to my ears, feeling her soft hand gently caress my balls has me stiffen and with a loud growl I release deep in her throat.

Seeing the hunger in her eyes as she pulls away and licks her lips I pull her to her feet and throw her on the bed before I climb over her, "..now it's my turn" I rasp before I tweak at her nipples causing her to arch her back in pleasure. Claiming her lips with mine our tongues battle for dominance as I reach a hand down to circle her swollen nub. Feeling she's soaked for me I plunge two fingers into her warm core and begin to pump them in and out quickly, her hips meeting each movement as her clit brushes against my palm.

Pulling my lips away I suck greedily on her full breasts leaving them covered in my proud marks before I hear her breath hitch as she clenches around me. Biting lightly on her mark has her eyes

rolling back in pleasure as she tips over the edge, her walls tightening around my fingers as I reach my thumb over and rub her clit prolonging her release. "Fuck JAXX" she shouts as she scratches at my back in pleasure. Slumping on the bed she looks at me as I grin and press my dripping hard shaft into her leg.

"I'm nowhere near done with you yet" I smirk as her eyes darken in lust.

Missing

Chapter 108 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Panting as I stare up at Jax I feel his hard cock pressing into my leg. Leaning back he grasps it in his hand before pushing it through my wet folds as we both watch, coating it in my juices. As he pushes over my tender clit I gasp as I feel heat pool below once again.

"Fuck me already" I moan as he continues to tease me. Seeing his muscles are tight with his restraint he continues for a few more seconds as I become a moaning mess below him. With a growl he lifts my hips quickly and slams into me hard as he sets a relentless pace that has my breasts bouncing with each thrust. Reaching my hands back I steady myself against the headboard and push into him making him go even deeper.

"Fuck you're made to take my cock" he growls as his eyes focus on my hard nipples, reaching over has him pushing even deeper and grazing the spot inside me that has me mewling in pleasure. "So tight" he grunts as I begin to move my hips to meet his.

Pulling out he spins me over so I'm on all fours with my back arched enticing him, feeling his warm mouth press into my heat I gasp as his tongue delves between my folds and he sucks on my clit.

"So sweet" he rasps before I feel his wide length push back in me. Leaning over he rests his hands on the headboard as he plunges deep, looking over my shoulder I see the deep desire in his eyes as his large frame towers above me. Spreading my legs further I lower my breasts to the bed pushing my ass up for him.

With that his eyes widen as his pace slows and he moves back to holding my waist. Reaching my hand down I coat my fingers in my juices before reaching round to my ass and swirling it round my back entrance as he watches. Thrusting slow and deep he moves a hand from my waist before gently sliding a finger in making me groan at the sensation.

"Yess" I moan as another finger slides in and he gently stretches me. Pushing back into him he pulls out completely after a moment before teasingly rubbing his cock between my ass cheeks. Feeling his large head push in to me I stiffen at first, "relax babe" he whispers as he pauses in his movements. Breathing steady I feel my body relax before he begins pushing inside me gently.

"Fuck" he grits out as I stretch to accommodate him. Feeling him pull back before pushing forward once again I moan as the foreign feeling soon becomes pleasurable. Stopping as he reaches the hilt I move my hips slowly to get used to his size, feeling his breath hitch I smirk knowing he's restraining himself, "move" I breath as he starts to slowly pull back before surging forward.

"Oh goddess Jax" I moan as he reaches a hand round to rub my clit, "so fucking good" I cry as he begins to speed up his movements grunting with each thrust.

Still rubbing my clit he slips a finger into my dripping core and I mewl at the feeling of fullness. "Jax please" I cry begging for release as he pinches my swollen clit slightly before biting down on my shoulder.

Pounding into me he grunts loudly as I feel him tense behind me, "cum with me" he growls in my ear as my walls tighten at his words. Feeling his heavy breathing on my neck I gasp as his bites down hard on my mark making me see stars as I cum hard around him.

"Goddess that's hot" he moans as he moves jerkily in me a couple more times before pulling back abruptly and pumping his shaft releasing rope after rope of his warm cum over my back.

Slumping down on the bed I sigh in content as he drops beside me. "You ok?" he asks with concern.

"More than ok" I reply back with a smile as he grins. "That was amazing" I admit.

"Wasn't it just" he smirks proudly as i laugh at his reaction. "Let me start the shower, we can wash together."

"Just Wash?" I ask with raised brows.

"You got me" he shrugs as he disappears into the bathroom. Hearing the shower start before he reappears with a cloth he wipes my back down for me before offering his hand and helping me from the bed. Feeling his hands caress my ass I moan as I rest my head on his shoulder.

"Sore?" He asks.

"A little" I say with a shrug. "I loved it but It's definitely not going to be an every day occurrence" I say as he laughs.

"I can live with that" he whispers kissing my lips softly.

"Let's go shower" he says pulling me along. "It's not time to sleep yet."

"We don't need that much sleep" I tease as I slip past him deliberately brushing my breasts against his chest as I duck under the water.

"We don't" he agrees his eyes dark as his member springs to life as he joins me.

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"Ahhh" I moan stretching my tired muscles as I wake up slowly.

"Morning" I hear Jax mumble into my neck before his head pops up his hair messy and tousled. "What time is it?" He asks panicking.

"8am" I say through a yawn as I sit up. "Don't worry breakfast is it 9 today remember."

"Thank the Goddess" he says slumping back down. He rubs his bleary eyes as I watch him in amusement, "is someone tired?" I tease as he shoots me a playful glare.

"Someone kept me up all night" he growls. Shooting him a pointed look he chuckles looking up, "ok maybe it was my doing."

"That's more like it" I laugh. "I'm going to get ready love" I say heading for our bathroom and taking a quick shower. Walking to our closet I choose a light blue sundress and put on some white wedges Alice has given me. Quickly drying my hair and putting a slight amount of makeup on I stand up and do a quick twist in the mirror checking my appearance.

"Beautiful" Jax says as he comes to stand beside me freshly showered with damp hair and some smart trousers and top on.

"You don't look too bad yourself" I tease as he chuckles.

"What a compliment" he drawls rolling his eyes.

"You look very sexy Alpha" I say with a wink as I kiss his softly.

"Better love, let's go get some food" he says leading me from the room.

"Oh good I've worked up an appetite" I giggle.

"Makes two of us" he smirks back before we reach the bottom floor and put our Alpha and Luna faces back up. Walking into the dining hall hand in hand the room is full of pack members and a few guests who have made it down early.

Uttering our greetings we take our seats and see Theo and Flo are already seated. "Good morning" I smile at them both as they look happy to see me.

"Good morning Luna" they say in unison.

"Enjoy the party?" I ask remembering them both to be very drunk towards the end of the evening.

"Andrew says I did" Flo laughs with a shrug as Theo shakes his head at his sister.

"You looked like you were having a great time" I chuckle to Theo.

"I did" Theo agrees with a wide smile. "Alice is good at helping organise a party."

"She is" I agree as Jax chuckles.

Suddenly I hear two people running down the stairs from the office and turn to see Laurence and Henry come storming into the hall.

"What now?" I growl quietly to Jax as his eyes narrow at the two.

"What is it?" He asks abruptly as Laurence drops his head between us and speaks lowly so only we can hear.

"Your dad and the warrior's arrived back at Alpha Henry's pack yesterday evening. I rang this morning to check in and the warriors guarding his room were found unconscious" Laurence says with anger in his voice.

"Has dad been taken?" Jax asks quietly.

"No" Henry says suddenly making us look to him. "He left and attacked two of my fucking guards."

"He left?" I gasp.

With barely contained anger Henry spits out, "David is missing."

Questions

Chapter 109 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

"How has this happened?" I growl to Henry slamming my fist down on the table in front of me once we reach the office.

"He came willingly, didn't show any fight in him and when I spoke to him yesterday he was quite up to working on rectifying his wrongdoings" Henry says looking at me. "My brother is not a man I recognise anymore."

"So he definitely left willingly?" Nova asks from where she came to stand beside me.

"Yes" Henry replies running a hand through his hair. "And attacked two of my guards."

"We should have put him in the damn cells" I growl my eyes blazing with Zeus presence.

"It's too late for that now" Henry says with anger. "Who do you think he left for? The rogues?"

"Why would he leave with the rogues though?" Nova asks looking confused, "he told me his discomfort around my father stemmed from rogues killing his first mate? Surely he wouldn't change his opinion?"

"He said that?" Ma asks Nova.

"Yes, then he mentioned hunters when we all had a discussion before we left for the council. I assumed they were linked in some way like at the moment" Nova says slowly looking between us all.

"What did he tell you?" I ask.

"That rogues attacked the eve of their mating ceremony and that Minerva I think she was called? That she was killed protecting the pups" she says quietly.

Heaving a sigh I shake my head at my father's stupidity, "there is more to it than that" I say. "She ran with the pups leading them away from the pack house where the fighting was. They couldn't make it to the bunker because of rogues so her and a few other females ran. But they were caught by hunters and killed on the spot."

"So she wasn't killed by rogues?" Nova asks.

"No, but dad did blame them for her death" I confirm. "She kept the hunters distracted until Pa could get to the pups and no one else died, but she was dead by the time he got to her. We still don't know to this day if the rogues and hunters were linked."

"That's awful" Nova whispers. "He didn't explain that to me at all."

"He doesn't like to speak about it" Ma admits.

Nodding her head in understanding Nova looks to me, "I would have understood though..so surely he won't be involved with rogues or the hunters?"

"I'd be extremely surprised if he was" I sigh.

"Does he have any other family?" Nova asks looking between us all.

"No" I answer shaking my head. "The rest of our family are all from mums side, she comes from a big family. I don't know where he could have gone."

"It doesn't make sense" Henry growls in frustration. "I have got warriors from my pack out looking for him and tracking his path. But they said his scent disappears about 10 miles from the pack in a human town."

"Right well we need to keep our eyes peeled, Laurence is notifying other packs that he has disappeared so if he attempts to enter any other pack lands in the area they can let us know" I say taking a seat. "Nova love we are going to have go to address the other guests about you and Kia. They will have lots of questions and it's only right we go answer them."

"I know" she says with a small smile. Straightening her shoulders she walks to the door, "let's go get it over with" she says with a little laugh.

"Nova" Henry calls out as we leave, "don't let their over bearing opinions of themselves get to you. Many will be feeling put out due to you being stronger than them and I hate to admit it but a female. They aren't used to that as wrong as it is. Stay true to yourself. I'll be down shortly."

Smiling appreciatively at my Uncle I look to see Nova looking at him with a warm expression. "Thank you Alpha Henry, I'll bear that in mind."

"I could always tell you were something special" he says with a smile before turning back to speak to ma.

"Laurence has gathered them all in the conference room" I explain as I lead her away from the dining hall. Opening the door I hold her hand as she stands proud beside me, "good morning everyone, apologies for our absence at breakfast we had an emergency."

"You seem to have a lot of those at the moment" Alpha Brent comments with concern.

Chuckling lightly Nova looks at the older gentleman, "you have no idea Alpha Brent just how accurate you are with that statement."

"Is everything alright?" Alex asks stepping forward as Henry slips into the room quietly.

"Yes, we will update you after" I assure him. "For now we are sure you will have questions about Nova and we thought it would suitable we address those before you travel back to your respective packs today" I explain taking a seat at the head of the table.

"I understand many of you will have questions so perhaps we could all take a seat and work our way around the table" Nova suggests. "I know with a lot of Alphas in the room that could be difficult but could I please ask for respect and just to be patient. It's a lot for me" she admits quietly.

Seeing them all nod, some rather hesitantly they all take their seats.

Looking to Alpha Brent who is sat beside Nova I motion for him to start. "How long have you know you are a Guardian Wolf?"

"I first shifted when I was 8, protecting my brother in a rogue attack. I knew then that something was different and at first the elders believed I was a gifted wolf as Kia didn't announce outright what she was, Kia also have a mark that shows she is blessed by the Moon Goddess. But it became clear I was more than that" she answers clearly looking around and maintaining eye contact as they look impressed by her admission, before looking to Alpha Marcus of the Blue Lake Pack next to him.

"Why have you kept it from us?" He asks with an unreadable expression.

"To protect myself and others" she says slowly. "It was the councils idea to not explain what I was to others because growing up I could have been used by packs for their own personal gain. But also because there simply wasn't much information on Guardian Wolves and we didn't know how people would react."

Seeing my uncle sit forward from next to Alpha Marcus he asks "can you explain what you do know about Guardian Wolves?"

"Of course" Nova says with a smile. "We have an emergence at the age of 25, it's the same age we can meet our fated mate. The emergence or awakening as it's also known means we gain more years to work on our ability as a Guardian. My priority has always been others, but I will personally do everything I can to ensure there is peace amongst our kind, I will protect those that need protecting, guide those that require it, love those who need it and offer advice whenever required. Im very rational, a logical thinker and I can fight. I trained with the elite warriors for 3 years, I finished school aged 15 and I am a trained midwife and doctor. When I turned 25 Kia, my wolf, she gained sharper senses, she has always been a large wolf but she has also gained strength and size. She can also mindlink anyone which you will have experienced yesterday."

"Do you have any other gifts?" Beta Alec asks from beside Henry with eyes that are intrigued.

"I haven't that I'm aware of yet, but it's suggested that I won't know until they're required" Nova admits, "so there is a possibility."

"Are you a danger to us?" Alpha Brad of the Dark Night Pack asks next whilst looking at Nova intimidatingly. Hearing that I growl loudly before Nova rests her hand on my forearm.

"It's alright love, I was expecting it" Nova says quietly. "No. I'm most certainly not."

"How are we sure of that?" He asks.

With a chuckle Nova looks around the room to see many leaning forward in wonder, "have I caused any of you harm or given you the impression I am after anything you value?"

Seeing them all shake their head she continues, "have I once spoken to any of you with malice, anger or any tone that has caused you concern?" They all shake their heads once more, "trust me gentlemen, if I wanted to cause you harm I could do so easily but I haven't and I have no desire to. If I can remind you my wolf is considered as a pure wolf. She means to help people not to cause harm or anything similar. So no..I am most certainly not a danger. Unless you get on my wrong side" she adds on with a smirk in Alpha Brads direction which he smiles at.

"Are there any more of you?" Alpha Edward of the High Mountain Pack asks once we reach him as Axton and Luca shake their head to show they have no questions.

Nova pauses slightly before speaking "could you excuse me for a moment, I have someone important I'd like you all to meet."

Hearing the door open Kingsley strides in calmly with his head high.

Standing gracefully Nova goes to stand beside him, "this is my biological father. You may recognise him from the party last night, perhaps you could introduce yourself?" She suggests to him.

"Good morning everybody, I apologise for not doing this sooner but we have our reasons which I hope you can respect" he starts his voice radiating power around the room as many look at him in awe. "I am Novas father, Kingsley Price. I am also a Guardian Wolf..although admittedly not as strong as Nova it seems." He says with a small chuckle before looking at her with pride. "I have looked for Nova, or Athena as she was known to me, for almost 25 years before finding her. I was a rogue, made one by running from hunters and I have lived that way ever since. I am also the new Rogue King."

With that the room erupts into snarls as the guests surge to their feet in anger at his statement.

Hear Him Out

Chapter 110 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV;

Moving quickly I stand protectively in front of my father with my fangs bared, Kia snarling loudly.

"Don't attack" I growl loudly causing everybody to falter whilst Jax, Axton, Luca and Alpha Brent sit observing.

"He is the Rogue King?" Alpha Edward asks in disbelief from where he is stood.

"I am" dad says from behind me undeterred by the aggression directed his way from the others in the room.

"I don't want to command you all" I start, "so I will ask once for everyone to sit down and to listen to what we have to tell you."

I see Jax stand up and walk round to face everyone, "you may not know Kingsley but you know me very well. Please hear him out" he says his deep voice carrying authority and making the others take a step back as they consider his words.

After a moment they all take their seats, many sitting stiffly as they watch my dad move round to sit beside me.

"As I was saying, I am the new Rogue King. I took over 2 years ago when I beat the previous king after a challenge because of me refusing to join his ranks. He committed some heinous crimes and I would not ever be a part of that. After I took over, the rogue pack changed drastically, I started with rules for pack members to follow such as no violence unless called for, respect one another as if they were family and many others. My biggest change was having them swear an oath, one where they would promise to never bring harm to those who don't deserve it and to always follow my orders. If they break the oath they die."

"They die?" Alpha Brad sneers dubiously. "You go and hunt every rogue that defies your orders?"

Chuckling my father sits forward looking at Brad clearly showing he was unfazed by his retort. "No they die without me having to touch them, a pack which creates a binding spell one, there is no way around it. Everyone who swears into the Rogue Pack is aware of this may I add."

"So not all rogues are under your control?" Alpha Brent asks with interest.

"No" my father shakes his head, "there are those that we refer to as wanderers or pack less. They are more likely than not feral or have an extremely high level of aggression. Of course my warriors and myself try to control them and any that we come across we kill if they are too far gone. I have trusted scouts in different areas always looking for rogues to catch new ones and offer them a place in my pack as well as sub units where rogues reside in different areas to my own but are still sworn into my pack under oath."

"I didn't know that...that's smart" I say to my dad impressed.

"Can rogues refuse to swear into your pack but be harmless wanderers?" My brother asks quietly.

"It's possibly but I'm certain it's not happened yet. We quite often come across rogues who have been rejected and banished or similar. Being part of a pack reduces feral rates, heals wolves who are suffering rejection pains and also motivates wolves more, it gives them a sense of belonging, family and security. A large number of rogues such as myself are rogues through no fault of their own, instead of forcing them into a life of causing pain, raping others, killing and attacking for no reason like the previous alpha i offer them training, responsibility and a place they can call home" my father says proudly.

"Have any of you experienced rogue attacks in the previous two years?" Jax asks from beside me. Seeing everybody shake their heads hesitantly Brad who replies.

"We had a rogue attempt to take a young woman 5 months ago, we caught him and he was as feral as can be. We killed him" he states.

"Good" my father says with a shrug.

"You don't care?" Brad asks with raised brows.

"If you heard what I said you'd understand I have no wish to help those that cause harm to lives" my father says with a slight bite in his voice. "I have made a positive difference since becoming the Rogue King and I have to admit at first I was unsure if it was the right thing to do. Now I'm certain it was. He wasn't part of my pack I would have felt the tether break with his death and I know for certain the only wolves to die recently in my pack are the ones Nova is aware of."

"It's impressive" Brent says with a smile. "And certainly something new."

"My wolf would never allow me to live in a place where I would bring harm to those that don't deserve it" my father says seriously.

"Do you plan on staying the rogue king?" Alpha Edward asks.

"I haven't considered the long term future honestly, perhaps if I restore sense of order more then others would be happy to continue that legacy" my father admits slowly.

"When Kingsley was searching for Nova he approached the packs peacefully and caused no harm such as Alpha Brent's Pack and my own. Some rogues who approached Novas pack were aggressive and those that lived and were sent to the cells died soon after as a result of the oath that they broke" Jax explains. "Kingsley has been nothing but helpful with what we are currently experiencing."

"What are you currently experiencing?" Alpha Brad asks.

"Hunters" I say calmly, "my mother was the daughter of them and she did not have the same opinion as them. She was my father's true mate and until recently we believed she had died protecting me. Hunters have recently attacked our Gamma Flo and her mate which with the help of Alpha Henry we managed to extract her and they are both back to full health. They had 3 spies in the council themselves which we have identified and dealt with. But not only that they have been searching for my father for the past 20 years, ever since he escaped them."

"You were with the hunters and survived?" Brent asks in shock.

"They found me 3 years after I left Nova, I was drugged then forced to mate with another wolf, I had a daughter as a result of that and her mother died ensuring we would escape. Ever since then I have been on the run and evaded them" my father explains.

"And you know your mother is alive how?" Brent asks again with furrowed brows.

"Because if a Guardian Wolf's mate dies then so do they" I say quietly as they all look at me shocked for a few moments.

More Support

Chapter 111 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

I look around the room seeing the shocked faces of the others before Jax grasps my hand and squeezes it reassuringly. "I'll always be by your side" he links me promising.

"Fucking hell" Alpha Brad says into the silence. "So she will have felt your betrayal then Kingsley?"

"I think so, despite her being human we are marked and mated" my father says quietly his pain clear in his eyes as they turn glassy.

"I hate to say this but she will have" Brent says just as quietly, "my brother's mate is human and the mate bond is the same as with two wolves. They have never betrayed one another like that but I can confidently say your mate would have unfortunately felt that pain."

"They did it on purpose?" Brad asks with horror as understanding dawns on his face.

"We believe so, they were not happy their daughter was mated to a wolf and was happy, they threatened her multiple times and we had to leave where we lived at the time when she found out she was pregnant with Nova" my dad says slowly. "We were constantly on the move after that, and then 2 weeks after she was born they found us. We split and I planned to lead them away, but they followed the both of us. Her mum had to leave her with what became her adoptive family."

"So what next for you?" Alpha Brent asks leaning forward as everyone processes what my father had told them.

"There is a hunters meeting later today which we are going to scout and gain information. We are going to trail those of interest from the meeting and and leave them a little gift" I say coldly.

"Gift?" Brent asks again. Just then the conference room door slams open and Alex's powerful aura envelops the room.

"Caroline, Novas grandmother was taken by Nova following an attack on her adoptive parents where they were killed, Caroline was in a coma for 19 months. The doctors here have since woken her up and Jax and Nova have gained information from her, now there is no use for her we are going to leave her body" Alex says as he comes to stand behind us. "Kingsley and Nova have my full support the same as the Moonbeam Pack who announced it to me before they had to leave this morning. Despite not knowing all the details they were confident it was the right thing to do...do they have yours?"

"I will vow my allegiance" Alpha Henry says immediately as he is soon followed by Alpha Marcus, Alpha Edward and Alpha Brent. Turning to look at Alpha Brad who has stayed quiet Alex raises a brow.

"I'm unsure" he admits.

"About?" Alex asks calmly.

"Their intention" he says inclining his head toward my father and I.

Huffing out a small laugh I shake my head, "do you have any idea how much I wish to live a simple life at times?"

"Do you though? Or do you just see a way to the top?" He asks.

"I don't want to be at the top" I reply seriously. "I want a mate, pups, a happy pack to run alongside my Alpha and peace amongst others. Why is that so hard to believe?"

"Because what Wolf wants that truly?" He asks with a cold laugh.

"Alpha Brad are you concerned I could take over your pack?" I ask with a raised brow of my own.

"N..no" he stutters in shock as I continue to look at him calmly.

"Im concerned that you want power" he states after a minutes quiet.

"I have power" I retort, "I am stronger than everyone here including the Alpha King. I have no desire to take over packs or affect any of your leadership."

"Can I speak?" Axton asks suddenly.

"Of course" Jax responds.

"Nova became my chosen mate for 3 years, she turned down multiple mateship offers but when the council proposed one between us she considered it and accepted it. Not because she loved me because admittedly at first there was no love from her for me, but she did it because she saw the struggles my pack were having when she was with her brother, my Beta. In her time as Luna she increased the packs financial state considerably, pack morale increased and everyone was happy. She helped my businesses and supported pack members business ventures, she worked in the pack hospital alongside the Luna role and even the birth rates were higher. Not once did Nova try to over power me or take away from my position as Alpha. We had a contract where if either of us found our fated and it wasn't each other we would step aside and not get in the way, she even ensured there was a clause included where the next Luna would be trained by her to help continue the packs success. I have already sworn a treaty with The Midnight Sky Pack so they have my full support when and if needed, it is the least I can do after what Nova has done for my pack. Can I ask though, does any of that sound like a lady only after power?"

"No" Alpha Brad admits looking at me in a new light.

He looks at me for a moment before sitting up straight and smiling, "I will vow my allegiance."

"I suggest you don't mention the hunters and the information Jax and Nova have disclosed from this meeting" Alex suddenly says. "It will protect us all but also we have no idea where the hunters are gathering their information. I'd like to instruct you all as the Alpha King to not utter a word."

Seeing everyone agree immediately I relax not sensing any deception from anyone in the room.

"Not telling them you can sense lies so accurately was a good idea" Kia tells me.

"I thought it was best" I agree.

"Let's get some refreshments before you all leave" I suggest standing from the table as Jax offers me his hand.

"You will contact us if you need our assistance won't you?" Alpha Marcus asks with genuine concern.

"Of course" Jax says shaking his hand. "It's good to have some allies in this situation."

“I also suggest everyone takes an official vow pledging their allegiance to Nova as I have done before they leave” Alex says his large form towering over the guest Alphas showing his strength. “It will show your true support” he adds on his intimidating gazes focusing on those around us.

As everybody agrees without hesitation I relax into Jax's side as he kisses my temple softly. “Good job love, you can only be true to yourself and look what it gets you.”

“It’s good to have more support” I say as I wrap my hands round his neck and draw his lips to mine in a soft loving kiss. “Thanks for sticking by me.”

“Always Nova, I mean it” he says with love clear in his green eyes.

Kingsley's Gift

Chapter 112 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV;

"That went well" Alex comments pouring us a glass of whiskey as we sit in the office after saying goodbye to the guests.

"It did, about time something was positive" I say with a sigh taking the glass as I lean back in my chair.

"Are you prepared for the meeting?" Alex asks calmly.

"Yes, Nova and myself are going to go. Laurence is going to stay back at the pack and run things from here, that way he is also near his mate" I explain.

"And Caroline?" He asks.

"Kingsley is down there now with Laurence doing the final interrogation. She will follow us with my Gamma Theo and 5 warriors, once we have decided where we go next depending on the information we gather and who is there we will act accordingly" I say slitting my throat in demonstration.

"Good" Alex says with a nod. "I'll be coming also."

"You're sure?" I ask slightly surprised.

"Positive" he assures me. "Ophelia is comfortable here, Nova has her helping with the nursery as she wanted to stay busy and to be honest I haven't seen her so happy and relaxed since the attack."

"It's hard not to be when you're surrounded by pups" I say with a smile.

"Your Luna is a clever woman" he chuckles. "Ophelia is supportive of me accompanying you, I also have reasons don't I."

"It certainly makes sense for us to figure this out together, strength is in numbers" I agree.

"Exactly" Alex says snapping his fingers.

Hearing a knock on the door Laurence opens it before himself, Kingsley and Johnathon enter. "How did it go?" I ask immediately.

"It was informative" Kingsley says with a cold smile. "The old hag can't die soon enough."

"She will be soon" I assure him, "by your hands if you accompany us."

"I will be" he says without hesitation. "I mentioned the meeting this evening as Laurence suggested and she reacted in a way I knew it was a genuine meeting. I don't suspect it to be a set up, when I said where it was held her heart rate spiked and her breathing quickened..she panicked. Of course this is going off of what she knew since before her coma but I have a good feeling the hunters don't know of our awareness of the meeting."

"They will when Hannah doesn't attend though, it will raise suspicion" Laurence says.

"By which point it will be too late, even if they don't follow through with the meeting if the attendees aren't all accounted for the others will still have shown up" I point out with a smile.

"True" he smirks. "It's a shame it's somewhere where we can't risk an attack."

"Caroline says meetings are always held in heavily human populated areas" Kingsley says.

"Smart move by them. Kingsley I have a question for you and I hope you don't think I'm being intrusive, do you have any gifts from the goddess from being a Guardian Wolf?" I ask quietly.

He nods slowly, "yes..I do. I can heal others."

"You can heal others?" I gasp looking to Alex as he sits forward.

"Surface wounds and if they have been affected by silver I can heal them and they won't be scarred. I'm not affected by silver just like Nova" he acknowledges.

"Does it drain you healing others?" Laurence asks.

"Yes..whatever wound I heal I then suffer the pain of for a short time after, I have no visible pain but I can feel it" he admits with a wince.

"When did you discover this?" I ask.

"Sophie was hurt in an attack during our early days with the rogue pack under my rule, the wolf in question died after breaking the oath but I healed her instinctually" he answers. "I visited Andrew when he was unconscious and helped heal his silver wound, he has no scar."

"Why didn't you say?" I ask shocked.

"Because I have been hiding for years, I apologise I have been wary and uncertain of who to trust. Not necessarily you but others around you, obviously now I'm certain I can trust everyone here but yes..i was wary and didn't want to expose my gift" he admits.

"That's understandable Kingsley" Laurence says tapping his shoulder. "You're a good man for doing that."

"Thanks" he says with a smile.

"Can you heal wolves that have been cursed?" Alex asks.

"I don't think so" Kingsley says apologetically, "I know why you're asking and trust me if I could help I would."

Sitting back with a sigh Alex nods in understanding, "I know Kingsley, I know."

"I can help her" Johnathon says, "well Kia can. Nova has spoken to me and if you could come with me after this and find Ophelia I'd love to get started."

"Yes definitely" Alex says happily his eyes brightening. "What happened this morning?" Alex asks turning to me.

"Ah..father attacked two of Henry's guards and left" I growl in frustration.

"He left?!" Alex exclaims.

"Yes" I sigh. "No idea where he went."

"He keeps surprising me" Alex says, "and not in a good way."

"You and me both" I sigh. "We have people out looking for him and surrounding packs are aware."

"He's let himself down" Laurence admits from the side.

"He has" I agree monotonously.

"Sorry man" he says squeezing my shoulder.

Shrugging I stand up, "what he's done is done, I just hope we can find him and find out what the hell he's up to. I suggest we all take some time as in 2 hours we need to reconvene outside the pack house to prepare for heading out."

With muttered agreement everyone files out of the room leaving Laurence and myself.

"How are you holding up Alpha?" He asks taking a seat.

"I just need some answers" I admit with frustration.

"I have a good feeling about tonight" Laurence says looking at me.

"Goddess I hope you're right" I groan.

"Why don't we go spar? Work out some frustration and pass the time?" Laurence suggests as I stare blankly at the paperwork in front of me.

"That's the best idea I've heard all day" I laugh standing up eagerly. "I hope you're ready to get your ass handed to you."

"I know, what have I got myself in for" he laughs, "Nova said you were stronger."

"I am" I smirk.

"Ah fuck" he sighs dramatically. "Well it'll help me too I suppose won't it."

"Positive..I like it" I praise my Beta who simply rolls his eyes at me. "Ah ah..Attitude" I smirk at him as he flips me off.

"I can get away with it" he smirks.

"Touché" I laugh, "at least you know when and where."

"Exactly" he exclaims with a cocky grin on his face, making me relieved my Beta and friend knows exactly how to react to my changing moods.