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"Okay, shoot."

"I obviously know your father, he was born in your pack and we have his lineage on record, but what do you know of your mother?"

My heart seized and I stopped walking. I just stood there and stared at him. Of all the wounds to rip open, this is not the one I expected. I could feel the tears pool behind my eyes, but I was not going to cry. I am a warrior, I had to remain in control of my emotions.

"I don't know anything about her actually, I was never allowed to know or to ask." I took a deep shuddering breath and started moving forward, hoping to move past this and onto another topic. I was not so lucky.

"This has a lot to do with your mother, but the story starts further back. I think it's time you know where you come from Little One."

I just look at him confused. "I'm just a Beta's daughter and second born. There really isn't much more to it than that."

"There's actually a whole lot more where you are concerned. Do you remember all of the extra testing and blood samples the Docs took from you while you were recovering?" I nodded. "I had my theories then, just based

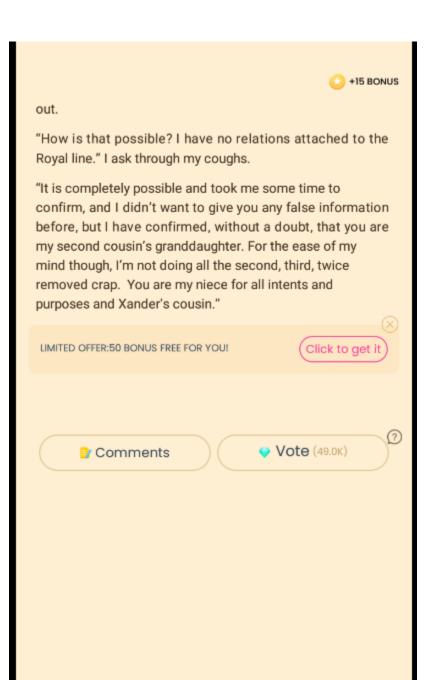
on all of your natural physical skills and leadership qualities. Everything that I observed during my time at your trials."

"What do you mean 'my' trials? Those were for everyone, I had to get permission to participate."

"I needed a reason to test your skills without you knowing what was happening. I wanted your natural reactions to various situations. Osiston, Nickolas and I came up with the trials to be able to put you in the situations we needed while simultaneously testing other warrior candidates. Side note, now that we have done it that way and seen the quality we got in this round, we will probably continue to run trials like that from now on, so thank you for that." He winked at me. "I knew Alpha Lucas wasn't exaggerating your skills after the first day, but the second day, in your wolf form, when you took out Xander without even breaking a sweat, I knew you were who I have been looking for for a very, very long time. Even though he is not a full Alpha King yet, Xander should have been able to hold you off. The only people who can truly best him have Royal Alpha blood. Even Osiston struggles in a match with him. What saves Osiston usually is experience and patience and his royal blood."

"Wait, what are you saying? I don't understand. Are you suggesting I have Royal Alpha blood?"

"I am not suggesting it." I take a deep breath and let it out slowly. "I'm confirming it." I choke on the breath I was letting



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My eyes bug out of my head, and I think I forgot how to breathe. I am only still walking on auto-pilot following Alpha Reggie around the maze.

"That makes Mateo your..."

"Nephew, naturally, but in the Royal bloodline, it's the first born female that is special."

My heart rate has skyrocketed and it feels like my heart is trying to physically leave my chest. Can he actually tell me something about my mom? No one, not even Luna Ava, has ever told me anything about my mom out of fear of my dad's reaction. The only thing I have ever heard is that I look exactly like her and my brother has her hair color too. Nothing more than that.

"Come here, this may be better digested sitting down." He leads us over to a small ornate concrete bench. Where did this thing even come from? I was so distracted by his information, I stopped observing my surroundings. I couldn't let that be a thing. I mentally shook myself and took a look around as he led me over to sit down.

We seem to have come into the center of the maze with at least six exit points. The hedge size didn't seem to change here, but there were little manicured areas with flowers and shepherds hooks holding small wind chimes, crystals catching the light or other little wind catchers, giving a whimsical fairytale vibe to the place. The concrete benches were set in a circle surrounding the clearing. I could see my six year old self sitting here with Mary having a tea party and giggling the day away.

"I thought you might like this place, my mother and my aunt spent a lot of time here." He smiled at me. "Let me start at the beginning, but jump in with any questions you have. It will help you to understand if you have the whole of our lineage as far back as we can trace it."

I nodded, vibrating with the idea that I was going to hear about my mom and a part of my family I didn't even know existed. I gasped and sat up straight. "Does Xander know? That we are cousins, or I'm family, or whatever is going on here?"

"Yes, he knows, so does Anne and Alpha Lucas and Luna Ava. But, no one beyond that knows and I want to keep it that way for a little while. You'll understand why when I finish my story." He tells me softly watching my face fall. I wanted to run and tell Sierra and we could process the whole thing together, but something in his voice made me understand there is a vital reason for the secrecy, now I just had to be patient enough to hear it.

"Okay, let me hear it. How do I fit into your world?"

He chuckles, takes a deep breath and begins.

"When the Moon Goddess decided our population on earth was getting too vast for her to manage on her own. She chose Alphas to rule areas, the idea was that we were all responsible together for the packs as a whole. She knew with our human half came certain complications and flaws, so she also instilled our Lunas with the ability to communicate with her and to help control the possessive and aggressive natures of the Alpha males. It was a way to have checks and balances. No Alpha King could rule properly without his Goddess given mate and we were all evenly matched so it was less likely for us to go to war with another kingdom.

Over time we evolved and got better for the most part. I can only speak to my line, so this may not be accurate for all, but my great-great grandfather noticed that the first born females had special abilities. Things like the ability to heal injuries while in wolf form. Some had additional strength or speed, even by Royal blooded standards. Others had power over the mind and could control others differently than what an Alpha aura would do. Things like that. He also discovered that every generation alternated between having a pure black or pure white wolf."

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