

Chapter 11 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Grinning to myself as I sit down I link Laurence to come join me in the office. Feeling lighter than I have in a few years since speaking to Nova I hear Zeus purring in my mind. "What's up with you?" I ask him, "not like you to be this soft?"

"There is just something about her, I can feel the raw power radiating from her and her wolf. I've never felt that before" he muses before continuing, "I just feel this link to her which I can't explain."

"Do you think she could be our mate?" I ask him quietly feeling nervous all of a sudden.

"I did think that. It would explain the small shocks you get from her touch and the sense of security and understanding we get from her. Her birthday is soon so it could be the beginning of the bond establishing." He says happily.

"If that's the case then why only now? We have met Nova before a couple of times and although we appreciated her beauty and attitude I never got this feeling previously?" I ponder to him.

"Her chosen mate bond is no longer in place, with the loss of her mark it may be easier to sense as it gets closer to her birthday" he says to me, "but we will have to just wait and see. I am looking forward to meeting Kia though" he adds on making sure I'm aware of his wishes.

"You will tonight buddy, I think we are both intrigued to meet her" I laugh.

Hearing a knock on the door I shout come in to let Laurence know I'm expecting him. "Hey man, how are you?" I ask as he takes a seat in front of me.

Not hearing anything I look up and see him grinning at me, "what?" I ask wearily.

"Nothing" he shrugs, "I'm very good, how was your walk?" He asks knowingly.

Trying to stop the smile from spreading across my face I look away knowing I haven't, "good..it's nice to speak to someone who knows the pain. She's an interesting woman, very strong" I say shrugging as I look back at him.

"Well Naomi and I are happy to see Nova and Alice join the pack, they were lovely at lunch and I think they'll settle in perfectly" Laurence replies.

"What did it feel like when you met your mate?" I ask him bluntly.

Seeing his eyes widen questioningly he looks at me for a moment before leaning back to reply, "well her scent was intoxicating and when we touched there were sparks that flew through our bodies. It's hard to explain but it's intense and pretty amazing" he smiles as he reminisces. "Why are you asking?" He asks looking at me steadily.

Taking a deep breath I tilt my head up before I reply, "her scent is becoming stronger to me and I swear when we've touched there have been faint jolts of electricity almost between us. I know she's noticed it to, I heard her gasp when I helped her stand earlier."

"That's amazing boss! But why do you sound unsure?" He probes.

"I can't explain why, maybe Nova will in time but for certain reasons she can't sense her mate until her 25th birthday which is in 20 days now. So I don't know if she is or not" I shrug casually trying not to show that I'm hopeful.

"It could be the bond developing" he murmurs deep in thought.

"That's what Zeus said" I agree, "but we will just wait and see."

"Anyway let's talk business" I say slapping my hand down on the desk as we start discussing what has happened over the last few days. After a couple of hours I hear a soft knock on the door and a waft of Nova's raspberry and mint scent. Standing up I walk over and open it smiling in welcome, "hi Nova, come in it's just Laurence and I in here" I say gesturing towards the other chair in front of my desk.

"Thank you Alpha, sorry I didn't mean to disturb you both" she says gently as she gracefully lowers herself into the chair and crosses her legs highlighting her toned figure. Thinking back to how shapely she looked when she was walking in front of me earlier I suppressed a slight moan and leant forward hiding my slight growing discomfort down below.

"I was just thinking about what we discussed earlier Alpha" she began.

"Jax, Nova. Remember what we agreed" I smirk at her. Seeing her suppress a large smile she continues, "Jax..I know I requested to not make the knowledge of Kia known around the pack but I do think it would be beneficial for Beta Laurence and your Gammas to know. But I wanted to get your approval beforehand?"

"It's completely up to you Nova, I personally think it's a good idea and may answer some questions I know this inquisitive man opposite me may have. It may also solidify people's opinions of you within this pack who are ranked. I know you will always think of others first,

I've seen that first hand. If you wish to say then I don't oppose the idea, but thank you for thinking to ask first" I answer her.

With a deep breath she turns her attention to Laurence who is looking at her with raised eyebrows, "Kia isn't a normal wolf..." she starts before Laurence holds up his hand pausing her.

Grinning he leans forward, "can I hazard a guess?"

Seeing Novas puzzled expression she shrugs looking intrigued, "go for it" she exclaims.

"You're a Guardian Wolf" he says casually staring at her. Huffing a laugh out I shake my head when I see Nora's amazed expression.

"What? How?!" She stutters out gazing at him.

"Just something Jax said earlier when we were talking about mates, but I've also noticed the power radiating from you. I have Alpha blood in me which is why I've noticed I think, but my wolf has a natural respect for you as do I. Plus when Jax informed me of what happened at your previous pack I knew from the way you handled yourself and your recovery time that you were something special. Mythology has always intrigued me, but to know Guardian Wolves are existing amongst us..it's amazing!" He says growing more excited as he speaks.

Turning to me Nova giggles, "well that was a lot easier than I expected. I'm glad you know Beta" she adds on graciously to Laurence.

"I'm honoured, truly" he responds sincerely, "are there more of you?"

"No" Nova shakes her head, "the council of elders obviously are aware of me and have helped me tremendously growing up. Shifting aged 8 brought on a lot of questions but the council did agree it was due to traumatic events and we went with that. Plus when people saw my wolf they asked more questions, but because I'm adopted I said it was most likely due to my parents origins and because I don't know them I couldn't say anymore."

"You're adopted?" I repeat having not known that piece of information, "you and Luca are very close."

"He's an amazing brother, I was lucky to have the parents I did as well they were incredibly supportive and patient with me when I navigated a slightly different path to most. I was placed on their doorstep when I was 3 weeks old with a letter saying when I was born and that the support I would need in the future couldn't be provided by my birth parents." She says quietly, "my parents couldn't have any more children because of a complication when Luca was born so they welcomed me into the family immediately and never looked back."

"What happened to your parents?" I inquire.

A lone tear rolled down her face before she quickly wiped it away, "they were attacked a year and a half ago by hunters and killed whilst out on a scouting mission. It was brutal and inhumane and it could have broken us, luckily we had each other and because of our responsibilities we let it make us stronger."

"You're welcome to contact Luca whenever you would like Nova" I say softly.

"Thank you Jax, I'm going to give him a few days for everything to settle down in his pack but I will definitely contact him next week" she confirms with me.

"Right Laurence I say we've finished work for the day, let's go get some dinner before the pack run tonight" I say stretching as I stand, "Nova after you" I gesture as I hold the door open.

Run

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Nova POV:

After dinner we all head down to the open training grounds where we wait for Jax to start the pack run. Seeing Flo walk towards me I hold my arms open ready for her hug.

"I'm sorry I missed dinner Nova, Andrew and I were on patrol" she explains. Gesturing to the large man behind her who is full of muscle and has a large tribal tattoo on his right bicep she smiles widely, "this is Andrew..my mate."

Reaching my hand out to shake his politely he waves my hand away and draws me in for a warm hug, "it's a pleasure to meet you Nova, I've heard all about you from Flo and Theo. If it hadn't of been for you I don't know when I would have been lucky enough to meet Flo, so thank you" he whispers quietly in my ear.

Stepping back I hold my hands over my heart, "that's really kind Andrew, it's so lovely to meet the man who's making Flo so happy" I express. "You're going to have to tell me all about when you first met you know" I say giving Flo a look.

"Gossip session" she smirks at me making Andrew look slightly worried, patting his arm she laughs "nothing to worry about babe" as she winks at me playfully.

Seeing Jax walking over he comes to stand beside me, "you ready Nova? I'd like to introduce you and Alice to the pack before we run" he says as Alice and Theo join us.

"Ready" we both repeat enthusiastically clasping our hands together.

Walking towards the front with Jax I see more than a few curious looks our way however absolutely everyone smiled in greeting making me realise how welcoming this pack is.

"Good evening everyone!" Jax begins, his deep voice carrying over the crowd that's gathered, "as you are all aware tonight we are celebrating the first shift of our pack members Annabelle and Mathew" as a loud cheer went up in the air Jax motions them both to step forward. "I hope you enjoy this evenings run and your wolves embrace their freedom of this territory!"

"Thank you Alpha" they both say clearly with large grins on their faces.

"Secondly, you all have probably seen but we have two new pack members as of today. Please can everybody say a warm hello to Alice who has found her mate in our Gamma Theo, and Nova!" With that many greetings were shouted out from the crowd and we both waved back happily.

"Now, let's run!" Jax voice booms out, as he steps down.

Seeing him lift his tshirt over his broad shoulders readying to shift, it reveals his rippling abs and teasing v line as I blush and turn to face Alice who seems distracted by Theo's body. "Alice are you going to shift or stand ogling your new mate" I tease as I step out my clothes. Seeing her face blush a deep red I giggle and step back letting Kia move to the front and shift quickly.

Hearing gasps from the crowd Kia turns to face them her head tall whilst standing proud, "not every day they see a white wolf and definitely not as big as you Kia" I hear Theo link us, "you're just as gorgeous as we remember, but definitely bigger" I hear Flo add on. Stepping forward and giving Theo and Flo a soft nudge with her snout Kia purrs happily as she links them back "my family, we've missed you" love lacing her voice thickly.

As they step forward to give her a gentle hug as they used to when they were younger I suddenly am glad I'm not in my human form or I would be crying my eyes out. "Shift" Kia urges them.

Feeling a powerful presence behind us Kia turns to be face to face to a magnificent 9ft black wolf with glowing golden eyes, "Zeus" she breaths to me. All of a sudden the massive black wolf lowers himself smoothly into a bow all while holding Kia's eye contact showing his sign of respect for her but still his Alpha dominance. Turning to look at the rest of the crowd we see all other wolves bowed in-front of us. "That's never happened before.." Kia trailed off sounding unsure. Suddenly a quiet huff and a nudge on her shoulder causes Kia to swing her head round, seeing it was Zeus she repeats the gesture before they howl simultaneously up towards the sky indicating the start of the run.

Shooting off Kia excels in the freedom she hasn't experienced for a few days, "ah I have missed this" she links me happily. "Have fun" I simply link back letting her relax and release some pent up emotions. Seeing Zeus running alongside her she cocks her head at him before pausing, once he had stopped and looked back she ran up to him yipping at him slightly before shooting off again starting a game of chase. They both ran for an hour before they reached the training grounds once again just as Zeus gently nudges her with his head indicating play time was over. Lying down she lets her tongue lol out as she looks around happily, "thank you Alpha Jax" she links him making Zeus swing his head round to gaze at her as he lays next to us, "please tell Zeus it was a pleasure to run with him" she says before suddenly relinquishing control back to me leaving me lying naked on the grass shrieking in surprise as I use my hands to attempt to cover my perky assets.

"Kia!" I shout out angrily as I scramble to get my clothes on as Zeus looks away. Once dressed I growl at her, "not funny" before i turn to face a now semi dressed Jax.

"Sorry about that Jax, Ki seemed to find it amusing" I mumble in embarrassment.

He shrugs casually, "didn't complain did I? Don't worry I didn't see..much" he adds on before winking and turning but not before I see him slightly readjust his shorts. "He's definitely attracted to us" I hear Kia exclaim gleefully to me, "shushh" I scald her quietly.

"I'm going for a coffee, do you fancy joining me!" Jax asks quietly as he holds his hand out to me. Looking at it briefly before I place my own in his gently, feeling another jolt between us i murmur, "I'd love to."

"Kia is a stunning wolf you know, I've never seen a wolf so gorgeous actually, cheeky too" he admires as he moves his arm so it's casually around my shoulders tucking me into his side earning a few surprised looks from people arriving back at the pack house. Feeling cosy I snuggle in closer without thinking, "the mind-linking me surprised me though" he laughs.

"Aha yes she can mind link anyone actually, we both can. But it's not something we go around sharing, it's a benefit of being who we are. You should be happy actually, she doesn't normally link anyone" I say quietly.

I look up to see him grinning happily at my words, suddenly realising how close I am to his impeccably toned chest and feeling a familiar heat start to pool down below I step to one side extracting myself as I open the pack house door for us. "I enjoyed the run" he said looking at my eyes before walking past me into the house.

"Me too" I murmur to him quietly knowing he can still hear. Sitting down at the breakfast bar i watch as he potters about the kitchen before he sits and pushes a large cup towards me.

Taking a deep breath he looks at me before speaking, "I don't want to scare you or put pressure on you but I thought I'd maybe explain why I was speaking about mating bonds with Laurence earlier" he says clasping his hands together in-front of him.

"Yeah?" I ask him nervously fearing my voice might squeak if I speak anymore.

"Yeah. You feel the shock whenever we touch?" He asks as I nod in response not trusting my voice.

"Well he said that between him and Naomi they had intense sparks when they first met and I've heard that many times before from newly mated pairs. But I've also noticed how your scent is growing stronger to myself, you smell of raspberry and mint" he mentions with a quirk of his mouth, "my favourite summer smell."

Gasping I cover my mouth as I realise he's right, "you smell of pine trees and berries, and it does seem to be getting more intense than it was this morning when we left." I agree.

"Laurence believes it's because your mark was still healing however since leaving their pack grounds your mark has gone down considerably. I know you said you can't detect your mate until you turn 25 but have you ever experienced this before?" He asks nervously glancing at me.

"No I haven't" I shook my head. "Have you?"

"No" he says shaking his head before looking at his coffee whilst he stirs it deep in thought.

"Nova..I'm not sure if it means the beginning of a mate bond forming or not but what I do know is we won't know until your birthday for certain. I really enjoy spending time with you, trust me when I say it's refreshing and I feel more like myself than I have in a long time. But I also know it's not fair for me to pursue something if you have the chance of finding your true mate on your birthday. I guess what I'm trying to say is I hope we can spend some time together over the coming days, but until you're 25 and we know for sure I'll try my best as to not over step that boundary" he assures me.

Reaching my hand out across the bar to hold one of his lightly, "thank you Jax. Kia and I did speak about it earlier actually, and we agree that there is a strong chance it could be a mate bond. But you're right, until we know for certain it's not fair to either of us..if we have waited almost 25 years, I can wait a few more days. I will say however, Ki has never felt this comfortable around another wolf who wasn't family, she was very keen to meet Zeus and she has a tremendous amount of respect for you. She doesn't normally shift and leave me naked in front of just anyone" I giggle laughing as she laughs in my head.

Seeing Jax's eyes light up he cheekily remarks, "well if that happens everytime we will be going for a lot more runs."

"Behave..Alpha. She's a naughty one" I whisper cheekily back to him. Seeing his eyes darken at my flirting I stop myself by biting my lips, "sorry I'm not helping there. But I am looking forward to spending time with you and Zeus. It's been a lovely welcome into the pack."

"Stop biting your lip" he whispers hoarsely looking away from me as he shifts in his seat slightly making me realise the effect I'm having on him.

After a minute more of comfortable silence I withdraw my hand before standing and gesturing upstairs as I put my cup in the dishwasher, "I'm going to head for a bath and then bed. I'll see you in the morning?"

He stands quickly and does the same with his cup, putting his hand on the small of my back he murmurs, "I'll walk you to your room."

Walking upstairs he doesn't remove his hand until we reach my door and I collect my key card from my pocket, "where is the gym again? I normally squeeze a workout in in the morning as I'm an early riser" i ask.

"There is one down the stairs by the kitchen, there is also a swimming pool. I work out at 5:30/6 every day so I might see you there" he says softly.

"Most likely" I murmur back, "good night Jax..Zeus."

Leaning down and placing a soft kiss on my cheek he whispers huskily in my ear "good night Nova..Kia" making me shiver.

"Ki" I hear her whisper to me.

"Ki" I correct him softly smiling as I let myself into my suite but not before I see his smile stretch across his handsome face and his green eyes brighten as he turns to walk towards his suite.

Workout

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Nova POV:

Blearily opening my eyes I stretch my arms above my head before taking a minute to take in my surroundings. Getting up I wander over to the window and see it's still pretty dark out, glancing at the clock I see it's 5:45am. Yawning I shake my body loosening off my muscles, "I haven't slept that well in a while" I ponder to Ki who's stretching in my mind.

"Hmmm, it was what we needed" she murmurs back to me as I walk into the bathroom to freshen up. As I get dressed into my gym leggings and crop top i gather my hair up into a high ponytail and catch a glimpse of my new scar on my neck. Seeing the small silver line on my neck it fills

me with sadness for a moment before I blink away my tears not letting them fall, "it's healed very quickly" Kia observes. "Hmm" I hum agreeing with her not sure as to the reason.

"Work out time" I say cheerily trying to perk myself up. Slipping on my trainers I quickly grab my keycard and fill my water bottle before leaving the room and heading downstairs.

Opening the gym door I'm immediately surrounded by Jaxs increasingly intoxicating scent, hearing grunts and a thud from him hitting a punching bag I walk over to the far room seeing him concentrating on his workout. "That man..wow" Ki exclaims to me. His brows furrow from the effort he's exerting as his sweat drops down his deliciously defined body, his arms bulge as they move fluidly. Realising I've been staring at him admiring him I shake my head and cough slightly making my presence known to him as he stood and catches the punching bag.

"Hey" he pants as he drops and picks up his water bottle gulping it down.

"Lost in your own world there?" I ask him playfully I set my things down and start stretching and rolling my muscles.

"Yeah, I just try and switch off when I'm in here. Zeus and I love this time of day when we just get to work out" he answers me.

"Sorry for interrupting you, I don't mind coming in later so you can still have some private time to work out" I let him know.

"I'm not sorry" I hear him say from behind me. Looking over my shoulder as I stretch my leg out in front of me and lean forward I see Jaxs eyes trained on my behind.

"You sure?" I check ignoring the warm feeling that spreads through me at his words.

"Im sure" he assures me as he lifts his eyes up to meet mine grinning unashamedly knowing I've caught him checking me out.

Shaking my head at him as he stands back up I laugh, "well you can get back to punching the life out of that bag, I'll be over there" I point to the weight section at the far end of the room. Quickly hopping on the treadmill I run for a few minutes warming up my muscles before I hop off and start with my weight circuits. After I'm done I sit in bewilderment for a few minutes before Jax comes over, "you ok?" He checks.

"Hmm?" I ask him making him quirk a brow at me.

"Oh yeah..I just realised I did my normal weight rounds and didn't struggle, I probably could have added another 30/40kg on and would have been fine" I note with confusion in my tone.

Seeing his eyebrows shoot up he looks around noting the weight I've already been lifting, "seriously?! What you were already lifting was impressive, I've never seen a female lift weights that heavy! Why don't we see what you can lift tomorrow morning?"

"Oh so you're not sick of me training at the same time" I joke with him.

Laughing as he wipes his sweat off of him with a towel he runs his hand through his thick dark hair messing it attractively, "you're quiet, concentrate on your own workout and you're nice to look at..I can't think of any complaints" he casually says.

Pulling his top of his head making his abs and v line ripple with his movement I find myself licking my dry lips all of a sudden, "oh..good" I hear myself faintly say.

Shaking myself off I see him smiling at me knowingly, "dont" I mutter slapping his arm jokingly as I walk past him to grab my bottle.

Hearing a grumble of laughter in his chest from behind me he bends down and whispers in my ear "you're pretty good motivation" before he straightens up and walks over to hold the door open for me leaving me slightly flustered.

"I need a shower" i mutter to myself as I walk back upstairs shaking off the images Kia is sending me much to her amusement.

"I'll meet you for some food if you'd like Nova? Give me 30 mins to shower and I'll be down to join you" Jax offers hopefully.

"See you there" I smile at him as I turn and walk back to my suite.

Opening my door I walk in and collapse on my couch, "what is happening to me" I groan as I feel my face blush at the memory of Jax's body.

"He's making quite the impression on you Nova" Ki exclaims to me wagging her tail gleefully. "Quiet" I shush her as I lean my head back trying to calm my fast beating heart. Shutting her out for a minute in the hope I can calm down I try to move my mind away from Jax. After a few minutes of not succeeding I feel the familiar heat pool below as images of a half naked sweating Jax assault my mine. Groaning I lower my hand absentminded down and pull my leggings down opening my legs. Running my hands through my wet folds I gasp as I graze my clit slightly, "damn" I whisper to myself amazed at how turned on I am just from being in his presence. Knowing I'm too far gone at this point I lightly circle my swollen nub before I slip a finger in to my warm core imagining it's Jax doing so, feeling my nipples harden I move my free hand under my bra and pinch and twist the hardened peaks eliciting a soft moan from myself. Increasing my tempo I plunge my finger in and out before moving my other hand down to rub my clit. Feeling the familiar tightness increase in my core I throw my head back further as I slip a second finger in, feeling my walls tighten around my fingers I gasp as I come undone my last coherent thought being that of Jax's face with his darkened eyes.

A few minutes later I sigh as I think how long the next few days may be as I wait to find out if Jax is my mate. Checking the time I see I only have 15 mins so I quickly run into the shower and wash off my sweat and any scent of arousal that lingers before throwing on a short denim skirt and white top that slightly hints at my toned stomach. Sliding into my grey vans I run a brush

through my damp hair quickly then flick a layer of mascara on and some lipgloss highlighting my plump lips. Stepping back I quickly admire myself in the mirror, "you look amazing" I hear Kia tell me.

"It's nice to be able to dress a bit more relaxed" I comment to her and I head downstairs thinking of how Axton always insisted I cover myself so others couldn't admire me too much, "men" Kia scoffs at that thought.

Following the delicious smell of baked goods I wander into the dining hall seeing the others at a table I head towards them to wish them a good morning as they wave me over.

Exciting News

Chapter 14 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Entering my room I heave a big sigh as I feel the tension in my body. Nova is taking up most of my thoughts since she has been here and it's only been a day. Somehow she just draws me in without doing anything and I find myself craving her company and her delicious scent. Seeing her this morning immediately made me smile as I realised I'd been keeping myself training hard waiting till she arrived. Catching glimpses of her as she worked out showing her impossibly toned physique and tantalising golden legs I found myself having to list what I needed to order for the warriors training equipment in the hope it distracted my stirring manhood.

Stepping into the shower I can't rid myself of the image of Nova's toned stomach and curvaceous bum which had distracted me more than once as I feel myself harden below. Looking down and seeing my cock standing to attention I slowly begin to stroke it knowing I need a release otherwise I'll be on edge every time I see her. Leaning over and resting my free hand on the shower wall I start to pump my shaft faster as I imagine Nova on her knees in front of me looking up through her lashes as her plump lips wrap around my swollen head as she sucks me deeper. "Fuckk" I groan as the image of her naked body from last night comes to mind, seeing her perky breasts and hardened nipples I knew they'd be the perfect handful for me to play with, getting a glimpse of her tight opening as she leapt up has me imagining how tight she would feel as I plunged my shaft into her. Feeling my balls tighten below at the thought I straighten and reach my hand down to cup them before I explode ropes and ropes of cum all over my chest.

Panting I gather my breath before I rinse of the remnants of my release and make sure all traces of sweat are washed from my body. "She's going to be the death of us" I hear Zeus growl to me as he admires Kia from his memories of last night.

Slipping some black shorts on and a tight black tshirt I ready myself and walk downstairs. Seeing Nova at the table talking enthusiastically with my Gamma Florence I smile as I grab a large plateful of food and take the seat beside her.

"Hey" she smiles flashing her perfect teeth at me, "Florence was just telling me how she met Andrew, I have to say it's made my day" she laughs.

"That's made your day?" I casually ask, seeing her blush i wink, "just joking. It is a pretty funny story, I always make sure I tell people when I can."

Thinking back it makes me laugh, seeing them at the warrior fight offs I remember seeing Florence walk into the arena and Andrews jaw dropping immediately. He linked me quickly simply saying "mate" then before he had time to recover from his initial shock she had him on the floor and made him tap out in defeat. She'd then stood up and helped him to his feet before dropping a kiss on his cheek and introducing herself.

"Oh man getting floored by your newly found mate should have been embarrassing but I couldn't stop myself from feeling proud, it was a mind fuck" Andrew grumbles from her side.

Throwing her head back as she laughs Nova tries to cover the tears falling from her eyes, "that's my girl" she says bumping her first with Florence's.

"So where is Theo?" Florence asks directing it at me.

Shrugging I swallow my food before replying, "I'm not sure. I told him he was excused from weekend training and I'd run them in his place. I thought he could enjoy his weekend with Alice before getting back to it next week."

"I'm so happy he's with Alice" I hear Nova say from beside me, "they're perfect for one another. I hope Theo knows she's no pushover."

"Oh he knows" I hear Alice say as she drops down on the other side of Nova.

"Good morning" Nova says happily leaning forward to give her a hug before last minute grabbing he hair and flicking it over the shoulder to expose her new mark on her neck.

"I knew it" she winked at her friend before dragging her in for a hug, "I'm so happy for you" I hear her whisper.

Theo sits down looking extremely pleased with himself as everyone congratulates them. "So do you have anything planned this weekend?" I ask them as a thought comes to mind.

"I'm going to show her round the territory and we might go out for dinner one evening Alpha" Theo says as he digs into his food.

"If you'd like my lake house isn't being used at the moment? I can happily get an Omega to set it up this morning and you both are welcome to spend the weekend there if you'd like. I can get Andreas in to cook you both dinner tonight as well?" I mention before taking a swig of my coffee. Seeing Alice's eyes widen and Theo look round excitedly I grin.

"You wouldn't mind?" He checks.

"No, and it's the perfect time of year to enjoy the lake. Go, enjoy it" he assure them, "I've linked David to ensure it's ready for lunch time."

"Thank you Alpha" Alice exclaims joyfully.

"That's really kind of you" Nova says looking at me with a look I couldn't decipher. Shrugging I respond, "I'm sure they'd enjoy the privacy plus it's just standing there. I offered the same to Laurence and Naomi when they marked each other."

"Yeah then he went and built us a bloody lake house as well" Laurence exclaims, "it's amazing. I can't wait for our future children to grow up there" he smiles winking at Naomi as she turns slightly pink at his words.

Seeing Nova looking at Naomi I see her smile slightly before she speaks turning to me "that's really sweet. You continue to surprise me."

Quirking my mouth at her comment I continue eating, "feel good after training?" I ask making conversation.

Seeing her freeze she looks at me quickly, "huh?" She asks.

"You said you didn't struggle lifting the weights? I just wondered how your muscles were feeling" I explain.

Seeing her visibly relax as her cheeks hold a soft blush I cock my head at her, "oh..yeah haha. I feel good, very um..relaxed" she says a little breathlessly.

"You ok?" I link her as I finish off my coffee.

"Yeah it's nothing don't worry" she says a bit embarrassed.

"What was the smile when you looked at Naomi about?" I ask.

Seeing her smile into her cup as she raises it to take a swig she replies, "listen carefully to her, block everything out."

Doing as she says I sit back and concentrate feeling my brows furrow slightly as I do, listening to Naomi I hear her solid heart beat, focusing more I hear a little flutter almost too faint to hear.

"What is that?" I link Nova.

"Their pup" she replies simply. Bolting upright in shock I earn a few surprised looks from around the table as Nova looks at me in amusement.

Clearing my throat I sit back mumbling "sorry I just remembered something important."

As everyone goes back to eating I look at Nova narrowing my eyes slightly, "you could have warned me before just saying pup."

"Oh well I best tell you to not react...it's actually pups" her melodic voice links me softly.

Grinning I look at Naomi who looks slightly pale as she moves her food around her plate not eating anything. "Congratulations Naomi" I link her. Seeing her head snap up at me in shock I smirk as Nova giggles beside me.

"What's up babe?" Laurence checks as she takes a quick sip of water.

She giggles nervously wringing her hands in front of her, "actually I have something I'd like to tell you all." Taking a deep breath she grasps one of Laurence's hands looking at him with love, "I'm pregnant."

Laurence freezes before a large smile spreads across his face and he pulls her into his chest dropping a kiss on her head. "Oh my goddess I'm going to be a dad" he whoops with glee, "I'm having a pup!" He shouts at me.

"Umm..I'd make that pups plural Beta" Nova giggles beside me, "definitely twins."

They both look at her shocked, "really?" gasped Naomi resting a hand on her stomach.

"Yes..congratulations" Nova responds, "it could explain why you feel so sick."

Naomi nods before pausing, "wait how did you know? Did you tell Alpha?!"

Nova laughs slightly, "I can hear your heartbeat and 2 faint smaller heartbeats which are your pups. As for Jax, I simply told him to listen and then explained what the fluttery noises he could hear were. And the sickness, you look a little pale - still beautiful don't worry, and I noticed you hadn't eaten much."

"That's amazing" Laurence exclaims looking at Nova in wonder.

"It's nothing" she dismisses, "I'm really happy for you both" she adds on graciously.

Smiling at the good news I stand up stretching, "right I'm off to run training. Enjoy your day everyone."

Chapter 15 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

I spend the weekend exploring the pack grounds and getting my things unpacked in my suite, I introduce myself to the pack members I meet along the way and everyone seems very welcoming. I hear a lot of compliments about Kia which makes her stand tall in my head extremely pleased with herself.

It's Sunday evening when I am walking outside after dinner to go and spend some time in the gardens when I hear my name being called behind me. Turning I see Jax striding my way looking relaxed in a loose white button top and denim trousers.

"Hey" I say as he draws closer.

"Hi" he smiles stopping in-front of me, after a minute gazing at me he continues, "I just wanted to check in and see how you're settling in?"

Turning I look out across the gardens, "it's lovely thank you for wondering. I've got things sorted in the suite and everyone I have spoken to has been very welcoming."

"Good" he says sounds relieved, "I'm glad. Still on for a spar in the morning before they begin training sessions? We could do it instead of the gym?"

Nodding enthusiastically I spin to look at him, "definitely!"

Seeing his eyes light up I blush slightly, "shall we say 6am?"

His deep voice replies "I'll be there. I'm just on my way to my parents for dinner I'm running late after office work so please excuse me, but I look forward to the morning. I'll come get you" he says with a wave before he jogs off towards the lake path.

Smiling after him I look up into the darkening sky, "peaceful" Ki murmurs to me happily.

After sitting outside for a little while I wander back to my room determined to enjoy a nice bubble bath and get an early night ready for a new week. Lying in bed later on I can't help but drift off to sleep happily recounting the time id spent with Jax.

Waking up to the noise of my alarm I roll over turning it off, remembering I have sparring in 30 mins I jump up and run for a quick rinse in the shower. Throwing my hair up into a messy bun and getting some training shorts and crop top on I fill my water waiting for Ajax. At 6am on the dot I hear a soft knock on the door and walk over opening it to a smiley Jax. "You look awake this morning" he comments as he stands there in some training shorts and vest top showing off his large muscles.

"I'm a morning person" I shrug, "plus I enjoyed an early evening, I feel well rested for once. You look pretty fresh yourself."

"I'm the same, I've always struggled sleeping in normally waking before my alarm which I used to hate as a teenager" he laughs as he runs his hand through his tousled hair.

Slipping my trainers on I shut the door quietly behind me as we wander downstairs. "Fancy jogging to the training ground as a bit of a warm up?" I ask.

"I like your thinking" he answers as we break into a light jog.

"So how often did you spar at your last pack?" He asks intrigued.

"Everyday, I ran the training program there and it's a bit of a passion of ours. Kia loves it" I let him know.

"So I should be expecting good things then" he smirks.

"Just have to wait and see won't you" I wink at him as we reach the entrance.

We do a few stretches before heading to the sparring area, "ok we can just go pretty simple if you'd like, first I'll attack and you defend then we can switch?" Jax suggests.

"Perfect" I reply getting myself into a defensive position.

Seeing his eyes widen in approval at my eagerness he readies himself before launching his attack. I quickly see he's aiming for my legs so I jump up and flip over him, he spins and runs aiming a quick flurry of punches to my side which I block and dance out of the way of. He then runs at me and skids to try take my legs out but I once again see his opening before hand and do a slide flip over him landing and pushing him forward.

"You don't have to take it easy" I let him know, "I'm a wolf I'll heal."

His eyes narrow in determination before he throws himself into a more forceful attack managing to land a couple of blows. After 20 mins of this he doesn't manage to get me down and steps back saying time out.

"You're quite something" he admires as he looks at me, "you don't even look out of breath!"

Looking at him I notice his vest has started to stick to him with his sweat highlighting his toned abs underneath. “Yes I’m not going to lie I feel stronger than before, I’m not sure why. But I could definitely notice it then.”

“You’re the first person I haven’t been able to take down” he admits quietly with awe in his eyes.

“Really?” I ask, “you’re not just saying that to make me feel good are you?” I tease elbowing him in the side.

“Pffft I wish” he laughs, “but no I’m being serious. You don’t realise how impressive you are do you” he adds on quietly.

“Thanks” I murmur as I drink some water.

“Right let’s swap” he says before groaning, “I might regret this.”

20 minutes later I launch an attack on his abdomen before dropping low and kicking his legs out from under him making him land with a thud, as he quickly tries to spin I grab his arms and with a quick flick i have them pinned above his head with my knee resting over his throat, “gotcha” I smirk before I release him and sit back on my heels.

He looks up at me from the ground, “that was fucking amazing!”

He stands up with a big grin on his face as I ask “oh so you don’t mind being beaten by a woman?” Stripping his wet top off he smirks down at me as he stretches his hand out to help me up.

Pulling me up with a little extra force I find myself up against him resting my hand on his toned chest, “you’re an exception..the only exception” he whispers in my ear making my heart race. I look up at him through my lashes as I bite my lip to try hide my growing excitement. Seeing his eyes darken as they focuses on my action he lowers his head as I tilt mine open, just as his warm full lips brush mine we hear whoops in the distance and we spring apart. Seeing some pack members running down ready for training I try to calm my breathing.

“I’m sorry” he whispers as he stands beside me.

“I’m not” I say breathlessly repeating his words back to him from the other evening. Turning to him I see his eyes trained on me.

“This is going to be harder than i thought” he admits quietly running his hand through his hair again.

“Yeah..it is” I agree with him as others enter the area.

Once everyone has arrived he motions for them to quieten down, “morning everyone. Today we have Nova joining us, she’s going to be helping run the training sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays alongside either Gamma Theo or Gamma Florence. I hope you welcome her in this position.”

“Don’t worry boss we’ll make sure we take it easy on her” a young warrior smirks cheekily.

Jax’s eyes flash to mine before he replies, “Aaron I’d suggest if anyone takes it easy it be Nova considering she just had me on my arse a few minutes ago.”

Seeing everyone’s jaws drop in surprise I feel a blush spread across my cheeks, “that’s my sister” I hear Florence exclaim as she arrives beside me.

“This lady here is a machine everyone” she calls out loudly, “it would do you some good to listen to what she says and take note of her advice. Who do you think started training me?”

Hearing a muttering of excitement spread through the pack I smile as Florence begins the session.

Giving In

Chapter 16 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Midway through the training session I leave and head towards the office determined to send the Rogue Beta Kingsley an email before breakfast to arrange a meeting along with the other packs.

Looking back I see the pack members working hard, it didn't take long at all for Nova to make a good impression on them after she made a couple of small but effective adjustments on people's forms. "Shes pretty amazing" Zeus says to me as we wander into the office.

"That she is" I agree as I settle in my chair and begin typing my email. Hoping that what I've requested is acceptable to him I kick back my chair as I stand up and go look out the window. We should have a look through pack records and see if there has been any families recently with the surname "Prince", maybe then we could locate the Athena Prince they are searching for i muse to myself. I link Laurence to gather the pack records for us to look through this morning to double check we haven't made a mistake and quickly send a couple of emails to the White Mountain pack, the Black Star Pack and the Moonbeam Pack suggesting they do the same. If that

doesn't result in any findings we may just have to widen the request to other packs, maybe that way the peaceful investigation of the Rogues would stay exactly that...peaceful.

As my stomach growls I check the time and notice training would have finished. Quickly getting ready to head downstairs Zeus asks me cheekily, "you're keen for breakfast, is it because of Nova?" Whilst sending me image after image of her in her tight training gear from this morning. When I lifted her up her firm perky breasts rested snugly on my chest as her nipples had hardened. "Stop distracting me" I growl to Zeus as I open the door and bump straight into the person on my mind outside.

"Nova?" I ask once I'd made sure she was alright.

"Hi, sorry Jax I didn't mean to disturb you, Flo asked me to drop off her training report for you" she says bending down to pick up the papers she dropped.

I quickly bend down to help her and try to keep my eyes away for the tempting dip of her top highlighting her perky breasts underneath.

"It's no problem Nova, I was in my own world I hadn't even realised anyone was there" I wave her apology off. "How was training?"

"Really good actually" she answers me, "everyone has a great work ethic here and they definitely impressed me."

Feeling pride in my pack I grin widely, "here come in whilst I put the forms away. I'm just about to get some breakfast if you're hungry" I casually let her know as I gesture inside the office.

Once I'm finished I turn to look at her and see she's taking in the office, "like it?" I ask.

"It's lovely, so nice and bright. It's a welcome change" she comments.

Seeing she has a couple of leaves stuck in her messy bun I chuckle lightly before stepping closer and reaching my hand over to pluck them from her hair. Her breath hitches as her eyes jump to meet mine, "there" I say softly, "all gone." Without moving back I lower my hand, "about earlier Nova, I shouldn't have done that. You.."

Suddenly Nova moves forward interrupting me as she snakes her arms around my neck and pulls me down making our lips collide. Moving softly together I hear her moan slightly as the sparks from our touch grow, bringing my hand to her hair and another to her waist I hold her close to my body as our lips dance for dominance. I reach my hands down to her bum and lift her onto the desk slotting myself between her legs whilst she wraps them around my waist naturally. Leaning down I nibble on her bottom lip gaining entrance for my tongue to sweep in deepening our kiss. Getting lost in the moment I revel at the feel of Nova pressed against me. Feeling myself harden against her warm core she gasps in my mouth at the slight friction of me against her. In response she reaches her hand up to grasp the back of my hair pulling me even closer as

our mouths move together making her moan into my mouth. Groaning I pull away as we both gasp for breath, "damn.." I whisper against her before claiming her lips once again in a soft kiss.

"What are you doing to me" I groan as I rest my forehead on hers.

"I could ask you the same question" her soft voice giggles.

Stepping back but not out of her embrace I look down at her taking in her swollen lips and lust filled eyes which I'm sure match my own.

"Maybe.." she trails off quietly.

"Maybe what?" I ask letting the nerves make my voice crack slightly.

"Well 17 days is still a bit of a wait, maybe we could just see what happens" she whispers up at me.

My eyebrows shoot up in surprise. When I don't answer for a moment she drops her legs and clears her throat shakily, "sorry I shouldn't have said that" she mutters.

Grasping her legs not letting her get up I drop my lips to hers once again claiming her in a soft kiss. Feeling the sparks slightly stronger again I pull away slightly.

"Now I've had a taste I don't think I could wait even if I should" I admit, "why don't we just see what happens. I'm not saying we should sleep together, I wouldn't ask that of you and to be honest I'm not sure I could deal with committing to that and then finding out we aren't mates." Seeing her face drop slightly I continue, "only because you mean a startling amount to me already, but I'm not ready to give this up now. I enjoy my time with you..and the kisses are an amazing bonus" I whisper pecking her once again.

Feeling her smile against my lips she whispers back, "we don't need to put pressure on ourselves. And it's ok to want to protect yourself from potential hurt, I understand that" I look at her as her eyes soften in understanding.

"What does Kia think?" I ask.

She flushes a deep red at that question and looks away, "my wolf is a horndog, you don't want to know what she thinks."

Hearing that I cock my head chuckling, "now I want to know even more."

"She likes you both, a lot. With the images she's been putting to me I don't think anything would hold her back. But she likes how respectful you are of the fact we don't know for sure yet, we both are."

"Images?" I ask in amusement.

"It all started when you had to look so good in the gym, now I can't go half an hour without her reminding me" she laughs. "You should have heard her when we got back to the room maybe that's why I had to.." with that she slapped a hand over her mouth in horror.

Feeling myself puff my chest out proudly I laugh winking at her, "you weren't the only one that had to sort out a..situation" I say making her blush as a wide grin spreads across her face.

As I start chuckling at a memory she looks at me, "what?!"

"That just explains your answer when I asked how you felt after training" I shrug off feeling smug.

"Oh..yeah" she mutters shaking her head in amusement.

"Breakfast?" I ask her helping her down from the desk.

"Mmm yes please I'm starving" she exclaims.

"Come on then" I say wrapping my arm around her shoulder and guiding her downstairs.

Catching Up

Chapter 17 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

As I walk up to Jax's office with a spring in my step I realise I haven't felt this relaxed or comfortable in a long time. The past week has flown by and I've enjoyed how lovely members of the pack have been. I've managed to get stuck into helping with the training and after the warriors saw me take Theo down yesterday they've been asking me for advice constantly. Theo and Flo are loving having me work with them, it's been so nice spending time with them again, they truly are who I would class as family. At that thought I feel a slight sense of foreboding at what's to come.

I'd asked Jax on Tuesday when I was helping in the office if he thought I should ring Luca today, he'd said it's completely up to me but that he's sure Luca would appreciate hearing that I've settled well. So that was the first job I had to do today, ring Luca.

Knocking on the door and letting myself in I wave slightly as I realise Jax is on the phone, heading over to the spare desk I can't help but overhear what he's saying.

"Why don't you come for dinner at the pack house instead mum? It's been a while and I'm sure everyone would love to see you" he says gently down the phone.

Realising he's talking to his parents I make a conscious effort to not listen in to any more of the conversation. I rummage through the invoices and orders I need to put into the system and make a note of when the delivery dates would be.

After a few moments I hear Jax stop talking and head over towards me, "sorry I didn't mean to interrupt" I murmur up at him getting lost in his mesmerising green eyes. Every day my attraction grows for him which both excites me and scares me. The thought of him not being my mate has started to really upset me so I try to avoid that thought whenever possible.

"You can never interrupt" he assures me pulling me to my feet. As he draws me closer he drops his head into my neck and takes a deep scent of me whilst I find myself unconsciously doing the same. Straightening his head up he captures my lips in his own making me sigh happily. "It seems like a long time since I saw you and it was only a couple of hours ago at the gym" he admits as we pull away from one another.

Reaching my hand up to brush a loose strand of hair out of his face I quirk my lips happily at his admission, "too long" I agree.

Pulling me in for another kiss he lifts one of my legs so it's wrapped around him making us press even closer to one another. We get lost in each other for a few minutes before the door opening has us both freezing in surprise. Hearing it close quietly we turn to meet the amused gaze of Laurence as he leans against it.

"Well well well..what do we have here?" He smirks.

Gasping I drop my leg and remove my hands from Jax's neck.

Jax reaches behind me and grabs a pen off of the desk throwing it at Laurence making him jump out of the way.

"What was that for?" Laurence exclaims.

"For interrupting" Jax counters.

"With a pen..nice one Jax" he scoffs, "I'm happy for you guys. Naomi owes me £100 actually" he says happily rubbing his hands together.

"You bet on us?!" I stutter out.

"I think the whole pack has Nova, if you're not our Luna I dread to think of the tears we will be dealing with from everyone" he jokes before saying "as long you're not doing it on my desk I don't care."

At the word desk I feel myself blush again as the memories of the other day come to mind.

Seeing my reaction he looks between his desk and us in horror, "you haven't?!" He shouts.

"Well..not on your desk" Jax says sheepishly rubbing his neck, "we haven't fucked" he adds on quickly establishing the fact.

Seeing Laurence relax as he realises his desk is safe he sits down happily. "Well don't let me stop you from carrying on."

"Perv" Jax laughs at him as he heads back to his desk.

Feeling flustered I face Jax changing her subject, "actually I was going to call Luca first thing."

His head snaps up as he realises I'm nervous, "go ahead. We're here if you need us" he reassures me.

As I listen to the phone ring I can't help but tap my foot nervously, "Nova!" I hear Luca shout as he finally answers.

"Hey Luca" I laugh at his excitement, "how are you?"

"Missing you, it's strange not having you here" he says sounding slightly down, "how are you? Are they treating you well? What have you been up to?"

"Whoaaa slow down" I say as he reels off his questions, "I'm doing really well, everyone here is so welcoming and I've started helping with the training and doing some office work."

"Don't mention bloody office work to me" he grumbles.

"Why?" I ask him.

"Because there is so much to do" he groans, "I had no idea the amount of work you did at this pack Nova, and I feel like I need to apologise for not helping more. There is me and Gamma Freddie helping and we are still struggling to get it done in the time frame."

"Is there anything you need me to mention?" I ask him.

"I know this might be insensitive and you don't need to help if you don't want but I could really do with a hand knowing what companies you used to organise the Luna ceremony?" He asks quietly.

I go silent for a moment processing what he's said, "you know what Nova that was a silly question, forget I asked ok" he rushes out.

"Don't be silly" I reply, taking a deep breath to control the sudden surge of hurt I feel I continue, "you need to speak to elder Angela about what Rose wants for her theme. But there is a company called Diamond Lights Events which will provide all decorations, lights, glasses etc if you don't want to use what the pack has in storage, you'll find the contact number in my blue notebook. For the caterers I used the pack chefs to prepare the desserts, Millie is amazing with cakes - better than if you out source one I'd say, and then for nibbles and mains there are more companies listed under food in my blue notebook. See what Rose would prefer and go from there. There is also florists contact details in there if you need them."

Looking up as I feel Jax's eyes on me, I smile slightly to show I'm ok and he goes back to his work.

"Thanks Nova" Luca whispers to me, "you're too good you know."

"Well someone's got to keep you on track" I laugh making light of the situation.

"The pack is struggling without you you know. Rose is a cold woman Nova, she hasn't helped the pack one bit she's too concerned about making her hair appointments or going shopping for new jewellery and clothes. Our pack finances haven't taken a hit like this since before you were Luna" he admits.

"You need to mention it to Axton Luca" I advise him being careful not to say anything that's on my mind.

I hear a deep sigh on the other end, "Axton knows, I see the looks he throws her way whenever she refuses to help a pack member. As the day goes on I can tell he grows more frustrated but then they head to the bedroom and next morning he's back to being himself only for it to repeat. Honestly the matebond is the only thing Rose has going for her at this point" he mutters unhappily.

"Give her time Luca, she may not understand everything there is to being a Luna" I say to him.

"She is the daughter of an Alpha" he admits.

"Oh" I simply reply.

"She should know" he growls, "but I'm sure Axton will sort it out. I'll have to remind him if it doesn't get better, the rate she's spending this money the Luna ceremony won't be anything special. I don't want to dip into everything you've put to one side for the pack."

"Is elder Angela helping with her training?" I inquire.

"When Rose turns up she makes progress, but she's missed 3 of the 6 sessions she has been here for" he says making me almost picture the grimace on his face.

"Ah, just keep doing what you're doing Luca I'm sure you're doing a brilliant job" I assure him moving away from the subject of Rose. "I'll call you back at the weekend how's that?" I run past him.

"I'm looking forward to it" he replies.

Hearing footsteps I look up to see Jax standing in front of me, "do you mind me having a quick word?" He asks quietly.

Silently I pass the phone over to him as he perches on the edge of my desk, "good morning Beta it's Alpha Jax here."

Hearing my brother greet him enthusiastically I smile knowing they'd get on brilliantly. Shaking the thought away I concentrate on what Jax is saying, "Kingsley has got back to me and proposed meeting us at my pack on Sunday afternoon at 1pm. Would you be able to come and speak to him, I'm hoping for some peaceful discussions. I am happy to grant access to you, Alpha Axton and 2 others for this meeting."

Hearing Luca agree immediately over the phone he smiles in relief, "that's great thank you Beta. I'll pass you back over to Nova now, I will see you Sunday."

"Well it looks like I'll see you Sunday Nova" Luca says happily.

Giggling I reply, "see I can never escape you for too long. I'll see you on Sunday Luca, love you."

"Love you too Nova, thank Alpha Jax for me" he says.

Putting the phone down I look at Jax, "that's great you've heard back from Kingsley, and thank you for personally extending the invitation to Luca, you know he wouldn't normally be accompanying Axton."

"He only just replied whilst you were on the phone, I'm going to email the other packs now" he replies then looks at me, "and I thought you'd appreciate seeing him, I know you miss him."

Walking over I quickly peck his lips as I see him blush slightly in front of Laurence, "thank you" I whisper.

As I sit back down I look up to see Laurence staring at me with a grin on his face, I roll my eyes at him and get back to work.

"Oh and Nova I'd like you to come and meet Kingsley on Sunday, you, Laurence and Theo will accompany me" Jax mentions.

"Are you sure? I don't want Flo to feel like she's missing out" I admit.

"Always thinking about others. Don't worry, Flo is the Gamma who I order to stay and help the pack. She isn't the one to normally accompany me to any other matters, plus I think she'd much rather you go anyway. She likes the responsibility and I trust her whilst I'm not here" he assures me.

Smiling at him I lift my hands up, "ok then..I'll be there."

Release

Chapter 18 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Stretching as I wake I sit up and rub my eyes wearily relieved it's the weekend, "time to go see Nova" Zeus says to me already awake and wagging his tail eagerly in my mind.

"Keen" I tease.

He huffs before replying, "so are you."

Shrugging I don't deny it as I jump up and quickly throw some cold water over my face, looking down I groan as I see my morning bulge isn't subsiding. Ever since meeting Nova I've been responding to her at every given moment or thought. Throwing on a pair of shorts I quickly run through my to do list I have this morning as my hardness goes down.

"Could have sorted it out" Zeus grumbles to me as I shake my head in amusement and head downstairs to the gym. Opening the doors I'm hit by a wave of Novas intoxicating raspberry and mint scent making my problem spring back to life.

"Told you" Zeus growls.

"Morning" I hear her soft voice chime out from beside me, "morning" I whisper back as I give her a soft kiss before I sit down on the bench to hide my obvious discomfort with the pretence of doing my laces again.

"Sleep well?" She asks as she adds more weight to the rack for her squats.

"Really well, haven't felt this rested in a while actually" I comment.

Hearing a soft giggle I look up, "neither have I" she admits winking in the mirror. With every day more of Novas captivating personality is drawing me in and I know I'm too far gone at this point.

"Oh yeah? And why's that?" I tease.

"Same reason you are I presume" she laughs before lowering herself into a controlled squat highlighting her toned behind and luscious hips. Feeling myself harden further I groan and look away.

After a few minutes she comes and sits beside me, "you ok? You've not started working out" she asks looking confused.

"Hmm, you're making it a bit difficult" I admit.

"Huh?" She questions furrowing her brows in further confusion. Looking at her I see her bite her lip as she tries to figure out what she's done.

"That's not helping" I rasp out before continuing, "don't worry you haven't done anything wrong."

Seeing her still looking confused I sigh before lifting my hands away from where I'd had them strategically placed on my lap. Looking down her large eyes widen as she takes in the very obvious tent in my pants, "oh" she gasps covering her mouth with her hands as she giggles slightly.

Putting my hands back I smile at her reaction as I lean back closing my eyes, "just give me a minute, I just need to think about orders or something boring" I laugh.

After a minute I hear her shifting her weight before her small hands grasp mine and move them away as she moves to straddle me. "Nova what..? You don't have to" I breath looking at her in sports bra and tight booty shorts.

Lowering herself she starts to slowly rub herself against my hardened cock making me moan at the sensation, leaning forwards she hungrily catches my lips with her own immediately giving me access to sweep my tongue in tasting her sweet mouth. "Nova.." I breath as we break apart.

"I want to Jax. We might have agreed to not fuck but that doesn't mean we need to stop ourselves from a release" she whispers in my ear as she rolls her hips quicker pushing down to create more friction, "you've been making me just as frustrated" she admits as the scent of her arousal hits my nose making my eyes roll in pleasure.

Looking up into her dark eyes I grab her hips helping her with her movements as lust clouds my vision. Seeing her swollen lips I groan before reaching up and claiming them once again. I feel her reach behind her back unclasping her bra so that it drops and reveals her full perky breasts. I break away from her to pull my tshirt over my head before her hands hungrily explore my chest

and her lips meet mine again in a passionate kiss. Feeling her hardened peaks brush against my chest I start thrusting up into her matching her movements as my cock grows impossibly hard in my shorts.

"I'm too wound up for this to last" I whisper against her lips, hearing those words her hands snake down my chest and reach into my shorts freeing my cock. Groaning loudly at the feeling of her small soft hand grasping my bare shaft I feel it twitch eagerly in response, "fuck" I mutter knowing she's got me ready to burst as I leak precum. I reach my hand down swiftly pulling her shorts away revealing her round behind, grasping a cheek I quickly squeeze it and give it a light slap making her moan into my mouth.

"Perfection" I whisper as I bring my hand round and rub her swollen clit. "No panties?" I ask cocking my eyebrow, "that's hot" I breath into her ear. Hearing her whimper in response she pumps my shaft quicker as our breathing becomes more ragged. I bring my other hand up to squeeze her boobs twisting and pulling slightly at her hardened buds. "Jax.." I hear her moan in pleasure.

Hearing my name escape her lips has my balls tightening in response, "I'm going to cum" I moan loudly loving the response of her body as she starts to ride my thumb chasing her release.

"Ahhh Jaxxx" she screams as she comes undone and her juices flow down my thigh, she shudders above me causing me to stiffen below and groan "Novaaa" loudly, rope after rope of my cum spurts up onto her stomach and breasts as she continues to pump slowly.

Slumping her head down onto my slick chest she sighs in content, I slowly rub circles on her back as we steady our breathing. Sitting up she smirks at me, "I guess that counts as our morning workout" making a chuckle escape me. Looking down at her chest she slowly wipes a string of my cum on her finger before sucking it off sensually with a pop, "mmm" she hums making me harden again below.

"You're something else you know" I whisper to her as I gaze into her eyes.

"I was going to say the same to you" she giggles standing up to wipe herself off with her towel. Seeing her stand in front of me bare has my eyes darkening once again. "If I didn't have so much to do today I'd be keeping you down here" I laugh standing up to pull my shorts back up.

"Tempting" she murmurs back to me.

"You ok?" I ask her.

Seeing her bright eyes meet mine her flushed face breaks into a smile, "better than ok" she assures me, "I'm just amazed that that was better than any sex I've ever had" she laughs looking slightly embarrassed at her admission.

"Same here" I shrug, "I don't usually admit this but a woman's never got me off before, I've always had to finish the job myself."

Hearing that her eyes widen in surprise, "really?"

"Mmhmm, my right hand and I are very close" I reply cheekily, "Genevieve was a lovely woman until the end obviously but I never felt that spark with her. Plus the sounds she made were like a pornstar, fake and too noisy. Whilst yours...were fucking perfect" I admit bringing her in for a soft kiss.

"I've never cum for a man before either" I hear her whisper.

"Good" I simply reply, "let's go get breakfast. By the way are you coming to the movie night in the lounge tonight? I've got it running for the pack and I thought it could be nice for you to come and relax with everyone."

"I was already planning on it" she says brightly leading me to the dining hall, "you'll be there right?" She checks as we sit down.

"Yeah I always make an effort to go when I'm here. I want the pack to feel like I'm an Alpha they can approach and trust, not one that looks down on them or anything like that. I actually carried this tradition on from my father." I inform her.

"He sounds like a wonderful man" she says looking at me.

"He is. My parents are coming for dinner next week, why don't you meet them? It'll just be here with the pack, they've heard about you and Alice and are intrigued, someone spilled that you managed to take me down. Now they want to meet the woman who got their Alpha son lying flat on his back" I laugh.

She giggles as she grabs her coffee, "that would be nice" she agrees.

"Morning" Laurence's deep voice exclaims as he and Naomi sit down opposite.

"Hey" Nova says softly, "how are you feeling Naomi?"

"Well this food is probably not going to stay down but I've got to try haven't I" she laughs.

"Try some ginger biscuits" Nova suggests, "my mum always said they helped when she was poorly with my brother. You look amazing though, did the doctor say how far along you are?"

"Thanks Nova, I will. 8 weeks" Naomi answered happily.

"Oh wow, that bump will be appearing soon then" Nova teases.

Seeing Laurence take a sniff then whip his head round I look at him steadily warning him not to say anything, "did you..?" He links me.

Shaking my head I gulp some water down, "no we didn't."

"But it smells of sex" he replies bluntly.

"We may have been..busy in the gym. But we didn't fuck, I said I'd wait till her birthday and I'm going to stick to that." I let him know.

"Good man" he replies, "she must be something to distract the Alpha. I mean in those clothes..wow" he adds on cheekily.

Growling lightly I shake my head laughing out loud.

Seeing Naomi and Nova look at me questioningly I point at Laurence and then my head showing he's linked me, "your mate thinks he's funny" I laugh at Naomi not going into details.

Standing up from the table I caress Novas back gently, "I've got some paperwork to finish off. But I'll see you all this afternoon right?" I check.

"Yeah man, I'll meet you in the kitchen at 3" Laurence replies still with a big grin on his face.

"See you then" Novas alluring voice says as her eyes look up at me with a soft look in them.

"See you there boss" Naomi says trying to eat her food.

"You're beautiful Nova, this morning meant a lot" I link her as I leave the room. Turning back I see her look after me with a smile on her face and a faint blush staining her cheeks.

"Could make it a habit, looking forward to seeing you later" her voice floats through the link making me walk away content.

Pack Night

Chapter 19 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"Hey ladies, do you need help with anything?" I ask as I walk into the busy kitchen seeing everybody getting things ready for the movie night.

"Could you be a doll and check that all the treats are ready in the trays for me?" A friendly older Omega called Laura asked me.

"Of course! Shall I take them through to the lounge for when people start to arrive?" I check.

"That would be wonderful, I've got some more in the fridge for later on but I know after weekend training some people are always very hungry" she laughs lightly.

Releasing a chuckle I head to the dining room next door and quickly start checking the trays and running them through. Walking into the lounge I see all the sofas have been organised in cinema style with a bunch of beanbags, cushions and blankets have been brought into the large room with a screen pulled down at the front. Seeing the tables are set up buffet style I quickly grab a couple of vases with flowers and string a few packs of lights up I saw in a cupboard the other day to make the room look more cosy. Getting some glasses out of a nearby storage cupboard I polish them and step back admiring how welcoming the room looks.

"Wow!" I hear Naomi say as she comes up behind me, "this looks lovely" she compliments.

"Thank you, I just thought it would be a bit more welcoming" I shrug trying to ignore the blush I feel from her compliments.

"It's amazing Nova thank you, plus it saves everyone walking in and out to get drinks I'm not sure why someone hasn't thought of that earlier" she laughs.

"Well I'm glad you like it" I say, "feeling better now?"

"Much! Your idea of ginger biscuits worked a treat honestly, I feel much more energised from not spending my morning over a toilet" she says pulling a face of disgust.

Patting her arm I smile softly in comfort, "if you ever need anything just ask."

She turns to look at me suddenly getting teary, "I know it's the hormones making me overly emotional but..thank you. It means a lot."

"Honey this looks wonderful!" I hear Laura exclaim as she walks through, "you'll have to help me more often."

"Anytime you need me just let me know" I say happily.

"So how long does this normally last for?" I ask Naomi.

"Oh we normally watch a couple of movies before people start to trickle off. Whoever ends up here last turns everything off. I know it's a bit ew but as soon as the movies start everyone is off duty, apart from if there is an emergency of course.. so nothing gets tidied away tonight, instead everyone comes down in the morning and puts their fair share of time in to helping clean up" Naomi says as we take a seat near the front.

"It's only a little mess, I think that's brilliant that everyone gets the evening off" I put my thoughts forward.

Seeing her stifle a yawn I giggle, "oh love you're going to be asleep before the end of the first movie" I joke.

"If you gave me 10 minutes I'd be asleep, I might feel energised but I still could sleep whenever" she laughs back, "I will take any rest I can at the minute."

"Well it is twins, double the work" i muse, "are you going to find out the gender?"

"Definitely! We can find out in a couple of weeks, we are both far too impatient to wait another few months" she lets me know.

"Let me go get us some water, I'll be right back just relax" I smile as I get up heading back to the kitchen.

After getting some glasses I walk back to the lounge and pause in the doorway as I see Jax and Laurence looking around at the lights I've put up. "Why haven't we done this before?" I hear Laurence ask Jax.

"Not a clue, but we should" Jax replies sounding impressed.

I smile inwardly as I sit back down on the sofa next to Naomi, "here you go" I say seeing her struggling to keep her eyes open I grab a blanket from nearby and pass her it just as Laurence sits down besides her wrapping her in his arms.

"Tired darling?" He whispers

"When aren't I" she mumbles, "I blame Nova for making it so cosy in here."

Laurence's eyes flash to mine as it clicks, "you did this?"

Nodding slowly, "yeah I just thought it'd be cosy and relaxing for everyone."

"It looks great Nova! Jax and I were just wondering why we haven't done it like this before" he mentions.

"Mind if I sit here?" I hear Jax's deep voice ask from behind me making me shiver.

Patting the spot next to me I try to calm my racing heart, "sit" I say softly.

"Hey boss Nova did all this" Laurence tells him gesturing at the lights and table set up at the back.

Hearing a rumble of laughter from Jax I turn to look, "I had a feeling it was, it had a Luna feel to it."

"Ex-Luna" I correct him.

"Hmm" he replies gazing at me not giving anything away.

As the movie starts the lights dim and I feel Jax move closer to me so his leg is pressed against me, "come here" he whispers wrapping his arm around my shoulder so I can rest my head on him.

"Thanks" I whisper back as I sink in to his warmth. Looking over at Naomi I see she's already fallen asleep and I can't stop a giggle from escaping me. Jax looks down at me and I motion to Naomi, "she looks adorable."

Hearing a few whispers from people around us as he pulled me closer I focused on the movie that was playing. When it finished Jax stood up but not before saying he'd grab us some food and a drink.

Looking over at Naomi who was now awake I saw her already looking at me, "yes?" I asked nervously.

"You two are very close" she comments casually.

I couldn't stop the smile from spreading across my face, "I can't find my mate until I'm 25, I can feel sparks with Jax and I've never had that before. We are waiting to know for definite but I'm struggling to come up with a reason that we aren't" I admit.

Seeing her eyes widen she claps her hands excitedly, "oh I hope you are! I haven't seen him this relaxed in a long time, and Ive definitely never seen him look at a woman the way he does you."

Noting she hasn't enquired about why I can't find my mate until I'm 25 it reminds me of how accepting people are to others in this pack, "me too" I agree quietly in response to her.

After a few minutes Jax returns and sits close to me handing me a plate, "I wasn't sure what you would want so I brought a bit of everything" he says.

"That's perfect thank you" I reply.

"Like you" he links making me smile into my food.

"Charmer" I reply cheekily making him grin.

As the second movie starts he pulls me close and pulls a blanket around us which I hadn't seen him grab. He leans back so I'm snuggled in to his chest as he wraps his arms around me and lifts his legs up onto the table in-front. As I try to pay attention to the movie I feel my eyes start to get heavy half way through as I listen to the steady rhythm of Jax's heartbeat.

"Sleep" he links me before I succumb to the darkness.

All too soon I feel myself being lifted by a set of strong warm arms, burying in to a hard chest I sigh happily enjoying the sparks. "Come stay with me?" I hear Jax's deep voice rumble in my ear.

Opening my eyes I look up into his soft green ones and place my hand on his chest, "ok then" I whisper before I drift back to sleep in the comfort of his arms.

Morning

Chapter 20 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"Mmm" I groan as I nestle into the comfort of the mattress, feeling a weight over my waist I shift my eyes downwards and see a large tanned arm draped over me. My eyes widen at the memory from last night of me saying I'd stay with Jax before I smile slightly at the feel of sparks around me.

"That was a good sleep" Kia yawns to me as she wakes.

"Mmhmm it was" I moan in content.

Feeling a slight movement behind me I feel Jax press his hard chest into my back and nestle his face into the dip of my neck subconsciously, as I peer over my shoulder I see his relaxed face out the corner of my eye as he breathes evenly.

Shifting slightly I slide out from under his arm and head to his bathroom, quickly freshening up and borrowing a new toothbrush I found on his shelf I walk back out to see him cuddling the pillow I'd been lying on.

Seeing that he's still deep asleep I hurry downstairs and start with the cleaning of the lounge from last night. After I'd moved the sofas back in place and gathered the blankets folding them neatly, I run the trays through to the kitchen where I run into a few other pack members.

"We'll clean these and put them away thank you Nova" an Omega called Ruth says taking the trays from me.

"Is there anything else I can help with?" I ask.

"No you go relax you've done plenty" she replies smiling letting me know I'd done my fair share.

Heading back upstairs I use the keycard id borrowed from Jax's desk and let myself back in quietly. Hearing his door open he opens his eyes blearily blinking a few times before focusing on me.

"Morning" he replies in his deep husky morning voice making me body heat up. "Where've you been?" He asks opening his arms inviting me to join him.

"I just nipped downstairs and helped tidy up" I whisper as I lie down snuggling into his chest.

"Have you been awake long?" He rumbles.

"Just an hour, I freshened up and thought I'd go help as you looked so peaceful sleeping" I murmur.

Stifling a yawn he replies "hmm best sleep in a long time."

As he moves onto his back I drape my leg loosely over his as I trace the hard dips of his chiseled front, looking at him he has one hand resting behind his head with his eyes closed and the other rubbing soft circles into the dip of my back.

"What time is it?" He asks.

"A little after 8:30am" I let him know. With that his eyes fly open, "really?!" He exclaims. "I never sleep past 6am that's a first" he chuckles.

"We have the other packs coming late morning" he mentions after a minute.

"I'm looking forwards to seeing Luca" I smile at him.

"I know" he smiles back, "are you going to tell him about us?" He asks quietly.

"If he asks I won't lie" I tell him hoping he'd understand.

"I don't mind Nova" he replies.

"Good" I whisper giving his chest a light kiss.

"Mmm" he moans, shifting to his side he tilts my face up to his as he lowers his lips to mine drawing me into a slow sweet kiss.

As he continues kissing me I feel the heat rise in my belly as wetness begins to pool below, as he breathes in my scent of arousal his eyes darken as he presses his hips closer to mine allowing me to feel his hardened shaft press into my thigh. Our kiss turns more passionate as we both fight for dominance. He bites down on my bottom lip making me moan into his mouth as his hand moves down my front cupping a breast.

"I like this wake up" he breath's into my ear, his warm breath fanning my face.

Reaching my hand down I trace his abs before slipping it inside his boxers and gently grasping his cock, "me too" I whisper back.

Pumping his shaft slowly I feel it twitch in my hand as his eagerness shows, "what do you want Alpha" I whisper seductively to him.

Hearing me call him Alpha makes his tip leak precum which I gently rub around his swollen head with my thumb, "you" he moans into my mouth before capturing my lips once again.

His hand moves from kneading my breast down over my stomach before slipping into my shorts and cupping my warm core, "so wet for me" he mumbles appreciatively.

Rubbing teasing circles around my clit I buck my hips into his hand urging him on with his movements, feeling him chuckle he dips his fingers into my opening slightly making me bite my lip in anticipation.

"Do you want this?" He asks teasingly, I can only nod eagerly in response before he plunges his finger in deeper making a gasp escape my lips.

As he begins to pump his finger in me faster I continue stroking his shaft making him tremble beside me. He quickly flips me onto my back before lifting himself above me, "if you keep that up I'll be cumming like a teenager, I need a taste first" he says making me shiver with excitement. I let go of his hard shaft and leave it standing to attention as he drops feathery kisses down my front before reaching my shorts. He whips them off leaving me bare from the waist down, he sits up looking at me with lust clear in his eyes as they darken even further. I lean up slightly to watch him pump his finger in me making wetness pool even more around him. He looks at me before lifting his mouth slightly in a smirk and drops his head down to bite gently on my clit.

"Ah goddess" I moan as he begins to lick from my opening up to my clit. Leaning my head back I fist the sheets beside me as the man works wonders with his tongue, each touch bringing me closer to my release. As he bites down on my swollen nub once again he reaches up with his free hand to pinch one of my hardened nipples, "Jax.."I moan in ecstasy.

"That's right darling" he drawls humming against my opening, "I love hearing you moan my name." Bringing his finger out he sucks it tasting me before winking at me and plunging two of his fingers into my opening, "so tight" he growls before increasing his speed making my release come hurtling forward, "oh Jax yessss" I scream as he curls his finger finding my pleasure sport before I burst all over his hand, he lowers his head lapping up my release as he groans in pleasure.

Feeling myself shake as I come down from my high he sits up onto his heels looking at me, "my turn" I say playfully when I see his hardened shaft resting up to his tummy button.

I quickly sit up and flip us pushing him onto the bed, kissing him with passion I move down before I'm eye to eye with his pulsing shaft. Cupping his balls with a hand I lick up his cock before sucking him in deep, ignoring the gagging feeling and taking him deep into my throat.

"Fuck.." he mutters as his hand finds my hair wrapping it round his fist. I bob up and down slowly before speeding up making him lift his hips towards me. "Just like that" he growls as I look up at him through my lashes seeing him watching me urges me on as i suck harder making him twitch in my mouth.

"I'm not going to last" he moans as I feel his balls tighten in my hand. He starts to buck his hips into my mouth as he holds my head down firmly making my eyes water slightly, I continue sucking humming against him as I revel at the fact I can get him to such a state.

As he grows impossibly hard in my mouth he stiffens and stills in his movements as he groans loudly "Nova fuck.." before his cock jumps and spurts ropes of cum down my throat. Holding still I suck as I swallow his release whilst looking up at him making his eyes roll into the back of his head as he breaths deeply. As his hand loosens in my hair I lift myself up and smirk down at him happily.

"Sorry if I was rough" he says nervously.

Leaning forward I drop him a soft kiss before I look him in the eye, "I liked it" I assure him making him smile in relief.

"You're ruining me" he groans laughing lightly as he wraps me in his arms making me chuckle in response.

"Come on Mr, we should prepare for the others arriving" I say jumping up holding a hand out to help him.

"I'm up, I'm up" he grumbles playfully getting up.

"I need a shower" i murmur, "can I use yours?"

He walks towards the bathroom dragging me behind him, "we'll save water if we shower together" he states.

"Oh that old line ey" I laugh as I strip my clothes off and jump in before him.

He chuckles before doing the same. As I wet my hair he grabs the shampoo from behind him and gestures me to turn around so my back is facing him, suddenly I feel his hands massaging my scalp as he washes my hair for me. He then grabs a loafer before sponging off my body taking extra care around the tops of my thighs, "if you do that we won't have time to be ready" I smirk down at him.

"Don't tempt me" he mutters as he straightens.

"Turn around" I instruct before I do the same for him.

"All done" I whisper dropping a kiss on his shoulder blade and stepping out of the shower.

I quickly dry myself off before getting dressed, turning I see he's also dressed and is rubbing his hair dry.

"Let's go get some food" he says running a hand through his damp locks ruffling them into a sexy look.

"Food" I exclaim happily at the thought making him laugh as we head downstairs.