

The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Chapter 129

Nova POV

“The White Mountain Pack are just arriving” I hear Jax tell me as I immediately stand to walk downstairs.

“I’ll be down in 2” I link him eager to see my siblings.

“Nova” I hear Luca shout as I step out of the packhouse doors. Seeing his eyes full of relief as he takes me in I run to him and he wraps me in his strong arms. “I don’t like being away from you at the moment, Reed is worrying” he whispers.

“I know, Ki already feels better for having you here and so do I” I mumble into his chest. Pulling away I peer over his shoulder and see Sophie anxiously waiting.

“Sophie” I breath as I pull her in for a hug. “I’m sorry I should have greeted you first.”

“No” she says shaking her head, “Luca has been so worried for you, as have I. But you grew up together, I understand Nova honestly, don’t apologise.”

Relaxing in relief as she is understanding of my reaction I smile gratefully at her, “dad will be back this evening” I inform her as she nods at my words.

“I think I could be of help when his pack arrives. I know them all and I came from there people know me here and can vouch for them” she suggests. Looking her over I notice she’s carrying herself different, with more confidence and assurance in herself.

“Definitely you seem different, did you have any luck with your wolf when Johnathon visited?” I ask intrigued

“No” she answers shaking her head, “there is a ritual we can do but it’s risky and it could leave me with very little energy if it is successful. He was willing to try but I thought until the threat is over I can wait a little longer, I’m a good fighter in human form. But he did break the barrier slightly so I have been able to speak to her a little, but she still feels far away to an extent.”

“That’s exciting though” I exclaim smiling at her progress as I squeeze her shoulder, happiness radiating from her. ” What is she called?”*

“Anaya” she whispers softly with a proud smile on her face.

“A gorgeous name” I wink. “How have you settled?”

“I love it there” she grins, “everybody was so happy for Luca and I’ve gotten myself involved in training and helping with some Beta responsibilities. Everyone knows I’m your sister. I think it helped.”

“Probably” I smile, “but I’m sure you’re showing exactly why you’re mated to Luca.”

“She’s doing brilliantly” Luca praises her as Axton walks up behind them and agrees making Sophie blush slightly

“So your pack knows about me now huh?” | ask Axton nervously

“Yeah, the warriors are excited to see you I’ve just asked them to hang back a little for now” he says with a small smile, “I’m not going to lie I’ve dealt with a lot of pissed off pack members. They know the whole Rose situation wasn’t my fault but they’re still upset with you leaving. The only thing that has softened them in regards to you going is the fact you’ve found your true mate, you saw how happy they were for you.”

“They’ll get over it” I assure him. “They were quite protective of me.”

“Sign of being a good Luna” Jax comments as he slings an arm round my shoulder. “It’s why our pack responded how they have done.”

“Have you told them about Mila?” I ask Axton after kissing Jax’s cheek from his compliment.

“No” Axton says shaking his head. “We agreed until everything has been cleared with Alpha Bruno it was best to wait. I want Mila to be excited not thinking about the situation that is looming over her.”

“That’s a good idea, she’s just finishing up in the nursery and will be here soon by the way” I say with a smile. “We are going to have a meeting for all Alphas and officials that have travelled from different packs as we have gained more information this morning. Can you meet us at 5pm this evening in the conference room? I’ll come and see the warriors before then ”

“Of course” Luca replies in Beta mode.

“We’ll leave you to get sorted, Gamma Theo is on his way over with training rotas so everyone has a share of the facilities. There is also information on times for food and where you can find any extra necessities such as bedding etc. Omega Brea is handling it all so ask for her if you can’t find one of us” Jax informs them as he shakes both their hands.

“See you later” I say softly before we turn and head back inside. “Who will be arriving next?”

“Alpha Conor, Alpha Edward and Alpha Marcus will all be coming in the next hour” Jax says. “All accommodation is ready so we just need to greet the packs on arrival.

Heading upstairs to go over more planning for the attack I hope and pray to the moon Goddess that we will be enough against the enemy.

“Do you think I should bait them?” I ask Jax suddenly.

“What??” He exclaims looking at me horrified by my idea.

“I know I know” I sigh, “I just hate how many people are here that could be harmed all because they’re after me.”

“They’re here because they want to be Nova, no one has made them” he points out. “Why would you even such a thing?”

“Because the guilt we feel is so much more intense than normal” Kia pipes up to us both, “it’s crippling and I’m the one that’s absorbing most of it to help Nova. But you have to realise in a way this completely goes against our inner morals. We are here to protect others, we are a Guardian Wolf. Yet instead we are putting everyone at risk.”

“I know” Jax whispers sadly as he staggers slightly as feeling our conflicted emotions leak through the bond. “But everybody needs help at times, and right now this is one of the biggest threats wolves have had since the vampires Alex struggled with. It’s a time to come together Nova, for the greater good.”

“For the greater good” I echo quietly as I try to focus on what we need to achieve.

“I need to lure out my grandfather and my mother” I state as we take a seat in the office. Laurence hearing what I said looks at me for a moment before speaking up.

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“I think you’re right” he admits as Jax lets out a low growl showing his disapproval.

“Let him speak Jax” I reprimand him before my gaze softens, “I know you’re worried but we need to consider options.”

“I don’t like you being in danger” he admits.

“I know” I assure him as I reach for his hand across the table. “But we need to go over this”

“Do you have any ideas Laurence?” I ask turning my attention to the Beta.

“I do” he says slowly. “T imagine they will be at the rear of the attack, with the rogue numbers they have I believe they will try to over power us that way and weaken us. I think we need to try and find a way to get behind their attack.”

“So we could attack from both ends” I say slowly.

“Yes, obviously we can’t have as many that way but I think it will be something they won’t expect. Your grandfather although he’s a hunter is only human, if you can get close to him he won’t stand a chance” he points out.

“So I need the witches with me to cover the witch he has using dark magic, but not my father” I mumble voicing my thoughts.

“Why?” Laurence asks puzzled.

“In case I have to contain my mother” I say quietly. “I can’t kill her. I’d lose my dad that way, but I won’t risk him being there as I doubt he’d be able to fight normally with his mate in front of him. She needs to be contained somehow and we have to ensure no one kills her.”

“What about a sedative?” Jax suggests slowly.

Looking at him with interest we lean forward discussing ideas passing the time before the other packs arrive.

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Checking my watch I see it’s almost 4pm which means Kingsley will be arriving any minute with his pack members. A wash of anxiousness flows over me and it takes me a second to understand it’s Novas as well as mine that I’m feeling as her barriers falter. We had spent the majority of the day welcoming the packs and getting them all situated and filled in on what we have organised for them all. In just over an hour we have the meetings with the leaders of the visiting packs to go over everything that we know and to listen to any suggestions they may have.

“Today has been busy” Zeus comments to me as we wait for our Luna to join us from where she has been occupied helping the other Alphas organise their warriors in the dorms.

“It has” I agree. “But everybody who has arrived seems prepared.” As each pack had arrived Nova and I had taken the time to introduce ourselves to the warriors which had helped them see who we are and what kind of leaders we were.

“Sorry I’m here now” I hear Nova say from behind me bringing me out of my thoughts. Looking over her I see the tiredness creeping into her eyes as they lack a little bit of their usual life that shines bright.

“How you holding up?” I ask gently kissing her temple as she slumps on me

With a grimace she purses her lips before answering, “I have a massive headache and I’m feeling all sorts of emotions. It’s actually quite overwhelming” she sighs. “I’m finding it hard to regulate which is unlike me. It helps when Im in your company, kind of dulls the feeling.”

“Share it with me” I say quietly, “I know you keep that side of the bond closed off a lot of the time so I don’t have to deal with your emotions but I want to Nova. We can share in this.”

“I know love, but I can deal with it” she says with a small smile.

“Lower it Nova, at least for now please” I ask desperately wanting to help her as she nods reluctantly. Seeing her take a breath I rub her shoulders soothingly as she slowly lowers the barrier leaving me to feel what she does.

Suddenly it feels like I’m being hit by a lorry as I feel wave after wave of different emotion, ranging from worry to excitement, anger to happiness and guilt to love.

Staggering back I claw at my chest as I gasp for breath from the onslaught of emotions, reaching for the bench I haunch over as I spot Nova worryingly rush to come by my side.

Feeling her put his barrier back up I am able to control my breathing again as I stand upright slowly.

“What the hell was that?” I ask her quietly

“It’s a lot isn’t it” she mumbles in embarrassment.

“Nova... that’s too much. How the hell are you still standing?”

“I whisper yell aware of others nearby who have thrown my some worried glances

“I don’t know” she whispers. “It wasn’t this bad this morning I swear, it’s gotten worse as the days gone on.”

“It’s gotten worse?” I ask her slowly. “But why?”

“I think perhaps seeing everyone arrive has made it all far more real than it was before” she says quietly as I step forward and pull her in close.

“Is ki ok?” I ask her sensing her strength has dimmed slightly.

“She hasn’t spoken to me all afternoon, she’s in pain” Nova says biting her lip to avoid crying.

“I don’t think that’s normal Nova” I say with concern as she looks at me worriedly. “Perhaps your father can help you control it all?”

“I hope so” she whispers as she massages her temples lightly.

Hearing rustling growing louder I straighten in preparation for Kingsleys arrival. “They’re here love” | say quietly as Nova simply groans in response.

“Alpha Jax” I hear Kingsley say as he steps from the tree line into my line of sight

“Kingsley” I smile in relief as he grasps my hand in a firm shake Seeing others slowly make their way out of the tree line I smile warmly aware that they are probably feeling nervous themselves. After they’ve all

emerged and are standing in a large group behind him I look around before addressing them.

“Hello everybody, I’m Alpha Jax and this is Luna Nova, you’ve all probably heard about her from your King” I say referencing Kingsley with a slight smile in his direction. “I’d like to personally thank you for coming to our aid and helping us. I’ve heard good things from Kingsley here and I’m looking forward to seeing you all in action. If there’s anything you need just ask for us or for Omega Brea. I know you’re camping but meal times and training rotas will be provided shortly, I’ve got my Gamma Theo distributing them and he will bring them once he’s finished his training session.”

With that everybody utters their greetings and thanks me for the kind words before melting into the forest to set up

camp.

“f**K” Nova moans loudly before sinking to the ground as I rush to her side.

“Nova..nova” I shout shaking her slightly as her eyes flutter.

“What’s happening?” Kingsley shouts as he rushes to his daughter’s side.

“She’s struggling with the intensity of her emotions, it’s overwhelming her. What did you do to help it?” I ask frantically

“I never experienced it to this extent” he frowns. “Yes everything was heightened but I controlled it just fine, Drake took most of it whenever we were in a highly emotional situation. Is Kia not doing that?”

“Yes she is but she’s not spoken to Nova all afternoon, it’s too much for them” I growl as I kiss Novas forehead.

“These aren’t her emotions” we hear a voice say from behind us as we turn to see Esmerelda and Kara stood watching.

“What?” | snap.

“You heard me Alpha” Esmerelda says with a slight smile.”

She is feeling the emotions of everyone around her.”

“She is?” Kingsley asks shocked. “Why has she never said this before?”

“She did say her emotions were heightened but maybe she believes that’s how it’s always been?” I say in confusion.”

She would have said if she knew it was other peoples emotions she was feeling.”

“She can’t have known” Kara says as she kneels beside us.

“Nova love can you hear me?” | ask her gently as she writhes on the floor, her body convulsing as she tries to control her pain subconsciously.

With no response I meet Kara’s gaze which is full of concern. “If you are happy for me to try Alpha Jax I believe I can help her control this for now?” Kara asks gently.

“Do it” I say shortly before she moves her hands to cup the side of Novas head gently and mutters an incantation under her breath as her eyes turn milky.

“What will this do?” I ask Esmerelda.

“It’s called a containment spell, not a physical one but one for your mind. It will essentially dull everything so that Nova can function but still be aware of the emotions that others are feeling” she explains softly as she watches Novas body relax with something like care in her eyes.

“You care for Nova” I state as I too watch her relax in front of us.

“I do” she says almost surprised at her admittance.

“She means a great deal to a lot of people” | whisper as Esmerelda simply continues to watch in silence.

Seeing colour return to Novas cheeks i breath a sigh of relief as her eyes flutter open, brighter than before as Kingsley grasps her hands tightly checking her over in a fatherly fashion.

“I feel better” she assures us all while I move forward and help her to her feet. “What happened?”

“It became too much for you, ‘ve helped you control them for now. If it becomes too much come find me” Kara says with a reassuring smile.

“Thank you” Nova whispers. “Another thing for me to think about” she jokes trying to make light of the situation.

“Could I have a word Nova?” Esmerelda asks suddenly as we all turn to look at her. Motioning with her head behind her she turns for Nova to follow as I step alongside her. ” Alone Alpha” Esmerelda says causing me to growl lowly at her order.

“It’s fine Jax, I’ll be back soon for the meeting” Nova says gently as she reaches up and kisses my lips softly.

“Love you” I murmur.

“And I love you” she smiles before following after Esmerelda’s shrinking figure.