

Need

Chapter 51 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Walking down the corridor behind Nova I stare unashamedly at her swaying hips which captivate my attention. I suddenly pull Nova into me and turn her so she's got her back against the wall.

“Jax” she gasps as I press my body against hers.

“Hmm?” I hum as I lean my head into the curve of her neck and inhale a breath of her intoxicating scent, feeling my body relax I start to drop feathery kisses on her neck around her mark making her squirm against me.

“Jaxxx” she moans breathily before pushing her hands against my chest making me pause and look at her, “your parents?” She asks with a quirked brow as she looks at me with dark eyes.

“Can wait a few minutes” I growl against her, “I want my mate.” Hearing her breath hitch I flash her a smile as I know I've got her, capturing her lips in my own heated ones I kiss her passionately expressing my need for her.

Feeling her lift a leg up I reach my hand down and grasp her bum guiding her leg around me before lifting her so she can do the same with her other leg caging my in between her strong thighs. Groaning against her as I feel her warm core press against my growing bulge I nibble on her lower lip making her press into me more as I feel her need grow through the bond. Kissing her plump lips I shift slightly grazing my bulge across her core behind her panties, “fuck” she whispers before grinding herself against me as she tangles her hands in my hair. Reaching a hand between us I graze her hardened nipples over her thin summer dress making her moan into my mouth. “You want me” I breath against her lips.

“Always” she whispers making me grin.

Trailing my hands down I lift her dress and shift her panties to one side giving me access to her warm core. Slipping a finger through her folds I breathe deeply as the scent of her arousal hits my nostrils making my hard shaft twitch uncomfortably in my trousers. “So wet for me” I whisper before plunging a finger into her making her gasp as she arches into me.

“Oh y..yes Jaxx” she moans as I slip a second finger in stretching her tight walls. Rubbing my thumb over her swollen clit has her grinding her hips into my hand as I continue to plunge my fingers into her. “That’s it babe, ride my hand” I instruct huskily as my lust filled eyes meet hers.

Seeing her flushed cheeks has me hardening even further before she reaches her hand down to slip under my shirt lightly scratching my toned muscles. “That feels so good” she moans as she tilts her head back in pleasure, reaching forward I suck her mark lightly which tips her over the edge. Feeling her walls tighten around my fingers as her juices run I look into her eyes as they glaze over in silent pleasure.

Hearing a noise from our right we both freeze before turning to look, “it’s an Omega cleaning round the corner” I whisper before I hold her tight against me and push us through a door slightly down the corridor bringing us into an empty guest room.

“Better” I smirk as I stand holding her inside the door.

“That was risky” she giggles still coming down from her high.

“I’m not done yet” I growl before dropping her down and claiming her lips once again. Feeling her hands snake down to my trousers I buck my hips as her hands graze my bulge, making quick work of my buttons she pulls my trousers down followed swiftly by my briefs freeing my hard shaft.

“So big” she growls appreciatively as her big eyes look down and focus on my shaft resting against her stomach before she grasps it and starts pumping it slowly. Hearing those words has me twitching in her hand as I growl before turning her round quickly so she rests her hands on the wall in front of her. Grasping her hips I pull them open and watch as she naturally arches her back in anticipation of what’s to come. Stepping forward I press my shaft between her thighs coating it in her juices as I reach round and knead one of her round breasts.

“You’re stunning” I rasp before pulling back and surging forward plunging my shaft deep into her heat feeling her walls tighten to accommodate me. Hearing her sigh in satisfaction I grin before holding her hips steady and pounding into her at a relentless pace.

“Oh goddess Jax YESSS” she screams before pushing her hips back into me, “harder” she pants breathlessly knowing I need to release some pent up frustration. Grunting in response I slam into her increasing my speed making her a moaning mess before me, moving one of my arms I spread her cheeks before taking a finger and lightly tracing her tight second hole. Hearing a loud gasp as she bucks against me I slowly push my finger in making her tremble in pleasure, “oh Jax..fuck that feels good” she whispers. Slowly pushing my finger in and out I watch eagerly as she moves to meet me with each thrust. Starting to feel her walls tighten as she tilts her head back I reach my other hand round and grasp her neck gently forcing her to look at me with hooded eyes.

“Goddess you’re everything” I pant before she shudders around me as pleasure racks through her body making her eyes flutter close. Feeling her walls grasp my cock as I release my finger to

hold her hip and steady her I groan loudly as my balls tighten and she milks me for rope after rope of my cum.

Steadying my breathing I hold her up as I feel her body relax, reluctantly pulling out of her I kiss the back of her shoulders. “Let me get a cloth” I whisper still admiring her round toned bum on show with her dress pushed up around her waist.

Walking back out of the bathroom after washing my hands I gently clean her off before spinning her round and kissing her gently pouring my love for her through the bond.

“I promise, when this is over I’ll make sure to worship your body at every opportunity” I say looking her in the eye as I cradle her flushed cheek. Feeling her stiffen I frown slightly.

“Don’t say things like that unless you want to go again” she says in a strained voice.

Smirking I wink at her, “oh really?”

“Really” she laughs whilst caressing my shoulders. “I love you” she says with a soft smile.

“I love you” I promise.

“Feel better?” She asks me with a giggle.

“Very much so” I grin.

“Hmm well I’m glad to have helped...Alpha” she whispers flirtatiously. Tracing her swollen bottom lip with my thumb she captures it in her mouth and sucks gently looking up at me through her lashes.

“That’s not fair” I mumble as I feel my member twitch again.

With a pop she releases it with a giggle, “later” she winks before walking to the door. Before opening it I quietly start to ask “have you ever..” before trailing off unsure how to ask.

“Ever had anyone near my bum?” She asks with a laugh as she swings the door open.

Grimacing as I don’t know if I regret asking I nod slowly “No...never” she says shaking her head as I grin knowing that’s mine and mine only.

“Good” I growl in her ear as I pass her. “Neither have i” I throw back over my shoulder as she shakes her head in amusement.

“We should probably wash” she says after a minute of walking.

“Why?” I ask.

“We’re going to meet your parents” she says with a frown.

“So” I reply with a shrug, “they were newly mated once. I was conceived the night they marked they can’t bloody talk.”

“Oh..well when you put it that way” she laughs as I wrap an arm around her.

“Plus I like showing off you’re mine” I whisper in her ear making her blush.

David’s worries

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Jax POV:

"How you doing son?" My father asks In his deep voice as we enter.

"Better now" I say throwing a look at Nova as she purposefully avoids my gaze making me chuckle.

"How are you dear?" My mum asks rushing to embrace Nova. "Your mum adores her" Zeus informs me as if I hadn't already figured that out.

"Good thank you Amelia, it’s nice to be home” Nova responds politely returning her hug. “How are you both?”

“Good considering the recent events” ma assures us with a warming smile.

“It’s nice to be back in the pack house” Pa agrees.

“I’m sorry we aren’t able to make those dinner plans I suggested but we will next week when we hopefully have more time” Nova says giving my parents an apologetic look.

“We understand” ma says waving her off.

“I did actually have something I’d like to talk to you about Amelia” Nova starts looking nervous biting her lip slightly as I’ve noticed she does when she’s unsure of what’s going to happen. “As you know my Luna ceremony needs organising, I’ve got Naomi, Flo and Alice helping. Obviously Flo will do what she can but it could be a nice thing to help her as she recovers. But

we have a little to do over the next few weeks and I imagine I'm going to be very busy, I was wondering if you'd be willing to take over the reigns a bit organising it for me?"

Seeing my mums eyes widen in excitement as she gasps I grin. "I would love to! Oh my goddess how exciting" she squeals. "Thank you Nova, you have no idea how much this means to me."

Seeing the tears in my mums eyes I turn to Nova, "Genevieve wasn't as keen for my mothers help" I explain quietly.

"What?" She asks looking confused, "but surely the previous Luna is the perfect person to help. You had your own..I mean talk about first hand experience."

Chuckling I agree, "well as long as it's not going to be like the previous ceremony I'm going to leave it to you ladies to organise."

"What was it like?" Nova ask amused. Seeing my mum grimace I laugh.

"Tacky" mum says bluntly, "yet ridiculously expensive."

"Ah" Nova chuckles not prying for more information, "well I would appreciate any help you can give."

"I'll start right away, we will have to find sometime and have a chat about it" my ma beams.

"Well I'd like a white and green theme, warm lights not those awful bright white ones, and with food I'm not fussy. But I do love cheesecake oh and I hate mango" Nova says with a shrug.

"White and green?" I probe.

"Your eyes" Nova smiles, "my favourite part of you."

"Not my bulging muscles and big cock?" I link her bluntly making her throw me a sharp look.

"Those are just an added bonus" she replies playfully making me hide a laugh behind a cough.

"That's a great idea Nova, I'll have a look and get some ideas for you" my mum says drawing her in for another hug as a large smile stays plastered on her face.

"So as you know we are going to the council over the next few days" I start as the atmosphere turns more serious, "whilst we are gone I'm leaving Laurence in charge."

"Laurence?" My father asks confused.

"Yes" I say calmly. "He's my Beta, he's more than capable of the job and he has the most understanding bar me of everything that is going on. He has Alpha blood in him as well which makes him strong."

“Better than the previous Alpha?” Pa asks in disbelief.

“Yes I believe he’s more suitable” I say calmly.

“Son have you thought this through?” Pa asks again.

Gritting my teeth my eyes flash with that of Zeus, “yes..I have. I am the Alpha here father don’t question me.”

“With all due respect David, you are retired. Laurence helps run this pack day in day out and it is his responsibility as Beta to step up when required” Nova interjects gently.

“David they’re right. We stepped down and Jax is the Alpha now, we as parents should help when necessary and offer any support we can. Laurence is an excellent Beta, and may I point out you did the same at times during your time as Alpha” My ma points out.

Nodding slowly he looks away with a pained expression on his face. “Ok Alpha” he says deliberately.

“I also have Axel and Evan returning this evening, in our absence the pack needs added strength. It was a concern of mine with Nova and myself being away from the grounds at the same time as my Gammas. They will be here until the weekend and then will return back to Uncle Henry’s pack to finalise a few things before they come back permanently the following week” I inform my parents.

Seeing my mother’s eyes widen in shock I turn and see my father glaring at me.

“What?” He growls with his eyes blazing.

“You heard me Pa” I say pinching the bridge of my nose.

“Do you really think that’s sensible?” He asks as my mum looks down at the ground hiding the hurt that crosses her face.

“Yes..I do” I reply sharply.

“They are..” he starts before I quickly interject.

“They are what father? Insolent? Unruly? Unfit to bear the responsibility of our family?” I ask frustrated.

“Yes!” My father exclaims angrily, “those boys need to learn responsibility and what it means to follow instructions. They were careless and endangered others, what’s changed?”

“Father that was 7 years ago..?” I shout angrily.

“Jax?” I hear Nova ask quietly.

“They were teenagers Nova, they went out with a group of friends and ended up spending time with 2 human girls. There was an attack and they shifted, in front of the girls..to save them” I explain keeping my voice calm.

“They revealed us to humans” my father growls.

“It was either that or those girls got killed, what would you have done father?” I ask heatedly stepping forward as my aura bristles. “They reacted and they bore the consequence of their actions at the time. I would have done the same.”

“What happened to the girls?” Nova asks.

With a sigh I turn to her, “one had to go to a psych ward for a month. We paid for her medical care and we explained everything, my brothers were not going to let the rogues attack them, I mean goddess knows what they would have done they were feral. The other girl spoke to her family and 3 months later she became a hunter.”

“But at the time Axel and Evan protected them?” Nova checks.

“Yes” I answer immediately.

“They exposed us and put a target on our pack, they should never have got involved” my father growls.

“Would you stop father” I growl angrily, “they were young and they reacted as anybody with Alpha blood should have. They protected those who were weak and stopped them from suffering further.”

“I will not tolerate them coming home” my father says striding towards me.

“They are your son’s” I growl. “Why are you behaving like this? You saw them at Novas party, you enjoyed spending time with them. Why can’t you just enjoy the chance you have to work with your sons again?”

“Because I don’t trust them” he snaps.

“Is that why they went to Henry’s pack?” Nova asks quietly.

“Yes..it was father’s decision” I say throwing him a dirty look. “I attempted to bring them home when I became Alpha but out of respect for our father they said they wanted to continue improving themselves to make him proud.”

“David our sons are coming home, you need to put the past behind you” my mother says grasping his arm gently.

“And what if the hunters got you?” My father asks in a strained voice, “I couldn’t go through that again and it could have happened. All because of them.”

“Oh for Goddesses sake David. They are MY sons, I have been patient with you..with this situation regarding hunters and your opinion on them because of what you have suffered before. BUT I will remind you for the final time, I am not your ex mate. I can fight, and I would fight to my death to protect my family and my pack, I will not shy away from the danger the hunters show us” my mother says fiercely. “It is time for our sons to come home, I want them home.”

“Amelia..” my father says brokenly.

“No. I am not discussing this with you further, get your head out of your arse and look at the bigger picture. We are stronger as a family and they are coming home. If you do not accept that they have done everything they can to make you forgive them then that’s your issue, I miss my sons and I am proud of them” my mother says again as her eyes flash.

“If it hadn’t been for Axels quick work we wouldn’t have located the vans that had taken Flo, and if it wasn’t for Evans hard work training the warriors at Henry’s pack they wouldn’t have been so efficient in recovering her” I say.

“Look father, I am the Alpha here. You either get on board or you go. I’m not arguing and this isn’t a discussion, I am telling you” I say with conviction stepping forward to glare at my father. “I will be in my office when you’re ready to apologise and start acting like the Alpha you were.”

Betrayal

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Nova POV:

“That went as well as expected” Jax growls in annoyance as we stride across the gardens to meet my father.

“I know they made a mistake but I have to admit I find your father’s opinion and reaction rather strong” I say calmly.

“The longer my father was Alpha the more he made decisions that I couldn’t understand, he was great don’t get me wrong. He helped this pack and led it from strength to strength, but he became overly reactive and overly harsh in his way of training us as the time went on” Jax says with a sigh. “The twins got it bad, they were little trouble makers but they were young boys. When

needed they stepped up and over the last few years I am so proud of the men they have become. But it hurts them that my father refuses to forgive them for one mistake they made, even though it's a mistake I understand."

"Hmmm" I wonder.

"To the pack he was a great leader, but as a father he was harsh, overly critical and unforgiving at times. He wanted us to be our best no matter what, he didn't allow for mistakes" Jax explains. "He found it hard stepping down but over the last few years I saw him relax, settle down and actually enjoy retirement."

Suddenly I see Luca running towards me, "Nova I can't find Sophie" he pants.

"What?" I ask.

"I went training and she said she was going to her room to rest, I went back two hours later and she's gone. Her scent is weak, like she hasn't been there since I was out. I don't know where she is I've searched the entire pack and no one has seen her" he worries.

"Right my dad is down here, come with me" I instruct before running to where I can scent my father waiting for me.

"Have you seen Sophie?" I ask him without pausing to say hello.

"No?" He replies with a cocked brow.

"When did you hear from her last?" I ask quickly.

"This morning, she sounded off. I thought she was tired and missing home" he says looking at Lucas worried face with concern.

"Has she showed any signs of being unsettled?" I ask Luca.

"No!" He exclaims, with a sigh he looks at me before speaking "we mated this morning. I didn't force her I even checked four times if she was sure but she was. But she stopped us marking."

"Why?" I ask confused.

"I don't know, it's why I went to training. To try and work out so she didn't sense my upset, I thought she was doubting me I don't know" Luca admits with hurt in his voice.

"Dad call her" I instruct whilst rubbing my brother's shoulder comforting.

Standing as we wait to see if she picks up I shift my weight uncomfortably, "what's wrong?" Jax asks sensing my uncertainty.

“I just don’t have a good feeling about this” I admit in a low voice.

“Why?” He asks.

“I don’t know” I admit.

“Kia?” He asks her looking in my eyes.

“She’s not in the territory” is all she says to us.

“No answer but I can track her phone, I installed an app not to her knowledge after the last time she disappeared” my father mutters. After a moment he looks at me in shock, “her phone is here.”

“She’s left it in the room” I hear Luca say, “I’m sure I remember seeing it on the nightstand.”

“I’m sorry? The last time she disappeared?” I ask confused.

“Yes, growing up hasn’t been easy for her. She has her issues and sometimes to deal with them she left” my father explains his features downcast.

“Where would she go?” I ask sharply.

“I never knew” he shrugs, “she was never harmed or anything, she said she went to see friends. Human ones which she met when she was studying for 2 years in the city near us at the time.”

“You didn’t check?” I ask.

“No. There were times during her childhood where she had to see and experience things no child should have to. She wanted the chance to experience a bit of normality and she chose to study, I allowed her that of course. But I never asked for an address, it was safer me not knowing and I couldn’t visit and risk being around humans myself incase I got found” he explains.

“When did she last go missing?” I check.

“About 19 months ago” he admits. “She went away for a week to celebrate her friend’s birthday. She showed me pictures and she looked happy, she came back more relaxed and less bothered by her worries.”

“Do you think the marking scared her away?” I ask Luca gently.

“No I don’t think so. My fangs came out but I would never have marked her without consent you know that, I turned away and calmed down and that was that. She just said that she wasn’t ready” he says. “I was sad and a little hurt but I understood it.”

I nod whilst looking at him as my worries grow. “She can’t mark me Nova, she has no wolf” he says quietly.

“No wolf?” I exclaim.

“She never shifted, it pained her for a long time and it’s something I don’t understand” my father admits. “Her mother was a wolf and obviously I am also but for Sophie it never happened.”

“That’s sad” I admit, “I had no idea I’m sorry, she smells like a wolf.”

“I don’t understand it either” my father says.

“Can I see the pictures of her from last time she went away?” I ask as Kia puts the idea to the front of my mind.

“Of course” my father agrees immediately as Jax looks at me with a silent question.

“We can ask Axel to figure out her identity and trace her” I link him.

“Brilliant idea” he replies in amazement, “goddess I need to up my game” he grumbles.

Dropping a kiss on his cheek I smirk at his comment, “you can” I tease him through the link, “some of us just have more good ideas.”

“Here Nova” my father says holding his phone out unaware of Jax and I’s silent exchange.

“Thank you” I smile before looking down. In the photo i see Sophie, her face slightly rounder showing her youth and her eyes bright with mischief with her arms wrapped around her friend.

“Wait..Nova, show me that” I hear Luca say urgently. Turning the phone so he could see it clearly his breath hitches as I hear his heart start to race.

“Kingsley, when did Sophie go exactly? What date?” He asks in a controlled tone.

“January 16th, a little over 19 months ago, she returned on January 24th” my father says efficiently.

“Oh goddess no” Luca whispers.

“Luca?” I ask nervously sensing his conflicting emotions.

“Nova look” he says thrusting the phone into my hand again.

“At what exactly?” I ask sharply.

“There” he says jabbing his finger angrily on the screen. My eyes focus on the background and my ears begin to ring as my hand shakes, “she was there?” I ask in disbelief.

“Where?” Jax asks looking at the photo over my shoulder.

“That right there is the mountain to the far northern end of the White Mountain Packs territory” I force out.

“She was that close to you?” Jax asks in disbelief. “You could have found one another earlier that’s such a shame” he says softly.

“Is it?” Luca asks coldly.

Hearing that my father growls and turns to glare at Luca as Jax looks shocked but the tone of Lucas voice.

“What is going on?” Jax asks bewildered.

“January 19th, 19 months ago was the day our parents were killed by hunters” I say calmly as the quiet anger in my voice makes everyone step back pensively. “It’s a little suspicious that she never mentioned being so close to Lucas territory when they were getting to know one another. Almost as strange as her doing a disappearing act on you father and it was coincidentally the same time our parents were killed” I growl my eyes flashing with Kia’s.

“What?” My father gasps as his face drains of colour. “Please tell me you don’t think she had something to do with it?”

“I’m not asking” I growl as my anger rises.

“She did” I snarl, “look at that woman’s wrist holding the camera.”

“She has a tattoo” my father mumbles, “but she’s covered it with makeup by the looks of it.”

“It’s an H, father. And what does that stand for?” I growl taking a step towards him as I hear Luca shift behind me and release a howl full of pain and anger.

“H...Hunters” my father sobs falling to the ground clutching his heart.

“She was with the fucking hunters” I snarl.

Think

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Jax POV:

I stay frozen to the spot for a moment shocked at what Nova and Luca have revealed as my mind races before my Alpha brain tunes in.

“Wait Nova” I start grasping her arms to help relax her, she turns to me her eyes ablaze with fury but I can sense the underlying hurt through the bond.

“Nova this doesn’t confirm anything” I start saying.

“She was with a fucking Hunter in the same area at the same time our parents were killed” she snarls furiously.

“I know love I know” I say calmly, “but she might not have known this woman was a hunter. I mean this lady had covered her tattoo in makeup, you can barely see it in the photo, what if Sophie never knew?”

Seeing doubt flick across her eyes I continue talking calmly, “she might have been tricked Nova. I mean come on let’s think about this logically. Sophie is well aware of the hunters having killed her birth mother, she knows they have been after her own father her entire life and what he went through when they had captured him. Never mind what they have done to your own mother? Kingsley is she aware Novas mother may be alive?”

“I have never hid anything from Sophie, she’s aware of everything” he says quietly.

“I know it doesn’t look good Nova but seriously what would her motive be for being involved with hunters?” I point out gently.

Seeing Nova pause as she takes in my words her anger starts to calm down as her rational thinking kicks in. “Ok..but what was she doing there? She never mentioned to Luca about being near his own pack when they discussed it.”

“I don’t know” I admit, “but I’m not convinced she was working with the hunters. Yes she was clearly spending time with one but I personally doubt her knowledge of that.”

With a sigh Nova sits down in the ground next to where Kingsleys crumpled form is, “dad?” She asks quietly wanting his opinion.

“I know how it looks Nova” he starts before taking a deep breath and steadying his voice. “But I would hope Soph would never betray me, betray us like that. She has seen first hand the cruelty of the hunters and I can’t for one minute think she would be working with them.”

“We need to find her” Nova says looking at me, “Axel?”

“I have linked Laurence asking to send a photo of Sophie to Axel for him to try and track” I inform her.

After a moments silence I speak up again, “what if the hunters were using Sophie? It makes sense doesn’t it, your grandfather knows about Guardian Wolves he knows it’s your birthday. Maybe he was setting the ground works these last few years, if he saw Sophie had attended human college then he could have been planning this all along? Thinking one day Sophie would lead them to you without her knowledge.”

“Shit..” Nova whispers, “oh my goddess.”

“She could be in danger” I point out quietly. “Let’s get to the office, I’m going to find Luca for you.”

Seeing Nova nod as she stands and helps her father I turn and shift bounding into the forest tracking Luca. After 10 minutes of running I can see Reed ahead lying by a small stream.

Shifting I walk up behind him and sit down quietly next to him.

“How you doing?” I ask looking forwards at the stream. With a stressed huff Reed looks down at the ground.

“Not good huh?” I continue talking. “I know that was hard to look at and you’re feeling angry. But I need you to listen to me.” With that I look at Reed calmly as he nods his head in understanding.

“I know Sophie is your mate and that there is a lot of emotion involved when it comes to your parents but i really think we assumed the worst. Sophie has also suffered greatly at the hands of the hunters, she lost her birth mother, she has had to live life as a rogue her entire life because of them and she’s seen how losing Novas mother affected her father. Kingsley has never hidden what they did to him or anyone else from her. Do you really think she would have been spending time with a group willingly that have caused so much hurt to people in her life?”

With that Reed is silent as he continues to gaze at the stream, “I think she’s been played Luca” I say quietly before continuing, “the lady clearly covered her tattoo or attempted to, and why would that be? She didn’t want people she was spending time with to know she was a hunter, Sophie could easily have not realised if the thought wasn’t on her mind. I honestly believe this stinks of Novas grandfather, I mean he could have been using Sophie to try find Nova the last few years.”

With a quiet crack Luca shifts and sits beside me deep in thought. “True” he sighs tapping his leg nervously.

“Did you tell her about your parents?” I ask.

“Yes, this morning actually. It was the conversation before we mated, I was looking at photos of them on my phone as I do sometimes and she came into the room. She knew already that they had been killed by hunters but I gave her more details when she asked” he tells me.

“Did she seem like she knew those details already?” I probe.

“No” he sighs, “I never sensed her lying to me either. But..”

“But what?” I ask.

“But I don’t really know her properly yet” he says sadly, and we haven’t completed the bond so I don’t know for sure.”

“I get that” I say quietly. “Look I’ve got Laurence sending my brother her photo, if anyone can find her it will be him. I’ve had my border patrols check the territory and there are no signs of struggles, or any suspicious scents. I think she left willingly, and we will find out why. But I think it’s best we don’t assume the worst but also be prepared.”

“You’re right” he sighs. “I jumped to a conclusion.”

“So did Nova, and it’s understandable. They were your parents, you caught Sophie in a lie even if she didn’t lie on purpose” I comfort him.

“If she truly wasn’t involved then she is going to be so hurt by my reaction” he mutters quietly.

“She might be, but if she’s like Nova she will be able to rationalise it and understand why” I say calmly. “Shall we head back? I know Nova is worried about you and let’s face it, keeping busy will help occupy your mind.”

Standing and retrieving a pair of shorts from a nearby tree I hand them to him to slip on before he stands and follows me.

“I hate not knowing” I hear him admit from behind me. “Being Beta, as I’m sure you understand with your role, I like to be in control. Know information on situations I am involved in and those of my pack and people I care about are involved in. Recently we have too many unanswered questions and it makes me uneasy.”

“You and me both brother” I tell him turning and clasping a hand on his shoulder, “but none of us are alone in that. We need to work together to get to the bottom of everything.”

“I’ve been thinking” he says as we start walking again, “if Kingsley put a tracker on Sophie’s phone don’t you think it’s possible the hunters did the same?”

“Yes it is” I reply, “I’ll get Laurence to look at her phone. Let’s get some food in us and we can get to work.”

Realisations

Chapter 55 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

It's late by the time we have spoken to Axel and gotten some food and I'm exhausted. "We still have to go to Caroline" Kia sighs to me. Internally swearing as I realise it's not going to be an early night I decide I need a coffee and excuse myself from the office.

"Anyone else fancy a drink?" I ask before I close the door.

"Whiskey" Jax grunts his brows furrowed in concentration as he stares at his computer.

"Lots of it" Luca mutters from the sofa in the corner.

Chuckling at them I head downstairs enjoying the few minutes of quiet I have. As I methodically make the coffee and gather the whiskey for the men I let out a deep sigh as I struggle to switch my mind off. After pouring my coffee I turn to get some milk and freeze as I sense a presence behind me. Taking a deep breath i catch no scent causing me to frown momentarily, realising I can't do much if I don't look I turn slowly as my eyes search the dark corners of the kitchen.

"Maybe next time you'll turn the light on" Kia says snarkily to me.

"We can see perfectly fine what's the point" I snap back before a figure steps out from the pantry doors shadow.

"Sophie?" I gasp in shock. Taking in her saddened features and her eyes with dark circles underneath I feel my heart clench in sympathy.

"You know?" She whispers.

"Know what?" I ask slowly unsure of her reason for reappearing.

"That Hannah is a hunter" she says in a monotone voice.

"Yes" I murmur quietly. "Luca and I, we saw the photo of you both together last time you saw her and we saw her tattoo."

She lets out a humourless laugh, "that fucking tattoo" she snarls surprising me with the venom she has in her voice.

"Sophie I don't understand" I say quietly, "how long have you know?"

Looking at the clock by the window she shrugs, "about 10 hours now."

"She's not lying" Kia says confirming what I already know, her heart rate is steady and she is looking at me clearly as she speaks with no signs of nerves.

"Do you want to sit down?" I ask gently, "why don't we have a chat?"

"Thank you" she whispers as her bottom lip trembles. As she sits down I get her a glass of water and some snacks which I put in front of her before sitting on the other side of the breakfast bar. As she reaches for her water I take in her appearance properly and can't stop the gasp from escaping me. Dried blood is covering her bare arms and there are droplets sprayed across the front of her dark top.

"Are you hurt?" I worry.

"It's not mine" she replies darkly. "It's Hannah's."

"The hunter?" I check.

"The one and only" she winces at the mention of her.

"Why can't we scent you? Or the blood?" Kia suddenly links her.

Looking surprised she looks at me with wide eyes, "Kia" I explain chuckling.

"Oh..um, I used a scent mask spray, a strong one it seems to hide everything. I took it from Hannah's belongings" she admits.

"Why?" I ask.

"I thought it would be safer travelling back here, make me more invisible incase they found Hannah quickly and wanted to follow me" she says. "She's dead."

"You killed her?" I check.

With a solid nod of her head she shrugs, "that bitch deserved it."

"You need to explain Sophie, I just want to understand" I say gently reaching a hand out to clasp her own shaking one.

"I persuaded dad to let me go and study business at a human college, I wanted to experience a bit of normality and maybe find somewhere I felt like I belonged. Growing up we were constantly moving and it was tough, I thought college would help me, the socially anxious teenager, gain some confidence and find my meaning in life a bit more. I met Hannah there, she was a girl in a dorm down the hall from me. We clicked right away and had lot of similar interests, over the course of 3 years I spent a lot of time with her and when life at home became a bit much when I returned she was who I turned to." She explains before taking a sip of her water.

"I had no idea she was a hunter" she says with a pained expression. "Honestly I never saw that tattoo until today, she would have long tops on and she had a brace on her wrist sometimes, she told me she had a weak wrist but now I think it was to cover the H."

"So what made you realise?" I ask quietly.

With a sad expression she looks at me, "Luca told me about your parents and what exactly happened. When he told me the date I automatically thought of Hannah and how I hadn't seen her for a while. I got my phone out when Luca had a shower and was looking through pictures of us from our trip and I saw the tattoo she'd tried to cover. I knew then that she had been lying to me the entire time, I just knew she was involved. She was acting shifty at the time but she said it was family drama, and she disappeared most days" she cries softly.

"So what did you do?" I probe.

"I text her, off of a phone she gave me. She always got on at me that I didn't have an up to date phone so she gave me one last time as a "gift" from her" she scoffs, "I never used it. I don't think I even mentioned it to dad as it stayed turned off in a box as I had no use for it. I'm not a materialistic person at all, it's just not me after the lifestyle I grew up with."

"Did you text her here, at the pack?" I ask sharply.

"No" she says shaking her head, "I didn't have it here so I had to go and collect it, as soon as I had the suspicions of her I figured that she didn't give me the phone to be nice, it most likely has a tracker on it. I knew I had to confront her and asap, so i spent some time with Luca and when he went to training I left."

"We had the same suspicions but thought it might be on your phone, I mean the one you use" I say.

"Yes well, I checked and turns out only father has a tracker on that one" she chuckles. "That's why I left it, I didn't want anyone else to risk being hurt and i knew it was something I needed to do."

"Is that why you didn't let Luca mark you?" I ask her softly to which she nods sadly.

“I didn’t mean to upset him, but I didn’t want him to risk himself either. I can’t bear the thought of him being hurt Nova, he means so much to me and it’s only been a short amount of time” she admits.

I smile at her words, “he will be relieved to hear that, he was doubting himself. How did you manage to leave the pack?”

With a grimace she looks up before answering, “I um, I “borrowed” a car. It was one of the warriors that I heard tell his friend he was staying with him for a few days as his parents had visitors so he parked it at the packhouse garage for a few days. I left it in the local town incase you caught on and couldn’t track me. I’ve brought it back and it’s not damaged, I even put more fuel in it.”

With a soft laugh I look away as shame washes through me, “what’s wrong?” She asks noticing my expression.

“I should never have doubted you” I say simply.

Explanation

Chapter 56 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

“I can’t blame you” Sophie says quietly, “I would have had the same reaction.”

“I know, but I still feel guilty” I admit as I realise she knew that would have been our first thought.

“Well don’t, please” she says with a small smile.

“So you confronted Hannah?” I ask getting back to the topic at hand.

“Yeah” she sighs, “I told her I was fighting with dad and I needed to let loose for a while. We met at a hotel under the pretence of going out to a club for the night. But I said I fancied some food first so I drove to a quiet diner and suggested getting some fresh air with a walk to clear my head. She suspected nothing” she chuckles darkly. “I restrained her and told her I knew who she was. She was terrified, she told me..everything.”

“What do you know?” I ask interested.

“I know your grandfather knows Caroline is here, I also know he has 3 spies, all high up and they tell him everything there is to know about you” she admits.

“Anything about dad?” I check concerned.

“No” she says shaking her head, “i lied about where i lived whenever i spoke to Hannah about home, it was part of the agreement of dad allowing me to go to college. But also i never told people the truth of where we were, I grew up not trusting others and it was dad’s strict instructions to never expose our whereabouts.”

“So why didn’t grandfather do anything if he knew where I was?” I ask.

“Because he knew one day dad would find you, and he’s been waiting for that day” she says quietly.

“Anything else?” I ask calmly.

“I know how many hunters there are under his control and I know he’s planning an attack on you. But if they find out what happened to Hannah that may change” she admits wincing.

“Do you think they will in the next week” I ask quietly.

“I don’t think so, I had the idea to send a text off of Hannah’s phone saying she was spending 10 days with me and that in that time she can’t risk being found so she wouldn’t be contacting them” Sophie says.

“Impressive idea” I praise her making her blush slightly.

“Well it was common of her to disappear for a little while and then report back her findings I realised once I looked through her phone. I’m confident they won’t suspect anything, she has no trackers on her phone either I checked” she says a little flustered from the compliment I paid her.

“Nice” I smirk. “You’ve done a good job Sophie. Admittedly I would have liked to know beforehand but I know you were protecting us and for that I’m thankful. Are you ok though? I can imagine today has been a long day.”

“I’m nervous to face Luca, what if he hates me” she whispers.

“Why would he hate you?” I exclaim.

“I spent time with your parents killer, she was involved in the attack Nova. It was there on her phone” she admits looking scared to tell me. “I have it with me for you to look at.”

“You didn’t know Sophie, you were used do you hear me? This is not your fault” I comfort her. “Luca will have been worried for you, yes at first he was angry when we discovered the photo but Jax spoke to him..and me. Jax didn’t believe for one moment that you could betray us.”

“Really?” She whispers surprised.

“Yes. He made some extremely valid points” I explain.

“Nova love are you ok?” Jax links me making me realise I’ve been gone a while.

“Jax has linked me, are you up for going to the office?” I ask.

Squaring her shoulders she nods her head determinedly, “yes, I need to tell them myself.”

“That a girl!” I wink before going to get my coffee. “Damn” I moan as I pick up my cold cup.

“Let me just make a fresh one, I need caffeine” I say making her chuckle lightly, “do you want one?”

“Please” she smiles politely.

“I’m glad we got to chat Sophie, I’m sorry we haven’t been able to spend more time together but once this has all calmed down we will. I’ll make sure of it” I promise her.

“I’d really like that” she murmurs happily.

Turning with the tray I jerk my head to the stairs, “come on then, I’ll lead the way.”

“On my way up love, I’m not alone. Don’t let anyone react badly” I warn him.

“Ok..?” He asks through the link fishing for more details.

“See you in a minute” is all I say as we head up the stairs.

Opening the door I smile reassuringly at Sophie, “look who found me” I say lightly as we walk into the room together.

“S...Sophie?!” Luca exclaims in shock as he stands from the sofa. Seeing everyone else pause as they take in my relaxed stance I smile lightly.

“Sophie has a lot to tell you, but I’m going to make it clear as I can tell that Luca is itching to check on his mate. She did not in any way betray us, she did what she did to protect us” I say clearly as relief spreads across my father’s face.

With a sigh of relief Luca rushes to her and wraps her in his arms holding her tightly to him, “I thought you’d left me” I heard him whisper.

“I’m so sorry Luca” she says into his chest whilst reaching an arm around to stroke his back comfortingly. “You’ll never lose me.”

“Sophie are you ok?” Dad asks stepping forward looking concerned.

“Yes dad, I’m ok. I promise” she says with conviction.

“Why don’t you sit down Sophie and tell them everything you told me” I say gesturing to the sofa. With a nod she turns to sit down but Luca pulls her down onto his lap in comfort.

Seeing Jaxs bewildered face I walk over and sit on his lap as well dropping a soft kiss on his lips, “just listen, you were right.”

As Sophie sits and explains everything she has done today and the decisions she had to make I see everyone’s faces go through a range of emotion. From confusion, to worry, to being impressed and finally to pride.

“You’re just like your sister” I hear Laurence chuckle as she finishes her explanation. “Logical and fiercely protective of those you love.”

With a smile stretching across her face at his words she blushes and tucks her face into Lucas chest much to everyone’s amusement.

“I’m so proud of you darling, your mother would be as well” my dad says quietly making a few tears escape her eyes.

“Thanks dad” she whispers.

“I didn’t mean to betray your trust with the tracker..” he starts before she quickly interjects.

“I’d rather have it than not dad” she says looking at him not giving him room to apologise further.

“I wish you had let me mark you Soph” I hear Luca say quietly, “I just want to protect you, I don’t mind that you can’t mark me.”

Stroking his cheek she smiles, “I know. I only said no because of today, I knew you would try to find me and I couldn’t risk you being hurt. I want you to” she tells him shyly.

As he grins widely I chuckle, “remind me not to go near your room tonight” I joke making everyone laugh.

“You can mark him Sophie” Kia links her allowing everyone to hear. “Maybe not right now but you will be able to at some point.”

“What?” Sophie asks in shock.

“You have a wolf, I can sense her. But there is something stopping her from emerging, I have a feeling it has something to do with when you were born, maybe the hunters had help then and wanted to stop another wolf being allowed free” Kia says making Sophie gasp.

“Really?” She asks excitedly.

“You smell like a wolf Sophie, if you were born without one you wouldn’t smell like one” I point out. “We will figure this out for you.”

“You can mark me” Luca grins against her lips looking excited.

“Oh go upstairs you two, you’ve agreed to stay another night haven’t you?” I chuckle, “maybe you can help her wash” I suggest to Luca wiggling my brows.

“Yes Luna” he smirks before leaping up with her in his arms, “well that’s my cue, good night all” he smirks before racing from the room.

“That’s my daughter” dad says grimly.

“Part of life dad, don’t pretend you’re innocent” I smirk making him chuckle.

“Fair point” he shrugs.

Evening

Chapter 57 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

"Well" I drawl out looking around the room, "that answers some questions."

"Was not something I was expecting" Kingsley frowns as he looks at the door his daughter just left through. "Although I'm feeling very proud of her right now" he admits smiling slightly.

"Good on her" Laurence shrugs, "shows she is a Beta female."

"True" Nova agrees with pride in her eyes. "They must know she is your daughter though. I mean why did Hannah go through the farce of befriending her if that wasn't the case? Her wolf has been bound so she's not a risk in that sense and she didn't know me at that point. They must know, we will have to talk about it again with Sophie in the morning, she might have more information from Hannah. It's also worth looking through her phone before we leave, Axel could you make sure it's not possible for the hunters to trace the phone?"

“I’ll sort that tonight ready for you in the morning” he assures us.

"So it's actually you Kingsley they've been trying to find" I muse thoughtfully. "But why not Nova?"

"Because they have been moulding me" she points out, "I've never opposed them so that's why. Perhaps if I had it would be a different story, I'm starting to think more and more that they were keeping me around for their benefit."

"Do you think it's wise to go to the council?" I ask wearily.

"We don't take dad" Nova says sharply, "not a chance. If they were using me to try find him then we need to prevent that from happening and not tell them we have found him. We go and ask for the information Elder Johnathon has on Guardian Wolves and we will look in to it, I am genuinely intrigued to know more this isn't only for my father's benefit after all."

"I think only Nova and I go to the council, along with Luca. I don't think it's wise for Sophie to be travelling to the council because they will ask questions" I say sitting up and clasping my hands together as I think through things.

"What do you say when they see Luca is mated?" Laurence asks.

With a sigh I look up before speaking, "I think we push the truth slightly. As she mentioned being nervous around packs when she first got here we should just say she isn't yet confident enough for a visit to the council and Luca is slowly acclimatising her to the role as Beta female."

"And if they ask why?" Laurence probes.

"We can't say she was a rogue and we can't mention her nervousness was around packs, we just make it a general statement of gaining confidence" I say, "but we could imply that she was of a lower rank and it's a big step up. They don't need to know more."

"I think that should work" Nova agrees. "I doubt they will fixate on Luca being mated much with everything else we are there for."

"If they do seem like they're asking too many questions we simply steer them away from the conversation" I suggest.

"What about the way they are going to gain the truth?" Laurence asks reminding me.

"Only Rose is being questioned, none of us are there for that reason we are simply there to verify information and give our versions" I say thinking aloud, "Rose won't know Luca is mated so she won't give it away whatever their method and we are perfectly within our right to refuse if they do ask as it wasn't requested of us."

Looking around the room I see everyone nod as they agree.

"We are clear then?" I ask sternly.

"Yes Alpha" the room choruses.

"Ok Nova I've linked the doctors. It's been a long day and even Alphas need rest, they are going to wake Caroline in the morning we need to be there at 6:30am" I say stifling a yawn.

"Thank you Jax" she says with relief in her voice.

"Ok everybody get some rest we will reconvene tomorrow before Nova and I leave. Laurence please be at the hospital with us in the morning" I instruct everyone as they all bid us goodnight. "Axel, Evan can you stay back for a moment?"

"Yes Jax" they reply politely.

After everyone has left bar Nova and myself I gesture for them to sit down with us. "We spoke to ma and Pa today" I began as they both try to hide the apprehension they feel at the mention of our father.

"It didn't go down too well" Nova admits softly making the twins look at her sadly. "I don't understand because I wasn't there at the time but from what Jax has told me you have worked hard since the incident to please your father. But what matters is how you are now, to the pack."

"We would do anything for the pack" Evan says with conviction.

"I don't doubt that, you seem like fine young men to me" Nova assures him gently.

"I have told Pa that Laurence is the one I am leaving in charge, do not let him attempt to assert his authority over Laurence just because he is the previous Alpha. My Beta has a lot more information on what is going on at the moment and there is a reason I am leaving him in charge" I say clearly, "try to impress father but do not let him bend your will."

"Ok Alpha" they both say confidently.

"You may go" I say eager to have some time with Nova, as they stand and bow their heads respectfully I speak up again, "it's nice to have you home."

Seeing a smile cross both their faces at my words Nova stands and opens the door for them, "I'm looking forward to getting to know my new brother in laws properly" she says making their smiles grow. Dropping a kiss on her cheek they both turn and wink at me their playful personalities showing momentarily, "fucking brothers" I growl with a grin as they leave chuckling.

"Come here" I murmur to Nova moving my chair back as she sashays to me before swinging a leg over and straddling me. Pulling her closer I caress her lips with my own as she lets out an involuntary moan. "We should head to bed" I murmur as I feel the tiredness seep through my body.

"We should" she whispers.

"I sense there is a but" I say raising a brow in question.

"Hmmm" she hums before biting gently on my mark making me groan from her touch, feeling the sparks fly I immediately harden in my trousers as she smirks at me all my tiredness suddenly forgotten.

"But I want to make you feel good first" she murmurs before sliding off of me and dropping to her knees. Running her hands up the inside of my thighs I hiss in anticipation as her delicate hands release me from my confines. Grasping the base of my shaft she leans forward and flicks her tongue out tasting the precum. "Delicious" she whispers looking in my eyes before she licks her way up my shaft and swallows me whole eliciting a guttural groan from myself. "Fuck Nova" I moan as I watch her bob her head sucking me deep into her throat, reaching up she grasps my hand and guides it to her head making my eyes widen in excitement. Wrapping her hair around my fist I hold her head steady as I raise my hips to thrust into her mouth.

"Goddess that's hot" I say huskily as I admire her taking my whole length without gagging whilst maintaining eye contact through her lashes, she reaches a hand down to gently tease my balls making my thrusts increase.

"Go for it Jax, I won't break" she links me making me gasp in pleasure.

Standing up I hold her steady by her hair as I plunge into her mouth making her hum against my shaft increasing my pleasure.

"Mine" I growl possessively as I feel my balls tighten from her touch and I thrust deep into her throat as my body convulses in pleasure.

Releasing me with a pop I pull her to my feet whilst I hastily attempt to get my still hardened shaft back into my briefs.

"Bedroom" I growl before lifting her into my arms.

"Why not here?" She asks cheekily eyeing the office.

"Because my Luna, by the time I'm done with you you won't have the energy to walk, you'll be thankful later" I promise as our lust filled gazes collide. Hearing her breath hitch I smirk before giving her a passionate kiss.

"Ok..bedroom. Now." She orders as the scent of her arousal grows stronger.

"Your wish is my command" I grin.

Spent

Chapter 58 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Rotating my hips I run my nails down Jax's chiseled chest, my claws lengthening slightly as I break the skin making Jax's eyes darken impossibly further as he hisses in pleasure at my touch.

Lifting my hips up I slam down on his shaft riding him hard as he thrusts up meeting me making my tits bounce in his eyeline. "I think this is my favourite view" he says huskily as his eyes zero in on my rosey buds. Smirking I reach my hands back to rest on his thighs as I continue to bounce on top of him. Letting out a string of obscenities he lifts himself up so he can take one of my rosey buds into his mouth as he bites down gently making me moan.

Flicking his tongue out he sucks my breast as I watch his every move. Feeling my tummy tighten as my pleasure rises I push his chest back so he's lying on the bed and lean forward moving my hips more to increase friction on my swollen clit. "Ah Jax I'm s..so close" I moan out as he watches where I'm rocking myself on his hardened shaft. With a growl he moves us quickly so he's on top, without breaking our pace he moves my legs so they're over his shoulders and lifts my hips making him go even deeper. As he reaches my pleasure spot with each hard thrust I start to shudder in his hold as with a loud cry he pushes me over the edge once again. Seeing stars my eyes roll back in pleasure as he reaches a hand out to gently pin my neck as he continues thrusting whilst I ride out my high.

"I think you have one more in you" he growls as he slows his pace thrusting into me holding off his own release.

"Jax I don't know how much more I can take" I pant as my body goes limp in his hold.

Smirking he lowers my hips and cages me in between his strong arms, "is that so" he whispers huskily in my ear before sucking on my mark lightly. Groaning in pleasure as heat pools immediately below he lifts his head and winks at me. Suddenly stopping in his movements he pulls out of me and sits on the back of his heels, "done for the night then?" He asks me.

Gaping at him I struggle to form words and instead settle for scowling at him as my body craves his touch.

"No" I whisper biting my lower lip.

"Oh good..because I have an idea" he smiles cheekily at me as he slowly strokes his shaft, watching his movements my breathing becomes laboured as my chest heaves with anticipation.

“Oh yeah?” I attempt to ask nonchalantly.

“Oh yes” he growls before swiftly rising from the bed and striding to a shelf on the wall and opening a chest that’s locked on there. Licking my lips I feel my juices run as I admire his strong back and muscular bum, “you like the view?” He asks smirking as he turns to face me.

Nodding my head I focus on where his right hand is still slowly pumping his big cock, “you like watching me?” He asks cocking his head at me.

“Mmhmm” I hum not moving my eyes.

“Touch yourself” he orders with authority ringing in his voice. My eyes flash to his as I smirk and snake a hand down my body before reaching my heat. Slipping two fingers through my folds I whimper as they graze my swollen clit.

Coming to stand at the bedside besides me he watches my movements, his breath hitching as my fingers slip inside my wet core.

His strokes his shaft quicker as I see approval in his eyes, “hmm I’ve changed my mind” he says huskily as I look at him questioningly. “I think you’ve got two more in you” he says meeting my eyes.

“Only if you do” I murmur as my back arches from the pleasure im giving myself.

“You want me to cum on you?” He rasps as his eyes focus on my fingers once again.

“Yeah..right here” I whisper as I reach my other hand out to knead my breast.

“Fuck Nova” he growls as he begins to pump his dick furiously his breath coming in soft pants as I plunge my fingers in at a matching pace.

“Cum with me” I whisper as I pinch my nipple and rub my clit feeling my release draw closer. Seeing his cock twitch eagerly in his hand at my words I let go of my nipple and reach my hand up to grasp his tight balls. As I play with them he moves closer his eyes still focused on my hand moving below, as I feel his balls tighten and him jerk in his hand I rub on my clit harder with my thumb, feeling my walls tighten I moan “now Jax” as my hips lift off of the bed as I hiss loudly pressing on my clit. Hearing him growl my name I look up to see his eyes on mine as he jerks his dick releasing his warm seed over my boobs.

With a sigh I relax on the bed as I run a finger through his cum and raise it to my mouth, sucking it slowly as I hum in pleasure gazing at him. “Shit Nova you’re so fucking sexy” he growls as his shaft stays rock hard in his hand.

Seeing my eyes widen as my hand moves to replace his he smirks as he holds up his hand showing a black blindfold, “this Alpha isn’t done yet” making my heart race.

Grinning he lifts himself over me as I trail my hands down his chest, lifting my head gently he ties the blindfold behind me making all I see black. Hearing a clinking noise I furrow my brows in confusion before twitching as I feel something cold on my wrist, “relax” he breaths, “do you trust me?”

“With my life” I say clearly.

“Good” he murmurs before pulling my arm gently and with a click my arm is bound outstretched above my head, he quickly moves to do the same with my other and then drops a feathery kiss on my mark making me moan.

Feeling his weight shift back off of me I still as I wait for his next move. Feeling his hands grasp my hips he lifts me before I gasp as his warm mouth sucks on my clit. Flicking his tongue out he licks though my folds before plunging into my core and lapping at my juices. Reaching a hand up he squeezes my breast as I writhe at his touch. As he continues his magical assault on my warm core I find myself begging, “Jax p..please” I gasp.

“Please?” He asks teasingly before sucking on my clit slightly harder.

“Hmphh” I moan out as I find myself too lost for words. As my stomach tightens with me nearing my release all too quickly he senses it and gently rubs on my clit with his fingers, “oh goddess” I moan before he suddenly moves away leaving me desperate for more.

“Jax please” I moan again.

“Please?” He asks.

“Let me cum” I beg.

“Hmm, what do you want my Luna?” He asks huskily as he gently runs a thumb over my swollen lips.

“I need you in me” I moan desperately.

He rubs his shaft through my folds before dipping his tip in moving torturously slow. “Like this?” He whispers as he continues in slow place.

Rocking my hips I try to lift them to meet his movements but he holds me down, “no” I whisper.

“Then what?” He teases further.

“Hard and fast” I barely get my words out before he surges forward and pounds into me quickly.

“YESSS” I scream as he rubs my clit at the same time.

“You have no idea what this does to me” he growls, “you being blindfolded, tied up and covered in my seed.”

“Oh goddess Jax I’m going to cum” I bite out as I feel my walls tightening round his cock.

“Cum” he orders as he slams into me before biting down on my mark making me scream as my body convulses squeezing his cock as I cum hard. Reaching up to his neck I lick finding his marking spot before I bite down making him grunt as he stiffens and releases deep inside me. As I feel his body collapse on top of mine I sigh in content.

“That was so good” I whisper hoarsely as my breathing settles.

He releases my arms and undoes my blindfold where I’m met with his bright green eyes which are full of love for me, “it was amazing” he whispers huskily in my ear before dropping a soft kiss on my lips.

“Wait here, I’ll run us a bath” he says quietly.

“I’m too tired” I moan into a pillow.

“Bath then sleep love” he promises before he moves to the bathroom quickly.

Looking around at the messed up sheets I can’t help the giggle that escapes me, “what you giggling about?” He links me in amusement.

“I think we need new sheets” I laugh through the link.

“Already on it” he tells me laughing also.

A few minutes later he walks through and scoops me up off of the bed which as my legs feel like jelly I don’t protest at.

“Hmm you did say I wouldn’t have the energy to walk” I murmur laughing lightly.

“Told you” he winks as he lowers me into the bath before slipping in behind me.

“Relax” he murmurs as he begins to rinse my body, falling back against his chest I let sleep consume me.

Hospital

Chapter 59 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

As I wake I look down to see Novas head tucked into my side with a small smile resting on her lips. Thinking of last night I smirk to myself. "I think you distracted her pretty well don't you" Zeus comments cheekily.

"Hmm she needed to forget for a while, plus we aren't getting to enjoy our new mateship so much with everything going on" I shrug inwardly.

"It might be bothering her but she won't let it become too much, she's so strong. Some of this could have broken a person" Zeus points out proud of his mate.

"Oh I know, I'm a lucky man" I comment with a smile as flashes of her pleasure ridden face from last night come to mind.

"Hmmm" I hear Nova moan slightly as she stretches away from me blinking blearily as she wakes up slowly.

"Morning beautiful" I murmur as she turns her bright eyes to mine.

"Morning" she smiles sitting up. "Mmm the bath last night was definitely a good idea. Did you put me to bed?"

Chuckling I nodded, "yeah you were flat out in the bath. I ended up rinsing you off and getting you into bed."

Lifting a brow she lifts the sheets as she looks down with a giggle, "no surprise you chose for us to sleep naked."

Blushing slightly I shrug, "it was easier..and i prefer feeling you naked against me."

She looks at me before bursting out laughing, "aw is my big bad Alpha blushing over our lack of clothes" she teases making me lift my shoulders and shake my head.

"Noooo" I deny looking away.

"Didn't see you blushing last night" she teases with a satisfied look in her eyes.

Grinning I just get up and slip into the bathroom to freshen up before switching with Nova. 20 minutes later we're ready to go and I tentatively have a feel of her emotions through the bond where I'm relieved to feel only determination and a bit of anger.

"Ready?" I check as she throws a jacket over her long tight dress.

“Ready” she assures me before opening the door and leading the way. Watching her ass sway has memories flashing through my mind and I immediately speed up to walk alongside her, seeing my slightly flushed cheeks again she quirks a brow questioningly.

“Your ass does things to me, I don’t want to be distracted” I laugh as she chuckles.

We quickly make our way to the hospital and up to where Laurence is waiting for us. “Coffee for you both” he says holding two cups out.

“I knew I liked you for a reason” Nova teases making Laurence chuckle as I let out a small growl.

“It’s coffee Jax, I like that he knows I like coffee” she deadpans to me making me blush again before her and Laurence burst out laughing.

“Oh ha ha ha” I say rolling my eyes.

“She doesn’t seem as worried as I thought she might boss” Laurence links me as we look through the window watching the nurses prepare themselves.

Smirking to myself I link him back knowingly, “I helped relax her, amazing what a good nights sleep can do for you.”

“Ohhh” he says with wide eyes at me over Novas head, “well it worked” he adds on with a chuckle hidden behind a well timed cough.

“Good morning Alpha, Luna, Beta” the doctor says as he bows to us in greeting.

“Morning Doc, you ready?” Laurence checks as Nova and I both utter our greetings.

“Yes we are, I thought I’d quickly just explain what we are going to do. As mentioned she won’t be ready to talk or engage until Friday at the earliest if I’m happy with how she is progressing” he explains as I growl at his words.

“I’m sorry Alpha this isn’t a process I can speed up, she has been in a coma for over a year and a half now. She will be very disoriented” he explains.

“No it’s not that. I know she needs time but she’s also a prisoner” I point out.

“She will be of more use if I can get her recovery going smoothly” he assures me. Nodding as I motion for him to continue he says “we are going to try and wake her by stimulating the main senses. It may seem overwhelming for her at first but it’s been effective in our trials of similar cases. We will also send a small electronic current through her, awakening her body and senses as such.”

“Is this practised amongst humans?” Nova asks interested.

“No” he shakes his head, “they do focus on pleasant sensations of the main senses to try and wake a coma patient but they focus on one sense for a short period of time. This is different.”

Seeing us all nod he motions to the room, “so I’m cleared to begin?” He asks.

“Go ahead” I order him as we watch from the window.

“It feels wrong” I mutter to Laurence and Nova as they look at me understandingly.

“It does” Nova agrees, “all I have wanted to do since I took her into the White mountain packs care was separate her head from her body because of her involvement in my parent’s death. Even more so now, but I know it’s more important she lives so she can provide us with more information..for now.”

“I can’t believe she’s your grandmother” Laurence says with disgust as he watches the medical staff begin the procedure.

“She’s no grandmother of mine” Nova scoffs.

“Let’s go and get some breakfast downstairs whilst we let them work” I say turning and leading them down to the pack hospital cafeteria. Appreciating the quietness at this time of day it’s nice to sit and be able to eat food in relative peace. After talking about the arrangements of our few days away I check the time and see a couple of hours has passed.

“Shall we go see how they’re progressing?” I suggest.

“Yeah, let’s see if that hags awake” Laurence says with bitterness strongly lacing his voice. Nova lets out a cute little snort at his words which in turn makes me chuckle.

“Hag?” She repeats looking at Laurence in amusement.

“I could think of much worse but there are children present” he says pointing at a group of young children entering the cafeteria.

Walking upstairs we arrive just as the Doctor is leaving the room along with two nurses.

“Any luck?” I ask calmly.

“She’s awake but not entirely with it” he informs us, “everything looks as it should but obviously over the next few days we will have to test her cognitive function and her physicality at some point. Her muscles have had little movement over the course of her coma so I’m not expecting her to be able to walk but I have to check if her responses are the same as normal.”

“That’s good thank you Doctor” I say gratefully. “I’m going to increase the guards to 3 and they will rotate every 6 hours, Laurence will be in charge for the next few days so please keep him updated and he will contact Luna Nova and myself.”

“Of course Alpha” he says bowing.

“Thank you Doctor” Nova says with a small smile which isn’t reflected in her eyes. “Can I have a quick word in private?” She asks after a moment darting her eyes to me quickly.

“Yes of course Luna” he says as they walk down the corridor. Looking after them I furrow my brows in confusion.

“No idea what that’s about do you boss?” Laurence asks .

“No” I state calmly whilst my mind is racing.

“Could she be pregnant?” He asks making me freeze.

“I don’t know” I admit after a minute, “we haven’t discussed it. Plus isn’t it too soon?”

As I finish talking Nova reappears and looks between Laurence and I. As we say nothing she sighs before throwing her hands up, “you want to know what that was about don’t you?”

“I mean it’s y..your business Luna I don’t want to intrude” Laurence stutters out thinking she’s annoyed.

“I just want the shot again when I return that’s all” she shrugs as she looks at me apologetically. “I’m sorry maybe I should have mentioned it to you but I just don’t think right now is a suitable time for a pup between us.”

Shaking my head I smile reassuringly, “as much as I’d love us to have a pup, you’re right and it’s a sensible choice. But..”

“But?” She asks furrowing her brows.

“As soon as this is over that’s exactly what’s going to be on my mind” I step forward and say huskily making her visibly shiver as colour flushes her cheeks.

“Good” she whispers whilst giving me a shy smile in return.

“Right let’s go have this meeting and then we are off” I say with determination.

Confirmation

Chapter 60 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

As we all sit in the office preparing for Jax and I to leave I admire the air of authority that is oozing off of my mate as he instructs those we are leaving with what to get on in our absence with ease.

Hearing a knock on the door I scent my father and sister so I stand up and walk over opening it quietly.

"Morning" I say with a soft smile as I take in their fresh faces. "How are you feeling today?"

"Better now I know my daughters are both safe, although it will be nice when you're back from the council" my father says.

Looking at Sophie I see the fresh mark on her neck and bite back an excited squeal that is threatening to escape, "wouldn't be very Luna like of you" Kia sniggers to me.

"Congratulations" I wink as I hold her hair to the side and look at her mark, "it's gorgeous" I compliment making her blush slightly.

"Thank you Nova" she says more confidently than when she has previously spoken.

"Come in we are just running over a few things" I say as I hold the door for them.

As Jax looks up he smiles and says his greetings before instructing them to sit.

"Can we just run over a few things we forgot to ask yesterday Sophie?" He asks.

"Yes of course" she says immediately as she speaks clearly and shows no nerves. As she speaks Luca goes to sit on the arm of the sofa next to her and offers her a reassuring smile which she returns.

"Ok getting right to it we wondered if Hannah knew who you were before starting at the college. Do you know if it was a coincidence or if it was planned?" Jax asks.

"To be honest I don't know for sure, I have a feeling it was a coincidence but then I think she definitely pushed for us to become friends after originally meeting" she says thoughtfully.

"If that's the case then maybe it's your birth mark Soph" my dad says speaking up.

"Birth mark?" I ask.

"Oh umm..I have a birthmark on my shoulder, here I'll show you" she says standing up. As she does she turns and Luca slightly shifts her top revealing a dark birthmark in the shape of a heart with a dot to the right of it. "It's pretty unique huh" she says with a little embarrassed laugh.

"It is" I agree. "That makes sense, I mean I don't know anyone else with a birth mark like it."

"Ok, that's a strong possibility then" Jax says with a nod. "Next question is did they know anything about your father, anything at all?"

With a grimace she looks at my dad who offers a reassuring nod with a sad smile on his face, "they don't know anything about him as such. I never told Hannah where he lived, what he looked like, anything like that. But I did turn to Hannah at times when I was struggling. At one point dad and I we..we fought a lot" she admits. "I struggled when my wolf never showed and I lashed out, it was one of the reasons for wanting to attend a human college. I was home schooled so it was a big change but I took my wolf not showing as I didn't belong amongst wolves."

With that Luca offers a small growl as his eyes flash making her squeeze his hand reassuringly, "I know it's silly, I clearly do" she says gesturing around and then at her neck. "But being a teenager I was emotional and I lashed out. I struggled moving from place to place so yes at times I did complain about it. But I never went into any detail that would give dad away."

"Ok, how did they never find out where you lived when you travelled home?" Jax asks curiously.

With a chuckle she points at my dad, "dad was very cautious. I had to take different routes and swap with people who wore my clothes to bear my scent, it was a bit crazy actually the amount of precautions I took but I appreciate that now more than ever. We barely used technology, it was only the last few years that we did because we were desperate to try and find Nova. But even then we were extremely cautious."

"Have you looked through Hannah's phone?" Jax asks.

"I did briefly but not in detail. I didn't want to waste too much time and I had to act quickly" she admits.

"It was good thinking on your part honestly, you should be proud" Jax says.

With a sigh he stands up, "I'm sorry to do this and I know people aren't going to like it. But do you mind me Alpha commanding you, just a few questions?"

With that growls erupt from both Luca and my dad as I look at Jax in slight surprise. I get his reasoning but I am surprised he hasn't mentioned it before. As if reading my mind he throws me a slightly guilty look, "sorry love I didn't want to upset you" he links me.

"You haven't, I know why you're doing it" I reply back quickly.

"Luca, dad..calm down" Sophie stays standing up. "Yes Alpha Jax, I am happy to be Alpha commanded, I want to help reassure people as I know my absence was worrying for some" she says calmly.

"Thank you Sophie" he says in relief at her willingness before emitting his Alpha aura to get her to bow her neck in submission.

"Sophie did you have any prior knowledge or contact with the hunters?" He asks his deep voice vibrating around the room.

"No Alpha, I met Hannah at college and I had no knowledge of her being a hunter until yesterday. I have met hunters before with dad but we always escaped, other than those times I have never met hunters to my knowledge" she tells us. Hearing that knowledge my eyes widen as I look to my dad.

"We still have a lot to tell you about our past Nova" he says softly, "but right now it can wait."

"Sophie do you have any reason different to what you explained yesterday for disappearing?" Jax asks.

"No Alpha, I didn't want to hurt Luca or anyone else and I thought that getting rid of Hannah would show my sincerity in not knowing what she was. I knew people would make an assumption and jump to conclusions, I wanted to prove them wrong when I had chance" she says clearly.

"Ok Sophie, finally, did you know the hunters were aware of Nova being alive and watching her before yesterday?" He asks calmly despite his nervousness suddenly showing through the bond.

"No" she says looking in his eyes, "i had no idea. I was desperate to meet my sister, so the day father came home and told me he'd found her I was over the moon. I knew only when looking at Hannah's phone yesterday that they knew of her. If you look at her conversation with a contact called "Charles" it shows that he spoke to a council elder only 4 days ago about Novas birthday plans and that a meeting would be called in due course." When she says the name Charles my dad growls menacingly, "your fucking grandfather" he says as his grip on his chair tightens whilst his eyes flash.

As Jax retracts his aura he smiles at her in relief, "thank you Sophie. I'm sorry I had to do that."

"It's fine Alpha Jax" she says bowing her head, "anything to help."

"Axel have you finished looking through Hannah's phone?" Jax asks suddenly turning to Axel who has been busy with his head down in the corner of the room.

"Yes" he says standing up. "Don't worry I have removed any trackers so they can't trace it to having been used here."

"Say anything of note" Jax says sitting down.

"There are around 150 hunters in this area under the control of a man called Charles. It's true that Hannah meeting Sophie was a coincidence and the birth mark is the reason. If you look at some of the first messages it is shown there, she contacts him first so it must have been something he made all hunters aware of to help find her. There are no names of the councilmen but there are definitely 3 as Hannah told Sophia. I doubt she knew who they were" he admits.

"Is there more?" Jax asks.

"I know meeting dates that they have had previously and I know old places they used to meet at but no information on new ones. It appears he gives 24 hours notice of a meeting, I assume it's an added level of security" he says. But I will keep the phone on as to our knowledge they won't know of Hannah's death..we could use that to our advantage" he points out with a smile.

"I want you and Evan monitoring the phone" Jax orders. "Nova is there anything else you'd like to mention?"

With a sigh I stand up to go stand beside him, "I'd like to express my thanks to you all for helping us so much and for being so supportive. I've known you all a short period of time, apart from that annoying man over there" I smirk at Luca as he holds his hand over his heart in mock horror, "but I couldn't be more grateful. I don't have anything else to ask. Oh wait, yes I do. Axel you mentioned that you knew of their previous meeting places. It would be a good idea to gather some information on the locations and it could be worth scouring those areas to see if we can gain any more information..if it's safe. Can you and Evan concentrate on that also please?"

"Yes Luna" he says happy to he and his brother have more responsibility.

"Thanks love, good idea" Jax smiles as he drops a kiss on my temple as he stands. "Witches?" He quickly checks with Axel motioning to the phone as he suddenly remembers Flos words.

"Nothing that I can see, I don't believe hunters on the whole would support that so maybe only Charles knows that information" Evan says quietly from beside him.

"You're right" Jax mutters.

"Any sign of suspicious activity and you contact us, immediately" he orders, "we have to go now but you all know what I've instructed."

As everyone agrees I smile softly as we leave the room to head downstairs to our waiting luggage. "Laurence you've got this" I say drawing him in for a hug.

"Thank you Luna" he says gratefully as his eyes burn bright with the chance of proving himself.

"Stand up to my dad" Jax warns.

"I will" Laurence smirks as he helps load the car.

"I don't have a good feeling about this" Jax admits as we pull away from the pack house, I stay silent but I can't help but feel like I agree.