

Unrecognisable (BONUS CHAPTER)

Chapter 83 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Amelia POV

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Staring at the closed door for a few moments looking where my son and his new mate had left I fought the overwhelming urge to go and comfort my pup.

"We will go to him after Amelia, but for now we need answers" I hear my wolf, Lina, whisper soothingly to me.

Spinning I pin my gaze on my mate as he looks at the floor in shame. My eyes black with Lina holding herself forward in my mind I growl lowly at him to show my deep displeasure at what I've beared witness to.

"How could you?" I ask angrily.

"Amelia I'm sorry.." he starts but I hold my hand up to cut him off.

"Right now I don't need to hear that you're sorry, I need to hear what you're sorry for. No more lies David" I demand fiercely as I stare at him showing I won't back down to him any longer.

"You're right" he says after a moments quiet. "Please sit down."

"Just speak David" I growl without moving an inch. Seeing that I won't budge he pours himself another glass of whiskey before gulping it down and sighing loudly. Sitting in an armchair he rubs his face as he does when he's stressed and turns his attention to me.

"There are things you aren't aware of when the pups were growing up" he starts making my breath hitch.

"What did you do?" I growl stepping forward making his eyes widen at my advancement.

"I was harsh at times in my treatment of them, not so much Mila but the boys had to grow to learn as Alphas that they could not fail" he says.

"Couldn't fail?! They were PUPS" I shout, "of course they could fail at times, who doesn't. Are you perfect?"

He stays quiet as he sees the fury blazing in my eyes. "You need to start talking David..now" I snarl.

"Fine..fine" he sighs holding his hands up in surrender. "If they didn't perform well enough in training then Beta Andrew would give them a punishment that I found suitable, Jax soon took it upon himself to take the punishments not only for himself but for his brothers. They needed a drive to succeed so they worked harder."

"Andrew hurt my pups?" I say deathly quiet.

"Nothing too physical, it was for them to work hard so it wouldn't happen again" he explains.

"And you thought this was acceptable because?" I sneer.

"It worked for me" he shrugs, his remorse if he felt any was not showing.

"You hid it from me?" I ask quietly.

He slowly nods his head as he avoids my eyes, "I knew you wouldn't agree. You were too soft with them Amelia, they needed to know life wasn't designed to be handed to them on a platter. I made Jax throw himself into learning how to run a pack, he also helped with paperwork and gained more responsibilities when I deemed he had earned them."

"Well clearly someone had to be a loving parent" I scoff at him. "How could you do this behind my back David? We are a team..or I thought we were. You caused my pups to endure physical pain when they made mistakes which is a natural part of life."

"But it has made them into who they are today" he says looking at me confused as to why I don't understand him.

"Did Andrew beat him?" I ask.

He nods his head in answer as a snarl rips from me, "he purposefully hit him where I couldn't visibly see I assume?"

"Yes" he says quietly. "Jax took it everytime, not saying a word."

"You know I could scent blood at times and Jax would always laugh it off and say he got the upper hand on someone and he needed to wash" I say gazing at him in anger, "that boy protected you even when you didn't deserve it."

Hearing that David looks up at me in shame, "he did" he agrees quietly.

"Did you make him?" I ask.

"No..no. I never said anything but he never told you" he admits. "I don't think it was out of fear."

Hearing that I laugh at him which makes him look surprised, "he's made that clear, one thing I don't ever relate Jax to is fear, he put up with it because you are his father and you were supposed to know best. But mainly because of his love and need to protect me, he knew it would hurt me..would hurt us."

"When he got to 18, he finally broke. He beat Andrew so badly he was put in hospital for 5 days, I said it was a rogue attack" he says quietly.

"That was Jax?" I question remembering well how badly Andrew was beaten.

"Yes" he says quietly.

A small grin appears on my face at this, "good. He deserved worse for harming my pup."

"So tell me David. Why have you been undermining our Alpha whilst he was away?" I ask quietly as my lips thin waiting for his answer.

"I wanted to make sure what he was doing was right for my pack" he growls defensively.

"Your pack?" I ask incredulously.

"Yes" he nods.

"I believe you are well aware that the current Alpha is Jax, this pack may mean a lot to you and in a way it will always be our pack, but it is no longer your pack to run David" I growl at him.

"And questioning the twins abilities?" I ask incredulously as he doesn't say anything in response.

"Those boys need a firm hand Amelia, they have been away for years now and I needed to make sure what they were doing was suitable for the pack members here" he says sternly.

"They are amazing Alphas in their own right David" I shout furiously. "They are trained to take over from Henry for Goddesses sake, do you really think they can't organise a task for trackers that isn't to your standard? Not only that..you openly criticised them in front of pack members, why?!"

"To make sure they kept working hard to prove everyone wrong" he snarls back as he stands angrily.

Hearing that I snap and before I know it I have stepped forward and delivered a stinging smack to his left cheek making him stumble back in shock. His eyes fly to mine in shock, "what?!" He gasps.

“They shouldn’t have to prove ANYONE wrong, that is all your doing” I scream at him making his face pale. “YOU are the one that have made people doubt them over the years, YOU are the one that sent them away making everyone think of them in shame, YOU are the one that didn’t trust in your own sons.”

Hearing that he simply stares at me in shock, feeling his confusion through the bond I snarl at him once more. “Amelia..” he starts.

“No” I growl. “I am more disappointed in you than I have EVER been David. You drove our sons away and continue to contribute to the gap that is between them and us, their parents. I love my children, more than anything.”

“I know” he says quietly.

“No David..I don’t think you do. I mean more than absolutely anything, you think I would forgive you just because you’re my mate?! After all these years??” I ask suddenly deadly calm.

Feeling his panic suddenly surge through the bond I cock my head as I study him.

“I don’t recognise this man” I say gesturing my hand over him before turning and striding towards the door.

Turning before I open it I see the look of desperation on his face as he takes in what I have said. “I don’t want to see you, go home. I will stay here and assist our children, our pack, our family as I should. What I have heard disgusts me and I need to process it, but let me tell you something. We will never be like we were, you have hurt our children, taken away precious moments from their childhood and deceived me for too long. Get out my sight.”

“Amelia love please..” he says desperately as he steps forward reaching for me. Flinching away from him I avoid his touch seeing his eyes fill with pain. “I did this to help them.”

“Do you ever wonder why Jax is so successful?” I ask him pausing in reaching for the door.

He says nothing so I continue, “because he has learnt from your mistakes. He saw how you acted and experienced your methods, I can confidently tell you he is different and that is a brilliant thing. He is intelligent, logical, fierce, quick thinking, loving, kind, compassionate and most importantly he is genuine. Instead of looking for how our children could improve, I suggest you look at improving yourself. Right now I am disgusted to call you my mate, it makes me feel physically sick to know how you have been acting. Jax has made this pack formidable, one everyone looks at as one of the strongest. And Nova? Well she is quite simply brilliant. She will be the final piece in the puzzle of this pack and I could tell that before I even met her. She is an amazing woman, and most importantly she is supportive of her mate and will protect him at all costs. I am proud of her for how she has dealt with your horrendous behaviour since she has met us. You criticised the food, the room because you couldn’t take that what Jax has achieved is better than what you did..but in fact you should have shouting his praises.”

Recognition at my words fills his eyes as he slowly nods in acceptance at what I've said. "Now get out of my sight" I say flinging the door open to be met with the surprised faces of Axel, Evan and Theo.

"Boys.." I murmur sadly making them immediately step forward to hug me as tears begin to stream down my face. "I'm so sorry my loves."

"This isn't on you ma" they both mutter.

"Axel..Evan, please let me explain.." David says from behind me.

They look at him quietly before gently pushing me aside, moving in unison they step forward and both deliver a punishing blow to his abdomen sending him sprawling on the floor. "That wasn't for us..that was for ma" Evan growls down at him before Axel steps forward and growls "shameful" at him as David simply nods in acceptance.

"Go home David" I say quietly as he stumbles to his feet.

"Amelia.." he whispers.

"FUCK OFF" I scream as he hangs his hand and stumbles from the room heading down the stairs. "Theo would you please ensure he gets home safely?" I ask quietly as he bows his head respectfully.

"Of course" he murmurs before following David.

"What now ma?" Evan asks stepping forward and wrapping an arm round my shoulder tucking me into his side protectively.

"Now we go apologise for my naivety throughout the years" I say sadly.

"You don't need to" Axel whispers as he walks on my other side.

"Yes. I do" I whisper. "I should have known, but I do now and I will do everything in my power for you kids. You are my pups, that will never change. Let's go find Jax."

Minx

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Jax POV:

"So.." I start as we quietly walk away from my parents suite, "I spoke to your dad and he agrees with what we discussed this morning. Scout missions are going to be sent out from tomorrow and he has some warriors he is confident in sending with them."

"Good" Nova says simply as she squeezes the hand of mine she is holding.

"Are you ok with the Luna Ceremony being in 3 days?" I ask quietly.

Turning to me she grins at those words as she nods vigorously, "oh goddess yes! I would have a Luna ceremony just now with only us if it was acceptable, I just want to be by your side officially."

"I'm glad" I say with a relieved smile.

"I'm sorry if I seemed quiet when you mentioned it, I thought of the work load it would put on others and I had a little guilty moment as I felt bad. But seeing the excitement of your mother I know in fact it will bring more joy to everyone and more excitement for the coming days" she says happily.

"I thought I'd scared you for a moment" I chuckle.

"No..definitely not" her melodic laugh reaching my ears.

"Do you feel better for speaking to your parents?" Nova asks as I open the office door for her.

"I do" I agree immediately, "I have been so patient with pa but it's not fair I continue to bite my tongue. I have tried to give him respect as the past alpha and as my father but he continues to push me. As much as it will hurt ma..it's time she knew."

"Do you think he'll tell her everything?" Nova wonders as she takes a seat opposite me.

"I don't know" I admit as I lean back and close my eyes deep in thought. Nova simply hums in acknowledgment as we sit in comfortable silence for a few moments. Hearing her stand I open one eye to see what she is doing and when I hear the lock click both my eyes fly wide open.

She turns to me as she feels my gaze on her. I see her eyes are dark and she smiles before biting her plump lower lip. Immediately feeling my trousers tighten as my shaft springs to life I ask hoarsely "what are you doing?"

"Well Alpha.." she purrs as she licks her lips slowly her eyes never leaving mine, "I have to admit watching you back there sparked something in me."

"Oh yeah?" I ask watching as she lifts her hand to gently trail along the top of her lush breasts.

"Mmhmm" she murmurs as the scent of her arousal hits me making my nostrils flare and my shaft become unbearably hard in the confines of my trousers. Shifting slightly to try and give my shaft more room her eyes follow my movements before she bites her lip once again.

"Take them off" she whispers.

Motioning to my groin she nods with a smirk as I quickly unbutton them and moan in relief as my shaft bounces free to rest against my stomach. Seeing her eyes darken further as they zero in on my cock I smirk before she meets my gaze once again.

Smiling seductively she reaches her hand up and slips the thin strap of his dress off of her shoulder and down her arm before repeating the action on the other side as I watch her mesmerised.

Saying nothing she lets the dress drop letting her full breasts be free of the dresses hold making me growl in approval. Feeling my cock twitch I reach my hand down and slowly smear the beads of precum over it before pumping it slowly enjoying Novas show. Hooking her thumbs in the side of her dress she seamlessly slides it over her full hips and drops it so it's a puddle on the ground.

Seeing her standing there in just her panties has my breath hitch before she bites her lips and turns giving me a perfect view of her round ass.

"Minx" I breath as I hold off on pumping my cock faster. Scenting her arousal grow I moan as she slides her panties down her legs whilst bending over to give me an amazing view of her already glistening core. Gulping as I gape at her she looks behind to me and winks before standing straight and stepping out of the panties leaving them on the floor before turning to me completely bare.

"You like what you see?" She purrs as she takes a step forward.

"Very much" I pant as I reach my other hand down to squeeze my balls slightly making me moan. Watching my slow movements she moves her hands and pinches her nipples slightly making her gasp at the feeling before trailing her right hand down her front towards her core.

Circling her clit gently she hums as her eyes flutter closed momentarily before opening and focusing on me once more. Entranced by her movements I stare as she runs two fingers through her folds before holding them up for me to see.

"This is how wet I am for you" she whispers making me moan again before she sashays her way towards me, swinging her leg over me she stands straddling me before running the two fingers along my lips coating them in her sweetness then slowly pushing them into my eager mouth.

"Fuck nova" I breath as she pulls them away before she reaches down and replaces my hand with her own on my shaft and swiftly sliding herself down taking me whole.

"Ah Jaxxx" she groans as she rolls her hips slightly adjusting, her tight walls hugging my hard cock. Slamming her lips down on mine I kiss her passionately before she begins to bounce on my cock making me grunt into her mouth.

"Fuck that feels good" I whisper against her lips as I grasp her hips making her move faster. Reaching a thumb over I circle her swollen clit as I bite down on one of her hardened nipples making her cry out. Biting my cheek as I hold off wanting her to release before me, I rub her clit faster making her shudder above me before her walls tighten and she groans my name loudly, "y..yes Jaxxx!"

Feeling her juices coat my shaft as she collapses on me I swiftly pick her up and turn her so her chest is wrestling on my desk and her ass is lifted in the air tempting me.

Slamming back into her warm heat she screams "JAXXX" making me grunt with each thrust. "Oh goddess yesss" she pants before I spit on my thumb and slide it gently into her tight ass.

"One day soon, I'm going to claim all of you Nova" I rasp making her push back against me eagerly. Feeling myself get closer to my release I lift one of her legs and rest it on the table before reaching my hand down and rubbing furiously once more on her clit.

"Cum with me" I order as my movements become more frantic, the both of us lost in this passionate moment. Slamming into her her legs shudder and her back arches as she hurtles over the edge her juices squirting around me as I jerkily pound into her a couple more times before releasing deep inside her tight walls with a loud roar.

Coming down from our high she stays slumped on the desk as I lower her leg and pull myself out of her. Watching my cum drip from her I smile at the sated look that is on her flushed face.

"So good" she mumbles making me smirk and smack her ass.

"Let me get a cloth" I chuckle as I quickly pull my briefs and button my trousers before running to the office en-suite.

Returning I quickly wipe her and then help her stand as she kisses my chest softly.

"I love you Jax" she smiles.

Pausing I look down at her as I send all my love and affection I feel for her through the bond, "and I love you my Luna" I whisper kissing her lips gently.

"But please get your clothes back on before you seduce me again" I tease making her hit my chest playfully.

She quickly slides her dress back on before reaching for her panties but I stride over and grab them before sliding them in my pocket.

"Now you can sit on my cock easier" I smirk making her blush slightly at my words as she bites her lips.

"Open the window and get some paperwork out" she smirks pointing her finger at me, "don't go filling my head with ideas."

Letting out a huff of laughter I do as I'm told before taking a seat.

Hearing a knock on the door Novas eyes flash to mine with horror as I simply laugh. "Well I've opened the windows love, but I don't think we can hide it. It'll probably just be Laurence."

She quickly sits down and crosses her legs picking up some paperwork to look busy, swinging the door open I freeze slightly before chuckling, "busted" Zeus smirks to me.

Standing in front of me are Axel, Evan and my mother.

"Can we have a word Jax?" My mum asks nervously.

Hearing Novas breath hitch I smirk inwardly, "her face is probably bright red" Zeus laughs to me.

"Yes of course ma, come in all of you" I say before walking back to my seat, grinning as Nova sends me a deathly glare.

Seeing Axel and Evan smirk at one another I point my finger at them and growl lightly, "I don't want to hear one word of what I know you're both saying to one another."

Seeing their grins disappear I look at them as they nod sheepishly.

"Oh hunny, it's wonderful. I can't wait for grandpups" my mother chimes in making the guys snort and Nova turn even more pink.

"When this has all calmed down then we can think about pups ma" I smile as she holds her hand over her heart and nods excitedly.

"So..what's up?" I ask leaning back in my chair.

Conversations

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Nova POV:

Sitting there I try to calm my racing heart as I feel my cheeks burning, glaring at Jax he simply sits there with a smug smirk on his face although thankfully he did warn his brothers to stay quiet.

His mother's earlier excitement had disappeared as sadness filled her features making my heart clench for her.

"I spoke to your father" she says, her voice strong despite her inner conflict.

"Are you ok?" Jax asks quietly his deep voice soothing to listen to.

"I'd rather people don't ask me that after what I've learnt, I should be the one asking you" she says lowering her head in shame.

"Ma...don't" Jax says standing up and walking round to embrace her.

"Why didn't you tell me?" She whispers into his chest.

"Because I didn't want to upset you, I could deal with it and I did. I couldn't come between you and Pa" he says with quiet confidence.

"Just because you could deal with it doesn't mean you should have" she points out standing back with a frown. "None of you should have."

"We only had his verbal displeasure to deal with because of Jax" Evan admits.

"I know, I heard" his mother replies. "I never did understand why he went off on you boys so much, when the incident happened before you went away I begged for you to stay. I can't think of anyone else who wouldn't have reacted the way you did. When I spoke to your pa about it he wouldn't budge, I'm so sorry boys."

"Men" Axels says rolling his eyes with a laugh.

"My pups" she says jabbing a finger into his chest.

"We were happy to go" Evan says quietly as Amelia's eyes fill with hurt, "I'm sorry ma it's nothing against you. But we couldn't reach our full potential here with everything that had happened and we wanted a clean slate so to say, Alpha Henry has been amazing as you know."

"Oh I do loves, it's just hurts as your parents we have failed" she sobs as tears fall down her face.

"You haven't failed, don't think we aren't aware that it was you who reached out to Alpha Henry for us ma, you ensured we were going to somewhere that would benefit us" Axel exclaims passionately.

"But I am sorry to you all" she says looking round the room, "and Nova my dear..it's not how I wanted you to meet us properly."

"You have nothing to apologise for Amelia". I assure her with a smile.

"I don't want to hear you apologise anymore to us ma" Jax says with conviction, "I mean it. I'm sorry you had to find out this way but he needed to learn. I gave him too many chances as it is. Mila will be home this evening and I think a girly day tomorrow to organise the Luna ceremony is just what you need."

"I know son, I know" Amelia says.

"Jax you'd be so proud of ma, she reminded us we don't want to get on her wrong side" Axel laughs as his eyes beam with pride.

"FUCK OFF DAVID" Evan mimicks making Axel chuckle and his mum smile sheepishly.

"I may have gotten a bit emotional" she admits.

"Theo didn't know what to say" Evan says trying to hide a smile.

"You two seem overly happy with this" Jax says suddenly looking between the two twins suspiciously.

"They got a hit in" his mother says with a shrug, "goddess knows that man deserves it."

"About time" Jax mutters smirking at me.

"Where has he gone if you don't mind me asking Amelia?" I ask softly.

"I sent him home" she admits. "I don't want him around and I would like to be able to concentrate on the Luna ceremony..if you'll still have me organise it that is?"

"Oh without a doubt I still want you to" I say with a giggle. "I'm going to ask Theo to have someone stay with him constantly and also perhaps have a couple extra patrols round the house. With everything going on it just offers a little peace of mind."

"You're right Nova" Amelia sighs, "perhaps I shouldn't have sent him there."

"We can move him closer" Jax points out before thinking for a moment. "There is Grans old place?" He says looking at his mother.

Nodding her head she purses her lips, "yes ok."

"You're sure?" He checks.

"I don't wish to risk him being hurt by the hunters" she says quietly, "but I am not forgiving him. He can move there for now but I want nothing to do with him at the moment."

"As you wish" Jax says with a small smile.

"If you ever need to talk Amelia please don't hesitate to come to me" I say quietly.

"Thank you Nova" she says offering me a wet smile, "I will."

"Axel, Evan, take ma to her suite and make sure she has some food and rest. Nova and I have to head over to the hospital so we won't be around for a little while" Jax says standing up dismissing everyone. "If you need us link us."

"Yes sir" they chorus as they both hold and arm out for their mother. "We will come say bye to you this evening but we will be back for your Luna ceremony" they grin at me.

"I should hope so" I tease as I raise my hand in a goodbye.

"Thank you both" Amelia says quietly before they walk out the office. My eyes soften as I think about how hard that must have been for Amelia.

"Your mum is tough" I comment to Jax in admiration.

"Yeah she is, the pack love her" Jax says with a smile. "Fierce warrior as well, always surprises us people."

"I can imagine" I laugh. "Suppose we should head to the hospital."

"Yes" Jax says standing up and leading me to the door, "let's just get it done shall we."

Nodding I take his outstretched hand and together we walk to the hospital. Stopping and chatting to pack members on the way as they mention how much they are looking forwards to the pack run this evening.

"Why don't we announce the Luna ceremony before the run?" Jax suggests. "We've had no time for a pack meeting so I'm going to combine everything this evening."

"I like that plan" I reply as we pass the guards down the corridor to Caroline's room.

"Luca and Alpha Axton will speak to us once we are done here, Luca wanted to be here for you but I thought perhaps it would be better less people for now. You can tell him everything after, I don't want you thinking you have to keep anything from him" Jax says.

"No I agree, less people is a good idea" I say as my nerves grow. "Deep breaths Nova" Kia whispers to me as I regain my composure.

"Hello Alpha, Luna" the doctor says bowing his head as we reach her door.

"Good afternoon, how is she?" Jax asks his voice lacking emotion and his face giving nothing away.

"Frail and old, but stronger than she was" he says with a shrug. "She's well enough to answer your questions, just don't be physical in your interrogation as she is still extremely weak."

"Ok thank you Doctor" Jax says before swinging the door open and striding through. Taking a deep breath I clear my mind and follow him.

My eyes immediately meet the bright blue ones of my grandmother, who is gazing at me with an expressionless face.

"Caroline" I hear Jax snarl as I stand beside him.

"Alpha Jax I presume" she says without looking away from me before a cold smile crossed her face, "and my granddaughter..Athena."

Caroline

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Nova POV:

"Athena..its interesting really. A name representing strength, wisdom and courage, one that symbolises power, I wonder if it will be fitting of you in the war to come" Caroline muses continuing to stare at me.

"I find it fitting" I laugh lightly hiding my inner caution, "it also represents justice, inspiration and skill. I'd say my parents made a fabulous choice when it comes to my name. Even more interesting is the name I go by and have also known to be mine my entire life."

"And what's that?" Caroline asks with an arched brow.

"Nova" I say clearly as her eyes widen before she nods.

"Ah..derived from the word "novus" if I remember correctly" she muses. "New."

“Yes” I say with a smile in memory of my adopted parents choice, “also a name given to bright stars. But after the start I had to life I find it perfect.”

Hearing those words her eyes narrow slightly as her lips thin, “oh Caroline, you think I don’t know you’ve been after me since I was a baby? That the reason for me growing up without parents was because of some twisted logic of my grandparents wanting to kill their own daughter and granddaughter?”

“We have never hid it” she says after a moments quiet.

No..but I wonder what changed?” I ask.

“With what?” She says.

“How did you go from wanting to kill me to then being happy to keep track of me over the years until my 25th?” I ask making her eyes widen again.

“Surprised I know that?” I ask with a chuckle. “You’ve missed quite a lot since your little..sleep. I can see the questions in your eyes. We know of the spies you have, they’ve been dealt with.”

“You don’t know what you’re talking about child” she says her voice suddenly higher pitched and slightly breathless.

“We know Frost orchestrated the attack at the White Mountain Pack where you fell unconscious and Nova here took you” Jax says as he comes to stand beside me radiating power. “He admitted to his involvement and the active role he took in killing Novas adoptive mother.”

“And where is that treacherous old fool now?” Caroline sneers.

“Dead” I state simply as i pick at my nails casually, “I ripped his heart out just like he did with my mother.”

“You monster” Caroline hisses her face turning red in anger.

“Maybe so” Jax says with a shrug before his eyes darken and his fangs elongate as a snarl rips from him. “But we would never kill innocents so let me ask you who the real monsters are?”

“You anomalies are not innocents” Caroline says.

“Anomalies? I think there are far too many of us to be called that, we are a population just like humans” Jax says with a cocked head.

“You shouldn’t exist” Caroline sneers.

“But we do” I interrupt sharply. “I have caused no harm to one’s that don’t deserve it throughout my life, I have worked to better people’s lives and bring good to the world. Why do you want to rid me of that?”

“You’re an animal just like the rest of them” Caroline states coldly, “Lizzie failed to remember that and look where it got her.”

“She found a loving mate, had a beautiful daughter and then had her world ripped apart by her parents..you mean that?” Jax asks with disbelief.

“She should never have fallen for that man, I don’t know what he did to get her to cast aside all she knew and believed in” Caroline says. “Your father, Kingsley, wove himself into her head and twisted her beliefs to make her betray us. Hes a monster Athena, one which needs eradicating from this world, just like you.”

“But that’s what you think isn’t it, that my father and I are the key to the downfall of the werewolves” I say making her eyes flicker to me in surprise. “Have I shocked you again?”

“Wolves should not exist amongst us” Caroline sneers at me, “they bring disorder to the world and offset the balance of nature.”

Hearing that Jax snorts with cold laughter, “how wrong you are lady. We live amongst nature, we are more intune with the nature of this world than you are. You say we bring disorder when I personally have boosted the financial state of many humans in their business world, we have never harmed humans unless they were hunters. We don’t howl our secrets to the world we even protect unknowing humans from other threats to their lives. So explain to me why we bring disorder to the world?”

Hearing that Caroline looks at him in shock at his little speech. “I grew up as a hunter, saw the damage wolves can cause and it’s plain wrong. You kill ruthlessly, you take pleasure in pain and you revel in confrontation.”

“You saw wolves growing up who were attacking to protect themselves” I snarl. “I would die to protect those I love. Unlike you and others just like you, you’re selfish whilst we are selfless.”

Hearing those words Caroline looks at me with a cold glint in her eyes, “would you?”

“Yes” I growl.

“Even your mother?” She says leaning forward eagerly.

“Funny you mention my mother Caroline, we know she’s alive. We know you have her” I say calmly watching her reaction.

She pauses for a moment before leaning back in her hospital bed and crossing her arms. “If you know then why are you here?”

“Because we need you to tell us where she is” Jax growls as he steps beside the bed and glares down at her, his towering form imposing and threatening with the cold aura he is giving off.

She looks up at him and chuckles quietly, “you won’t intimidate me young man.”

“No..maybe not” I laugh as I walk up to her other side and lean over to glare at her nose to nose. “But if you ever want to see your dear Charles again it would be in your best interest to tell us.”

“Charles?” She whispers as the scent of fear suddenly begins to emit from her.

“He’s abandoned you Caroline, not once has he come looking for you” I chuckle standing back as I see hurt fill her eyes. “Your beloved clearly does not care for you.”

“He wouldn’t abandon me” she whispers doubt lacing her tone.

“Yet here you are..20 months after your attack and Charles no where in sight, his informants are dead. His time is coming Caroline and you won’t be by his side” I say coldly. “So you tell me what you know about my mother or you won’t like what’s coming your way.”

“Is that a threat?” She asks bravely.

Sniggering I extend a claw out and lightly trace it over the thin skin on her neck drawing beads of blood, hearing her heart rate spike I see her pupils dilate in fear.

“It’s a promise” I growl my eyes bright with Kia as our voices join.

“I don’t know if you would want to see your mother again child” she finally spits out.

“Whys that?” I ask cocking my head as my eyes narrow.

“Because she isn’t who you think she is, you think she is going to welcome you with open arms and love you? She won’t” she sneers.

“And again..we ask why?” Jax says coldly.

“Because she thinks you’re monsters also, she’s our greatest weapon” Caroline says with a cold laugh, “she’s undergone induced compliance therapy and many other forms and now she’s as far away from the lady your father left behind than you can possibly imagine.”

“Where is she?” I growl loudly.

“I won’t tell you where” she sneers, “but she’ll find you. They’ve known where I am this entire time and when she does find you..well I hope I’m around to watch it unfold.”

Hearing those words I pause as I watch her absentmindedly rub her arm. “Tracker” Kia growls before I lunge forward and grasp her arm, slicing it deeply and grasping the small device lodged in her muscle.

“AHHHHH” she screams in pain as I twirl to Jax in shock holding the tracker as it dangles off of my claw.

“How was this missed?” I ask.

“It never showed in any scans” he says with confusion. “But it does explain the note better.”

“It was designed that way” Caroline pants as she desperately tries to stop the blood from falling. “We are always one step ahead of you, I haven’t been abandoned..I’m exactly where I’m supposed to be and your mother, she’s our perfect weapon.”

“Bitch” I snarl as I flash my fangs at her.

“We can work with this Nova” I see Jax say confidently, “they won’t get away with it.”

“Oh how wrong you are dear boy” Caroline laughs coldly.

“GUARDS” I shout loudly making her eyes flash to me in a panic. Two men come into the room, their pure muscle and large forms making Caroline press herself into her bed making herself smaller.

Ripping her IV drip out I throw it away before gesturing to her, “take her to the cells” I snarl.

Unexpected Guests

Chapter 87 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

Storming out the hospital I head to a bench hearing Jax following close behind.

“I could kill her” I snarl as my temper rises

“She was trying to get under your skin Nova” he says his deep voice helping calm me as he wraps his arms around me and brings me to his chest.

“Do you think it’s true about my mother?” I ask after a moment.

“I think it’s a strong possibility, but that doesn’t mean there is no coming back for her” he says quietly. “I think she has been moulded by your grandparents to cause the ultimate damage to you and your father so it’s best to be prepared either way. But that doesn’t mean you should give up on her.”

I don’t say anything as I nod in agreement.

“Life isn’t fair” I mumble into his chest as he kisses the top of my head softly.

We stay that way for a few moments before we hear “ALPHA” being called. Turning our heads we see Axel running towards us brandishing a phone in his hand.

“Yes?” Jax asks not lessening his comforting embrace on me.

“Hannah’s phone..there is a new meeting scheduled, Monday and it’s only 25 miles from here” he pants.

“Really?” I ask in surprise as he holds the phone out for us to see. “Do you think it’s a genuine one or a trap if they have discovered what’s happened to Hannah?”

“Why do you think it might be a trap?” Axel asks inquisitively.

“Well what if they’ve discovered Hannah’s body?” I ask.

“I doubt it, but there is a chance, I can arrange for it to be checked if I speak to Sophie about the location” he says slowly. “Beta Laurence is going to go scout out the meeting place now with Gamma Theo and 5 warriors.”

“Do you think Hannah had a tracker in her arm also?” I suddenly ask Jax. “Luca! Where is he?” I ask Axel before Jax can reply.

“In the lounge with Sophie” he says.

“Let’s go” I order already jogging towards the packhouse.

“LUCA” I shout as I head towards the lounge. Seeing him stand as I walk through he looks at me questioningly.

“You called?” He says with humour, seeing my face is serious his eyes harden and he refers to his Beta mode. “What’s up Nova?”

“Did Dr Norton mention anything about trackers and the hunters?” I ask.

“No..but we didn’t ask anything like that” he says furrowing his brows.

“Caroline had a tracker in her arm, I wondered if it was the case for all hunters who work for Charles” I explain.

“I’ll call Elder Martin now if you’d like?” He suggests.

“Yes please do” I say, “go to the office and do it, his number is in the office phone.”

“On it” he says before dashing from the room.

“Sophie did Hannah have one do you know?” I ask.

“Not that I’m aware of but I didn’t look for one, i knew her phone had one and that was it” she says before Axel pulls her to one side.

“Alpha Jax there are a convoy of cars coming down the drive” a warrior shouts as he dashes into the room.

“What? And the gate guards haven’t mentioned it because?” He fumes as he storms out the room his eyes blazing. Trailing behind him my heart starts beating loudly at the unknown as I scent wolves in unfamiliar with.

“Relax Nova, it will do you no good being so on edge” Ki says soothing me.

Pushing the pack house doors open Jax jumps down the steps before taking a powerful stance in the middle of the drive with me by his side. Seeing the cars drive up his lips thin and pull back revealing his fangs.

“What the fuck” he snarls, “5 bloody cars and the gate guards don’t even bother to link me. I’ll be having words.” As he says this a group of 15 warriors come to stand behind us in a fighting stance.

The cars pull up quickly and the back door of the leading one swings open as a tall gentlemen gracefully stands up before walking round to open the other door. Holding his hand out he helps a beautiful lady elegantly stand up and they link arms before the walk slowly towards us.

“Oh the little..” Jax says as he relaxes his stance immediately.

The man whose bright green eyes bore through us as power radiates from him lifts his lips in a slight smirk, “I wouldn’t finish that if I were you Jaxon” he laughs.

Shaking his head Jax waves the men behind us to stand down and looks at me, “Alpha..”

“King” I finish as it clicks.

“You got it, come my Luna” he says taking me hand and leading us to meet our guests.

“Alpha King, Luna Ophelia” Jax says with a genuine smile as he bows to them, “it’s a pleasure to have you here.”

Uttering my greetings also I graciously bow to show my respect. Standing upright I see the Alpha King looking at me closely. Smiling calmly I link my arm with Jax’s.

“Are you going to introduce us Jaxon?” The Alpha King asks with a smirk.

“Of course..this is my mate, Luna Nova” Jax says with pride as he hugs me close to his side.

“It’s lovely to meet you” Luna Ophelia says in a soft tone with a warm smile. “How nice to see Jax has his true mate by his side at last.”

“Thank you Luna Ophelia” I say with a polite smile.

Suddenly the Alpha King and Luna Ophelia bow low to me whilst I stand in shock at their actions and others behind us gape in surprise.

“Um..” I say lost for words.

“We know who you are Nova, and we want to pledge our loyalty to you and your Alpha” the Alpha King says as he stands looking at me clearly as gasps echo around us. “We felt your power and then after speaking to Elder Martin we knew we needed to come quickly. This is a time of need and we will be by your side until the threat of the hunters have been terminated.”

“Oh my goddess..” I breath and I look at Jax who is stood looking proudly at me.

“I, Alpha King Alexander, swear my loyalty to Luna Nova, our Guardian, through life there are challenges but together we will face them and come out stronger. You have the support of the Northern Packs and a lifetime of loyalty from myself and my Luna Ophelia” he says as his aura ripples around him making everyone else bow but Jax and myself.

“Don’t worry Nova” he says with a smile as I stand frozen in shock, “I’m still your Alpha King. But I respect your position in this world and I know the nature of you and your Wolf, I will support you and your mate to strengthen and protect us all.”

“Thank you Alpha” Jax says bowing his head as I mirror him. “This is quite a surprise.”

“I bet” Alexander says with a chuckle.

Suddenly Kia forces a shift for the first time since shifting and before I know it she is stood tall proudly looking at the Alpha King before she bows low to both him and his mate.

“It is a pleasure to meet you both” she links them as they smile showing no surprise at her voice, “I vow to always protect those who are pure and aid those in need. I will offer my advice, support and love wherever I can and I will always..always fight for those who deserve it.”

She walks closer as everyone watches on quietly before nudging her nose into first Luna Ophelia's open palm then the Alpha Kings. Turning she looks at Jax who is standing with a large smile on his face and walks up before bowing, "my Alpha" she purrs to him making him rumble in approval. Nudging his side as she passes she lopes to the packhouse side before shifting and allowing me to change into some spare clothes.

"Could have warned me" I mumble to her.

"You seemed rather shell shocked" she says to me rather matter of factly.

"I was" I laugh, "best redeem myself."

Walking out I hold my head high and stride towards Jax's side.

"I apologise Alpha Alexander, Luna Ophelia after the past few weeks I was rather shocked by that" I admit with a soft chuckle as they join me, "but your loyalty and faith in Kia and myself means a lot. Would you both like to come inside and I can arrange for some drinks and food to be brought through. I think perhaps it's time for Jax and I to explain what has been going on."

Planning

Chapter 88 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Nova briefly disappears to organise drinks and food to be brought to the private lounge on our floor leaving me with Alex and Luna Ophelia.

"So this was a surprising visit" I say to them as they look at me with wide smiles.

"As soon as we felt her power Alex became restless, he was about to call the council when elder Martin reached out. Alex was too impatient to call you and thought the best idea was to just head here straight away" Ophelia says with humour as she looks at her mate. "Learning she was your mate was a lovely surprise though I have to admit."

"Why don't they sense Kingsley?" Zeus asks me suddenly.

"I think it's part of his protection by the Moon Goddess perhaps, it's worth looking into" I reply to him.

“Do you realise how incredible it is to have a Guardian Wolf alive in our lifetime?” Alex asks us with amazement.

“Elder Martin didn’t say she was my mate?” I check.

“No, he said she resided in your pack and that was enough for me, he said you’d be reaching out as you had a problem anyway and I thought to hell with it, we are coming to you” he says with a shrug.

“Well I’m glad you have” I sigh, “there is a lot going on and a lot we still don’t understand.”

“Alpha? Can I have a quick word?” Axel calls as he knocks on the door.

“Yes come in Axel” I shout before he opens the door and freezes at the sight before him.

“Alpha King, Lady Ophelia it’s an honour” he says bowing low. “I’m sorry I’ve been in the office I appear to have missed you arriving.”

“Hello Axel” Alex says stretching out his hand for him to shake.

“News?” I ask slightly impatiently.

“Right yes. News” he says still in shock, “I spoke to Elder Martin and he has further interrogated Dr Norton. Only Charles and Caroline ever had trackers installed, they were designed by Dr Norton so he has provided us with information on them. So we don’t need to worry about Hannah.”

“That’s good to hear” I say with relief.

“There’s more..” Axel says with excitement. “Dr Norton has ever so kindly provided the details of the trackers, I believe I can find Charles.”

“Seriously?” I ask looking at him in amazement.

“Yes! I was going to deactivate Caroline’s but then I thought perhaps we could lead a false trail to keep them busy for a few days. I know this weekend would be good to go ahead with no problems” he says.

Clicking my fingers I pat his shoulders in pride, “you are brilliant! Yes, Laurence is due back in a couple of hours, once he’s back you can arrange with him a false trail for the next few days. How long do you need to find Charles?”

“Give me 3 hours, can I have permission to stay here and only Evan travel back to Alpha Henry’s pack and run the scheduled scout missions? I believe I could be of more use here at the moment, Alpha Henry has cleared it” he says eagerly.

“Most definitely” I agree. “So Evan will be participating in the 30 hour mission yes? Due back Sunday morning and will have time to rest before the ceremony?”

“He will” Axel says confidently.

“Then go ahead, go and organise that and I will come find you once I am done here. Thank you Axel, Nova will be very pleased” I say with a grin which he returns. Bowing low to our guests he leaves with a spring in his step.

“Ceremony?” Alex asks with a mischievous gleam.

“Novas Luna Ceremony, and yes before you start you were to be invited. We only decided this morning to hold it in 3 days” I say rolling my eyes at him.

“Oh good..I do love a party” he smirks before Nova glides back into the room.

“Refreshments will be here shortly” she says softly.

“Congratulations on your upcoming ceremony Nova” Ophelia says as she steps forward to kiss her cheeks softly. “We can’t wait to celebrate with you.”

“Thank you” Nova says with a soft blush, “I have a room being prepared for you both if you’d like to stay here?”

“We won’t be leaving anytime soon Nova, I meant it when I said we would stay by you throughout this” Alex says as he guides Ophelia to sit beside him. “I would appreciate being told more?”

“Of course” I say instantly as Nova sits beside me also.

For the next 20 minutes we sit there and explain in detail everything that has happened thus far as they sit and listen attentively without asking questions. Once we have finished Alex leans forward and rests his elbows on his knees with his chin on his hands.

“That’s a lot” he comments.

“I did warn you” I chuckle.

“Can I offer my advice?” He says.

“Please do” Nova replies quickly.

“I think finding Charles is top priority, what Caroline said about your mother finding you I think could also be true. She has had 25 years with her parents now, to her knowledge her mate betrayed her and their mate bond, I think it’s a strong possibility she doesn’t know of her parents involvement in that” he says. “I do believe she will have been conditioned but I also believe that

can be broken, seeing her daughter and her mate once more could be what's needed for that to happen. I'm not saying let's hang around and wait but there are no leads on your mum, she is a ghost in this. Which is exactly what your grandparents have designed."

"You're right" I say quietly. "We need to find the hunters."

"The meeting that is scheduled is the perfect time, I don't suggest attacking however. I suggest we scout it out and follow them from there, we can find their base, see the routes they take and more" he says with confidence. "My only concern is they will know the traitors have been found, it could be a trap because of that. Although from the sounds of it none of the traitors were told about the meeting otherwise Elder Martin would have told you by now so I believe there is a strong possibility this is a genuine meeting."

"Things are amping up now" I say leaning forward with anticipation.

"They are" Alex agrees. "Once we know more on Monday I think it's best to react quickly and not give them time to act."

"Definitely, we go to them instead of them coming to us" Nova says.

"Exactly" Alex agrees. "I do have one suggestion though, if it is a genuine hunters meeting on Monday then we leave them a gift."

"A gift?" I ask already having a feeling I know what he's going to say.

"Caroline's body, left for them to see" he says with a dark smile. "She has no use to us now."

"Brutal but a good idea" Nova agrees making Ophelia look at her slightly in surprise which doesn't go amiss.

"I apologise Luna Ophelia, I know it's surprising for me to say that but I have to admit Kia quite likes action" Nova says quietly. "She isn't afraid of blood or fighting, it only pushes her more."

"I see" Ophelia says with a smile, "very unlike me."

"Darling you don't have to be like Nova, you are perfect for your role" Alex says comforting her.

"Oh I don't mind Alex" she says with a giggle, "I don't have the stomach for it I know that. But I commend you Nova on being a warrior, it's not for the faint hearted."

"Thank you" Nova says with a soft smile.

"I have an idea though, leaving her body at the meeting would panic them. They may not lead us to their base or anywhere else of importance. I suggest once we have found the base then we leave her body. Then they will be scared and have lost their advantage" i interject.

“Definitely” Nova agrees with a smile thrown my way.

“A warrior?” Alex asks with interest still hung up on a comment from Ophelia.

“Yes Alpha” Nova smiles, “I trained with the Elite Warriors when I was younger and I organise the training programs for it to this day as well as the council guards training.”

“Could we spar?” He asks eagerly.

“Dear..” Ophelia protests.

“It’s okay Luna, I’m happy to spar if Alpha Alex is also” Nova says reassuringly.

“Jax?” Ophelia says looking confused as to why I’m happy for my mate to spar with the Alpha King.

“I’m not worried” I shrug, “we can go now if you’d like?”

“Don’t hurt her Alex” Ophelia murmurs to him as he chuckles.

“He won’t” I say making them both look at me in surprise. “But you’ve asked to spar now..can’t back out” I laugh as I eagerly lead Nova out the room.

“Please kick his ass love” I chuckle, “he hasn’t been beaten in a long time.”

“Just for you” she winks.

Sparring

Chapter 89 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

“Shall we clear the sparring area for now?” I ask Jax, “I know we are addressing the pack before the run this evening about what I am.”

“Save Alex from embarrassment you mean?” Jax quips back to me.

Pointing my finger at him I laughed, “I never said that.”

Rolling his eyes he simply chuckles before running over to a couple of warriors to politely ask them to leave as I ready myself to spar.

“First to tap out? One round human form another round wolf form?” The Alpha King suggests as he walks over to where I’m preparing.

“Yep, that sounds good to me” I smile rubbing my hands eagerly.

“Promise I’ll go easy” he laughs as he walks off making me frown.

“Men” I mutter to myself before I hear Luna Ophelia laughing lightly behind me.

“Sorry I didn’t mean that as an insult” I start before she waves me off.

“Oh don’t apologise, I’m well aware of what Alpha egos can be like” she says with a pointed look towards her mate making me smile.

“Her wolf is very weak” I hear Kia say to me quietly as I quickly glance at the other Luna noticing her slight paleness.

“Is everything ok Nova?” I hear Ophelia ask me as she must have caught my hesitation. Looking around I check it is only the two of us before speaking.

“Will this spar cause any damage to yourself?” I ask quietly. Hearing that her eyes widen as she nervously wets her lips.

“You know?” She asks warily.

“I know your wolf is weak” I whisper, “I don’t know why nor do I need to. But if you are not strong enough to withstand the pain you may experience because of the bond then I won’t spar with your mate, your health is the priority.”

Hearing those words her eyes soften as she smiles gratefully to me, “thank you Nova, that truly does mean a lot. But ever since I fell ill we have been working with the pack doctors back home who are incredibly talented, Alex’s pain is not mirrored in me any longer. I’m sure you can understand with him being Alpha King and having fought a lot in the last few years it would have done more harm than good if we still had that connection. You can go ahead and spar, but thank you for your concern and lack of prying.”

“If you’re sure Luna” I say before bowing my head and walking to where Alex is waiting.

“Oh and Nova” she calls, “don’t hold back.”

“I heard you talk to my mate Nova” Alex says quietly as I reach him, “I will talk to you about it more in time but for now I want to simply say thank you. Your concern will have meant a great deal to Ophelia as it does me.”

“Ok Alpha, don’t feel like you have to just because I’m aware. I know it’s not my business I just simply wanted to check the Luna would be safe” I say with a small smile.

“She will be, I spar daily with my men back home” he explains. “I couldn’t risk her feeling any blows so we dealt with it.”

“Noted” I say before smirking at him. “I won’t hold back then.”

Stepping back a few paces I look to Jax who is grinning at the sidelines, “alright first to submit loses in each round. Human form first, any questions?” He shouts.

We both shake our head as Alex pulls his top off. Flexing his muscles he smirks at me before asking “nervous?”

Chuckling I quietly observe his large muscular form which must have taken years to reach. “No” I reply simply making him falter slightly before his face hardens into that of determination.

Keeping myself relaxed we begin to circle one another sizing each other up, seeing his weight shift slightly I grin in anticipation as he flies off of the mark swinging with his right arm to deliver a punishing blow to my side. I easily side step and grasp his arm twisting it behind him before pushing him away using his own momentum with ease.

“Have to try harder than that Alpha” I tease.

He growls slightly before moving in quickly and releasing a flurry of short precise jabs to my ribs which I block effectively. Continuing this for a few moments I spot a few patterns of his and notice his jabs are becoming more desperate. Seeing his leg swing to catch me low I spring in the air flipping over his head before punching him powerfully in the back before he can regain his balance, causing him to stumble forwards a couple of steps.

“H..how?” He asks shocked before righting himself. Sensing the frustration coming off of him in waves I step back slightly to give him some space. Seeing that he quickly dives towards me tackling me round the waist and sending me sprawling on the floor as he traps me from above. Swinging his arm to deliver a harmful blow to my head I quickly catch his fist in my hand immediately halting his movements before twisting and squeezing it slightly making him hiss in pain.

Using this to my advantage I lift my legs and lock them at his waist before using my weight to roll us. Standing quickly he does the same before I initiate the attack for the first time. Moving low I punch his right side which he blocks with both arms but it leaves his left side unprotected, seeing that I move up as I swing my leg round making strong contact with his thigh making him stumble again. Not giving him time to recover I jab him twice in the abdomen leaving him breathless as he leans over. I quickly move round him and grasp his arms before pushing him to the floor using my leg, standing above him I move my foot to his neck as I hold his arms outstretched.

He struggles for a few moments before slumping to the floor unable to move, he then bares his neck as best he could with my foot being where it was to show he submits.

Stepping back immediately I offer my hand to him as he rolls over to stand up. Taking it he looks at me with narrowed eyes before stalking away.

“That was embarrassing” I hear him mutter as he gulps down a drink.

“Nova wins” I hear Jax call out gleefully earning himself a glare from Alex. “Wolf form” he then says slightly more somber although his eyes still bright with excitement.

Quickly stripping out of my clothes before I shift I hear a low growl from Jax as I look up to see him glaring at both Ophelia and Alex who are openly staring at my body.

Shifting quickly to avoid embarrassment Kia then sits on her haunches cocking her head questioningly.

“Sorry” Ophelia has the decent to murmur, “you’re extremely fit Nova. I admire your dedication to training..I imagine many people stare but it was rude of us to do so.”

She throws Alex a sharp look at he turns to Jax with wide eyes, “how the fuck is she so strong?” He growls. “Her figure is toned and strong there is no mistake but she is stronger than her figure suggests.”

“Do you have to ask?” Jax replies before pointing at Kia.

“Ah..” Alex sighs before quickly stripping as Kia looks away politely.

“Point proven Kia” I hear Ophelia chuckle as she huffs in response.

“Ok same rules apply” Jax calls out as Alex’s wolf stalks forward, pitch black with rippling muscles and the same bright green eyes.

“Fight” I hear Jax call before his wolf leaps at Kia, she swiftly rolls and bucks her back legs slashing his open belly as he yelps in surprise. Surging to her feet she spins as he immediately moves in trying to bite her flank but she evades his attack and nimbly nips his side as she does so.

“She’s fast” I hear Ophelia admire as Kia purrs in appreciation.

Lunging forward Kia lowers her head to charge into his wolf’s side causing him to loose his balance before she bites his back leg causing him to loose a chunk of fur.

With a howl his wolf’s eyes narrow in anger at being shown up, he then charges towards us but Kia bounds over his head twisting in the air before landing and grasping his tail in her jaw.

Spinning him round she sends him skidding along the floor but before he has chance to righten himself she lunges and bites down on his neck, holding him down with her front paws.

As he fails to submit she tightens her jaws slightly making him growl in anger.

“Submit” she links him as we see the reluctance in his eyes. With a huff through her jaw she presses down harder causing him to yelp in pain before he lies down without a struggle, submitting. Releasing her jaws slowly she steps backwards before bowing and running over to where I folded my clothes.

After shifting and dressing I turn to see Alex has also gotten half dressed but Ophelia is gently inspecting his wounds.

“Are you alright Alpha?” I ask politely.

“Yes I’ll be fine, my mate is just worrying” he says quietly before looking up at me with an unreadable expression.

“That was impressive Nova” he states as Jax chuckles quietly. “I’ve never been taken down that fast..ever. I didn’t even land a blow, you have no marks on you. The only other person who has managed to defeat me is your mate and even then it took him over an hour. That was barely 10 minutes total for the two rounds. You are truly gifted.”

“Thank you” I say with a small smile.

“Well now we know you can kick my butt I suggest we go eat” he says. “Leon is slightly embarrassed right now.”

“Let’s keep this between us” Jax suggests as he looks at me.

“Probably best” I grin making Alex huff indignantly.

“You’re going to have a few bruises” Jax comments as he looks at Alex’s side which is inflamed and has a few cuts on them.

“I made sure not to cut too deep so you would heal quickly” I say quietly.

“I know and again..I appreciate that” he says as he pulls a loose top over his head. “I’d like you to train with me whilst we stay, it would be good to have a new perspective and gain some techniques.”

“Of course Alpha” I agree with excitement. “We can spar again?” I suggest to Jax

“As long as you promise to not knock me down that quick” he says jabbing his elbow into Alex’s side as he scowls at his comment.

“No promises” I smirk making him gulp.

Check In

Chapter 90 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Jax POV:

Nova excuses herself to take a quick shower so I head to the office and check in with how Axel is progressing. Seeing Laurence arrive at the same time I look him over which he notices.

"We ran into no problems" he says quietly before we walk into the office together.

"How are you getting on Axel?" I ask as he nods his head in quiet greeting.

"Give me another hour and I'll be done" he says without looking away from what he's working on.

"So the meeting place?" I ask Laurence.

"An abandoned barn, I estimate it could hold up to a thousand people but it is derelict and run down. I believe it could even have been an old factory so perhaps barn isn't the right word to use" he answers.

"Any sign of activity?" I ask.

"None" he says with a shake of his head. "It's also surrounded by other working factories so attacking there would not be ideal."

"We won't be" I tell him immediately, "that's why they will have arranged for it to be there. Plus surrounded by other humans it won't look as suspicious. Instead we are going to scout the meeting, we will observe and the trail those we believe are important when they leave. That way we can hopefully learn more about where they are based or spend their time."

"I agree that's a good plan" Laurence says sitting back in his chair. "I ran into your ma downstairs and she apologised for David's actions whilst you were away. I have to apologise also, I had no idea he had been asking those sorts of questions."

"Of course you didn't" I shrug, "he knew what he was doing and other pack members wouldn't want to willingly defy the previous Alpha I assume."

"But still, I apologise you have had to dealt with that" Laurence say seriously.

"I think Ma dealt with it to be honest" I say with a light laugh.

"Yes..she did tell me" Laurence smiles slightly. "I have Naomi helping her, I thought the company would be nice and I know they have a lot to do before Sunday."

"Thank you Laurence" I say gratefully. "We have the Alpha King here."

"What?" He asks his head twisting sharply to mine from where he was looking at the bookshelf.

"He turned up whilst you were gone, he and Luna Ophelia swore their loyalty to Nova and we have filled them in on everything that has taken place" I explain. "They will be staying until we have finished with the hunters."

"Fucking hell" Laurence says with wide eyes. "Our Luna truly is something special isn't she."

"She is" I agree proudly. "She also just kicked his ass at sparring which quietened him down rather a lot."

"Oh shit" Laurence says with a bark of laughter. "He wanted to see for himself huh?"

"Oh he definitely saw" I chuckled. "Tonight for the pack run I am going to explain to the pack who Nova is exactly."

"I think it's time" Laurence agrees. "I can sense her power and I know a few pack members have noticed it also. I think they believe it's because she is the Luna but clearly it is more than that."

"I'd like you to say a few words Laurence" I say leaning forward as his eyes widen.

"Ok?" He questions.

"You know about Guardian Wolves and I know you will speak highly of Nova. I think the pack needs to hear this from someone other than her mate, even if her mate is their Alpha. Alex will also be there and say a few words but I think your knowledge will speak for itself" I explain.

"I'd love to" he replies eagerly.

"Brilliant, I'm glad that's sorted" I say relaxing. "So how are you and Naomi? I feel bad I haven't had chance to check in more with your pups development."

"Oh they're growing quickly! Naomi is handling herself brilliantly and I'm ensuring she gets plenty of rest, same with Alice. Those women would work till they fell asleep on their feet if they could" he laughs. "Nova is coming to our next appointment, if you'd like to join us you are welcome. I'm not sure I could handle anyone else."

“Oh?” I ask.

“I nearly took the doctors hand off when he put the gel on her for the scan, it’s my protectiveness coming out. It’s a lot harder to handle than I thought” he admits.

“I have heard how protective men can get, but Doctors will see that all the time” I assure him.

He sighs as he runs his hand through his hair, “to be honest I think it’s worse because of everything going on. I want Naomi and the twins to be safe, but my wolf and I are on edge a bit more.”

Guilt fills my body at his words, “I’m so sorry Laurence” I say quietly. “I didn’t mean for all of this to mar you and your mates experience.”

“Oh no it’s not your fault, or our Lunas” he says quickly, “it’s just making me slightly more protective than I believe I would be normally. And that’s to be expected. I think you being there could actually help, my wolf doesn’t see you as a threat and knows to be respectful. I think it could help the doctor get on with his work easier.”

“Then of course I will be there” I exclaim. “Axel you know to not utter a word that is said here yes?”

“Certainly” he replies, “to be honest I’m concentrating on my work. Not your guys drama” he adds on with a smirk thrown our way.

“Idiot” Laurence laughs appreciating my brothers teasing.

“Congratulations man” Axel says with a wide smile. “I haven’t had chance to say so far but it’s exciting news for the pack.”

“Very” Laurence beams.

“I’m ready to be an uncle whenever by the way Jax” Axel throws in there.

Turning to look at him in surprise he chuckles nervously, “what?”

“Well I’m surprised you want to be around pups that’s all” I say slightly ashamed at my assumptions.

“I’m not a kid anymore” he says rolling his eyes. “Evan and I also hope to find our mate and have pups you know.”

“Wow” I chuckle, “my brothers have grown up.”

“You’ve given me this responsibility but you’re surprised I mentioned pups?” He laughs in amusement pointing to his laptop.

“I still remember the boy who froze when he held his sister for the first time like she was some precious china” I laugh. “You two will be great uncles though, and dads when the time is right.”

“Thanks man” he says with a wide smile as he turns to his work again.

“Wow” Laurence mouths to me as I look at him in amazement.

“Oh goddess” I groan loudly.

“What?” They both ask quickly.

“I’ve just realised you’re going to teach all my pups the horrible tricks I taught you two” I groan rubbing my forehead dramatically.

With a loud laugh Axel nods enthusiastically, “that and more.”

“Brilliant” I mutter before smiling widely to show my humour.

“Ok I’m off for some food, I’ll be back after eating and you can show me what you’ve got. Laurence come join us, Nova will enjoy seeing you” I say as he quickly stands.

“See you soon boss, Beta” Axel says his attention back on his laptop.

Heading Home

Chapter 91 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

"So how have you gotten on?" Jax asks Axel once we have returned to the office following lunch.

"To be honest i don't think you're going to like it" he admits turning to face us.

Sighing Jax looks at me in frustration before motioning for Axel to continue speaking. "Well it seems to not be activated at the moment" he says slowly.

"So it's one that can be activated and deactivated?" I check.

"Yes. Dr Norton didn't disclose that information when asked but it's because he wasn't asked the right question. Once I caught on to suspecting it was the case I asked Elder Martin to check and he has since confirmed it" he says looking downcast. "I apologise for getting your hopes up."

"You don't need to apologise Axel" I say gently, "if he ever does activate it we can then monitor his movements, I assume they have them for emergencies. It's more than what we had previously and for that we are grateful."

"Thank you Luna" he says with a small smile. Yawning he stands up stretching, "I'm going to look into it more after the pack run."

"That's great Axel, thanks bro" Jax says as he takes a seat. With a smile to the both of us Axel quietly leaves the office leaving us to our thoughts.

Not even a minute later there is another knock on the door which Jax stands up to open.

"Alpha Axton" Jax says politely, "come in."

"Hi, I didn't meant to intrude I just want to extend my thanks for allowing us to stay for the night. Luca and Sophie are both ready downstairs to travel back to our pack" he says with a smile.

"That's wonderful" I say softly. "I imagine Luca is excited."

"Like a little pup" Axton says with an eye roll as Jax chuckles lightly.

"I'm sorry for not being around much, I've been making arrangements for the pack" Axton continues.

"It's no problem, I'm sure you're eager to get home now" Jax says as he leans back against his desk casually.

"Very" Axton agreed quickly.

"I'm not sure if you've heard but I have pushed Novas Luna Ceremony to be moved to Sunday, you are of course welcome as is Luca and Sophie who I believe already know" Jax mentions.

"I did hear you had arranged it, I appreciate the invite. If all is well in the pack and I feel it's ok for me to leave for the day then I will be there, I will confirm in the morning if that isn't too late?" He suggests.

"That's fine Axton, I hope all is well back at The White Mountain Pack" I say with a smile.

"I'll make sure to let them know about your ceremony, I think everyone will be excited for you" he tells me genuinely.

“We will come downstairs with you, I can’t let Luca and Sophie leave without saying goodbye” I laugh as I open the door. “Have you thought about how you will introduce Sophie to the pack?”

“Yes and I got Elder Martins view on it also” he starts, “I will say she was a rogue through no fault of her own and that once she has adjusted to pack life and feels comfortable she will share her story in time. I don’t wish to say more and endanger her as to be quite honest after the last few days I don’t know who to trust with the information.”

“I think that’s a good idea” Jax agrees as we walk down the stairs. “From what I have gathered during my visits Luca is a very well respected Beta of your pack, I think people will trust him and his mate.”

“Exactly” Axton smiles. “He’s been waiting a long time, everyone will be very happy.”

“Do you think anyone will mind the age gap?” I ask quietly knowing 8 years a bigger gap than most.

“Honestly..no. Sophie comes across as shy but once you have gotten to her true self you can see she is mature beyond her years. She has had to endure a very different life to most and it’s made her tough” Axton muses.

“Her confidence has grown since spending time here and being around Luca. I think she will be a brilliant beta female” I say.

“She will” Axton says confidently, “plus she can fight. She may seem delicate but she has thick skin, I think she will pleasantly surprise many.”

We walk outside the pack house to see Luca and Sophie finishing loading their car with my father shifting nervously beside them.

“Hey” I call waving to them all as we walk down the steps.

“Hey Nova” Luca grins before greeting Jax.

“Hi” Sophie says coming to stand in front of me as I look at her carefully. Sensing no nerves coming from her I grin happily making her brows furrow.

“What?” She chuckles.

“You’re becoming more of a Beta female without even realising, I can’t sense any nerves or fear in you” I smile.

“Oh” she laughs in relief. “I’ve always had much faith in the moon goddess, she has mated Luca and I for a reason and I am excited to see my new home.”

“I can tell” I say softly embracing her. “Look after yourself Soph, and if Luca ever causes you problems..you know where to find me” I chuckle with a wink.

“Thanks sis” Luca says coming to stand beside her.

“We will see you Sunday?” I check.

“Wouldn’t miss it for the world” he says seriously.

“Good” I say with relief. My dad comes to stand beside me with a sad look in his eyes. “You alright dad?”

“Yes just conflicted” he laughs slightly embarrassed.

“Let me guess, you’re happy Sophie is going with her mate but sad your daughter is moving on” I murmur squeezing his arm in comfort.

“That and I won’t be there to protect her anymore” he says with worry.

“My brother will do that, although I’m sure Sophie is more than capable of holding her own” I laugh as she scowls slightly at his words.

“You are welcome to visit whenever Kingsley” Axton says as he appears next to Luca. “You know how to contact us if you wish to visit.”

“I will..thank you Alpha Axton” dad replies politely.

“Soph I just wanted to mention I haven’t forgotten about your wolf” I whisper as I pull her to one side. “I have requested some books and my uncle Johnathon said he will be able to help. In the coming days he will contact you if you wish?”

“I’d like that” she says brightly as her eyes widen in excitement, “thank you Nova.”

“It’s my pleasure” I smile. Turning back to the gathered group I clap my hands together.

“Right as much as it’s been lovely having you here I believe it’s time for you to go home, I hope you have a safe journey and see you Sunday” I exclaim with excitement.

“There she goes again sending us away” Luca whispers teasingly to Axton.

“You know full well if I don’t do it like this then I will cry..now go” I laugh as Luca steps forward and embraces me. “I’ll keep in contact Luca.”

“I know” he whispers trying to hide his worry for me.

“Love you” I murmur.

“Love you sis” he murmurs back before walking to open the car door for Sophie to slide into.

“Bye!” I shout along with everyone else as the car speeds off down the drive a moment later spraying dust everywhere.

“The little fucker” I splutter as I try to clear the air in front of me, “why does he do that everytime.”

“Brothers are meant to annoy you” I hear Theo laugh from behind me.

“Don’t get any ideas” I say with a glare.

“I wouldn’t dare” he chuckles holding his hands in surrender.

“Let’s go and organise tonight then” Jax calls to Theo and myself gaining our attention immediately.

Addressing The Pack

Chapter 92 - The Guardian Wolf and her Alpha Mate

Nova POV:

“Hello Nova” I hear Ophelia’s soft voice say as she takes a seat beside me whilst we wait for the pack to gather.

“Hello Luna, how are you?” I ask her with a soft smile.

“I’m good thank you for asking, I wanted to thank you again for your concern before” she murmurs quietly for only me to hear. “I’m going to tell you more, Jax also deserves to know. I’ll come to you soon.”

“Whenever you’re ready” I assure her as I squeeze her hand gently. “If there is anything you need please don’t hesitate to ask me.”

“I won’t” she says with a squeeze back.

“Would you like to sit with Naomi and Alice during the run?” I ask sensing her wolf wasn’t strong enough to shift. “They’re both expecting so will not be shifting and they’ve both lovely ladies.”

“That would be wonderful” she exclaims happily.

“Great I’ll get them over here” I tell her whilst quickly linking them both.

“Let’s head to our mates shall we” she says as she sees them looking towards us.

“Let’s” I agree as we make our way towards them.

“Ready?” Jax asks with a wide smile.

“As I’ll ever be” I chuckle back.

“Hey Nova” I hear Alice say from behind me.

“Alice” I exclaim hugging her, “how’s the pup?”

“Growing” she smiles proudly.

“Aunty Nova can’t wait to meet you” I whisper to her bump making her smile more. “Luna Ophelia this is Alice, and Naomi, our Gamma and Beta females” I say smiling at Naomi as she comes to stand with us. “They won’t be running today.”

“And we have brought some snacks” Naomi says flourishing a basket.

“Lovely” Ophelia beams as she shakes their hands politely. “Thank you Nova” she says gratefully.

“Anytime” I murmur.

Feeling Jax wrap an arm round my waist I look up at him as he guides me to the front.

“Good evening everyone” his deep voice booms out gaining everyone’s attention. “Tonight we are celebrating the new shift of 3 members, Brandon, Flora and Abi congratulations on meeting your wolves and I hope you enjoy your first pack run this evening.”

They smile in thanks from the front of the crowd as everyone claps around them.

“I want to say a few words before we begin” Jax starts gaining everyone’s attention again. “As you may have noticed we have some special guests staying with us for the time being, if you could all give a warm welcome to Alpha King Alexander and his mate Luna Ophelia.” With that they both walk to stand beside us and bow to the audience as everyone bows back respectfully before cheering happily.

“But what I actually want to talk about is your soon to be Luna. As many of you have probably figured out from her involvement in training and her interactions around the pack she is

something very special” he says throwing me a proud grin as I blush from his words. “Kia her wolf is also something special, Kia is a Guardian Wolf.”

With that there are many gasps from the pack members as their excitement grows.

Feeling Kia push forward I look to Jax, “Ki would like to say something.”

With a nod he looks to me as Kia links the entire pack, “hello everyone” she says as everybody looks towards me shocked.

“I’m Kia, Novas Wolf. We wanted to tell you who we are today because it’s the least you deserve, I have kept my true identity hidden from many throughout the years to protect us. But it’s time to hide no more. From today I want you all to know who we truly are, we vow to always protect you, guide you and help wherever possible. You are all our family and our home” she says making everyone smile at her words.

“Nova and Kia are a force to be reckoned with, i could list their qualities but i would be here all night” Jax says making the crowd chuckle, “but let me say how lucky we are that they are here with us.”

With that Alex steps forward to address the crowd as they grow quiet in anticipation. “Having a Guardian Wolf amongst us is a rarity and one to not be taken lightly. Myself and my Luna have pledged our loyalty to Nova and we hope to work closely together in the future. Thank you for welcoming us to your pack and we look forward to spending more time with you all.”

A loud round of applause spreads across the crowd as their smiles continue to grow. Jax gestures for Laurence to step forward and he winks at me before addressing the crowd.

“I’d also to express a few words about our new Luna. I’ve known she was to be our Luna since first meeting her, she is strong not just physically but mentally to. She is loyal and would do anything for those she loves, but not just that she is compassionate and cares about those around her. As many of you know I love my history and myths, to find out Guardian Wolves are indeed real amazed me..it still does” he chuckles. Turning to bow at me he raises his head to talk to me, “having you here has been a pleasure Luna Nova and I can’t wait to see what the future holds for us all.”

“Thank you” I whisper emotionally and I feel my heart swell from the words spoken about myself.

“Finally, i would like to announce Novas Luna Ceremony will be held this Sunday! I hope you’re all excited” Jax shouts as the pack cheers loudly at the news.

“Now..let’s run” he says with a howl before stepping aside to shift.

“Thank you Jax, that was more than I imagined” I say quietly giving him a soft lingering kiss.

“You are loved Nova, this is where you belong” he says simply.

“Let’s run” I smile excitedly at him before stepping back to strip and shift behind him.

As Kia walks up to greet a shifted Zeus we turn to look at the pack together as they all bow to us in wolf form. Seeing Alex’s wolf walk up to beside us we raise our muzzles to the sky and howl loudly before shooting off letting the excitement for the run take over us.

Running quickly Kia runs ahead before huffing over her shoulder for Zeus to follow starting a game of chase. Leaving them to run happily for a couple of hours I take a step back in her mind and allow her her time with her mate.

Reaching the pack house we quickly shift before dressing and embracing each other. “That was fun” I grin to Jax as he gives me a toothy smile back.

“We will prioritise runs soon I promise” he says as I nod my agreement.

“Fuck you’re fast” I hear Alex exclaim as he shifts back.

“I’ve definitely gotten quicker” I laugh as Jax agrees quickly. “I think you have also.”

“Yes I did notice that” he comments with excitement in his eyes.

“Kia is magnificent” Alex says in awe.

“Thank you” I giggle, “she’s heard that too much recently.”

“Have not” she huffs playfully to me.