

4. The Confrontation.

Aleksa

As I entered the pack house I noticed it was eerily silent. Usually at this time of night there are still maids and cooks milling around, but this wasn't the case tonight. I imagine Lachlan had sent them all home. As I walked up the stairs I saw Lachlan standing at the top. Here we go, I think to myself.

"Aleksa, we need to talk" Lachlan says, looking at me like he is reading me. "Yes, we do". I agree. "In your ocer?" I asked Lachlan. "Yes, good idea" Lachlan grunts.

We both walk into the ocer and Lachlan sits at his desk. I just stand. I am not in the mood to sit down as though we are discussing pack business. I am fuming inside.

"Please take a seat, Aleksa" Lachlan demands. "No, thanks. I'll stand" I say. "Very well," Lachlan says.

"What you saw earlier, Aleksa - it's not as bad as it looks". Lachlan offers.

"How is it not as bad as it looks, you were having s*x with my best friend? Who is also mated to your Beta and best friend Sam!" I yelled. Quickly losing my patience.

"You will not raise your voice at me, I am your Alpha!" Lachlan yells.

"I am Alpha, and with that comes certain privileges. You are my Luna, my fated mate, and you have given me my future heir and for that I am grateful. However, I have needs. You are here for my wolf, and you make him very happy. But, my human side needs more than you can give me", Lachlan says with a smirk.

I am going to say something but Lachlan keeps talking.

"I will sleep with Eva and whoever else I desire, and that is my right as Alpha, you have no say in the matter. You will nurture the pack and tend to the children, as well as keep my wolf happy, and occasionally my human side. You will happily share me with others, and you will not mention a word of this to Sam - do you hear me?" Lachlan says threateningly.

I stood there with a look of horror and disgust on my face. I can't believe that my fated mate, given to me by the moon goddess, is standing in front of me saying this.

"I will never be okay with this. I refuse to share you with anyone. I can't believe this! I thought you loved me? Why did you mate and mark me if you didn't love me?" I looked at Lachlan in complete shock.

"I had to for my wolf, having our fated mate close to us makes us stronger". Lachlan says. "That doesn't mean I can't continue to enjoy myself as I did before I met you".

"Wait, the pain? It started when I met you. Does that mean you have been sleeping with other wolves since we met?" I asked. I already know the answer deep down inside.

"No need to dwell on these things, Aleksa, it is all part of being Luna, you have to take a little pain with pleasure." "We all have to make sacrifices," Lachlan says.

"And Eva?" I asked.

"What about Eva?" Lachlan says.

"How long have you been sleeping with Eva?" I asked.

"If you really want to know, Eva and I have had an arrangement since well before you arrived at the pack house. Don't let it bother you. She just gives me things that you can't." Lachlan says with a smirk on his face.

"You are disgusting! Sam is supposed to be your best friend, he's your Beta! Doesn't that mean anything to you?" I yelled. Feeling absolutely sick to my stomach.

"Don't you worry about Sam, what he doesn't know won't hurt him. You will not address me like that. I am your Alpha, you will respect me, and you will do as you are told. Do you hear me?" Lachlan yells.

"I will not stand for this. I am not your possession! I am a person! I will not sit by while you screw every wolf that walks past you. I am not okay with you and Eva. I think you are both feral! I will not subject the children to this! They deserve better than this. You have a daughter for goddess sake. How would you feel if Layla were in this position?" I yelled.

"Don't you dare bring the children into this. Layla is a female, she will do what is expected of her when the time comes!" Lachlan yells as he slams his st down onto the table.

I stand back in fear. Who is this wolf in front of me? It's like I don't even know him - like I never really knew him.

I gasp. Not knowing what to say or do. I just looked at Lachlan shocked.

Lachlan gets up from his desk and walks up to me, he puts his hands on my shoulders and kisses the area where he marked me. Through the mate bond, I can feel the sparks and my body tingles and I can't ght the feelings that action brings. But I choose to ght it. I felt like I wanted to vomit. My head was telling the rest of my body to ght it.

"Come my love, let's be done with this, let's go to bed and I'll show you that I still love you", Lachlan said, as his hands started to roam down my hips.

"No f*&^ing way!" I yelled. "Get your hands off me!"

"You will do as I say! You are my Luna. You are mine to do with as I please!" Lachlan yells and pulls me further against his body.

"I, Aleksa Petrov, Luna of Evergreen Pack, reject you, Alpha Lachlan, as my mate and as my Alpha!" I yelled.

Lachlan clutches his chest and falls back.

"I, Alpha Lachlan, of Evergreen Pack, reject your rejection!" Lachlan yells and he starts laughing like a mad man.

"Stupid girl! You think you could reject me? I own you! You are not going anywhere! You are not taking my pups anywhere either, so don't get any ideas about that!" Lachlan laughs maniacally.

"I hate you! I will not stay here and I will not subject our pups to this. Just accept my rejection!" I protested and pleaded.

At that moment, Lachlan lunged towards me and grabbed my arm. He pulled me towards the door. "You will learn your place, Aleksa! I think you need a little reminding of who is in charge here. Perhaps a few days in the pack dungeons will remind you of what you have here, what we have here. I will teach you to speak against me!" He yells as he drags me downstairs.

"What are you doing Lachlan - please don't do this! The pups, Liam and Layla, need me, please they will be scared!" I screamed in a state of panic.

As we approach the dungeons, Lachlan opens the trapdoor and continues to drag me down the stairs to the cells. The smell hits me and I have the urge to vomit. I smell the foul stench of rotting corpses, stale urine and fecal matter. I hear wolves pleading to be let out and banging on the cell doors and bars.

Lachlan continues to drag me along. We near one of our warriors who looked shocked to his core at the scene that is unfolding in front of him.

"Please, Lachlan, can we talk about this? Please don't do this!" I begged him.

"I can't trust you right now, my dear. I need you to understand that you can never leave me. You need to be punished for what you have done - trying to reject me. To even think of taking my pups from me. What kind of Alpha would I be if I didn't teach you a few hard lessons?"

Lachlan pushes past the warriors and chucks me into the nearest cell. He walks up to me and grabs my chin with his ngers. "Don't worry my love, I will check on you in the morning."

"Alpha, what is going on? What are you doing with the Luna?" Chad asks. He looks very concerned.

"Aleksa has disobeyed her Alpha and she tried to take our pups away, so she will be spending a few days in the cells, while I gure out how to proceed with her". Lachlan says with conviction.

"But Alpha, the dungeons are no place for the Luna - Surely there is another way..." Chad pleads.

"Are you questioning my actions, Chad? Because if you were, you know that there would be severe penalties. It would be a great pity. As I hear, you have just met your mate. Am I right? Lachlan says with a gleam in his eyes. Knowing very well that threatening Chad's mate would end any further questions he had about me being in the cells.

"I trust I can rely on your silence, Chad?" Lachlan asks questioningly.

"Yes Alpha". Chad replies in defeat, he turns to me with a look of pity and shame in his face, then he returns to his post.

"I will see you in the morning, my dear. Try to get some sleep" Lachlan says as he walks down the hallway.

I looked around the cell to see it was lthy. There is a small cot with a tattered blanket, a makeshift pillow, and a bucket in the corner that reeks of urine and excrement. It is cold down here. I am scared. I am scared for my pups, knowing they will wake up without their mother tomorrow morning. I am scared because I'm not sure how far Lachlan will go to teach me a lesson. Or whether he will just end me altogether? Will anyone know I'm down here? Other than Chad, who has been silenced and is fearful of his and his mate's lives.

I know one thing for sure. I need to get out of this place. I need to escape and I need to take my children with me.