

Chapter 14

I waited in my room trying to steady myself. The ball was starting in just a few minutes and I couldn't shake the nervousness that had been eating away at me all day.

Standing there adjusting the delicate lace on my royal blue silk dress, my heart raced at the thought of seeing him again after all these years. The mere mention of his name sent shivers down my spine, igniting a whirlwind of emotions within me.

there was a light knock on my door. I straightened my mask one last time, making sure it was securely in place before opening the door to find Beta Allen standing there, looking handsome in his tuxedo.

"you look absolutely stunning," Beta Allen said with a warm smile, his eyes admiring my dress.

"Thank you, Allen," I replied, feeling the heat rise to my cheeks.

"Shall we?" he said, offering me his arm.

As we made our way down the grand staircase, the sound of music and laughter grew louder, signalling that the ball had already begun. My heart pounded in my chest as we were about to enter the ballroom,

but before we could take another step, Allen stopped me with a gentle hand on my arm.

"Olivia, is everything okay?" he asked, his eyes searching mine for any sign of distress.

I forced a smile and nodded, trying to push aside the overwhelming anxiety that threatened to consume me. "Yes, I'm fine. Just a little nervous, that's all."

Allen studied me for a moment, as if trying to decide whether or not to believe my words. But then he simply squeezed my arm in reassurance and led me into the ballroom. The sound of music and chatter filled the air, but all I could focus on was finding Alexander. I needed to know if he was here or not.

My heart raced as I scanned the crowd, searching for any sign of him. My heart pounded in my chest, each passing moment. So many questions racing through my mind. Did he come alone? had he moved on and started a family?

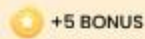
We made our way through the sea of people. I spotted Victor standing by the grand fireplace, a glass of scotch in hand. I excused myself from Allen's side and made my way over to him.

"Victor," I greeted him with a warm smile, "Have you seen Alexander tonight? Do you know if he's here?"

Victor turned to me, his eyes darting around the room before meeting mine. "No. I haven't seen him. And I promise you Olivia if he is here he won't know who you are. Enjoy yourself"

Suddenly, a scent wafted through the air filling my nostrils, causing my wolf to stir within me. The scent was intoxicating, drawing me in like a magnet. "Mate, mate, mate," Aura's voice echoed in my head, confirming what I already suspected.

"What?" I had successfully shifted two years ago. It was tough and



much more painful than i could've ever imagined but worthy it to finally have my wolf Aura. I no longer felt weak.

"Hurry up and see him!" my wolf urged me.

I followed the scent and all my worries that I had about seeing Alexander disappeared all I cared about was finding who the intoxicating smell was coming from. I had never smelt anything like it before. It was like a drug. I couldn't get enough of my whole body craving it.

As I turned a corner, my eyes locked on a tall muscular man who had his back to me. I could tell that he was doing the same as I was following his nose and searching for his mate. my wolf screamed at me. "Go to him, go to our mate!"

I couldn't see his face, but just being in his presence sent a jolt of electricity through me. My heart raced even faster as I took a step closer, my curiosity getting the best of me.

As he slowly turned around everything seemed to stand still, everything around me fading away. All I cared about in that moment was him and when his eyes met mine, time seemed to freeze. The world fell away as I stared into his piercing blue eyes.