

Alpha's Blind Luna, Chapter 23

I cursed as I fumbled with the back of my dress. My hands were shaking and I was nervous. I couldn't hold onto the zipper in the back to pull it up. Stretching my arms more, I tried to reach it again, closing my eyes concentration. My heart leapt into my throat when I felt the electrical touch of Logan's fingers run down my arm. They also ran down my back and my shoulder blades shifted as his soft touch trailed down to my open zipper.

His fingers played with the zipper before finally pulling it up for me. I looked at him and my breath was taken away. He was gorgeous, his light blue eyes shone against the midnight blue suit. He was wearing a silver shirt, the top two buttons undone. His

hair was slicked back and his eyes were shining as they looked at me.

"I think if I saw you in the forest like this, I would think I was being visited by the moon

goddess." Logan was breathless as he kissed my mark and made me shiver.

"Logan, you aren't supposed to be here." I

said just as breathlessly, feeling his lips brushing my neck.

He chuckled. "I was about to leave but you sounded like you needed some help."

"I'm just nervous." I chewed on my lip.

"It's okay to be nervous, Auri." Logan held

my head in his hands and I closed my eyes, feeling the brush of his fingers. "I will be there with you, going through this with you. I will take care of you."

"I know."

"You are meant to be their Luna, my Luna. That will never change. They will see your strength just as I know it." He smiled and kissed me on the lips. "I have to go."

His hands left and I yearned from the back. I watched as he left the room, not looking back. I smiled, he probably thought if he

looked back he would never leave.

'We wouldn't let him either.' Kai whined. '

We should have taken him right there. Fuck the semantics.'

I laughed. Kai had been getting more and

more bold the past few days. 'This is an important ceremony Kai. For the first time,

we are going to be connected to a pack.'

She huffed and I could feel her frustration. I

rolled my eyes. Looking back in the mirror, I looked over myself. I was wearing the same midnight blue he was, but my dress was made to look like a greek goddess. It

reminded me a lot of the Gathering dress I

had made, but this was far more

presentable. It tied at the shoulders and

created a trail in the back. The midnight blue

was only broken up by silver stars that were shooting across the dress. I did look very nice, my near white hair stood out even more, almost taking on the color of the

silver of the stars.

“Luna!” Hector called down from the kitchen.

I double-checked my hair and then made my way down the stairs. I wasn’t wearing shoes because that was customary. The point was to be close to the earth and moon, which is why we were having the ceremony in the middle of the night. Hector was dressed up in a white button-up shirt and slacks. His

hair was pulled into a topknot and he wore a

gold chain around his neck. As I walked in he

whistled.

“No wonder Alpha had to have a sneak peak. You look incredible.”

I smiled. “Thank you, Hector. You look rather dashing yourself.”

Smiling, he handed me a lantern. He had one

as well and was walking out to the back of the

warehouse. “It’s a bit of a walk.”

“I’m used to walking in darkness Hector. Will you be okay though?” I laughed.

“Ha ha, Luna. Very funny. Hold on, I have to light your lantern.”

We paused for a second. Kai had been mumbling in the back of my mind, itching for Logan, but quieted. I looked down at the flickering flames of both of our lanterns.

“Alright Luna, let’s go.

I nodded and walked into the forest with

Hector. It was quiet and I loved it. It had been a while since I had been out at night. Two weeks had passed from when I came

home with Logan from the club. He decided

that we were going to put off the Luna

ceremony for a little bit, as we learned more

about each other. He taught me about being a Luna and also how he was as an Alpha.

Showing me all the things he does, paperwork he takes care of, and everything in between. It had been eye-opening. Seeing how the pack was run and how Logan kept a tight run of it all. Frankly, I thought Alpha was a full time job. Then he showed me all

his businesses and subsidiaries and I

couldn't believe he was taking it all on.

The ceremony had to happen though,

connecting me to the pack and as Logan would say, 'keep better track of me'. I would be able to mind link with the whole pack, taking up my official position. Logan also said some of his Alpha presence is

transferred to me as well. I worried that I

was weakening him, but he said that having me by his side only gives him strength.

Hector stumbled next to me and I grabbed his arm, steadying him. I chuckled as he huffed. Off in the distance you could see small lights, other members of the pack

coming with their lanterns. This was a tradition in their pack, done by intimate lantern light at midnight, the ceremony where the Luna would be connected to the

pack. We walked for another five minutes, staying out of the way of the other lights

who were coming together. Hector lead me around the back and then stopped, facing

the sea of lanterns of everyone who could

make it. Even those who weren't able to,

would hold lanterns out of the homes. 2

"I thank you all for gathering!" Logan's

voice boomed over the quiet of the forest. " Some of you have been around since my

father had this ceremony for my mother.

Some of you, this may be your first time. It's

something that we choose this spot, this

time, to be closer to our home, closer to our

Goddess. While celebrating an addition to

our pack. Welcoming my partner in life,

love, and leadership, your Luna.

I felt flush. The temperature around the forest felt like it had risen. Kai whined, pacing in the back of my mind. Closing my

eyes, I took a deep shaky breath. Hector

squeeze my arm.

"Auri, please join us."

I walked forward, leaving Hector behind. I

decided that I wouldn't use Kai when I was

being inducted as Luna. I would show all

that I am. Focusing on Logan's breath and

his heart beat, his smell. I walked towards him. I reached out and he took my hand, holding it tight. Instantly, I feel cooled as the electricity traveled between us. We placed

our lanterns down and Logan took my other hand, holding it tight.

"Auri, my mate, my love. Do you promise to put the pack needs above your own?"

"I promise.

"Do you promise to protect and cherish those who you would call family?"

"I promise."

"Do you promise to lead with wisdom, understanding, and fairness?"

"I promise."

My voice was just above a whisper, my hands shaking. Logan squeezed my hands and flipped my palms up. He first took a knife to his own hands, then touched the tip to mine. Though the knife, I could feel him also shaking. I raised my head to his and

smiled. He was quick and made a slice on each palm. 1

"I, Logan Everfall Alpha of the Harvest Moon pack hereby instate Auri Meadows, as

Luna. From now until death."

Logan grabbed my hands and I gasped as our blood mixed. He held me tight as I felt

my knees go weak. So much rushed through my mind. Our mate bond snapped tight, the bond solidifying. A rush of cheers and

congratulations ran through in my head. Hearing my pack members, my new family for the first time. Tears sprung to my eyes as I gasped. The feeling of being apart of something bigger than yourself. It was incredible and frightening. 2

“You did wonderful, my love.” Logan pulled me close and kissed my forehead, flush I was feeling calming again.

A huge amount of pack members had made it and after Logan wrapped our palms in silk bandages, we turned to the pack. He held up

our hands and the roar in my head also

echoed in my ears. I smiled and laughed, slightly embarrassed. But he pulled me to him again and kissed me on my lips, bending me back. The cheers resounded

even louder. Logan left me breathless again.

A sea of people came up to meet me,

congratulate us.

Tea lights that had been hung previously were turned on, illuminating tables, chairs,

a dance floor, bar and even food. Music started to play. People started to gather, talking amongst groups, sitting down, and enjoying the music. I was finishing up my small group of introductions, where Logan was still surrounded by many people. I smiled, he was absolutely made to be Alpha

and pride swelled in my heart. 1

‘Auri, I don’t feel well.’ Kai whined in the

back of my mind.

The fire that I felt early, came back with a vengeance. It made me sway back a little and I took a step back to find my footing. My head was pounding and I could feel a flush come across my face. 4

‘It might be the new bond. Maybe we just

need a minute.'

Kai nodded and I looked around. Hector had

his arms around three other pack members singing along with the music. Bryan was wrapped up in just as many ladies at a table.

Smiling, I didn't want bother them. I wasn't

going to go far. I just needed some air, the fire making my skin tingle. 2

Quietly, I walked back to where the

ceremony was, the lanterns flickering on the floor where they had been left. I walked past them and into the dark part of the forest. The cool air did a little to stop the painful tingle on my skin. I took some deep breaths as I walked, feeling the dewy forest under my feet. I didn't walk very far when I felt a

prickle in the back of my mind.

'Auri?'

A wave of goosebumps went over me. 'Yes Logan?'

'Where are you?'

I smiled, picking up the slight panic. 'Don't worry, I just walked a little way off. I wasn't

feeling well. I'm not far off."

'What do you mean you're not feeling well?'

As he said that, a wave of such intense fire

ran through me that I gasp and had to

steady myself on a tree. It hurt, the fire felt

like it was licking my skin. My eyes filled

with tears and I coughed. What the hell was going on?

“Auri!” I heard Logan call my name but I couldn’t speak.

I slid my hand down the tree, curling up into

a ball. It hurt, it hurt so much. Was this part of the ceremony? Was it this bad for everyone? I hoped the bond wasn’t rejecting

me, that this was normal. I cried out as another wave of fire, my skin burning and the hair on my neck standing straight.

“AURI!” Logan yelled again. I could hear him crunching through the forests.

“Logan.” I finally managed to say his name.

The sound of his feet picked up and he

headed straight for me. He slid to his knees,

pulled me to him. His hands cooled my

burning skin, making me shiver.

“Auri, whats going on? What happening?”

“It hurts.” The tears finally fell and I buried my head in his chest.

I could feel his heart breaking through the mate bond. His worry and fear.

“Auri, what

hurts?” 1

“It burns.” I squeezed my eyes shut, curling

up as another wave hit me.

“Shit. Auri, are you in heat?”