

# **The Alpha's Contract (Neah and Dane)**

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"Has he said anything?"

"I haven't gotten any answers out of him yet." Eric sighs and looks at me. "I think this is what Moonshine Wolves look like." "Take him to the dungeons. Make sure he is secured. We will ask questions. Until then, this goes no further!" I snap "What about Neah?" Eric asks

"What about her?" I glare at him

He closes his mouth, choosing not to answer.

"Take the beast to the dungeons." I repeat.

Eric bows his head and they load the beast back into the vehicle, driving him off towards the dungeons.

She can't look like that.' Aero mutters in my head. 'She just can't.'

Why aren't you saying anything?' Aero demands as I move back through the house.

Things were starting to fall into place. The fact I had never heard of Moonshine until the call came. The secretiveness of the pack. How they suddenly disappeared and kept disappearing. How Neah has never seen them in Wolf form. How the beast had been hiding in a tree. The comments Neah had made about getting their Wolves at thirteen.

What if that was what we were missing? They didn't disappear, they went up and out of sight. hiding high in the trees, knowing that we wouldn't be able to find them.

I quietly sit in the chair in our bedroom, watching my mate sleep. Was she one of them and just didn't know it yet? If I find a way to unbind her, is that what she will become?

She's our mate!' Aero mutters as though that answered all my questions.

I wake to the noise of the shower running. The bed is empty, and Neah's clothes are piled up on the ~ end of the bed. Looking to the = shower to see her, sitting on the floor, the water cascading down over her small frame as she leans against the glass. ~

“Neah?”

She doesn't move.

Ripping open the shower door, she has her knees pulled to her chest. “I..I don't really remember my parents.” she mutters. “But I see their faces. I... I see the blood ~ running from their noses and the corners of their eyes. I see the way they claw at their throats and they splutter up blood. I remember how their eyes locked with mine as they took their last breaths.”

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I had been worried that she had felt the breaking of her bond with Kyle, when really, she was reliving the final moments of her parents' lives. It wouldn't matter how many times I say it isn't her fault. She was haunted by the final image of them.

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Pulling off my shirt, I step into the running water. Sliding myself down the cool tiles until I was sitting on the floor next to her. In one quick > movement, I pull her naked body onto my lap and lock my arms «' around her, holding her tightly against me. Hoping it would be enough to make her feel a tiny bit better. To make her understand that she isn't alone.

She rests her cheek against my chest, taking a few deep breaths. Her rampant heart slows until it's beating regularly. I really wanted to fuck her and could feel my cock hardening beneath her.

“Let's get you dressed.” I murmur, much to Aero's annoyance.

As much as I had needs, now was not the time. Though I was becoming more and more surprised by my own will power. Neah stands completely still as I wrap a towel around her, she sits on the bed as I dig out some clothes for her to wear. “The contract is void, right?” She mutters behind me. “You are done with my brother, right?”

“Yes.”

“So I'm free to go without you killing me?”

## **Chapter 0032**

Dane

Turning back to her, she is staring at me with those big blue eyes. Her bottom lip quivers a little as she waits for my answer. I didn't want her to go, but what if she was one of these beasts? What would I be letting myself in for?

e....Are you going to kill me?" She asks again jo." It didn't matter what she was. She clings to the towel wrapped around her which was hitched up around her thighs and barely covering her.

"Put these on." I pass her the sweatshirt and joggers out of the cupboard. I would rather she wore less but it made it a little easier when she was covered up.

Because that's going to stop you!' Aero muses

Turning away from her, I let her dress. "Why do you think I want you to leave?

"I'm part of the contract." She doesn't stutter this time, almost like she found it easier to talk to me when I wasn't looking at her. "You were." I agree, keeping my back to her. "But I don't plan on killing an innocent woman.

Don't you dare!' Aero growls at me.

"If you want to leave, you can. I will ensure you are set up and will provide you with everything you need."

You fucking idiot!' Aero yells. He wasn't the least bit bothered that Neah might not be a proper Wolf.

I have to give her a chance to think for herself.' I snap at him. 'To let her make her own decisions.'

"Where would I go?" Neah asks quietly

"Wherever you want." I sigh, it sounded like she had already made her decision. "There are plenty of areas where no packs have control. Mutual zones."

'Stop telling her the good things!' Aero was pacing in frustration. And as much as I didn't want her to leave, I felt it was only fair to tell her options. 'Tell her she will be unprotected. That there are more dicks than Trey. Tell her to stay!'

I hear her pad across the carpet and settle into the chair and turn to look at her. The soft blue sweatshirt made her blue eyes pop even more. "Can I think about it?" She asks quietly "Sure."

She brushes through her hair and I catch the scent of something different mixed in with her strange scent. Lavender. Yet the more I thought about it, the more I realised her strange scent wasn't as strong as it once was

Matebond!' Aero chuckles, 'About time you believe it!' Sometimes, I really wished that Aero and I were separate beings, just so I could punch him

Hey!' He moans at me. 'I'm not the one who is pretending. Just fucking claim her.'

'I have to go and check on something.'tutter like some fucking school kid who had bumped into thei Kerush, "If you need me someone will be able to link me: Don'tworry, I'm not leaving the baékgrounds." Content belongs to ike) %

She nods her head at me while Aero continues to call me an idiot. 'Whatever, we have a beast to interrogate!' I tell him as I hurry from the bedroom and down the stairs. Before descending the dungeon steps. I could already hear Eric demanding answers, but he wasn't getting very far, the beast was not talking back.

"What the fuck are you?!" Eric shouts just as I appear.

The man was in human form and Eric or someone had been decent enough to give him some basic clothes to wear. The man was = huddled in the corner, but now, without the blood and the smeared mud, I could see that he wasn't that of a. Maybe eighteen at a bush.

"What's your name?" I ask, keeping my tone level.

"He won't answer." Eric mutters. "I've been trying all night, he won't speak." I turn to look at the young guy in the corner. They had strapped his legs down with chains, giving him little to no room to move. "Are you injured?" I ask

The guys still doesn't look at me.

"Does Trey know we have you?"

He still sits in silence.

"Do you know Neah?"

His eyes flash my way. They are blue, exactly like Neah's. "Is she alright?" "You are locked in a dungeon and your concern is if Neah is alright? "Please tell me you got her away? That you got her out of that house?"

Eric cocks his eyebrow at me.

"Who are you?" I ask, not giving him any information about Neah. "And what are you?" "She doesn't know me, or at least I >.

don't think she does. My name is. Devons m her true brother and I am what's called a Lycan, the same as Neah." Content belongs to Q..

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“What the fuck is a Lycan?” Eric snaps

“Exactly what you saw. Part Wolf, part human.” His blue eyes move to mine. “Did you get her out?”

“What do you mean, true brother?” I demand

“Neah only has one brother and Trey isn’t him.

“Don’t bullshit me!

“I will tell you everything.” He stretches out his arms

“You would be the first.” I snap, losing my patience

“I am not loyal to Moonshine. I am a Rogue.” Devon tells us

He’s fucking nuts!’ Eric links me.

“Rogue?” It wasn’t a term used among Wolves. You either belonged to a pack or you didn’t.

“Rejected by my pack.” Devon mutters unphased.

“Let’s say you are telling the truth. How does Neah not know who you are?”

“The same way as she believes Trey is her older brother.

I can’t tell if he is lying or not.’ Aero mutters.

Devon points to his eyes. “Our eyes. They are identical, passed down through our mother and her mother and her mother before.” “Anyone can have similar eyes.” I mutter

“You are right, they can, but what colour were Trey’s eyes?” He smirks at me. “Look, why would I bother telling you this? “To buy yourself time!” I snap.

‘I’m in a dungeon, I can’t go anywhere.” He mutters with a sarcastic tone.

“Let me see if I can get this straight. You are something called a Lycan. Aman that claims to be Neah’s younger brother. Someone who she doesn’t know. And Trey isn’t related to her’

"Nailed it. Well almost. I didn't say he wasn't related. I said he wasn't her brother!" "Who is he?" "Our uncle!"

So she is an Alpha.' Aero murmurs in shock. 'Being bound twice was not just because she has the essence of powerful blood. She is an Alpha by birth right. The first born.'

If it's even true."

"He doesn't believe the Alpha role should go to a female." Devon continues, "He portrayed himself as an older brother because of the bigger age gap between him and my father. The pack agreed with him."

"How do you know all this?"

'I had someone on the inside.'

"Had?"

"They came here to check Neah had made it here, alive. I believe you killed him." "He shouldn't have attacked my Wolves."

"Oh I know. I told him to be silent and unseen. It turns out, he did neither."

"How old are you?"

"Nineteen."

Three years younger than Neah. If he had indeed been removed from Neah's memory. She wouldn't know.

"I know you don't believe me, but you saw me, you saw what I look like in Lycan form. My adopted parents got a massive shock when I turned = thirteen." 'Bless their souls.' He smiles, his blue eyes shifting back to me="She doesn't know what she is, does she?"

He checks his nails, picking dried blood from them "Why didn't you stop him?" "Trey, I tried, several times. They got craftier. I couldn't even get near the house."

"They didn't kill you?"

"Oh they tried." He puffs out his cheeks. "Please tell me she is alive. I don't have to see her. I don't have to talk to her. I just want to know that

my sister finally got out from under Trey's thumb and that she is safe."

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"She got out." I confirm

"Is she safe?"

"Yes."

"Can I talk to you?" Eric asks, using his head to gesture to the steps.

"Do you think he is telling the truth?" Eric asks me the moment we are outside. 'I don't know.

"He wouldn't say two words to me, yet the moment you come down, he tells you everything."

"Keep questioning him." I mutter. "I need to check out this Lycan shit: - No violence," I warn him. "If he is" truly I her brother, I don't want her findidg out that you beat hindto a putp." -

"No violence." He confirms, "As always."

In my office, Neah is slowly spinning in my desk chair. She doesn't even hear me walk in and jams her feet into the carpet when she spots me. stopping the chair from turning.

"Are you looking for something?" I ask. The need to tear her clothes from her body was growing more and more intense. She nods, "You."

"You should have got someone te link me.

"I could wait. I'm used to waiting." She gives me a tight lipped smile

"How can I help you?"

"If I give you your heir, will that mean I can stay?"

## **Chapter 0034**

Neah

His face wrinkled up into a mixture of surprise and confusion. Maybe there was even a little hint of anger there. But I just wanted to know where I stood with him.

My life at Moonshine, although unbearable, was predictable. I knew what I was supposed to be doing and when I was supposed to be doing it. I knew people would come to my room to hit me. I knew that the only food I was allowed was leftovers. if

there was any. Here, each and everything was a surprise. They spoke to me like I was actually one of them.

I had thought about it while I was alone. Pulling at every thread of conversation with Alpha Dane. He had said I was the only one he had ever wanted to mark and maybe now that the contract was over with my brother, he would be willing to make a new contract with me.

"Is that what you want? You want to provide me with an heir, nothing more?" Now I could hear his annoyance.

I lower my eyes. "It's what you want isn't it? Someone to give you an heir. Wasn't that the idea of these contracts with female Wolves? So make a new contract with me, just me!" I had no idea where my confidence was coming from.

"You don't need a contract. I have already said you can stay."

I nod, but I knew what Wolves were like, especially the men from Moonshine. I heard them every night. I wanted to make sure that no one here would touch me

"I see," He murmurs, "You want a contract for your safety."

"Y...yes." I knew I was pushing my luck. He was an Alpha, I had no right to request something from him.

I feel him staring at me and kept my eyes low and my mouth shut. I had said what I wanted to say. It was his move now. "No."

"Oh.

"It's not fair for me to draw up a contract and expect you to sign it when you can't even read."

I feel my shoulders drop with disappointment. I was certain I was making the right move.

'I will make you a verbal agreement. One year. You stand by my side for one whole year, three hundred and sixty five days and then if we are happy, you carry my heir."

"W...What's the catch?"

"No catch, Neah. It's as simple as that."

"What if ygir find your true mate?" A. year was a long time, I was willing to carry his heir now and maybe then, the fantasies would stop creeping into my mind.. -

"L won't."



"You....you can't be sure."

'I've searched for ten years, Neah. I would know if I had found her. Do we have a deal?' I glance at him and he is watching me, waiting for my answer.

"Isn't this why you wanted to see me, to make a deal?" He presses

"Why a year?" I whisper.

"I think a year serves its purpose. There are a lot of questions surrounding my ability to keep a woman. You know what happened to the others."

"Who decides when the year is up? What if, something bad happens ity that time? What if... what if I da> something wrong or can never be unbound?" -

He smiles at me. "You ask a lot more questions than Trey ever did."

"I just..."

"You want to be sure." His smile turns into a grin. "You may not be able to read orwrite, Neah, but you are smart. You really should give yourself some more credit. So let's™. try it thisway. You act as my mate or bride, whichever term you prefer, for arventire year. During which, you wilkbe protected by the entire pack. I Will teach you how to pratéct yourself. I will search for someone to unbind you. I will provide you with a life that you deserve. I will get yo a tutor so you can learn to read and write. I will provide you with anything you need."

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A life that I deserve. It didn't seem possible. "Okay." I mutter in agreement

Alpha Dane was still smiling, pleased with himself about his new deal.

## **Chapter 0035**

"Good. Now that is out of the way. You can come with me." He holds a hand out expectantly, patiently waiting as I take it. "Where are you taking me?" I mutter, a sudden surge of panic races through me. "I told you, training would start when you are healed."

Walking across the grounds, he keeps his hand on mine. I wasn't sure if he was trying to make a point or not. Though I didn't care, his warm hand was comforting.

As we move, I spot Beta Eric, standing outside of a small building with no windows and a single door and quietly wondered where it went. Alpha Dane pushes open a set of double doors that lead into a gym. It was already busy with sweaty men and women

“Everyone out!” Aloha Dane orders.

One by one, they grab their things and exit the building until it is just us.

“Right.” He guides me to the mats and turns me around. “Make a fist.

I ball up my hand and he shakes his head.

“Give me a thumbs up.” He waits as I do what I’m told. “Now wrap your thumb around the outside.” He grabs my newly formed fist, “If you punch someone with your thumb on the inside, you will break it. And while you can’t heal, I would prefer it if we don’t have any more hospital trips.”

After watching me hit a punch bag a few times, Alpha Dane tells me that maybe it's better to teach me how to block attacks first. I would have been more frustrated if I hadn’t agreed. The punch bag had barely moved.

He spends time teaching me how to defend myself from attacks that came from the front. But the moment he moves behind me and locks his arms around me, I don’t move. Getting lost in the warmth that enveloped me

“Neah, are you going to try and do something?” His minty breath grazes my skin as he whispers into my ear. A hand is pressed flat to my stomach while the other locks my shoulders in place.

“Earth to Neah?” He muses, releasing his grip a little.

‘L..... need..... I need to use the bathroom.’ I mutter, flustered.

He lets go of me and points to the end of the gym

Running away, I don't look back. Hurling myself into the women’s bathroom and shutting myself in a cubicle

I had never felt like this around any man, ever. To the point I thought there was something wrong with me. Why did he make me feel this way? “You don’t have to be embarrassed.” His deep voice comes from the otherside of the door. “I can help you with your..... needs.”

I could hear the amusement in his voice.

“After all. you are mine for the year.”

He pushes the unlocked door open. His crimson eyes seemed to be a little darker than usual, but they were heavily focussed on me and only me.

I thought I was ready. I thought I was certain when I said I was ready to carry his heir. As he stared at me with a growing hunger, I knew I couldn't just give myself to him. "I can help you release that frustration." He smiles. "Or I can teach you how to release your own frustrations."

I push the door closed in his face. "I'm not...I'm not ready."

"You are a little going to suffer. It will only get worse and you will grow more and more restless, maybe" everangry." Was he talking about himself? Content belongs to -

I rip the door open and glare at him. "What does that mean? Are you just saying that to get in my pants?"

"You are part animal. It's a natural instinct. You may be able to ignore it for now, but it will start to consume you and I will become part of your everyday thoughts. Even right now, I can still smell your arousal and it's only getting stronger." ©

I clamp my thighs together and his eyes move down to them

"Your underwear is soaked. You feel a dull throb deep inside, an ache, a longing.

## **Chapter 0036**

Neah

He leans over me as I press my back into the wall. His eyes hover on mine and move down to my lips. He makes a quick move and presses his lips to mine and this time, I don't flinch

Alpha Dane pulls back, "Do you trust me?" He asks in a gentle tone

"Yes." I whisper

"We can go slow." he whispers back and my head bobs up and down, accepting his offer.

His lips come back to mine. kissing a little harder and his hands settle on my hips.

He breaks away again and I give him another small nod, wanting him to continue.

This time, his lips trail light kisses down my neck and to my collarbone. Each one felt as though my skin was being hit by little bolts of electricity. He steps backwards, pulling me from the cubicle and towards the showers.

Pushing me up against the wall, he tugs my sweatshirt up and over my head, taking my vest with it and letting my breasts hang freely. He is quick to take a nipple in his mouth, dragging his teeth along it and making me gasp while he kneads the other one.

His lips work their way down my body until they meet the waistband of my joggers

Inch by inch, Alpha Dane lowers my joggers. His lips planting tantalising kisses on every inch of bare skin and making me moan. "Earth to Neah! Are you okay?"

I'm suddenly dragged back to the gym with Alpha Dane's arm still looped around my shoulders, preparing to attack me from behind. "I'm fine" I mutter, half hoping that I hadn't been daydreaming out loud

His arm drops from my shoulders, allowing me to turn around and face him.

"Are you sure? You zoned out a little."

I wondered if he could smell my arousal. He doesn't say anything just like last time. "Just... just thinking." I murmur.

His eyebrows rise a little and I was certain there was a hint of a smile, "Anything that I can help with?"

"No.. no... I don't think so.

He cocks an eyebrow at me. "Then I think we are done for the day."

"Okay." I mutter. I was certain my face was the colour of a tomato. "Are you coming back to the house?" I ask, refusing to look back at him. "I just need to check on some things in the pack first. I think Raven is up at the house, she will keep you company."

Hurrying out the gym, I practically run across the grounds, hoping that I could get into the house before anyone sees me and my red face. "Are you okay?" Raven is leaning on a chair as she looks out of the lounge at me.

"Why does everyone keep asking me that?" I snap and run up the stairs.

What the hell was wrong with me?

It's hours before I see Alpha Dane again.

"There you are!" He mutters as though I was the one who had been hiding. "What's wrong?" He asks as he closes the bedroom door behind him "You could smell me, right?" I ask, I had been thinking about it for hours.

"Are you talking about the gym or when you fell asleep in the chair?"

I knew it, he did know!

“You didn't do anything!”

“Is that a question or an accusation?” He murmurs.

I don't answer because I wasn't even sure what it was that I was trying to say.

“You are wondering why I didn't jump on you just because I could smell your arousal.”  
He smiles at me

“That's what male Wolves do, isn't it.”

“Not in this pack, no. Have we not had this conversation?”

“Your brother

“My brother doesn't count.” He shuts my comment down.

‘L.../ma.....I've never.

‘I know.”

“You know?” I try to keep the shock out of my voice, it's not like I went around broadcasting it.

He nods his head at me. “You didn't go to school. You didn't leave the > packhatise. Trey never let anyone touch-you in that way. It's easy enaugh to put two and two together, Neah.” . -

“You didn't say anything.”

“Why did I need to? It's not my secret to share. Or are you planning on sleeping with all the men in my pack?”

“No. I.... I made a deal with you.”

“You did, but there was no mention of you having sexual encounters.

‘Is it a trick?”

“You tell me. You agreed to be my bride for a year. How do you think I will react if someone else takes your virginity?”

I just stare at him. Sometimes, just when I was starting to see the nice side of him. He would remind me of what he is capable of in the most subtle of ways

By nightfall, I had shrunk back into my shell. Only speaking if spoken too and keeping my eyes low. Alpha Dane kept asking me if I was alright and I would reply with a simple nod of the head.

When there was silence around the dinner table, I knew the others were having a conversation through mindlink. Most likely trying to figure out why I was so quiet.

“Is this something to do with earlier?” Raven asks when it's just me and her. “I mean, you looked a bit flustered when you came crashing through the front door.”

‘Im fine.’

“What has he done?” “Who?”

“My brother?”

I shake my head and she stares at me with narrowed eyes.

“Whatever it is, I'm sure he didn't ~ mean it Dane doesn't have the ~ greatest track record when it comes to women. But I promise, he likes you: Just give him a chance.’

‘I'm going to bed.’ I mutter, quickly escaping.

I made the-most of being alone by having a hot shower and changing into fresh clothes before climbing into bed. When Alpha Dane comes to bed, I close my eyes and pretend to-be asleep. -

I listen to him move around the room. He briefly stops in front of me before getting in the other side. Out of nowhere, he grabs me and pulls me in against him.

“I know you are awake. You can pretend all you want.

I remain still and silent.

“You are mad at what I said, but you were the one who came to me about the deal. You agreed to the terms. You didn't have to.” He let's out a sigh. “I said what I said because it's true. I don't want another man's fingers touching your body”

He runs his fingers through my hair, brushing it back from my face. Trailing a rough finger down over my cheek, he leans in, pressing his lips to my cheekbone.

It was strange because it felt familiar, like he had done it a million times before.

## **Chapter 0037**

Dane

She had gone back to her protective state. Barely talking and when she did, it was either 'yes', 'no' or that phrase that I hate, 'I'm fine'. She had completely shut down and I can't even figure out what it was that I had said. I had only told her the truth. Was the truth too much for her?

In my office, Raven stares at me. "Are you sure you didn't do anything?" she demands. "She was chatting to me and now, nothing."

"I just spoke the truth. I reminded her that she wanted the deal, that she came to me. I told her that I didn't want anyone else touching her." "Why did you even make the deal if she is already your mate?"

"She doesn't know."

"You are an idiot!" She snaps as she drops down in the chair. "I don't even know what you could possibly be thinking. Out of all the brides you have had, why do you have to try and push away the one that I actually like? Scratch that, the one who is actually your mate?"

"Raven!"

I agree with her!' Aero spits

"I'm not trying to push her away." I snap

"Well you are doing a damn good job!"

You don't know why she is upset either!' I remind her, "And you need to watch your tongue."

'I'm talking to you as my brother, not my Alpha!' Raven scowls. "I bet even Aero agrees with me that you are an idiot!" I give her a warning glare to tone it down

"She isn't like us." Raven tells me. "She wasn't raised like us. And you seem to be missing the point."

"And what's that?"

"She wants ta be wanted. She's not upset. she's scared."

'I would be able to scent it if sne was that scared.'

"What if she is in a permanent state of fear? Since before you first met her. What if that is contributing to her strange scent?" "Thank you for your input, Raven. I will figure it out."

She rolls her eyes at me and leaves the office.

'Just claim her.' Aero mumbles. 'She is our mate, just claim her. Let her know that you have only agreed to this deal because you already know she is our mate.'

Ignoring him, I head upstairs to check on Neah. She had spent so long, pretending to be asleep last night, that I still expected her to be curled up in bed now. Instead, I hear the shower running.

Pushing the door open, I keep my eyes off the shower, hoping it would make her feel a little better. "Neah, -> I'm going to be out of the house a lot today. You are more than welcome to stay put or go over to the > hospital and hang out with Raven." ' ©

She doesn't answer and when I look up, I see that she isn't in the shower. But sat on the floor behind the bath: Her bare knees pulled up to her <>

chest as she rested her head on™ then her eyes are closed, her lips parted a little. She was asleep and this time, she wasn't faking it.

She hadn't even fully stripped before deciding that taking a nap behind the bath was a good idea.

Quietly turning the shower off, I squeeze in behind the bath and lift her off the floor. Her head rolls back over my arm, exposing her neck. It was so tempting to mark her and claim her but I just about manage to push the thought aside as I put her in the bed. It wouldn't be fair to do that to her while she was asleep.

Moving away, Neah suddenly grabs my hand. "Stay." She sleepily whispers, tugging me towards her.

Kicking off my shoes, I slide into the bed behind her. Pulling her back flush against my chest. Trying to ignore how her naked ass was pressed against my cock.

After a few moments, she shuffles away. Rolling on my back, I sigh, grateful that I had some morals.

Leaving her to sleep, I head outside to find Eric kicking a ball around with his sons but as soon as he sees my face, he tells them to go to their grandparents.

## **Chapter 0038**

"Have you told her?" He asks quietly as his boys run across the grounds, racing each other.

"No."



I take it she still isn't talking to you, then?"

"No."

He nods. "Remind me, why haven't you told her? That dickhead is dead. She has no tie to anyone, she's yours to claim." "It's complicated." I mutter

"I get that, but..." He pauses. "You wouldn't be able to hide it if she hadn't been bound. Or is it because of this apparent Lycan thing? Because Wolves have done alot worse and shackled up with humans'

"About that," I mutter, getting the subject off of Neah. "Has Devon said anymore?"

Eric shakes his head. "I told you, he won't speak to me. I don't know why.

"I literally can't find anything on them. I spent hours searching every database. How can something like that exist and there be no record of it?" "I take it that it has something to do with Moonshine hiding. And the rules that Neah spoke of.

"I need to speak to him." I mutter

Eric comes with me to the dungeon, hitting the bars to wake up the guy who called himself Devon.

"You said you were removed.

"Good morning to you too." He yawns sleepily, scratching through his dark hair. There was no denying that there was a strong resemblance to Neah "Yes, I told you, I was placed in adoption."

"Then how did you find the pack? If you were three, there is no way you would be able to remember where to find them. You wouldn't have known where the pack was.

"It's a Lycan thing."

"You are saying you can find them?" Eric asks. "Even though you were kicked out the pack. "Yes."

"How?"

"We are.....connected. The same way I know my sister is here. You lot have the ability to link one another, right? "How did you find them?"

He shrugs his shoulders. "I can't explain it. It's like if there were other Lycan packs out there, they would be able to find Moonshine too."

“Are there other packs?”

“No. Why do you think Trey is so keen on keeping the pack hidden? Our kind are dwindling. The ones you saw at Moonshine are the last of the kind. My sister is the last. Alpha.” His blue eyes pause on mine. “You still haven't told her.”

“It's none of your business.”

“She's my sister.” He argues

“You don't even know her.

“Do you?” He mutters sarcastically. “You are in love with her and yet you won't admit it. “Shut up!” I growl

He makes sense’. Aero tells me and I see Eric cocking an eyebrow at me.

Devon holds his hands up, “I'm just saying, how do you think she will feel about you keeping this from her? A secret ‘that has been kept from her, her whole life?’ -

“You know you are lucky to be alive.” “I know. But so is Neah. Have you not stopped to wonder why Trey was keeping her alive?”

“Why?”

“Now that is something I don't know. I've been trying to figure it out for” years. Binding her abilities doesn't even make sense. If he had brought her up differently. She would be just like them. “

“You said he didn't believe in a female Alpha.”

“I did, but then why keep her alive? You have to admit Alpha Dane, something doesn't quite add up. “And you could be making all this up to keep yourself alive.”

“I could, but even you can see that what I'm saying makes sense.”

Do you believe him?’ I ask Aero.

I don't know.’ He replies. ‘He has no reason to lie and yet at the same time, he has every reason.’

If I kill him and Neah finds out.... She will never want to be with me. If he's a liar and is plotting an attack with Trey. Then I would be stupid to ignore it.”

There was only one thing for it, to tell Neah the truth, but would she be able to handle it?

## Chapter 0039

Neah Sitting up in bed, I look around the room in confusion. I was certain that I had been on my way to the shower.

It takes me a second to realise that I only had my sweatshirt on and nothing on my legs. Looking around the room, I spot my joggers and underwear on the chair. I felt sick, had Alpha Dane done something to me.

My eyes flash around the room, checking to see if I was alone. "You are overthinking it, Neah." I mutter to myself as I race across the room to grab fresh underwear and jeans from the closet

There was no blood on the bed sheets and everything felt normal. Alpha Dane did say he would never do that, but what if I had involuntarily given him consent because I was daydreaming again?

Quickly dressing. I slip out of the room, only to meet Alpha Dane on the stairs. His brow is wrinkled into a deep frown "I was just coming to see if you were awake. We need to talk."

A lump in my throat forms. What was he going to say? Did he want to end the contract already? Or was he going to remind me again that I insisted on it?

"Do you mind coming to the office? There's a lot to discuss. "Okay."

"Neah, I need you to talk to me properly. This is important! I know that you are upset or maybe even angry with me. But if it's just going to be a one sided conversation, I am not going to be able to help you understand."

I scowl, what would there be to understand? I just nod. Alpha Dane rolls his eyes, and stands back against the railings to let me pass. He follows a few steps behind, keeping a little distance between us. In the office he asks me to sit as he closes the door and slides the lock across. My heart starts to race, I had never seen him lock the door before.

I couldn't see what he was doing as he stayed behind me for a few seconds, eventually moving around the desk to his chair. The deep frown still sits heavily on his brow.

"Neah, we have a man in the dungeon who is claiming to be your brother?" "Trey?" I ask, confused.

"No. He claims to be your younger brother. He calls himself Devon."

"I....I don't... There was only Trey."

"I know you believe that."

Believe? That was my only brother. He had met him, he should know.

"But what the prisoner is saying is that Trey isn't your brother, he is biologically your uncle and I have to admit, the family resemblance between our prisoner and you is unmistakable whereas you and Trey don't even share the same features."

I look all around the room, at everything but him. I had called Trey brother right up until I was forced to call him Alpha. And there had never been another.

"Are you.... Are you saying that one of my parent's had an affair?"

"No. He thinks that when you were bound the first time, he was erased from your memory. He didn't grow up in Moonshine, he was rejected by the pack and ended up with humans adopting him."

He stares at me with his crimson eyes as I try to think of something to say. It sounded ridiculous.

"You are in fact the eldest child of the Alpha. There is a reason you needed to be bound twice." Alpha Dane states. "When you turned eighteen, you were old enough to take over as Alpha. The Alpha gene surged through you."

"I'm not an Alpha. I mean look at me." "You may not think so, but your blood believes otherwise." I lean my head back against the backrest and close my eyes. "It's a lie."

"Is it? You were bound twice Neah. Twice. I don't agree with binding on any level, but to have it done twice? You would have to be pretty powerful. I think there is an element of truth to his story."

"You believe him?" It surprised me that he believed a story so easily.

"He isn't holding back."

"Are you going to kill him?"

"Not right now. Neah, look at me." I open my eyes to see him focussed on me but now, the frown had gone. "Do you want to meet him?" I shake my head

"I will respect your decision, but can I ask why?"

I shrug my shoulders. I didn't have a specific answer, I just didn't want to.

"Okay." He mutters. He doesn't push for an answer.

"Where did you find him?" I ask quietly.

"Eric found him when searching for Trey and Cassnadra. The guy fell out of a tree." "So he is from Moonshine?" I ask, curiosity getting the better of me.

"Yes and no. He was kicked out by Trey, apparently he has been trying to help you."

"Me?"

"The only thing he kept asking me was if you were safe. If I had got you out. He has not pushed to see you. He just wants to know that you are safe-And for me to tell you the truth, ".> <

"That he is my brother?"

He clenches his jaw. "Unfortunately, there is more to it. He wasn't in human form when he fell out of the tree." "He was a Wolf up a tree?" Wolves couldn't climb trees, well not in Wolf form.

"No."

"L.... I don't understand."

"He looks like that thing that attacked my men." He studies my face, "He calls himself a Lycan."

"Ly....Lycan." What the hell was a Lycan?

I pull my knees up to my chest and wrap my arms around them.

'L... I don't know what that is?"

"You are not the only one. I've been searching for information and there is nothing. The prisoner claims Mognshine are the only ones left. That they are a dying race. " ~~

It didn't register straightaway. "Are you..... Am I..... Are you saying I'm one of them?" "Yes." I whimper. The beast that had attacked was hideous, a monster like something from a nightmare.

"We won't know for certain, not until you are unbound."

I had spent my whole life wondering what it's like to actually be able to shift. To run as fast as possible = through the trees. I wondered if the other side truly enjoyed it. If they liked-Becoming an animal and feeling total freedom. But I-didn't want to become a monster.

“Don't.”

He cocks an eyebrow at me. “Don't what?”

“Don't find someone who can unbind me. Please!” I whisper

He looks shocked. His eyes are wide, his eyebrows raised as he stares at me. “You don't want to be unbound?” I shake my head. “Not if I'm going to become a monster.

“Is that really what you want? For almost all of your life you have been bound.”

“Then it won't make a difference, will it.” I shrug my shoulders.

“You won't be able to heal. You won't be able to protect yourself. You won't.

“I understand.” I whisper. Lowering my head so he couldn't see me blinking back the tears that are building. He stands up and moves to the window and I use the opportunity to wipe my tears on my sleeve.

“Are you sure?” He asks quietly

“Yes.....I don't want to be a monster.

## **Chapter 0040**

Dane

Raven had been right about the constant fear. Now I was paying more attention, I could hear it in Neah's voice but her scent stays exactly the same. The strange scent she carried from our first encounter to now, the only difference was the lavender essence that accompanied her.

I could see her reflection in the window. I could see how she uses her sleeves to wipe away the escaped tears. Barely making a sound.

“For what it's worth. Devon doesn't sound like a monster.” I mutter. “His priority appears to be you and nothing more. As I said, he is very forthcoming with information.

“You mean you haven't had to torture him.” She speaks the words slowly as though she was talking about herself. I see how she fidgets on the seat. Her head turns over her shoulder to look at the locked door. Talking about torture was a trigger.

“No, it was not needed.” I wanted to get her thoughts onto something else. Turning around to look at her, I see how the tears make her blue eyes bright.

dust tell her.’ Aero moans

Do you really think now is the time? She has just asked me to stop looking for someone to help her. To find out that her mate is right here and she can't even sense me, what do you think it will do to her?!"

He rolls his eyes at me and shuts his mouth. Another tear rolls down her face. I hated seeing her like this.

Moving around to her, I crouch down in front of the chair and cup her face. With my thumb, I wipe away the escaped tear. Her eyes close and she leans into my hand, like it was a comfort to her.

The words tumble from my mouth. "Neah, I am your true mate."

A little wrinkle appears above her eyebrows as they knit together. Slowly, her eyes open. She keeps her face resting against my hand and just stares at me. Properly staring into my eyes like she had when I landed on top of her at Moonshine.

My heart thuds and I feel a pull to her. I just about hold it together and stop myself from doing something stupid

"My.... my mate?" she whispers while still frowning

"Yes, Neah."

"I was mated to Kyle."

"And yet you are mated to me too." It was definitely not the reaction I was expecting. I thought she would be happy. Or at least feel a sense of relief. She pushes herself back as far as she can in the chair and away from me. "Mated....to you?"

"Yes."

"Are you sure?"

"Trust me. I know and so does Aero."

"How....how long?"

"A while." Something told me that if I said, from day one, she would freak out.

She presses her pink lips into a thin line and once again. looks over her shoulder, at the locked door.

"No." she mutters again. "You...you....you made a deal with me. Why? Is this what you say to all your brides? Is this... Is this supposed to.... make me feel better?"

The more panicked she became, the more she stuttered. It would be cute if she was happening for any other reason than panic. She really was nothing like any of the other brides or any of the women I would typically go for.

Moving to the door, I slide the lock back and hold the door open. "If you need to leave, go. I know I have sprung a lot of information on you and you probably need some time to think."

I watch her nod her head, but she doesn't move from the seat. "You...you didn't answer my questions."

I leave the door open and sit on the

desk directly in front of her. "I have

never said it to any of the others. I told you I have been looking for my mate for a long time. Did I expect it to be you? Oh. Am I happy it's you? Yes; I don't care if you are - anyone or whatever. That is not important to

me."

She bites her nails, not quite looking at me.

"Is that why you were so angry when you found out what they were doing to me, because of the mate bond?" She doesn't stutter this time. "You are the only one who didn't join in: And Lou lied to Trey too, you said meet you at the front door. You said that I was the one to show you to his office."

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"If I hadn't lied to him, he would have beaten you. My priority was getting you out of there.

I sigh, this was not going at all like the way I wanted it too. "You can't sense the bond, eh so I understand that you don't believe - me. I promise you it is there. Think of the smaller things. Think of how you feel comfort when I'm holding you or how you curl up against me in your sleep. I know you feel safe when I am around. You can't deny that."

Aero was oddly quiet too, because this hadn't gone the way he had hoped.