

# My secret, my bully my mate

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I have a little more insight into why I was brought here later than everyone and why I don't have the warrior brand though. I wonder if it's less to do with my age than these grumpy old men that want to feel like they have some semblance of power now that they are no longer Alpha's running packs. I pack that away to ask about later.

"Xander, there you are, I have been looking everywhere for you. You owe me a dance." Another blonde slides up next to us and Xander rolls his eyes and looks between the woman and Bastian.

This was the plan, to get me away from Xander to give her a chance to snatch him up. I almost have to laugh, they are not subtle about this at all. I expected more covert attempts, but they are not even trying to hide the fact that no one here wants me anywhere near Xander.

Before he can get too angry, I place my hand on Xander's chest. "It's okay, why don't you call Oscar and he can escort me outside while you entertain blondie's delusion that she can maintain your attention for an entire dance." I say low, but still loud enough for all present to hear and then wink at Xander.

A smile breaks across his face before he laughs. I can see blondie is not happy about my comment, but she's also not

dumb enough to say anything in front of me either. I remember her from some of the meetings today and if she was paying any attention, she knows I'm not stupid and can verbally spar with the best of them.

"Anything for you Midge. I'm giving you ten minutes, then Oscar is going to bring you right back to me, okay?" He touches the underside of my chin and lifts my eyes to his. The intimate gesture is not missed by the other two.

Oscar saunters up, he really is a beautiful man. He smiles at Xander and then at me. "I hear I'm needed to babysit, because you for sure don't need protection." The three of us laugh. "I've got her your highness, we'll see you in exactly ten minutes." Oscar winks at him.

Xander leans over to plant a kiss on my temple. "I'll see you soon." I just nod.

"For not being mates, that boy seems awfully smitten with you." Bastian growls. "How did you manage to get his affections when the women around here have been trying for years?"

"I thought we were going to discuss some of my suggestions from earlier?" I raise an eyebrow at him.

"I really just wanted to get to know you. You seem to be something of a novelty for the royal family and I was curious. You seem to have each of them eating out of the palm of your hand. Even your new guard is only an inch

from you.”

I don't have to look to see where Oscar is. I can feel his body heat behind my shoulder and the tension rolling off of him is almost palpable. He doesn't like this elder and I am inclined to trust his judgment just as I do Xander's in this situation.

“I did nothing spectacular, and I'm not looking for praise. I am a warrior, I participated in the trials like all warriors wanting to join Elite training, I had a few conversations with the Alpha King about battle strategy and training and a few about life. The Alpha King and Luna Queen have been very kind to me. I have nothing else to say on the subject.”

“Were you really a part of the relief warriors that helped the packs surrounding Alpha Brecc's territory?”

“Yes.”

“How is that possible? There is no way any Delta or Gamma would have taken a thirteen year old girl on a mission like that.”

“Maybe not in the pack you came from, but at Blue Crescent, we push our warriors, not hold them back. We have had several people my age start to train early because they showed signs of proficiency early on in many areas. Some are training to be healers with our pack doctors while still in school. Some train with our teachers working with pups. Some of our Omegas are working with our farmers. I just

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happen to be good at fighting, so I was brought into the relief team to gain experience and knowledge. I also happen to be good at defensive strategy, which is what I supplied to Alpha Brecc. He chose not to use the tools that were given to him, because it was designed by a girl and now he is understanding the consequences of those actions." I closed my mouth after that. He doesn't need any more information from me and he can just sit there and squirm, knowing he isn't intimidating me.

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I can feel Oscar's chest rumbling behind me. Is he laughing?

Elder Bastian switches to safer topics after that. He asks how I like the facilities of the training camp, if I've had a chance to tour the Royal Pack, how I'm balancing school and training, things like that as we take a couple laps around the long and narrow balcony.

Oscar taps my shoulder, "It's time, Prince Alexander is looking for you." I just nod and take his offered arm.

"It was a very illuminating conversation, Elder Bastian, thank you." I turn Oscar and I around and start walking in, not caring if I get a reply from this slimy as\*hole.

We make our way inside and Xander is trying to extricate himself from blondie without making a scene, but after the conversation with, who I can only assume was her father, I'm having none of it. I let go of Oscar and walked straight to her, getting so close that if I was taller our eyelashes could braid together.

"I'm going to need you to stop making a fool of yourself. You had your opportunity with the Alpha Prince, he is not interested, move along and move on." I let a little of my Beta and I guess Alpha aura out to make sure she knows I'm not kidding. I've never had a reason to use it before, but the sensation is amazing and terrifying all at once. I can see

how the power could go to someone's head.

Her eyes go wide and she slowly backs away. Smart girl.

"When you become a Luna, remind me not to piss you off, like ever." Oscar says from behind me and I turn around confused.

"What are you talking about, I'm no Luna." I just stare at him as Xander takes his place by my side wrapping his arm around my waist where it has been all night.

"The hell you're not! That was borderline scary and very sexy all at the same time, and I don't even like girls." I couldn't hold in a laugh at that. "You are going to be someone's bada\*s Luna. I just hope it's with someone in this kingdom. Can you imagine having to negotiate with her?" He looks at Xander. "We'd lose our whole pack fairly." He shakes his head and Xander and I both laugh.

The rest of the night was much the same. Females trying to gain Xander's attention, several Elders trying to distract me and many of them trying to get me secluded from the group with was creepy enough, but I had an invisible warrior following me around and Oscar by my side if Xander couldn't be. There were actually a few males our age who tried to approach me, but both Xander and Oscar growled at them for even approaching. The jealousy and dominance that they gave off just made me laugh and think of my brother and Oliver.

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Around midnight Alpha Reggie and Luna Anne came over to us and said it was okay to leave if we wanted to. The three of us did not hesitate to get out of the dog and pony show. We practically ran to the elevator, but before the doors closed and hand slid through stopping them and my heart stuttered. Was this when someone actually tried something?

The doors slid open slowly and I let out the breath I didn't realize I was holding. "Warrior Osiston, seriously, you scared the sh\*t out of me."

"Really? With all the BS you put up with tonight, someone stopping the elevator was what scared you?"

"The verbal sparring is nothing, after tonight, that's what I expect from most of these people. I guess I let my guard down for something more aggressive." I chastised myself. I can't believe I let my guard down, even after I was warned.

"Lesson learned then?" I just nod and look down at my feet. I'm upset with myself, that kind of behavior could be the difference between living or getting killed.

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"Don't be too hard on yourself, Little One. Your assessment is correct. These people mostly deal in words, bribes and threats. Especially in the King's Castle. They will not risk being an outcast here, but that doesn't mean that they won't try things away from the king. You did good tonight, though."

"You were watching me?"

"The King would trust your safety to no one else. Remember, you are special, Little One and very important to this kingdom."

I all of a sudden felt very tired. I don't want to be special, I just want to be me. I want to become a warrior, find my mate and ride off into the sunset with my family like a romance movie. Is that too much to ask? I lean into Xander and rest my head on his chest. His arm tightens around me and I just close my eyes breathing in his comforting scent.

The next thing I know I'm swaying, like someone is rocking me gently to sleep. I take a deep breath, and bury my head into the soft fabric I'm laying on. I hear whispers around me though, which is pulling me closer and closer to consciousness, making me grumpy.

"You should have seen her shut down Bastian. I've never seen someone else dominate a conversation with him before, it was amazing."



"She went toe to toe with Olympia too. I thought that girl was going to wet herself. I'm already a little terrified of Sky, when she gets her full Luna powers she's going to be a force, bigger than she is now."

"What makes you think she will be a Luna?" I'm starting to recognize voices now. Osiston is asking Oscar, I think. The swaying is lulling me back to dreamland, but I need to fight it, I want to hear this conversation. Are they talking about me?

"She commanded a room of over fifty people, during the conferences today, as a female with all of these old school bastards who think females should be relegated to the pups and the healing rooms. The only reason they brought their own daughters in, who had no concept of what was going on, was because they found out she was going to be there and wanted the chance to parade them in front of Xander, not actually participate. She shut all of them down and proved she deserved a spot at the table without being mean or petty or having a political agenda behind it. Then tonight she stepped up to each insinuated insult and let no one intimidate her. If she's not a Luna, Warrior Brogen, I would fear for your job security." The people around us laugh quietly.

"Here Xander, I want her in this guest room, closest to you. There's a few I still don't trust that might try something tonight." I chose that moment to open my eyes, take a deep

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breath in and look around.

"Hey Midge." Xander whispers. "You fell asleep in the elevator. You're staying here tonight and all day tomorrow, so don't try sneaking out early to go running."

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