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I roll my eyes at him. "We are due for a meeting with Alpha Reggie, Luna Anne and Mina. Sorry, have to run, a kingdom to take care of and all." We start to turn and they both begin to protest when Mina comes around the corner making the same assessment that I did.

"I have been looking for you two everywhere. Ladies," She gives the girls the briefest look, then turns back to us. "We need to get to Luna Queen Anne's office immediately." Then turning toward the dumbstruck girls. "Make sure you find your way back down to the common areas where guests are allowed. We wouldn't want you to get in trouble again and be banned from another royal function." She takes Xander's other arm and we all walk off.

I could barely contain my laughter and I for sure could not look at Mina. It is far too much fun to mess with those girls, but damn, they were exhausting sometimes.

We make it to Luna Anne's office and all collapse in chairs.

I let my head fall back on the comfy low-backed chair. "We need to find your female mate. I am so tired of being called a sl*t and a wh*re by girls who are just mad that I can hold a conversation with you and keep your attention for longer than thirty seconds. They don't attack Mina like that."

"What did you say?" My eyes fly open, I didn't even realize



Luna Anne was in here. I thought we just came in for an escape.

"I am so sorry, I did not mean to talk like that in front of you." My eyes went wider when I noticed Alpha Reggie was there too. I look down at my hands, really not wanting to repeat my comment.

"Charlene and Olympia cornered me on my way up to get Midge from her lesson with Elana. They had some choice words to say about her." Xander tried to smooth over for me. 1

"Alexander, explain, now! I want to know what those two are up to. They are not allowed up here, and I will not have them spreading rumors or bad mouthing anyone inside this castle. If they cannot maintain a certain level of decency I will remove them myself."

I don't think I have ever heard her use his full name before, outside formal events. She's just as scary as Alpha Reggie when she needs to be.

Between the two of us, we explain the situation with the girls and let Mina tell her addition to the story. I noticed while Mina was talking that she kept scratching at her arm. After we were done talking I could tell that the Alpha and Luna were having a discussion over their mindlink, so I took the opportunity to ask about Mina's arm.

"What's wrong with your brand? You keep scratching at it, like you're allergic to something." 1

"Not sure, but it has been like this since I woke up this

morning. I have felt kind of off all day too, like I am getting sick or have a fever."

"Do you think someone put something in your drink or food?"

"No idea."

"Mina, can I borrow you for a moment?" Luna Anne interrupted our conversation. "We'll be right back." She was clearly still angry about what happened with Chalrene and Olympia. But I'm not sure if the anger was directed at them or me.

Once they left Alpha Reggie looked at both of us. "Your Luna Queen doesn't take kindly to her family being insulted and she is fed up with the behavior of our elders as much as the rest of us. As soon as Xander can take the throne we can actually start to replace some of our older or unhelpful Elders with those who will actually take the job seriously, until then we are stuck."

"Can Midge here be on the council? She's the only other person I will trust outside you and my mates at this point."

"Once you are King you can set up your council how you see fit, but I would not disband them all, you will need the experience on your side as well."

"Honestly, there's only two who don't seem to pull their weight and yet have the most opinions on everything."

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I have no idea what happened with Luna Anne, Mina and whoever they went to see, but Olympia and Charlene have

not bothered us for several weeks now. It doesn't mean that we let our guard down at royal functions, but it has made them more pleasurable.

One of the mid-summer meetings the Alpha King hosts the Alpha Games. The current Alphas are paired up with an Elite warrior and they have to find a designated hidden item in the forest. They have to search over a hundred acres of forest and are given minimal clues. It's all good fun and for bragging rights, but something that I've heard talked about a lot since I have been here. I guess it's an honor to be chosen as a warrior partner.


Mina and I are actually on guard duty tonight. We aren't with Luna Anne, Alpha Reggie or Xander. But, we really weren't needed since this is an exclusive event for the Royal family, the Alphas participating and their Lunas and the warriors participating. It's something where they can let their hair down and have fun. Apparently the sh*t talking is epic and noteworthy. So we are watching the elevator to the Royals floor since many of the castle guards are chosen to participate in the event.

Mina is still itching while we are standing here. "Sky, it really burns now. I don't know what is happening, nothing seems to help. She is doing her best to not draw attention to herself, but looks like she is really in pain. I have not had any issues with my brand.

"Doc Sylvia? I need you, something is wrong with Mina. Her warrior brand has been itching for a few weeks and she says it's burning her now. She's in a lot of pain. We are in the castle, guarding the main elevator."

"We're coming. Keep her calm."

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"Help is coming Mina. Hold on just a little longer okay?" She just nods at me while she is trying to hold her position and taking deep controlled breaths.

About five minutes later several things happened all at once. Mina drops to the ground in the fetal position, panting and holding her arm, but not making a sound. She is trying to be brave and stay calm like Doc Sylvia asked. Then she let out a blood curdling scream and went limp in my arms as a pulse of magic burst out of her and expanded away from us like a ripple from a drop of water. Then I heard the most feral growl I have ever heard in my life.

Doc Sylvia comes running at me from the front of the castle, a door bangs behind me but I can't be bothered to look while my friend lays here limp. The next thing I know I am lifted off my feet and tossed aside. I slid across the floor coming to a stop only because I hit a wall.

"What did you do to her?!" Xander's growl and menacing look told me his wolf was almost completely in control.

"Xander? I...I didn't do anything. Please let Doc Sylvia help her."

"Stay back! No one else hurts mate!"

Mate?! Oh sh*t! 2

"Xander, please. Her warrior bond broke, but it wasn't supposed to do that. She's in pain. Let Doc Sylvia help her. Where is Oscar? He's going to want to be with her too. She needs both her mates." I try pleading with his wolf, staying right where I am. I don't need his wolf attacking me or shifting right on top of her.

"Oscar?" His growl is still there, but less as the thought of his other mate calms him.

"Yes, call for Oscar." I plead. "He needs to be here too. You both together can help her heal. She's been having trouble with her warrior brand for weeks. Maybe your bond caused it to break since you have been spending so much time together."

"That's a good theory, Skylar. Can You call Oscar though, I don't know if Xander's wolf is going to give him enough control to do that."

"Oscar, we need you. We found your female mate and Xander is losing his mind here. Please try to calm him or a lot of us are going to get hurt. His wolf is on a warpath."

"I'm on my way Midge, I thought I felt something in my chest open up. Who is she?"

"Mina, your Luna is Mina." 1

"Really?! What happened?"

I told him about the itching and the warrior brand bothering her for a while. It didn't take him long to get here and the moment he touched Xander, the tension surrounding the

room evaporated like fog.

"We have her my love. We are complete now." Oscar kisses the side of Xanders head and they both hold her while Doc Sylvia works around them.

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"It's been two days! Why is she still out?" Xander snarls the same question he's been asking for the last 48 hours while pacing a hole in the plush carpet.

"Her brand was not designed to leave her like that, it took its toll. You need to be calm for her. If what Skylar said is right they should have their brands until next summer, she was forced out of hers because of how strong your connections are. You should be proud of her for enduring that." Doc Sylvia both scolded and comforted in the same statement.

"I am proud of her, I just need to see her eyes, open and alive. It's different now that she is our mate." He sits down for the first time in a very long time and I place a glass of water in his hand.

"She is a fighter and you know that. Let her heal and come to terms with the idea of being the next Luna Queen. Do you know the kind of pressure that is? We used to laugh about it when we would stay up talking when I couldn't sleep. The Luna Queen had the ultimate pressure. She has to be strong and independent, but also kind and soft, while supporting the Alpha King and all their subjects, but at the same time have her own identity and calling in life. There's no way anyone who really understands what the Luna Queen's expectations are would choose to enter into that position."

He stops to look at me for just a second, and then walks over to me and wraps me in a hug. Thank you for being here and keeping me sane through all of this. I don't know what any of us would do without you, Midge." 1

"That's what family is for, right?" I hugged him back. "Now go and be by your mate. She is resting, getting ready for the likes of both of you." I wink at him. "That takes a little mental preparation. No one plans to have two mates and you and Oscar have had time to wrap your heads around this, who knows what she is thinking."

"You are the first person I am going to add to our advisory council. YOU will be the youngest person to be called an elder." He laughs as he gives me one more squeeze and then lets me go, to go and lay by Mina.

We had her moved to the room he and Oscar share to make her more comfortable and in the hopes that their scents would help her heal and wake faster. She's in a kind of coma. She's breathing and responds to basic muscular manipulations, but is stuck in her sleep. She moves and turns, but it doesn't seem fitful or like she is frightened, just moving. She cuddles to both Oscar and Xander when they sleep next to her, but she will reach out if I am near. Elena thinks that is because we got our warrior bonds together and we have a connection forged from that experience.