

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

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Dane

Centuries of recorded research and there was nothing to describe the beast that had tried attacking my pack. I slam the laptop shut just as Jenson makes his way into the office

"Have you seen your mate?" He asks with a bemused expression and drops down into a chair, sticking his feet up on my desk.

"Yes." Raven had already made me aware that Neah was having some kind of meltdown about going out the front door, but I had decided to keep my distance. There were just some things she would have to figure out for herself. "Why?"

"I'm just surprised that you have left her alone.

"She isn't alone." I smack his feet off my desk, "What do you want, Jenson?" "I thought we were heading over to Moonshine.

"Plans have changed."

"Well thanks for telling me!" He rolls his eyes.

Does he always have to make it about him?' Aero grumbles

'I've been a little preoccupied. As you should be." I snap at my brother

"The forest has been checked. There is no sign of anything else. What do you want me to do?" He shrugs, unphased. "We are well trained. We have dealt with other creatures and if more of those things come, we will deal with them too."

He was so optimistic. But that was how he had always been. Even when I caught him in bed with my first bride. He had been completely and utterly unbothered. And strangely enough, that is what made him the perfect Gamma. He was able to keep such a level head that he could see problems where others couldn't.

"If it puts you at ease, I will up the number of Wolves on duty." He mutters when I don't say anything.

“Do you think it was here for her?” It was already a growing suspicion that I had. The breaking of the blood tie, what Madame Curie had said and now something like that turns up, it couldn't just be a coincidence. Nothing in my life was ever a coincidence.

“Neah? No, I mean, I don't want to sound rude, but she isn't exactly anyone special is she? She is just someone that you happened to have found and added to a contract. Just like all the others.”

She is not someone we just found! Aero snarls in my head. ‘She is our mate. Tell him if he puts another hand on her, I will be the one to bite it off.’ I smile at Aero's words.

“Is he saying something?” Jenson asks. “Is Aero talking about me?”

“He just wants to remind you of the importance of keeping your hands to yourself.”

There was a flicker of grey in my brother's dark eyes, his wolf Aspen was close to the surface.

Aspen had been desperate to challenge my Wolf Aero for years, but he knew he didn't stand a chance. Yet it still doesn't stop him from pushing and it was always fun to let him try. Deep down, he knew he didn't have the strength or power to beat us.

The grey fades and Jenson stares at me with his dark eyes. “If we are not going tonight, what do you want me to do?” Tell him to shove his head up his own arse! Aero muses

“See if you can gain a location on Madame Curie.

“Seriously? Finding a needle in a haystack would be easier.”

I roll my eyes at him, “You saw how she reacted. She knows something. Just see what you can dig up.”

“Fine.”

He heads out of the office as I stand at the window. watching Raven and Neah throwing snowballs at each other. Both of them laughing and smiling as they ran around. I feel my own heart skip a beat at seeing the happiness on my mates face.

After a few minutes, Neah suddenly collapses on the floor and is holding her hand to her chest. I was out the window and tearing towards them before I had a chance to think “Neah, Neah, what happened?!”

“You really need to chill out.” Raven snorts. “She's just out of breath. She doesn't have her Wolf back yet. She can't keep going for hours and hours like we can. Talk about an overreaction!”

"She's right." Neah mutters breathlessly. "I'm fine."

"Then that's enough for today." I pull Neah up off the ground. "You need to change, you are soaked." Neah nods and makes her way back inside

"I was trying to get her to have some fun." Raven mutters as she folds her arms over her chest.

'I see that now.'

"You are worried about her, aren't you?" My sister questions. "She's not always going to be injured or thrashing about in pain. If she wasn't allowed to do anything at Co Moanshine, she just isn't going to have the standard fitness levels of other Wolves. It will take time."

Her dark eyes linger on my face and she sighs, "But you have something else on your mind, don't you?"

She was my only sister, but also the only one in the pack that knew when something else was bothering me. "This isn't about her being out of breath, is it?"

"No." "Do you want to talk about it?" She offers with a small smile. "No, not until I know more." I return her smile hoping it would reassure her, "Nothing to worry about."

"I may be a few years younger than you and you may have raised Jenson and I after our parents were killed. But it's been a long time since I was a child. Maybe I can help.

"Just keep an eye on Neah when I'm not around." She nods her head before turning and walking in the direction of the hospital. Now you! I snap at Aero. 'Don't fucking do that again!'

I'm sorry. I panicked. You would be pissed if we hadn't done anything.' He moans, 'I had to make sure she was okay.'

My control over him was usually strong, but in that moment, when we saw her collapse, he took over.

I find Neah in the bedroom. A blanket wrapped tightly around her upper body. 4 and she had changed = out of the jeans and into some aey joggers. 3. The blanket hid her top,

I assume she has changed out of that too. Content belongs 4 to 6

'I'm okay. I swear.' She mutters as soon as she sees me. "Good. "Are you mad?"

“No. Yes, but not with you.” I tell her and she just stares at me with her big blue eyes. She was definitely growing more comfortable with looking directly at me and I didn’t mind.

She sits on the bed and the blanket slips from her shoulders, revealing one of my tees. “I...I was trying to go outside by myself. I...I wasn’t trying to run.” she stutters.

“I know, Raven told me.”

She presses her lips together and nods her head. Taking the chair, I watch her reposition the blanket on her shoulders. She shuffled herself further back on the bed so she could sit cross legged.

I wanted to rig the clothes and the contents belong to

blanket romper and bury myself

deep inside of her. The thoughts™

were getting harder and harder to ignore which I was certain that Aero had something to do with. Thankfully, the idea of it killing her was what was holding me back.

‘The sooner we kill Kyle, the better.’ Aero’s voice rumbles through my head

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Dane Neah drops her eyes, her fingers fidget with the edge of the blanket as she waits for me to say something. She’s like a forbidden fruit.’ Aero muses. ‘So close and yet so far away. Are you sure it will hurt her?’

I hear the desperation in his tone. I knew how he felt because I felt my own urges anytime her blue eyes locked with mine. It wasn’t just Aero that wanted her. I wanted to feel the satisfaction of knowing she was mine.

Until her mate bond with Kyle is truly broken, we have to wait.’ I tell Aero

It wasn’t what Aero wanted to hear and it wasn’t what I wanted to admit.

You truly believe she is our mate? Destined to be with us and no one else?’ I ask

I feel it in my bones.’ Aero mutters smugly

“You...You haven’t said anything?” Neah whispers. Her eyes are still low.

Even her little stutter had me turned on

'I have a few errands to run,' I say as I stand up

She bobs her head and as usual, doesn't question me. However, I do feel her eyes on me as I walk out the door. Moving through the house, I could hear my brother arguing with Eric

"You can't be serious, Eric!" My brother hollers

"I am deadly serious." Eric snaps back. "You think just because you are Dane's brother, I will let you get away with crap. Well not this time. It's not happening. Regardless of who you are, I outrank you!"

"Come on, Eric, I will make it up to you."

I frown

'What the fuck has he done now?' Aero groans

'You know Jenson, he has probably lured Eric's partner into bed.'

Pushing the door open, I glare at my brother. "What the hell have you done now? "Go ahead." Eric snarls, "Tell him!"

"It was ages ago." My brother pleads. "We got drunk, okay. That was it, just one night. It never happened again." His dark eyes flash to me and I knew immediately that I had been right.

"Seriously? You slept with Kelsie? What the fuck is wrong with you?" I snap

Eric and Kelsie had been together since they were thirteen, they had two kids together. Maybe it wasn't his hands that needed cutting off. Aero laughs at the thought.

Eric was livid even though he hid it well. Eric's eyes flash at me. "Tell me you are not going to let him get away with this?!"

I loved my brother, but he was out of control

"Jenson." I mutter coldly.

"I know, I'm temporarily grounded. Won't leave the house unless accompanied by you or Eric." Contents belong to

"No, not this time. You have had warning, after warning and you don't change: To you it is all fun and.~ games: "I keep all of my emotions out of my tone. "So I will give you a choice." Content belongs to ta" -

He stares at me with his dark eyes.

"Banishment or.

My eyes flash to Eric's, he knew what was coming next and even he was surprised by it.

"Or what?" Jenson asks.

"Death." I state clearly.

His jaw drops open. "Are you actually serious? I'm your brother. You raised me and Raven. I will change. I won't do it again "Clearly I did not raise you well enough!"

"All because I slept with his other half?" Jenson scowls.

"But it's not just Kelsie, is it? What about all of my-brides that you slept with? Wha about all the women that you have bedded that belong to > someone else. It's almost as if it is a challenge for you. To have thec women that are already taken. Endugh I is enough, Jenson. As said, you have had warning after warning and you have still tried to hit on my bride."

"Bullshit!" He is on his feet. His eyes turning grey. If Aspen wanted a fight, Aero was right here and ready for him

"Really? What is the comment you made about Neah being family? Implying that she is to be shared! - Raven tells me everything, Jenson If you wapt to chase women that don't belong to you, go elsewhere and do it-tMless with the fucking humans for tent belong to

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"Better yet, leave and take Kelsie with you." Eric snaps

"You want me to take your boys?" He asks with a cocked brow. "No, just her." Eric growls

"Bro, you can't do this!" Jenson pleads with me

"Eric isn't the first to tell me this. I have a list as long as my arm. Now your time is up, what do you choose?"

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Jenson shakes his head, his dark eyes wide in shock. "I will leave." He mutters. "I just... I just need a few hours to pack my stuff." He mutters in shock

"Supervise him!" I tell Eric.

"Not a problem."

Eric follows Jenson from the office as I link Raven

'Are you free?' The news would be better coming from me.

Sure, where?'

Office."

'On my way.' She chirps happily

'She isn't going to be happy.' Aero states what I already know.

'And that's why it is better coming from us.'

Raven is quick to appear. She's her usual happy self which means that Jenson was yet to link her. 'Is this about Neah?'

"No. Your brother has been up to his usual tricks."

"You said this isn't about Neah."

"It's not. It turns out that Jenson slept with Kelsie."

"Are you serious?" Her dark eyes are wide. "Why the hell would he do that?"

"It was some time ago. but has only come to light recently. Raven, he has chosen to be banished. "You're banishing our brother, my twin?"

"It's gone on long enough. He has been given warning after warning and he still doesn't change. Do you know how many complaints I receive every day because of what he does? I can't fault that he is an excellent Gamma, but sadly, his abilities no longer outweigh his activities."

She folds her arms, "Crap. Where is he going to go?" 'I don't know. "You mean you don't care!"

"Of course I care about my brother, Raven. But there are only so many warnings I can give him. If it had been anyone else, they would have been long gone and you know as well as I do, that he has taken advantage of being my brother."

She slowly nods her head and sighs, "I understand."

She's taking it a lot better than I thought she would.' Aero mumbles and I agreed, but then again, for twins, they weren't exactly the closest.

"You can stay in touch if you feel the need. You are his twin, I will not hold that against you. But from this day forward, he is no longer a member of this pack. That means not giving him information, not telling him of

mine or anyone's location. No filling in on any attacks. You tell him nothing.

Understood?"

She nods.

"Raven, I need to hear you say it:

"I understand. I will not in any circumstances give him information."

"Good. I believe he is in his room packing if you want to say your goodbyes."

She doesn't say anything as she leaves.

She will get over it.' Aero mutters, 'We have to do what's right for the pack.'

I wasn't a complete asshole. I gave him keys to the car and handed him enough money that should see him through for a few months until he figures things out. But essentially, he was on his own because no other pack would take him. Content

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"You made the right call." Eric tells me as we watch the black car disappear from sight. "I know. It's been a long time coming."

"Would you have killed him if he had said death?"

"I don't know." If it had been anyone else, yes I would have done, but could I have gone as far as ending my brother's life? Who knows. "What about Kelsie? She didn't leave with him." I ~

"She's trying to use our sons as a reason for us to stay together. Fifteen years we have been together, and she throws it away on fucking Jensen." He looks up at the house



where we both could see Neah sat in the chair by the bedroom window. "Good job you got him out before he got to her." And in that moment, I realise that is all it would have taken for me to kill Jenson, finding out he had fucked my mate.

"Have you told her yet?" Eric asks.

"About?"

"Her being your mate, obviously."

"It's complicated." I sigh

"It's a little unfair to not tell her, considering you made her part of the contract."

"She's still mated to someone else."

"You do want her, right? I mean surely you wouldn't have brought her here if you didn't want her."

"I want her, but I also need her to want me and not just because of some fucking matebond."

## **Chapter 0024**

Neah In the kitchen, I find Raven shovelling food in her mouth. Her dark eyes were tearful and her face blotchy from holding back the tears "Aren't you supposed to be in your room!" She snaps at me

"I was.... I'm hungry and um.... Alpha Dane said that if I ever was, I could... help myself." I stutter. Raven had never been short tempered with me. "Are you okay?" I ask quietly.

"Jenson has been banished." she splutters and the tears break free. "Oh," I puff out my cheeks as I think of some words of reassurance, but all I could come up with was an apology.

Her dark eyes linger on my face. "It's not because of you. It's because he is an idiot. I warned him so many times that Dane would only put up with it for so long. And I'm trying not to cry, but Midnight is grieving for her twin and I can't control it."

"Your wolf?" I couldn't remember if it was her or Alpha Dane who had told me the name of her Wolf.

"Yes, because not only are Jenson and I twins, the Wolves we were gifted by the Moon Goddess are twins too. Midnight knows it was his own fault but still she sobs.

Slipping into a seat opposite her, I frown. I didn't understand the separate Wolf thing. None of Moonshine had them, well not that I knew of. But then, it wasn't like they told me anything.

"Can I ask you something? "As long as it's not about Jenson." "Is it normal to have another voice, your Wolf, like living inside your head?"

She tilts her head to one side as she stares at me. "We all have one. Well, not you, but we all have one. When we shift, they take over and we become a voice to them. It's a spiritual thing. Surely you know that."

I had already sort of mentioned it to Dane, but alot was going on and I hadn't brought it up again. "It's just, all of you here talk about them. My brother never did, in fact I never heard of anyone referring to their Wolf at Moonshine. Is that weird?"

"Super fucking weird. If they have a Wolf that is anything like Midnight, who doesn't ever stop talking, you would soon know about it. Have you told Dane?"

"Sort of, I haven't discussed it because...." I look down at my stomach "and then there was an attack and now he seems to be avoiding me." 'I'm telling you, Neah. That is really weird and Midnight wants to know if you have ever seen their Wolves.

I shake my head

"You saw us shift and take down that beast. Are you really saying you have seen nothing like that at Moonshine?"

"My brother had a rule. Shifting was to be kept in the woods."

"You need to tell Dane." She shoves a bit more food in her mouth.

Raven sees my hesitation and offers to come with me. "It's better that He know everything you know. And I'm sorry I snapped at you." She gives me a small smile. Content belongs to -

She links Alpha Dane for me and asks him to meet us in his office.

We were waiting almost thirty minutes before he appeared. The waiting made me panic more. It was a reminder of some of the abuse\* had reg@ived from Moonshine. Sometimes, when I knew it was coming, they would make me wait, téPmenting me further. G@tentContents belong to

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"Even I can smell your panic. And I am not an Alpha." Raven mutters "I thought my scent was weird."

"It is, which means your panic levels are stupidly high. You need to relax."

The door swings open and Alpha -~ Dane strides in. "You wanted to talk." His voice was still cold and normally he would be watching me, instead his eyes are on Raven. ~

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"Neah needs to tell you something." She smirks at him

"So why are you here?" He replies

"Support.

He snorts at the word.

"I....." [take a deep breath. "I told you my brother never spoke of his Wolf."

"You lied to me?" He interrupts me.

"No. Nothing like that. I didn't realise that everyone has a Wolf that is someone else." His eyes shift to me and he cocks a brow.

"I thought, when you talked about Aero, it was an Alpha thing. I....." I glance over to Raven who gestures to keep going. "I didn't know it was everyone."

"And now you do?!"

'I never saw them at Moonshine.'

"You never saw them?" He asks curiously

I shake my head and tell him what I had told Raven.

"No one talked about their Wolf? No one ever shifted in front of you?"

I shake my head. I knew how stupid it sounded. I grew up in a Wolf pack but had never seen a shift, not until the attack here. "It's weird, right?" Raven asks

"Never?" He asks me again

"I never thought about it. I didn't need to. My job was to clean and be beaten." I didn't mean to say the last bit, it just slipped out. There is a flash of anger on his face. "Being beaten is not a job."

For a moment, the room was silent and all I could hear was my own heartbeat pulsing through my body.

"My brother had a rule. Shifting was only allowed beyond the trees." I shrug my shoulders. "I never went in the trees."

Alpha Dane closes his crimson eyes. "They never shifted even when they.....hurt you?"

"No."

His eyes flash open. "Then it looks like we will be going to Moonshine after all. Raven, go find Eric, tell him to round up the best. "We are attacking?" She mutters

"Possibly." His eyes settle on me. "You are coming too, Neah."

Alpha Dane tells me to change into something more appropriate than joggers and-a tee. I change into a => pair of black jeans and pull on a pair of combat boots. He walks into the bedroom just as I pull a sweatshirt over my head. Content belongs to me

He doesn't say anything about the clothes I have chosen as he grabs his jacket from the closet. The same one he had the day I first met him. "Ready?"

'L....] think so?"

"Good, the cars are waiting.

"What about the snow?"

He stops to look at me. "The snow isn't that deep, but that's not what you're really worried about, is it?" Contents belong to me

I shake my head

"I'm not taking you back. I'm taking you to piss them off." He smiles at me

I open my mouth to say something but close it again and take a deep breath. giving him a small smile.

"Do you think you will get the answers you are looking for?"

'I'm not leaving until I do!"

I follow him as we head out of the house. Several large vehicles were lined up with people already getting in them. Except the vehicle at the front which was the limo I had

a ready ridden in. The driver stood next to the car, holding the door open.

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They will follow us so far, and will hang back but will be close enough to attack if your brother doesn't cooperate." Alpha Dane mutters. "We don't want to appear as if we are planning to attack." ~

I watch Beta Eric get into the limo first.

"And you won't be left alone with anyone." Alpha Dane adds

While I sit in silence, the men have an open conversation about the plan. Every so often, I could feel eyes on me but neither ask me any questions "Well, it's not abandoned." Beta Eric mutters as he looks out the window.

I look out of my window and see the people that had taken great joy in beating me.

## **Chapter 0026**

The car comes to a stop directly in front of the pack house. It really was tiny in comparison to Alpha Dane's home.

As the door is opened, Alpha Dane gets out and holds a hand out to me. I didn't hesitate to take it this time because he had already told me that we needed to annoy Kyle.

The warmth from his touch was comforting and strangely unexpected. Luna Cassandra is standing on the steps in a long white gown. Her blonde hair circles into tight ringlets that bounced around her face

"Alpha Dane." Her shrill voice made me wince and I knew my hand had automatically tightened around Alpha Dane's. "We were not expecting you yet. I believe the contract stated that you would return after thirty days."

So they had read it. "It also states that I will return within fourteen if I'm not satisfied." Alpha Dane mutters as he gives my hand a little squeeze back. "You got what you want!" Luna Cassandra glares at me. "And we have not done anything wrong."

"There are questions that remain unanswered." There is a darkness to Alpha Dane's tone that instantly fills me with dread. If I had been on the receiving end, I wouldn't want to be in Luna Cassandra's place right now.

"You are more than welcome to come in. My husband and our Beta are out hunting right now. I can try and answer your questions while we wait for their return." She hadn't even flinched at Alpha Dane's tone.

As we enter the house, my heart races. Alpha Dane had reassured me over and over that he wasn't going to let anything happen to me, yet it didn't stop the memories flooding my mind.

We follow Luna Cassandra into the office. Her green eyes lock on mine as she closes the door. "Please, take a seat." She mutters through gritted teeth. It must have been so hard for her to say that to me.

"How can I help you, Alpha Dane?" She speaks so calmly "Who bound Neah?"

It wasn't what I thought he was going to say.

"Unfortunately, that is information I do not know, Alpha Dane." "But she was bound twice, correct?"

Her green eyes flicker to me. "Correct.

"Because she is mated to your Beta."

She sucks in her cheeks. "Was. He rejected her. Who wants a rat like that as@mate?!" She chuckles.> "Have eyOu decided she is worthless, Alpha Dane? Are you trying to return her?" ~

"No. As I said, I am just looking for answers.

"I don't know what you want me to Say, Alphonse Dane. She was bound.as punishment the first time and then againwhen she turned eighteen. The-first witch didn't do a good enough job." -

"You used a witch? I thought you didn't know who it was.

There's a tinge of red to her cheeks. 'I don't know who it was. And we both know only a witch would be capable of doing something{ ike that.' .

It was a good save, but it also sounded rehearsed.

"Then I will wait for Trey to give me the answers that I require.

"Very well, can I offer you something to drink while you are waiting?"

"Water will be fine." Alpha Dane mutters

She leaves the office and returns a few minutes with a jug of water and glasses, placing it on a small table in the middle of the room. Alpha Dane is fast as he pins Luna Cassandra to the wall, holding her inches off the ground as his hands coil around her neck.

"Do you think I'm stupid?" He growls, "I could smell it before you even finished filling the jug."

“You.... you shouldn't be able to.....” Luna Cassandra croaks as she tries to peel his fingers from her throat.

“Blood of Wolfsbane.” Beta Eric mutters, dumping the contents on the floor. Contents belong to

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Dane Cassandra coughs as my fingers tighten against her throat. Her own fingers desperately clawed at my hands, hoping that I would free her. “Are you growing it?” I demand, releasing my grip, just enough to allow her to speak.

“No.” She croaks.

“Then how did you get your hands on some? Is it Trey or the other fucking idiot that's growing it?”

“I found it!” she mutters hoarsely

“Bullshit!” “It's not.....It's not bullshit!” She splutters, “It's...it's true!”

“Who were you trying to kill? Me or her?” I demand

There is movement behind me and from the corner of my eye, I see Neah step forward

“Was it you?” Neah whispers

“Don't speak to me, RAT!”

“Answer her!” I slam her body into the wall again. Feeling some of her bones crack as she yelps in pain ‘I don't...

know what she is talking about.” she gasps

“Let me clear things up for you. Her parents were killed with Blood of Wolfsbane. The murder was pinned on her. A six year old. Your husband claimed she should have known the difference between plants. But you already know all this. So again, did you kill her parents?”

“GET YOUR HANDS OFF MY MATE!” Trey comes charging in, sending me crashing into Neah.

Her blue eyes lock with mine as I land on top of her small frame. She lets out a gasp as my chest hits hers and in that moment. I knew that what Aero is saying is true. There was no doubt about it, she was my mate.

'Told you!' Aero mutters smugly. Contents belong to

But it still didn't explain how she could be mated to two people at once.

I get to my feet and round on Trey. He was raging about me pinning his mate and was checking the marks on her neck. Slowly, he straightens up. "How fucking dare you come in to my home and attack my mate!"

"Can you not smell the blood of wolfsbane?" I snap at him

He clenches his teeth together. "She was alone, she was protecting herself!"

"I came here for answers. Not a war. But if a war is what you want, then I am only too happy to provide."

Suddenly, he holds his hands up, realising that I meant exactly what I was saying "It was a mistake, she shouldn't have done it. But even you, Alpha Dane, must see that my mate felt the need to protect herself.

"Now the problem we have is that, the contract stated if you were to hurt Neah again, this pack would become mine."

"She didn't hurt her though. I assume because you have tipped it on the floor that you figured it out before any damage was done." His eyes shift to Cassandra who was still sitting on the floor, rubbing her neck. "She didn't break any rules, thankfully."

He has found his own fucking loophole.' Aero growls. He had. For the first time since I had started creating contracts, Trey was the first to find his own loophole. "I'm sure we can talk about this... misunderstanding." Trey mutters. He turns to his mate. "Leave us."

"I'm not leaving."

"Let her stay." I mutter. "Let her stay and give away all of your secrets.

I sit back down, watching them both. My eyes flicker to Neah and I hold a finger to my lips. She nods her head; acknowledging that I didn't want her to speak, but to listen. To listen to all the Hés she had been fed over the years. \_; S

"Where's the other one?" I ask. Cassandra said Kyle and Trey were hunting together, but Trey had arrived alone. "He's coming." Trey mutters with a clenched jaw.

"Good, while we are waiting. I want you to tell me who really killed your parents, Trey."

His eyes flicker to my mate. "I already told you."



"But it's not the truth, is it? The fact your mate tried to poison us with the same shit, makes me think that it was her, or at least both of you?"

"It was Neah! And what does it matter? You have taken her as a bride, you clearly don't care about the things she has done in the past.

"Because it is not true. Now you can keep denying it as much as you want, but I know it was one of you." My eyes flash to Cassandra, "Or maybe both of you were involved."

Cassandra drops her eyes at the mention of both of them. "Did you both plan it together?" I ask directly. "Were you so desperate to become an Alpha that you killed your own parents?"

I see how his cheeks pulsate as he clenches his jaw.

If you did, then that is your own

issue, but punish

not to pin it on a child and her the way you have is

not

unfair. But I'm guessing if the rest of

the pack

had found out the truth about it,

they wouldn't think of you as a leader, but as a traitor. There 'would

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space for you in this-pack." belongs to

"What do you want?" He snarls "Tell me the truth." "Don't!" Cassandra cries

"Shut up!" I growl at her

Trey turns to look at Neah. "You did kill them. But it wasn't supposed to be them. you were too young to <sup>TM</sup>& remember, you were supposed to have taken the poisoned lemonade to Cassandra's parents. But you took the jug and served our parents first." Content belongs to

I watch Neah, blink back the tears. Her hands ball into fists as she slides them under her legs until she is sat on them. "So you punished her for your actions?"

"I had too. She served them and there were too many witnesses." He sinks into a chair. "I couldn't let her go unpunished." "And yet, you still let everyone beat her, including yourself. Was binding her not enough?"

"Then the stupid cow should have followed instructions!" Cassandra snaps

Everything Neah had told me about Cassandra's attitude changing made sense. She had tried to befriend Neah and get her to do her dirty work. It was all a ploy.

"So let me get this straight, if she had killed your parents, you would never have tarmented my bride?"

Neither one of them answer me.

"I thought as much."

I was waiting for Aero to say something, but all he does is pace in my mind. I think he was just trying to hold it together until he got more information.

"You may be angry with me, Alpha Dane, but it's in the past. We want to move forward and have a strong alliance with your pack. I know there is bad history between us and my sister, but we can move on from that. Can't we?"

"Bad history?" I snort. "You made her life hell."

I look over to my mate, who is staring down at her lap. And I had a demanding need to get revenge for her. For everything that had ever happened to her, I wanted them all to pay. Every last Wolf of Moonshine would feel my wrath.

## **Chapter 0028**

Neah I was having some sort of flashback. The memory wasn't quite clear but I could hear Luna Cassandra's voice.

"Its so hot today, isn'tit, Neah?" There was a cheery tone to her voice as she helped me make the lemonade. She had let me stand on a chair at the kitchen counter, helping her. A second jug sat on the counter with some leaves sitting in the bottom

"What's that, Cassie?" "I thought we could make some extra. Everyone loves lemonade on a day like this.

The memory jumps forward to me offering the jug to my parents. I had stood and watched as they poured themselves a drink and toasted to something. Then there was chaos.

People were shouting and screaming as someone grabbed my arms and dragged me away. Before I was out of sight, I saw the blood pour from my parents eyes, nose and mouth. They had desperately clawed at their faces

“Neah, what did you do?!”

“I don't know.” I could hear my own fear in my young voice

“Cassie, I didn't mean to. I'm sorry, will they be okay?”

Her face hardened as her green eyes became slits. “My name is Cassandra and you, you stupid girl, just killed your parents.”

I blink a few times, coming back to reality. Just as I look up, Kyle is walking through the door.

“Sorry. I had to deal with some things.” His dark eyes find me. “Decided to bring her back then? To much of a pain?” He muses “Just sit down!” My brother snaps.

It was just so unlike Trey. He never got snarky with his mate or his Beta.

“We have told them the truth about my parents.” Trey continues. “It was time for the truth to come out.

“If it even is the truth.” Alpha Dane snaps

I follow his instructions and don't say anything. I will tell him about my flashback later, hopefully he won't be too angry.

‘I'm also here to make sure you reject her correctly.’ Alpha Dane tells Kyle

Everyone looks at him. There was even surprise on Luna Cassandra's face, but not on my brothers. My brother still knew we were connected “You told me you rejected her.” Luna Cassandra shrieks and I cover my ears. Her voice always made my ears hurt.

“I did and she accepted it.”

Lies.” Alpha Dane snaps. “All 5 fucking: ies. Because if you had teuly rejected her, how could you force a blodd tie on her.” Swnovel.net \_

“You what?” My brother's chocolate eyes are wide with shock

Either my Brother was a good liar, or he truly.c dicin't know about the blood tie. It was impossible for me tatell. I could probably sense it if I had my Wolf. > -

Alpha Danes crimson eyes search my face. “Say it.

What did he want me to say?Contents belong to

“Fucking speak the words and reject her.” Alpha Dane roars and I feel myself tense up.  
“Kyle, reject her. Reject her right now.” Trey utters

“No.” Kyle’s lips are curved up in a smirk.

Alpha Dane turns away from me, Squaring upto Kyle. Alpha Dane is easily taller than him, yet Kyle holds his placésrefusing to back down>> Una fratd. IfI was inthe same © position, I would probably bes” 7 preparing myself to die. ©

“Kyle, do as you're told.” My brother shouts

“Fine.” He moves around Alpha Dane and stands directly in front of me. I drop my gaze not wanting to look directly at him. “Look at me, whore!”

I could feel my body trembling, and slowly forced myself to look at him. There was so much hatred in his eyes.

“I, Kyle Souls, Beta of the Moonshine pack, reject you, Neah Kitson.” He pauses, “as my mate, now and forever.”

“I accept!” I mutter quickly, wanting to get this over with. “I accept your rejection, Kyle Souls.”

While I feel nothing, his face screws up like he is in some kind of pain.

“And now,” Alpha Dane smiles. “I can kill you!”

He pulls a dagger out of his jeans and shoves it straight through Kyle’s back and into his heart.

## **Chapter 0029**

Kyle stumbles forward clutching his chest and Beta Eric quickly pulls me from my seat before Kyle falls forward. He lets out some low guttural sounds before he stills.

Both Luna Cassandra and my brother were on their feet.

“You...you killed him!” Luna Cassandra cries

“He deserved everything he got. I just needed to make sure that he had rejected Neah properly.”

“You killed my brother!” Luna Cassandra shrieks, rushing to Kyle's side.

I hadn't known that and for a split second, I felt sorry for her, until I remembered the hell she had caused me. "You better watch your back, Alpha Dane." She growls at him

"You don't scare me!" He muses

"Maybe I don't, but when you see what's coming, you will wish that I was the least of your problems.

"What are you talking about?" Alpha Dane demands. "Is that some kind of threat?"

"You will see." She mutters as my brother pulls her arm and helps her get up from the floor. They both run from the room and Alpha Dane sends Beta Eric after them.

I stare at Kyle's dead body, half hunched over the chair that I had been sitting in. I had wished for so long to see him die and now it had actually happened, I felt.....relieved

"Are you okay? Did it hurt when he rejected you?" Alpha Dane speaks softly to me. Using his fingers to turn my face to his. "No. But it hurt him, I saw the pain on his face." I whisper. "He... he said it differently this time."

"I thought that might have been the case."

I...I didn't know they were brother and sister."

"Does it matter? You are Trey's sister and they treated you horrendously."

"But it was me, I did kill my parents." I mutter quietly. "I saw myself giving them the jug

"What did you remember?"

I tell him about the flashback, he doesn't interrupt me once as I try to recall gfvaller details. It's only when finish 4that he tells me that he stil believes that I was set up. The same thing he had been saying allalong. Céntent belongs to

"Cassandra said she wanted you to kill her parents, I think that was an excuse. I think the plan was always for you to give the poison to your parents. She wanted to be Luna and your brother wanted to be Alpha."

"They will never know though. They died believing their daughter killed them." I groan

He sighs at my words and before he has a chance to speak, Beta Eric returns.

"They're gone. Everyone has gone. The pack has cleared out."Contents belong to

"What the hell are you talking about?"

'I followed Trey and Cassandra into the trees and quickly lost their scent. It's like they vanished into thin air.' "That can't be possible, Wolves don't just vanish. Where the fuck do they go?"

'I'm assuming they have some kind of safe space.' Beta Eric shrugs his shoulders.

"Set up a search party and hunt them down. I'm taking Neah home."

Back in the carl feel his eyes on me, yet keep mine low. I new he had questionbut I couldn't answer => them. I Krew nothing when it cane to myown pack. And it turned Gut, I didn'tactually know much about Wolves at all.

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"You don't have to see them ever again, if you don't want to." His voice is low. "As far as I'm concerned the contract is void. The one thing that was tying you to the pack, is dead."

Lying down on.the seat, I turn away, facing the back. I could still feel his gaze like it Was burning into the = back of may head. He wanted meté talk, but there was nothing I could say. twas too busy, remembering thejast time I saw my parents and HOw they had looked at mié.

## Chapter 0030

Dane

Neah had fallen asleep by the time we got back. I had watched her shoulders judder as she silently cried, while keeping her back facing me. I had chosen to keep silent. not knowing what to say or do to make her feel better. Even Aero was at a loss.

Picking her up, I carry her inside. She doesn' stir, she doesn't make a sound as I observe her blotchy red face. Do you think she is crying over him?' Aero asks.

I don't know. She said she had felt nothing. A delayed reaction maybe, you know, because of the binding?' We could tell her she is our mate, we can claim her now. She is free of that areshole."

No, I think that is the last thing she will want to hear.'

Putting her on the bed, I take her boots off and she instinctively pulls her knees to her chest, letting out a little snuffly sound as she always deos when sleeping

I watch her for a little while until I get a link from Eric. 'We need to talk!'

He sounded urgent. Maybe the hunting party had found something.

Office.” I link him.

You are going to want to meet me outside for this. We will be arriving in about ten minutes.’ What the hell is that about?’ Aero asks when Eric cuts the link.

I guess we will find out!’ I snap back at him. Contents belong to

With one final check of Neah, I make my way down the stairs and through to the front of the house. Within a few minutes, a line of vehicles started to arrive, all creating a blockade in front of the house as though Eric didn't want the rest of the pack to see.

He jumps out of the vehicle that comes to a stop right in front of me. “Did you find them?” I ask and he shakes his head “Not exactly.” Eric looks around. “Where is Neah?”

“Asleep.”

He nods his head and pulls open the back door of Fl's large car and drags a naked man by his feet, tossing him to the snow-covered ground. His wrists and legs were tied together, a thick metal chain had been looped around his neck and he was only half-conscious. Blood and mud covered him, making it impossible to tell his age.

“You brought me a naked man?” I muse, “He's not really my cup of tea.” Eric shakes his head and grabs the end of the chain. He kicks the man on the ground. “Show him!”

Some of the others that had been with Eric, come forward, all carrying chains. Was the naked man a powerful Wolf? Someone that I didn't know, because that would be impossible!

The man just lies there, staring up at the star-filled sky, dazed. After a few seconds, we hear his bones crack. and watch his legs and arms stretch lengthen, snapping the ropes that hold him. Tufts of fur sprouted from him, but he didn't turn into a wolf, he turned into a beast, like the creature that had tried attacking my men.

Eric calls someone forward and they quickly throw chains around the beast's legs

“Where did you find it?” I demand, studying the beast with my crimson eyes. It looked exactly like the one that had attacked us. “During the hunt for Trey and Cassandra. This one was high in a tree.”

The beast was still sprawled out in the snow, slightly dazed.

In a tree?’ Aero murmurs.

I had to agree with his surprise, you wouldn't find Wolves in a tree.

“Have you not noticed the other thing?” Eric asks

I look at the beast and realise it had no scent. Nothing at all, not even a whiff of body odour.

“How is that possible?”

Eric gives the Qeast a kick. “This one either fell outaf he tree, or the branch caurd no longer carry his weight. Bither way, he landed rightin front of us. But if he hadn't, we” woulé never have known he was there, Dane. When shifted, they can lit@rally hide in plain sight=“