

Extremely Insulted

Chapter 12

Maksim's POV

I'm so thankful I found my mate, or things would have ended badly for our team. We've worked for the Council before, helping them on many occasions. They had respect and appreciation for us, but Melina was right. If we killed Trevor, all that goodwill would have been gone instantly. They would consider it to be his foot slipping, which didn't deserve the death penalty in their opinion. They were all former Alphas, and half allowed their foot to slip.

As much as I hated allowing him to live after hurting my sister so badly. I have to admit, he will be punished more for having to keep Heidi around. He deserved death; he sent his men out to kill my sister. I think the Council glossed over that fact. They felt that since she looked ne now, what happened to her was no big deal. It was disgusting. She had been shot. The bullet hit her side, near her waist. The bullet went through her, but she had a bullet hole in her shirt to prove they intended to kill her.

Just because Kira could heal her, didn't mean that Trevor's intent was something to be forgiving. He took a blessing away from Melina. She has dreamed of being a mother. It's all she's ever wanted. To nd her mate and have his children. When she found Trevor, all her hopes and dreams seemed to have been answered. In her happiness, she didn't see what I had. He never wanted her to be his mate. I'd warned Trevor. I had told the Alpha who hired us that we would do the job we were hired for. If Trevor was planning to reject my

edglings.

I also didn't want that prick to hurt my sister. I knew what was going to happen. I could see in his eyes that the fact that she was a vampire disgusted him. I hate that I couldn't stop it from happening. I blamed myself for the suffering she had gone through. I hate that the light that used to shine in her eyes had been extinguished by a man who wasn't worthy of her. The job took us two days. We caught them coming into the original Alphas pack on the rst night. There were four of them, and they weren't talking about where the rest of their group was.

We waited for them, with a few of us in each pack, to see where they showed up. Melina and I were in this pack. It was the largest, therefore it was the most likely to be more often with so many pack members available to them. We called the rest of the group to, as we caught them. They refused to tell us anything. So, we killed the three boldest of the group, leaving the weakest one alone. He saw what we had done. He knew he was going to die, yet he still held out. He held out for hours, until after the sun came up. Once we put him in the sun, he screamed in pain before nally telling us where their coven was.

We thought they would suspect that something had happened. They weren't aware that the four members hadn't returned. Probably assumed they waited too long to return and holed up in a cave until night fell. They were unprepared for us to show up. There were eight more of them inside their home. Their house looked like any other on the block—a large two-story home, with ower beds, and a well-maintained lawn. The blinds were closed, but they had numerous items in place to prevent sunlight from coming in on the inside.

They hadn't been expecting us. The man we had with us had a key to the door. No alarm was set, as they assumed they were safe. As Vampires, we're light sleepers, ready to protect ourselves at any time. We were already inside before they knew we were there. As expected, they fought well, knowing they were for their lives. Dmitry helped me end the Sire. He would never stop creating new vampires. It was clear he was planning on building his coven.

You feel invincible when you get to a specic place in your life. You also want to be assured that you are protected and safe as you age. He was surprised they had been discovered. He didn't go down without a ght. He got several good shots in on both me and Dmitry. He was ghting for his life, and knew it. Our ght was the longest, and he was hard to beat, but we managed to end him. The bodies were going to be disposed of in a pack.

We ended the weakest one quickly after we veried that we had the correct location. The number of deaths they had caused was over thirty now, in a little over a week. They were never going to stop until their meals were gone. From all the posters up on lamp posts, there were a lot of missing pets around this area. It didn't take a genius to gure out why.

I felt Isabel touch my hand, and I glanced over at her. My hands were tightly clenched on the steering wheel. But I knew she could tell how upset I was. Usually, I would work my frustrations out at the gym. Training, until I was exhausted, but now, I could calm down at my mate's touch. Despite the circumstances surrounding it, I was glad I had found her.

"I'm sorry. I'm just worried about my sister. This experience has changed her. She's always wanted to nd her mate, get married, and be a mother. I can tell that she's trying to play it off, but we're twins. I know her. She's in a great deal of pain. She had to be for her to give up on Trevor. Normally, she would leap at the chance to be with him. I have to admit that when he told her he would mark her, I was scared she would take him up on it. I think losing the baby has hurt her much more than any of us realizes. I hope Mom can help her; if not, we will make sure she gets some therapy. I felt guilty for not stopping her from accepting Trevor. Now that I've found you. I know I wouldn't have been able to, despite knowing how it would end. My feelings for you are so strong. I wouldn't have been able to give you up for anything in the world," I told Isabel.

We headed to the hangar to drop everyone off before dropping the vehicles off at the rental place. The hangar was ve miles away, so we would cut through the woods to return. I hated dropping Isabel off, but I think she will comfort Melina. She was injured, and I asked my uncle to heal her. Kira is still weak from the energy she expended on healing Melina. Plus, we would be able to run faster without her. I wanted to get out of here as quickly as I could. I know Trevor has had a change of heart.

From now on, I would be less inclined to offer assistance when they approached us. They did show up, like they said they would, except they gave us very little support. They sent the two newest members of the High Council to assist us today, which was an insult. If something is important to them, their top men come to ask for help. I got the message they were sending us loud and clear today.

We've risked our lives going into serious situations. We've saved more werewolves in the last twenty years than they can count. Now that we needed their help, they grudgingly gave it, but they sure didn't stretch their necks out. They just oversaw the argument and told him to accept the rejection. The local Council had initially agreed with us. Melina was the Luna there, whether she was marked or not. What was done to her was a crime. They knew it, and we knew it. Once the High Council arrived, the local members stopped speaking. I knew what happened.

I could tell that Jaxon was angry, but he held his tongue. He would be speaking freely when we were on the plane. I could have had Trevor accept the rejection sooner if they hadn't been there. Ivan and Adrik drove the other two vehicles, and we turned them in as quickly as possible. We made it back to the hangar in twenty minutes. They were ready to take off when we arrived. Initially, we had planned to give the High Council a ride back on the plane with us.

I changed my mind. I think they need the extra time to think about their choices. They can y back commercial. I won't be sticking my neck out for them again. I'm sure they'll gure it out soon enough. We've assisted the High Council at least a hundred times. They've helped us once, if you can call what they did today help, and I don't. I see how it is now, and I won't be giving them a pass on it. But before I let them know things have changed, I'll speak to my father and uncle about it. I wouldn't make such a serious move without their approval.

We jogged across the eld to the tarmac to get on the plane. This was a human aireld, and we didn't want to move at our usual speed. We didn't want to draw unwanted attention. The woods were the shortest distance between. With our hustle, they would think we were military. We wasted no time getting in the air. My sister sat between my mate and my father. My mate was a little worried about my uncle healing her. My sister told me she had held her hand and talked her into it. My mate was still looking at her healed arm in amazement.

"I need to have a serious discussion with everyone," I requested, standing up to get their attention.

"I gured you would, son. If it's about how the High Council failed Melina, I agree. The local Council was on our side until the High Council arrived. Alexei said they went and spoke privately with Trevor in his oce. I think that was when he had a change of heart about Melina. He killed her child, however indirectly it happened. That woman was behind it. I read her mind. I noticed that the local Council didn't speak up for us again. Despite not being marked, they're probably in trouble for stating Melina was the Luna. We've done enough; I'm ne with not helping them again. They don't appreciate what we do for them," my father replied.

"That is the law; they were correct. Sometimes, Luna ceremonies get backed up. It doesn't matter if he didn't mark her yet; they were bonded. The local Council was correct. I noticed that the High Council members didn't speak to any of our group. They didn't recognize Chase or me. They wanted to placate you and downplay Trevor's part in it. No punishment will be given to them, but Melina was right. It's best to let him take that she-wolf as his chosen mate. He is about to learn the huge difference between a loving mate and a greedy, power-hungry chosen," Jaxon replied.

"The contract is up for renewal with the High Council. I'm good with not signing a new one, but we can make it ocial with a vote," Alexei stated. "I won't allow them to disrespect us after all we've done for them over the last twenty years."