

## Chapter 129 Silver Lining

Nero's p.o.v.

My Lycan is running through the forest as we keep an eye out for Rogues that want to cross our border, three other Lycans are running right behind us and another group is about ten minutes behind us.

We run a tight border patrol during the night and during the day we have teams stationed along our borders while other teams run along the borders in groups of four, a routine that has proven it's worth over the years.

I love night patrol as it gives me the chance to let the events of the day to run through my mind and it always allows me to put things into perspective, to think of a solution for a problem.

Dad always says that my Brothers and I should have been a quadruplet, according to him we know what the others want or need before they can say a word. Even our Stepmother agrees with him and she has only known us for about four years.

I have just returned to the Pack-house after finishing my night patrol and I hear exited voices coming from the main living room, I can hear my oldest Brother, Noah, but I can't hear what he is saying.

"What is going on here?" I ask as I walk into the room and I see our current leadership and my Brothers in the main living room.

"Crystal found her Mate at the meeting," Alpha Gordon says with a huge smile on his face, but I can also tell that something is up.

"Her Mate is Marc of Crimson Moon Pack," Dad answers my unspoken question and I know we will have a lot of things to prepare and discuss before the day is over.

"I will take a shower and get on some clean clothes. When I get back we can discuss whatever it is that is bothering the three of you," I say as I look from Alpha Gordon to my Father before I look at Beta Jacob.

Running up the stairs I smile at the prospect of spending more time with Marc, he will be an excellent Alpha one day and our Pack will benefit from him leading our Pack.

"You mean, our Packs." Miku, my Lycan, says. "It is safe to say that both Packs will merge, Crystal doesn't have a sibling to take over from Alpha Gordon and Marc doesn't have a sibling to take over from Alpha Randell." I let that run through my mind as I take a quick shower and by the time I am dressed I know that Miku is right.

Noah is waiting for me outside Alpha Gordon's office with a plate in his hand. "Thought you might like some breakfast," he says as I take the plate from him and I thank him as we both walk into the office.

"How is this going to work?" Beta Jacob asks and I can tell no one really understands his question.

"Miku thinks the best thing is to merge both Packs, after all neither Alpha has two Pups to take over and I think Miku is right. That just leaves the question about the positions of Beta and Gamma." I respond.

Alpha Gordon likes the sound of merging both Packs, but Beta Jacob tells us there will be a lot of paperwork to deal with and we all know none of us is that good with numbers.

"Let's discuss positions of Beta and Gamma first. The more we can cross off the list the better it will be and we could always ask for an accountant to do the financial part of this merger for us." Alpha Gordon says.

"Marc has a Beta, he and Anton grew up together. Their Gamma doesn't have a Mate and Pups, so that might be a position Noah could take after Marc takes over as Alpha." Dad says, but as I suspected, Noah is shaking his head and I already know what he will be suggesting.

"Nero would be better suited for the Gamma position, he and Marc have been friends for a few years now. I think that would be the best solution and I like my position as Head Warrior." Noah says.

Alpha Gordon doesn't waste anytime in contacting the Council of Elders to make the suggestion of merging our two Packs, but it turns out he is too late. Crystal and Marc had made that decision already and they even had told the Council of Elders who would be their Beta and Gamma, Crystal even had a suggestion for a new Pack name but they refused to tell Alpha Gordon.

An hour later Crystal calls her Father herself to tell him about the new name and we all agree it is the best combination of both Pack names.

Crystal informs us that for the time being she will return to Crimson Moon Pack with Marc and once she has settled in she will invite us over for a visit.

Alpha Gordon tries to object, but he shuts up when Crystal asks him if he would have allowed her Mother to return home after they met.

When I walk into the dining room on the Alpha floor in the evening I can tell something is up with Mara, but she brushes it off as being anxious about both Packs merging and everything that will come with it.

Dad tells her that everything will be fine and that it means they can finally spend every day together, which makes Nathan gag dramatically. Mara doesn't think twice as she smacks him on the back of his head and Nikolay is laughing his ass off.

Mara might be our Stepmother and she might not have been there when we grew up, but she treats us as if we are her own.

I was nineteen when Dad brought her home and even though I already towered over her she didn't let me get away with anything.

Noah thought that at the age of twenty-seven, she wouldn't dare to put him straight, but damn she did put him back in his place and it became clear to us quickly that she wasn't a female to mess with.

Dad has changed a lot over the past four years and we all know that Mara is responsible for that change, she is the one that makes him happy.

Nikolay was the first one to point out after she moved in with us that we knew nothing about her family and after Dad told us it was a sour subject we never asked her about it, but Nikolay keeps telling us that something isn't adding up.

Beta Jacob and Alpha Gordon are talking about the financial aspect of merging both Packs and with the way they are talking I believe Alpha Gordon's remark on hiring an accountant will be the best course of action.

I know Alpha Gordon well enough to know he will try to figure this out for himself first, but I bet you he will call for an accountant after a few days of going through the paperwork.

Dinner is spent with talking about how it might affect our unmated males and females, Mara smiles as she says there might be a few mated couples before the dust has settled.

Leave it to Mara to see a silver lining amidst a huge challenge like merging two Lycan Packs, besides our Pack and the crimson Moon Pack there are three other Lycan Packs and our merge will make us the largest Lycan Pack in existence.

"Maybe you boys will finally find your Mate and otherwise you can go to the Mate meeting next year." Mara says teasingly and Noah softly growls at her, which causes her to burst out in laughter.