

## Chapter 28 Forgot

Justin's P.O.V.

When Martha informed us that Grandfather was coming to dinner, we had smiled at each other. Dad was going to introduce him to Aspen and Hunter and he would also find out that Gabe and Brent were mates.

Dad actually invited all the High-ranking Lycans for dinner and that means that after tonight every female will know that Dad is taken. Slade growls in my head as we both know that this will mean that more females will target me and my Brothers.

I have to make sure that I get Grandfather alone at some point, because I need to tell someone that Hunter is my Mate and I know that Grandfather will keep it to himself. He will also be able to tell me how to handle this situation.

Slade is still dwelling on the way it felt to hold her hand, how natural it had felt to have her head on our lap. We both had been surprised that a certain body part behaved itself, but than again the words she spoke probably contributed to that.

Jason and I are in our wing's living-room waiting for Jayce and Jax, when Grandfather walks in and I quickly link Dad to let him know we have company. "Thanks, Justin. Aspen and I will be there shortly."

For once, Grandfather doesn't have a sad look on his face and I wonder if he forgot to visit Mom's grave. We never touch the grave and only visit it on our birthdays. Dad visits her grave somewhere in May, but he never explained why that is and we never ask.

"What is it with all the High-ranks downstairs?" Grandfather asks and Jason and I just shrug our shoulders. We have no intention of raining on Dad's parade, it is his task to tell Grandfather and we all know that he is going to be happy for Dad.

"I hope Dad and Aspen get here before Hunter does. Try explaining that one to the old man." I say to Jason and he bursts out in laughter, Jax saves him from having to explain himself to Grandfather.

"Hey, Pops. I see you still know your way to the Palace." Jax says teasingly and Grandfather swats him on the back of his head as he says, "Watch it, Pup. I can still kick your ass." We all laugh as Jax is rubbing his head.

Daniel's P.O.V.

"Aspen, Baby. There is something I need to talk to you about, no need to stress out." I say before I sit down on the bed. She walks over to me and tells me that after finding out her Mate is the King, there is not much that can stress her out.

"We will have dinner in the main dining-hall with all the High-ranking Lycans from the Palace and the Pack." I say and she tells me that she understands why I did and that that won't stress her out.

"Yeah, well I think there might be one person I invited that could cause that." I mumble and she just looks at me with one eyebrow raised. "I also invited Sarah's Father." I keep my eyes on my hands, because I don't know how she will react.

She puts her hand on mine as she says, "Daniel, you told me about him and I don't think there is any reason for me to stress out over meeting him. I think Benjamin will actually be happy for you and I hope that the two of us can become friends.

After all, he is your Father-in-Law and the Grandfather of your Sons. I would like to hear stories from him about you and the boys and I hope that through him I will get to know Sarah.

She was and still is an important part of your life, she gave you four amazing Sons and I hope one day I will be able to help them as a Mother should. I know I can't take her place, she will always be their Mother, but I will love them as if they are my own."

Tears roll down my cheeks as I realize that she and Sarah would have been best friends if they had ever met. "Aspen, I love you. My Sons will learn to love you and Benjamin will love you as his own.

I think this family is finally whole again after all these years." She wipes the tears from my face and she slips her arms around my neck as our lips touch. Right at that moment Justin links me that Dad has arrived.

"Benjamin is here. Lets get this over with, before we have to go downstairs and introduce you to everyone." I hold her in my arms as I get up and she giggles the moment her feet no longer touch the ground.

We stop in the doorway of the living-room and we don't say a word. It takes a few minutes before Dad realizes that something has changed and I hear him say, "Did he finally find her?" before he turns around and his eyes land on Aspen.

"Well, I'll be damned. My sincerest condolences, my Dear, for getting stuck with that." He says and Aspen starts laughing as I just stare at the man in front of me.

"My name is Benjamin and my Lycan's name is Reginald. It is our pleasure to meet you." He says as he pulls Aspen in for a hug. "My name is Aspen and my Wolf's name is Bella. It is our pleasure to meet you, Benjamin and Reginald."

Dad looks at me and says, "You better take good care of my new Daughter. If not, Reginald will deal with you." My Sons bursts out in laughter and I hear Aspen giggle as Benjamin is still holding her close to him.

"Dad, I promise I will take good care of her, I will keep her safe and I will love her until the day I die." He nods his head and then he tells Aspen that I will do as I promised, because Reginald is not afraid of whooping the King's ass.

Voices from down the hall tell me that Hunter is on her way and I wonder how Dad is going to react to her. "BeeBee, cut it out. You act like a four year old. I can wear this dress to dinner, there is nothing wrong with it."

Dad looks from the doorway to me and back again, Aspen steps away from him and straight into my arms. The moment Hunter steps into view I understand why Brent was commenting on it, she looked much older in the dress than her fourteen years.

"GeeGee, tell that Mate of yours to shut it before I kick his ass. I don't tell him that he looks like an idiot with those purple pants of his." She turns around and is faced with all of us staring at her.

The moment Brent steps forward I burst out in laughter, because Hunter is right he looks ridiculous in his purple pants. "Brent, may I ask who advised you on getting those pants or told you it would be okay to wear those in public?" Dad asks and we all burst out in laughter.

Once we have all calmed down Dad steps forward and reaches out his hand towards Hunter, "I think that this young lady is my new Granddaughter." Hunter stares at him as her eyes start to water and I quickly fill Dad in on their history.

"Princess, I know you have heard this before from Daniel and I know this goes for my Grandsons as well. I will be here whenever you need me, Reginald and I see you as one of our own and I will love you until my last breath." He says.

Hunter jumps into his arms with tears running down her cheeks, she presses her nose into his neck and she wraps her arms tightly around his neck. Benjamin holds her in his arm and with the other he pulls Aspen close to him, telling them both that he loves them.

He looks at Gabe and Brent with a huge smile on his face, he heard Hunter's words and like me he is happy for them. "Gabe and Brent, congratulations. I believe the Goddess made the right choice pairing the two of you.

What did your parents say?" He asks and I hear both men mutter under their breath. Hunter giggles as she lifts her head, "I think they might have forgotten to inform them. To busy getting to know one another." She says as she winks at Benjamin.

When I tell Hunter that they will find out soon enough, because I invited all the High-ranks, the smile disappears from her face.