I headed back out to where Mackie was waiting with the bikes.

All done? she asked me.

Yep, all done.

Time to head home.

I will see you tomorrow.

We both head to our perspective homes.

KESKA: I wake the next morning to the sound of rain before my alarm goes o .\* Great, just fricking great.\* I get up and turn my alarm o and start getting ready for school, I dont usually mind the rain, but I dont like being soggy for school, James and Jessie arent going to let me ride with them, they will go pick up Wyatt, and leave both me and Mackie to nd our own way to school.

Just a month and a half.

I keep chanting to myself.

LILLY: I wake to the sound of rain pelting the window of my room.

I dont mind when it rains, like some do, because of the aches and pains that comes with the change in the barometric pressure, I just dont have them, even though I am in my early 70s.

I get up and go to the kitchen to start breakfast for Stehpen and myself.

Stephen, Id like it if you would go take the girls to school today, I know that James wont, and I dont want them getting soaked.

Yes, miss Lilly.

So, after breakfast Stephen leaves to go pick up Mackie and Keska, in the limo.

I link my daughter \* Carla, I am sending Stephen to pick up Keska and then go to get Mackie and take them to school.

Why mother, they can ride their bikes like they have always done.

Did you happen to notice its raining? I dont want them to get soaked, and I know that you will not make James and Jessie take h .er with them, so I am sending Stephen.

Deal with it.\* I close the link.

CARLA:\* I love my mother but sometimes she can be a bit of a pain in the ass, we are Brookes, and she never brags about it, but sometimes she just does what she pleases because of it.\* Keska! Hurry up! Stephen will be here to pick you up!! I yell up to her.

KESKA: Stephen? Why was he coming? I made my way downstairs to get some breakfast, when the twins came ying into the kitchen.

Why is Stephen coming? Jessie whines at mom.

I dont know, your grandmother just linked me to tell me she is sending him for your sister.

Now sit down for breakfast.

Mom tells her.

She can just ride her bike, like she always does.

James states.

or something.

Thats what I said, but your grandmother has a di erent opinion than the rest of us.

Now sit down I had the cook make cinnamon rolls.

Great, now Im going to get it from them all day.

Lissa and Liam come into the kitchen just as the rolls were coming out of the oven, father comes in right behind them.

Both Jessie and James are glaring at me like I just took the last cookie away from them

The cook set the rolls down on the table and everyone reached for theirs at one time which caused the plate to tip and the few remaining rolls hit the oor.

I of course wasnt lucky enough to get one before they toppled to the oor.

The twins just laughed at me.

I looked at both my parents, but they just ignored the twins, and started shaking their

heads at me.

I just started to help clean up the mess they caused, and then went to the pantry and grabbed a couple of granola bars then went back to my room.

KESKA: I ate my granola bars in my room, then came back down threw the wrappers away and waited for Stephen.

James and Jessie left to go get Wyatt.

get there, it was a bad morning, and Stephen is going to be taking us to school today.

Ok... why? Not sure exactly whats going on, but Nana is sending Stephen for us.

I linked Mackie \*Hey, just wanted to let you know to keep a low pro le when the twins

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III be ready and waiting, and I will de nitely stay out of sight of the twins and Wyatt.\* KESKA: We pull up in front of the school just before the bell rings.

Thanks Stephen.

I will be back to pick you up after school is out.

Why? We can just walk back home.

I tell him.

Your grandmother insists, and you will not be going back to the pack house, you will be going to her house.

He tells us.

As he gets back in the limo and drives o .

Mackie and I walk into school just as the bell rings and we run to our rst hour.

KESKA: The bell rang for lunch, I gathered up my books and headed for my locker, which is in the middle of the back wall.

So, its like an E shape turned upside down with more lines in the middle than just one, and of course mine is on the back wall.

Mackies is in the middle of the middle row.

After putting my books away, I headed towards Mackies locker.

As I round the corner to the aisle that her locker is in, I hear some of Jessies cronies, they seem to be picking on someone.

\*You need to know your place, stupid pathic omega, keep your eyes to yourself, and your head down stupid bitch.\* What is going on here? I say as I am coming around the corner.

It has nothing to do with you, so stay out of it.

Jessie says to me.

It has everything to do with me Jessie, I will not let you bully pack members, and I dont think father will like it either.

I tell her Stay out of my business or it will be you on the receiving end.

I usually am anyway, so I will not let you do the same to others, even if I have to get father and mom involved.

Jessie just stares hard at me.

Lets go girls.

Then turning to the girl If you so much as breathe in his direction I will destroy you.

She turns and walks away with her possie of wanna bes.

I link Mackie,\* You close? Yeah, whats up Jessie threatened a student, I am down your aisle.

Be there in a sec.\* I close the link, and I turn to look at the girl.

Hey whats your name? I ask her.

Betsy.

She says keeping her eyes on the oor, just then Mackie shows up.

I nod at her.

Betsy, do you have anyone to sit with for lunch? I ask her No.

Well now you do, and you dont have to keep looking down, I am not going to hurt you or let my sister hurt you.

She will be mad, and she will get me when you are not around.

She says.

No, she wont, come on lets go get some lunch.

Jessie is one of the biggest.

Mackie links me\* Whats up? Betsey here is going to join us for lunch, and I am going to

give her some pointers on who to talk to about Jessie.\* I link back.

\*You know if she gets wind of it, you are going to be in so much trouble with her.

I dont really care, one of the stipulations for father to get the pack was no bulling and

True that.\* Mackie quickly goes to her locker, and we head for the lunchroom.

KESKA: After getting our food, we nd a table thats towards the back and out of the way so we can eat in peace.

Betsey I say in a soft voice Yes Do you remember the old Beta from the old alpha? I ask her Not so much, but my dad talks about him all the time.

She tells me Good, the next time anyone bullies you please go tell him, I dont care if you have to leave school to do it, just go report it to him.

I tell her.

If I leave school, they will know I told on them.

She says.

Then text him.

I give beta Pierces number to her.

Also, if you see anyone else getting bullied, please text him, but keep it under wraps, I dont want everyone to know, and Jessie will get hers, because there was one thing that old alpha Carson despised was a bully, and father knows it.

I tell her.

Thank you for the help today.

She says.

By the way what was that all about, anyway? I ask her.

She tells me.

Sorry, just try to keep as many people in your group between you as much as possible.

Seth Harpper, we have a class together and we are working on a group project together.

I tell her.

The bell rings to signal that lunch is over.

I link Mackie\* I am going to use the rest room before we head to class.

Ok, I will wait at the hallway for you.\* I enter the bathroom and hear Dedi, one of Jessies triends Your sister is such a little bitch.

I know, right! Jessie replies What happened to her face? Marla asked, Mimi Sutter slapped her.

What happened? came Dedis voice Mimi disowned her Jessie tells them, and I hear them all giggle.

I left the bathroom without using it and made my way to where Mackie was waiting for me.

That was quick she says.

I didnt use it; Jessie and her minions were in there.

As we started to head to class, we heard Marlas voice.

I dont blame her, who wants to be related to her anyway?!! Not me! Thats for sure.

Comes Jessies reply.

I feel the deep harsh sting of a rejection again, so I raise my voice \*\*Hey Jessie.\*\* I call out and she stops and turns to look at me.

\*\*What!?\*\* I Keska Sutter of Blue Cresent Pack accept your rejection Jessie Sutter of Blue Cresent pack, we are no longer sisters.

I say as I felt the bond snap like an over stretched rubber band.

I watched as she fell to her knees.

Wow I guess accepting a rejection no matter what kind it is, is a bitch.

I would do it again too just to not have to feel the pain every time she rejects me as her

I turn and head to my next class.

sister.

about Kes.

JAMES: I felt a weird pain in my chest just after lunch, I linked Jessie to see if she was ok.

\*Jessie, you, ok? I dont know, I think I fucked up big time.

What happened? I was talking with my friends in the bathroom, and we were talking

What did you say? I asked her.

Well Marla and Dedi wanted to know what happened to her, you know with the bruise and all, so I told them that Mimi rejected her, and slapped her.

Jessie, just get to the point! I might have said that I didnt want to be related to her.

YOU WHAT? I think she overheard us, because when we walked out, she was there and accepted the rejection, and said we are no longer sisters.

That hurt James, it hurt bad I fell to my knees, it hurt so bad.

Jessie, rejection and acceptance are instant karma.

I tell her.

And as much as it hurt you, think how much more it hurt Kes, that was her second rejection in as many days.

Dont you go sticking up for her now!! Not hardly but I am also not going to help you out of this mess either.\* CARLA: I had an uneasy feeling in my gut since lunch today, I was in a meeting to set the plans for the expansion on both the orphanage and the day care.

When I felt a pain and then a dull ache.

I cant explain it, so I left the meeting early to go see Dr.

Grant.

Luna, to what do I owe the pleasure? Hello Dr.

Grant, I am not sure, I felt this pain in my chest, and now its a dull ache, and an uneasy feeling in my gut, I dont know whats going on.

I tell him.

Well lets check you out.

He says to me.

After the exam Well the good news is that there is nothing wrong with you, the bad news is I think that there was a rejection and an acceptance of said rejection of someone close to you.

He tells me.

And that is what you were feeling, just go home and rest, you should feel better by dinner.

Thank you, Dr.

I linked Drake as I left the Dr.s o ce.

\*Drake did you feel a pain in your chest earlier today around lunch time? I felt something cant really say it was a pain though, why? Well, I felt a pain, and now its a dull ache, and I have this uneasy feeling in my gut.

I just came from Dr.

Grant, he thinks that someone close to me was rejected and the rejection was accepted, you dont think that one of the twins found their mate do you, and rejected them? Its too soon, they have two more months before they turn 18, so no I dont.

But sometimes it can happen earlier than 18 for alphas.

True, but they have not shifted yet, so I dont think its that, but we will talk to them when they get home from school.

\* KESKA: Finally, the bell rings signaling the end of school.

I make my way down to my locker to put what books I dont need away and grab the ones I have homework for, and then head over to Mackies locker.

I am surprised that there werent any repercussions from the Jessie issue.

Mackie says to me.

Me to, but who knows it still may happen.

Are you going to do the same thing with your Mimi? she asks as we head for the door.

Yes, but I am going to do it on our pack lands, I just wasnt quick enough when it happened, and I didnt want to cause Adrian any more issues than what she already had caused, but they will be coming for the twins birthday in a couple months, and then she will get hers.

I say.

Oh. I do want to be there for that, and Im sure Nana will love it as well.

She giggles.

KESKA: Stephen is waiting for us as we exit the school.

We greet him as we get in the limo.

Good after noon girls, I trust you had a good day? Well lets just say it was an interesting day, I dont know that I would call it a good day.

I say to him.

Oh? Stephen asked as he got behind the wheel of the limo.

Yeah, Jessie was bulling one of the pack members, I put a stop to it, by threating to tell mom and father, then after lunch she rejected me as her sister, and I accepted it, so we will have to see what becomes of that.

I tell him.

You will have to let your grandmother know this when we get there.

He states.