

Chapter 15

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A few days have passed since what happened with Beta David's home. There was an

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investigation into what happened, but everyone put it down to gas. I knew it wasn't gas, but I couldn't tell anyone what I found. I had no proof or idea whose blood I found.

Everyone has been back to normal around here. Going to training and having fun, even though I have done the same, my mind often wonders to Mia. My heart sinks every time. I don't know if it is guilt for what happened to her or the fact that I haven't been a good friend to her over the last few years coming to bite me on the ass. It was hard to tell which one.

"All the above," my wolf blurted out with a growl. I ignored him and looked out the window of the office.

My wolf hasn't been talking to me tidily and has blocked me a few times since that night by the cabin. We stayed there for a while till the sun came up and strolled back, but when we got to our room, Chloe was there, which only made him mad. He didn't want to have anything to do with her, and at that point in the morning, with no sleep, neither did I, but that didn't stop him.

I sent Chloe away, which she wasn't happy with, but I didn't care. I stayed in my room most of the next day, trying to catch up on my sleep even though it didn't come naturally. My mind raced over everything, but questions kept popping into my head.

After a few hours of trying to get some sleep, I

went to training and kept my mind off of everything. My friends, Lee and Darren, were quiet for a while, but after training, we all went to our local hangout and enjoyed some time together. We talked about Mia for a little while before Chloe and Sara came into the room. All three of us knew what Chloe was like regarding Mia. She would run her mouth off about her horribly and how we felt. We didn't want to hear it. I knew my wolf would probably appear if he heard anything bad.

While we were together, Darren and Ellie were together. We talked briefly before Darren and Ellie were all over each other. It was nice, and I was happy for them, but part of me wanted to find my mate. After my birthday, I knew my mate wasn't in the pack. I admit I was more revealed that Chloe wasn't my mate, but that didn't change her. She was still trying to be all over me.

Shaking my thoughts, I looked through the window of the office. I was waiting for my father to return. He has been on Beta David duty ever since the fire. He has been acting weirder every time I see him. He was still drinking, more heavily than normal. The death of Mia might have been the tipping point for him.

My father has been watching over him and even asked me to do some alpha business while he

was looking after him, which I have been doing. It has been a good excuse for Chloe to keep away from me. When I mentioned I was doing more alpha duties, she looked excited and mentioned becoming my Luna, but I ignored her, telling her I had to think about it.

My wolf growled at the mere thought of her. "She's not our Luna," he muttered. "She will never be ours."

I looked back at him and frowned. "What if we have to choose a chosen mate?" I asked.

My wolf glared at me. "Not happening," he growled. "Mate will be Luna, and no one will tell us otherwise."

I said nothing, but I felt defeated. There was no use in trying to persuade him. He was stubborn.

My wolf huffed in my head and moved further back. He placed a block up on me, which only made me roll my eyes at the damn dog.

Staring out the window, I watched a few people jog by and head toward their homes. They all seemed to be happy. Glancing over my shoulder, I looked at the clock and sighed. It looked like my father had forgotten to come here again. Where the hell was he?

Looking back at the window, I sighed. I needed to leave. I was supposed to meet Darren to review the extra training session I wanted him to do. Lee was my second in command, my beta, but Darren was my friend and even offered to help. He knows Lee is to be my beta, but I wanted to tell him I wanted him to be my gamma. I needed them both to help me run this place when I take over, and they have been my friends since we were young pups.

A ping from my phone echoes around the room, which pulls me from my thoughts. I moved away from the window and grabbed it from the desk. It was a text from Darren. "Where shall I meet you?"

I sighed and typed a message for him to meet me in the office. There was no point in going anywhere else; we probably would be disturbed by others around us if we went to the lounge or even my room to talk.

After sending the text, another two came through. One was from Lee, which read. "I have changed the tire on the car and looked over the engine," it read. "I sorted it all out, and it will be ready for whatever journeys we take now, even to school."

Lee is handy with mechanical things, and my car was playing up. I asked him to look at it, and he

agreed, but finishing it took him all day. I messaged a thank you and told Darren and me to meet in the office to review the new training.

Knowing that he wouldn't answer and come straight here, I looked at the other message from Chloe. I frowned, letting my finger hover over the message. Part of me wanted to know, but I wasn't bothered by what she was doing. Letting out a sigh, I pressed open and read it.

"I'm popping into town with my mum to go shopping," she texted. "We are taking her care, making a day of it, and may even stay out overnight."

Without texting back, I felt slightly relieved. At least I could breathe for a night and not have her hound me like her next meal. Shuddering at the thought, I move back but stop when I spot Chloe and her mother coming into view, which makes me frown. Knowing they were heading out was not the problem; the problem was they were heading in the wrong direction. Keeping my eyes on them, I step to the side and watch, keeping out of sight.

Chloe and her mum, Josephine, look around before walking away, but I watch them both look up at the office window before they do. I move away, keeping away, and place my head on the

wall till I look back and notice they are walking toward the north border, nowhere near where their car is parked, which is odd.

I step out and watch them, watching Josephine

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look around again, and they both shift into their wolves. What the hell were they doing?

A knock on the door echoed around while my eyes stayed glued to the two wolves until they were out of sight. I needed to find out what they were doing.

The door opened, which made me look over my shoulder to see Lee and Darren stepping inside with smiles. "Hey," Darren said, walking over to the chair and Lee following him. "Where's the training schedule?"

I said nothing while my mind raced. But I knew I had to tell them what I saw. Maybe it was nothing, but why text me and lie about what she was doing?

After everything that has happened here over the last few days within the pack, I wanted nothing else to happen. If I was going to be taking over after my father, I needed to figure it out for myself, but with the help of my Beta and Gamma.



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