Chapter 28: In Ashes

Adam's P.O.V

I was stunned when Penelope hugged me, but realized that she was still crying. My wolf growled at thoughts of wanting to claim and mate her.

I felt a boner coming its way, and I tried my best not to make it noticeable, but it was di icult since Penelope's lower region was basically on my manhood.

I hugged her back, and soon she calmed down.

"Adam," I head her whisper, I hummed in response, "can we go back to my pack. I want to see something- if you want to go." She added quickly.

'This is her pack.My wolf said. I ignored my wolf and answered my mate, "Sure, we can go tomorrow."

She nodded her head sleepily.

I decided to lay back down, placing Penelope next to me, but her head never let my chest.

Soon, I heard her breaths even and her so snoring.

The next morning Penelope woke me up by moving out of my hold. "Where are you going?" I asked her, sitting up.

"I need to go use the bathroom." She said before running to the bathroom that was connected to our bedroom.

I got up and stretched, yawning. My mate came back minutes later, refreshed.

I went into the bathroom, doing my morning routine.

I came back into my bedroom and saw my mate fully dressed in her clothes.

"Can we go now?" She asked me. I was confused at first until I remembered what she said yesterday.

"Yeah sure, just let me inform Cameron." I said, nodding my head.

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I held out my hand for her and she took it without second thought. I smiled and walked out of the bedroom.

I mind linked Cameron saying that I would be stepping out of the territory for a while. Be replied with a stay safe and come back soon.

I walked her to the living room, giving her one of my old jackets that I out fit. I

helped her put on a jacket and she shoved her feet into her boots.

"Ready." She said.

I opened the door for her and we started walking toward her old pack.

When we crossed my territory line, I felt most of my pack ties weaken.

We walked for at least thirty minutes before we stopped. Penelope stopped abruptly, making me almost bump into her.

"What's wrong?" I asked her when she started shaking.

"I-It's gone." She said, her hands moving to cover her mouth. "What's go-" I stopped mid word when I found what she was looking at.

The place was covered in ashes. I smelt the air and smelled gasoline. I saw Penelope walk towards a specific place.

I followed shortly behind her. She collapsed to the floor and started shaking again, but this time more violently.

I jogged up to her, my eyes widened what she saw. It was her brother and his mate.

Besides them I saw two bodies that were too destroyed to tell who they were.

I heard my mate sobbing mumbling things I couldn't hear. I hugged her from behind, wanting to comfort her. My wolf whined at our mate being sad.

"I saw them get k-killed." Penelope said. "I-It's my fault."

She placed her hands over her ears and shut her eyes closed. "Make it stop." She whimpered.

I tried comforting her, but she just screamed when I touched her.

"Penny," I said so ly. Tears were escaping her closed eyes, her hands pressed against her ears.

"Penelope." I said, stalking to her slowly. I eventually made it to her without her screaming at me.

"I watched them die. I watched them die. It's my fault that they died." She kept chanting as if she was a broken record.

I growled lowly, making sure she didn't hear me and got frightened again.

I heard paws thundering on the ground and I saw a couple of wolves as well as Luca and Leanne.

"What's wrong?" He asked looking at me then my mate that was crying.

"Penelope just wanted to visited. When we came, we saw the house in ashes and four dead bodies."

Leanne approached Penelope carefully liked what I did.

Penelope's cries calmed down, but not completely. "It's my fault. I killed them Lee." She whispered.

"It was my fault.." Penelope said.

"Penny, none of this is your fault." Leanne assured her, but Penelope shook her head. "It's my fault. I watched them get slaughtered. I could have done something, anything." She said getting quieter when she realized that everyone was listening to her.

She looked down and folded her hands on her lap. A thing she does when she feel overpowered, which is mostly all the time.

"Wha- Wait. You watched them die?" Leanne questioned. Penelope hesitantly nodded her head.

Leanne growled, making my mate jump, "Who?" Leanne demanded.

Penelope didn't answer, like she was remembering the moment where she watched them die.

"Shit, sorry." Leanne said looking at Penelope.

My mate stopped crying a er five minutes and I saw her fighting to stay awake, but her tiredness got the best of her.

Luca and I looked over the bodies, sure two of them were recognizable, but the other two we weren't quite sure who they were yet.

"Who do your think they are?" Luca questioned me. I shrugged, "Someone who was important to Penelope."

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"I better be going. Cameron is going to get worried." I said, not wanting Penelope to wake up on the floor.

Luca nodded his head, "I'll check the bodies and call you if I get a lead."

"Okay, thanks." I said, picking Penelope up bridal style.

I quickly jogged out of Luca's territory and ran through the pack house's door.

No one was in the living room but my mom. "Oh baby! I was worried" My mom hurried towards me.

"Is everything alright? Is Penelope okay?" My mom asked. I nodded my head, "She just fainted when she saw something she wasn't supposed to see."

"Oh." My mom said, looking at Penelope.

"We'll be going to my room. She needs something else to lean on not just my arms.

My mom laughed, "Of course. Just make sure you use protection." My mother teased me.

I ignored her and went to my room, carefully dropping Penelope to the bed and tucking her into the sheets before I went to take a shower again.

Hopefully Penelope can answer some questions I have for her tomorrow.

Hey guys! I'm sorry for the late update, but I wasn't that late, right?

The chapters a bit boring and short, I'm sorry but I was trying to update for you guys.

I had a bit of a writer's block and wifi problems..

Hopefully I'll see you on Friday!

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