Chapter 3: A Friend?

Penelope's P.O.V

little. August was about to end, September beginning.

Walking into the forest going to my cabin, I look around the nature that was surrounding me. Trees were tall, scattered everywhere, bushes in some odd places here and there, the leaves on the trees began falling, though really

Sticks on the forest floor, I picked one up and examined it. There was a ladybug on it. I put my finger near the ladybug and slowly, it went on my finger. I played with the ladybug a little longer until I set it back on the forest floor, and walked towards the cabin.

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I heard some shu ling, and became scared. I never encountered anyone while walking in the forest. I began walking fast, then breaking out into running when I heard someone say, "Wait!"

Someone tackled me and I covered my face with my hands, "Please don't hurt me." I said, trying not to let the tears fall.

My hands were taken away by this stranger and it was a boy around my age. "I'm not going to hurt you. My name Cameron." He said. "M-My name is Penelope." I said. I took a look at his appearance, he has black

hair with shining blue eyes. He has muscles, but not where to the point it was bulging. He had a plain white t-shirt and black jeans with Vans. He slowly let go of me and helped me sit up. "Why were you wondering around in the forest alone?" He asked.

would he worry about me? I'm weak, he probably couldn't tell I was

Should I trust him? I looked into his eyes and saw confusion and worry. Why werewolf until he smelled up close, I'm not pretty, I'm skinny, I'm pale as a

vampire!

besides this moment.

going to my cabin. "Are you going to move into this cabin or?" He asked.

I already told him my name, so why not? It's not like he's not going to care I explained why I was wondering around the forest by myself, and said I was

I shook my head, "My brother had to move with his mate. Her parents did not approve of our cabin. I'm visiting, though it had only been days." I said, sadly. "You really like this cabin." He said, I nodded my head. "Our parents built it for us. It's the last thing they gave us. Except for the necklace my mother gave to me." "If you don't mind, what happened to your parents? On vacation?" Cameron

asked. Tears started rolling down my cheeks, "N-No, t-they are d-dead." I said, trying to control the sob. Cameron comforted me by hugging me, "I'm sorry, I didn't know it would a ect you this way." He said, patting me on my back trying to comfort me. Surprisingly, it worked. No one has been this nice to me, except for my brother and Cynthia.

"Why don't we walk together?" He suggested. He wanted to walk with me? I bet he would only care now, and later on he wouldn't even acknowledge my presence. I nodded my head, wiping the tears o my face. We started walking in comfortable silence until I stated seeing the cabin. "Is this it?" I nodded my head, and unlocked the door with the key our

parents gave us. He looked around the cabin, "This is a nice cabin." He complimented. "Do you want anything to eat? I have brought chocolate." I said quietly. He chuckled, "Sure. What kind of chocolate?" I searched through my backpack, "Crunch, Kit Kat, Toblerone, Ghirardelli, Lindt, Ferrero Rocher,

the candy bar from my hand. "I guess Hershey's it is." I said cracking a smile. He smiled back, showing his now brown teeth, due to the chocolate. "Let's play a game." He stated. I nodded my head for him to continue, "It's called 20 questions." I titled my head to show I was confused. "You never heard the game 20 questions?" He said, I shook my head. **STORY CONTINUES BELOW**

Hersh-" Before I could finish the word Hershey, Cameron had already taken

"Well, it's basically a game where you ask a person questions. We go back and forth." He explained. My mouth began shaping like an 'O' I assume. "Okay, I'll start. What's your favorite color or colors?" He began the game.

"What are your favorite color or colors?" I repeated his questions.

"Blue, green, red, black, and white." I answered.

We continued the game, and what I learned from him was, he was 17 turning 18 on November 13, he was afraid of spiders and I was too, he wasn't of age to find out who was his mate, he loved chocolate especially Hershey's, and he has a pet dog. I ate a bar of chocolate, which was Crunch. "Have you heard of the Moon festival?" He asked, excitedly. "Yes, I have heard. It is in 3 days, right?" He nodded his head. "Where is it being held?"

He looked at me like I was crazy, "You haven't been to a Moon festival?" I

shook my head, "I never went to any. It wasn't a requirement until now."

"Oh, that's why you weren't familiar. Anyways, it''s being held in the pack

"Red and black. I don't mind any colors, but I like the colors red and black."

house and in the backyard." "Oh okay." I munched on my candy bar, is he considered a friend of mine? I think so, I've told him my favorite stu, and he told me his. Should I ask, or would I embarrass myself? I gathered enough courage to ask him. "Cameron, are you considered a friend of mine?" I asked. He looked at me in my eyes, telling him I wasn't joking. "Yeah. I considered you as a friend once I've told you may name." He smiled. "I've never had a friend before." I confessed.

"You haven't?" He looked at me shocked. I shook my head. "You are my first

He looked at his wrist watch, "Oh crap. I need to go." He said. "Oh, okay. I'll

see you tomorrow?" I asked. He nodded his head, "Yup. see you tomorrow."

I sighed and laid back. I got my iPod and headphones and listened to songs

friend."

couch.

everywhere.

my mom in a grocery store?"

forest and explore."

me.

marshmallows.

brother I'll walk there myself."

cabin, a perfect view of the sun.

and once I hit the pillow, I was knocked out.

He smiled before he le.

that I had downloaded.

the couch, playing on his phone.

want to do today?" He asked.

eyes. He looked around and was astonished.

I woke up when someone knocked on the door. I turned on my phone, and the clock on it said, 1:02 P.M. I quickly got up, and opened the door. Cameron was waiting there, hands stu ed in his jean pockets. He smiled once he noticed me. "I see you've just awoken." He observed. "Yeah." I said, closing the door. "I'm going to take a quick shower." I said. He nodded his head and sat on the

I took a 5 minute shower and wore the same clothes. Cameron was sitting on

I guess he finished whatever he was doing and told me to sit. "What do you

"I was planning on taking a walk in the forest. I love the nature." I stated. He nodded and let me lead the way. I was thinking of a place to go. It was my special place I found when I started cutting myself. I dragged Cameron to my special place. Before we could enter it, I told Cameron to close his eyes. I waved my hand in front of his face to make sure he wasn't peeking. I pushed him forward, and when we finally got there I told him to open his

It was a meadow with variety of flowers. Butterflies still flew around here,

and there was only one tree, an oak tree. With that, sunshine was shining

"Wow. How can people find places like these where sometimes I can't find

I shrugged and smiled, "I don't know. I just take walks in dierent parts of the

We sat near the roots of the oak tree and talked about our childhood,

actually Cameron's. I was leaning on Cameron's shoulder and I think I fell asleep because Cameron was shaking me awake. I looked around us, and it was almost sun down. "I need to get going. I didn't want to leave you out here by yourself." He said. I nodded my head, Thank you for waking me up. People would have le me out here by myself." I said quietly. We walked where we came from and he separated from me there. "Bye." I said and waved my hand. Cameron chuckled, "Bye Penny."

I sighed. I think I haven't been this happy in years. Don't get me wrong, I love

mate, and has an education. I think his life would have been perfect without

I walked back to my cabin, just in time to see the sun set. I walked behind my

Orange, red, pink, and dark clouds started to form. I stayed out there until

the sun was gone. I smiled to myself. Sun rises and sun sets are beautiful.

I went inside the cabin, and went into my old room. I jumped onto my bed,

my brother to death but he's always busy to comfort me. He has a job, a

I woke up, and checked my phone. It was 5:32 A..M. It seems like the sun was rising because I see orange, pink, red, yellow, and blue skies that are forming. A smile started forming my lips. I looked at my bedroom window, and waited until you can only see the blue skies. It was a long wait, but I think it's worth it. I decided to shower, walking in the bathroom I passed the razor. I stopped and stared at it. I guess a few cuts won't hurt.

I finished my shower washing my hair with. I let it air dry my hair, while I

Someone knocked on the door. Could it be Cameron? I opened the door, and

it was indeed Cameron. He had a smile, "Excited for the Moon festival?" He

"Are you going to be here tomorrow?" He asked. "Yeah. I'm going to tell my

"Oh, okay. Mind if we walk together?" I shook my head, "I don't mind at all."

Cameron laughed, "Of course there is. It's the whole pack." Shivers ran

make something to drink. I ended up making hot chocolate with

asked. "No. There's going to be so much people." I mumbled.

through my body. The whole pack, yay. Note, the sarcasm.

We fell into comfortable silence, until I broke it. "Which high school are you going to?" I asked. "Red Moon High School." He informed me. "Which one are you going to?" "I'm going to the same high school as you." I replied. He nodded, "Well, what do you want to do today?" He asks. I shrugged my shoulders, "Maybe we can try cooking?" I asked. He laughed, "Only because I'm bored. If this cabin burns down, it is not my fault." --10 minutes later--The oven caught fire, the kitchen is a mess with eggs, flour, mixing liquids,

and milk on the floor, cabinets and counter, and Cameron has eggs on his

head, flour powdered on his face like make up, and milk and liquids on his

I smacked his head lightly, causing him to pout. He helped me clean up

"I'm hungry." Cameron whined. "I still have some Hershey bars, want some?"

I asked. He nodded his head instantly, and kept nodding his head until I gave

shirts and pants. "Whoops?" He said with a nervous smile.

nonetheless, and sat on the couch again, bored.

him the chocolate bar. He ravenously ate it, like he hadn't eaten anything in days. Thanks. I'm still hungry though." He said, patting his flat stomach. I giggled, "I can make cookies?" His face lit up like a kid getting a present he desired on Christmas and nodded his head. I got up and walked to the kitchen. I grabbed in ingredients to make cookies, and started baking. I eventually baked 3 dozens of cookies, because Cameron kept begging for more. Cameron had to leave, without taking 2 dozens of cookies and said 'goodbye'. I laughed at his hunger. Once Cameron le, I decided to go to Phoenix's house to get my outfit for the festival. I walked back to my current house, and knocked on the door. Phoenix

opened the door, and smiled. "Are you here for your outfit?" He asked. I

I smiled in victory and went into my room. I grabbed a black t-shirt with

I've brought my backpack, so I shoved my outfit in it and said goodbye to

Cynthia and Phoenix. I went back to my cabin safely, and decided to go to

sleep. Now knowing I wouldn't have to wear a dress, I was kind of looking

I woke up startled when I heard someone knocking on the door. I opened the

door and just like I expected, Cameron was outside. I let him in and told him I

I changed into my sweatpants and t-shirt, it's not like I'm getting ready for

at me, "This is what you're going to wear to the Moon festival?"

we start and you know we have a big pack so it'll take a while."

stared at him in shock. "I slept that long?"

the Moon festival. I got out of the bathroom and Cameron raised an eyebrow

"The Moon festival? Doesn't that start at night?" I asked. He shook his head,

"It starts at 5:30 P.M. The Alpha wants to make sure everyone is there before

"What time is it now?" I asked. He looked at his wrist watch, "It's 4:53 P.M." I

"With the shower, yes." He answered. We have less than an hour, but we still

have time. "Cam, can we go to my place for a little, then go to the festival?" I

"Can't I just wear a t-shirt with skinny jeans?" I hate dressing up, I just like my

nodded, "But I don't want to wear a dress." I protested.

sweatpants and t-shirt. Phoenix sighed, "Fine, fine."

faded black skinny jeans and my black Converses.

forward to the festival.

had to shower.

asked.

heavily.

be on us.

behind Cameron's big figure.

even if he bowed. Am I that short?

out. It seems uncomfortable."

up. It was gentle so I wasn't hurt.

before.

to believe them.

Who would want me?

He smiled at me, "Sure. As long as we get there on time." He gave me 3 minutes to change into my outfit before he would leave me, but lucky me I finished in 2 minutes and 56 seconds. My hair was in a messy bun, due to my long hair it took quite a while. a We went to my special place and walked up to the oak tree. We sat on the roots like we did last time, and chatted about random stu. We were caught up in the moment and once Cameron checked his watch it read, 6:15 P.M. We looked at each other panicky, before we started running. I didn't like running, so I was almost le behind when Cameron o ered a piggy back ride.

Once we were close to the pack house, he let me down and checked his

"I dunno. I just found it and it's only 3 minutes away for you! It would

probably be a 10 minute run for me." I said, trying to catch my breathe.

"Let's hurry up. We don't want to be any more late." I nodded my head and

stayed behind Cameron knowing once we go in, everyone's attention would

I predicted right, everyone was in the living room, surprisingly every fitted.

"We are very sorry, Alpha." Cameron bowed. He was tall enough to cover me

"It is fine. Now we can start the Moon festival." A familiar voice said. Oh yeah.

We all went in the backyard when someone grabbed me and hugged me to

death. "I thought you were lost! Or taken by rouges or or killed by rouges or

It's Adam the Alpha. Everyone cheered, howled, and clapped.

Everyone looked our way, but I guess no one could see my small figure

watch again, "It's 6:18 P.M. How far is that place?" Cameron said, panting

wondered o the territory or slept somewhere and never got your way he-" Phoenix got caught o when Cynthia put her lips on his. Cynthia was leaning over me, so I was squished in between them while they made out. Someone cleared their throat and they stopped making out. They looked at who cleared their throat, and it was Cameron. Phoenix looked down and saw me. "Oh. When did you get there?" He asked. I glared at him and he chuckled. Phoenix looked back at Cameron, "Hello, Beta. What is your business here?" He asked, sounding polite.

Wait. Beta? I stared at him in shock, he responded by giving my a look of

confusion. "I just found Penelope stuck in between you and your mate make

"Oh, you know my sister?" Cameron nodded. "We shall not delay." A voice

said. We turned around and it was Adam. When I looked back, everyone was

bowing. Oh! I bowed my head also. Someone grabbed my head, forcing me

I turned around to face a innocent looking Cameron. I glared at him and he

just grinned at me. "Are you two mates?" Cynthia asked. Mates. I've heard it

Then I remembered some werewolves at my old school said to me.

--Flashback--People shoved me into the lockers and started to insult me. "I bet your mate doesn't even want you!" Someone called out. I looked at them confused. He smirked at me and explained to me what a mate was. å "Your mate! Let's see... The one that's suppose to spoil you, the one who cherishes you, the one who completes your heart, the one who's suppose to love unconditionally. Too bad you won't be experiencing this because who would want you?!" People around him started laughing. I pushed myself into the lockers more

bringing my knees up to my chest and let the silent tears fall. They kept

repeating that my mate wouldn't want me every day, and slowly I started

--End of flashback--A hand brought me back from the memories. "Are you okay?" Cameron asked. My hair was covering my face so they couldn't read my expressions. I replied to Cameron's question by running out of the pack house and into the forest. a **Continue reading next part** □