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Phera POV:

Lying in my room, staring at the ceiling, I tried to find solace in the familiar surroundings. The softness of my bed, the gentle hum of the house, usually a comfort, now seemed to accentuate the unease gnawing at my insides. The house's silence was unnerving, amplifying the cacophony of my own troubled thoughts.

The absence of news from Damon, Axel, and Zane was like a vacuum, leaving me suspended in a state of uncertainty. Their prolonged meeting with the Council only added layers to my anxiety. The enemy's note, with its cryptic and unknown handwriting, loomed in my mind like a dark cloud.

A gentle knock on the door broke my chain of thoughts.

"Come in," I called out, not moving from my position.

The door opened, and Betty stepped in, carrying a tray with tea and some snacks.

"Thought you could use a bit of this," she said, placing the tray on the nightstand.

"You read my mind," I said, sitting up to grab the cup.

The warmth of the tea was a small but welcome comfort. Betty took a seat at the corner of the bed.

"You've been cooped up here since you got back. What's going on in that head of yours?"

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"Just trying to piece together a puzzle with half the pieces missing," I replied, taking a sip of the tea.

"The attack?"

"Yeah. And something else... Nate found a note on one of the rogues. It was targeted at me, but I can't recognize the handwriting. It's like we're dealing with a ghost."

"That's unsettling," Betty commented, her brow furrowing. "Any idea who it could be?"

"None. And it's driving me crazy. The not knowing is the worst part."

I set the tea cup down and sighed.

"And the triplets are still in the Council meeting. I'm out of the loop, and it feels... frustrating."

"Well, they better have some good news or at least some answers when they get back," Betty said, her tone light, trying to inject some normalcy into the situation.

"Yeah, I hope so. I'm just..." I trailed off, finding it hard to put into words the storm of emotions brewing inside me.

The silence that followed was comfortable, a testament to the ease of our friendship. We didn't always need words to understand each other.

My train of thought was interrupted by a mental nudge from Damon.

We're coming home. There's a lot we need to discuss.

Relief mingled with apprehension at his message.

"They're on their way back."

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"Good," Betty stood up, collecting the tray. "Remember, no matter what gets thrown at you, you're not alone. We're all here for you."

"Thanks," I replied, managing a small smile.

She left the room, leaving me with my thoughts.

Alone again, I pondered over the upcoming conversation with the triplets. It was bound to be revealing, possibly even life-altering. The note, the attack, our future—everything seemed to hang in the balance.

As I waited for their arrival, I realized that the path ahead might be shrouded in shadows, but it was a path we needed to walk together. And whatever revelations were waiting for me, I was ready to face them.

As the twilight deepened, I sat alone in my room, the weight of waiting pressing heavily upon me. The path ahead was indeed shrouded in shadows, each one hiding potential revelations that I knew I had to face, but not alone. The absence of Damon, Axel, and Zane was like an echo in a hollow cave, resonating with the beat of my anxious heart.

Needing to escape the confines of my room, I wandered outside, the cool evening air a welcome relief. The familiar sights of our territory provided a small comfort. My steps led me to the training grounds, a place that had always been a sanctuary of strength and reflection. Sitting on a bench, I let the silence of the night envelop me, hoping to find some clarity amid the chaos of my thoughts.

Lost in the whirlwind of my own mind, I barely noticed the approach of a familiar figure until she was almost upon

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me.

"Phera?" Reese's voice broke through my reverie, tinged with concern and warmth.

I looked up to see her standing there, a mix of worry and resolve etched on her face.

"Hey, Reese," I replied, managing a small smile.

"What are you doing out here by yourself?" she asked, taking a seat next to me.

"Just... needed some space to think," I said, my gaze drifting back to the shadowy outlines of the trees.

Betty must have told her about the note and everything else that had transpired. Reese had always been more than a friend; she was a confidante, someone who had been there through thick and thin.

"You're thinking about the Council meeting, aren't you? And that note?" Reese prodded gently.

I nodded, the weight of her knowing gaze pressing down on me.

"It's all just so overwhelming. Knowing someone targeted me specifically... It feels like I'm walking on a tightrope with no safety net."

Reese reached out, placing a reassuring hand on my shoulder.

"It's a lot for anyone to handle. But you're not alone in this, Phera. We're all here for you, no matter what."

Her words were a small island of solace in the turbulent sea of my emotions.

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"I know, and I'm grateful. But there are so many unanswered questions. Who wrote that note? Why me? What's their endgame?"

"It's like we're in the middle of a mystery novel, except it's real life, and you're the main character," Reese said, a hint of a smile playing on her lips, trying to lighten the mood.

A chuckle escaped my lips despite the situation.

"Yeah, and I didn't even get to choose the genre. I would have preferred a nice romance or even a comedy at this point."

Reese squeezed my shoulder gently.

"Well, life has a way of throwing curveballs. But if anyone can handle it, it's you, Phera. You've got strength, courage, and a whole pack that's got your back."

Her words bolstered me, lending me a semblance of strength.

"Thanks, Reese. I just hope we can get to the bottom of this soon. The not knowing is the hardest part."

"We will," she affirmed. "And whatever comes out of that Council meeting, we'll face it together. You, me, Betty, the triplets, the whole pack. We're a family, and we look out for each other."

As we sat there under the night sky, the world around us seemed to pause, offering a moment of peace amidst the storm. But as comforting as Reese's presence was, I knew that the dawn would bring new challenges, revelations, and decisions that would shape the future of our pack and my life with the triplets. And whatever they were, I

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was ready to face them, bolstered by the unwavering support of my friends and pack.



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*Hi Everyone,  
Sorry for the SUPERRR LONGG WAIT for updates. Me and my son were sick with ear and throat infections, Canadian Winters are brutal honestly.  
One more chapter is coming up after this. There will be double updates through this week for the story to make up for last week.  
Loads of love and hope you're enjoying the story!*  
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