

MY BESTFRIEND SLIPPED INSIDE ME

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Avery's pov

His grip tightened on my hips, his thrusts growing impatient and swift, searching to brand me, aiming to mark me even in my walls. The mark on my neck tingles sharply, and I close my eyes, my breathing coming out in short harsh pants.

Harder. Faster.

The feel of his cock moving in and out of me at such a pace made me tremble. "Open your eyes and look at us," he growled, his command making me open my eyes quickly.

I peer into the mirror, watching the way our bodies moved, the way he moved inside me. Those red storms, beastly and luring, stared back at me with a possessive look so intense it made my legs buckle.

He had to hold me up so I wouldn't fall to my knees, not that I think he'd even stop plunging into me like a hungry beast if I did. Something told me he'd take me on all fours in front of the mirror.

The sight of us, so raw and beautiful made me whimper at how perfect we do look together. "Can you feel how deep I am?" Xade moaned beside my ear, his teeth grazing just below, inches from my mark.

He was such a tease.

I nodded, moaning.

"Feel how your tight little pussy can't get enough of my cock?" his tongue darts to lick across my mark and I nearly topple. Shit. This feels like electricity had just run through me so powerful.

Such a greedy little girl," he grunted, thrusting in deeper. His hand left my hip to curl forward, sliding down to settle between my legs. He begins to rub my throbbing nub.

The friction made me thrash, seeking more. He growled, the sound animalistic sound rumbling from his chest, pushing me closer to that edge. "That little greedy pussy was made for me," he grunted, teeth grazing my mark and making me erupt with a loud moan.

Xade," I begged. " Please, deeper," I begged, feeling the head of his cock already so deep but I needed him even deeper if that was possible.

His hot breath is ragged and rough against my skin, his face etch with pleasure. He look like a masterpiece as he dove into me over and over. Faster," I begged, my stomach coiling with that familiar burn that told me I was so close.

Xade's muscles tensed as he continue to pound into me, feeding me every girth and length.

Xade," I gasped, my lower lip trembling. The pleasure somehow feels more intense than it had ever been before and that was crazy because I didn't think it could be any more pleasurable.

He circled his fingers around my clit and the pleasure shoots right through me, making my walls grip his cock hard. He grunted, cursing, and kissed my mark. I shudder, nails scrapping the walls as I draw closer and closer.

Then his eyes meet mine again, more intense than it had been before. "I want to feel you come around me baby," he hissed, his cock pulsing inside me which lets me know he was close too.

And then he hit a deep part of me and I shatter around him, calling out his name like a chant, gripping around him like a vice. He roared, his mouth opening as his teeth sharpen and peek from his gums.

Seeing the sight of his canines for the first time made me cum around him again, gripping him so hard he was unable to move which led his cock to surrender and spill every drop of his cum inside me.

Take every drop baby. Every drop belongs to you," he panted, still pumping his release inside me.

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A soft nibble came to my lips and I giggled, pushing his face away and throwing the covers over my head. He chuckles, joining me and just stares at me in awe.

"I still can't believe you're all mine," he whispered, cupping my cheek and grazing my skin with his thumb. The feelings he invokes inside me are stronger than ever before. It's like a sharp buzz of electricity running through every vein.

He draws close to kiss me but before his lips can meet mine we are interrupted by a sharp knock on the door. Xade looks irritated and pulls away, huffing as his eyes fogged. I stared at him in awe, unable to take my eyes off his.

He was beautiful.

When his eyes come back to normal, he sighs loudly and tells me Xaden is out the door needing to speak with the both of us. He slides off the bed, in all his naked glory, and struts to his walk in closet.

I bit my lip, sinking my teeth in deep as I try to not let my eyes stray on his naked bottom or the straining of his tone muscle back. Xade was really a fine specimen.

Pulling on boxer briefs and a loose sweatpants, he clutches a huge shirt and boxer and then walks over to me. His eyes are warm despite them being irritated a while ago because of Xaden's interruption.

Up," his eyes twinkle as he demanded and I found myself obeying as I crawl to the edge of the bed and stand up. Xade helps me put on his clothes, rolling the waist of his boxers so it wouldn't fall to my knees. The huge shirt covered me to the first brush of my knees and smelled like him.

I took in a whiff and his eyes swirled with adoration. He leans in and kisses my forehead. "Don't worry you'll be surrounded by my scent every single day from now on," he pulls away and winks. " We'll finish what we started later on."

Another knock sounds at the door, this time sounding impatient and urgent. Xade hisses under his breath and storms to wrench it open. Xaden is standing there, eyes hard and body language calm. He was not fazed at all by Xade's anger.

He look right past Xade to me. Avery I think you need to take this," he pushes out his hand and I quickly realized he had my phone. " Oh," I murmur, striding over to him confused.

It kept on ringing from last night till now. And though I understand that you and Xade need your moment alone for how long you two have been apart, but something tells me this may be important,"

My brows furrowed. Was it mom? I quickly grab my phone and it blares. It's Melissa.

I completely forgot to tell her I was okay. She must be worried. Feeling guilty, I swipe the answer button quickly and bring it to my ear. " Hey Mel, I'm sorry I hadn't called you-

They're putting out a search for you Avery. The doctor, he has put out that you may be dangerous. Look at the news right now! Anyone who catches you will get thirty

thousand dollars,” her words made me grow numb, and before I even realize it I am racing to the living room and putting on the television.

The news is the first thing to show up and the screen flashes with an image of me racing through the hospital corridors to get out before the doctor returns. My heart drops. Dangerous? Thirty thousand dollars on my head?

What the hell was going on?

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The weight of the news made my tummy hurt and my heart aches. It felt like someone had struck their hand through my chest, got a grip on my heart, and squeezed it until it bled. My knees grow weak as the room begins to spin around me.

Xade is right behind me, pulling me in his arms as I looked at the screen in horror. Xaden takes the remote from me and switches the channels, but every single one that came up seems to be talking about this “very dangerous patient” who escaped, aka me.

Xade growled harshly. “Put it off!”

Xaden obeys and the TV screen goes black. But I can't stop seeing that footage of me running down the halls while the anchor's voice drew up a narrative that painted me as this so called dangerous fugitive.

“Did you see it?” Melissa whispered, her voice heavy with anxiety.

“Yeah,” I choked, my fingers gripping around the phone hard. “How....”

After you left he came back and I made an excuse that I left to get a cup of coffee and when I came back you were gone. Then he had everyone searching for you Avery, it was like this man had gone crazed. You should have seen his eyes,” Melissa whispered in fright.

“I didn't know what to do so I managed to sneak out. I only saw the news this morning and I don't understand why he would say you're a threat to society and dangerous. You're only pregnant-

She stops, her breath hitching. “Do you think this could be because of that animal DNA thing?”

I stiffen, my heart accelerating. Could that be the reason why? Why would he think I am dangerous because of this?

“I don’t know,” I whispered, my lower lip trembling as I rest my other hand on my stomach protectively. They put a bounty on my head as if I were some kind of criminal who escaped the hospital.

Avery-” she stops when a sharp knock sounds at the door, then another. This time is was louder and more urgent.

“Uh I will call you back okay? Keep me updated,” she ends the call before I can respond and I keep the phone to my ear as if it was an anchor that would keep me from falling.

Xade begins to pace the floor, running his fingers through his hair. Xaden looks lost and confused and Kaylee looks unsure of what to do. That makes the two of us.

” This can’t be right. Why would they put her up there like she was some fucking criminal?” Xade snarled.

Xaden looks at me, his brows furrowing. ” When was this video taken?”

Before I came here,” I murmured, finally pulling the phone from my ear. “I had a massive headache that made me pass out. All along it was the memories returning but Melissa called 911 and they brought me to the hospital. The doctor,” I swallowed nervously. “The doctor found animal DNA in my blood.”

Xade cursed under his breath, cupping my face with both hands as he searches my eyes. “I know you’re scared baby, but I promise you I will protect you. We will get this sorted out.”

“He must be one of those secret hunters who work in places like this to capture our unguarded kind,” Xade’s father uttered as he strolls into the living room with his wife by his side. She smiles at me reassuringly but I cannot help but feel more uncertain, especially with her husband’s words fluttering in the air.

This was huge. I was on all news broadcasting channels, labeled as a very dangerous person. A danger to society. I cannot help but feel like a caged animal.

His eyes move from Xade to mine. “You’re lucky you got out of there alive.”

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His words did not ease me one bit. Instead, it made my poor heart roar in my chest. I stumble out of Xade's hold and plop on the sofa behind me completely stunned by everything.

What?" I breathed out and flick my eyes up to Xade's father. "Secret hunters?"

The doctor had looked normal....but Xade had looked normal to me for years too.

Xadeon nods and elaborates. " Yes. They pose as doctors, scientists, policemen, researchers you name it. They are...human after all. They do this to capture supernatural beings. Since he has seen some bit of animal blood in you I am sure he was smart enough to put everything together."

I swallowed, a shiver of fear running down my spine. If I hadn't escaped that night....would I even be here today? Would I even be here with Xade?

How many chances has death played with us?

Xade snarls and sits beside me, one hand swooping under my knees while the other under my arms. In one move he had me on his lap. I don't protest. In his arms I feel safe despite the events happening around us.

"You're scaring her dad," Xade barked and Xadeon let out a breath.

I know you're protective of her Xade no matter how hard you try to cout she's now in this world of ours her from it. You see what's already happening, if we don't act now things may get worse," Xadeon grumbles and Eloise squeezes his arm.

"Your father is right Xade. I know things are happening so quickly one after the other, but to survive in this world Avery, you must adapt just as quickly," she steps toward me and stops when she sees Xade hold me tighter as if she were the enemy.

Her gaze saddened. "I'm not your enemy Xade, neither is your father. I know you have just fully mated and you can't control the protective nature of your beast but if you want to truly protect her from this, you should listen to us and trust us. We have never led you astray."

"Mom's right Xade," Xaden grumbles. "If this has broadcasted so quickly and everywhere, this hunter must already have big links. We don't know who we're messing with."

I drop my hand to Xade's hand that was on my stomach, cupping it as if he were shielding it from the cruel world. " Xade," I whispered, rubbing soothing circles on his hand. If there were anyone I'd trust, it would be his parents.

"What do you suggest we do?" Xade aimed his question at his father.

Xadeon's brows pinched in a way that let us all know he was thinking inwardly. "First we need to bring her somewhere safe. Since it has been broadcast everywhere, many will be on the lookout for her. Her face is on the news, a clear image, it will be only a matter of time before someone recognizes her."

He was right. If I stay here someone will catch the sight of me sooner or later.

"We go back to the pack. Back home." Xaden suggested, arms folding as he frowned.

Xadeon nods. "Yes. It will also be good to have her mom close by too. I will have the beta and some wolves surround your home to keep her safe. Like Xaden mentioned, we don't know who we are dealing with. It will be better if we take precautions right now."

My heart hammers in my chest. "What about school? What about-

Xadeon looks at me with an apologetic expression on his face. "We'll talk to the headmaster to allow you to do everything online. I know you loved the campus experience but it's now too risky at the moment, especially since you are pregnant and they have a bounty on your head."

I swallowed hard and nod. As long as Xade was by my side I didn't care what I had to risk.

Eloise's gaze softened on me. Once we figure out who the hunter is and wipe out the threat, things will get easier. We are a family, we have always been and you know we will fight to protect you no matter what."

"No matter what," Xade whispered in my ear and kissed my cheek. I closed my eyes, sucking in a deep breath to calm down my nerves. When I reopen them, I am now determined to adapt to another change yet again.

"When do we leave?" I questioned.

"As soon as possible," Xadeon replied. "That 30k will have people doing crazy things to get it. You're a sitting goose the longer we stay here."

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There's an urgent tone in Xadeon's voice that made everyone jump into action. Before we know it, Xade has packed up all the bags and is eyeing every corner of the room as if at any moment some kind of monster would pop out.

His protectiveness was adorable but I didn't want to worry this bad.

What about Melissa? I have my clothes...." I drawled. I have nothing but the dirty clothes I came with here. I am going home in Xade's clothes.

" We can't trust anyone, Melissa included. She just needs to know you're safe and that's all. As for your clothes I will buy you new ones," he promised, walking over to me, cups my face gently as if I were some fragile glass and plants a soft tender kiss on my forehead. " I promise."

I sighed, closing my eyes to savor the moment of calm that passes between us briefly. It is quick but it's enough to calm down my nerves a bit. He really was my anchor.

No you don't have to buy me anything new," I whispered, pulling away from him to stare up into his eyes. "I still have clothes back at Mom's. I'm sure some stuff will still fit."

He nod, grinning. " Fine. But I will still have to buy you some when your belly starts to grow."

I grinned up at him. " Deal."

A knock sounds at the door. "Are you two dressed?" Xaden's voice split through the door.

Xade rolled his eyes and replied. " Of course we are."

The door opens and Xaden peeks in nervously. When his eyes caught sight of us he breathed out a sigh of relief. "I know you two humping bunnies can't get enough of each other, had to be sure."

Shut it," Xade grumbles, reaching out for a pillow on the bed and launching it toward Xaden who missed it by a few seconds.

He chuckled." Need to aim properly little brother. Thought you were good at aiming since you seem to shoot properly down there," he nudged his chin down to Xade's crotch and smirked when I was the one who flushed.

Stop," I muttered, turning away from him to hide my red embarrassed cheeks.

Okay, fine," Xaden mocked, raising his hands in surrender. " Just making sure you two are ready. Dad says we need to leave now. Beta Logan has already launched some wolves to surround your home for protection little V. Your mama is safe."

His words brought on relief and the weight I felt on my shoulders lessen.

Thank you," I whispered.

Xaden gaze softens. "We are a family Avery, all of us including your mom. We protect family."

Xade smiled happily at his brother's words and pulled me by his side. And we stick together," he utters, kissing my head. Then he grabs the duffel bag he had packed and swooped me in his arms without a struggle.

I gasp, wrapping my arms around him. Not that I needed to, Xade was strong. I trusted him with my life.

Xaden rolls his eyes. " You two are really stuck together like glue," he snorted, turned around and walked out. Xade followed after him with me in his arms.

We both knew that what was going on was severe and I was in massive danger. Yet even though the threat loomed over us, Xade seem to make me feel protected and safe. I never wanted out of his hold and the feeling seem mutual.

Xadeon and Eloise were waiting in the living room when we got there, their things packed and ready. But we couldn't help but notice someone was missing along with the yellow wolfsbane flower that had been on the kitchen countertop.

"Where's Kaylee?" Xaden asked tightly, frowning hard.

Xadeon shifted his uneasy gaze to Eloise and then back to Xaden. " She left."

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"What the hell do you mean she left?" Xaden snarled, taking a harsh step forward." What the fuck did you do dad!?"

Xadeon doesn't flinch or look fazed. " She walked out with the wolfsbane not too long ago. If you want to catch her I think you should hurry up."

Xaden glared at him harshly and with a snarl, he burst through the door and rush out. I frowned. Kaylee was a sweet girl, I am confused about why she left. Had Xadeon told her to leave? I highly doubted it. Xadeon could be tough most times on the boys but he has always wanted them happy. He loves them both.

"Did you say anything to her?" Xade hissed low, gripping me hard. I soothed my hand down his back to calm him down and to my surprise, it actually worked in a second.

Xadeon eyes hardened. " You two boys need to understand that I am not your enemy. The young girl left on her own. I did not stop her because it was not my place to meddle. Xaden needs to know how to fight for love. She's a rogue and very skittish, she needs to see that he wants her here."

Xade's grip relaxed around me but he still glared at his dad. " You could have told him she left earlier. He will hate you if he doesn't catch up with her. "

Xadeon shrugs. " It's a risk I was willing to take. Xaden has always gotten everything he wants handed to him. It's time he fights for something worth it. Now we should leave," he eyed the bag in Xade's grasp.

Eloise steps out of his arms. " Wait, she needs to cover up a little. We can't have anyone spotting her."

Xade nods and sets me down on my feet. He opens his duffel bag and pulls out a huge hoodie. He helps me put it on, squeezing the tip of my nose playfully when he is done. "Now you look just like daddy," he joked.

I swatted his hand away and glared at him. He chuckles happily. "Here," Eloise says and hands me a pair of dark sunglasses I presume were hers. I took them with a grateful smile and slip them on.

She smiles at me gently. " Okay, this should cover you up a little. We just need to get you inside the car undetected."

"Let's head out," Xadeon urged, looking at us impatiently.

Xade turns to me, a warm look crossing his eyes as he searches my eyes for any signs of hesitation and fear. "Ready?"

I nod and repeat. " Ready."

Xaden's pov

I burst out the door, my wolf howling in my head in pain and desperation to find her. Her scent was faint but still here. If I am lucky I will catch her before she leaves the building. I had to. I fucking had to.

And I did, just before she walked out those doors I called out to her. " Take one step out that door and I will throw you over my knees."

The few people who caught my words stared at me wide eyed and at Kaylee in shock. I know she heard me when her back stiffen and she froze. Then slowly, so fucking painfully slow, she turns around and our eyes connect.

Her eyes are teary.

Fuck.

“Xaden I-

I stormed toward her frustrated. ” You don’t get to run away from me, you don’t get to run away from this Kaylee. You think you can just walk in my life and then walk out with my heart?” I snarled, not meaning to be harsh but it came out that way.

She flinches her gaze dropping to the floor. “I don’t want to burden you and your family-

“You are family!” I growled, reaching her and grabbing her arm. It causes the wolfsbane to fall to the floor but at the moment I don’t give a damn about it or the few eyes watching us. “You are my family. You belong here with me,”

Her eyes lift to mine and they’re now wide in shock but I can see the other emotions running through them. Emotions that are causing turmoil.

“You leave and I will follow you to every fucking corner of the earth. So you choose,” I stared into her pretty eyes deeply.

“Either you come with me or I leave with you. Either way,” I dipped my head and her breath hitches. I smirk. “You’re stuck with me.”

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Xaden’s pov

Her eyes searches mine as if she was scared that my words were true or that she could not believe them. She shakes her head sadly, her voice lowering in a shaky whisper. ” What if I bring more trouble for you and your family? What if Alister finds out and what if-

I had to stop her. There were too many bloody what-ifs. I don’t give a damn about those what-ifs. They held no weight. What held weight was knowing that no matter what happens I will be by her side as she will be by mine.

So fuck the bloody what-ifs. It will be want-more when I am done devouring her lips.

Which I do, cutting off her gasp when I slip my tongue into her mouth. She tastes as divine as she looks. Sweet with a hint of the lemon tea she made earlier. I groaned, delving in deeper, showing her how deep my tongue can go and promising her my cock will do the same.

She shudders in my arms and I hold her to me, my fingers threading in those silky strands I have dreamt about grabbing while I delve into her from behind.

A soft little moan pushes out of her lips. So perfect. So mine.

She had been my undoing. My anchor. The woman I thought I would not ever meet. And now that she was standing here, in my arms, being punished by my tongue and mouth, she was not going anywhere.

I will not allow her.

She was mine. Mine. Mine. Min-

Young man this is not a strip club. Have some manners!" some woman scold. How dare she interrupt something so sweet.

I break off the kiss reluctantly to tell the old bitch off when I catch sight of her but then the stern look on Dad's face told me to rethink about it. I bit my tongue resorting to glaring at the older woman.

"I see you have worked out whatever was going on," Dad waved his hands between Kaylee and me. She had buried her head on my chest trying to shy away from the attention that had been on us a few seconds ago. Too late for that, I bet everyone saw.

A smile tugs on my lips. Her shyness was adorable.

Let's leave, we need to hurry," he mutters under his breath, Mom right behind him. She gives me a warm smile and looks at Kaylee in my arms.

I squeezed Kaylee's hand and set my attention on her alone. " So what is it going to be? Which way do you choose?"

She pulls away from my chest to peer up at me. Her eyes are still hazy and dazed with desire. The desire I invoked inside her. I can't help but be proud and flaunt it with a cocky grin on my face. " What?" her brows drew in that adorable way that makes me want to kiss her even more.

Goddamn it, this girl will be the death of me.

My grin broadens. " What way do you want this to go baby? Will you come with me or should you lead the way to wherever we are going?"

I can see the gears finally moving in her head and it clinks. She narrows her eyes, her lips that are a bit swollen from my kisses lining into a frown. "You are insufferable," she huffs, her cheeks reddening.

He is," Xade's voice comes behind me as he smacks me on the back in a silent way that tells me he has my back." But he will do anything for those he cares about. Don't be like me Kaylee, don't fight it."

Looking between us, he grabs little V's hand and follows after Dad and mom. I return my gaze to Kaylee whose frown has deepened.

Well, pretty girl?" I whisper, holding her chin and turning her head to face me. Her eyes snap up and they are softer now." Which one do you choose?"

Her eyes glisten and she swallows hard before responding. " You," her voice is shaky but filled with honesty. "I will go with you. I will follow you."

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Avery's pov

As we walked out, Xade keeps his arms around me, shielding me in a way that had me plastered to his side. " Take our vehicle, it's tinted," Xadeon throw him the keys and Xade caught them with a nod. Xade throws him the keys to his.

Xade leads me to the vehicle, opening the door and making sure I am secured before closing it and racing to the driver's side. I am a nervous wreck, looking at the people around, my mind racing if they recognize me or not.

They didn't seem to, everyone look to be in their own world.

A firm warm hand lands on my thigh, pulling me out of my hassle of thoughts and I turn to him. His eyes are warm, searching mine. Relax baby,"

I nod, swallowing as I drop my gaze. He squeezed. "Everything will be okay, we will handle all of this together."

I took a deep breath, hoping to calm my racing mind and heart. I use the warmth of his touch to anchor me into reality and peeled my eyes open when I feel like I had calmed down enough. I smiled at him grateful that he seem to always help me with simple touches.

He squeezed again and the door behind opens. Kaylee enters followed by Xaden. I can't help but notice how extremely red Kaylee's face was flushed. I bit my lip to not giggle.

Ready?" Xaden asked everyone and we all answered yes. As we drove the tension begin to fade and soon we all were comfortable to joke around....

Did you see the look that woman gave you two?" I teased Xaden, turning around in my seat to look at him and Kaylee who looks flushed. She stammers and he snorted.

I thought she'd castrate you right there," I joked, trying to move the seriousness of our situation off my shoulders by distracting myself.

If I don't think much of it maybe I'd not feel like a dirty criminal on the run like they have already painted me.

Xaden scowled but I know the look was directed at me but the image he has obviously conjured up in his mind of the woman. "If Dad had not given me that look I would have told her off for disturbing me from my meal. Some people are so rude," he snarls low.

I sneak a glance at Kaylee and the poor girl is trying to shrink into the seats. I bit my tongue to not laugh and throw my hand over my mouth to cough.

I wasn't the only one who was sneaking glances at Kaylee. Xaden couldn't keep his eyes off her and by the twitching of his fingers, I knew that he wanted to touch her and hold her. But he was sweet enough to not overstep since she was so uncomfortable and shy right now.

I turn back to stare at the front, wanting to give the two needed privacy. I can't help but smile. They remind me of Xade and I. Who would've thought Xaden would be so in love? I could have sworn it was just yesterday he was fake gagging at Xade and me.

And now, he could barely keep his hands to himself with Kaylee.

He was happy.

I looked at my mate, the guy I have loved so deeply for years. His features are so beautiful it makes my breath hitch every single time I ogle at him. He was breathtaking. And all mine.

If you keep staring at me like that, you'll have me risk kissing you right now," Xade spares me a heated look and my body burns under the intensity.

"I'd like to not be in an accident thank you very much," Xaden grumbles from behind me." You two can't keep your hands and mouths over each other for a damn second," he scowls but his tone is playful and filled with mirth.

Xade chuckles but then it dies out, his brows furrowing into a deep frown. I draw my eyes to where he was looking and noticed that it was a traffic jam ahead. However, it was not a normal traffic jam.

There were policemen on every side of the road, waving the vehicles down to make them come to a stop. Xade's knuckles turn white as he gripped the steering wheel hard, the veins straining from his brutal grip.

They're doing a search," he snarls and it's the first time I see his nails turn to claws on the steering wheel, ripping through the material.

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Avery's pov

I knew things would not be as easy as I had hoped they'd be. Nerves bundle in my stomach, turning into painful cramps. I held my stomach, hoping that all this stress was not harming our baby.

Fucking hell," Xaden snarls just as frustrated and angry. "We're not dealing with just any hunter,"

Xade slowed down and his dad who drove behind him overtook him to now be at the front. Xade's jaw clenches and he snarls under his breath, his eyes hazing over. Dad says I should turn back around and find another way out."

Xaden looks behind them, looking frustrated. " We can make a quick round...but I think there are probably police on every corner. Our best bet would be to not go in the open."

Xade glances at his brother through the rearview mirror, his brows joining into a furrow. " What do you have in mind?"

Xaden winces. "It's risky but better since we'll be on our own turf. We leave the city and use the woods. We go home in our wolf forms."

Xade's grip hardens on the steering wheel, his eyes flickering with

indecision, the weight of it heavy on his shoulders causing them to stiffen to hold up the weight.

"It's risky since the hunters can be there too. But you're right, we're on our turf and we're stronger in our werewolf form than human. it's our best shot to get V home and safe," Xade utters tightly and looks at me as if to see if I disagree or not.

Fear is clawing at my sides but I know I could trust him with my life and knew he'd protect me with his life. So I nod. "We've faced worse," I admit, I almost died last night. "If this is our best shot at getting out of here, let's do it."

Xade's eyes soften and he nods, reassuring me with his eyes that he'd protect me. He didn't have to remind me, I already knew.

Xade starts to turn the car in the street and barrels down the main road. We move from winding backstreets and halfway through Xade and Xaden switches to make it safer. Now with me in the backseat and Kaylee at front, we continue to move from street to street hoping to escape the chaos behind us.

The tension in the car was heavy and thick, everyone on edge and making sure to be on high alert. Xadeon and Eloise stayed back, hoping to not make things too obvious. They promise to meet us at home and told Xade and Xaden to keep them updated.

The further we drove, the more we were disappearing from the city until those huge buildings gave way to thick trees on either side of the road. Xaden drove further, turning into a narrow trail that led to the forest.

"It's too easy," Xade suddenly uttered, his eyes everywhere, his body tense.

His words made me stiffen and look around, trying to spot anything that wasn't deemed safe. Xaden darts his eyes to Xade's through the rearview and nods in agreement. "Stay sharp and alert, we must be ready for anything."

We continued down the path, the trees now covering us until it seem to look later than it actually was. Xaden stops the vehicle. "We shift here and continue on foot," Xaden urged, unbuckling himself and opening the door.

Xade rests his hand on my thigh. "Wait until I tell you it's safe to come out," he said protectively, opening his side of the vehicle. I nod, nervously biting my lower lip. He stepped out of the car, his nose in the air and sniffs.

He's tense but a little more relaxed when he motions for me to come to him. Fear is gnawing at my sides but I move to him, my knees weak as I stand on the ground.

"I'm going to shift and you're going to crawl on top of me and hold my fur as reigns," he instructed, making my heart slam against my chest as it finally clicks that I would be seeing Xade's beast in a few for the very first time.

A shiver races down my spine at the thought.

Xade notices and steps toward me, cupping my cheek as he stares into my eyes. "I won't bite..." he tilts his head and a small grin tugs at the corners of his mouth. "Unless you want me to."

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Avery's pov

His playful words were an obvious tease to make me loosen up and it did, the tension in my body easing a bit. I nod, a grin of my own tugging at the corners of my lips. I needed to relax and focus on the trust I had for him.

He'd never hurt me.

In any form.

"We head east," Xaden said as he starts to peel his shirt off. "I'll lead and Kaylee will be at the back," he glances at Kaylee. "she volunteered to be the one to protect from the back."

Kaylee smiles at me and Xade shyly and bowed her head. "Dad said he told Beta Logan to expect us at the border since going east will have us end up there directly," Xaden continues. "If we go quick enough we will get there before the sun sets."

Xade nods. "Stay on high alert, this may be our turf but the hunters are conniving," he warned his brother and stepped back. He begins to peel his shirt off and Kaylee turns to head to the back of the car to take off her clothes.

Do you have to make everything look like you're trying to seduce her?" Xaden snorted making Xade send him a sharp glare. Xade continues to peel off his clothes and when he is stark naked he looks at me intensely and takes several steps back.

He tosses the clothes at Xaden who puts them in the duffel bag he took from the back.

Trust me okay?" he whispered softly. I nod, chewing the inside of my cheek as Xade takes a couple more steps back.

With his eyes on me, the air shifts around us. The sound of bones breaking fills the stuffy air and then I watch in awe as dark fur sprouts from his skin, bones breaking and reshaping. He falls to his knees, snarling and keeping his eyes on me.

If this was anyone else I would be terrified. But I am not. Not when his eyes portrayed so much of the love he had for me.

His human form melts away and is replaced by a powerful wolf that was literally the size of the vehicle. My breath hitches. No wonder they cannot be seen, anyone with a brain would know that this kind of beast is not a regular wolf.

I continue to stare at him as his beast growled and shook his dark fur. He was beautiful. So beautiful.

You should hurry up get on him V," Xaden urged, pulling me out of my thoughts. I smile nervously and took a step toward Xade's beast. I took in a deep breath, trying to steady my nerves as I approach his intimidating form.

As I look into his eyes, I relaxed. Despite how intimidating and powerful his beast was, Xade's eyes remain soft and warm on me. Even in this form, he has me melting for him.

Beside him now I can feel the heat of his beast brushing against me. His fur was dark and thick and I couldn't help but reach out to brush my fingers through it. He rumbles, something close to a purr, his snout brushing my stomach.

I smile. "You're beautiful," I said truthfully and his head lift.

My heart races with the emotions I witness running through his eyes and lean down to kiss his snout. "I love every part of you, beast or man, I love you,"

Xade nudges his snout against my lips and I giggle, pushing his head away playfully. "Ew it's cold," I joked and his eyes twinkle happily. He lowered himself, silently telling me to get on his back.

Taking in a breath I do just that, remembering to clutch his fur tightly as he instructed. When he lifts to his full height I let out a shocked faint squeal, feeling the strength under me.

Xaden throws the duffel bag by his head and Xade catches it in his jaw. We need to leave now, Dad said they still have a long way to go to get out of there. The line is pretty long and the hold-up is longer."

I frowned and then looked back when I heard a faint rustle behind us. A copper wolf not as big as Xade comes behind us. Those eyes told me it was Kaylee. She was pretty.

When Xaden shifts, all three take off. I had to clutch Xade tightly as I watch the trees turn into a blur of green and brown around us. Despite how quick we were going, I could not help but feel that something was off.