

MY BESTFRIEND SLIPPED INSIDE ME

Chapter 161

Avery's pov

Xade power rippled under me as his massive beast race through the trees, following closely behind Xaden whose wolf was just as big but the fur was a tad bit lighter. I held his fur tighter, sinking my upper body closer to him as I try to not fall off his huge beast.

Rustling leaves, the sound of distant animals around...the sound of the whistling wind. All was normal, yet I couldn't help but notice some movements amongst the bushes in my peripheral vision.

It could be other animals, but the figures were as tall as humans and cloaked in darkness. I looked back, spotting Kaylee just a couple of inches behind. Her coppery fur glistened red under the streaks of sunlight.

Even though she was smaller than the boys, her eyes were laser focused around us, scanning the area sharply. I looked back forward, swallowing. Something about here seems eerie: It feels as if Xade sensed it too because I felt his beast muscles grow tense under me.

The unease grew and the air began to crackle with tension. The sounds, rustling and twigs snapping sound louder, closer. Suddenly a sharp yipping sound comes from behind and I look back quickly.

It was Kaylee.

My heart leaps into my throat. Was she warning us of something? Did she see something?

Xaden's pace quickened and Xade responds swiftly, increasing his speed which leads me to clutch his fur tighter, my heart racing. My breathing gets stuck in my throat as I could sense the change in the air.

It was clear something was amiss as I had thought.

I snap my eyes around, darting them around the area quickly. The figures were on the trees, covered by the thick branches but I can spot them if I look closely. "They're in the trees," I lowered my head, hoping Xade would catch my words without alerting whoever or whatever was around.

His ears twitch, giving me hope that he heard. It seems he did because his pace quickened and so did the others. Kaylee was holding her own just behind us, a low growl rumbling under her breath as warning.

It feels like the forest was closing around us and my fear spiked, stinking the air just as I felt a sharp gust of wind brush close to my left ear and then I heard it, a loud snap as that gust of wind turns out to be a huge arrow, splitting right between a thick branch up ahead.

My heart leaps in my throat when another shoots right pass my shoulder, nearly piercing through Xade. My knuckles turn white as I clutch his fur harder. Xade growled loud and harsh, his warning shaking the already tense air around us.

My breathing haste as I try to not let the terror numb me since I had to be on high alert too.

Another sharp gust of wind right beside my nose made me gasp, my fingers turning shaky as Xade and the rest picked up their pace. Xaden lets out a bark, turning to the left and making Xade follow behind him.

However, the further we dig into the forest the dark shadows become more visible until up ahead a figure clothed in black stands in our path, in his or her hand is a a bow and arrow, aiming right for Xaden.

Panic surges within me as I watch the figure clothed in black pull back the drawstring to aim. " Watch out!" I yelped just as the figure releases and the arrow comes zapping through the air like a whipping wind.

Thankfully Xaden moves just in time, but the arrow moves too close to me. I wince when I felt a bit of the stabbing pain on my ear and knew it had scrapped me.

Xade's beast snarls, his beast moving so quickly he ends up passing Xaden, aiming right for that figure clothed in black. However, before he could reach the figure a huge beast comes from the right and in a swift blur tears through the figure with no remorse. Blood smears on the forest floor in seconds.

It's that man from Xade's place....the man named Henry. His wolf had traumatized me enough so forgetting him was impossible.

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Henry growled, his head shooting up, and then let out a snarl, his eyes spearing to the left then he takes off in that direction. Xade slows down so Xaden can return ahead and Xaden follows Henry, Xade, and Kaylee right behind him.

The forest kind of felt alive in the moment, every rustle had me tensing and looking around sharply. We were being hunted so it would be best to keep on the lookout. My stomach twisted and I bit my tongue as I began to feel nauseous.

We move deeper into the forest but something still felt off and my hunch was right when many dark figures suddenly emerge out of the bushes, surrounding us. Henry slowed causing Xaden to slow and the rest to follow suit.

We were surrounded.

My heart raced and my palms starts to sweat, getting clammy as I clutch Xade's fur. One of the figures up ahead aims their bow and arrow our way and the others follow on rise in alert and I let or command. The tiny hairs on the back of my neck a shaky breath.

Was this it?

Was there no escape now?

Was this really it?

As the thought steeled in my mind suddenly bones crack in the air and I yelped as a body collides with mine, forcefully pushing me off Xade's back. My heart slams in my chest as I try to reach out to hold my incoming painful fall, but those arms that wrapped around me to push me off turns me around midair, and the sharp sounds of bones breaking return in the air and in seconds I am on Kaylee's beast.

My heart pushes in my throat and I looked at Xade's beast, his eyes already watching me, silently telling me to trust them. I nod, clutching Kaylee's coppery fur as she moves with me behind Xade while Xaden moves to the right and Henry moves to the left.

They were circling around Kaylee to protect us.

Xade's massive beast remains close, his loud snarls whipping through the air in warning as the figures cloaked in black begin to close in. And then the one at the front yells loud. " You are surrounded, shift and surrender!"

Xade's beast rose to his full intimidating height, baring his sharp teeth. Surrender or we kill all of you!" The loud voice belongs to a man and despite his command, his tone shook a bit with what I detected as a little hesitation.

The strain in the air heightened, whizzing through the atmosphere thickly. My breath caught in my throat as I looked around in terror. There were many of them, more than twenty. The possibility of leaving here unscathed seems unlikely. I grew nervous.

"You're outnumbered!" the man hissed through the air as if to remind us that we had no chance against them.

Xade snarls, paws digging into the dirt as if ready to pounce at the man any moment now. And then he lunged forward, head on, his huge beast pouncing on the first figure his jaws could get. The rest followed, except for Kaylee who relaxed her muscles, her eyes sharply ahead.

My heart is in my throat and I am terrified not for me but for Xade who's dodging every arrow snapping toward him.

Suddenly Kaylee moves into a stance that had me on high alert. I gripped her fur tightly as if telepathically knowing what she was about to do. And she did, sprinting forward and moving from the chaos.

I snap my eyes back, my heart racing in my chest as I yell for Xade. I didn't want to leave him to fight on his own but I had a feeling he was the one who told Kaylee to get me out of there. And though I was irritated that he made a decision on his own again, I knew he was only doing this to protect me and our baby.

His eyes meet mine briefly, but in that quick moment, I see it in his eyes. The promise to get out of this and return to me. A promise that we will meet soon. And I held him to that, hope weighing in me.

We haven't broken our promises yet, so he better not now.

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The truth is I am terrified that he'd not come back and as I stared at him fighting against those hunters my eyes glisten.

Wind whips beside my leg and Kaylee whines under me. I drop my gaze to where the arrow had nearly attacked me and noticed that one was stuck in Kaylee's back leg. Panic surges in me but she does not stop, she keeps her pace despite the arrow sticking through her leg.

Pulling it out would be risky, especially in the open. Kaylee's pace didn't falter and suddenly she veered off the tracks and went east. The path is a bit narrower, the foliage thicker and darker as the sharp branches snap against my skin brutally.

It felt like hours until Kaylee slowed down, limping a bit. I looked around. She clearly needed a break and also needed to get the arrow out.

It was just up ahead there's a small cave and though I do not like caves, the only way to get out of sight and help her.

I pointed at the cave. "In there, we need to get the arrow out," I said worriedly, hoping she'd listen to me. To my relief, she does and limps to the entrance of the cave. Blood dripped on the forest floor after her path and I look around nervously, hoping we would not be followed.

We haven't spotted any hunters as yet so hopefully they'd not suddenly show up now.

The cave is small and dark but it's a good enough size to fit us both and cover us from the outside. Kaylee limps to the very end of the cave where the darkness closed in around us, yet there is a little light from the

opening of the cave. She lowers herself, whining in pain and I carefully move off her.

She shifts, moaning and falling limp on the forest floor in her naked human form. "Kaylee!" I rushed, bending down to her injured leg. The arrow shot right in, the tip pushing out from the back of her thigh.

I winced. It looks painful.

I think the arrow is laced with wolfsbane. My wolf is having difficulty in healing the wound," she whimpers low, her fingers wrapping around the arrow. Her teeth grits as she pulls it out in one swift move.

She flings the bloody arrow to the other side of the cave and I gasped at the amount of blood I could see gushing out of the wound. I didn't think twice and quickly tear a strip of my shirt. "Okay hold on," I whisper as my hand shakes.

I have never seen a wound this bad up close before. Her face winced with pain as I try to swiftly wrap the material around her wound tightly to help stop the bleeding.

"Since you've mentioned that the arrow was laced with wolfsbane, is there no possibility of you healing?" I asked nervously.

She nods. "It will heal but will take a bit longer but we need to get out of here, the hunters may not be too far."

My mind race as I nod. " Yes, I agree but we can't move with you like this. I won't go on your back and you're injured. we should wait it out a little bit until you heal."

She shook her head no. We can't risk it, they can be on to us and know where we are. I need to get you to safety."

My eyes soften. She'd rather risk herself for me instead of caring for her wound." And I won't risk you getting even more hurt Kaylee. What good will it do if you can't even stand up because of this wound? "

She sighs, closing her eyes, and when she reopens them she nods. "Okay, but only ten minutes. After that, we move."

My brows furrows. " Will ten minutes be enough for the wound to heal?"

She looks away and I already knew her answer without her having to say it verbally. I let out a breath and was about to tell her we would wait as long as necessary for her wound to heal when a figure moves in the middle of the opening of the cave.

Kaylee and I stiffen and my heart sped.

That figure did not belong to Xade or Xaden.....this was a hunter.

"Come out little wolves, I just want to play," the gruff manly voice chuckles and a shiver race down my spine.

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Kaylee grips my arm, her hold firm as if to tell me to keep quiet without having to say it out loud. I nod, silently telling her that I understand and look around frantically for a weapon or something to use against the bastard that loomed at the entrance of the cave.

I could spot nothing in this kind of darkness and could only spot rocks and dirt.

The man's shadow looms like a damn bully as he steps forward into the cave and my heart pounds into my chest.

He whistles low, the air whipping inside the cave tauntingly. Shivers of fear race on my skin, revealing themselves as goosebumps on my flesh.

“Come out, come out wherever you are,” he taunts, his hand going behind him and pulling out an arrow from behind him.

His childish taunting got on my nerves and I fisted my hands. We couldn't stay here forever, he'd find us sooner than later. Eventually, he will spot us if he keeps walking further into the cave.

“We have to do something,” I whisper under my breath low so only Kaylee could hear. “He will find us eventually.”

Kaylee nods, releasing my arm and shifting to crouch in a way that told me she was ready to pounce when it will be necessary.

His shadows dance across the cave's walls and I nervously reach out for a small rock. It wasn't much but if I could aim it properly I could cause some damage. The hunter steps forward and stops, aiming the bow and arrow at us.

My grip on the rock turns brutal, my palms slick with sweat as fear licked across my spine. Had he spotted us? There was a possibility his eyes had adjusted to the darkness and made it easier to see us where we were crouched.

We couldn't afford to make him get any closer....

But this far out I didn't have faith that I would be able to aim properly. I sink my teeth into my bottom lip, my hands shaky. He takes another step forward and though the man is smaller than the cave, he somehow feels like a giant in here.

My heart hammers against my chest. If he comes just a little more closer I could take the risk of hurling the stone. He whistles again, taunting the air knowing he was setting fear.

Kaylee is stiff, ready to pounce as her eyes remain on him unwaveringly. And then he takes another step, and another and I aim. The rock goes flying to him straight and the sickening thud of it hitting him right across his forehead was relieving.

Striking him made me feel proud and I couldn't help but smirk.

He grunts in pain, lifting his hand to his head which was enough of a distraction for Kaylee to force herself to shift and lunge for him. With a loud feral growl Kaylee's beast jaws snap around the hunter's ankle.

“Mother fucker!”

He yells, falling to the ground hard. He tries to stab her with the arrow, fighting to wrestle out of her hold but she won't let him go. I look around for another rock, needing

to help her. Kaylee sees his attack before he can complete it and harshly bites off his arm.

He roars in pain and she silences him with a brutal bite to his neck, clamping so hard I can hear the gurgle of his blood in his throat and mouth. But just as we thought it was the last of it, another figure appears at the entrance of the cave, bow, and arrow aiming directly at Kaylee.

Kaylee!" I utter loudly in panic as the second hunter aims for her head. The first hunter must have been a sacrifice to get us occupied so the other could strike.

My heart races when the arrow whips in the air, directly toward Kaylee who jerks back a little, however it manages to embed itself in her other leg.

She snarls, backing away to hide herself in the darkness as he aims to hit her with another arrow again. However, before he can a huge beast lunges for him and bites off his head clean off his shoulders. The headless man

now falls to his knees and collapses onto the ground.

My heart leaps and I rise to my feet as I breathe out in relief.

Xade!"

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The weight that had been heavy on my shoulders loosen as soon as I saw his beast. Xade growls, stepping over the fallen hunter as he approaches me in a rush.

Just behind him is Xaden's wolf who rushes over to Kaylee who has already shifted back into her human form, hissing in pain.

I look over at her. " Kaylee," I begin to rip another strip off my shirt to help her with another wound just as Xade reaches beside me and nudges my stomach lightly with his snout, whining a bit.

My eyes soften and I bury my hands in his fur. The familiar warmth calms me down from the chaos that happened just moments ago.

I'm okay, baby is okay, it's Kaylee who is hurt,"

Kaylee!" Xaden yells as he shifts and falls on his knees beside her. I am okay, it just stings because of the wolfsbane laced in the arrow," she tries to ease his worries despite her being the one who is injured.

"You're not okay, you're hurt," Xaden grumbles under his breath.

"It's not the worst pain I've felt," Kaylee grits through her teeth as she tries to mask the look of pain off her face. But none of us bought it. She looks down at the arrow still pierced through her leg. "It will heal eventually."

Xaden's expression looks grim and I move to Kaylee, kneeling beside her. "We need to get the arrow out," I looked at her and saw how shy she was being naked in front of Xaden. I don't know if to awe at the moment or give them their privacy.

I heard bones break and felt Xade come behind me protectively as a shield. "It smells like purple wolfsbane, its effects should fade in twenty minutes from now," Xade utters. "But we can't risk staying here for long, Henry already stayed back to keep the other hunters occupied, we need to move now,"

Kaylee nods, her shaky fingers reaching for the arrow but Xaden stops her. "Let me," he tells her and I move a bit to give him more space so he'd be able to better.

Kaylee looks up at him nervously, and he smiles at her gently. "I'll be as gentle as I can," he promises her and she shakes her head. "No, please be swift about it. The slower the more painful it will be."

He searches her gaze and then nods. I rise to my feet, giving them a little privacy and turn to Xade who pulls me flush against him, hugging me as if I was his lifeline. I cling to him, swallowing as I whisper to him that I am okay.

He buries his head between my neck and shoulder and then lifted his head to kiss my ear. The very same ear that bled from the assault of the arrow. I shivered, clinging to him..

He suddenly lets out a soft hiss and I pull back, my brows drawn in worry.

"Are you hurt?" I searched his body frantically even though it was impossible to see anything as clear as I want to.

He cups my face. "It's nothing, just a scratch," he promises and I narrow my eyes at his face. "Xade," I warned and he smiles, shifting to point at his side. "An arrow grazed me, it should heal soon."

I look at where he pointed a sure enough there is a huge scratch. I bit my lip, reaching to brush just under it with the pad of my fingers. "It looks bad."

“Looks worse than it feels,” he utters, pulling me back in his arms and kissing my head. “I promise it will heal soon. I’m okay.”

I let out a gush of air and nod, kissing his chest where his heart thuds steadily.

Kaylee lets out a hiss and I pull away from Xade to look at her. Xaden has the arrow in his hand and snaps it in half. “Here,” I told him, flying the material I had torn from my shirt so he could wrap it around her wound.

“Kaylee will get on Xaden’s back,” Xade shoots her a firm stare when she looks ready to protest.

You can’t shift in this state-

” And I won’t let you,” Xaden cuts in, looking at Kaylee with determination. She sighs and nods.

” Since we have steered off the tracks we’re going to need to get back on the right path. We can

risk going a longer route. We need to get out of these woods and on our territory as soon as we can,” Xade urges as Xaden helps Kaylee to her feet.

Kaylee winces a bit but smiles at him gratefully.

Xade looks at me, cupping my

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face ” You ready for this? Keep a good

I nod, smiling at him. “Let’s get out of here.

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Avery’s pov

With me on Xade’s back clutching his fur and Kaylee on Xaden’s we move through the forest. Hours seem to pass in a blur and thankfully we encountered no other hunter on the way. I scan around, up ahead there’s a road and my heart leaps.

It's a familiar road. We're home.

"We're home," I whisper shakily, my heart thrumming against my chest happily. We made it. Xade and Xaden's pace quickens.

My heart jumps in my throat as we draw near and more than fifteen wolves emerge out of the trees. You'd think that them being huge I would have spotted them earlier, but they

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was near impossible to have spotted them soon.

Xade lets out a rumble under me and I stiffen. Were they enemies? I hated that I was not familiar with his world yet.

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When the bigger wolf comes forward and shifts into his human form I instantly recognize him as Logan who had been Xadeon long time friend but apparently he was more than that. His worried gaze shifts

Xaden and Xade.

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"We were getting worried that you all didn't make it," he admitted, eyes shifting to Kaylee who legs had healed but Xaden had refused to let her down. I think he quite liked that she was this close to him.

"A rogue?" His bushy blonde brow raise in question.

Xaden stops beside him and has Kaylee slide off. He quickly shifts in his human form and stands before her protectively when some of the wolves behind Logan look on edge by her presence.

Not for long," Xaden gritted. " She's my mate."

Logan's eyes widen in surprise and he nods, eyes flickering to Xade and nods. "I guess you'll get Avery home before she gets spotted?"

Xade growls low and I believe it was his response because Logan nods, smiling at me and waving as Xade passes him. "Nice to see you Avery!" he yells after me and I embarrassingly wave at him, a bit awkward that this grown man who I have known for years is naked.

I'll catch up after we've taken Kaylee to the infirmary for a check up," Xaden promises as Kaylee hides behind him. I waved at her, my eyes softening to tell her to trust Xaden that he'd never make anyone hurt her. She smiles shyly and nods and I wave her.

Xade quickens his pace again and a few wolves follow after him a few paces behind. I sighed, the heavy weight on my shoulders lifting as the familiar landscape surround us.

We arrive at Xade's home which had always reminded me of a castle. It was no secret that Xadeon was the richest man in town. The double wooden doors suddenly opens and Xade rushes in, making me clutch him tightly as he bounded up the stairs.

Xade takes me to his room, lowering to let me get off his back. When my feet is planted on the floor, Xade shifts in his human form. He steps forward and clutches both of my arms, his worried eyes scanning my body for any signs of harm.

I'm okay," I say to him and push closer in his arms until he circles his arms around my middle and hugs me. He rests his chin on my head and sighs. "I was scared you got hurt back there. I thought- His voice cracks and he stops talking, kissing my head multiple times until I giggle and playfully pull away. "At this point, you won't stop kissing me."

His determined eyes that twinkle with adoration stare down at me deeply. "I won't ever."

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Xade's pov

I watch her pretty eyes scan the room, lighting up when she catches sight of the painting she had done for me for one of my birthdays on the shelf. It was supposed to be a painting of us but my girl wasn't an artist but at least the stick figures were not that bad.

You still have it!" She gasped, moving out of my hold to stride over to the shelf. Even though I did not want to separate from her for one second I decided that I should, seeing how happy she looked when her eyes spotted the painting.

"Of course I kept it," I reply, smiling at her little figure in my room. She always belonged here, with me, in my room. "It means a lot to me why wouldn't I?"

She turns to me, her eyes tearing with emotion. "I can't believe you kept it. I could have sworn you said your mom was cleaning out your room."

I shrugged, moving to her. "She did, but I made sure to tell her to keep the things that mattered here," I press against her back, unable to stay away from her too long and circle my arms around her.

She leans into my hold, sighing as she turns back to stare at the painting.

I was really a bad artist back then," she snorted and I raised a brow.

"Back then? You still are my love," I pointed out and she whirls around, fake glaring up at me. "Hey! You said I got better!" she scowled playfully.

I grinned down at her, feeling my heart swell with more love for this girl in front of me. "It's okay baby, you're way better in other things," I she expertise in more.

She swatted my chest. "Okay horny Xade Archer, maybe you should go have a shower to remove the grim off you," she utters, her eyes avoiding to drop down to stare at what belongs to her.

I smirk, and with a tug, pull her flush against my front. "Only if you join me," I licked my lower lip and she huffs. "You know it won't end up with us just showering."

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I chuckled because she was right but I promise to be on my best behavior and fight it because we had other concerns to worry about. Even though I wanted nothing more than to be inside her and get lost in the feeling of home, I knew I had to focus on getting her name cleared so her life can somewhat go back to normal.

"I won't do anything I promise," I rubbed circles on her waist and she arches one of those pretty brows up. She didn't believe me. "I won't, we will just shower and then head to the infirmary to check up on my brother and Kaylee. Then if you want we can go to your home to see your mom," I suggested.

Her brows relaxed. "I would have said it's strange my mom doesn't know what's going on if I didn't really know my mom. I bet she's in her garden, planting away until her fingers hurt."

I snorted. She was right, her mom sole focus was her daughter Avery and her plants. The woman didn't even own a television. In her words she rather be in the moment and away from anything electronic.

"Your mom is probably the only person on this earth who hasn't heard what is happening. But it's a good thing, we won't have to explain this to her and hopefully, we will sort it out before we have to," I utter.

Avery nods and I step back and take her hand in mine. "Come on let's get you cleaned up and ready."

Avery follows after me. Xade?"

I turn back around to stare at her and she smiles. "You kept your promise to come back to me."

My heart aches with the love I have for her as I reply, squeezing her hand reassuringly. "I keep my promises don't I?"

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Xade's pov

I turn the shower on once we were in the bathroom and let the steam fill the room as I turn to Avery fully and help peel off her clothes which were really mine." You really look ravishing in my clothes," I tug the shirt forward and she lands flush against my front.

She raises both brows." Thought you said you'd be on your best behavior?" she taunted, looking at me under her lashes. I cursed inwardly. This girl knows exactly what she does to me.

I didn't say I wouldn't eye fuck such a beautiful masterpiece," I shrugged, pulling off the shirt until she was now stark naked. Despite my earlier promises my cock hardens painfully.

Her eyes drop to it and she then gives me a 'yeah right' look which I shrugged at and motioned for her to step into the shower first. Big mistake because now my eyes have fallen to her bouncy ass and I groaned.

She turns to look at me over her shoulder, her eyes twinkling with amusement." Okay there buddy?"

I glared at the little vixen and step in after her. As the warm water cascades down her body I am having a hard time just keeping this a quick shower. And to make matters worse, Avery was having fun taunting me.

"Can you shampoo my hair please," she grabs the shampoo bottle and pushes it in my hand. "I got dirt in my strands from the cave."

I nod, unable to say a word since the pain of my cock was too extreme. I squirt some shampoo in my palm and started to massage it into her hair. She moans and my cock jerks at the sound. I hiss.

Avery!" I warned.

She looks back at me innocently, her eyes wide as if she didn't know what she was doing. "What? The massage feels good."

I glared at her and move my eyes off hers. Those eyes were like that of sirens, luring you in with just one look. She was making this hard to keep my promise. It's already a struggle to keep my hands from wandering and touching her where-

Fuck Xade, focus. Think of something else. I closed my eyes, trying to imagine something ridiculous.

It's hard to when I can feel her little warm body close to mine.

"You're doing so good Xade," her little teasing voice made me snap my eyes open to playfully glare at her. "Almost there," she taunts, eyes twinkling with amusement.

"You're not making this easy V," I grumble, moving my eyes off her as she washes the shampoo out of her hair.

Those wet tresses are tempting me to grip them in a fist as I-

I pull my thoughts from the dangerous path and put some of the shower gel in my palm. "Turn around," I commanded her and she slowly did. I glared at her. She was making this too difficult.

I should have known not to make promises like that with her. Especially knowing I wouldn't be able to resist her. I had doomed myself and played myself stupid.

I gritted my teeth until it hurt. My fucking wolf wagged its tail happily, wanting to lather her with our tongue instead. Steeling my jaw, I begin to work the soap on her skin in quick strokes. Worse idea ever.

Now my mid can't keep off how soft her curves felt under my touch. My entire body reacts and my throbbing cock hurts even more. And she hit the nail on the coffin when she let out a pleasurable sound from her throat, pushing closer to me until her hard nipples brush my ribs.

I bit back a groan. "You really are testing my patience Avery."

She giggle and the flirty sound went straight to my cock. I sucked in a breath and lift my head to the ceiling. "God give me the strength to not break the promise to be on my best behavior."

As if to taunt me even more, her fingers spread on my chest and she whispers. Seeing you worked up this much is hot."

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Xade's pov

I grabbed both her hands and glared at her. "I'm not breaking my promise," these words were more directed to me than to her.

She shrugged and pushed away from me to rinse herself off under the shower and then she turns back to me, her innocent eyes luring me in as she said. "My turn," she grabs the shower gel bottle and squirts some in her palm to lather.

I took in a sharp inhale when she approaches me. "Avery," I warned her but she doesn't stop until the tip of my cock is pressed to her stomach. The contact sends a shiver down my spine. Fucking hell.

I groan, unable to bite it back when her hands begin to lather the soap over my chest. "What are you doing?" I hiss under my breath. This girl would be the death of me.

She looks up at me under her lashes, her innocent eyes trapping me under her spell. "I'm just making sure you get clean," she tilts her head, eyes twinkling with laughter. "Why? Is something wrong?" the little smirk playing on her lips reveals to me that she knew exactly what she was doing.

Electricity shivers on my skin wherever she touches and my cock throbs with need. I gritted my teeth. "You're making this impossible. You've become so naughty," I breathed out sharply, biting off another groan when her fingers travel lower.

Hmm?" she hums, the tips of her fingers dancing lower. I sucked in a breath, my heart racing as the tension builds between us. This shower is way too damn small.

Avery," I warned, closing my eyes as her fingers tease between the line of my abs, lowering to my belly button and down to my V, trailing lower. Avery!" I barked, hissing when she suddenly wraps her fingers around my pulsing length.

I jerked in her hand, hissing again while glaring down at her. She has a tiny smirk playing on her luscious lips that are begging to be ravished. "You promised to be on your best behavior, but I didn't," she coos, stroking her hand up and down my length.

I shudder, pushing closer to her and dropping my head on her shoulder. She had me completely in her hold and under her spell. That little vixen.

Avery," I groaned, unable to keep the pleasure and frustration from my voice. She presses her lips to my ear, her hot breath causing another wave of shudders to rock through my body.

I like it when you moan out my name like that," she breathed, kissing my ear as her fingers work magic around my cock.

I jerk into her hold, fucking her hand as I hissed out her name in a plea. She was making me lose every ounce of control I had left. She was driving me

I will not be able to

My resist her that much longer.

She moans in my ear and my hips buck. "Such a sweet pretty cock," she moans, praising the cock that belongs to her. "So hard and warm. All mine." she rubbed her thumb gently across the head of my dick and I clamp my teeth lightly on her shoulder.

"Such a big good boy," she continues her praise as she strokes me and teases me until my knees grow weak. Shit.

Avery," I pant, clamping my hands on her thighs and fucking her hand harder.

Suddenly a thudding sound interrupts us and she utters. "Oops,"

playfully and takes a step back. Her eyes twinkle as she turns around to bend over to pick up the shower gel bottle that she had purposely thrown onto the shower floor.

Seeing her bent over did it for me.

I lost my sanity and step forward, my hands clamping around her hips as I jerk her to me, the head of my cock nudging between her wet pretty little petal lips but careful to not push all the way in.

"You better finish what you started V," I warned, pushing a little forward so the head slips in a little. She moans.

Chapter 170

Xade's pov

The heat from her body was driving me wild. The feel of her wet little lips hugging around my cock like flower petals. She was wet. Very wet. Just one more push and I could be fully embedded inside her heat.

I hiss at the thought, my hold on her tightening.

To be more of trouble, she wiggles her hips, causing the throbbing tip of my cock to slick in a bit. I grunt, pushing back and in a little, making her shudder.

She looks back over her shoulder, her innocent look making me almost cum there and then. "Is that a threat or promise?"

I look down between us, watching in sweet pleasure and desire as the tip of my cock is suckled between her folds. Her pussy was so pretty.

Both," I rasped, my fingers digging into her hips as I watch her juices kiss and cream over the head of my cock. My dick twitches, and I grit my teeth, fighting the urge to fuck her right now.

She raises a slick brow, her pouty pink lips begging for me to kiss and suckle them, but to be honest I don't know which lips I'd rather my cock be in at the moment, both were sweet and inviting.

Really?" She reaches behind and grip my arm with one of her hand and completely stuns me when she pushes back and in one go my cock slides into her wet heat, inch by inch getting hugged by her delicious pussy.

Avery," I pant as I watch her greedy little pussy take every inch of me without struggle, her eyes on my face and yet I can't remove my eyes of her pussy gripping around my cock like a vice.

Her other hand braces against the shower wall and the other gripped around my arm hard. She shudders and I could feel her pussy gripping me harder, coaxing me to fuck her.

I move my eyes off her sweet little pussy and look at her face. She's watching me with desire and hunger and I know I was watching her with the same expression. "Fast and hard," she breathed, wiggling her hips to let me know how she wants to be fucked now.

I lose it. I hold her hips and with a growl of hunger, I begin to thrust in and out of her sweet intoxicating pussy. Every single time I reenter her, those sweet tight walls clamp around me, begging me for more. And I give it to her.

"Oh Xade," She moans, her ass bouncing as I thrust into her with desperate hunger.

The feel of her tight little body tugged at my bliss and I angle my hips in a way I know the head of my cock would brush against that sweet spot of hers.

She trembles and I hold her tight so her knees won't give out under her. You asked for fast and hard," I hissed, watching her tight little snatch grip me and milk me. The shower washes over us and only pushes the tension between us further.

"Now take it," I growl, my throbbing cock loving the way she feels around us. God, she was perfect. Absolutely perfect. How can I ever stop loving this girl? She was perfect in every way. In every single way, Avery was perfect.

Her trembles turn vicious and her cries bounce off the walls of the shower. "Ahh Xade, don't stop," she begged, the sound of her ass bouncing off my waist as I fucked her harder.

I was going wild, intoxicated by her scent, her smell, her feel, drunk on everything her. "Take it V," I grunt, pushing in deeper. I shudder, oh this feels like heaven. Sweet heaven.

"Take my cock like a good girl," I demanded, pulling her against me as her knees begin to give way under her.

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Chapter 172

Xade's pov

Avery giggles faintly, trying to gather her breathing, her head leaning back. "Just wanted to put you out of your misery," she joked. "seeing how painful it looked to be so hard,"

I playfully bit her shoulder and she giggles." You're the one who caused it," I pointed out, smacking her bottom and she squeals, pulling away which made my cock miss her heat.

I am about to reach out and pull her back to me so I can wash us both when Avery whirls around and drops to her knees. I jerked, hissing loud when her fingers wrap around my cock, her lips brushing against the tip as she look up at me with those innocent perfect eyes.

My cock pulse.

Avery," I warned and she smirks:

"What?" she tilts her head, breathing her warm breath against my head. " You had a taste of me, now I want a taste of you."

I shudder, sucking in a sharp breath as I stare at the vixen on her knees. I groaned and reach for her head, tangling my fingers through her wet strands. "You play dirty,"

Her smirk widens and she places a soft kiss on the tip, her eyes

unwavering. "And you love it," she whispers, her pink tongue darting out to lick across my head.

I hiss, pulling her mouth closer and she opens her mouth, taking me inside. I groan. "God V," I rasped as her tongue swirls around the head of my cock. She hums and the sensation shoots straight to my balls.

I stare at her mesmerized at the sight of her soft pillowy lips around my dick, sucking me. My fingers grip around her hair tighter as I hiss. "Do you like the taste of us on my cock?"

Her eyes that never left mine burn me with hunger as she hums her response. I push her head back, grabbing my cock. She whines and I stare at her heatedly. "Open," I commanded and she opens her mouth.

"Do you like our taste on my cock?" I ask once more, brushing the tip of my cock against her soft lips. I try to hold in my shiver but I cannot.

She nods.

Tongue out," I demanded and when she obeys, I smacked her tongue lightly with my dick and she moans.

"I want to you I a spond baby, or I won't feed that greedy mouth," warned, smacking the head of my cock on her tongue once more.

She groans, her eyes flashing hungrily. "Yes, we taste delicious together,"

Liking her response I thrust into her mouth and she quickly sucks me in, moaning. Her movements are slow and deliberate, every suckle drawing me closer to the edge of insanity. She pulls back, her eyes mischievous as her tongue rolls around the head of my dick.

I hiss, and there goes that familiar burn in my balls that tugged me to release. Just seeing her on her hands and knees before)TER mouth full of my cock was a sight to behold and a sight I would never want to forget.

"God baby, you're going to make me cum," my voice is strained as the heat of her mouth engulfs me.

She didn't have to do much to push me over the edge, just one look of her pretty eyes staring at me and I am rolling over the edge. My breath hitches and I struggle to hold my control. But I cannot and begin to thrust wildly in her mouth.

She gags but takes me happily until I could no longer hold it any froze, my cock twitching in her mouth as I spurt my cum down her throat. She swallows and I shudder as another wave of bliss rocks over me at the sight of my girl pleasuring me.

Avery," I groan, shuddering until I am spent. This time my cock is satisfied enough to soften but I do not jump for joy just yet knowing just another look from her can get me painfully hard again.

She releases my cock with a pop and lifts her hand to slide her finger over some of the cum that leaked down the corner of her mouth. She pushes that finger in her mouth as she looks up at me innocently.

Feeling better big boy?" If I didn't spot the mischief in her eyes I would have thought she was really innocent.

I smirked and lift her up in my arms. She squeals and I reach for the faucet." You naughty girl," I teased, smacking her on her bottom lightly and then washed us both.

Chapter 173

Xade's pov

You look adorable," I told her as she got dressed in one of my boxers and shirts. Her cute little nose twitches." When my mom sees me in those she's going to ask me so many questions."

I winced, because she was right. Would her mom castrate me? Yes. Even more now that she would not be able to remember me. She'd think her only precious daughter got knocked up by some stranger.

"I could send someone to get you some clothes," I suggested and she chews on her lower lip. Avery never liked when I used my money to spoil her.

Since we were ambushed in the forest we had to leave the duffel bags behind. So unfortunately Avery didn't even have the clothes she had come to the penthouse in, it was scattered on the forest floor along with my clothes. Thankfully I had clothes here.

I circle my arm around her middle and pull her flush against me, rubbing the tip of my nose against hers. "Let me spoil you now that you not only hold my child but you will soon be my wife. A husband has to spoil his wife and child."

We were

Avery sighed and cast her gaze low. I lift her chin with my finger. "Baby, let me do this," I begged.

It takes a few seconds until she nods, giving me permission to have someone buy her some clothes to wear. "But only for now, home should have a few that still fit me," she utters, making my shoulders drop in defeat.

I nod. "Fine. But when your belly gets round, I will buy you clothes personally," I grinned and pinched her nose when she wiggled it in playful distaste.

I grab her hand and begin to lead her out of my room. check up on Xaden and Kaylee at the infirmary."

Come on let's

She follows after me, sidling up to my side. I smile. Even though there was a new threat looming over us once more, at least I had hope this time we would figure it out like we always did. We'd survive this.

I mind linked one of the trusted pack members to buy some clothes for Avery and then told Xaden we were on our way.

'took you two long enough,' he joked. 'let me guess, humping like bunnies once more?'

'shut it,' I grumble.

He laughed. 'I got to give it to you man, even in this situation you still find time to breed her,'

'I didn't breed her.....she has already been bred,' I said proudly and sneak a glance at my girl. I licked my lips when I drop my eyes to her breasts wondering if they'd get bigger when her tummy rounds. The more the merrier, I can handle everything.

"I'm kind of nervous to tell Mom I'm pregnant," Avery suddenly uttered, pulling me out of my thoughts.

My brows furrowed and she continues, glancing at me shyly. "

She doesn't remember you and in her mind, I am still her innocent little baby," she sighed and rubbed her stomach. "I only just found out not too long ago and now I have to break the news to her."

I stopped and turned to her, reaching out to hold both her hands. "It's okay baby. I am here and will be there with you every single step. We will break it down to her together and I will take any slap she throws my way," I joked.

Avery's smile returned, the corners of her eyes twinkling. "She may actually slap you, you know," she warned.

I shrugged. "I'm a wolf baby, I can take a little slap."

later that day

"You idiot!" Avery's mom snarls as she lifts her hand and smacks me right across my face. My head snaps to the side at the sudden impact.

Well shit, I cannot take a little slap.

Chapter 174

Avery's pov

* thirty minutes before going to mom's*

When we reached the infirmary my eyes widen as I snap my gaze to Xade's. The place is secluded and private so I had no fear that someone would catch sight of me, except for Xade's pack members as he had mentioned.

I have always wondered what was in that building! I knew your dad owned it and there was this rumor going around that it was used for selling drugs-

I bit my tongue to stop from yapping and glanced at Xade who looked like he was having a hard time to not laugh at me. I rolled my eyes. "It was just a silly rumor and I didn't think that it was true or anything," I uttered, unbuckling my seatbelt.

One thing about the Archer's, they were loaded.....including in vehicles. This black jeep was one of Xade's babies.

Xade's eyes twinkle with amusement. "It's actually exactly what you're thinking," he says making my jaw slacken. "Really?" I gasped, my eyes widening.

Xade could no longer hold in his laughter and threw his head back to laugh at me. I glared at him. When he sobers up, her stares at me with that twinkle in his eyes that made my gaze soften even though he was technically laughing at me.

No baby," He snorts. " I assure you it's nothing like that. It's just a safe place for the pack where we can get medical help without raising warning signals in human hospitals," he said, casing my mind.

I smacked his shoulder. "You're annoying," I huffed and opened the door, leaving him chuckling. When he gets out too, he sidles up to my side and pulls me against his side, his arm slinging over my shoulder.

As we stepped into the building I am stunned to see so many people I've known in this town walking around the place. Hearing our arrival, they all turn their heads, staring at me and then at Xade.

Alpha," they bowed their head in a way that revealed their necks.

My brows furrowed and I made a mental note to ask Xade about their weird greeting later on. As we move I can't help but notice how they stared at me in confusion. They must be wondering why I was here.....

I smile at Jeana who was an older lady selling flowers in the town. She has always been kind to me, now knowing she was actually a werewolf was kind of shocking. She greets me, winking as she darts her eyes between Xade and me.

I flushed, hoping the floor would open up and swallow me whole. I had a feeling they all now knew Xade and I were together. Since they were werewolves...do they also know I am pregnant? I flushed brighter.

When we finally stepped into the room Xaden and Kaylee were in, I am surprised to see Kaylee glaring at Xaden who was sitting on a chair beside her bed. My brows furrowed. " What's going on?"

Kaylee removes her annoyed gaze on Xaden and shifts her eyes to mine, her gaze softening. "I have told him I am fine and the doctor also told me I am healed completely, but he wants me to stay here until he's certain I am okay."

Xaden looks at us and I can see the frustration and concern for Kaylee in his eyes. "She's been insisting she's okay but winces every single time she shifts her leg,"

Kaylee blushes. "It's because they cramp easily,"

Xaden snorted. " Yeah right baby, let's wait a few and then we'll see if you're okay or not."

She glares at him and huffs, crossing her arms in frustration. " You're impossible."

Xade snorted. "Welcome to the family."

Chapter 175

Avery's pov

After spending a bit more time with Xaden and Kaylee, Xade told me it would be best to visit Mom now rather than later. As we head to the car, I can't help but be riddled with nerves. She doesn't know I am here....

Avery," Xade calls out my name, pulling me out of my nervous thoughts and I realize that we are now in the vehicle. He leans over me to buckle me in safely. "You're lost in that pretty little head of yours again," he utters worriedly. I am, there's no denying it.

I smiled shyly because I could not open my mouth and lie to him. "Just thinking, nothing to worry about,"

Xade frowns. "Anything that worries you worries me. What is it?"

I chewed on my lower lip and then release it when I am about to speak. "I am afraid of how she'll react," I admit and he reaches out to interlock our fingers.

You're her precious daughter, however she react, she'll love you either way," he whisper and the corner of my lips tug into a small smile and I nod. After a few more comforting words we hit the road.

The drive to Mom's was quiet but we had to stop on the way to get the dress and a few other stuff one of the men bought on such short notice. I smile at him gratefully and Xade parked on the side of the road, the windows to give me more privacy to change.

I move to the back and begin to peel off his clothes, his eyes staring at me in the rearview mirror. I rolled my eyes. "I'd tell you to look away but you've already seen every inch of me,"

He grinned, looking proud. "I know every freckle and birthmark," he said boastfully, making me smile as I put on the pretty flowery dress after I slip on the panties and bra. After I was done I hop back to the front, buckling myself and looked at the slippers the man also bought to go with the dress. It was gold and pretty and my size.

"How do you know what size I wear in everything?" He knew everything down to my bra size.

His eyes twinkle and he teasingly pinches the hem of the dress. "I made it my mission to know every single thing about you years ago. Even before you were mine,"

I narrowed my eyes playfully. "Should I be concerned?"

He smirked and feigned a concerned look while nodding. " Probably. I mean that's called obsession right? I am obsessed with you even more now,"

I flushed and swatted his arm.

We should hurry before it gets dark."

With a chuckle Xade starts the vehicle and we're off to Mom's. When we pulled up ten minutes later my heart starts to pound in my chest. I didn't have to tell her about the pregnancy now but I wanted to.

Especially now that there was a threat in my life and I didn't know what the future held. She has to know now.

I took in a shaky breath and look at Xade nervously. He leans across the center console to cup my cheek and pull me into a soft kiss that grounded me. He traces over my cheek with his thumb tenderly.

"I'm with you every step of the way," he promises.

Grateful for him grounding me I nod and plant a soft kiss on his lips before getting out of the vehicle and walked up to the door hand in hand.

The familiar house brought on memories of Xade and me and I smile, easing even more.

Xade pulls me to his side as he lifted his hand to knock on the door. As his knuckles hit the wood we wait for her to answer. Seconds pass by before the door creaks open, and my mom's surprised face stands in the doorway.

Avery?" she whispered as if she had just seen a ghost.

Chapter 176

Avery's pov

Hi, mom," I said with a shaky smile on my face as she stares back at me wide-eyed.

She takes a hesitant step forward as if still not believing I am right in front of her. " Avery, are you really here?"

It's like her eyes are only zoned on me and have not realised Xade standing here beside me yet. I nod. " Surprise," I said, my voice trembling slightly.

She's still dressed in her gardening outfit, the gloves still on her hands which let me know she just got in from gardening. My heart warmed. She always loved plants.

Her eyes teared and without another word she rush forward, pulling me word she rush forward, pulling me into a hug. I sigh, not caring that the dirt on her gloves was pressing into my back. I hugged her back just as tightly, soaking in the warmth of her hug that I had missed for months. Her scent that made me always feel peace.

She smells of dirt and flowers, she smells like home.

I can't believe you're standing right here," she whisper, her voice thick with emotion and she pulls away slightly to look at my face. Her eyes beam up at me. My mom was shorter than me, about two inches short and I revelled in the feeling of being a bit taller than her. At least I am taller than one person.

What are you doing here? Are you on break? You hadn't told me you were on break," her brows furrow as a mask of confusion swirls in her gaze. I took in a deep breath, my fingers shaking as I nervously bit my lower lip.

That's when her eyes skit over to Xade standing beside me, and as if just noticing him for the first time, her eyes widen in surprise. " Oh! And who might this be? Is he a friend from college?"

Her not remembering him is going to make this even more difficult to explain. What if she thinks I'm just some careless girl who fell for anyone and got knocked up? That would be embarrassing.

"Not only friend, he's my boyfriend," I managed to say and saw the look of pure startlement on her face.

Nerves build inside me and that's when nausea decides to crawl its way up into my throat. I gagged, and rush out of Xade's hold, bending over the barricade as I threw up.

Avery!" Mom's voice is loud as both she and Xade rush to my side. She starts to rub my back in soothing circles while Xade holds my hair back and tells me I'm okay. "Are you okay?" Mom rushed in worry as I wrench again on her poor rose flowers.

I felt awful but couldn't stop.

"She's okay," Xade said soothingly. "Probably just some nausea cause of the baby,"

I froze. We all froze. I could hear a freaking pin drop if there was even a pin to begin with. My heart skipped, then skipped some more until it was running viciously in my chest. " Wh-a-t?" Mom stuttered, her voice her swirling with disbelief.

This was not how I wanted to break things down to her and I don't believe that was how Xade wanted her to know as well. He was also stunned by his words, looking at me apologetically and regretfully.

Ba-by?" Mom stammered even more when Xade and I remain quiet. She stops rubbing those soothing circles on my back, takes a step backward and looks at me and Xade, her eyes misting with confusion and doubt.

Avery?" her voice is low, urgent to make me tell her the truth. Xade gripped my hand, rubbing circles on the back of my hand in comfort. Mom's eyes fall to our interlocked fingers and her eyes widen.

I wiped my mouth with the back of my hand and her eyes drop to my stomach. "Avery are you pregnant?"

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Avery's pov

Things happened so quickly after her question that my brain still did not have time to process everything all at once.

My silence struck her and she looked up, searches my gaze and those misty eyes paints with disbelief. With a doubtful shake of her head, she turns around to stride back inside the house. I finally found my voice and follow after her.

"Mom!" I call doubt, my voice shaky with pain and fear, terror that she'd be mad with me about this.

She suddenly whirls around, making me freeze. Her eyes are stormy and cloudy as she looks behind me, right at Xade. "Did you do this to her?" she practically spits out.

I flinch at her tone, not expecting her to sound so harsh. She loved Xade, well the one she could remember, and if she had still remembered him I didn't think she'd react the way she's doing now.

Not when she had been the one to push me for years to confess to him about my feelings. She hadn't even liked Kyan when I had been with him.

But now, Xade was nothing but a stranger to her.

Xade nods, stepping toward me and holding my hand. "I love your daughter and plan-

Xade didn't have time to finish his words before she stormed over and snarls. "You idiot!" she lifts her hand and her palm imprint on his cheek. The sound is harsh and echoes in the small house.

I gasp. "Mom!" stepping between them and in front of Xade protectively. It takes two to tango and this was also my fault. Even though I didn't really see this as messing up. I wanted this baby, more than I thought I would.

Tears streamed down her cheeks and she shakes her head in

disappointment. "I thought you were smarter than that Avery. I thought you promised to put education first and not boys? How could you let this happen so soon?"

I swallowed hard, her words cutting deep. She was disappointed in me, I could see it in her eyes, hear it in her voice. This felt terrible.

I hadn't expected to be welcomed and praised and cooed when I told her the news, but I hoped that she'd smile and tell me everything would be okay and I could do it.

"You promised," the raw emotion in her voice cut me deep. "You let this boy fool you-

"No," I cut in, my voice firm but soft. "No one fooled anyone, it takes two to tango-

"You knew better!" She snaps, her eyes furiously glaring at me. still so young with a bright future ahead of you! I didn't work so much to have you knocked up before you get your degree!"

I flinched back, her words slashing through my heart. Xade comes around me to stand in front of me protectively and like a coward I press my forehead to his back, the tears from my eyes soaking on the back of his shirt.

One of his hand pushed behind his back to hold my waist as if silently telling me he was here and I would be okay. But I can't hide behind him forever, I had to face this head on. This 2 as my mom, and even though she was mad right now, she loves me, and she loved Xade....even though she could not remember him right now.

I know you're mad right now but please don't speak to her so harshly," Xade grumbles protectively.

"And who are you to tell me how to speak to my daughter!?" Mom screeched in disbelief." She has never mentioned you to me before,"

"Mom!" I utter, moving away from behind Xade to stare at her. "Can you-

She shook her head. "You need to leave Avery, I can't deal with this right now."

Chapter 178

Avery's pov

I staggered, her words hitting me right across my face. I had not expected her to be so harsh. My stomach quivers and my lower lip trembles. " Mom, please-

She shook her head, her eyes swimming with disappointment. " I need time to process all of this. You can't just pop in with a boy I have never heard of and announce you're expecting with him and expect me to be okay with this right away,"

She waves her hands between Xade and me.

Whatever this is,"

Fay," Xade murmurs, using her middle name. He was the only one who used it. "I know this has been a shock to you and your emotions are all over the place but know that I love your daughter more than my own life and I will take care of her and our baby,"

Mom looks at him surprised, jaw dropped a bit. " How-how do you-

She looks at me and her eyes lit with understanding. "I guess you've mentioned me to him but failed to mention him to me. I'm your mother and you never told me you were serious with someone,"

Mom I- I frowned when she turns her back to me and began to walk away, removing her gloves, her shoulders shaky. " I need time to process this Avery, I need some time alone," her voice tremble.

I swallowed hard and Xade came to stand beside me, clutching my hand and giving it a squeeze. " Okay," I whispered to her in defeat. She needed time and I couldn't exactly force her to listen to me or accept this.

Xade and I turn around to leave but she calls out to me, her voice soft and faint. "I love you Avery. No matter what, I love you. But, I just need some time to process all of this,"

Her words, though filled with love, also was filled with disbelief and disappointment. I turn around, my eyes filled with tears to see that she was already looking at me. I love you too Mom," I said emotionally. Take all the time you need and I'm sorry this is how you found out about it."

She nods, managing to crack a small smile and then turns around once more and disappears into the kitchen. I can hear her shaky cries from here as she tries to stifle them. It's gut wrenching and I cannot help myself.

I stride over to the kitchen, finding her leaning against the countertop, her shoulders shaking as she silently cries. I am not sure if she has heard me enter or not, but I approach her and hug her from behind.

She stiffens, the cries stopping. I hold her tighter. "I am still your little girl mom," I murmured, wishing I could have found a better way to tell her I was expecting.

With my arms wrapped around her, she surprises me when her hand touches mine, her palm warm. "I'm sorry for reacting the way I did," she whispered, squeezing my hand. "I didn't mean for it to come out so harsh, it is just that I hadn't pictured you to be a mom so early and-

She stops, her voice growing shaky. "I will need time to process this,"

I nod, hugging her once more and planting a kiss on her shoulder. "I love you mom,"

I am about to detach my arms from her when she stops me. "Where will you be staying? Or are you going back to the campus?"

I gnaw on my lips before responding. "I'm going to stay with Xade for a bit, I'll explain everything to you when you're ready to listen. But just know he loves me and takes care of me,"

I will protect her with my life," Xade utters in the doorway. "I will protect them, you can count on me Fay."

Mom turns to look at him standing in the doorway, her eyes hard to read. They drop, and she looks away. "You better," she utters, squeezing my shoulder and walking away.

Chapter 179

Avery's pov

I watch her walk away until she disappears. Xade crosses the room to stand beside me. He lift my chin and when he sees the emotions swirling in my eyes, he pulls me in a hug. "She's just shocked right now, she didn't mean it," he kissed my head many times, whispering that my mom loves me.

I clutch his shirt, needing that comforting feeling he always seems to invoke inside me when he is near. He holds me tight until I have calmed down a bit. "We should go, give her some space to think," he suggested, kissing my nose when I pulled away.

I nod and Xade takes my hand in his and leads me outside to the vehicle. Before entering I turned back once more to stare at the house I had grown up and my gaze drop to the ground saddened.

She hadn't meant to hurt you," Xade murmurs, squeezing my hand and staring at me with a calm loving gaze.

I nod. "I know. I just hadn't expected it to go this south. I didn't expect happy smiley faces but I had not imagined her to be this harsh."

Xade nods in understanding. "Give her some time, she's really mad at me," he points at his cheek and grins, trying to soothe me.

This proves it."

I frowned, reaching up to cup his jaw. The slap was hard but there's no red imprint that showed she struck him. One thing I have learned about the wolves is that they heal quickly, more than humans do.

"I'm sorry," I apologize, rubbing where she had brutalized.

Xade smile. "It's not so bad. I'd take a thousand slaps from your mother if it means you'll always be mine,"

I raised a brow and pointed out. "I am already yours forever,"

He chuckles, kissing me softly. His lips had just brushed against mine when he suddenly freezes and pulls away. I frowned, noticing the foggy gleam in his eyes. "What's happening?" I asked urgently.

His jaw tensed. "We need to get back now,"

My heart races as my mind runs once more.

What's going on?" I asked urgently

His eyes were still a bit foggy as he replied more stiffly." There's something happening at the house that I need to be there for."

He didn't need to say it twice, I quickly hurry into the vehicle and in seconds we were off.

As we approached the house I could see many others already out. They were in a circle as if surrounding something or someone. Among them was Xaden who looks frustrated. There was also a familiar face. That man named Henry.

Though his face looks beat up, he stood beside Xaden, speaking about something." He survived," I breathe out in relief, remembering that he had come to help back then and had stayed back to make us get away.

"He did," Xade grumble under his breath. "But he has also brought trouble amongst us."

I frowned, looking over him. "What do you mean?"

"He has brought a hunter here," Xade grunted, looking as irritated as ever.

Xade parks the vehicle and we got out swiftly and made our way over to the commotion. Xade has me close by his side, holding me as if afraid I'd get kidnapped.

The small crowd parted as we approached and we stopped beside Xaden and Henry. A man bound by his hands and gagged is in the center. He looks like he was dragged through hell and back. The hunter.

Xade's jaw tensed as he stepped forward and look over at Henry in frustration." Why did you bring him here? Should have killed him off," he gritted, almost snarling.

Henry smirked. "Not even a thank you for saving my life pup? Straight to questioning, I see."

Xade shot him death stares. "You brought a hunter into our territory without asking."

Henry had a long gash above his eyebrow and it bled into his eye. I winced, hating the sight of so much blood. He approaches the bound man who cringed back as if trying to escape his fate. I yelp low when Henry suddenly tears off his shirt collar and reveals a tattoo printed on his collarbone.

"Because of this," he pressed his thumb to the tattoo, harsher than need to be because the hunter grunts in pain.

Xade arches a brow. "A tattoo? What is it supposed to mean?"

Your father is very familiar with this tattoo little pup," Henry pushes the hunter back in disgust and lets him fall hard on his ass. Henry's eyes dart around and shift between Xaden and Xade in triumph. "I think I just found out who that doctor works for."

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Xade's eyes narrowed. "Who?"

Henry wiped the blood from his brow and shrugged. "As much as I would want to tell you now, I rather have your father here so he can tell me if I am right about it or not," he looked around. "And besides, I kind of need medical attention don't you think?" he says sarcastically as he points at the gash above his eyebrow.

I am thankful that he was at least clothed, however, I could see the blood seeping through the shirt and pants which reveals that he was wounded a lot. Xade's jaw ticked in irritation.

I squeezed his hand. "Have him looked at first. This can wait until your dad gets here?"

Xade's eyes soften when he glances at me and he nods. "Fine," he nudges the hunter who now had a defiant look in his eyes, glaring at Xade and me.

"Get this bastard in the dungeon," he looks at Xaden and Henry. When Dad gets here you better tell us everything you know."

Henry throws a hand over his chest in feigned hurt. "You know it hurts that you don't trust me after everything I have done not only for you but your brother,"

Xade rolls his eyes and tugs me toward the house. "Go get checked up Henry," he said sarcastically. When we got inside, I looked at him in question. "Do you not trust him?"

Xade looks at me, his eyes a lot warmer than it had been outside when he was glaring at Henry and the hunter. "It's not that I don't want to, but Henry is part of the council. His only loyalty is to Alister the council's leader. "

That's not entirely true," A soft voice came from the living room area and Kaylee appears in front of us suddenly. "He went behind Alister's back to save me from being killed. He may be loyal to Alister but he's a good man who sees right from wrong. If he wasn't on your side he would have already involved Alister."

Xade rubs the back of his neck and sighed, nodding. "You're right, but it's not as easy to trust someone from the council,"

Kaylee nods. "I understand but Henry has shown you loyalty many times. He saved us from getting killed back there. He deserves a chance."

Kaylee is right," Xaden's voice comes behind us as he opens the front door and closes it. "Henry may be annoying but the guy hasn't gone behind our backs yet. He's part of the council and his job was to not have you get close to Avery. But he let it happen and even saved Kaylee. He could have also been killed back there because of saving our asses. You should go easy on the guy,"

Xade's jaw ticked. "We'll talk about this later when Dad gets here,"

“When I get here to discuss what?” The door opens and Xadeon and Eloise step in, both looking tired.

Xade and Xaden looked at each other and then at their parents. Seeing that both did not seem to be on the verge of telling him, I decided to. Henry helped us escape the hunters in the woods. However he brought a hunter back here,”

Xadeon grows stiff and Eloise’s brows joins into a furrow.

“He showed us a tattoo,” Xade continues.” He said you should be very familiar with it.”

Xadeon takes a firm step forward. ” Is the tattoo an axe on the collarbone?”

Xade and Xaden look at each other before Xaden nods. “It was. Why? Do you know something?”

Xadeon’s jaw ticked and his hands fists at his sides, eyes storming. Where is the hunter?”

I have placed him in the dungeon. What do you know?” Xade demanded, looking frustrated to be left in the dark.

Xadeon turns around and snarls under his breath. ” Of course it’s him. I should have known.”

“Who?” Xade demanded, rushing over to Xadeon who was already making his way out of the house.

“My sister’s mate!” Xadeon roared. “I should have known it was his group.”