

The Alpha & Beta's Regret Chapter 21

Rafe POV

Rafe was sitting in his office with Jack, they were waiting on Addison to turn up. He had his doubts that she was going to, after the yelling match that had occurred on the first floor of his packhouse; after Addison had left his office earlier in the afternoon.

Orien had decided it was time to try and pull his Luna into line, about her attitude and the disrespect she had shown towards him, in front of another Alpha and his Beta. Out the front of the packhouse for all to see.

The two of them clearly were not getting along at all. Had both rolled their Alpha Aura's at each other right there in the hallway, he'd seen Orien's head bow to his own Luna, she was much stronger than he was. Having watched Addison's Gamma, Chad try to intervene on his Alpha's behalf to calm her down. Stepped right in front of his own Alpha to shield him from Addison.

Then Rafe's own Gamma Allen had turned up on the floor to try to intervene between all of them and calm things down. Only to have Addison's wolf Fallon surface and snarl at them all.

Fallon had dared either of them to touch her, specifically looked right at her own Gamma Chad, and the man had backed off very quickly. She'd then demanded to have her own room. Allen had got the distinct impression that something had already gone down between the Luna and her own Gamma. Couldn't pick up on what but likely a fight of some sort with the way he'd backed off.

Allen himself wouldn't actively touch the woman in a fight, she'd be obliterated by his Mates protective charm, and he didn't want that, neither did Rafe, for that matter. He'd stood by, near Addison and offered his help was all, though a slight drawl had come out of him, and she'd not appreciated it.

Rafe had given her a room of her own as requested by her and to his surprise she opted for a room all the way down the other end of the hall, very far away from her own Mate. Orien had been extremely unhappy about it; the man had prowled around in the corridor outside her room. Trying to get her to come to her senses, Rafe had heard the man yell at her once. Not that it would work, seeing as the rooms were sound proofed.

Clearly, Addison was blocking his attempts to mind-link her, and he had resorted to yelling, likely out of pure frustration and nothing more. He'd stayed out of it, had told his unit to stay out of it, looked pointedly at Allen, he could see the man wanted to help, it was his nature as a Gamma. Something was clearly going on between them. Jack had already informed him of what Beta Milton had stated that tensions were high inside Nightfall.

Dinner came and he'd seen a deadly quiet fall over the dining room as Addison had sat with him and Jack, just like Luci had once done. Right between them, she had gotten glared at by her own Mate, not that Addison had seemed to care about it, at all. Just ignored the man.

Orien had death stared him and then Jack, like it was their fault for not telling her to go and sit with him and her family. They'd already agreed to just stay out of anything to do with the two of them. Though he could now see exactly where Luci got her defiant streak from.

Luci had never had a problem challenging her father and it was likely due to the fact that neither did her mother. Addison ate in silence, as did everyone else at the table. Thatcher looked more than annoyed by his mother's behaviour. Cathy his Mate just looked plain uncomfortable. She had no idea what was going on within her new pack, it seemed.

Wondered if the girl was having second thoughts about being within the Nightfall Pack. She wouldn't look at Orien or Addison at all and only spoke quietly when spoken to. He'd watched Thatcher smile at her and state reassuring words to her, and she'd smiled at him but nervously so.

Likely, everything had been fine within the Nightfall Pack prior to Addison and Orien not agreeing on Addison being allowed to come here

ahead of him. Rafe had offered to send a full escort for her. Even with that offer on the table, Orien had declined to allow her to come here without him.

Rafe wondered if Orien had put Addison off, in coming here to help search for Luci, because he knew that Luci was the eldest. That Addison would want to take her back to Nightfall, and once again reinstate her as the next in line to take over. The Pack's Heir once more.

He knew Orien had never wanted that, he'd told him as much that first visit Luci had been here. Though he had always played at Luci being the Heir right up until he'd sent her to live with them, found a way to rid himself of the girl. Now Orien had allowed a full week to go by before Addison could come and help, maybe thinking it would likely give them a lesser chance of catching Luci and returning her to his pack.

It was possible this was his reasoning, and Rafe knew Addison would hate this. It would cause the rift he was seeing between the two of them now. They'd always seemed to be a little on the volatile side, especially with Luci being the intensifying factor.

Addison walked into his office just after midnight. She closed the door which had stood open for her arrival when she was ready to come and talk to them. She looked tired, and not just from her long day, he knew that separation from one's Mate takes its toll on you. He knew, had to suffer it all the time, though Melissa never looked like she suffered anything at all while she was away from him, always looked healthy and never looked tired when she returned from her family visits.

Addison did look tired, worn out in fact. If her and Orien's fighting had been going on all week, and he supposed it had been. This would account for her looking this way, likely didn't help with the continued fighting here in his pack either.

She sat herself down across from the two of them and looked from one to the other, then just sighed "My apologies for the fight with Orien earlier." She murmured.

Rafe nodded “The tension is high between the two of you. May I ask why? What actually started it?”

“Orien is not at all interested in Luci coming home. He has Thatcher as his heir now. That is all he cares about.” She told him flatly “denied me my right to come here at every turn. Locked me up in the Alpha suite, he even had the hide to put a silver cuff on me, a special silver cuff that only he had the key too.” Sounded very angry about this, sounded like she had the right to be. Who chained up their own Mate with silver?

Rafe was just sitting staring at her a little on the speechless side, then he shook his head, “I’m sorry Addison.” And he was, couldn’t understand why anyone would keep a mother from her child.

“I just want my daughter now, nothing and no-one will be stopping me from getting my daughter back.”

“We will do our best, Addi.” He told her and Rafe did really mean that they were going to get Luci back and not just for Addison, but for them as well.

“I know you have been...” sighed heavily “Luci, won’t be easy to bring in though, not now.”

“Why not?” it was Jack.

“Because of what she is,” Addison answered him simply.

“And what is she?” Rafe asked himself.

“I know you have questions. Ask them now. But whatever I choose to answer or say, does not leave this room. Stays between the three of us. You will never breathe a word of it if we cannot bring her in.”

Rafe nodded, this just meant that Orien had no idea what Addison was about to tell them. She’d obviously never told him a lot about their daughter. “How about we tell you about Victor attacking us? What happened that day. How we managed to win, and we were not going to. Victor is vicious and the men he brought with him were highly trained, in a particular way that was hammering us.”

“Ah, he used his mini units on you then. How many men did he bring?” she asked, clearly understanding Victor’s tactics.

“At least a hundred. There could have been more, I didn’t exactly have time to stop and count.” Rafe answered her question.

Saw Addison frown, Victor’s tactics were likely why he was such a good ally to have for their small pack.

“A Siren hybrid came out of the lake.” It was Jack. “We didn’t know what it was at first. It took research to figure that out. But it could mind-link to Rafe, called him Alpha and saved us.”

“Right, what did it look like?” Addison asked, didn’t sound at all surprised to hear this news.

“Like Luci, in Siren form, just...” Jack again.

“Right.” Addison nodded.

“Is it Luci?” Rafe asked outright. Jack had cut to the chase, his need to know if it was Luci was outweighing everything.

“Likely so. It’s also the reason you can’t find her...She is not Orien’s daughter.”

“Whose daughter, is she?” Rafe asked her. This was one of the questions they wanted an answer to.

“My first Mate’s. His name was Lucian, he was an Alpha Siren. Died before Luci was born.” Heard the pain and sorrow in her words “I named my daughter after him, to always remember him.”

“Does Luci know this?” Jack asked quietly.

“Does now, didn’t then...Tell me what really happened the day she ran away? I know you have kept something from me now.”

Rafe sighed “She went into the lake and never came out. The lake was a no-go zone. Hannah and her sisters stated it was a death trap full of pain.

We lost one wolf to a fractured mind and several humans died after going swimming in the water. The lake seemed...alive, I guess.”

Addison took a long breath in and looked from one to the other. “That would have been the birth of her Siren. It would have called to Luci, during her most heartbroken moment. Half-breed Sirens only emerge through tragedy or utter heartbreak.” Sighed sadly “She loved the both of you, I know this.”

Rafe sighed himself, both he and Jack also knew this too. It was why she’d never been with anyone else. Never needed anyone else to sate her needs. It was also why she ran away.

“How do we get her back?” He asked.

“I don’t know...” Addison shook her head “I can call for her Siren. Know how to do that, though it’s been a while since I have had to use it. Lucian did teach me how to. So, I could reach him when he was in the lake, he lived in. But I don’t know her Siren or if she will respond to it either.”

“But you will try?” it was Jack. “To get her to surface even?”

“I will try Jack. It is possible, though I doubt anyone of us could control her Siren, it would be very much a creature of its own will at this point.”

“I have read up on them.” Again, it was Jack “Deadly creatures.”

Addison just nodded, “Very hard to k**l one, unless you know how, and even then,” she shook her head, “that’s still a deadly game to be played, you’d lose a lot of men in the process.”

“Her father then?” Rafe asked, curious about how that man had died if he was an Alpha Siren and they were hard to k**l. He could only imagine that an Alpha one would be even harder.

“Lucian’s pack was small, only two dozen or so, and they were outnumbered twenty to one, maybe even more, I don’t know. He made me run away to protect our daughter; I was pregnant with her at the time.” Heard her sigh sadly “I didn’t actually know if Luci would be a

wolf or a Siren. Though...Lucian always said our daughter would be special...she's a double shifter now, so he was right."

"Hannah told me the thing in the lake is a Triune." Jack commented.

Rafe saw Addison frown deeply now, looked right at Jack with a knitted brow "I need to think on that."

"Do you know what a Triune is?" Jack asked right away.

"Yes, I do, though only witches use that term." She nodded "let me get back to you on it. I'll want to go to the lake tomorrow, try and call her Siren to me..." Looked at Jack and then Rafe for a long time, then stated, "Your Mate's are denying you...You're dying slowly." Then she just got up and walked out of their office closing the door behind her.

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Jack POV

Jack sat and stared at the closed door to their office. Addison's words had come out of nowhere. They'd not even been discussing he and Rafe at all. Though her words about their Mates had shocked him a little, he was not so shocked that he was dumbfounded by them. Jack knew that something was wrong with not just himself, but with Rafe as well.

They had both lost weight and muscle tone too; they were currently still strong but soon wouldn't be. Both of them had even put in more effort to bulk themselves back up, but nothing worked to put weight or muscle on them.

He knew that the longer they stayed Mated to Maria and Melissa, and were denied their true nature. The more it was going to affect them too. It was not just mental now, it was also physical. Jack's eyes moved to Rafe; he too was frowning over Addison's words. But that man already knew it, he was being hollowed out on the inside bit by bit by their Mates' lack of acceptance.

Let it go, there was no need to say anything about her comment, they both knew it, could feel it as well. It was one of the reasons he'd sent Titan with their Mate's he'd had enough of feeling this way.

"Luci." Jack stated instead, bringing the topic right back to Addison's visit.

"Alright, you were right on that." Rafe finally admitted to him, what Jack had been thinking since seeing that Siren in the Lake, "She'll not stay here Jack."

Jack stared at the man now. "You don't know that, she never went home Rafe. Is still a part of the pack, she warned us about Victor and then saved us."

"That does not mean, that she will come back into the pack. Lives in that lake, Jack. No-one has ever seen her." He sighed "likely if Addison can call her out, she will go home with her mother."

"No, she won't." Jack disagreed and shook his head, "not if she senses Orien's not wanting her there. He gave her to us, his own Heir to the pack, sent her off to be a concubine."

"Jack, don't do this to yourself. You heard as I did, what Addison said. Tragedy or utter heartbreak to bring out her Siren side. She is not going to come back to us, we are still Mated."

Jack glared at him. "And our Mates, where are they now? They deny us our true needs. It's not a choice Rafe, you and I. We're bonded and our Mates deny us our bond at every turn. They should not do that, you know this. Its why you still fight about it."

"I know. But it is how it is, Jack. What can we do?"

Jack was furious at him now, the man was so infuriating sometimes.

"Are you going to reject Maria, Jack? Give up your Goddess Gifted Mate in the hope, that Luci will forgive you, and come back to you. She is still not your Mate."

Jack stood up, he knew that he was very unhappy about it. In fact, "She could have been. If we'd made that decision quicker." He muttered and stalked out of the office himself. They had discussed it, had always thought about it. But no, Rafe had always stated she had a Mate out there, and it wasn't right for them to take that away from her.

Jack wished more than once over the past six and a half years, that they had snatched her up for themselves. He had simply not voiced it aloud. How could he? He had a Mate, one who liked nothing about him, not really.

s*x was always Maria's way, she never took into account his needs in the bedroom. Never let Rafe near her, never took into account his and Rafe's bond with each other. Sometimes he could swear she was driving, or trying to drive a wedge between them. To break their bond. Not that he had any proof of it, of course. Maria also never minded being away from him, was always happy to go back to her home pack.

Something was off and he'd honestly had enough of it. Perhaps he could live without her. Was doing that right now, in fact. It had been six days and he didn't actually miss her. Hadn't heard from her at all. Not even a text message. She clearly didn't miss him. Jack had also not heard from Titan as of yet.

But he had instructed that man not to report to him if he thought that Maria or Melissa were watching him or got suspicious about him trailing them or the other way around. It was a waiting game. Jack was damned certain something else was going on out here in the Wolf Valley Pack, otherwise Titan would have at least texted him to let him know all was well.

Jack was going to have that man in his office to report back to him the minute he got back, regardless of what either Maria or Melissa wanted. He or Rafe could overrule any order put on Titan and if there was one? Then something was definitely a miss, they were out there in their home pack and didn't want he or Rafe to know what they were up to. Though he already suspected that much.

Seeing as neither one of them wanted he or Rafe to go with them. Rafe or himself would always offer to go with them. But both Maria and Melissa declined each time. They wanted to go on their own. It was not a normal thing to do, or want to do, to voluntarily be away from your Mate for a week. It was not a nice feeling either for the Mate left behind.

Though neither Maria nor Melissa ever seemed to mind being apart from them, now with Addison's comment as well. It was obviously noticeable to others, the toll it was taking on them both now. Sighed and walked into his suite and looked around at the room, at everything. It all screamed of Maria. From the floral wallpaper which he hated if he was honest with himself, the floral upholstery on the couch and armchairs, the pink rug she had under the furniture. It was almost as if everything he'd raised an eyebrow at, she'd insisted on having.

Walked through to their bedroom, gone was his wooden four-poster bed and now there was just an ensemble with a cream bedhead, even the furniture in here was girly. Jack had not denied his Mate anything and now the whole damned Beta suite was like one giant teenage girls room, anyone walking in here wouldn't even know that he lived in here at all.

The only thing she'd been vetoed was the ensuite. He was not having a ridiculously pink and white bathroom. Maria had pouted up at him when he'd said no and then pleaded with him, he'd stood his ground on it, did not want to come home and try to relax and see pink wall tiles everywhere.

Never once had he even seen the woman wear anything floral or pink for that matter, and it made him wonder if she had done it on purpose, he sighed. He really didn't want to feel this way about Maria, but the longer she was away from him, the more completely disconnected from her he actually felt.

Right this minute, when he thought about her, he didn't really feel anything for her at all. He felt like he had before finding out she was his Mate. Single and unmated, he realised. Really focused on it to get a better understanding and right this very minute he did feel as though he had no Mate, felt like he was when he'd been unmated. No bond at all. Sighed didn't even know how that was possible at all.

It should not be this way, not ever. He should always feel connected to her at all times, no matter how far away she was from him, they were from each other. There was not even an ache inside his chest because they were apart from each other and there should be. He'd never really gotten that. Only the first time they went home. After that, nothing. It was odd.

Showered and then dropped down into his bed and closed his eyes, yawned, he was even sleeping better this week too, he'd noticed. Didn't have any worries or concerns about being woken up by his Mate, looking to be impregnated. He should never feel unhappy about that, but he hated it, and he knew it.

Jack couldn't even recall the last time Flare had wanted to mate Delilah, Maria's wolf. Heard Flare snort inside his mind, and felt him roll over and turn his back on Jack. His wolf had no inclination on that front, never really had. It was weird to say the least. Their bond didn't really happen at all, no attachment.

They didn't even mate on a full moon, as Solar and Rella did, there was just no interest at all and not just by Flare. Delilah didn't either from all he could tell. There should be, they had Mated in human form when they'd first Marked and Mated, but nothing since being here inside his home pack.

Let his mind wonder to Luci and he couldn't help but smile. He really did miss that girl and he was determined to get her back inside this pack, where she belonged. A part of him knew that Rafe was right, she was not going to want to be here. But she didn't have to stay inside the packhouse, he could build her a house anywhere she wanted, he didn't care as long as it was inside the pack.

He would build her one right on the lake's edge if that was what she wanted to keep her Siren part happy and close to the lake. She'd never actually left, was still a part of their pack. Just didn't want to see them with their Mates and he did not blame her for that.

Jack was going to do whatever it took to bring Luci back in, to make sure she was okay and looked after. Try and get her to be happy once more, no

more being out there and alone. Would likely have to convince her of this, but he knew he could. She'd always liked him that tiny bit more than Rafe, or at least he believed.

Would actively seek him out sometimes just to be with him. It always brought Rafe to them in the end, but never till she'd had her way with him and then only did Rafe turn up to punish her for not sharing. Luci had always chuckled a little at him and Rafe and batted her eyelashes up at him, pouted just a little, but he and Rafe both knew it was an act.

Luci liked it when Rafe punished her in the bedroom. Enjoyed doing what her Alpha told her and they all knew it. Taunted him on purpose to get punished sometimes. Sighed softly to himself and relaxed with a slight smile as sleep claimed him, Luci still in his thoughts.

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Victor POV

He'd been sitting just beyond the edge of the woods with his Alpha Unit, all their scents were completely masked, they were watching for any sign of Luci in her Siren form or wolf form, hell human would do. He now knew that she had both shifter creatures and that was more than exciting him. He was itching ten times more to get his hands on her.

They were all armed with a handheld tranquilliser gun, and they were all wearing protective hearing devices in their ears. In case that Siren spotted them and tried to deal with them before they knew she was there.

No such luck at this point, though if Addison had yet to get her to surface, it could take a while. He and his men were likely in for the long haul. He would wait, had waited years now. What were a few more days? Nothing is what. Not when he could practically taste his victory; it was finally within his grasp.

Had to back his men away and retreat to the human world or risk getting caught when both Rafe and Jack showed up at the water's edge, just inside the pack's borders. Addison was with them. If he could see them

clearly with his Alpha sight, then they could see him and his men in return. If they were looking for him, that was, which was now entirely possible, seeing as they now knew it was, he who had attacked them. Luci's siren having force shifted him, that b***h of a thing had outed him to them, seeing as he'd not know about her, if he had he would have worn his protective gear.

Victor knew that Addison was going to try and call Luci out, but it was not likely to work. That might be her mother, but her Siren would not have a connection to her, seeing as she wasn't around when it emerged. No bond yet established with the woman.

It was highly likely that the Siren part of Luci wasn't connected to any of them at all. Had likely only helped out due to Luci and Kali's need to save those two pricks, she had always liked them. Victor walked back to his car with his unit and headed into the human town. They could all do with a good feed and some sleep, they had all been up all night in their effort to get here.

That Siren would be more likely to emerge of a night-time. He knew all about Sirens. What they were like, what their weaknesses were, not many, what their strengths were, how to defend himself against one, that was the most important thing to him. Not only read about them, he had one in his pack to actually study himself.

Had picked Silla up when she was just a wee baby from the otherworldly black market, he knew who ran it, just let them. Had use of the market more often than not. And he was willing to pay top dollar for things he wanted. Kept their secret even from the wolven council themselves, so he could get updates about where it was and when to be there. It wasn't open every day and it moved about pretty much all the time.

The four of them sat in one of the local cafes that was open for breakfast, and he watched as the town's folk became active. Humans going about their day to day lives, completely unaware of all that went on around them all the time. Solely preoccupied with their own lives, that just about all otherworldly things got blipped over as nonsense.

Their tiny human lives couldn't comprehend otherworldly creatures, and so they were blinded to them. Seventy-five percent of their race didn't believe in otherworldly creatures, fifteen percent did or wanted to believe, and ten percent were diehard fans of the supernatural world. It was why movies about all manner of supernatural creatures were a hit amongst them.

Victor himself found humans to be tiresome and self-absorbed, only caring about their two minutes of fame in the limelight. They thought supernatural's were cruel and vicious, but it was the humans who had jails full of criminals and murderers. Greedy were the human race. Brutalising or k*****g each other for the stupidest reasons, money and drugs, jealously, love apparently. Pathetic creatures all of them.

He was sitting sipping on a not-so poor excuse for a cup of coffee when his eyes fell on what he wanted, as he sat and people watched through the café window. Smiled to himself and leaned forward, pushed his Beta, Garry right out of the way, "Well boys, today is my lucky day. There she is. Those idiots are calling for her at the lake and she's not even there." He murmured.

Seemed like she actually lived here in the human town, was simply strolling along a backpack on seemingly without a care in the world, they'd obviously never looked for her in this town. "Pay the bill." He stated and got up to trail her.

Had not seen where she'd come from, but she was alone as she walked down the street. He glanced at the time just after 0830. They'd all eaten three breakfasts and made the owner of the café happy with that.

Victor kept his distance until he saw her go into a human gym, mind-linked to his men to bring the car out to the town's gym, he was going to go in and collect what was his. Reminded them to make sure their ear protection was not only in but switched on as well.

Slipped his own ear protection in; full noise cancelling ear buds that were moulded to the shape of his ears, nothing was getting through these puppy's. They were custom made to let regular sound pass through but

nothing sonic or subsonic, designed to block a Sirens call. He'd used them once before, a long time ago, and now had new and improved ones.

These bad boys couldn't even be seen to anyone looking at him, sat right inside his ears, had them specifically made, tailored to his ear, as were his units for that matter. Kept them updated all the time, needed to in case Silla ever got out of control. Not that she ever had, or not around him anyway.

Victor waited for his car to turn up, waved it to park down the street a car space or two. He didn't want the windows exploding when she let her Siren out and he was certain it was going to push forward to defend them. Then he walked right into that gym, saw the human woman behind the counter who smiled up at him. He spoke before she did. Asked where Luci was, and that woman frowned right at him, "Don't bother my employees at work." She stated flatly "Pay the casual fee and work out or leave." Was more than rude he thought, he could well be there for a personal session for all she knew.

Victor glared at her, tossed a fifty dollar bill on the counter and shot back "That should cover it." And then walked away from her into the gym. Saw Luci heading down the corridor in gym gear, admired her a*s for a moment and then stated her name in full "Lucian!", saw her turn to look right at him, her eyes a little wide at the use of her real name, then widened even further at landing her eyes on him. Saw her whole body go tense in the next second, and saw that Siren of hers push forward to take control. Her black eyes; a dead giveaway to her being on the surface.

He had noted she was much taller than she had once been, her gym clothes sported the logo, she was actually an employee here, working here in the human world. He smiled and nearly laughed, finding it very amusing. She had left those two pricks at some point. Who knew when? It had never been stated around him, not even by Orien himself, which was odd in itself. He should have told him. But it seems that she, though she had left them, had not gone far at all, and they didn't even know it. How dumb could two people get; they were so stupid. Or just didn't care anymore. He didn't know which, was betting on the latter. Were now likely only looking for her because Addison wanted her daughter back.

“What do you want Victor?” the voice of her Siren, had that bone-chilling sound of something completely emotionless. Nothing more deadly than one who doesn't care about consequences or fallout. Sirens, you gotta love them, s*****r anything and everything and didn't so much as bat an eyelid over it. Completely heartless most of the time, they only liked their own kind or their Mate's.

“My Luna, of course. Your father did tell me to come and collect you, and now here I am to do just that.”

“I'm not going with you.” She hissed right at him.

Felt a shiver run down his spine, not even Silla hissed at him, had never heard her do that, excited him more than a little. “Yes, you are Luci. You belong to me.” He smirked right at her and at the slight tilt of her head he pulled out the tranquilliser gun from his jacket and aimed it right at her.

Watched as that Siren of hers started to draw in a breath, he laughed right at her, it would have no effect on him, not that they knew that. This was just too sweet a moment, stood and let her use that Siren call, felt the waves of her call roll over him as she let it out, one wave after another, pulled the trigger after five full seconds and darted her. Saw her stagger about a second later, pocketed his gun and stepped right up to her, caught her as she fell, her eyes were already drooping “No” she gasped.

Victor smiled right down at her, pressed his lips to her ear and murmured “Now baby, you didn't think I wouldn't come prepared for you. Sonic protection is a must with you. Now let's go home.”

Stood up with her as unconsciousness claimed her fully. Still so damned beautiful, Victor smiled down at her, took in her lovely face her long lean body, breasts he was going to enjoy. They were all his now. For as long as he liked, when he liked. Turned to walk out, noted all the mirrors and windows of the gym had been shattered. There was glass everywhere.

So very powerful she was. Their children would be amazing little half breeds and he was going to get a lot of them out of her. Headed off down

the hall, back the way he'd come, found the human woman lying on the ground unconscious herself, had been hit by the call.

It was not his problem, if she survived or not, he didn't care. Turned and really surveyed the damage. Smiled as he realised her Siren had really given it her all, likely he would have been dead if not for his knowledge of what she really was. His knowledge of how to handle a Siren.

That however, was something he had spent decades learning, trying to get his hand on this very creature now in his arms. His future Luna, he would Mark her when she woke up, wanted her to feel it. To know she was his, he was going to hold her down and Mate the hell out of her, then he and his wolf Bane were going to claim her for themselves at the peak of their pleasure.

He was happy now. His goal here complete and those two stupid pricks had no idea she was now his. Chuckled to himself, he was so damned happy, delighted with the ease he'd found and collected her for himself.

She had not been expecting him at all, he realised, certainly had not been expecting him to be prepared for her to be part Siren, or to have her Siren be useless against him. Silly woman, he would have thought she'd known him better than that. Seems not, perhaps no-one knew about her Siren till that attack he'd launched, and she'd appeared to save those two pricks from him. That was likely the case, he thought. So, she'd not been expecting anyone to know.

Walked out of the gym with her, smiling merrily to himself. Today was a good day. Mind-link to his Beta "I got her and it was so easy." Laughed down the link as he now strolled down the street to where he could see his car waiting.

Could hear and see many car alarms going off, looked around the street. There were many people out and about trying to figure out what had happened, it was unlikely they would ever know. Handed Luci over to his Beta to put her in the car, saw his own cars window explode right before his eyes, felt glass shatter over him from behind and when he turned to see what had happened, his ear protection still in and turned on, had not

heard anything, to alert him to oncoming danger, but saw two small boys running this way up the street.

Both of them had pure black eyes just like a Siren, twins, he could tell, and likely hers. Already realised and deadly. One had its mouth open and was screaming at the top of its lungs, he presumed. Was small and blonde. Looked at the other who had black hair. Those two bloody pricks had bred her, likely didn't even know it. Would any minute now, he imagined.

Found his Beta Garry dropping to his knees on the ground, Luci fell from his arms on to the ground. There was blood coming from his ears, the damned fool had turned his ear protection off when Victor had told him he'd subdued her. Was now in the full t***l of that bastard boy's Siren call. That kid couldn't be more than six surely.

They were both coming fast, and he was watching windows in cars and shops explode as they approached or were already exploded and glass was everywhere, all over the streets. He wanted them to come, he was faster than they were, already knew that just by watching them come towards him. He'd have them both too. There was no point in separating a mother from her children, especially little Alpha babies he could use as leverage to get exactly what he wanted from her every time he wanted something.

Victor shot forward between the two of them. Both dodged him as he expected them to, untrained in combat. They were too young, moved purely on instinct, smacked that blonde one good and propped as he went past, hit him hard enough to send him flying into the car parked on the street next to him and stop that call he was producing. Saw that boy fall down unconscious and didn't even attempt to get up, laughed it had been easy to do.

Turned to find the other staring at his twin, eyes fully wide. Took only a second before his eyes moved right to Victor, heard the first c***k of the boy's bones and watched as one so very young and powerful shifted right before his eyes. To a rather large black and white wolf. Its eyes, however, were still pure black, had glowing red iris's and then it roared right at him, with all it had, full fury, he could tell.

The sound passed his ear protection and shot pain through him. Victor shot out of its path, though he could feel the pain, he was still able to move and get out of the way, his ear protection still somewhat effective, thankfully. Took cover between the two cars. The wolf shot after him in a flash, still roaring, could use that Siren call in its wolf form and it was way more powerful than its brother or even its own mother. A true hybrid.

It was fast as a fully grown Alpha wolf, as fast as he himself was now, had to get back to his car, get Luci and get the hell out of here. That halfbreed was likely going to be deadly. He could already hear Bane howling in pain inside of him, that thing was a pure-bred Alpha-blooded hybrid and its roar was going to put Bane to shame. Just had to stay out of the direct line of its call.

Finally, he got back to his car only to find his Beta unconscious and lying on the ground by Luci's body. He could see there was a trickle of blood coming from his nose and ears, not a good sign at all. Was tossed a tranquilliser gun from his Gamma and turned it on that bloody wolf, still racing after him, couldn't actually stop moving till he had taken it down. He yelled at his men "Get her in the car." As he turned and tried to line that blood hybrid up, it was damned fast, and all its instincts in this form were like a Siren, it seemed, likely to be Alpha Rafe's boy. Saw it come to a standstill at the sight of the gun trained on it, knew what it was he thought. Victor could now feel that there was blood dripping from his own nose, he was not dying but he and his wolf were injured by this things call, was about to pull the trigger when two female she-wolves appeared behind the hybrid, all their claws out, likely members of the Black Forest Pack.

Then out of nowhere, there were teenagers rushing from down alley ways an onto the footpath all snarling and growling, all of the age to shift into their wolves, back up had arrived and though in the form of teens, he knew they were all likely to be very well trained, coming from one of the strongest packs there is.

He was outnumbered and not by a little at least forty to one, and those two bloody she-wolves he knew would have already alerted their Alpha and Beta to the threat he was posing to Luci and their boys. They weren't

that far away either on the lake with Addison, could be here in just minutes, they would be coming at full Alpha Wolf speed.

The whole damned Black Forest Pack was going to be on him and very quickly, especially if those women had figured out or knew about the twins, was furiously angry. He was going to have leave and regroup, come back and try again.

He reached down to collect Luci and shuddered as another Siren call ripped from that bloody hybrid, it was a warning, he knew it, not to touch its mother. Victor understood loud and clear, plan A had failed because he had not done his recon properly and found out about the twins, prior to his k*****g of her.

Got in his car, had to leave both Luci and his damned Beta there on the ground. If the man wasn't dead, it was likely that he would be soon. Those hybrids had not been messing about, they were as deadly as any Alpha Siren it seemed and were just children.

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Rafe POV

Rafe walked with Jack and Addison out to the lake, she'd told Orien to stay out of it and away from Luci, had snarled right at her own Mate, pure Alpha aggression aimed right at her Mate. Rafe had seen the way her eyes had glowed just a little. He'd never seen that before, where she was concerned. Neither had Orien from the look of shock on his face.

The man had stalked away from her in the end. She could make that man bow down, he'd seen it yesterday, but that glow was something else altogether. Their family unit was being torn apart by Addison's need to find her daughter, to her first Mate. And Orien's need to keep Thatcher as his heir. Orien didn't want Luci to take over his Pack; she wasn't his child. The man had no idea just how powerful Luci was; she'd made Solar bow his head to her authority, didn't even know if she had been trying to do that or just trying to make sure he listened to her, was pretty certain it was the latter. Luci held more power than her own Alpha, likely Orien and any other Alpha out there that was not pure-blooded and even those

that were would likely find her one hell of a challenge. She was a double shifter or Truine as Hannah had told them, whatever that was. Likely more power in her than anyone he knew.

He watched as Addison knelt down by the lake. They were still inside the pack, this was actually the last place that Luci had been seen, before disappearing into the lake.

He watched her place her hand on the water's surface, then closed her eyes and let out a very low and deep sounding whistle, directing it right at the lake by her hand, it seemed.

Saw as ripples appeared on the surface and then light appeared from her hand, she plunged that hand down into the water and flicked it away from him, then just stood up as the light from her hand shot away from her out into the lake and disappeared.

“Not just a wolf, are you?” Rafe asked.

“No. Half witch, half wolf. Considered a bastard breed.” She sighed
“Don't concern yourself with it, I only hold basic witch's powers.”

“So, Luci is a witch, wolf and Siren cross breed.”

“Yes, and Alpha on all sides.”

“Orien?”

“Has no idea what I am. Would likely have rejected me if he knew the truth. Most don't like halfbreeds, let alone one like me, my lineage.”
Sounded sad to his ear. He had no issue with blended species at all, and was expecting little half witch half wolfen pups from Allen at some point. Didn't bother him at all.

“How long until that call works?” Jack asked.

“I don't know, it depends where in the lake she is? If she'll even acknowledge it! Her Siren does not know me, likely be curious though. That's what I'm counting on mostly.”

“So, we wait?” Rafe asked.

“That we do, an hour is all. If she wants to come, she will. If not, she won’t. I never had to wait for Lucian more than 5 minutes, Sirens are fast in the water, and Lucian always came right away.”

“Your Mate loved you.”

“Yes, he did. Knew what I was, didn’t care, thought I was beautiful.”

“You are.” Rafe smiled at her “Luci takes after you.”

“I know, so pretty. My little girl, beautiful even as a newborn baby.”

“Is that why no-one saw her till she was eighteen?” He asked curiously.

Addison turned and looked right at him, then laughed softly “No, not at all. She was just a rambunctious child full of mischief, never could sit still, you just didn’t come across her was all, couldn’t sit still for a meal most of the time, so she was made to eat in the suite likely why you didn’t see her, had four nannies to try and contain her” she chuckled softly, “wore them all out, was only ever still when on my lap...though, probably wise now I think that she never laid eyes on you at 16.”

Jack chuckled. “I liked her from the moment she got out of that car.”

“I’m aware.” Addison smiled at him “It was the same for her. It’s a shame things didn’t work out, like I thought they would.”

“It is.” Rafe admitted. He knew she was talking about, them having been her Mate or taking her as their Mate.

“If she doesn’t come, we’ll try again at lunch and again after dinner, might not live in the lake all the time, could be out in the woods as Kali.”

“Alright, may I ask what that call does, is it a word?” Rafe enquired.

“No, just a sound really, something Lucian taught me. It’s the pitch really. You wouldn’t hear it. Draws a Sirens’ attention. It was hard for me to learn, but once he marked me it was easier to do. Having his venom in

me helped me to produce it better. And coming from the surface, Lucian always knew it was me. The witch's light also allowed him to know it was me and of my own free will, no light with the call and I was in trouble."

"Smart man."

"Not many knew I was his Mate, and not many know I am a halfbreed. Only my home pack, and I went rogue at 18, to save myself from being Mated off by my own stepfather. He did not care for me, a bastard child born of a forced mating when my mother was taken to hurt him and their pack. He got her back, but she was already pregnant with me, and she wouldn't give me up, was already attached to me."

"I'm sorry, Addison." Rafe sighed, some wolves could just be plain cruel.

"It's all in the past Rafe, don't concern yourself with it." He watched her turn back to the lake, to stand and watch it in the hope that Luci or her Siren would allow themselves to be seen. All three of them were standing waiting. Hoping that Luci would come forth, he wondered if he and Jack should step away.

Addison was safe, she was still inside the pack's territory, and they would only have to retreat to the tree line. Wondered if Addison would have more luck bringing Luci in if it was just her out here on her own?

'Alpha in town, now.' Was roared down the mind-link to him 's**t is hitting the fan.'

'Petra?' Rafe asked as he included Jack into the mind-link. He couldn't add Addison as she was not a pack member.

'Who the hell else would have the balls to yell at you.' Petra's annoyed voice came right back 'Windows are exploding all up the street...it hurts our ears, the sound....shit...two boys, twins I think...f**k, yours and Jacks I think, their screaming and exploding windows.'

'What?' both he and Jack together.

's**t Rafe, it's Luci, some guy has her...could be Alpha Victor, she's unconscious. Those boys are headed right for her, the blonde boy screaming so loud windows are exploding along the street.'

'F**k.' Rafe muttered. He felt Jack was already moving away from him, heard Flare rip right out of him and was headed right out of pack territory at full wolfen speed.

'Jack's coming now. On the lake, he won't take long to get there.'

'Clean up crew is needed...s**t Rafe the blonde boy is out, that Alpha just cracked him one into a parked car...f**k, the other twin, just shift in full view of the humans...I'm on the move Rafe, calling all the teens from the high school who can shift...that wolf is going right for that Alpha.'

Rafe pulled himself from the mind-link, he knew Jack would still be in full contact with Petra, she was not just his cousin but his head elite warrior. Looked at Addison, what the hell did he tell her?

"Addison, Luci is in town, someone just tried to take her, my warrior thinks it was Victor, s**t is hitting the fan. Go back to the packhouse, I have to get on clean up. I'll bring Luci to you."

Saw Addison turn and look towards where she knew the town was. He could tell she wanted to go herself but couldn't risk her getting hurt. She was Luci's mother and an allied Alpha's Luna, "Please, I'll bring her back." He reassured her he couldn't stand here and try and talk her into it. For Solar was going absolutely ballistic inside his mind all of a sudden, roaring furiously to get out of him. Let his beast rip right out of him and he was gone just like Flare was at full wolfen speed headed for the town as well.

Used the mind-link to grab Allen and get his Mates on clean up ASAP in the human town, if they, of course, could be pulled from their meditation, that was. Relayed all he could and heard the man swear himself.

Hit the town and shifted back right in front of the back door to the clothing store the pack owned here in town, just for this very reason. Grabbed pants and a shirt and was gone. Tracking Jack by his tether to

him. He was already stopped, likely at the place where it was going down. Could feel all the teens that had wolves as well all milled about around Jack himself.

He got there to find Jack already holding an unconscious boy in his arms, small and blonde, he was kneeling down next to Luci, who looked a lot different. She was clearly taller and all lean muscle, her hair was much lighter now too, though he noted it was still long and thick. Had a dart in her abdomen, a tranquilliser in all likelihood.

The naked boy that was sitting on the ground next to Jack, holding Luci's hand, said it all. They were her children, the boys' eyes moved right to his and Rafe's heart nearly broke completely. He had a son. The boy looked just like him, knew by the way Jack was holding on to the other child. These two were twins and that boy, was Jack's son.

Could feel regret welling inside of him, sank down next to the boy as he turned his eyes back to him "mamma?" he asked right up at him, didn't even seem concerned about Jack holding onto his twin brother.

"Tranquillised son, she'll be alright."

He could hear sirens coming this way now, new it was his people, their pack ambulance coming at full speed, its sirens held a slightly different pitch to that of the human's, allowing them to differentiate between wolfen help and human help. "Jack?" he looked right at him.

"Head wound, I don't know how bad." His eyes finally met Rafe's and there was so much pain in them, he felt a small hand touch him "Mamma?" his son said up to him. His other hand was shaking her now.

"She'll wake up, in a few hours." He reassured the boy.

"Mamma, he needs mamma." He was suddenly clutching at Rafe's hand; Rafe didn't really understand what the boy actually wanted. He found a hand on him and turned to find Petra standing next to him. She held out a shirt and shorts in a child's size. "Thank you." He nodded to her.

Dressed his son, the boy didn't seem to have any fear of him and allowed Rafe to dress him, obviously knew who he was to him. Wasn't concerned about him at all. Perhaps Luci had told them who their fathers were, or perhaps the boy just knew now that he had shifted, could sense it like Solar could.

The minute Petra had stated she thought they were his and Jacks, his wolf had been all attention, though the moment she stated he had shifted had been when Solar had gone ballistic in his need to rip out of him, wanted to get to his son. To protect him. Knew instantly she was right. Could feel it, he had a son.

He picked Luci up when the pack's paramedics arrived a few minutes later, along with their pack doctor, stepped up and into the van with her. Jack put his son down on the gurney and then turned and reached out for the other boy. He went with ease, even put his arms up to be picked up, noted the boy was crying softly though.

Watched as his son walked right between his mother and his twin and took Luci's hand and put it on his twin's chest "Mamma." He looked right at Rafe "He needs mamma, is injured." Tears were filling the boy's blue eyes as he pressed Luci's hand to his brother's chest, his eyes were pleading up at Rafe to do something.

Rafe didn't know what to do.

"Alpha let me use adrenaline to wake the girl." It was Norman the pack doctor, saw him preparing a syringe and then look right at him, Rafe nodded for him to go ahead.

Knew she was going to wake up fast and likely be angry and aggressive due to how she had been taken down. "Do it." He stated firmly and pulled the dart from her abdomen ready to brace himself for the fight that was about to happen or start maybe.

Norman injected her and they all waited, took all of a minute for her eyes to snap open, landed right on him, locked eyes right with him "Mamma, Jack." He heard his son say.

Watched as Luci's eyes moved right to her boy and then was off of him in a second, felt the change in the air and then she was leaning over her injured son, little Jack, named after his father. It made Rafe wonder if his own son was also named after him as well.

The whole van started to resonate with sound as she leaned over him, waves of sound rolled through the van as she did Goddess only knew what to her son, was likely healing him, using her Siren to do so. His eyes moved to Jack, his Beta. The man looked stressed out completely, had a son, but could be losing him at the same time as gaining him.

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Jack POV

The minute Jack and Flare heard the words 'I think their yours and Jack's', Flare was in full control, ripped right out of him and was gone towards the town. It wouldn't take him long to get there, 10 minutes at most.

Flare was moving and a lot faster than Jack had ever felt him do so before. He'd always felt agitated about something over the years, since Luci was gone, neither could quite put their finger on it. This was it. They had a son out there. He knew instantly, those twins were his and Rafe's. Luci had born them children after she had left.

He could feel pain inside of him, it must be horrible to hide them and protect them at the same time. No wonder she never went far from the pack, might have needed to get their help if she and the twins were in real danger. Shifted back at the pack clothing store, he yanked pants on while he was still moving, and pulled the shirt over his head as he was headed out the front door, hadn't stopped to greet the she-wolf who'd greeted him in the store as he banged through the back door, didn't have time.

Was headed right for Petra, using his tether to her to track exactly where in town she was. She'd not given her exact location, but he was latched on tight to that tether. Flare was agitated once again. They'd heard her state that the blonde boy was injured, that Victor had struck one of the

boys, likely his child if he was blonde. Both Luci and Rafe had dark hair. He was going to kill Victor for hurting his boy.

‘Where is Victor?’ he shot down the mind-link to Petra.

‘Fled after Sara and I stepped behind the boy’s Wolf and the teens turned up, he was outnumbered and knew it.’

Finally, they got to where she was. The teens all stepped aside and let him pass. Sara was knelt down by his boy, who lay on the ground unconscious. His eyes moved to the other child, he’d already shifted back to his human form. Looked just like his father Rafe, he was sitting by his mother with a hand on her, saw Victor’s Beta lying on the ground. “Bind that man, before he wakes up.” He rapped out, he was going to get answers to all his questions, if he survived, that was. Didn’t look too healthy,

Knelt down next to his son, to assess his body, he looked relatively unharmed, bar bruising coming up on the side of his little face. Carefully picked him up, the boy was very limp in his arms. “Careful Beta, he has a head wound.” Sara told him.

“I understand.” Jack nodded, but he needed to hold the boy, his son, looked so much like him. There was no doubt this little boy was his son. Flare was calming down with the boy in his arms. It seemed all these years of agitation and restlessness were because they had an unknown son to them.

Looked at Luci, she still had that tranquilliser dart in her. He left it there, would likely have to use the residue in it to find out what she had been given to sedate her, and give something to counteract it, to bring her around sooner.

Rafe was not far behind him only a few minutes, and he’d been linked into all conversations the man had held, heard all the reactions, knew that help was on the way. The pack doctor and medics were coming to assist with not just Luci but his son too.

Watched the way Rafe's son spoke right to him, called Luci 'mamma.' There was no hesitation in the boy. No fear of all these people that were suddenly around him, and with the way he was interacting with Rafe himself, it was highly likely the boy knew this man next to him was his father as well.

Watched as the boy allowed Rafe to dress him even, trusted him already, it seemed. Rafe picked Luci's unconscious body up and stepped into the pack's paramedic van. The boy followed him without issue, wherever his mother went he was going. Though he didn't put Luci down on the gurney, he allowed Jack to put his son down on that instead. Luci was not actually injured, just unconscious.

Put his boy down and turned back to reach down for Rafe's boy, watched him reach up to be picked up and put into the van, no fear of even Jack himself. He hadn't even been worried about Jack picking up his twin, though the boy had watched him do it hadn't stopped him at all.

The way he was putting Luci's hand on his twin, it did appear that he knew that Luci could help with the boy's condition, or at least he believed so. She was part witch, part Siren and part Wolf, a Truine as Hannah had stated, three completely separate but together at all times.

He heard the boy's words 'He needs mamma, is injured.' Jack was completely certain that Luci could heal her own boy. Didn't know how or which part of her could do it, but knew without a doubt that she could.

Watched on as Norman injected her with adrenalin, then saw her brilliant green eyes snap open, felt relief wash over him as she stared up at Rafe, saw her eyes widen a little and then her head whip around at the boy's words 'mamma Jack.' And she was off of Rafe's lap in an instant, saw her eyes go completely black and knew it was her Siren that was on the surface to check their boy.

Leaned right over him, to touch his head and found himself and his wolf Flare actively relaxed themselves as they felt waves of energy roll through the van. She was healing her son, nothing more important to her than her children. Not even the fact that both he and Rafe were in this van with her and the children she'd kept hidden from them.

He was standing next to her, looking down at her, watching on worriedly while she did whatever she thought was necessary. Trusted her and her instincts, both he and Flare knew that she would never hurt her own child.

Watched as she finally leaned back slightly from the boy to look down at him, assessing him, Jack thought, then got to see his son's eyes open for the first time, they were as deep and dark green as his own, took right after him, in every way it seemed. Saw her place a loving hand on his small face, and heard his voice for the first time "Mamma." The boy looked right at her, smiled up at her a little.

"I've got you." Luci's voice was soft and gentle, full of love for her child, he saw little Jack's eyes move to his twin and watched as Rafe's son's hand brushed right through his twin's hair and smiled down at him, could see relief on the boy's face as he looked at his twin.

"Rafe, you saved mamma."

"I did." Little Rafe nodded to his twin.

She had named them both after their fathers, pain was welling up inside of him and his wolf, they'd had something so perfect and had ruined it, but despite that she had still raised their children to not only know who they were, but not to be afraid of them either.

Watched as little Jack sat up and looked around him finally, saw him, looked right up at him and blinked, seemed surprised to see him, turned and looked at his mother, noted little Rafe was as well, watched as the both of them reached out for her at the exact same time, so very connected he realised.

"Mamma?" they both said in unison, could actually hear the concern lacing both their voices, they were worried about her.

It wasn't Luci who turned and looked at him though, it wasn't Kali either, but her Siren. He could not read any expression in those pure black eyes of hers, but watched as she stood up, was at least six feet tall now, had grown with the birth of her Siren, it seemed. Reached out for both her

sons' hands and they took her hands. "Move." The word was issued from her Siren, a full command more than asking him. He stepped back, wouldn't have stopped her, but had no choice in the matter, she outranked him and was letting him know it as well. She also knew she outranked him.

But then, Luci had been an Alpha and he was a Beta, even Luci and Kali her wolf out ranked him technically, not that she had ever had cause to use her Alpha authority on him, not once till today, right this very minute, and it wasn't Luci doing it.

"Luci." It was Rafe. "You're not safe out there. Let us take you back to the pack."

Watched as that Siren of Luci's turned and looked right at Rafe, hissed right at him, all aggression, this creature was not up for a friendly chat that was for sure. How Victor had managed to take her down he had no idea, but needed to find out so it couldn't happen again.

Jack stepped back, he wanted his son, but also knew better than to push the Siren who was in control. It wasn't Luci. He and Rafe had no idea what her Siren was like at all, they would have to give her the space she needed or wanted, were not going to be able to defend themselves against her if she let that Siren call out.

Watched her step right outside their paramedic van with both the boys and turned up the street and walked away from them. Neither of their sons even looked back at them. He put a hand on Rafe's chest to stop him from going after her right away. "Give her space."

"She's not safe." Rafe snapped at him.

"I know, but is dealing with a lot right now. Let her walk."

"Jack."

"No, it's alright, we can have Petra follow at a safe distance and trail behind her. Find out where she goes, likely lives close by."

“I don’t like it.” Rafe grated out and Jack knew the Alpha in him wanted to take control of the situation.

“Neither do I, but we can’t defend against a Siren, we don’t even know how Victor did it. We need to find that out to protect her in the future.”

“He saw them, Jack. That man is a complete savage, he would know whose children they are.” Rafe bit out.

“Yes, and ran from young Rafe, likely your boy is more powerful than even Victor is. He lost his Beta, he will have to leave and come back another time.”

“He could still be out there just waiting on the edge of town Jack; we can’t let her walk alone with the boys.”

“He’s gone Rafe, if you got your a*s kicked by a six year old and lost your Beta to another six year old ,would you stick around for the boys fathers to come with their entire pack to hunt you down?”

Rafe finally sighed “No, logically I would not. But Victor is not likely to be logical right now, had Luci right where he wanted her. Unconscious and for the taking and then lost her, he is going to be completely pissed off and itching to come back and get her or the boys. Will want a way to get to her, and if he gets even one of our boys, he will get Luci.”

“If he touches one of her boys, that Siren of hers is going to be out in full force. In all likelihood, her Siren will go full Alpha rage and k**l everything to get to her boy. Nothing will stop her. Sirens are deadly Rafe, she won’t go down so easily a second time. It’s highly likely Luci’s Siren can k**l half if not all of Victor’s pack and will do. If he has the stupidity to try and take one of her boys, she will march herself in there and destroy everyone and everything to get her son or sons back.”

He’d been doing nothing but research on Sirens for weeks now. Knew without a doubt, Victor was a dead man if Luci ever laid eyes on him again. It might well be just a matter of time before she took herself to that pack of her own accord and dealt with the man. She knew where his pack was.

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Luci POV

Luci woke up to find those deep dark blue eyes of Alpha Rafe looking right down at her, not Victor as she'd expected, her heart was hammering inside of her chest. She did not know if it was because she was in his lap and he was holding her, or if it was because she was suddenly super wired and wide awake. She felt really weird inside of her own body, everything about her felt jacked up and as if she was moving super fast.

Her attention was drawn by her son Rafe's voice "Mamma, Jack." It was so filled with concern and pain, her head snapped around and she saw Rafe standing at the end of a gurney-type bed. A hand on his twin brother. He was filled with worry, she could see it and Alari could feel it. Her eyes moved to little Jack and they could tell he was unconscious from the slackness of his body, he was all limp and his little mouth was open. Alari shot forward in an instant.

Was over him in a flash, sensing what was wrong with their son, could feel his pain, well sensed it, to the left side of his head, could see the bruising to his face where someone had struck him, had hurt their precious child.

Took in a deep breath and let it out all slowly, aimed her Siren call right at his injury, raising the frequency of it to 528Hz so it could act as a catalyst to help heal Jack's wound. He had mild swelling and likely a concussion. She had healed little wounds on the boys before, used this very frequency to bring about reduced pain levels and inflammation.

Knelt by the side of that gurney and continued to heal him, until his eyes flickered and then leaned back to see his beautiful dark green eyes open and look right at her. Felt relief flood through all three of them at seeing him wake up, then to hear his voice; a blessing, he was going to be alright.

She had no idea what had happened after Victor attacked them, but that man knew what she was. Had been wearing some sort of hearing protection to protect himself from Alari's Siren call. Which meant he now not only knew who Luci was, and where she was, but what she was as well. Not a good thing, likely now also knew about the twins.

Listened to her boys talk about little Rafe saving her, noticed that he was not in his school uniform anymore, as little Jack was, 'Got his first shift.' Alari told them.

It was the only explanation Luci could come up with as well. 'We missed it.' Kali whined, saddened that they hadn't been there for it, to support their boys through their first shift, and hadn't seen them in their wolfen form.

Alari took both their hands and demanded Beta Jack move out of her way, looked at Alpha Rafe when he stated it wasn't safe out there, wanted to take them back to the pack. Hissed right at him, all her Siren for him to hear and see. She knew it would be safer inside the pack, of course it would. They had always known that. They'd just not been comfortable with going back. Well, Luci and Kali hadn't. Alari didn't really care either way. Her walking away with her boys was her need to be with them, stay close to them and make sure they were okay. She wanted to go home.

Alari didn't feel herself, wasn't feeling alright at all, none of them were feeling themselves when she thought about it. Knew that they had been injected with something to bring them around and counteract that tranquilliser, Victor had shot them with. Their heart rate was rapid and Alari was feeling anxious and irritable. She didn't want to hurt anyone and needed to be away from all people right this minute, needed to get it out of her system, whatever it was that they had done to her.

She was having trouble with too much light, felt like everything around her was too bright and it was hurting her eyes. She stepped into the forest path and felt her eyes not hurt so much, as they walked from full morning sunlight into the dappled light of the forest.

They knew one of the female pack members was following along behind them, turned and looked right at her, the woman stopped walking, smiled

at her gently, friendly it seemed 'Petra.' Luci told Alari, 'Alpha Rafe's cousin, and one of his elite warriors.'

Her eyes moved to behind the woman, both Alpha Rafe and Beta Jack were walking this way as well. Both were watching her, hissed at them all, then shot down the mind-link right at their Alpha 'What did you do to us?'

'A shot of adrenaline, to wake you up.' She was informed.

Alari snarled right at them, and cut the mind-link, did not like the feeling that was coursing through her body, it was unnatural. Turned and walked off up the woodland path, both her boys with her all the way to their hut and ushered them inside, stalked around until the effects of the adrenaline fully wore off.

Then and only then did she relinquish control back to Luci. Both little Rafe and little Jack were sitting on the bed just watching her. Luci sank down in front of them once in control, looked right at them, touched both their faces and then just hugged them to her. "I'm sorry boys." She murmured.

"What happened mamma?" they both asked her.

How did she go about telling them, that her own stepfather had once tried to give her to that man, a long time ago, and that he still believed she was his, had come to take her away, sighed heavily "That man," she knew they had seen him seeing as little Rafe had saved her "He wants me to be the Luna to his pack. I didn't want that." She answered instead.

"He didn't know about us." They both said after a minute's contemplation.

"No, he did not." Her eyes moved from one to the other. "What did happen out there with the two of you today?" she asked.

"Jack used his Siren call, he's so powerful mamma. He broke windows." Rafe giggled and hugged his twin. Saw just how proud he was of his twin,

but little Jack just looked at little Rafe and huffed, annoyed it seemed “Astral emerged when Jack got hit by that man.”

“Astral?”

“My Siren-wolf.” He nodded up at her.

“I didn’t get mine.” Little Jack muttered, he seemed very annoyed about it.

“You will.” Luci smiled at him gently, probably would have if not for being struck by Victor, and rendered unconscious by him. Her eyes moved to the bruising on the right side of his face, it was already fading away. It was highly likely he had his Siren-wolf too. Only hadn’t fully emerged due to the blow he’d taken “Does he have a name?”

“Spark.” Little Jack nodded “He’s angry mamma, said he should have come when Astral did.”

“He did, he had too, for you to use your Siren call. He just didn’t shift is all.” She reassured him.

Saw him think about it, then stated a minute later “Can we shift now?”

“Might want to wait on that...just a little bit.” She reassured him that it wouldn’t be long, knew that both Alpha Rafe and Beta Jack were outside right this minute. That she was going to have to at some point talk to them. Her Alpha was right, they were no longer safe here outside the pack, not now that Victor knew who and what she was. Had seen her boys too. He would want all three of them for his own sick twisted needs.

“Mamma?” both boys touched her face.

Her eyes moved right to them. “I know.” She nodded “I just need a minute.” She told them. They knew who their fathers were by instinct. She’d never told them, but they knew, likely always felt some sort of connection to them. Seeing as they too were technically pack members, she had not severed herself from the pack, which technically meant they were born as pack members.

It did make her curious as to whether her Alpha and Beta had some sort of knowledge about the twins themselves. Her boys were just as connected to each other as their own fathers were. Probably going to grow up just like them.

Sharing everything, likely to have one Mate between them, later in life, she supposed. Did not relish the thought of going back to the pack and being in front of her Alpha and Beta's Mates. Though she was a little surprised that they did have one each, perhaps they weren't like her, and able to handle both the Alpha and Beta's s****l needs.

Who knew, not her that was for sure, had left and stayed away. Did not want to know anything about their mates or what they did with them either, for that matter, if she was totally honest with herself about it.

Kali picked up running footsteps, they were coming fast, felt Kali push to the forefront of her mind and heard her own mother's voice "Rafe, Jack where is she?" sounded very worried to Luci.

She hadn't seen her mother in a very long time, not since her stepfather had given her to Rafe and Jack to be their concubine. Had never gone back to the Nightfall Pack, but she had spoken to her mother often after leaving. All the time over the phone, they'd still be very close.

Felt both her boy's hands in hers, it was time, she guessed, she didn't get the chance to step outside with the twins. Saw the door open and then her mother, Addison, was standing right before her, looking right up at her. Tears formed in her eyes and then she just stepped right into the hut and hugged her "My beautiful girl." She whispered, "Look at you, all grown up now."

Luci was all grown up, and her mother had some serious explaining to do about who she really was. Hugged her back though, "you're so short." She murmured.

"You grew." Addison chuckled and pulled back to look right up at her, touched Luci's hair "Got a new look too."

"I did." Luci nodded.

Found both her boys tugging at her “Mamma?” they both half whispered up at her.

“Yes, of course. Boy’s, this is your...” looked at her mother and had no idea how she wanted to be addressed.

“Grammy.” Addison smiled “I’m your Grammy”. She knelt down and smiled at both of them, “My goddess, don’t you just look like your fathers.” Reached out her arms and both boys giggled, as she wiggled her fingers in a happy come get a cuddle fashion.

Actually, saw her mother really shiver and then just laugh out loud. “My goodness,” she hugged them both when they stepped over to her. “You sound just like your Pappy when you laugh.”

“Pappy?” they both asked in unison.

“Yes, he’s passed now boys, but you laugh just like he used to, so sweetly.”

Luci knew she must be talking about her actual father, and was saddened a little, knowing he had passed on. But what else could she expect? Her mother was now, and had been for all of Luci’s life, Mated to Orien.

“Make’s mamma shiver.”

“It will make everyone shiver. It’s so beautiful.” Addison stood up and looked at Luci, then sighed softly “This is why you never came home to me.”

Luci nodded but said nothing. She knew her Alpha and Beta were still outside. It was likely they weren’t going anywhere at all, not with their heirs to their pack right here and unprotected, with Victor on the loose out there somewhere.

Was also not about to discuss that in front of her boys. She did know there were going to be a lot of questions, and had no idea if her Alpha and Beta were even mad at her at this point. Could tell them she didn’t know she was pregnant when she left, she supposed.

But that would be a lie. She'd never lied to them, and it wouldn't sit well with her. Hadn't lied to them about the boys, had just left and didn't return, they'd never looked for her, as far as she was aware. Had never asked her about pups or anything when they had come home that day. So technically, other than staying away and not coming forward, it was not considered a lie, or at least she didn't think so. She had just safe guarded them from the Luna's to their pack. She knew they would not take kindly to bastard heirs, to their pack.

But anything that those two wanted to ask her now would have to wait until the twins were not in the same room as her and them. Waved her mother towards the door, she had no choice but to go out there. They both knew there would be no hiding or keeping the boys from their fathers, not anymore. Luci had no idea how this was going to work or even go down, for that matter.

Stepped outside to find both of them standing together, no real surprise there, about twenty feet away, both sets of eyes fell on her. It was already too much. She turned her eyes away from them, felt her own mother's hand touch her arm. "Come on, you can walk with me."

Luci just nodded, they were both still marked. It had not escaped her or Kali's attention, she found both boys looking up at her, seemed a little troubled and she realised they could probably sense her pain at seeing their fathers. Tried to smile at them and felt both of them squeeze her hands.

"You can go and say hello." She told them softly.

Both of them just stared up at her, then shook their heads as if to say 'no'. It surprised her a little, she squatted down. "It's okay, we're okay with that." Touched both their little faces, Kali even pushed forward and nodded in agreement at them.

Still, they wouldn't go, but, both it seemed were happy enough to walk between her and their Grammy. Little Jack was holding her hand and little Rafe was holding his Grammy's. It was a long quiet walk around the lake to the pack. She didn't say much of anything, Alari was quiet even as

they walked along behind their Alpha and Beta. Alari turned and looked at Addison through Luci's eyes many times.

Her mother smiled right back at her each time, it was clear to Luci that Alari was very curious about the woman, seemed to know that it was Alari who was looking at her as well.

"What's your name, daughter?" her mother asked after the third time Alari looked over at her.

"Alari." Was all she answered.

Addison bowed her head slightly and smiled, "Addi, or Mum, you can call me either if you like my child." Then they continued to walk towards the pack.

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Rafe POV

He could hear everything that was going on inside that very tiny dwelling. He watched Petra walk all the way around it, then just stop and glare right at him and Jack. It was pretty obvious to him that she did not like what she was seeing.

Well, neither did he, for that matter; it was so very small, and he had no idea how Luci and both of the boys lived there, but it was clear to him that they did. She had walked right here, or her Siren had, nil hesitation at all, had taken them an hour to get here from town as well.

She had no money of her own to support her, knew that Orien had cut her off from the pack, none of her pack cards had worked within a day of leaving. And she'd wanted for nothing, inside their pack, had everything she could possibly want, had only to ask. Though had not really asked for much.

Likely that gym logo on her clothes, meant she worked here in town, in the human world, to try and support herself and the children. Their own boys also went to the local school here in the human world. No one even

knew they were there. He kept all the small children inside the pack, only teens came out to go to the high school, and it was on the other side of the town. The pack bus didn't even have to drive by the primary school.

Would like to have them all be schooled inside the pack, but they had to learn how to act properly in the human world, interact with humans. Some of them could well have human Mates. It also allowed them to learn not to talk about who they were, act human. This could be hard for some of them to do. It was the first real time they had to, as they were old enough not to speak about wolves.

The little ones you just didn't know if they could hold their tongues, so they were best kept inside the pack. That's why they didn't go to school out here with humans till they reached high school.

He was just standing a few feet away, and was listening to her talk to her boys, twin boys! One to each of them. That hurt him. It was likely why Solar was sometimes annoyed and agitated about nothing known to him. They had a son out there but wasn't truly connected to him. But they were now.

It was likely that Luci had gotten pregnant that one time she'd gone into heat and been completely insatiable. He'd suspected she might have mated herself to them during those few days, though she'd not had the compulsion to Mark either of them, so he didn't actually think that she had in the end, because nothing about her towards them had changed. She had not said anything either.

He also doubted he would have stopped her marking him if she had tried to, but she hadn't. He also knew that Jack would not have stopped her, would have marked her right back. It was never Jack that had held off on their claiming of Luci.

Jack had always wanted to claim her. Rafe had been the one to stop that. She wasn't their Mate and they weren't hers. She'd been 21 at the time, and they had known her since she was 18. Neither of them had scented her out in all the full moons she had been known to them.

It wasn't right to try and claim something that wasn't yours. They had no right to take that away from her. If they had Marked and Mated her, she would have lost the ability to find her Goddess Gifted Mate. That was his belief and Goddess Gifted Mates were precious. He sighed internally, or were supposed to be.

If he and Jack had Marked and Mated her then, both of their boys would have grown up inside their pack, spoiled bloody rotten in all likelihood. Loved not just by their mother, but by both he and Jack as well. Even Addison would have been around for them. Sighed once more, she was in their pack right now.

Mind-linked to Jack 'We need to get word to Addi on this.'

'I've already sent word to Ian. She's coming and fast, I believe.' Was his reply.

Rafe looked at him for a moment, but let it go. The man, when he'd found out about Luci, had not told him first, had notified her mother before even telling him. Found it important to keep Addison in the loop on her daughter even before his own Alpha.

He saw Jack's eyes move to where the pack was and he looked himself. He could see Addison running towards them at full Alpha Wolf speed. Right along the edge of the lake, completely uncaring for any humans that might see her. She'd obviously not left the border, even though he had told her to go back to the packhouse, that he would bring Luci home, to her.

'Did you tell them to tell her about the boys?'

'I told Ian,' Jack commented.

So, it was highly likely that Addison knew about her grandchildren already. That would account for her speed, though a part of Rafe was surprised that she hadn't shifted to Fallon, her wolf would move much quicker. Probably the only reason she didn't, was that she was out in the human world in broad daylight.

He heard the conversation Luci was holding with the boys inside that dwelling. Both of the boys had their wolves, well his son had called his beast a Siren-Wolf. Astral his name was. And although little Jack was upset that he'd not shifted with his twin, he too knew the name of his beast 'Spark,' it was likely that the boys were a true hybrid of their species.

He smiled at Jack, 'Astral Spark.' He mind-linked right to him, saw that Jack also smiled about their sons' beasts' names, 'Like us, can join their names together.'

Jack was also happy with this, and to hear her say he'd used his Siren call and that little Rafe had shifted and put fear into Victor, he already knew that the two boys were strong and powerful.

Though they had not looked back at him or Jack on the way here to their home, as they had walked with Luci's Siren. A creature that it appeared had not taken to either of them. Little Jack was wanting to shift, which made Jack himself smile even more. His boy not only had a beast but knew he could shift, and wanted to let him out.

They would get to see them in their fully shifted state. Neither of them had seen little Rafe in his Siren-wolf form, but then neither had Luci or either of her beasts. Petra had though, and Sarah, likely several if not all of the teens that had backed her up, backed his son up, their future Alpha.

He would have to question her later about what he looked like, though he might not need to, if little Jack wanted to shift. If those two were as connected as closely as he and Jack himself were. Then little Rafe would want to run with him. Their two Siren-wolves would want to run freely together.

He wondered if Kali would shift and run with them as well. Rafe could already feel that Solar was wanting to go and run with his pup. Knew Flare wanted it without a doubt. Could feel that coming from him, he could feel a similar excitement from both Solar and Flare, at the prospect of being in wolf form with their pups.

They did not hold Addison up, waved her right in to see her daughter, heard the love in her voice as she spoke, when she laid eyes on her daughter, despite the two of them being separated all this time. They were still connected and strongly bonded, teased each other right away.

A full shiver ran through Rafe when he heard the twins giggle happily. Saw that and so did both Jack and Petra. It must be a natural response to the sound it made. Part of their Siren showing in that giggle he'd thought. Then, to hear Addison say they sounded like their pappy, she had to mean Lucian, her first Mate.

Watched as she stepped outside with Luci and the boys, actually saw pain in Luci's eyes before they fell away from him and Jack. Just looking at them caused her pain, whereas once looking at them, had brought happiness and desire to her. They had done this to her, made her feel alone and sad.

He watched as both the boys registered their mother's pain, and then just refused to come and say hello. As connected to her as they were to each other. Likely any interaction with he and Jack where the twins were concerned. Might be delayed, he now realised, due to how Luci felt about them.

He did not know or understand a Sirens' nature, but was willing to bet that, that part of them was the strongest and likely, if their Siren was unhappy with something, the boys would go with it.

Got to hear Addison ask her daughter what her name was, called her daughter. She had to be talking to Luci's Siren. She knew Kali. They were interacting as they were walking 'Alari.'

Felt Jack's voice inside his mind nearly instantly "Luci, Kali and Alari. All three linked together.' Connected by their lineage, he supposed.

Stepped onto pack territory and heard her footfall stop, he was completely tuned to her movement right this minute 'Leave her.' it was Jack 'she will need a minute, it's been a long time.' He told Rafe. He was also, it seemed, tuned into her.

But then Jack had always known what Luci needed, it was natural for him almost. It's one of the reasons Rafe was or had always been surprised she wasn't their Mate. A part of him still didn't understand that; why wasn't she?

He turned and looked at her, she was literally only an inch from the packs border. Knew exactly where it was, both the boys were standing next to her, as was Addison. None of them said anything.

Luci herself was standing staring at the ground. She hadn't been home in a very long time. But Jack was right, she still had the pack scent on her as did the twins, she'd never severed herself from the pack. Never even gone far away. Technically, the boys were born into their pack, it was just that they had not known about it.

They were not officially registered either, but they would be by the end of the day. Neither of the boys had ever been on pack territory before. He was certain of that, he was dead certain that he or Jack would have felt them. Solar and Flare were always agitated about something in the back of their minds. If these two had connected themselves to the pack territory, by setting foot on it, their wolves would have known for certain.

Looked right at his son, pushed a little with his mind to see if he could connect to the boy. He had his beast, so he should be able to. He saw his boys' eyes move right to him, felt the connection, then felt anger come down the line and then it was severed from his boys end.

Saw his boy's wolf right on the surface, and a low sound emitted from it, and all of a sudden Alari was on the surface and hissing at him, stepped right into the pack's territory in front of her son.

"Don't ever do that." She snarled right at him.

Rafe looked right into those black eyes of hers. Not a single emotion could he detected in those black eyes of her Siren, but the hard look on her face and her tone implied she was very unhappy. "My apologies." He stated, without hesitation. "I did not mean to offend...we were simply curious."

“Back off.” She snarled at him again.

Rafe took a step back. He had not meant to upset or anger his own child, was simply curious as to whether he could connect a mind-link to him was all. The answer was, yes. But it clearly was not welcomed by his boy. Rafe already knew that Alari could make Solar bow down, she was more powerful than he was, and he did not want to hurt her or her to harm him for that matter.

“Rafe.” It was Addison. “Sirens are not at all like us, please give them all time to adjust, they’ll need that.”

Rafe nodded his head. “Of course, I will.”

‘Idiot.’ Jack snorted down through the mind-link, sounded fully amused inside Rafe’s mind.

He seemed to be on a very different page to Rafe, was likely curious, but had no intention of interacting with them at this point. He did know that Jack had been researching Sirens. Perhaps he understood them a lot better than Rafe.

“Come when you are ready,” Rafe told Alari. “I’ll leave you to be, again my apologies.” He stated and meant it. He didn’t want to offend her, any of them. He turned and walked away.

Jack fell into step with him ‘They’ll be alright, the boys will come around quickly, they are just responding to Luci’s emotions, I think. Alari...she might take a bit more time.’

‘Alari might never accept us, she was brought out by Luci’s heartbreak.’ He sighed, hated knowing that fact.

‘Give her time, she is a part of Luci now, she’s just never had anything to do with us, she did save us, remember.’

‘I know. That doesn’t mean she will come around Jack.’

‘Yes, it does. I get the distinct impression Alari has full control over all of them. She is the strongest of them. She would not have helped us if she herself didn’t want to.’

‘I hope you’re right.’

‘How’s Solar doing?’

‘Curious, though that agitation that’s always been eating at him, is gone completely now.’ Rafe admitted.

Heard Jack chuckle ‘Flare’s is gone also. Likely a part of them felt the twins, but didn’t understand what it was, not having known about them or seen them before.’

‘How’s Flare?’ Rafe asked in return.

‘Wants to rub himself all over Luci...well Kali, I guess.’

‘What?’

‘Odd, but that is how he feels, gets even weirder. Is itching to come face to face with Alari, wants to see her in her true Siren form.’

Rafe frowned now, the man was mated. His wolf shouldn’t want to rub himself on any one bar his Mate. ‘Why?’

‘I don’t know, tight-lipped on that. He also wants little Jack to shift, to see his pup.’

‘Solar wants that too. I’m also very curious myself.’

‘I don’t think it will take long, the boys are very connected and little Jack wants to shift, the minute Luci gives the go ahead, it’s likely they both will.’

Rafe was in agreement with that, though Flare’s response to Luci was very odd. Though he did know that Flare had no interest in his Mate at all. Never did after that first initial mating to each other, something had always been off between those two. Wondered now about Flares feelings

for Kali? Was that the issue? Perhaps the man's wolf had also wanted to mate to them as much as Jack had.

Finally, he felt all of them walking into the pack, through the woods, and relief flooded him. He'd not even realised that he had been worried about it. Obviously, he had been somewhere deep down. Did not know what was going to happen at this point.

Just walked on at a casual pace all the way down the forest trail that would lead to the centre of the pack, and the packhouse itself.

He did not have word yet on what was going on in the human town, how the clean up was going. How many humans had seen Astral rip out of his own son or had been injured by little Jack's Siren call?

Though none of his wolves had been injured by it, that was a curiosity in itself. He wondered if Spark had full and complete control over his call, which he'd used for his first time only this morning.

They had gotten Victor's Beta, and he was now wondering if that man had survived, wondered just how Victor had survived. He was going to have to question that man. Sighed heavily, not question him, tortured him in all likelihood, he knew Beta's did not give up information on their Alpha's intentions or pack information either. Would opt to die instead.

If he'd survived, and that was a big if, Rafe had seen the blood coming from the man's ears and nose, it was just like that day Victor had attacked them. His men had looked like that before dying. It was highly possible he was dead, though he had yet to hear anything.

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Victor POV

Victor was completely furious, she'd had bloody twins with those two pricks and they were already realised. Both those boys were more powerful than Luci and her Siren and he knew it. His Delta was down and out.

He had blood coming from his ears and nose and that man was now lying on the back seat of his pack car, trying to survive. He had also not been wearing his hearing protection, due to Victor's statement of him getting Luci. And although he had been inside the car the whole time, he had been injured by that little blonde bastard, as well as the hybrid that had been chasing him. He'd run right for his car, that bloody thing roaring after him.

His Gamma wasn't feeling well, but at least that man had kept his hearing protection in and on, like Victor had, he'd seen him wipe blood from his nose much the same way he had to do, only so much protection given to them from their sonic devices, whatever pitch that little hybrid bastard used was completely different to a full blooded siren.

Victor glanced at the unconscious man in the back. He wasn't going to make it back to the pack, it was nearly a six and half hour drive without stops. The man's heart rate was dropping off and his breathing was no longer even and regular, but stilted and occasionally he stopped breathing for 20 or thirty seconds at a time. He was in a silent death spiral back there, and Victor knew it, likely his body was just trying to compensate. But it was already too late.

Victor himself was sporting a massive headache, and though his nose had bled for a little while, he was recovering, and he knew it. Bane was also pissed off about what had happened. Rafe's little bastard was not something he was able to handle at this point in time.

A wolf that could resonate a Siren's call, those damned pricks had beaten him to it, bred Luci and got the strongest of heirs from her. Though he wondered how the council would feel about those two hybrid bastards, he did not yet know and couldn't make his mind up which way they would jump.

He had yet to make the decision to report to them about this entirely new species amongst the otherworldly creatures. Knew that if he did, studying them would be high on the priority list. He wanted to do that himself, to study them, but getting to them with Luci or those three witches from that pack was likely going to be more than difficult. Unobtainable.

He was going to have to think on it. He couldn't take on the Wolfen council either. If they got their hands on the twins first, they were backed by the Royals. With the new Wolfen King on the throne, who held, from what he heard, had one hell of a powerful seer, his youngest sister. She could see anything, only needed a single drop of blood to do so.

He would be staying away from that woman at all cost, though she did not reside in the royal kingdom, but here in the human world. Her son was an Alpha to a two Alpha pack, not a pack he was going to pit himself up against either. He heard that, that half-royal blooded Alpha was strong and deadly to deal with, he had a full-blooded royal princess for a mother and two sisters. All within his pack.

Nope, he was leaving that pack alone, half the Alpha unit were also attached to the royals, from what he understood, as well. He had always stayed away from them and that pack. He knew that all royals who were in harm's way could be seen and felt by the royal kingdom's seers.

He had nothing to do with that pack, wasn't likely going to either, not ever. Though he wondered if the new King Christian, would care about that half-breed Siren and her wolfen pups. He was, from all appearances, not at all like his father, would rule fairly and didn't appear to use that royal warlock anymore, but he had kept the royal seers. Really needed to think about whether he should inform the wolfen council or not.

He could lose the very thing he desired by telling the council about them and he did not want that. They might just see fit to put Luci and her children right under wolfen council protection. Hell, she could end up in the royal kingdom with the full protection of the king himself if she would align herself to him.

His Delta was dead in the back seat by the time they got back to his Pack. He also believed that so was his Beta, he'd been staggering about and then down on the ground before Victor left. If Gary wasn't dead, they had cuffed him with silver and dosed him up with wolfsbane and severed him from his wolf. Victor couldn't feel him anymore, Gary wouldn't talk even if he was alive, that man was just like him, liked power and lots of it.

He hadn't grown up with Victor, had strolled into Victor's pack about a year after he had taken it over. Dumped a half-breed in front of him and declared, 'I want to be your Beta, this is my offering to show you I'm just like you.' The half-breed was part wolf, part cougar something very rare indeed.

She had been beaten pretty badly, likely more than beaten and looked absolutely terrified of Gary. Victor had, had a Beta, and told him that if he could beat his Beta in a duel to the death, he'd accept him. Gary had beaten his current Beta, and was a complete savage of a man. Just like Victor was. He'd pledged his loyalty and taken that half-breed for his chosen mate. She still hated him, had tried to reject him multiple times. Gary just remarked her each and every time, was obsessed with her as much as Victor was Luci.

Though there was something different about Gary's Mate, that woman knew she was never getting away. Had actually injured herself so badly when they'd been away that she could no longer produce the man a child. He'd been furious and near beaten her to death.

Victor had wondered if it was what she had wanted. She had fought back, but not all that hard. If Gary was dead, his Mate would know, and be over the moon about it as well. He'd find out when he got back to the packhouse.

He had every intention of walking up into his Beta's suite and looking at that woman's neck. She had multiple bite marks from his Beta. The man was vicious, that was for sure. He and Gary got along well. Though Gary had never bedded anything but his Mate since marking her, curious it was.

As much as she hated him, it did seem the man was loyal to her, always would be. Made him more than curious as to whether that half-breed had been his Goddess Gifted Mate and she had rejected him. But he wasn't standing for it. She'd learned to stay put and not to run away and though was very unhappy, did stay put.

No one went near her, anyone that did had met with a brutal end, Gary didn't like anyone looking at his mate, another thing that led Victor to

think they were Goddess Gifted to each other. If she was just a chosen Mate, Gary wouldn't likely care, likely wouldn't be faithful to her either. Victor had never asked him about it.

Was not really of his concern, he asked where he'd gotten her from. The answer had been 'born into my previous pack, I took her.' and that was all he'd stated on the subject.

He stalked himself right upstairs and banged into the Beta suite the minute he was home. She looked right at Victor and laughed right at him, held her shirt aside for him to see her neck even. The man was dead. There was no filagree on her neck anymore. Stared hard at her, wondered just what to do with her, now.

"Yes, Alpha, he is dead." She finally said, smiling right at him as she spoke.

"Doesn't mean you're free to go," he stated.

"I'm useless to you Victor, just like I made sure I would be to him."

"Then I guess your time is limited, isn't it, Rhyse?"

'Yep.' She smiled right at him "I'll wait right here, come do your worst." She taunted him.

Victor stared right at her, she was not afraid to die, never had been, and beating her would give him no pleasure, nor would bedding her for that matter. Gary had likely already taken the fight out of the woman; she'd likely just lay there and take it.

He turned and walked out of the suite, he could demote her and send her off to the w***e house, though it was likely she'd k**l a few of his pack members. He would have to think on her. She did know how to fight. He could put her in with his warriors now and have her trained to be on the front line for battle, he supposed.

Didn't look like she was going to go anywhere at all. Had been here so long, she didn't have anywhere else to go. Likely she didn't even know where her old pack was, had been brought here at 18 and never been

allowed to leave. Though she had tried many times in the beginning, she had never escaped Gary, that man would never let her leave him.

Took dozens of warriors to hunt and track her that first time she'd run off, showed her he would never let her go. Never give her up.

He was going to need a new Beta and a new Delta at that. He didn't want just any warrior stepping up either, actually wanted a Beta bloodline to replace Gary. He was going to have to source one out. He could live without a Delta if necessary, might find one in a rogue somewhere.

It was Bane's job to sniff out those bloodlines and let him know, there were plenty of Beta and Delta bloodlines, he just needed to find ones that were savage and could be loyal to him. Might take some time, but he was now back to playing the long game, it seemed.

Luci and her bastard boys, he knew, would be back inside that pack and protected now by those two pricks. It was unlikely those two boys would be allowed off of pack territory, and he knew Luci wouldn't go anywhere without them.

Not likely anyway, seeing as she was part Siren, Sirens loved other Sirens, it's why Silla had never ever laid eyes on another one. He couldn't have her attaching herself to a Siren who understood about their own kind. As far as Silla was concerned, she was precious, the last of her kind and he, Victor, was keeping her safe from those that would harm or k**l her.

He had raised her since she was just two years old, found her in the black market and bought her for himself, he had not cared how much she cost.

Had seen the little creature sitting cowering in that cage and known from the sound she was making, just what she was, he had squatted right down and looked at her. She'd had bruises all over her, beaten by her captors, likely her small Siren had tried to protect her and not been strong enough to do so yet.

He had smiled at the little girl, and told her he would save her and he had. She'd never had a reason not to trust him. He'd never hurt her, kept

her happy all the time. He didn't need his head exploding at any point, and it was nice to have her as an ally. He knew that she would try to save him if the pack was under attack.

He was, after all, her Vic Vic, the man that had saved her, protected her, given her everything she had wanted, though nowadays all she wanted was her tank, food and s*x, that was it. A Siren was not a creature to want possessions, lived freely in the ocean or large lakes mostly, slept on the sea or lake floor and hunted under the waters, they were only savage when they needed to be. To protect what was theirs and he was hers as far as she was concerned.

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Jack POV

He cleared the area around the packhouse to be free of all wolves, didn't need Luci feeling any more uncomfortable than she already was. Flare was pacing inside his mind, worried that all the wolves around her and the twins, might agitate her or Alari and he wanted nothing of the sort. Even his wolf wanted her to be calm and feel safe here in the pack.

They were the mother to his pup, and he wanted her comfortable, to be able to once again be happy, neither he nor Jack had liked seeing pain in her at just the sight of them. They had never seen that with her before, not with them anyway. It had hurt more than a bit, to know she had so much pain where they were concerned.

They had hurt her, and she'd not only run away, but had their child, raised and protected him as well. Not turned their boy against them and she likely could have, he knew from reading up on Sirens, they were all primal instincts, usually lived in small groups, in lakes or out in the oceans.

Stayed away from all, also knew they were well connected to each other, family groups fiercely loyal to each other. Likely why the boys had suddenly refused to have anything to do with them. They could feel their mother's pain, stayed with her, to try and comfort her, had attached themselves to Addison quite quickly as well. She was their grandmother

and love had poured off of her at seeing her daughter, also at seeing the boys.

Luci had no pain where her mother was concerned, though Jack was certain she had a lot of questions as did he, but he was not going to bombard her with them. That could wait until she was a bit more comfortable, with being back inside the pack and when she could look at him, he would not push her at all.

Rafe, on the other hand, had already tried to connect with his son, bloody Alpha genes, and his need to dominate and control everything had set not just his own son's wolf off, but Alari as well.

Jack had watched on but not interfered at all. Alari had dealt with Rafe effectively and promptly, showed him just how much of a family bond she had to her children. Little Jack's eyes had changed colour, his wolf, Spark on the surface, had watched everything and looked right at Jack himself. He'd smiled at his boy, it was not their fight.

He would not get involved unless he had to, watched as Spark receded and he found little Jack looking right at him. Goddess, he wanted to hug his boy, felt Flare push forward and look right at him. Damned near burst out laughing when little Jack poked his tongue out at him.

They were all going to be fine, though Jack had the feeling he was going to have to talk to Rafe, try and get him to step back and let the three of them do their own thing, not something an Alpha was going to want to do.

His own child in another part of the pack somewhere and not in his own suite. That was going to be a real sore point. But Rafe had to know that Luci was not going to be comfortable with being around Melissa or Maria, for that matter, that she was not going to want to be on the Alpha floor at all.

Jack was already trying to think of a place she might feel comfortable in. There were many rooms available inside the packhouse, plenty of suites on the first floor in fact. But Jack didn't know if she would at all be comfortable inside the packhouse. If not? The question was where would

she feel comfortable? Likely a house on her own, there were a few available, he might have to show her some and let her choose.

She was about to get a lot of looks from pack members, until everything settled down and he had the feeling Alari was likely to surface a lot if Luci got very uncomfortable. They had no connection to Alari, nor did the pack members, and although he was certain she would help to protect the pack.

That did not necessarily mean that she wasn't going to take offense to being stared at, or hearing people talk in hushed tones, or openly, about the fact that Luci had run off pregnant with their twins and never told them.

It could well not be a pleasant few days, could be a rocky start, to the return to the pack, the twins could also react to this. That was of great concern to him. He didn't want them getting upset and letting their Siren Wolves lose on the pack. It was unlikely he or Rafe would be able to contain them, only Alari, Kali and Luci would at this point.

He knew the four of them were following he and Rafe and that Petra was strolling along at a distance behind them. What she thought he was yet to find out, knew she was unhappy about where the twins had grown up.

Alpha's should not be raised out in the human world with bare minimum. He intended to go back to that dwelling later on to have a good look at it. Bring back all their belongings as well. They likely didn't have much at all, what they did have, though, should be brought here. It would likely give them a feeling of comfort and he wanted that for both the boys as well as Luci herself.

At least Luci didn't have the discomfort of having to come across his or Rafe's Mates yet, she had never met them officially. But he was pretty certain she had seen them before, likely the day they'd walked them into the packhouse, Luci wouldn't have been far away, would have been coming to them.

It had taken only an hour after they'd returned for her to be seen at the border and then she was gone from them. They'd not announced it

officially for an hour, so she'd already been leaving them by then, had to have left within minutes of them arriving inside the packhouse.

He sighed internally, they had royally screwed this up, he'd always wanted to claim Luci, he should have pushed Rafe much harder, none of this would have happened if they had claimed her as he'd wanted to. He knew she would have said yes, was always happy and taunting them into mating her. Almost like she was their Mate.

Luci belonged here and they'd ruined everything and now the outcome of that was truly here, and there was so much pain still for Luci. He ran a hand over his face and felt Rafe's hand on his shoulder. 'We'll fix it.' Rafe's voice came through the mind-link. He always knew or seemed to understand what Jack was thinking, especially if he was agitated or upset about something.

'How?' was all Jack could say back. He had no idea how they could repair the damage, they still had Mate's. Though if Jack was one hundred percent honest with himself, he was way more interested in Luci than his own Mate Maria. Flare had no interest at all in his wolfen Mate, but now he was up and interested in Kali, even wanted to come face to face with Alari.

He had still not heard from Maria or his man Titan yet either. Something was definitely going on out in that pack, but what yet? He didn't know.

'Time will help.' Rafe told him.

'Your Mate?' Jack had seen the way Melissa had wanted to gut Luci's room after she had found out about Luci. Maria herself had never cared about it, he wasn't her first and she'd not expected him to have waited for her. But Melissa hated that room, hated the fact that she still wasn't allowed in it even all these years later. With nothing of Luci's left in it. Was jealous of just the room itself.

When she got home and actually met Luci, saw how beautiful she was, found out about the twins, was going to go completely ballistic, he had a feeling Maria was also not going to be happy with him having a child with Luci.

The twins were going to be a real sore point for both women, more so Maria with the way she went on about having a pup. He was still waiting for Titan's report on that as well, had his suspicions, and he was hoping right now to confirm his suspicion. Whereas a week ago he was hoping he was wrong, right this minute a part of him was actually hoping he was right.

Luci and the twins were changing everything for him. His very broken bond with Maria, may never be repaired and, prior to today, he had been trying to keep it intact, but right now he just didn't know if it was worth it. He also had to consider Flare's reaction to Luci, and he knew his wolf wanted to be with Kali and Luci, Alari even.

It was all a bit on the confusing side for him because they had a Mate, one that never cared for what he wanted or his needs either, denied him his true nature at every turn. As for Flare, he'd never been interested in his own Mate and she not him. But he was very interested in the mother of his pup.

Jack was actively denying Flare right this minute, he wanted to turn and look at her every few minutes, he never even raised his head when Maria walked into the room.

'I don't know how Melissa will react.' Rafe admitted after a long silence, 'She'll probably be furious, we'll just have to deal with them when they decide to come back, that is.'

It had been seven days now since they had both left the pack. 'Has she called you at all?'

'No, Maria?'

Jack snorted 'Never once did, it was always me checking on her. I refused to call her this time.'

'Why?'

'I have my reasons.' Jack muttered and he did, he was always the one to initiate everything, call her if she was not here, approach her for contact,

even in their bedroom, and he was curious as to if she'd call him even once. Seems not, his own Mate did not miss him, and he knew it. Something was very wrong.

They stepped out of the woods into the central part of the pack, the packhouse in full view, 'Orien looks pissed off.' Jack sighed down that mind-link. He could see the man standing on the packhouse front steps, his hands were on his hips and his expression denoted anger.

He would have seen wolves leaving the pack in a rush, known something was going on and with Addison off pack territory, where he would have likely felt her moving away from him at a great speed when she'd learned of Luci.

Their relationship was already extremely strained from what he could tell. If Orien wasn't careful, he was not going to be met with a happy Mate, not with how he'd treated her, denied her rights and cuffed his own mate with silver. He was lucky she was still bonded to him at this point. Jack's intuition told him it was on the cards, a rejection from Addison if her Mate couldn't find it in him to apologise and beg for forgiveness. Didn't think the man had done that at all.

'Yes, it does.' Rafe sighed right back 'It's going to be worse when he sees the twins.'

'I'll put him in his place.' Jack stated flatly, 'He has no rights over Luci. Gave her to us, tried to de-rank her to a concubine. She also still belongs to us, I believe.'

'He might not see it that way.'

Jack didn't particularly care what Orien thought, he was not actually the girl's father, and had tossed her aside and wiped his hands clean of her. Only Addison's opinion mattered to him and Addison was happy to see her daughter, happy to see the twins as well, more than happy, loved them instantly.

That was all that mattered to Jack, he could and would kick Orien from the pack as easily as Rafe could. He might only be the Beta, but they ran

it like they did everything else, together. If they had claimed Luci, he'd be considered an Alpha by right of Marking the Luna.

Watched him as they headed for the packhouse, saw him lay eyes on his Mate and then frown as his eyes moved to Luci and then, a moment later, have it dawn on him as he realised she was Luci. Yes, she was taller and fairer of hair, slimmer, but she still looked as beautiful as ever.

Heard him swear and knew he'd just registered the twins as his and Rafe's. Stalked down the steps 'He's spoiling for a fight.' Rafe warned Jack.

Jack could see it as well. 'He'll get one. Flare will deal with him.' and he knew he wasn't wrong. His wolf was up and tensed inside his mind, ready to rip out of him.

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Addison POV

She saw Orien on the packhouse stairs and frowned right at him, watched him realise Luci looked very different, taller than before and not by a little, but a lot, grew a full five inches. Even her hair was much lighter, she had the colouring of her father Lucian now. Luci had walked quietly the whole way through the pack, her daughter was normally not afraid of showing her attitude at all.

It seemed to Addi, that she was nervous about what was going to happen, and any she-wolf would be, she guessed. Having her Alpha and Beta's children and not raising them officially inside the pack, or with their knowledge either.

Addi knew that Rafe and Jack were shocked by the twins, but they were not at all upset by them. She also knew they understood it was them that had caused Luci to raise them outside of the pack. That they had caused this to happen and were not going to blame her daughter, were generally an Alpha and Beta that were fair and considerate.

If they tried to blame Luci for any of this, she and Fallon were going to have a piece of them, likely she would be strong enough as well. To take them down, their two Mate's had been denying their true nature for far too long, and it had weakened them. She was Alpha blooded and had not only witch's blood flowing in her veins, from her birth father, but Siren venom flowing in her veins as well. She was a lot stronger with it, may not have the powers of a Siren, but some of their temperament and strength.

Even just standing here next to Luci, made her feel more connected to that Siren venom inside of her, felt stronger just walking with her Siren daughter by her side. Looked right at her and realised she should have been her Alpha now. If nothing had happened to Lucian and they still lived at his lake, she would be in charge and Addi's own Alpha.

Smiled right at her, it was a lovely thought and made her so very proud of her daughter to see she was as special as Lucian had always said she would be. He had not been wrong, perhaps he had known what she truly was.

"I'll deal with him." Addi stated, "Stay here." She told Luci, as she let go of little Rafe's hand and motioned for all of them to wait.

She headed right for Orien, stared right at him as she made her way towards him 'If you yell at my daughter, you'll be on Fallon's receiving end.' She snarled right at him via the mind-link.

'Why the hell did you run off out of the pack?' he shot right back.

'Because my daughter needed me.' She stopped right in front of him and glared right up at him.

'Got herself pregnant and took off, just as irresponsible as always, I see.'

'She never left the pack, was here the whole time. That is not irresponsible, she was heartbroken.'

'Was a concubine, what'd she bloody think was going to happen? Would they Mark and Mate her? No Alpha would claim one that's not theirs, not when she's promiscuous and tainted by so many others.'

Her hand connected with the side of his face before he even knew it was coming, used all her wolfen speed to hit him. One hard resounding slap, both her and Fallon behind it, saw him real backwards from the power she held. She'd never really hit him with everything she had before, well, just that once, a very long time ago when Luci and been 18, but today he'd gotten it all and with her so close to Luci as a siren, got that little bit more. Saw him stumbling a full two steps backwards as she stood there.

Saw his eyes go wide, had not expected her to strike him, it seemed. He should have learned in the past week, that nothing was going to come between her and her child. 'You say one more nasty word about my daughter, and you'll see just what I am made of.' She growled right at him down that mind-link, to her mate, a man she had loved for a lifetime, a man who had taken her in even though she was pregnant with another's child.

Had told her he didn't care about that. That he would raise the child as his own and love it as his own. Knew her eyes were really glowing now, could feel the heat in them herself, didn't much care anymore to hide who she truly was from him anymore. If he wanted a fight, he would have to fight all of her, the full half-breed that she was, witch and wolf, she would give it all to him.

She'd accepted him, because he had accepted her child. Though she had never let him bleed Luci to him. Couldn't do it, she had no idea if that would take away Lucian's bloodline and not allow their daughter to be who she was meant to be.

Now her mate, he cared nothing for Luci, had told her years ago she was nothing but shameful to him, had sent her away and even tried to de-rank her to a concubine, though he couldn't actually do it. Not with Lucian's and her own blood flowing in Luci's veins, it was likely even back then, Luci had been more powerful than Orien had been. She'd simply never displayed it to him, though she was certain Luci felt she was as well.

If he wanted to take Luci on now, he was going to find himself confronted with Alari. She had not yet seen Luci's Siren in full form, but just from Luci's colouring she knew Alari was going to look just like her father. His bloodline was strong, stronger than her wolf as well. Strong enough to change Luci's appearance when she shifted for the first time.

Orien had no idea what trouble he would find himself in if he wanted a piece of Luci.

She stood staring at him, could feel his anger rolling off of him, he hadn't liked being hit by her at all, and certainly not out here in front of another Alpha at that. But he was not the only Alpha, she too was Alpha-blooded and would challenge him if need be.

Saw his beast surface and snarl right at her, felt Fallon rise right up to face off with her own Mate, snarled with all she had right back at him. She was much louder today than any other day, with that connection to her true Alpha. Her Siren Alpha, their aggression was also filtering their Siren venom right this minute and she was actively letting it, so was Fallon.

A body was suddenly between her and Orien, it was Luci, a hand on her stomach and she was shoved back a step, heard a massive hiss emit from her and realised it was Alari. All on the surface, she had not taken kindly to Orien's wolf surfacing and snarling at her. She would also know that Luci no longer cared for Orien himself, and so had no issue with harming or k*****g him in all likelihood.

She found two wolves on either side of her and turned to look at them, both were black and white in colour, both stood snarling right up at Orien. She'd not heard them shift, but knew they were her grandchildren, shifted so fast like a fully grown Alpha would a few seconds only for their beast to rip out of them, just like Luci herself, that girl had always been able to shift in the blink of an eye.

The twins were reacting to their own mother's Siren and the threat Orien was presenting himself as to her. She smiled down at them, already so connected to that Siren side, responded like all Sirens did, all aggression in protecting their family.

They both had their ears back flat against their heads and their hackles were all up, with their tails dropped low to the ground, ready to attack at any given second. The slightest movement that felt aggressive to them and the fight was going to be on. Just six and so very deadly already. Pure Siren instincts ran through their veins.

“Back away.” Alari ordered him, heard the raw power of her Alpha Siren as she rolled her aura right at her stepfather.

Watched on as that man staggered back under the weight of her full authority, saw his eyes widen before he was made to bow down to her, saw him struggle against it. As she continued to roll her aura at him, was going to put him on the ground and she knew it. Addi also knew that he would fight it the whole way and cause himself more pain.

Placed her hand on Alari’s arm gently, “Enough sweetie, I can handle him.” rubbed her arm gently “Let go for now...Look at your beautiful boys.” She smiled, couldn’t help herself they were stunning to look at, she was standing between the two wolves, their colouring was the same but in complete opposite to each other, where one was black the other was white. She figured the one to her left who was mostly black had to be little Rafe and the other on her right, mostly white, was little Jack. She had never seen wolves with this clear-cut colouring before.

Saw Alari let go and stop rolling her aura at Orien to turn and look at her boys, kneeled down and reached out to touch their faces, smiled at one and then the other. Heard a very musical purring come from her and knew it was all three of them looking at the twins in their Siren-Wolf form.

They were not so small either, already stood waist height on her, likely not yet fully grown, were going to be very large and imposing and she just knew it.

One was all black with a white face, white legs and white on the inside of his ears, and the other was all white but with a black face, black legs and black on the inside of his ears. Both of them had black eyes with iridescent glowing iris’s, brilliant red at that.

Pure-blooded hybrids they were.

She watched as they walked past Alari and allowed her hands to slide all the way down their backs. They wound themselves around their mother, rubbed their heads along her and then stopped and looked right at her, and then after just a few seconds pounced right on her.

Addi chuckled as she watched Kali rip right out of Luci and stood with her pups. The three of them touched heads and then were just off running around chasing each other and playing, seemed to have forgotten about everything else going on around them.

Addi got the feeling that this was the very first interaction between all of them. Both the boys wolves, were the same size as Kali, she realised, still had a lot of growing to do. She was willing to bet they were going to be bigger than even their father's wolves. Stood and watched them as they chased each other around.

Her heart was pounding inside her chest, could feel Fallon wanting to go and join in 'Go.' Addison told her and relinquished all control to her Alpha Wolf, to spend time with their first Mate's child, and their beautiful grand babies.

Fallon was gone, raced over to them. She was a larger wolf than all of them, stood head and shoulders above them, joined in on the fun, chasing and pouncing and rough housing with the three of them. Ran off into the woods with them, didn't really care where to or for how long. This was her family, where she was the happiest. Fallon had always loved running with Kali out in the woods. Nothing had changed at all, could feel the joy and happiness in Fallon as she got to do this once more.

They ignored Orien's voice inside their mind telling them to come back, that they needed to talk. Shut him out. She would talk to him when she was ready and not before. He had a lot to apologise for, over the past week and even now today. For his insult to her daughter, someone who was stronger than him and now he knew it. Likely still had no actual idea of what she was and probably wanted answers to that as well.

Well, he was just going to have to wait, nothing and no one was going to come between her and her daughter, not even her mate. Not when she was being more like her old self, was happy and playful, full of cheek. Realised that both the boys were just like her, laughed at their wolves cheekiness.

They were also not alone out here in the woods, both Solar and Flare were trailing the four of them, though she noted keeping their distance. Were watching their own pups for the first time, as much as she and Kali were.

It was a shame she couldn't mind-link to them, though she knew that Rafe and Jack could both connect with their sons as much as Luci, Kali and Alari could easily talk to them. It was likely Rafe and Jack, Solar and Flare were all open to feeling what the children were feeling, what Luci was feeling as well.

Fallon stopped to just sit and watch the three of them as they slowed down and the boys started to just walk about, watched on as the boy's wolves started nosing everything, smelling everything with their wolfen senses. Now that their excitement was all out of them, and their curiosity was kicked in for their surroundings.

Fallon purred for them every time they lifted their heads and looked at her. They were so darn adorable, everything in complete unison, they were likely going to be not just big and imposing, a sight to behold, but unbeatable. Likely, just like their fathers as well, share everything, even their women.

Addi encouraged Fallon to howl for them, she wanted to hear them, see them react and they did. Both stood to their full height and looked right at Fallon, their heads tilted to the left, their ears all pricked up. Kali howled loud and long in response to her mother's howl, it had a very slight harmonic sound as always, so very pretty to hear.

Watched as both boys' wolves looked to their mother and then tilted their heads back and up to the sky and howled, long and loud, just like Kali had. So very melodious and lyrical, and then there were two more howls

resonating through the woods and she knew it was both Solar and Flare joining in the moment.

She knew it was likely that the whole pack was all at attention right this minute, they would all hear it, would also recognise their Alpha and Beta's wolves howling out inside the pack.