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Diana looked at Devin with wide eyes, unable to believe his words. Did he just ask her for a fight? Granted, she was good, but she wasn't that good that she could best an alpha wolf! If she tried to fight him, there was no way she was ever going to win. Why would he even want to fight her anyway?

Diana gulped hard, her heart beating crazily at the idea of fighting Devin. She didn't have a death wish to attempt fighting an alpha wolf. Even if it was a friendly match, if their wolves take control during their fight, they will show no restraints. She will end up getting her ass handed over to her and Diana had no plans to accept such a fate. Hell no. She liked her gorgeous body without any scratches!

Diana shook her head, gathering her courage to say no. It may have conflicted with her nice girl act to say no to his demands, but her life was more important than putting on an act. She would just act shy or scared and he will have to forgive her for saying no to him. She just has to escape unscathed from this place.

Claire, who was watching Diana's every expression, could see her fear and hesitation. She sensed Diana wouldn't accept the 'request'. Just when Diana opened her mouth to refuse, Claire moved next to her, making Diana look at her.

Claire smiled at Diana while taking her hand in hers. It felt as if a clutter of spiders were crawling up her arms, but she ignored the icky feeling of touching the wicked woman. 'It will be worth it,' she promised herself.

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Claire turned to Devin and Sebastian, her eyes flashing with a vicious glint, even as she smiled sweetly at them.

"Of course she will. Diana is the best fighter of our pack, and you will have a wonderful time fighting her. I am sure you will even learn a trick or two from her," Claire said in a merry voice, making Diana stiffen next to her. Normally she would have been proud to hear Claire boasting about her fighting skills, but not today. Was she trying to get her killed?

Claire turned to Diana with an adoring smile, and Diana blinked. No. She was just plain stupid. That was it. The idiot really believed Diana could fight and win an alpha. Her proud smile was clearly saying that. It was good to know she thought so highly of Diana, but she really didn't want to get pummeled by an alpha. There was no shame in backing away when the situation call for it.

"Claire, darling, it's great to know how much you value my fighting skills," Diana began tentatively, and Claire grinned at her. "But" Diana started, only to be interrupted by Claire.

"But what?"

"He is an alpha," Diana said, as if it explained everything. In reality, it did because no normal ranked wolf would ever attempt to fight an alpha and expect to come unscathed. But Claire just stared at her with a frown, as if she couldn't understand what was the problem.

"So what?" She asked.

Diana just blinked at her in response. Was she really that stupid?!

"And that's all the more reason for you to fight him. He is an alpha and our guest. And when he has requested to fight you, you can't say no to him." Diana looked as if she was going to burst into tears at any moment, and Claire enjoyed her tortured look. Then she smiled sweetly.

"But I don't think it's a big deal like you think. He may be an alpha, but you are still an experienced fighter who knows moves and techniques that you can use on him. I don't have to tell you how power is not the only thing that matters in fights. I am sure you will be the one kicking his alpha ass," Claire boosted Diana's ego.

Diana opened her mouth as if to protest, and Claire grinned.

"Now you don't really plan to say no to an alpha, do you? I don't think a fight will cause as much problem as denying an alpha would," Claire said with a smile, but her words sounded more like a threat, and Diana narrowed her eyes in confusion. "I mean, he is our guest. We just don't say no to guests," Claire continued, making Diana sigh.

Diana knew she had no choice now. Trying to back away now will cause more harm than good. She just has to accept the challenge to fight Devin.

"Alright Alpha Devin. Let's have a fight," Diana agreed in a defeated voice, making Claire, Devin and Sebastian smirk victoriously. You are so done!

"Awesome! Let's don't delay good things. Let's do it now itself," Devin declared in a singsong voice, making Claire bite her lips to keep from laughing. Someone was excited to beat up the woman who slapped

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his beloved! She could only aid him by forcing Diana to accept his 'request' but she will enjoy seeing that fight.

"Of course. My bestie here was born ready. Aren't you darling?" Claire asked Diana with a grin and she gulped before nodding, her face growing paler by the moment.

Diana just nodded helplessly and before she knew it, they were ushering her towards the training grounds as if she was a sheep about to be butchered.

There were only a few warriors on the training grounds, as it wasn't the regular time for training yet. The warriors looked at them curiously as they marched towards the fighting arena.

Sebastian and Claire stood to the sides while Devin and Diana faced each other. Devin smirked at her before unbuttoning his shirt as if in slow motion, his each moment making Diana jerk nervously. As he removed his shirt and threw it off to the side, exposing his hard chest, Diana just gulped nervously. Normally she would have appreciated his gorgeous body, but right now, all she could think about was her impending doom.

"Ready?" Devin asked with a smile that felt more like a sneer.

Hell no! But she couldn't say that. She could only give a slight nod in response.

Before she could even take a deep breath to steady herself, Devin was running towards her with his alpha speed, swinging his hand at her. Diana's instincts kicked in, and she leaped out of the way with a yelp. She looked at Devin while panting hard, determination flaring in

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her eyes. She may not be able to defeat an alpha wolf. But that didn't mean she had to stand there idly and get beaten. She will do her best to defend herself instead.

As Devin moved towards her the second time, Diana was ready for him. As he swung his fist at her, she bent her body backwards in a fluid motion, his fist flying right over her head. Devin would have been impressed by her move any day else, but not today. He didn't give her time to even straighten up before kicking at her knees and making her fall with a yelp. As Devin raised his foot to kick at her, Diana quickly rolled out of his way. Damn it. At least go a bit easy on a woman!

Diana leaped to her feet and stood there bouncing, ready to leap away at any moment. Her quick reflex was her only hope now. But all her hopes went in vain when Devin moved so fast that he was nothing more than a blur. Before she could even blink, he was standing right in front of her, his hand swinging towards her face. Her eyes went wide and she could only stand rooted to her spot as his punch landed on her face, making her head snap to the side. Blood sprayed from her mouth, along with what was probably a tooth or two. Diana coughed and shook her head to stop the ringing in her ears as the second punch landed on the other side of her face, eerily closer to the area she slapped Eunice. The alpha didn't hold back with the punch and she could already feel her eyes closing shut.

Diana raised her hands to her head in a weak attempt to defend herself and Devin punched her chest, this time making her let out a cry. This man will surely kill her!

As Devin raised his hand to punch her again, a panicked cry rang

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through the arena.

"Stop!"

Devin paused and looked to see Liam standing there panting heavily, his eyes wide with distress as he stared at Diana, who had slumped to the ground by now. One of his men had watched Diana arrive at the training grounds with the alphas and when they started fighting, he rushed to Liam to share the news. Hearing what was happening, Liam rushed to the training grounds to stop the fight, but by the time he reached, it was too late. His mate was already beaten black and blue by the cocky alpha, who stood there with a victorious grin.

"Guess that means I win," Devin sang merrily, and Liam saw red. He wanted to tear that smug smile off Devin's face, but he couldn't. For one, he was an alpha. And it will be odd and seen as an overreaction if he acted out on behalf of Diana.

"What are you doing, beating a woman up like this?!" Liam snarled indignantly, as if he was just worried about a fellow pack member.

"We were having a fight, of course. She offered to teach me a few tricks," Devin replied shamelessly, and Claire bit her lips to keep from snickering out loud.

"Just because you are a guest doesn't mean you can trample on our pack members. You will have to face the consequences of your actions," Liam growled out before turning to Diana with a worried look to see she had already passed out.

"Quick. Help me bring her to the infirmary," Liam called out worriedly, and a few men rushed to help him.

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After Diana was taken away, Claire too left with them being the doting friend she was. It was just Sebastian and Devin left in the arena now. Devin didn't have a care in the world about the so-called consequences of his actions. Both he and his wolf were absolutely content with getting the opportunity to beat the crap out of the damned woman who slapped Eunice.

Devin and Sebastian started walking back towards the packhouse, both of them lost in their thoughts. Devin remembered how Claire had supported Diana and sent Eunice away, and he frowned.

"Why did Claire act like that?" He asked, confusion evident in his tone. "I mean, Claire and Eunice are good friends, right? They were so close to each other and suddenly she changed her attitude just like that? She just asked Eunice to leave and promised Diana she will punish Eunice? That was so weird. Any idea what happened?"

Sebastian shook his head next to him. It was yet another thing to add to the ever-growing list of confusing things about Claire. Her changes in attitude gave him a whiplash, and he did not know what was going on with her.

"I have no idea, man. No idea," Sebastian replied with a sigh. But he will find out one day...