

Broken 601

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Cyran runs with Artemis for hours. Andra had gone to follow and watch over them and I joined her, watching as Cyran nipped at Artemis's heels and played with her. He's really good with her.

When they finally returned, Clint and Liam helped her shift back before Liam headed home. She excited that she chattered to Clint for a long time before she finally began to feel the fatigue of the day and went to bed.

As much as I wanted to spend some time with Cara, I needed to try to connect to Clint tonight. I'd never tried to push through to him. Sometimes, I'd feel a connection, when I wasn't trying, but I needed to find a way to make the connection work. I need to speak to my mate.

I waited until he was in bed before laying down beside him. He does what he always does, he talks to me, telling me about Cara, remembering the good times before falling asleep. This time, I close my eyes and follow his thoughts, letting myself drift off with him.

When I open my eyes, I see we're back in Maine. It's just the two of us and we're walking hand in hand beside the ocean. "Clint, can you hear me?"

He turns and looks at me. "Of course. Lily bud. I can always hear you."

"Do you remember that our daughter had her first shift tonight?"

I watch as he frowns. This is not part of the memory. When he looks back up at

me, his frown

disappears, and his eyes widen. "Lily bud, is it really you?" He whispers, and his

hand tentatively reaches.

out to touch me.

"Yes, it's really me."

"How?"

"I'm not sure. I just knew I needed to talk to you and so I followed you into your dream."

Tears begin falling down his cheeks. "I miss you so much."

I

"Do you remember what I told you? That I'm always here?" I say and put my hand over his heart.

His hand covers mine. "Yes."

"I am always here. I've been here all along, watching over you and Cara. Thank you for keeping your promise to me and raising our daughter. I know it's been hard, but I'm so proud of you for fighting through it."

"Wait. You're always around."

“Mmmhmm. I lay with you almost every night unless Cara is upset. Then I go sleep with her. I've watched you through your struggles and how you've pushed yourself to be there for Cara. Which is why

I'm here. I need you to do something else for me, for her.”

He's caressing my face, his hands in my hair, touching me like he still can't believe I'm here in front of

him.

“Whatever you need Lily bud, you know that. I would do anything for you.”

“I know. I need you to train Cara. She's a Guardian. She needs a Guardian to train her.”

“But. Lily. I'm broken.”

“No, you're not. You're in a wheelchair but that's different. You are still the strongest person I've ever

met. You made me stronger than I ever knew I could be. Cara has her wolf now, a Guardian. You need to make her strong. Make her into the Guardian she is meant to be.”

Will you do this for me?”

I lean my forehead against his. “Will you do this for me?”

“Of course. You know I could never tell you no. Plus, if I know you're watching me, I'd never want you to

be disappointed in me.”

I rub my nose against his. “I could never be disappointed in you. You make me so proud to have been

your mate every day.”

“Will I see you again?”

“I don't know. I'll try, but I'm not exactly sure how I did this. But just know, I'm always here, in your heart.” I put my hand on his heart again. “And when you feel me beside you, it's because I'm really there.”

“I love you Lily bud.”

“I love you too Clint, always.” I kiss him before the dream fades away and I'm laying beside him in bed His eyes open and he looks around. He taps his hand to his heart.

“You're always here, Lily bud.”