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For the next few years, I get into a pattern of training Cara. We train early in the morning, then while she is at school, I work on my upper body strength by building and testing the training facilities I'm building for her. It's a work in progress, but I feel closer to Lily while I build this for our daughter. In the afternoons, I train Cara again, sometimes joining her, and then it's dinner, homework and bed before we turn around

and do it again.

Cara is the absolute best daughter a parent could ever want. I don't know if it's because we had those years after Lily's death where I struggled to be present, but she never tests me. She is smart, and we talk about her schoolwork, her studies, and I give her extra Guardian studies during the weekends when she's training her endurance in the pool.

The older Cara gets, the more she looks like Lily. She's gorgeous and I'm thankful that she has listened

to everything I've told her about the mate bond and that she's waiting for her mate. I told her about the struggles Lily and I had when I first met her because of my "loose" ways before we dated. And I also told

her, as best I could to someone that hasn't experienced it, how amazing the mate bond is.

We talked of her expectations of being a Guardian. Anders expects that she will be Rik's Guardian as I was his, but that has yet to be determined. She and Rik aren't close. That is partly my fault. I think, but it's also partly the need to keep her protected. I don't let her go to large pack events, especially when there are other Alphas visiting. I have no intention of letting what happened to Lily, happen to Cara. So, we train

and talk about her mom most nights and she grows up before my eyes.

When Cara turns 15, Anders pushes me to let her train with the other warriors. I

knew it was time. She had sparred with Anders on occasion and also her best friend Jason, but that was about it. I asked her if she wanted to train and it was her excitement and Anders saying he would take over the morning

training, that ended any reservations I had.

Cara's friendship with Liam has continued, I was even more surprised after he took over as Alpha that he

didn't stop her calls to him. They had become fewer but more consistent. It seems like she calls him on Sunday evenings before her week starts. She'll tell him about her week, training and school and from what I can hear, he'll listen. He makes her laugh, and it sounds like she makes him laugh too.

When she turns 17, she asks me about going out to the local club. She said Liam told her about it and she could go once she turned 17. It's a dance club and I asked Anders about it. He said a lot of the kids would go there, including Rik and

Chase. So, I said yes. What I didn't realize was that this would be how

Liam would make his move on my daughter.

About three months after Cara started going dancing every week, Liam brought her home. He came up to

the door and asked to speak to me. He told me that he was interested in my daughter as a potential mate, that he knew she was underage and that he would respect her, me and her desire to wait for her fated mate. I told him that, if he could be respectful of my daughter, I had no problems with him spending time with her. But I cautioned him that, regardless of him being an Alpha, I would not pressure Cara into

any relationship. It was her choice.

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As she got closer to her 18th birthday, suddenly, Rik was in the picture. I'm not sure how he went his entire life not knowing my daughter, but once he realized who she was, he went all-in to win her over. I was thrilled and shocked when he

got her The History of the Guardians. I had been searching for that book for years, and he got it for my daughter.

Anders continued to push me to be involved in the training of his warriors and I started thinking it over. If it turned out that Cara was mated to either Liam or Rik, she would become Luna and I would lose the

purpose I have gained by being her trainer.

The only blight on this time was when Cara was kidnapped. I was so proud of my daughter. She handled herself well, fought like a Guardian and recovered like a champ. Even if I wanted her to take more time to heal, she showed me once again that she's her mother's daughter.

After the attack that caused her kidnapping, and her quick healing. I agreed with Anders that I would

begin training his warriors. Rik had told us that his wolf, Kai, recognized Cara as his mate. I warned him that it was Cara's decision who she took as a mate. I won't have an Alpha pressuring her to mate. He

agreed.

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I think the warriors were shocked at how tough I was on them. I was impressed with Rik. He handled it

like the Alpha he is and never once complained. He supported and encouraged his warriors while continued to try to beat them into the ground.

Eventually, warriors from my time started coming to training. They were happy to see me back in a training role and battled to get their strength back. Anders made a point to tell me that having me back in warrior training not only strengthened the young warriors, it strengthened our older warriors, therefore strengthening the entire pack.

I began spending more time in the packhouse. Anders still had it revised for me and while I didn't spend a ton of time there, I would go for meals and to spend time with Anders and the warriors. At night I would still talk to Lily and though she never showed herself to me again, I felt her presence from time to time and I knew she was there..