

Reinforcements have Arrived

Chapter 5

Gabi's POV

A knock sounded at the door, and Dawson called out for them to enter. I see Heath, followed by Von, my son Percy, and his mate Peyton entering the room. I walked straight to Heath, who wrapped me up in his arms for a comforting hug. Von stepped behind me and hugged me to where I was wrapped in their arms. I felt the comfort in their embrace. This reminds me of when I was younger and experienced hardships. They were always there to counsel me, to comfort me, and I looked up to them both so much. Tanner also brings me this level of comfort, and if not for him, I would have broken down completely by now.

I was happy to see them, and I already knew that they would be an immense help with getting Elena back. Heath dotes on Elena, and he loves the twins very much too, but for Heath and Tanner, there is something special about Elena. I am sure that they will be taking care of the person who clearly wants to engage us. I know that they will nish this together when we do nd Elena. They will not let this person, or people, get away with having done this to our family. I would have preferred that they came after me than my children. I don't know how long I stood there letting them comfort me, but I did feel better. I then hugged Percy and Peyton. Before I could ask where my grandchildren were, Peyton said, "Sloan and the nanny have them. They are playing with their cousins."

I saw Heath gazing at the board and heard Tanner telling him that the surveillance discs were on their way here now with Wells. Wells and Vera were Heath's in-laws, and they had a great relationship. Heath was glad to hear that the discs were already on the way here, as he was ready to move forward with this right now. As hard as I knew this would be to watch, I needed to see it with my own eyes. Dawson had called and notied the gate guards that we would be having numerous visitors. He had already given the approval list for ve packs to be able to enter our pack land without having to be announced. It was very smart of Dawson to think of doing that. We didn't need constant interruptions while we tried to come up with a plan or to disturb us while we were watching the discs.

I am glad that we had fully upgraded the Alpha's oce before Dawson took over the pack. Not just adding the coffee bar, we had put a mini fridge loaded with water, a snack cabinet, and a wall had been knocked down to take over a storage room that had been next door. The oce is now twice as large as it used to be, but I feel like it is about to be standing room only soon. We also had a large TV that we could cast on. That way, it wasn't just the acting Alpha who could see what was on a disc on his computer screen. The rest of the room could watch on the screen behind Dawson as we watched the discs.

"You need to tell them." I heard Percy whisper to Peyton.

"Tell us what?" I asked.

"You remember last summer when everyone had their blood drawn during their physicals? I did it for a reason. I had an unclear vision one night about 8 months ago. One that showed me that one of us was going to be taken. The blood was stored by Vincent at the Silver Ash coven, just in case it was needed. Elena's blood can be used kind of like a locater by the witches." Peyton told the group.

I was shocked because no one had mentioned it to me or Tanner, but I am glad they did it now. Anything to get Elena back, and I trust Vincent and Beth to have our backs on this. I can see Peyton is worried that I am angry with her for not telling me. I am not, and I let her know that very quickly. Plus, this was fate, and the Goddess's will. We are not supposed to do anything to change what is destined to happen. Clearly, this was intended to play out, for a purpose. We just don't know what that purpose is right now.

If we were on guard all the time, we would not be able to live our lives normally. We would have just been going through the motions, waiting for the incident to happen. I hugged Peyton as I thanked her again for doing that for us. I remember that she does not have full control of her gift yet, she is still receiving training for it. Her saying that it was unclear, let us all know that she knew someone would be taken. It just kept her from seeing who the victim would be.

Her gift of visions and premonitions was a blessing from the Goddess. But her greatest blessing was that she was a healer as well. She had a lot of power inside her, and she needed to be protected as she was of great value to any pack. That was the reason she had been sent off from her parents' and her pack, until she got older. She was sent off so she could be protected, but that is not what ended up happening to her. Thankfully, Percy found her, and she was exactly where she wanted and needed to be now. I am thankful to have both of my daughters-in-law.

"So, there is a way for us to be able to try to trace her? A way that will not alert them to the fact that we are trying to nd her?" I asked.

"From what I was told, no. Even Elena won't be able to sense that we are trying to nd her location. Vincent will have the exact information that you need when he gets here. I was just asking a "hypothetical" question to Sloan after my vision. She had to reach out to Vincent and Beth to ask them the best way for us to be able to nd someone after they were taken. Blood was the best option for us to use, as it was the least invasive. I only mentioned it to Percy, Sloan, and Dawson. They were going to look out for potential issues or problems. But nothing came up, everything was silent. No attempts were made to enter or cause any problems in either of our packs. So whoever did this, and I hate to say it out loud, but I can't think of any other way that it could have happened. The kidnapper had to have help. Elena is a cautious person, and very observant. She would recognize a tail. Someone inside the Blood Rose pack had to have helped them by telling them when she was leaving the pack, and where she was going." Peyton said, and the room silenced again.

That was a strong accusation, but Peyton was right. How did I not think of that myself? Elena rarely leaves the pack, so she would be almost impossible to catch. That is unless someone got a heads-up that she was leaving in advance. It would be almost impossible for someone to have caught her off our pack land. You have to put in a request with the gate guards for a vehicle. They have them ready to go for the time frame that you submitted the request. They parked the vehicle in front of the pack house. In making errands ecient, we have exposed ourselves to potential danger. Just because it hasn't happened yet, doesn't mean it will never happen. We all know that Elena would have spotted a tail. We spent years sending people to follow her until she was excellent at not just spotting that she was being followed, but also her being able to lose the tail. We even changed it around on her by using different cars and switching up vehicles on her tail.

Peyton was right, someone here at Blood Rose had a hand in this, and I am going to nd out who it was. I am already making plans in my head when I realize that everyone here in the room is staring at me. I realized that my wolf, Tala, was growling at the thought of a pack member willing to betray us like this. If something happens to Elena, they will get the same fate as she does. I can only pray that we can gure it out as quickly as possible.

I silenced Tala. I was just as angry as she was that we had a spy in our midst. A sharp knock at the door sounds and Dawson unlocks the door for the guests to enter. Wells and Vera entered rst, followed by Jason and Liz. I am glad to see them. We need to get started on reviewing these discs. Liz and Vera both come over to hug me before heading over to hug Von. The greetings were swift as Wells was furious that Elena was taken at one of his properties.

He is a brilliant business manager and has businesses all over the globe. I already know that he is going to make sure that a reward is posted for her safe return. I hope it helps someone to come forward to give us information. We will be glad to pay the reward that is posted. Wells had the Surveillance Manager at the mall burn the discs for him, which really helped. Someone took hours piecing the shots together of everywhere the girls went, so we could watch it in real time. I watched the girls enter the mall, happy and having fun, not even aware of the danger to come. They head straight to their favorite dress shop to get their evening gowns. Elena was looking forward to actively searching for her mate at the Spring Ball. Her helping with all her nieces and nephews probably made her want a pup of her own. I can't say I wouldn't mind another miniature version of Elena.

I feel the press of a mind link. I was going to ignore it but I felt a need to answer it. "Gabi, this is Crystal. Michelle woke up and wanted to speak to you."

I immediately got up and headed to the door. "I will be back soon. Michelle has woken up." I told the group. I hope she has some information for us that we can use. Anything for us to be able to nd Elena.