Chapter 0020

The next morning I'm up early again. I'm not ready to join in the morning training sessions just yet, but I still want to take whatever opportunity I can to watch my girl.

I sneak back into the guest room and open the window just as I see her wolf running along the tree line. I watch as she goes behind the trees and a few minutes later emerges in her work out clothes. She heads over to the training ground and immediately the guys start to give her crap for the flowers. She handles their ribbing well and brushes them off when they ask about getting rid of me. Kai growls in my head over that one. 'As if any of those pups could take us.'

Today is similar to yesterday as I watch her take down every warrior, this time in wolf form. Her wolf is smaller than mine but she's as fast and agile in her wolf form as she is in her human form. Her wolf is beautiful and graceful and Kai is purring in my head, wanting desperately to meet her.

After training, I watch her wolf head back home and then I rush to get ready for school again. I meet Chase downstairs and he again has my breakfast to go.

"Thanks man. I really owe you for helping me out this week."

He punches my shoulder. "No problem. Yesterday was fun. I'm hoping today goes just as well. Are you nervous? It's a big move."

Yeah, I'm fucking nervous. I'm clearly staking my claim and it can go one of two ways. She and her wolf can accept it, or they can reject it, in essence, rejecting us. Kai howls in my head at the thought of them rejecting us.

'They won't. Her wolf will feel honored by our offering. It's the most precious gift that we can give her to show her what she means to us.'

'And you're sure about this Kai? We don't want to give her false hope if you just like her. This is a big deal, you can't back out once it's done.'

'I want her. She's mine. They are ours. I will do whatever it takes to make sure she knows that.'

'Ok big guy. Let's see how today goes then.' 🕦

I make it through the morning, feeling progressively more nauseous as the day goes on. By the time the bell rings for lunch, I feel like I'm ready to hurl. Kai is unusually quiet as I walk into the lunchroom. I'm early again, making sure that Tamara can see me. I have given her Cara's description, but after yesterday, I realized I needed to make sure she can find her in the crowd of students.

She gives the barest nod of her head to acknowledge me as I look in her direction, letting me know she sees me. Then her eyes are back to the doors. I watch for Cara's entrance and as soon as I see her, I make eye contact with Tamara and she's ready.

I watch as Tamara confirms that she's here for Cara and follows her to her table. Cara seems shocked again at how it's all set up. I would feel stalkerish, but the entire cafeteria has stopped again to watch what is happening. She doesn't even seem to notice as she's totally engrossed in the set up for her lunch.

When Tamara asks her if she needs anything and Cara only asks for the card, my hands start sweating. This is it. I'll know soon enough if it's a go or if it's a no.

I watch her shock as she uncovers the food. The entire room groans and even my stomach growls loudly at the smell coming from her plate. Chase comes to stand next to me, giving me his moral support. He doesn't say a word, just stands beside me.

Then she reads the card. At first, nothing happens



and she just stares at it. Then, it's like the sun begins to shine behind her emerald eyes and I know that her wolf has come forward. It's the Guardian's golden glow. Only their wolves have eyes that shine like that. This is it, she'll either love it or hate it.

I see them talking quietly to each other. Jason seems to understand the weight of the words in the card. I watch Lacey grab it from Cara and then her eyes darken as her wolf comes forward reading my words as well. I hear DeeDee as she asks Artemis what she thinks. Artemis. Now, I finally know Cara's wolf's name.

I hold my breath as I wait. Then Kai howls in triumph in my head at her response. She accepted our offering!

