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We approach the SUV that we had arrived in and find Stephen, Lydia and Daphne waiting for us.

"Thank you, truly," Stephen says with a bow and reaches his hand out to Seth to shake his hand. Seth takes it, but pulls him into a hug.

"Next time," I hear him say, "Just tell me. This went on too long, and too many people got hurt."

Stephen glances over to me, and I can see the guilt on his face. "I'm sorry, Seth. Truly. The baby?"

Seth shakes his head. "It's still early, he's probably fine. Her wolf is too exhausted to heal her bite, though. The doctors should be able to patch her up, and she's the toughest wolf I know."

I smell my parents and Benjamin and turn, forgetting all about eavesdropping on Seth and Stephen's conversation.

Dad walks up and hugs me gently. "How bad is it?"

"There's been worse," I tell him with a shrug. "It is really sore, though."

hesitate. If I had killed him, I'm sure I'd be in the same state Mom is.

"I'm sure it is," he tells me. "It was a vicious bite. I tried to get over to you when I saw, but I was too far. Thank the Goddess for your mother."

"She hasn't killed before," Dad says quietly, making sure she can't hear him. "He was a terrible man, and he deserved it, but it's

I nod, looking past him to see her. She isn't her normal self. She looks haunted, and my heart breaks a little for her.

weighing heavily on her."

I nod in understanding. I don't know if I'd be able to take a life, but at the moment I saw someone coming for my mate, I didn't

Benjamin walks up and holds his hand out to my dad. Dad reaches in his pocket and places the keys in his hand, no words are exchanged between them and Benjamin walks off, unlocking the SUV and putting all our bags in it.

"Is everything alright there?" I ask dad and he nods slowly.

"I think we've all reached a place where we realize that you are more important than any spat between us. He's even been open to

being around Peter," Dad tells me. I had noticed that he willingly sat next to him at dinner, but I wasn't sure how deep it went. "I don't think he'll ever be able to forgive him, but I think he's willing to set his anger aside if it involves keeping you safe."

Seth walks up and puts his arm around me gently. "Are you ready?"

I nod to him. "Yeah. I'm ready to be at home and safe."

Seth leads me over to the car and opens the door for me, climbing in behind me. He pulls me over to the middle and smiles. Dad

opens the opposing door and my mom climbs in.

"We're riding together?" I ask.

Benjamin turns around from the front and looks at me. "None of us wanted to leave your safety to chance, so we decided we'd all

get you home together. Peter and Audrey are only staying to make sure that the new Alpha gets settled in."

I reach over and grab my mom's hand, squeezing it tightly. "Thank you," I whisper.

head over on top of hers and I'm asleep before we even get out of the driveway.

Mom lays her head on my shoulder. "It hurts, but I'd do it again to keep you safe." I don't know what to say, so I just lean my

"Not great," I tell him honestly. "It really hurts."

I wake up in pain, groggy and unsure where I am. "Hey," I hear Seth say, gently rubbing my leg. "How are you feeling?"

"We're almost home," he tells me with a small smile, but I can see the concern on his face. "They're waiting for us. As soon as we get there we'll have them get to work on it." He lifts a hand and touches my forehead gently with a frown.

I see my mom look at my dad through the rear view mirror, both concerned.

"I have a fever?" I ask quietly and Seth nods slowly.

"It's not too high, but we need to get it taken care of," he says.

I sigh, placing my hand over my stomach. My mom notices and reaches over, taking my other hand in hers. "It's OK, Molly. It's to be expected, given the injury."

"OK," I whisper, but it very much does not feel OK.

We continue the ride in silence until we finally arrive at the palace. Seth throws his door open and immediately reaches his hand out to me, helping me stand. He leads me up the stairs, not a word or thought about anyone else, and takes me immediately to the

changed in just a moment."

medical area, where a whole team of people are clearly waiting for me.

"Princess," a nurse says, leading me to a room and closing the door behind her. "I understand the injury was to your shoulder, correct?"

hours ago."

"Yes," Seth says quickly. "A full bite. Her wolf is exhausted and unable to heal her. She started running a fever around two

The poor nurse looks shocked and blinks a few times at what she's seeing. I can't help but smile at her reaction. "It's fine. I'll be

"Yes, Prince Seth," she says. "I can help you undress and get this gown on so the doctor can access it better."

She nods and quickly exits the room. "Seth, take a deep breath," I say and he looks up at me.

"You were a bit short with her. She's just doing her job," I tell him, hoping he'll relax just a bit.

He shakes his head. "No one, not anyone, is going to help my mate remove her clothes. That's my job, and only mine."

"I'll help her," Seth snaps, stepping between us and he bends down, untying my shoes.

"Fine," I say with a small giggle, but the giggle leaves almost immediately as I have to lift my arm to remove the shirts. Thank goodness I didn't even try to put a bra on because I don't think I'd be able to get it off of me now.

"What?" he asks, reaching for the hem of my sweatshirt and begins to help me out of it as carefully as he can.

injury. I don't look at the mark because the look on his face when he saw it was enough for me to know that I didn't want to see it.

There's a knock at the door and the doctor enters. "Prince Seth. Princess," He says as he walks in. "You were bit?"

I stand and Seth helps me pull my pants off and then he gently helps me into the gown, being ever so careful not to touch the

"Yes, sir," I say with a small smile. "My wolf still hasn't recovered from my first shift and I had to shift today. She's just not strong enough to heal me right now."

I shake my head and Seth speaks up. "I smelled it yesterday. My family and her dad's were able to smell it, but that's it. It's likely still very early."

"And she's pregnant," Seth adds and the doctor nods.

"Do we know how far along?" he asks.

"Anything else that I should know?" he asks, walking up to me. I lift my hand and begin to pull the gown down for him to be able to see.

"Her father cleaned it as soon as he could get her to somewhere safe, but he only had soap and water. I cleaned it well before we

left, and the medic there had some peroxide that we put on it," he tells him, hovering behind the poor man.

Seth's eyes nearly bulge out of his head at this news. "Absolutely not. There has to be something safer."

"Dr. Sofia called me. She said that you had taken human antibiotics previously when sick," he says and looks at me. I nod to confirm. I'd taken them a few times. "I'd like to give you some. You've had it before and we know it's safe for you. We know it's safe for humans who are pregnant. Unfortunately, we don't know if it's safe for your pups."

"Prince Seth, it's already becoming infected," he says, turning to him. "Unfortunately, the Princess is just in a bit of a predicament with her wolf. This is the safest option available."

Seth rakes his hands through his hair and turns around, starting to pace. "What would you do if it were your mate?" I ask him and he turns to look at me.

"Princess, if my mate were in the situation you are in," he starts to say to me, his voice very serious, "I'd give her the antibiotics

and hope. We were able to get them in IV form so they will work more quickly, and I'll keep you here while we administer

to get an ultrasound before? Just... just in case? I'd like to see the babies."

"Babies?" Seth says, catching my misspeak.

I nod to him and look up at Seth, who is still pacing the room, no doubt trying to think of any other option. "Would it be possible

I look up at him and nod slowly. The doctor looks at me and nods. "I'll send a nurse in with that in just a moment and I'll make sure the room is ready for you."

them."

"Thank you," I say to him. He gives me a sad smile as he turns and leaves the room.

I nod to him and smile. "Benjamin smelled it. He said most wouldn't recognize the scent, because it's not common, but it's a girl... and she has the magic."

my voice breaks. "I'm sorry. I just want to see them... just in case."

"There's more than one?" Seth asks me, walking over and taking my hand.

Seth leans down and kisses me on the head, holding me tightly against his chest.

"He didn't want to tell you. He wanted you to figure it out. But given the situation..." I say, letting the end of my sentence fall as

"Oh, Love," he says and I can feel a few tears escaping his eyes. "It's going to be just fine. You're so strong."

I nod and he exits the room, leaving me alone.

Seth sighs next to me, looking at me with sympathy. "I'm going to step out for just a moment and let your parents know what's

going on. I'll be right back, Love."