

## Chapter 34-1

“No.” she says to me, very seriously. “I didn’t want to tell you this without your Father here but Molly, I’m your mother. And since I’m a witch, you may also have powers.”

I sit there, too stunned to say anything. She’s my mother?? My own mother put a spell on me and sent me to live somewhere else? She came after they found me and lied.

“You came. After they found me.” I stutter out. “You told them there was no magic.” I whisper, folding my arms to wrap them around myself, feeling completely rejected.

“We were trying to hide you to keep you safe,” she says “That was one of the hardest days of my life. We never expected that the Alpha and Luna would take you in. It killed me to lie and leave you there, but it also helped, because I could see how much they seemed to care about you.”

I can’t take it anymore and I finally allow the tears to fall. “I’m sorry. This is just a lot.”

“I know. The events of your early life were tragic, and none of them were your fault.” She says and moves her hand to gently rub my back.

“If I go with you tonight, will I be safe?” I ask her and she nods at me.

“No one would dare try to do anything to you on rogue lands.” she says and I don’t understand, but something inside me tells me it’s the truth.

I take a deep breath and close my eyes, listening to my intuition. Seth may murder me and half the kingdom if I go with her, with my Dad coming close behind him. It’s right though, I can feel it.

“I’ll come with you.” I tell her and he smiles at me brightly “but you have to let me link my brother just before we cross.” She looks at me puzzled. “I don’t want them to kill Albert. It’s not his fault.”

She nods and smiles at me. “You just let me know when you’re ready to go.”

I take a few deep breaths and decide it’s best to get going, just in case Seth decided my feelings through the bond were enough for him to come. “Let’s go.” I say to her with a smile and stand up.

“My Molly, always so brave,” she says with a look of pride on her face as she hands me one of the two lanterns she has. “I’ll let you know when we’re close to the boundary.”

I nod to her in agreement and follow her through the cave. It’s pretty amazing that this was here all this time. It seems like an enormous cave system that has room for people to move through. I wonder for a moment if it was used in the war. Dad didn’t know about it, but maybe the rogues did then.

I can’t believe I have parents- who are still alive! And my mother is here with me, leading me to my father. His scent was so, so familiar the other day. It makes sense now why I couldn’t place it. Seth is going to be absolutely furious with me for leaving with her, but I hope he understands. I just know it’s what I should do. I have so many questions- starting with why my life was in so much danger that they had to block my memories and leave me in the woods for days when I was... who even know how old.

They’ll know, I realize. They’ll know how old I am! They’ll know when I was born, and how big I was. Maybe they’ll even have pictures! I start to tear up again at the thought of finding the answers to all the questions I had as a kid but right now I’m riding a high just knowing that I WAS wanted.

“OK, Molly. The border is just past these rocks here. If you still want to tell him, go ahead.” she says, stopping just before a line of rocks that were clearly placed there and not naturally formed. “But you should remind them that they’re not allowed on the land. You’ll be perfectly safe, though.”

I nod, nervous to tell them what I’m doing. I take a deep breath to gather my nerves and try to reach my brother.

Hey, Robbie.

Molly? What’s going on? Are you OK.

I am. I’m great! But, umm... I’m leaving with her and going into rogue territory.

NO! DON’T! It’s not safe. I’m coming for you now.

Don’t, I’ll be fine. There’s questions I need answers to and someone there that can answer them. Please don’t hurt Albert, he doesn’t know anything about what’s going on. He’s still waiting for me outside the cave.

Molly. Don’t leave.

I’ll be fine. Please tell Dad and Seth I’m really sorry. I just need to do this. Tell Seth I’m trusting my gut.

He’s going to kill me for letting you meet the witch.

He won’t. I’ll be back soon and it will all be fine, I promise. This is just something I have to do.

Please, let me come with you. I’ll be there in just a few minutes.

You can’t, Robbie. I don’t think they’ll let any of you on the land right now.

What is so important that you’re willing to leave the pack territory for, Molly?

She may be able to fix my wolf, but first, I need to meet with my biological father.

WHAT?!

I’m stepping over the border now. I love you. Try not to panic. I have enough information to know that I’ll be safe. Tell Seth I love him, please.