

Chapter 79-1

“I hope you don’t mind that I joined him,” Lily asks me and I shake my head. “I was a little jealous when he said he’d get to spend so much time with you today.”

“I’m glad you did,” I tell her with a genuine smile and I feel a little bad that I didn’t even think to ask her.

They enter the tent, Benjamin carrying a small chair with him and zip it up behind them.

Lily sits on the ground next to the mattress and takes my hand, pulling me to her. “Benjamin told me how you covered for him. Thank you,” she whispers so softly that I can barely hear her, and I’m amazed she’s able to. She’s probably had a bit of practice to keep secrets from the wolves since she can’t mind link, though.

I don’t want to say anything too loudly, so I just nod at her and she squeezes my hand in thanks.

Why doesn’t your Beta know? I ask Benjamin through the link, knowing that it’s not safe to say it aloud.

His eyes grow, and he smiles at me, realizing that I had opened the link for him. It wouldn’t be safe. If they knew I couldn’t truly protect her, they could come after your mother.

Don’t you trust him?

When it comes to your mother’s safety, I don’t trust anyone.

It makes sense, I guess. And that’s probably part of the reason he wanted Lily to stay tonight.

“Molly, tell me about your brother. He’s the Alpha now, correct?” Lily asks me and I nod.

“Robbie is the best!” I begin. “He’s one of my best friends. When the kids would get too mean, he would always jump in and make them leave me alone. My best friend and I would go hiking a lot and he would come with us some, but the Alpha training took up a lot of time.”

She smiles at me and looks up at Benjamin. “I know he’s not your biological brother, but I’m still so glad you got to grow up with a sibling.”

“Me, too,” I say to her, honestly. I can’t imagine if I hadn’t had him growing up. “What about you? Do I have any aunts and uncles to know about?”

Benjamin shakes his head. “I was an only child. Lily had a sister, but she passed away before we had even met.”

“I’m sorry,” I tell her and she shakes her head.

“It was a long time ago dear. People can be afraid of us, because of the magic. It’s how I ended up out here, just trying to hide and be alone.” She tells me and looks over at Benjamin, a smile on her face. “I’d have never met your father if I hadn’t moved out here.”

We talk for what feels like hours, just getting to know each other better. They seem happy with every answer I give them about how I was raised and I realize that they never, truly knew how it was for me. Sure, they had people from their pack tell them what was going on, but they didn’t know what happened at home.

“Sometimes I would sit near the border, hoping to catch a glimpse of you running by with your friend,” He tells me, a sad smile on his face. “You always looked so happy.”

“I was,” I tell him, but I don’t continue as I hear a noise. I look up and realize Benjamin also heard it, as he’s now on high alert.

“Why is there a tent in the yard?” I hear a voice whispering.

“I don’t know, but it doesn’t change the plan. The dad is out on patrol and the grandparents are gone. It’s just mom. Break the window, grab the girls and run.”

Benjamin’s eyes go wide and he begins to slowly unzip the tent, so slowly that it doesn't make a sound.

They’re here. They know Alex and Della’s parents are gone.

WHAT?! We’re coming. Hide.

“Maybe we shouldn’t. We don’t know what the deal is with the tent?”

“The pay for these girls is almost triple! We can’t pass that up. Come on.”

Benjamin turns and meets my eyes and I can see the concern he has over hearing that someone is paying for the she-wolves.

I reach in my mind, searching for the box that Della is in, but I’m struggling to find her. I take a deep breath, trying to calm some to make it easier, but it’s really hard to find her while I’m so scared. Finally, I find her and throw the lid off.

Della, there’s someone outside. We heard two voices. They’re planning to come through a window.

No! Get Benjamin.

He knows, but you need to get to the girls.

I couldn’t even get the whole warning out though when I hear the loud sound of glass breaking and the terrified sound of kids screaming. Benjamin looks at me and nods once before he heads out.

“Stay here,” he whispers.

I don’t listen though, and step outside of the tent. I see the back half of a brown wolf hanging out of a window, the other must be inside. Benjamin runs over and grabs the wolf’s back legs, dragging him out of the window. The wolf looks at him and growls, but takes off into the woods.

“Molly, get inside,” I hear Lily hiss as she grabs my hand and tries to pull me down, but I refuse and pull away. Instead, I walk away, taking a few steps and now standing beside the tent.

One ran into the woods, but I think the other is in the house. I tell my mate, so he knows what is going on as soon as he arrives.