

## Chapter 79-2

The sound of the children screaming in fear combined with the growling of wolves is chilling, and I feel like I should help, but I don't know what to do. I see the front door swing open and a wolf appear and I realize from the scent that it's Alex and Della's oldest son, Ezra. He's standing there, facing the house and I realize he's waiting to catch the offender when they try to leave.

There's a rustling in the woods and I feel relief for a moment, thinking that it's Seth and Alex, but I feel absolute terror when 4 large wolves appear, and not one of them is Altair.

Seth, hurry. 4 wolves just showed up. The other is still in the house.

We're almost there. Stay hidden.

I reach out in my mind for Benjamin. There's 4 wolves coming up behind you.

I can visibly see his body stiffen, knowing that he has no way to protect himself. He grabs a large stick to try to hit them with, but this situation is not good. One of them walks up to him and circles him a bit and another gnashes his teeth at him. Benjamin swings the stick at them, but neither seem deterred at all. The smaller of them leans down to lunge at him when a large, black wolf tackles him to the ground biting his throat, and leaving him to bleed out onto the ground.

Altair. My heart skips a beat at seeing my mate there, knowing he'll protect me. I see a sandy brown wolf quickly enter the house at the front door and can tell from the scent that it's Alex's wolf.

Go to the window and help Benjamin get the kids out. Seth tells me and I quickly comply, running over, still barefoot. I step on some glass and cut my feet, but I continue my mission and help pull the jagged glass from the window down so the kids can safely exit.

Jenny appears in the window and Benjamin reaches up, handing her down to me. Next, I see Eleanor and I place Jenny on the ground right beside me and take Eleanor, putting her right beside her. The three younger boys come out next, and they need less help than their younger sisters. I place all the kids up against the house and stand in front of them. I know I'm not much help protecting them, but it's better than nothing.

One of the wolves stalks over to us, and Benjamin steps in front of me, arms out, trying to block as many kids as he can. He takes off at a run and just before he gets to us, Altair jumps into him, rolling on the ground as they land. He quickly pops up and positions himself between us and the wolf, growling and snapping his teeth at the offender. The other wolf tries to get around him, but Altair continues to block him. He runs straight at Altair, and he clearly wasn't expecting it as he knocks him to the ground.

I see another wolf appear and he's circling Altair and the first wolf as he has him on the ground. My mate is able to flip him though and as he is now on top, he reaches down with his teeth, ending the life of another wolf. He quickly releases him and turns his attention to the other wolf, who has now turned his full attention to him.

I can see that Alex's oldest son, Ezra has run off a wolf and I see Alex's brown wolf emerge from the house. Unfortunately, a terrified Jenny also sees him and takes off running after him. "Daddy!"

Her cry for her father brings everyone's attention to her and the deep grey wolf leaves Altair and takes off at a fevered pace towards her. Altair is right behind him though and tackles him to the ground as he approaches her. A white wolf comes around the corner and knocks Jenny to the ground and stands over her, growling threateningly at anyone who may come near her pup.

Altair is wrestling with the wolf when he loses his footing and falls, the other pinning him firmly to the ground. He moves his head as he goes to sink his teeth into the neck of my mate when he's knocked off by a large light grey wolf with one white paw and when he turns, I can see his green eyes sparkling back at me. I turn my head to my side and realize that Benjamin is gone, and he had shifted to protect my mate.

Before anyone can move, the dark grey wolf flips Benjamin over though and sinks his teeth into Benjamin before he quickly gets up, and runs off into the woods with the other wolves.

"No!" I scream and run to him, hearing Lily screaming as well. He shifts back to human form before I can get to him and I throw my hands on the wound on his neck, trying to stop the bleeding. "No! I barely know you," I say, my voice hoarse with pain as I try my best to apply pressure to the wound, tears freely falling.