

Chapter 174

Now wasn't a suitable time. I re-read the message repeatedly. I wasn't expecting him to turn me down. If anything, I thought he would have been over the moon that I wanted to visit.

He seemed eager the last time we spoke. Something didn't feel right but I didn't bother to reply, instead I put it to the back of my mind and went to get ready for the day ahead.

Jake was standing in the kitchen, a coffee in one hand and his phone in the other.

"I'm taking you to breakfast".

"Can I at least have some coffee first?". A yawn escaped my mouth as I sat at the table.

"One cup a day princess. It's not good for the baby".

"I know". I sighed, taking the cup from him.

"Are you feeling, okay?". He asked.

"About the cabin can we go today?".

"What happened with going to visit your dad?".

"Yeah, I don't want to do that anymore". I pushed the chair back and got to my feet. "I'm going to finish getting ready and then you can take me to breakfast".

"Wow". He reached out gripping a hold of my arm as I tried to walk past. "What happened with your dad?".

"Apparently now isn't a suitable time to visit so I'm not going anymore".

"Shit babe did he say why?".

"No and I didn't ask. I'm going to finish getting ready now". I leaned down and placed a kiss on his cheek.

He didn't let go of my hand.

"Jake". I sighed.

"I just want to make sure you're okay with all this. I know you wanted to go meet your family".

"You're my family".

I was a little annoyed with my dad's response to me wanting to visit but I wasn't going to dwell on it. It's not like I was missing out. I was used to not having him around.

I survived eighteen years without him.

"Do you think something has happened?".

"Because he doesn't want to see me?". I frowned.

"Something doesn't feel right. I know how much he wants a relationship with you".

"You do?".

"We may have had a conversation but that's going off topic. I'm going to make a few phone calls and see what I can find out".

I rolled my eyes. It could just be that he thought he was ready to have a relationship with me and then realised he wasn't and that's fine. We have nothing but time.

He gave me the space I needed and allowed for this to be on my terms. I had to do the same with him.

"Go finish getting ready". He got to his feet his phone already pressed against his ear as he walked out back.

I don't see why he was making such a fuss over this. I wasn't bothered by it. Annoyed a little yes but it didn't really faze me. It's not as if he was a part of my life.

I slipped my feet into my sneakers and grabbed my jacket from the bottom of the stairs. He didn't take long to come back inside.

"You ready to go?". He asked.

I nodded. I didn't ask who he called or what they said because I really wasn't interested. I wanted to go have some breakfast and then spend a few days away with just us.

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When he said he was taking me for breakfast I expected the diner or the coffee shop but when he pulled into his parents' driveway I

frowned. I mean we could have just walked.

"Really?"

A laugh fell from his lips as he leaned over brushing his nose against mine. "She offered and wouldn't let me say no. You know what my mom's like".

"We could have walked".

"Come on I bet you're hungry".

As always Charlotte had made enough food to feed the whole street. Pancakes, waffles, bacon. The list was endless. The atmosphere was better than the last time we were here.

At least this time we weren't getting thrown out and all seemed well with Jake and his dad. They were in his office dealing with something to do with the pack.

"Jake tells me you two are off to the cabin for a few days. That will be fun". Charlotte smiled.

"It'll be nice to get away". I smiled.

"Are you doing, okay?"

I shrugged. It wasn't until I tasted the saltiness of my tears that I realised I was crying. The last few days had been tough and then this morning with my dad. It just makes me think he doesn't want to see me at all.

"Oh, sweetheart". She reached over, placing her hand on top of mine.

"Let it out you'll feel much better. I used to cry all the time when I was pregnant with Alanna".

"Yeah". Wiping my cheeks, a laugh fell from my lips. I felt stupid but this time I don't think my hormones were causing me to cry. "I was meant to be visiting my dad today".

"Oh". She frowned. "But I thought". She paused. "I'll make some more tea and you can tell me all about it".

When I used to get upset my gran would be the one I would talk to and then when she left, I turned to Alanna. Now I had no one. Letting that sink in more tears fell from my eyes.

Charlotte was lovely, great and very understanding but it wasn't the same and there were some things I couldn't talk to her about. It wouldn't feel right ranting to her about her son.

But this wasn't about Jake.

"Here sweetheart". She gave me my tea and placed a box of tissues next to me. "It's okay to cry Leah". Again, she placed her hand on top of mine. "We all do it".

"The last few days have been tough". I brought the cup to my lips while taking a sip. "I thought Jake and I needed a few days apart, so I planned to go visit my dad and maybe meet the rest of my family".

"Did something happen to make you change your mind?".

"I didn't change my mind. He said now wasn't a suitable time. What does that even mean?".

"Did you ask him why?".

"I didn't message him back. Honestly, I think he's changed his mind about wanting to be in my life".

"I'm sure that's not true. If you want my advice, I'd call him. You won't know the truth until you ask".

I wasn't going to do that. I would wait until he reaches out and if he doesn't then I'll know for sure.

"Can I ask how things are with you and Jake?".

"Jake's difficult at times but he's nothing I can't handle".

"The moon goddess sure made the right choice for my son when she picked you as his mate. You're a strong woman Leah and I bet an even stronger she wolf".

"I sometimes wonder if Jake would prefer if I was full human".

"He's protective".

"Overbearing at times". I sighed. "And I know it comes from a good place but sometimes it's too much".

"That's the Alpha in him".

I had lost count of how many times I had heard that one.

"I'm no use to this pack if he doesn't let me become who I'm meant to be. I need to connect with my wolf, and he needs to let it happen. Regardless of the outcome this is what's best for me, for us".

"Then connect with your wolf. Go to the training ground and shift. The only way you can become one with your wolf is to let her take full control".

I wasn't expecting her to say that.

"I don't know how to and the only thing that seems to trigger her is anger".

"Then get angry". She grinned. "Trust that she'll give you back control and if she doesn't then I'm sure Jake will be able to break her down".

"Break her down?". I frowned.

"Submit sweetheart he'll make her submit but if your wolf is anything like you". A laugh fell from her lips. "Don't make it so serious. Get Jake to take you to the training ground and have fun with it".

Right, fun.

"If you make it fun, I'm sure you'll get some fun at the end of it". She winked.

My cheeks grew red when I realised what she meant.

"Enjoy the chase and trust me when I say this. Let him take the lead".

Hm.

"I'll be back in a minute Leah help yourself to more tea".

Have fun with it. I could do that right?

I didn't hear him come in. I was pouring myself more tea when his arms circled my waist. "If we leave now, we'll be at the cabin for lunch time". He brushed his lips against the side of my neck causing a shiver to rock through my body.

"I have a better idea". I turned in his embrace slipping my hands up his chest and looping them around his neck. "Take me to the training ground".

"The training ground?". His eyebrows furrowed. "Why?".

He knew why and once again he was going back on his word. A sigh fell from my lips as I let my arms fall. "Never mind let's just go".

"Hey". His arms tightened around my waist. "If that's what you want then let's go. I promised I would help, and I will".

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Hey! Sorry for the long wait. Life has been busy lately but I'll try and upload quicker :)

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