

Chosen by Fate 121

Chapter 121 - Reece-Showing Off Her Wolf

Reece

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I stepped out of my office and saw the six men waiting for us. Her cousin had seen her first shift so he wasn't quite as curious, her grandfather knew about it, but as she was wrapped in a blanket and shifted back quickly after he hadn't seen her wolf yet, and the elders were waiting eagerly but patiently. They all stared at me with an expectant look as I left the bathroom first.

"Gentlemen, I would like to introduce you to my mate's wolf." My voice was filled with pride and affection as I said the words.

I watched as Trinity walked into the room full of elders and her family. I had thought that she might be nervous but she looked as confident as could be. Noah just smiled with pride, knowing what the wolf looked like already. Her grandfather's jaw dropped as he said just one word.

"Beautiful.

The elders all looked at her with strange expressions. They seemed to be excited, proud, nervous, and scared all at the same time.

"Reece, my dear boy, do you have any idea what this means?" Michael asked me with a voice filled with awe.

"What exactly are you referring to?" I asked him.

"Her wolf." Oswald answered.

"Do you know what her wolf means?" James asked me.

"I don't follow you." I told them.

"Those marks, son, do you see those marks?" Liam asked me.

"Of course I see those marks, what about them?"

"Those are Goddess marks." Michael breathed. "They mean she has been touched by the Moon Goddess herself. Your mate is meant for something great, that is for sure." I saw the other three elders nodding along behind him.

"Goddess marks?" Trinity asked, a note of skepticism in her voice.

"How did you do that?" Her grandfather asked.

"Do what?" She wondered.

"Trinity, you're not talking like a wolf does." Noah told her. "You're speaking to us inside our heads. The sound isn't coming from you directly, like it does from us, but more like a thought sent to us."

"Really?" She asked me. I just nodded in response to her. "I don't know how I'm doing it, I'm just talking to all of you."

"I wonder." Michael said.

"What?" Mr. Whitton asked.

"Is everyone able to hear it all the time, or can she talk to just one person at a time?"

"Good question." I told him. "Want to try it out?" I asked Trinity. She nodded, but seemed confused after that.

"Who should I talk to?" She asked.

"Someone other than Reece, I don't need to hear what you'd say to him." Noah joked, laughing at his own words.

"Say something to your grandfather." I told her. "A yes or no question, he can answer you without speaking. If we don't hear him then we won't know what he's answering."

"Alright." She turned to look at him directly and stared at him for a moment. After a few seconds I saw the old man smile and nod his head. I sensed a smile coming from Trinity's wolf, even though I couldn't see it, I knew she was happy.

"Well, I would say that's a success." I smiled as I looked around the room. "I didn't hear what she asked him."

"Neither did I." Noah smiled as well.

"I heard nothing, and I'm sure the rest of the elders would answer the same." Michael beamed. "You will be a powerful Luna for us, Trinity. I can't wait to see how you evolve." He leaned forward, bowing his head to her. The other elders followed suit making her feel uncomfortable.

"I'm not that special. Please, don't do that." She asked them.

"You're more than special. You're amazing." I told her.

After the elders left I had one last thing I wanted to take care of before I helped my mate shift back into her human form.

"Samuel." I called out to the elder Whitton. I would need to get used to using his name now, with what I had in mind. "We seem to be down one elder." I said when he turned to look at me.

"It would seem so." He looked calm, not worried at all. I liked that about him.

"I'm glad I can trust you to do what needs to be done." I grinned at him. "What would you say to filling our vacancy?" I asked him.

"You want to raise me to elder status?" He seemed shocked.

"That's right."

"Then I would say that I am honored, and I accept." He beamed proudly.

"Good. Noah, would you see your grandfather out. I have to help my mate." I watched as the two men left the room.

I went back into the bathroom to help guide Trinity back through her shift. I put my hand on top of her head and spoke in a calm voice.

"Close your eyes, picture your human form. Your skin, your hair, how you looked right before your shift. Imagine the muscles and bones realigning themselves. Ask your wolf to retreat for now, to hand control back over to your other form." I gently talked her through the shift, and soon I was looking her in the eyes again, smiling down at her naked body. "Perfect."

"That was a pretty amazing feeling. I've never felt that strong. Or maybe I did, but I barely remember my first shift." She was excited and full of energy, but I knew that she would run out of the shift high soon. We all suffered from it in the beginning.

"Come on, get dressed, we should head back to your room." She put her hands on my shoulders and kissed my cheek quickly.

"Thank you Reece." She smiled before getting dressed in a hurry. She seemed so much happier now.

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Trinity

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I dressed quickly and followed Reece out of the room. Grandfather, Noah, and the elders were gone so I didn't have to worry about running into them. I was surprised during the meeting. I wasn't expecting the revelation that had been dropped on me, on us all. Reece didn't seem surprised to hear it, and apparently it was planned. I'm just glad I don't need to worry about him coming after me now.

In truth, if it had been before this whole ordeal I probably would have felt guilty, or responsible for his death somehow. But now, after having shifted, and especially after having killed people myself, I couldn't bring myself to worry about it right now. I know that, if given the chance, Frederick would have come after me directly.

I might not go out of my way to kill someone. But I am not going to show remorse or pity for someone who would have been just as happy to see me dead. I don't know if that is an improvement or a set back, but personally, I don't care.

Chapter 122 - Trinity-A New Roommate? (Mature Rating)

6-8 minutes

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Trinity

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When I reached the top of the stairs, I had expected Reece to come with me to my room, he was being quite clingy these last two days after all. I didn't mind though. I was actually happy to finally have him accept me and show me the type of love I had been wanting all this time.

We turned down my hallway toward my room, I felt more at peace in the familiar surroundings. I had truly missed being home. I'm looking forward to finding a semblance of normal in the chaos that was my life before I was taken, but I'm just happy to be back at least.

I could tell something was off as soon as I opened my door. Reece and I had walked from the third floor up to the fourth and down to my room all in silence. That had felt normal and just fine. But as soon as I set foot into my room, I knew that something was wrong. Something was different. Something just wasn't right.

"What's going on here?" I asked Reece, surprise filling my voice. I looked around my room, which was now significantly fuller than it was before. Another dresser had been brought in, somehow matching perfectly to the one that was already there. A second trunk set beside the first one at the foot of the bed. And other small odds and ends, like a jacket that shouldn't have been there, extra stuff on top of the desk, night stands, and scattered throughout the room. It wasn't messy or anything. On the contrary, it was all neat and perfectly organized. It just wasn't there before.

"What do you mean?" Reece seemed genuinely confused.

"Why is all your stuff in here?"

"Oh, that?" He grinned happily. "I thought it best to have my stuff in our room." He answered.

"Our room? That's definitely news to me." I let the shock seep into my words even more.

"Well, I thought it was only fitting, you know." He was embarrassed now, and seemed uncertain of himself. I liked it when he got all embarrassed, the slight pink tinge on his ears, the oh shit look in his eyes. It was cute, like he thought he had messed up. I really would never be able to stop messing with him.

"So, you're moving in?" I asked him, mostly to see his reaction, partly to confirm his intentions.

"Yeah, I decided it would be best."

"You decided huh. What about the fact that it's my room?" I teased.

"Well, it's my house." He countered.

"Don't you mean our house?"

"If it's our house then it's our room." I could see him getting excited with each back and forth. He knew I was messing with him now.

"Why would I want to share a room with you." I pretended to mock him. "I'm sure it would just cause me stress. Plus you snore." I heard the low rumble in his throat and started to back up, unfortunately I bumped into the bathroom door all too soon.

"Why?" His voice seemed to thrum through me as he breathed the word. "I can think of a few right off the top of my head." He was grinning at me wickedly as he sauntered toward me. "For one, it will be a lot more fun living together." He was right in front of me now. I could see myself reflected in his golden eyes. He looked as excited as I felt right about now.

"Fun?" I pretended not to know what he meant, but I knew what was coming, and I was looking forward to it as much as he was.

"Mhmm. In fact, let's play." His words barely reached me before his hands did.

Reece lifted me up by my waist, stepping forward as he did. He ended up pressing me against the wall, pinning me in place. I wrapped my legs around him to steady myself, pressing my dampening core directly against the erection I could feel through his jeans. He had definitely been holding back yesterday. He wanted me, and I wanted him. He was right, there was a benefit to us sharing a room.

He was kissing me with a growing intensity. His tongue explored my mouth with a feverish desire. I match his fever with one of my own, returning his kiss with equal passion.

I was tearing at the shirt he was wearing before I even realized what I was doing. He broke the kiss, pulling away to rip his t-shirt off over his head. He then grabbed the hem of the shirt I was wearing and yanked on it as well. He growled when he saw the bra that still stood in his way. Rather than take it off properly, he gripped the front of the bra, shredding it with wolf claws before pulling it quickly away. That all took less than thirty seconds and then his mouth was back on mine.

I no longer felt any pain, it had all disappeared when I shifted, leaving me feeling exhilarated and now aroused. When the kiss broke again he moved his mouth down the line of my jaw and down to my neck. I took advantage of his distraction to reach for his belt.

"You seem to be in a hurry tonight." His voice rumbled right into my ear, his breath tickled, and the stray hairs on my neck fluttered against me. I shivered, my whole body shuddering against him and pressing him more firmly against my core.

"Want me to slow down?" I growled into his ear, returning the shiver he had given me and rubbing my cheek against his, the scratchy feel of his stubble rubbing against my face was enticing.

"Not at all." He growled back as he closed his mouth over my mark. The sensitive spot was like a direct link to my arousal. I moaned at the feel, throwing my head back just as I pulled his belt free and let it fall to the ground. "Would you like me to slow down?" He joked back, his laughter rumbling from him into me.

"Do it and I might have to hurt you." I threatened him as I clamped my teeth onto his mark in return. His growl went from playful to impatient instantly. He grabbed my skirt and pulled hard, tearing the fabric in one tug. It disappeared somewhere in the room behind us as he tossed it away. He followed that with grabbing the waistband of my panties at both hips and pulling hard. The ripping sound was nearly instantaneous. He let the fabric fall to the floor.

"Reece." I breathed as I pulled his mouth back to mine. "I want you." I pressed my lips to his firmly, hungry. I needed to touch him, to feel him, to have him.

Chapter 123 - Trinity-Frantic For Each Other (Mature Rating)

6-7 minutes

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Trinity

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The tenuous hold he had on his control must have snapped. He growled into my mouth as he shifted. I felt him pushing his jeans down and out of the way. His erection was freed, pressing against me with no barriers now. The heat coming off of him was nearly enough to melt my already dripping body.

Now that no barriers separated us, he shifted again placing himself right at my opening.

"Last chance to tell me to stop." His voice ground out through his clenched teeth, he seemed to be slowly losing the ability to speak.

"Don't stop Reece." I pleaded with him. "I need you. Now." I urged him, begging him to continue, to go on.

"Trinity." His voice held urgency but also sounded like a thank you.

With his hands gripping my hips firmly, he nestled at my opening for just a moment as he pressed his lips to mine. His tongue delving deep into my mouth, exploring all that he could of my mouth. With my mind distracted by his kiss he pulled me down while thrusting up, he drove into me up to his hilt, reaching my inner limits.

"Aahhh." I screamed in a mix of pleasure and pain as he filled me so fully, stretching my tight body around his large invading force.

"Are you ok, Little Bunny?" His voice held an edge of worry as he stayed completely still before me.

"Yes." I sighed, looking at him with lust filled eyes and a happy smile.

"I don't want to hurt you." He begged, not able to stop but reluctant to continue.

"You won't Reece, I want you. Please, don't stop." I begged him again. That was all he needed.

He buried his face in the curve of my neck, not biting my mark, but placing his hot tongue against it. He held me in place with his shoulders and upper body. Gripping my hips firmly, his fingers digging into my flesh, he angled me away from the wall while he proceeded to set a steady rhythm.

Our bodies slammed into each other with every thrust. Skin slapping against skin, our ragged breathing, my pounding heartbeat, these were the sounds I heard as he steadily drove me toward the edge.

With my arms wrapped around his neck I pulled him closer to me, pressing my breasts against his chest and dragging his mouth to mine. I kissed him with a mindless intensity that I could not control. I explored his mouth as thoroughly as he had explored mine, entwining my tongue with him. When he tried to pull back I bit lightly on his bottom lip, drawing a low growl from him.

I could tell he was nearly there, nearly at the edge of his climax. I could feel it building quickly in my own body. I knew I wouldn't last much longer either. He thrust again and again, my body gripping his. Finally, my body couldn't take anymore. I dug my nails into shoulders, threw my head back, and screamed his name.

"REECE!" My body seemed to explode, to come apart at the edges, only to try to reassemble itself a few moments later as I lay slumped against him.

"Mine." Reece whispered as he shifted his hands from my hips to my ass.

"Yours." I agreed.

Reece gently pulled me away from the wall. Carrying me to the bed while he was still buried deep inside of me. Each step elicited a moan and a shudder from me. When he was next to the mattress he lifted me slowly, pulling his body out of mine. I felt limp, unable to move.

"Are you alright?" He asked me as I just sat there in his arms.

"I'll tell you when I can move again." I laughed.

"You just need some rest." He assured me as he laid down in the bed with me still in his arms. "Here's another upside to living together." He said as he pulled the sheet around us, still holding me tight against him.

"Clingy." I joked.

"I hold your body tightly in my arms. You hold me tightly inside your body. We're both clingy." He laughed. I was still smiling at his joke when I drifted off to sleep.

This was the start of a new way of life for Reece and me. The threat against me seemed to be all but gone until we found Edmond, even though I was still ordered to not go anywhere alone. I was still the Luna, so I needed to stay safe. I continued to do school online so that I had time to run the daycare with Lila and Aunt Eve.

I enjoyed hanging out with my friends, and dates with Reece now that things were calmer. Carter was still moping about not getting to be with his mate, I would need to make things better there when I could. If our packs were to become allies then he should be able to be with her right?

Grandfather was an elder now, he was busy trying to make things more peaceful all around. Noah was named Reece's new beta, which everyone saw coming. What I didn't expect was Vincent being named the new gamma. Reece didn't even have a gamma picked out before all this happened.

Together Noah and Vincent did a full sweep of the pack, and though they didn't have a hand in my kidnapping they were able to find nearly a hundred more supporters of Caleb's. They were offered a conditional stay if they were deemed to only be following the others. But those that were aggressive or seemed dangerous were exiled. A few didn't want to leave quietly. They were used as examples of why you don't cross the alpha.

All seemed to be right with the world for right now. But I knew that we needed to find Edmond, and soon. We had scouts from our pack searching high and low, contacting every major group in the

country. Eventually, someone out there would tell us what they knew, where he went. Until then, I just had to keep my senses sharp and keep looking over my shoulder.

Chapter 124 - Epilogue 1

11-14 minutes

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Trinity

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I was running through the trees, my paws digging into the forest floor. My breath was fogging in the air in front of me as I panted. I was trying to watch where I was going while also predicting where my pursuer was likely to jump out at me.

I didn't hear a single noise coming from his footfalls as he chased after me. My heart was pounding, but still I could hear every sound around me, even though he didn't seem to have a sound at all. I could see the snowbank in the distance. It was pressed right up against the edge of the trees, just on the other side would be the house. If I could get to the house I would be safe, I would have won.

Just as I jumped to leap over the pile of snow I sensed a shift in the air, a movement nearby. I knew that he had found me, he had caught me. I lost.

He leapt out of the trees at me while I was in midjump. His wolf form so much larger than my own that he cleared the area quicker than I could. His powerful legs had propelled him right toward me just like a bullet.

The wolf crashed into me, together we rolled down the bank toward the garage. I was so close to winning too. How did he catch me?"

"I win." His voice rumbled directly into my mind.

"Dammit Reece, how did you catch me so quick?" I growled.

"You're still too easy to read." He scolded me. "You give away every move you're going to make with your body language. You need to practice more."

"Yeah, but I'm faster than you." I pouted. "How do you catch me so easily when I'm faster?"

"If I know where you're going to be, I can save time by going there instead of chasing you." He laughed as he held me down on the ground beneath him.

"Alright, I get it, I'm easy to read. I'll work on it." I tried to push him off of me but he just held me down. I had grown in strength immensely since getting my wolf. I was actually more powerful than a lot of the males in the pack. But Reece had gained a lot of strength since I marked him. We couldn't explain it and no one really knew why. But he was nearly twice as strong as he was before. I could hold my own against him, but he was still stronger than me in a regular fight.

"Let's stay here for a moment." He buried his muzzle in my fur, sniffing me.

"Reece, we've got plans for tonight." I reminded him.

"We can always cancel them." He teased playfully.

"Seriously, you perv." I joked with him. "Not right in front of the house for crying out loud." I pushed at him hard, causing him to roll off me and end up several feet away.

I rolled to the opposite side as him, into the snowbank. I felt like my body started tingling instantly. This was the feeling I had whenever something new was happening to me. I had experienced it just a couple times before during our training sessions. I never knew what was going to happen when I had this feeling.

I stood there, nervous and excited, and waited to see what was going to happen this time. I could feel the snow beneath my paws, the slight cold feel biting into the fleshy wolf toes.

The tingling always made me feel warm so I could feel the heat spreading through me. Soon, I no longer felt the cold snow pressing against my feet. But all too soon, the tingling would die down and the cold would return. Already I could feel it lessening.

I could no longer see my breath puffing out in front of me. My feet still weren't cold. I felt like the snow was actually as warm as I was. I had a feeling that was not normal.

"Little Bunny?" Reece's voice exclaimed directly into my mind, his voice holding an edge of fear. We had learned that I could receive communications the same way I sent them. And if someone thought a conversation directly to me then they didn't have to talk. That worked in and out of my wolf form. It was very convenient for private conversations, but we didn't want it to be public knowledge yet.

"What's wrong Reece?" I was perplexed by his tone.

"What happened to you?" He asked, awe and fear warring this time.

"I don't know what you're talking about?"

"You're covered in ice." His voice came out in a sigh. "You didn't notice?"

"What?" I looked down at my legs, sure enough they looked like they were made out of ice and snow. I was in awe staring at the luminescent white ice. It looked like my blue marks didn't just glow from my face and shoulder now, they seemed to glow through the ice, turning my entire body into a light blue color.

"You never cease to amaze me." Reece said with a voice full of pride. "And you look beautiful as hell."

"Oh hush." I said sheepishly, embarrassed. "So what does this mean?" I asked him.

"That we need to play in the snow more." He joked. "We need to learn more about this Ice form of yours." He was right of course, we would need to explore it more.

I didn't know what I would be capable of in that form, and I would have to figure out how to get there without snow. But hopefully it would come in handy at some point.

We wrapped up our training session after that. It was valentines day, our first one. Reece had planned an evening out of it. He wouldn't tell me what the plans were, just told me to be ready to go by five.

I dressed nice, but not too formally. He had told me that we would not be going anywhere that needed formal wear. I chose a simple, sleeveless, a-line dress in midnight blue and a pair of black ballet flats. It would be nice if we went somewhere important, I needed to be presentable, but also comfortable and easy to wear if we were somewhere more private.

We had Shane drive us to the airport, Reece and I sitting in the back.

"Why the airport?" I asked as we got out of the car, we had been taken to a private runway and not the main entrance. Reece went to the trunk to retrieve a small bag.

"We're going out of town." He smiled. "Come on, stop worrying."

"Just tell me where." I pleaded.

"No, just wait."

We ended up taking a helicopter from the airport. The view of all the mountains from this height was breathtaking. I was in awe, staring out the window intently for the entire twenty minute flight.

I expected we would have been taken to another airport. Instead, the helicopter touched down in front of a very large, and very beautiful, cabin. It was made of stone and log and nestled in the mountains. There were no cars around, just us in our helicopter.

Reece held out a hand to help me down, pulling me into his arms for a tight embrace.

"They will be back to get us tomorrow afternoon. But we now have this place all to ourselves." He smiled at me.

"This is amazing." I hugged him tight.

"You haven't even seen it all yet." He laughed.

"I don't need to see it to know it's going to be amazing."

Reece took me inside to show me the cabin. It was huge, with multiple bedrooms, but only the master suite had been prepared. It came complete with a king sized bed with a large sky light over it for viewing the stars while laying in bed, and an option to close metallic shutters over it. There was also an enormous bathroom attached to it. It wasn't as grand as mine, but I didn't think any bathroom ever would be.

There was a small deck off the master suite with walls up on the sides. But sitting there in the middle of the deck was a natural hot spring. It was a beautiful site that overlooked another, even more beautiful site of the mountains.

When we got to the kitchen and dining area I saw that someone had come ahead of us and prepped dinner. Whoever they were, they had to have left just recently as the food was still warm and fresh. Steak, thick, juicy and grilled to perfection, baked potatoes, grilled asparagus, and even a salad. A bottle of wine and two glasses sat waiting for us on the table.

"I can't believe you did this." I told him.

"I wanted to be with just you for our first valentines day." He pulled me into his arms again and gave me a quick kiss.

"I love you." I told him.

"And I love and adore you." He whispered against my lips.

We enjoyed our meal together. It was delicious and just what I would have wanted. After the meal Reece took my hand and led me to the living room.

"I have something for you." He said as he started to reach for whatever gift he had gotten for me.

"I got you something as well." I told him. "Though it's not much. I couldn't decide."

I added sheepishly.

"Anything from you is fine, as long as it doesn't say Fido again." He laughed.

"Not this time." I laughed as well. "Can I give you mine." He nodded.

I went to the bedroom and grabbed the small box I had for him. He took it from me when I got back and opened it. There were two things in the box. The first was a silver pendant on a leather rope. The silver pendant was of a wolf's head, it went down around the sides like the shoulders and front legs. Just below the nose and nestled into the side parts was a set of stones, a sapphire, an emerald, and a black diamond. Blue for me, green for him, and black for his wolf.

The second thing in the box was much more simple. It was a yin yang necklace split into two pieces. One side had a white wolf's face, the other a black wolf's face. The black part of the necklace didn't have a chain, the white half had been attached to a keyring.

"I figured we could split the yin yang. We will always be carrying the other half, you make my life worth living and completed something I didn't know was missing. So, I wanted to show you that you're my other half." I was getting sappy and sentimental.

"That's amazing, Little Bunny, you complete me too." He smiled at me. "Now time for mine." He grinned and slid to the floor in front of me. He pulled a small black box out of his pocket and opened it in front of me. I gasped at the sight.

In the box was a beautiful platinum ring. There was a line of six black diamonds on each side. At the top of the ring there was a layer of metal petals so that it formed a lotus flower. In the center of the lotus blossom was at least a 1 carat round diamond. It sparkled in the light coming from the lamp nearby.

I covered my mouth looking at the beautiful ring in front of me.

"Trinity, my Little Bunny, you are the love of my life. I never want to know what my life is like without you, I need you with me. As you said, you make my life worth living, you make me whole. I promise to do my best to do right by you for as long as I live. Will you marry me?" His words took me completely by surprise. I had not expected this from him, at least not yet.

"Reece?" I breathed, unable to say much. "Are you sure?" I asked him. This was a big moment.

"I've never been more certain of anything, besides the fact that I love you with everything I am."

"Reece." I sighed his name as I cupped his face. I pressed a quick kiss against his lips as I fought to hold back the tears.

"Is that a yes?" He joked.

"Yes, Reece, it's a yes. Yes I will marry you." I saw the happy grin on his face as he heard my answer.

"I love you." He said as he kissed me passionately. When he pulled away he pulled the ring from the box and slid onto my left ring finger. I couldn't believe it, I was engaged.

He scooped me up into his arms, hugging me close as he spun in a few quick circles.

"What do you say we take advantage of those hot springs before we get to dessert?" He asked me excitedly.

"Dessert?" I asked wiggling my eyebrows suggestively.

"No, I brought you chocolate cake and candies. Who's the perv now?" We both laughed as he walked back toward the bedroom. "But I'm more than willing to give you any dessert you want."

Chapter 125 - Epilogue 2

6-8 minutes

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Samuel Whitton

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The night I was told that my granddaughter was kidnapped I felt my world implode. It felt like someone had just ripped my heart out. I couldn't stop thinking that I had failed and it was all my fault somehow.

They had tried to insist that I stay home and leave rescuing her to the young men of the pack. I refused. I would be going with them to save her the same as my son and his boys. I would not let the same thing happen to her that happened to my daughter. I couldn't let Trinity die too.

I was rewarded with the victorious sight of seeing my granddaughter again. I was too far away to see it properly but I saw that she had finally shifted into her wolf form. My granddaughter is a strong girl who fights. I knew her wolf was in there, somewhere.

The worst thing about this whole ordeal was when I talked to Trinity. She told me that the Warlock from twenty years ago was the one who had taken my little girl. I had never suspected him because he had already moved on, out of town, by the time she went missing. I did suspect everyone else in my pack though and didn't trust anyone around my daughter or granddaughter anymore.

I was livid when she told me that members of our own pack had been involved with taking her. To know that the beta of the pack, that bastard, was the one to take her to the Warlocks. And I knew that if that

moron Caleb was involved then his grandfather was involved as well. Everyone knew Caleb was too stupid to do anything on his own.

After I left Trinity in the room she was borrowing at the Black Canyons house I went straight to talk to my son. He tried to talk me out of doing what I had planned. I hadn't told him directly but he had guessed.

When Reece came in a little while later I immediately made a request of him.

"Reece, I need a favor." He raised an eyebrow in confusion.

"What do you need?" He wondered.

"I need to borrow your plane. I have to get back home tonight. It's important." He looked skeptical but agreed just a moment later.

"Yeah, sure, just tell the pilot to come back before the morning." He agreed.

Less than an hour later I landed at the airport back home. I had a mission and I was going to complete it now. I took a cab to the gates and decided to walk from there. I knew exactly where I was going, even without following my nose.

I could tell he was home when I walked up his driveway. I was glad that he was a widower at that moment, I didn't have to worry about anyone else. I knocked on the door and only waited a moment for him to answer the door.

"Samuel, to what do I owe the pleasure?" He asked with his fake nice voice.

"Good evening Frederick, I got word from the alpha about my granddaughter. He wanted me to tell everyone personally." I dropped my head, feigning a sense of dread and depression.

"Oh, Samuel, was it bad news?" He asked as he patted my shoulder.

"It's terrible news." I kept my eyes off of him and on the floor.

"Well, come in and tell me then." He invited. Good, this would be easier in the privacy of his house.

Frederick led the way into his sitting room and indicated a chair for me to sit in while he took the one next to it.

"Now, Frederick, why didn't you tell me? Why didn't you ever say anything?"

"I'm afraid I don't follow you, Samuel." He looked at me with confusion written all over his face. Frederick had started his family late and I early, the result was nearly fifteen years, if not more between us.

"You don't? That's funny, because I'm pretty sure that you already know exactly what I'm referring to."

"No, I really don't." He laughed as if he had said a joke.

"I'm talking about your grandson kidnapping my granddaughter." I snapped at him as I reached across the three feet separating us, grabbing him by his throat and throwing him to the floor.

"Samuel?" He said my name as a question.

"I know you were telling him what to do." I screamed at him. "Did you have anything to do with what happened to my daughter? Did you help that bastard get her too?" I was kneeling with my knee pressed into his back holding him in place while I gripped his hair. His face changed from scared to cocky nearly instantly.

"So, you guessed that much as well, huh?"

"So you did?"

"Yeah, he said he needed her. I've been against the Gray family for decades. My mate should have inherited the family business as well as her mate being the alpha. But no, her brother got everything and I got nothing." He growled at me. "What does it matter now, she has been worm chow for almost twenty years. And you should be proud, she was finally useful to someone before she died."

"You son of a bitch." I screeched.

I lost all control of my sense of reason at that moment. I pulled back on his hair as hard as I could. I felt a cracking but that would not suffice. I shifted into my wolf form. I may be older and my wolf had started to go gray, but I was still powerful.

I raked my claws down his back and face repeated, tearing ribbons of his flesh away. When I was done digging into him, trying to both dig up and bury the past, I leaned forward and placed my mouth round the back of his head. I didn't relish the idea of tasting his blood in my mouth, but I would make an exception.

I clamped my teeth shut, severing his head from his body in one clean swipe. My family never had to worry about him ever again.

It took me nearly an hour to calm down. During which time I wandered the woods and cleaned myself in the creek. Afterwards I went back home. I shifted, showered, settled in for the night. It was not the ending I had planned this evening, but I would happily take this ending. I would never have to wonder about him ever again. Maybe my daughter was looking down and was happy to have some sort of justice now.

I was going to see my granddaughter again tomorrow. I would need my rest for that. I felt like I might actually sleep peacefully for once. For the first time in nearly twenty years.

Chapter 126 - Trinity-Spreading The News (VOLUME 2)

8-11 minutes

It's time for Volume 2! Join us on the next leg of Trinity and Reece's journey.

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Trinity

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"Oh my Goddess, Trinity!" Nikki squealed as I told her and Aunt Eve the news. Nikki bolted right to her feet, grabbing hold of my hands and started jumping for joy. I didn't expect her reaction, though I was even happier than she was if that was possible. I just had more time to adjust to it.

"Trinity, my baby girl." Aunt Eve was smiling broadly as she wrapped her arms around me. "I can't believe it. When did you grow up so much?" She looked like she was on the verge of tears yet she was happy.

"Aunt Eve." I said her name as I squeezed her back.

"I have news too." Nikki declared as she finally stopped jumping. "I haven't been able to share it with everyone with everything that has been going on, but I can tell you now." Nikki wasn't wrong, it had been really hectic lately.

Ever since I got back from the Black Canyons Reece and I trained furiously everyday. He even took time off work to make sure he could be there to train with me, though I think he just wanted to have more time to be clingy before he had to go back to work.

The little bit of work he had to handle directly he did so from the office. He even put a second large desk in the office and called it 'OUR' office. When I wasn't busy with my classes he was teaching me what exactly happened in the company that he owned and was the president of. The company had apparently been in his family for generations, and brought in around ninety billion a year, which made it the most profitable company in the world. The money that Reece made from that personally was enough to make my head spin.

I had gotten home from my valentine's trip with Reece just this morning and had been so excited to share the news that I was officially engaged. I know that in the eyes of the pack we were basically already married, but I was happy that Reece wanted to make it official to the world and not just the Red Springs wolf pack.

"What news?" I asked Nikki excitedly. "Come on, tell me. We can celebrate together right?" I was already happy for whatever news she was dying to tell me.

"Noah and I are going to have a baby." She dropped her bomb of news on me causing my head to explode with joy. "I found out the day before you were taken, but Noah had left early that morning so I didn't tell him until after he got back, I didn't want to make things harder for him while he was gone."

"Nikki." I breathed her name on a gasp. "Oh my Goddess, I am so excited."

"You're gonna be Aunt Trinity now." She told me.

"Really." The name she was already giving me brought tears to my eyes. I was technically an only child, and so was Reece, but we both had family that we considered to be brothers, so Reece had two nephews from Riley and I was going to be an aunt to Noah and Carter's kids. That thought had never actually hit me before. I was going to be an aunt. I squealed in delight just like Nikki had done.

"What in the world is going on here?" I heard Noah ask as he and Reece came into the room.

"Noah!" I yelled as I ran toward him, throwing my arms around him. "I'm so happy for you." I had slammed into him so hard that he lost his breath for a second before he could speak.

"You told her Nikki?" Noah sounded hurt. "I wanted to be there with you."

"I'm sorry babe, but she was sharing her news so I wanted to tell her."

"Her news?" Noah looked at me with shock before settling an angry glare on Reece as he growled quietly.

"Cool it Bruiser, ask her what news it is before you try to bite my head off." Reece was laughing as he joked with Noah. Noah, not saying a word, levelled his gaze full of fierce (over)protection onto me.

"Reece asked me to marry him, in a real ceremony. Not just the mating ceremony for the pack." I smiled at him with all the happiness I could feel bubbling inside of me. Noah's face softened as he smiled happily at me.

"I'm happy for you Trinity." Noah was shining as he looked at me before giving me a gentle hug. He was so protective of me that I knew he would be a good father, he may be a quiet and gentle man, but he would go to bat for the people he cared about. I loved that about him.

"Shouldn't you be congratulating me too." Reece joked with him. Noah looked at him, his eyes once again holding anger and annoyance.

"Not until you prove that you can behave yourself around my family." Noah snapped at him.

"Sorry Noah, you may be my best friend, and my new beta, but I can't promise you that." Reece's voice held a purring edge as he reached toward me. With his hand on my upper arm, Reece pulled me swiftly away from Noah and into his arms instead. He leaned forward and buried his face into my neck, inhaling my scent. "I like how she smells with my scent all over her." Reece's growling voice tickled my ear as he spoke, causing me to shiver.

"Fuck you, Beethoven, she's my family, don't do that in front of me." Noah grabbed my hand and pulled me hard, away from Reece. Reece just laughed.

"You will learn to deal with it." Reece was chuckling as he spoke, looking at the face Noah was making.

"Oh stop it, both of you." Aunt Eve said as she glared at them both. "Honestly, can't you two stop this. Yes Noah, we all know how protective you are, and Reece, everyone can tell what you're thinking whenever Trinity is in the room, but I'm begging you two to please keep it to yourselves." She lectured them. "And in your pants." She added as she looked at Reece.

"Oh, come on Aunt Eve, I've never done anything inappropriate with other people around." If Reece's alluring tone of voice was meant to make her feel better, well then he failed, she just rolled her eyes and sighed.

"Honestly, what am I going to do with you." She laughed when she saw Reece's playful expression.

"No worries, Auntie Evie, I'll make sure Trinity teaches me some more manners." His wagging eyebrows as he looked at me did not instill much confidence, and in fact it only made Aunt Eve laugh even harder. He was definitely in a good mood, even going as far as calling her Evie instead of Eve. He was like a puppy, or a kid with a new toy, so full of energy and playfulness.

"Did I hear what I think I heard?" I heard Lila's call out in a stern tone.

"What's the matter mom?" Reece asked her with a look of confusion.

"I started walking here when I thought I heard talk about a wedding. Did I really hear those words?" It appears that Lila had been walking on the other side of the first floor when her sensitive wolf ears picked up little snippets of our conversation. She had hurriedly walked over, not running as it wasn't an emergency and that would have been unladylike, but walking fast nonetheless.

"I was going to tell you tonight mom." Reece looked at his mother with a guilty expression.

"Yeah, sure you were." She snapped at him as she walked over to me. "Is it true?" She asked me in a gentle tone of voice. I wanted to laugh at the difference in how she treated us.

"Yes Lila, it's true. He just asked me yesterday. I told my aunt and Nikki first, but we planned to tell you at dinner tonight." I backed Reece up so she wouldn't be angry with him anymore.

"Oh, I'm so happy for you dear." Lila hugged me tight with her deceptively thin arms. Her hug was fierce and full of strength. "I am so happy to finally have a daughter." She looked like she was going to cry just like Aunt Eve had.

"You're not happy for me either?" Reece asked, his voice sounding hurt this time.

"Quiet Reece, this is a time for women to celebrate." Lila scolded.

"Unbelievable." Reece seemed so shocked at her words. "I'm getting married too you know, and both you and Noah act like I'm not part of it." He informed her.

"Uh huh, and if it weren't for you, you might already be married. But wedding planning is for women, so just hush and show up for your big day.

Nikki and I spent about an hour planning things. Her baby shower, ideas for the wedding. For some reason, everyone was dead set on me getting married mid March. It was when Lila's birthday was and she wanted us to share that day with her. I tried to tell her that it wasn't right to take her special day from her.

"Nonsense, I'm getting older all the time, a birthday doesn't matter to me anymore. But having my only son marry the greatest new daughter I could ask for, now that would give me a reason to look forward to the day even more." She was so adamant about it that it made Aunt Eve, Nikki, and Noah back her up as well.

"If you're sure." I conceded.

"Of course I am." She seemed so happy. Well, at least the date of the wedding was set, March 17th, it was only a month away.

Chapter 127 - Trinity-Juniper And Emmalee's Excitement (VOLUME 2)

8-10 minutes

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Trinity

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I was ready for lunch after I talked to Nikki and Aunt Eve, and I knew exactly what I wanted to do. I picked up my phone and called the person I knew would be most upset they didn't find out before everyone else. But, truth be told, I felt like I had to tell my aunt first, she was the only mother I had ever known.

"Hey Trin, what's up?" Juniper's voice sounded happy as she answered the call.

"Hey, are you free for lunch right now?" I asked her with no preamble.

"Sure, why what's up?" She was already curious.

"Nothing, just want to have lunch, is that so bad?" I did my best to sound innocent as I spoke to her.

"Yeah, and I'm the queen of wolves." The sarcasm dripped from her voice as she joked with me.

"I'll swing by to pick you up. Well, Vincent and I will."

"Something is up with you." She said before ending the call. I sighed, knowing she would see through everything right away.

It didn't take long until Vincent had driven us to her place then took us to Franny's Kitchen. It was the same diner that the three of us had eaten at before. It was comfortable, familiar, and laid back, everything I would need to relax while we talked.

We ordered our food, and were waiting for it to arrive when Juniper's patience ran out and she turned on me.

"Spill it." She snapped at me while we waited.

"Huh!" I tried to feign innocence.

"Don't give me that crap." She was piercing me with her intense stare, her bright green eyes were filled with suspicion. "I know something happened. You don't look all depressed and mopey so I know it wasn't bad, at least not really bad, but something happened."

I sighed, I knew she would know something was up, she already had when I called her. I think she can read minds or something.

"Juniper, do us all a favor and become a cop." I sighed again as I looked at her.

"Maybe I will, if you stop trying to pretend like I don't know that you're avoiding telling me something right now." I just laughed.

"Juniper, I'm not trying to hide things from you. I called you here so I can tell you. I just wasn't ready to tell you right away."

A young waitress brought our food while Juniper glared at me with an evil look. I managed to take one bite of my food before she questioned me again.

"Come on, Trinity, what happened? I need to know now. Tell me, please."

"Hahhh." Looking at her desperation I thought she had probably had enough, I'd made her wait long enough anyway. I looked between her and Vincent before continuing. "This is going to be news to you both, so please just don't flip out, alright." I told the two of them.

"I swear, Trin, if that man did something else to you I'm going to-." Juniper began before I interrupted her.

"Stop, he didn't do anything. Actually things have been great." I told her while trying to hide my blushing face.

"Then what is it?" She demanded.

I was still blushing, and it was hard to tell them, they both knew how things had been between Reece and me in the beginning. To avoid more embarrassing things I could, and probably would, say I just held up my hand, the ring in full view, my hands no longer hidden by my sleeves as they had been before. The stunning engagement ring that Reece had given me was shining in the light.

"Wow, that looks impressive." Vincent breathed when he saw it, a happy smile on his face.

"Oh my Goddess, Trinity. Oh my GODDESS!" She was getting louder and louder as she spoke.

"Shhh. Quiet down Juniper." I whispered to her, trying to set an example.

"You got engaged and didn't tell me?" She snapped at me.

"I'm telling you now. It just happened last night when we were in the mountains."

"You waited this long to tell me?"

"What, was I supposed to call you immediately?" I laughed.

"Damn straight you were." She laughed. "Seriously though, I'm the first one you're telling right?" I knew she would want to know first.

"Well, no, I told my aunt, and Nikkie was there too."

"But I'm your best friend." She pouted.

"I know, but Aunt Eve is like a mom to me."

"Fine, you have to tell your mom first, but I was next right?" She looked at me intensely.

"Not really, Reece and Noah came in and so Noah knows, and Lila heard us talking so she knows."

"Oh come on! How can I be the fifth to know. I'm even tied with Vincent, I could be counted at sixth really." She was laying it on thick but I could see it was all an act, she was actually really happy for me.

"Well, if it bothers you that much," I was drawing out my words to reel her in, I knew that she would be desperate to know what I had to say, "I guess I don't need to ask you to be my maid of honor." I looked at her out of the corner of my eye and saw the excitement explode on her face. She lit up like a searchlight and screamed in delight.

"Trinity!" She yelled my name. "You know I am so going to be your maid of honor. I am going to totally rock this job. You're going to have a kick ass wedding." She was smiling so brightly. "I'm going to make sure even my own wedding is nothing compared to this. I can't believe I get to help plan the wedding for the Alpha and the Luna. Oh my Goddess." She squealed, just like Nikki had.

"Ahem." Vincent cleared his throat to get our attention. "Let me just tell you, that I am extremely happy for you." He was smiling at me with a soft expression. "I'm certain you are going to have a wonderful wedding, I remember how happy Heather was at our wedding." His love for his wife was clear to see as he thought of those fond memories.

"Thank you Vincent."

"I am just glad you managed to work out your differences so you can finally be happy with the Alpha."

"Vincent." I said his name softly, he was one of the nicest people I knew. "Thank you for always taking such good care of me. Also, I want you to ask Heather if she will be one of my bridesmaids." I saw the sparkle in his eyes at my words.

"I'm certain that she would love that." His smile was so pure.

"Also, I was wondering if Conner and Renea could be the ring bearer and flower girl." His smile only got wider.

"You honor me too much Trinity." He was sincerely embarrassed now. Wait until Reece dropped the last bomb on him when making him a groomsman. Riley was going to be the best man, but Vincent, Noah, and Cater were helping to fill out the ranks to equal my bridesmaids and maid of honor. I thought I should leave that last detail for Reece to deliver though, Vincent was his new gamma after all.

We finished eating, Juniper chatting excitedly about the wedding the entire time. After we had our fill and dropped Juniper off, Vincent took us home. Reece called him over immediately, I knew what that was for. I decided I didn't need to be part of that conversation, so I went to our room so I could make another call.

When I was in my room, I decided to boot up my laptop for this next call, it would be easier if I didn't have to hold the phone or tablet the entire time. With everything ready, and my nerves and excitement under control, I called Emmalee.

Emmalee's bright, cheery face popped up on the screen right away, it was like she had been expecting me.

"Hey Trinity, what's up? I just finished an assignment for class, ugh this homework never ends." I laughed, Emmalee didn't love school as much as I did, and I was guessing it didn't come as easy to her.

"Hey Emmalee, how've you been." I chit chatted with a little small talk first.

"Good, it's all good."

"Well, I wanted to ask you something." I jumped right into this, if Juniper's revelation taught me anything it was to just come out and say it.

"What's wrong?" She looked worried.

"Nothing's wrong, I just wanted to ask you to be one of my bridesmaids." I blurted it out.

"Oh, I'm glad it's noth-" She stopped, finally realizing what I had just said. "Did you say bridesmaid?" She asked me skeptically. I nodded my head to answer her. "EEEEEEEE!" She squealed, louder and longer than Nikki and Juniper had.

"Oh Goddess, Trinity, if you thought I loved birthdays, wait until you see me get excited over a wedding. I am so going to help you as much as I can." She was happier than I expected, but then again, so was everyone else.

Chapter 128 - Reece-Best Man And Groomsmen (VOLUME 2)

6-7 minutes

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Reece

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From the moment that Trinity had agreed to marry me I had been ecstatic. I felt like everything was right in the world, that there was nothing that could go wrong. Noah seemed upset at first when he was told that we had news. He guessed, incorrectly, that Trinity was already pregnant since Nikki was pregnant. He didn't think there was any other news worth getting happy over.

After seeing Trinity and Vincent off, I asked Noah if he would stick around for a bit so we could talk. He joined me in the kitchen while I looked for something to eat. I had intended to take mom and Trinity out to dinner so I gave Abigail the day off. I didn't care, I could fend for myself. And I wasn't going to let Noah's surly attitude get to me.

"So, you finally redeemed yourself, huh?" Noah asked as soon as we were alone in the kitchen. "I never thought I would see the day where she trusted you again, after the shit you pulled."

"I'm sorry Noah, I never meant any of what I had said to her. I love her man." I spoke with all seriousness, hoping he would believe me.

"I know you do. I knew you did long before you realized it. That's why I was so pissed off when you told me what you had done. I couldn't believe you were such an idiot."

"Yeah, well, let's just say that I figured it all out eventually."

"Had some sense knocked into you did ya?" Noah looked smug, he was likely remembering the time he punched me in the face for saying cruel things to Trinity. Honestly I'm glad he did, but I would never tell him that of course.

"Yeah, someone helped me open my eyes."

"Should have made them swell shut, then maybe you'd have learned your lesson sooner."

"If it makes you feel any better, I had already learned my lesson by that time. And I know I was in love with her from the beginning. I just kept lying to myself."

"How did we get saddled with such an idiot for an alpha?" He laughed at my former foolishness.

"Yeah well, this idiot was going to ask you to be one of his groomsmen, but I dunno if I want to now." I growled at him.

"You know I would do it even if you didn't ask me. There's no way I'm missing out on this." He smiled at me, I knew he would want to be there. "Can't help but notice that I'm not the best man though." He looked at me with suspicion.

"Yeah, sorry about that, you may be my best friend but Riley is the brother I never had."

"Yeah, yeah, whatever. I get it." He chuckled at his own sarcasm. "Just promise me that you will never mess up again, don't ever act like you did before."

"I promise, I will treat her like a goddess."

"I'm going to hold you to that." He glared at me, not very jokingly.

After Noah left, I had some free time on my hands, so I decided to do like Trinity was doing and spread the news. I called Riley to tell him our news and ask him if he wanted to be my best man.

"If you tell me that someone else was kidnapped or you need my help, I'm tempted to tell you no." He joked when he answered the phone. "I'm still stressed out from the last time, and Katie is going to be having the baby any day now."

"Really, that's amazing man, I'm happy for you. Kid number two, that must be stressful." I mused as I thought about what it might be like when I had pups with Trinity, I could feel the grin spread across my face.

"You sound different, what's up with you? You've never been that happy for kids before."

"Yeah, well, I have a new appreciation for what it means."

"What's that supposed to mean?" He asked me with a confused tone.

"Things have just been really good lately, that's all."

"You knocked your mate up already?" He laughed. "That was quick."

"No, that's not what I'm talking about." I snapped at him.

"Then what's got you so happy?"

"I asked Trinity to marry me." I told him with a proud tone to my voice.

"Did she run away again." He laughed.

"No!" I yelled. "Shut up you asshole. She said yes."

"Wow, that's actually a shock, I'm surprised she would agree to it after everything. Well, you did save her life, so maybe she only agreed to it out of guilt."

"You know what, I'm going to kick your ass. Fuck you Fifi, you're not my best man anymore."

"Reece, you know I'm happy for you, I just got to make my jokes first. I'd be honored to be your best man. And did you seriously call me Fifi?"

"Yeah, well, Trinity seems to be in the habit of calling me by dog names, and even Noah's does it sometimes, I guess it's rubbing off on me now."

"Dude, that's hilarious." He was laughing almost hysterically on his end of the call. "But couldn't you have chosen a male dog, did you have to call me Fifi?"

"I was pissed, alright. That was the first name to come to mind."

"That's messed up. But I can't wait for the wedding, I know it's going to be special, especially with Trinity handling it."

"Why is everyone acting like I'm not part of this with her?" I could hear the desperation in my own voice.

"Cause you fucked up royally before and now we're all ragging on you for it."

"I hate you all."

"No you don't Fang, you love us."

"Yeah, yeah." I scoffed at him. I didn't even mention that he called me a dog name now too. "So you'll be there for me?"

"You know I will be."

"Thanks Riley."

With my call to Riley done, I was half finished with filling out my ranks for the wedding. I had told my little bunny that I was going to ask both of her cousins, Vincent and Riley. They were people close to me and her in various ways. They had all taken care of my mate when I needed them to be there for her and not to mention Riley was like a brother and Noah was my best friend. I trusted them all explicitly and would continue to trust them from now on.

Plus, I didn't have anyone else I was all that close to, I had been so guarded for so long that I just didn't trust most people. But I was fine with that, as long as I had my mate and the people I trusted around us life would be great.

Chapter 129 - Trinity-Who Will Walk Me Down The Aisle? (VOLUME 2)

8-10 minutes

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Trinity

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I knew that I had to make a decision and have some important conversations. So, the next day I decided to go visit my grandfather and uncle, with Reece in tow. The benefit to having Reece there was that I didn't need to have a bodyguard with me. I had called Uncle Wesley and asked him to meet us at Grandfather's house then I left with Reece to meet them.

Grandfather was a bit confused when he saw the two of us coming into the house together. I hadn't been to Grandfather's place in a long time, it was a little surreal to be there again. I had so many unpleasant memories, but I also knew that what I thought before and what I knew now just didn't match up. I was still just confused about some things in general.

The four of us gathered in Grandfather's parlor, or that's what he called it, it was more of a small living room that he just kept as a sitting room. Reece and I sat on the loveseat together while Grandfather and Uncle Wesley each sat in the matching arm chairs opposite us. I was suddenly nervous and unsure of myself with the two of them looking at me. I steadied myself with a deep breath.

"What's the matter?" Uncle Wesley asked.

"Is something wrong?" Grandfather added, the two of them looked at me with worry and concern on their faces.

"Nothing is wrong. I just wanted to talk to the two of you." I smiled sheepishly, trying to ease the tension.

"About what?" They asked at nearly the same time. They were so much alike that it was kind of funny to see, I nearly laughed just looking at them.

"We have some good news." Reece took over for me. "I've asked Trinity if she would marry me in a human ceremony, and she said yes. She's made me the happiest man ever." Reece smiled at them. "I would like to ask for your blessings, as the father figures in her life." I didn't expect Reece to ask them that last part.

They looked shocked at Reece's choice of words, almost as if they couldn't believe their ears. Then, for some reason, they both smiled and Uncle Wesley began laughing.

"Reece, how could we possibly say no? You're already mated. I mean I appreciate the thought and all, but it's much too late for that." Grandfather started to laugh as well while Uncle Wesley spoke.

"He's right boy, I'm sure there's nothing left to get our permission for. Seeing the two of you together leaves no room for the imagination. We all know what's on both your minds." That was totally embarrassing to hear and made me blush crimson. I noticed Reece's flushed cheeks and red ears that indicated he was just as embarrassed as I was. Why did this become so mortifying all of a sudden?

After the two of them had a good laugh at our expense, we continued with what was most significant. I needed to talk to them about something really important to me, that was why I was here after all.

"Alright, moving on please. There was something I wanted to ask the two of you."

"Ok, I promise, we're done." Uncle Wesley wiped a tear from his eyes while Grandfather nodded.

"I wanted to ask you something important."

"What?"

"Well, I was hoping that you and Grandfather would both walk me down the aisle, together." I told him.

"Together?" Uncle Wesley asked.

"How?" Grandfather seemed confused.

"One of you on either side of me. I would like the both of you to escort me. Uncle Wesley, you've been the only dad I've ever had, and the best one I could have asked for. And Grandfather, I know now that you did everything out of love for me and my mother. Plus, you never got to walk your daughter down the aisle either. I love you both, and I would love it if you both would stand by my side."

I saw nearly identical looks of surprise and happiness on their faces. I could tell that they were both happy that I wanted them to walk with me. They loved me, maybe they had different ways of showing it when I was growing up but that didn't diminish the love they both had for me.

"I'd be honored." Uncle Wesley smiled proudly.

"Are you sure that you want me to? I haven't been the easiest person for you to get along with." Grandfather looked uncertain for a moment, despite his obvious happiness.

"I'm sure, I love you both just like you both love me." I smiled at him trying to reassure him.

It was a very heartfelt conversation and a day full of expressing my love for my family. Everything that had happened to me lately had made me understand all the small things that I never noticed or understood before. I knew how much my family loved and cared about me now. I would never let that slip my mind again.

With that visit done, I only had one more person I needed to tell right away. I didn't know when Carter would be home, so I decided I would video call him the same way I did Emmalee. Reece decided that he wanted to be part of that call as well. So we were together when I called him.

Carter answered the call right away. He looked like he was in a hotel based on the background. I never knew where Carter went on his missions, most of them had to be kept a secret, even from me. Maybe now that things had progressed for Reece and me, I might be given access to that kind of information.

"Hey Trinity, what's up." Carter greeted me, he always seemed so cheerful when I talked to him.

"How've you been Carter? Are you taking care of yourself?"

"Hmph." He seemed to scoff at me. "I can always take care of myself, it's you I've got to worry about."

"Rude." I sarcastically snapped at him.

"So what's up? You never call me when I'm out like this."

"Well, I wanted to tell you something." I smiled at him. "There's going to be a wedding next month."

"No shit. Really?" He seemed skeptical for a moment. "I'm happy for you cuz, I know that you must be super excited." He seemed to be happy for me, but I could see a hint of sadness in his eyes. He was still upset about missing out on his mate. I really hoped I could fix that for him some day.

"I want you to be there. Will you be home?" I was trying to show him how much I care for him, but I knew he was suffering still.

"Yeah, I will be there. Nothing could keep me away." I smiled at his words.

"Hey, Carter, I got something else to ask you." Reece butted in.

"Hey Alpha. what do you need?" Carter spoke in a more professional tone of voice when he addressed Reece, as if he were discussing business.

"No reason to be so formal man, I wanted to ask you something personal." Reece was smiling. Carter looked confused. "I want you to be one of my groomsmen." Reece got right to the point.

"Seriously?" Carter laughed as he spoke. "If you're asking me dude, you must not have many friends." Carter joked which made Reece growl slightly. "I'm messing with you man. Of course I will, it's Trinity's big day after all, I wouldn't miss the opportunity to be part of it."

"Good to hear." Reece smiled but still looked a little unhappy. I was just glad that all of my family seemed happy for me, it really made it easier for me to be so happy.

Reece pushed the lid of my computer shut and slid it away. He then wrapped his arms around me and kissed my neck. The days worth of growth on his face scratching at me mixed with his breath near my ear made me shiver in his arms.

"Hmmm, I love it when you squirm against me like that." He purred into my ear which caused me to shiver again. "I think it's about time we celebrate our engagement." His suggestive words lit a fire inside me.

"Didn't we already do that?" I asked him in a weak voice.

"You can never celebrate this kind of thing too much." He trailed a line of kisses up my neck, across my jaw, and to my lips as he spoke.

When his mouth settled onto mine it was like returning home after a long time away. It felt so right and so very intense. His tongue was exploring the inside of my mouth like undiscovered land, like he hadn't mapped the entire territory already. I felt my body getting hotter and my desire for him growing. There's no denying where this was heading.

That is, until there was a loud banging on the door leading to my room. I was so focused on Reece, I hadn't even noticed Noah's scent coming down the hallway.

"Go away." Reece growled at him, barely pulling his mouth away from mine before speaking.

"Reece, we have a problem." Noah called through the door.

"This had better be worth my time." Reece snarled as he got up and stomped toward the door. "I'll be back soon, why don't you take a nice relaxing bath." He turned back toward me, smiling wickedly before he walked out the door and out of the room. That was disappointing.

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Noah was lucky that I didn't bite his head off the minute I walked out of the room. I knew he hated thinking about me being with Trinity, but if this was just another way to separate us then I was going to be very angry. I know he was a good beta, I had known that he would be a good beta for years, but he was a fiercely protective man as well. I could just imagine the way he acted around Nikki.

"What is it?" I snapped at him once I was out the door. I kept my voice low enough that I was certain that Trinity hadn't heard my anger.

"Let's talk in your office, I think that will be better than outside the door." I could see the stress on his face as he spoke. This was more than his protectiveness, there was actually something wrong.

I stalked silently through the halls until I had gotten to my office, Noah marching silently along behind me the entire time. Once we were inside and he had slammed the door shut behind us I turned on him.

"What is so damned important Noah?" I demanded in a fierce tone. Noah glared at me, he knew exactly why I was upset.

"I know you are mad right now, but keep it in your pants a little longer."

"And why should I? I have every right to be with my mate." I ground out through my clenched teeth.

"There's trouble in the city."

"What kind of trouble?" I asked him. If it was worth pulling me back to the office then it had to be really big.

"There's been a couple of kids that have gone missing."

"Human or pack?"

"Both." His voice was solemn and angry at the same time.

"You think they're connected?" He nodded his head, I could tell whatever happened was serious.

I settled in behind my desk so I could listen to the explanation. Noah sat across from me in the high-backed leather chair meant for guests. With a sigh, I told him to tell me what happened.

"Alright, let me have it." Noah sighed as well. His normally calm face was filled with stress and worry.

"Someone has been snatching kids up like crazy. I know that they're all connected, there's no way for them not to be."

"What makes you think that."

"All the kids have disappeared in broad daylight without a trace. Even the wolves in the police department are stumped. They're calling in a special task force from the FBI to help them with this."

"How are they so stumped? Can't they follow the scent trails?"

"There aren't any." His words confused me for a moment, swirling around in my head as I felt the rage building inside of me. No scent? They can't be tracked? That only left one line of thought for me.

"Edmond." I growled the name of the man who had caused so many problems for us already.

"I can't guarantee it, but I believe so." Noah's anger was barely contained. He hated the warlock as much as I did, so he would want to track him down and destroy him too.

I let Noah tell me everything that he had figured out, all the details he knew so far. Apparently, a total of eight kids had been taken over the course of two weeks. Five of them vanished from school playgrounds the others taken from their homes in the middle of the day. Whoever was behind all of this had literally snuck into the houses to get them.

The children were between the ages of eight and twelve, there was an even split between boys and girls. No siblings had been taken, not even cousins, there were no relatives among any of the missing kids. What was his goal here, why was he taking these kids all of a sudden?

Noah had received a call from Andrew, a detective in town, letting him know that the FBI task force was going to be here Friday morning. That only gave us a day and a half to gather information before we were effectively blocked by the FBI.

I was not about to let that happen. We would not be shut out. I needed to gather as much as I could now before we had to worry about federal agents mucking it all up.

I told my Little Bunny that I had to leave on business and would be back later, then I left with Noah. I wanted to interview all of the parents of the missing kids, starting with those in the pack.

There were three missing cubs among those taken. Three little boys had disappeared from the school playground in the last week, and it seems no one saw anything. One minute they were there, the next they had simply vanished without a trace. No scent trail, no evidence, not even a footprint. It was a mystery, and it completely blew my mind.

I knew Edmond and his damn coven of rogues was behind it all. There was no proof, but I knew he was plotting something new and he targeted my city and most of all my pack as payback. I would hunt them down, to the ends of the earth if I had to.

We met with Andrew at the base of the mountain, and went with him to visit the three pack families whose little boys were missing. Marcus Black aged nine, Spencer Hall aged eleven, and Sammy Taylor aged ten.

Marcus was a quiet little boy who loved reading and sports. Spencer was a fireball that never sat still. Sammy was a devoted brother who loved to help his family out. These were the things that I learned about who the boys were from their families.

With my newfound appreciation for family and the future, hearing about these families being torn apart filled me with even more rage. Not only had these warlocks invaded my territory, they took children from my town and my pack. They were personally attacking me.