

## Chapter 2

Chase's POV

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It has been a few weeks since Liley and Xay's birthday. I can't wait until I'm ten like Xay, because he gets to do so much more things than I do, like go to sleep later and walk around the pack on his own. Daddy said when I'm ten, I can start training with uncle El. Uncle El is my daddy's third in command and trains the warriors. He is a great fighter.

I want to be the bestest warrior that there has ever been, even better than daddy and uncle El. Daddy says he is a better fighter than uncle El, but I've seen uncle El win once. Daddy said that was because he has four kids and uncle El, only have one?

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I want to be a great fighter both in werewolf and human form. I'm not scared of anything, all wounds heal!

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It was already in bed sleeping when I felt warm. I kicked my blankets down and it pulled itself back up. It pulled itself back up?

I turned to see my baby sussie holding me tight in her little arms with Ellie sleeping at the end of the bed by our feet.

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"I had a bad dream again Acy. But I know you will protect me." she says sleepily.

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I'm used to this happening so I just go back to sleep. For a five-year-old she sure does have a lot of bad dreams. She has been coming into my room for as long as I can remember when she has bad dreams. Mal usually goes to momma and daddy's room, but Liley always says I will protect her and make sure the bad people leave her alone.

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I like being fast and strong and the protector, but what if I can't protect everyone. Every time I ask daddy that, he just says I'm still young and don't have to worry about that.

But Liley always just says I will, like she really knows I will. She might only be five, but she calms me. She always knows what to say and is so trustworthy.

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I don't know what her gift is, but something tells me it will be good. And sometimes I think she already uses it. She just doesn't know it yet. She always knows when someone is lying, and sometimes I get a feeling she knows what will happen in the future and what people really want. She is the little peacemaker in the family, fixing all our problems with a hug.

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That night a er I figured out how to not be under the warm blanket, I slept like a baby.

The next day when I wake up it is friends' day. We have them a lot. Momma and daddy spend the whole day with their friends and we spend the day with our own friends.

We are going to a picnic at the waterhole. All our friends are going. And my bestest friend, Alexa, or I just call her Lexi is going too. She is beta Zander's daughter.

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We are at the waterhole but we are not allowed to go to the deepest side when there aren't any adults around, because momma says we are not big enough yet. I usually ignore mommy and go to the deep side, I'm a big boy I know how to swim, but not today.

Lexi can't swim and is afraid of the water so I stay with her on the shallowest part, playing and searching for pretty fish. One day when I'm older, I'm going to teach her how to swim and help her not be afraid of anything. She doesn't need to be scared, I will always protect her!

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Cameron, uncle Chubbs' son, is already digging through the picnic basket for some snacks, like usual. If we don't go soon, he will eat everything by himself, he's done it before.

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Xay and Axe surprises Mal by tackling her into the water, soaking her from head to toe, making her gasp for air when she surfaces from under the water. "This means war!" is all she says and then there is another big water fight.

When we get home, everyone's mommas are turned into a concerned and angry momma mode. We are only like a half hour late and that is only because we hid Xay's watch. He will never be late for anything on purpose.

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"What on earth? You look like little tomatoes! Why didn't you use your sunscreen like we told you!" I look down at my skin and then at those around me.

We all usually have a pretty dark skin from playing outside all the time but she is right. The sun painted us red today.

"We are not to-tomatoes, we are pretty tanned" goodness, before anyone can even think of saying anything that response leaves my baby sissie's mouth.

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Did I say everything that comes to mind when I was as little as her?

"Little miss five-year-old sassy pants, what do you know about a tan?" It didn't even take Liley a second to reply "Mommy and aunty Belle tanned before, I heard aunty Belle say it makes mommy look pwetty for daddy" she says with a big smile.

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My mom just rolls her eyes at Liley and makes us go upstairs and clean ourselves up. Gotta love Liley, she can talk her way out of anything!

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When we are done cleaning up, we play hide and seek. We are allowed to hide anywhere in the house but are not allowed to use our heightened senses to find people.

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I'm the first to search and a er I counted to one minute I begin searching. "Liley where are you?" She pokes her head out of her hiding spot "Right here, silly!"

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She is really good at searching, but she sucks at hiding. 'A pure soul like her can't deceive anyone' that is what daddy always says when we laugh at her. I don't know what it means, but I love my baby sissie.

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A er we are done playing hide and seek it is already super late. I like friends' day, because then we don't have a specific time we have to sleep.

Liley and Ellie is already passed out on the couch. Xay and Mal and their friends are going up to their rooms to play some more games while Lexi and I build a pillow fort in front of the TV watching 'Spies in Disguise'.

Everyone else my age says I'm not fun, but Lexi likes being my friend and Liley says I'm nice too. So, I like doing scary things like climbing the highest trees, I will never let my friends get hurt.

I'm going to marry Lexi one day, I just know it. She is so nice and pretty.

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What if Lexi and Chase are mates?

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