

Desert Storm Chapter 31 - Tips

{Allie's P.O.V.}

"Lacie, would you like to be my personal assistant?" I ask her.

"Me?"

"Why not? I ask. "I've been needing one for a while now. Being in school full time, I'm falling behind on my Luna duties, and my brain is all over the place. I need someone to help keep my calendar for packhouse stuff,"

"But why me?"

"Lacie, you're the daughter of an Alpha, why not you? You know how inner werewolf politics work better than anyone. It's not like I can just hire any Omega to do this job. I need someone who knows the ropes, and I can trust. You also won't have to work every day, and you don't have to follow me around all the time. I can just mind link you as needed, and vice versa," I tell her. I see her make thinking face and c0ck her said to the side. I wait a moment, and Lacie smiles.

"Yes, Luna, I would like that very much,"

"Perfect, come to my office and we can talk salary and benefits," I say and get up. I give Dorian a quick k!ss. "Everyone, get ready for Christmas planning, once I'm done with Lacie, we can start making lists of everything that needs to be done,"

I take Lacie to my office and close the door. I grab an employment application and have her fill it out. Once she is done, I looked over it, and see that she has no other work experience except for babysitting. It doesn't bother me though. She seems to be competent enough to maintain a calendar, plus, it will give her something to do while Aries is away.

"Alright, let's talk about money, how much do you want?" I ask her.

"You're letting me decide?"

"It's your salary,"

“What does an Omega typically make when working in the packhouse?” she asks.

“The lowest anyone makes in this house is \$45,000 a year. That may seem like very little, but they don’t pay rent on their townhomes, and most end up buying theirs from us anyway. They pay for their utilities and electricity and other things like the internet, car insurance, all that personal jazz. So, it’s enough to make ends meet and still live comfortably. But you’re also not working any regular job in the packhouse, you’re going to work for me directly, so you will get more than that,”

“How much more?”

“How much do you want?” I wanted her to pick her own salary because I wanted her to determine her own worth. I hated jobs that forced you to work for only a certain amount without any negotiations or some kind of incentives.

“Ummm...\$60,000?”

“Okay, not bad, but I was thinking more on the lines of \$75,000,”

“Really!?” she exclaimed.

“Yes. I’m the Luna, I can give you whatever salary I see fit. I honestly want to give you more, but I need to see how you do first,”

“Luna, that’s more than enough, thank you!”

“Good, so we have salary taken care of. Let’s talk about the benefits. Everyone in the packhouse gets the same benefits, regardless of what level you are, unless you’re ranked or a high-level omega like Lucas, Sam, and our personal guards,” she nods and keeps listening. “You will get 30 days of paid personal time off, and you can use those however you see fit, just so long as you give me two weeks’ notice first, you don’t get sick days since we don’t actually get sick, and the chance for an annual bonus and raise based your performance,”

“What about health insurance?”

“Health insurance? Why on earth would you need that? We have a hospital connected to the house,”

“But what if something happens and I need medical care?”

“Lacie, you’re a member of this pack, you get free medical service. The hospital is paid for by Dorian. That includes dental, vision, and anything else that would ever be needed,”

“I do?!”

“Yes, so does Aries. Why on earth did you think you would need to pay for medical services?”

“Because that’s how it was back at Snell Island,” she replied. I was shocked. Pack members had to pay for medical services?

“What? You had to pay to see your pack doctor?” I asked her.

“Not me, personally. Ranked members and their family got free services, but Omegas had to pay, and even if you get medical insurance for the pack doctor, it was still expensive,” she explained. I was shocked. Amber didn’t mention any of this me.

“Oh wow, um okay. Yeah, sh!t doesn’t work like that here. We take care of our pack members as Dorian said, we are one big a.ss family here. The only thing you pay out of your pocket is for food, personal sh!t, and some bills,” I tell her, and she smiles and nods. “Perfect, you start today and you’re going to start by helping us plan this damn Christmas party,” I tell her and hand her a legal pad and pen.

“Thank you, I’m so excited to have a real job,”

“You’re welcome, I’ll have Sin process your paperwork. You get paid every two weeks okay?”

“Yes, Luna,”

“Great! Now, will you go down to the conference room and gather all of the ranked females? I need to stop by Dorian’s office first,”

“Yes, Luna,” she stands up and leaves. I sigh with content and make my way to Dorian’s office.

“Knock knock,” I say knocking on the door and opening it slightly.

“Hey baby, how did it go?” he asked.

“Perfect, I’m making her start today since she probably has nothing better to do,” I tell him and sit at the chair in front of his desk.

“What’s wrong?”

“She said something to me that was quite alarming,” I said. He looks at me and waits for me to continue. “Babe, did you know that Omegas at Snell Island have to pay for medical services?”

“What?”

“Yeah, Lacie said that only ranked members and their family gets free medical aid. All other pack members have to get medical insurance and pay for services. Even with insurance, it’s still expensive,”

“No, I had no idea. Amber never said anything about that,” he replies.

“Do you think she knows?” I ask. He thinks about it and shrugs. “Can we call and ask? Because I think that’s kind of fvckindg up. You would think that them paying rent to live there was bad enough, but paying for medical services...”

“Sure, hold on,” he says and pulls out his phone. I watch him dial and then place the phone on his desk and put it on speaker,

“Hey, little brother!”

“Hi, Amber, I have Allie with me,”

“Hi, Amber!”

“Hi, Allie! What’s up you two?”

“Sis, did you know that your pack members have to pay for medical services?”

“What? No, they don’t. Where did you hear that?”

“Lacie told me,” I answered.

“What? That’s not true,”

“I don’t think Lacie would lie about something like that, Amber,” I tell her.

“Allie, how did this come up in conversation anyway?”

“I hired her as my personal assistant because she asked for a packhouse job, but there were none open, so I just gave her this job instead. We were going over benefits when she asked about health insurance. When I asked her why she would need it, she assumed that Omegas had to pay for medical services here. I asked why she thought that, and she said that Omegas in your pack have to pay for medical services, even with insurance,”

“Ronnie and I don’t have to pay for us or the kids,”

“Lacie told me that ranked members and their families get it for free, but Omegas don’t,” I explain.

“Wait, hold on, I have never heard this before in the 20 some odd years I’ve been here,” we hear shuffling around, and then hear her call out for Ronnie. We here mumbling and whispering and then more shuffling. I just looked at Dorian and he shrugs his shoulders. After a few more minutes of mumbling and shuffling, Amber came back. “Hello?”

“Yeah, we’re here,” Dorian answered.

“Ronnie had no idea either, and he double-checked with Henry and Melanie, and they also had no idea. Henry checked with a kitchen Omega, and they confirmed what you just said,”

“Wait, neither you guys nor your Gammas had any idea?” Dorian asked.

“No, we literally had no idea. I need to go. I need to investigate this. This may be something very bad,”

“Okay, bye,” Dorian said and hung up.

“I hope I didn’t start something I shouldn’t have,” I say, and bit my bottom lip.

{Lacie’s P.O.V.}

It’s my third day as the Luna’s assistant and I am really enjoying it. Even though she is my boss in more ways than one, she always says please and thank you, and never barks orders. She always phrases everything in the form

of requests and has no issues with repeating things to me if I can't write them down fast enough. I started to use my phone to record most of the meetings just in case I did forget something.

Aries is still away on business but should be coming back tomorrow. I hated being away from him, but he was making money for us, and so was I. I ended up taking up the Alpha on his offer to stay in the packhouse until Aries came home. I couldn't wait to be in his arms again. Just knowing him a month, and he became my entire world.

Aries had to be the sweetest man I had ever met. The men in Desert Moon were all very respectful and kind. There are a few bad apples that try to hit on me, but when they see I am marked, or hear who my mate is, they back off. Even for a low-level omega, Aries had a reputation as a bounty hunter, and being good friends with the Gamma also kept me protected from unwanted attention.

I was in the conference room with all of the rank members, including Sam and Lucas going over final plans for the pack Christmas party,

"Lacie, did you get all of that?" the Luna asked.

"Yes, Luna. Pack members are able to decorate their own homes according to pack guidelines and keep decorations up until January 2nd of the new year, and no decorations are allowed cross into a neighbor's property. Any grievances are to be taken up with Gamma Mikey,"

"Good. Also, the packhouse is to be decorated the same as it is every year, so we don't have to worry about details on that part,"

"Allie, we have about fifty more pack members this year, so we will need Mrs. Johnson to prep more food than last year," Leah said.

"Yup, I already made Mrs. Johnson aware," Allie replied.

"Gizmo, what is on the menu this year?" Brandon asked.

"I guess we since have all of the other stuff detailed out already we can go over the menu now. Lacie, ready to write this all down?" Allie asked me. I flipped the page in my legal pad,

"I'm ready,"

“Okay, we’re going to need 25 turkeys, 30 hams, 20 pot roasts, 600 tamales...”

“Wait, is this all for the packhouse?” I asked.

“Huh? Oh no, sweetie, this is for the entire pack,” Allie replied.

“What!?”

“We do things very differently here Lacie. See, Thanksgiving is where families spend their own time together, and the packhouse feeds the packhouse, and straggler Omegas, like your man, those that are single with no families,” Sin explains to me.

“Right, but for Christmas, we celebrate as an entire pack. Every household cooks a ham, turkey, or roast with the help of a kitchen omega, so it all comes out the same. The tamales are made by Sin, and three of the other Latin American pack members in one of their homes,” Leah added on.

“And all of the side dishes are made here in the packhouse since we have the grill, and the three ovens that can fit up to four trays at once,” Sam concluded.

“Ohh...Wow, that’s amazing,” I said with excitement.

“Hahaha, it’s a lot of hard work too, which is why we plan so far in advance, but everyone likes it, and everyone has fun at Christmas Eve dinner. We open up the backyard and put out all of the tables and chairs and open up all the French doors so everyone can go in and out as they please. Since it’s a lot colder during the winter, it feels nice to let the fresh air into the packhouse,” Dani replied.

“Are we good Lacie?” Allie asked.

“Yes, we are, please continue Luna,”

“Where was I? Oh yeah, tamales. We need 600 tamales, 20 trays of mashed potatoes, 20 trays of green bean ca.sseroles, 15 trays of potato salad, 10 trays of caramelized sweet potatoes, 10 trays of tempura veggies, 10 trays of deep-fried shrimp, 10 trays of scalloped potatoes, 10 trays of garden salad, 10 trays of Caesar salad, 10 trays of Swedish meatballs, 20 baked salmon fillets, 10 trays of stir-fried noodles, and 15 trays of grilled mixed veggies. Lacie, did you get all of that?”

“15 trays of grilled mixed veggies. Yes! I got all of it, Luna,” I showed her the list to make sure everything was correct, and she gave me a thumbs up. “So, who determines who makes what?” I ask.

“I take care of that part,” Brandon said. I just nodded. “Do me favor Lacie, bring that list over so I can take a picture of it,” I went over to the Beta and he snapped a quick photo. “Damn, you have clean handwriting,”

“Thank you,”

“Lacie, will you make two more copies of that list? Keep the original with you, put one in my office right on top of my desk, and give the third copy to Mrs. Johnson, please,”

“Yes, Luna,”

“Please do it right now. Mrs. Johnson needs the list so she can figure out finances and quantity of everything,”

“Of course,” I go to the copy machine and make two hard copies of the list. I leave the conference room and go straight to the Luna’s office place one copy on top of her desk, and then go straight to the kitchen. “Umm... I’m looking for Mrs. Johnson,” I shout over everyone,”

“Right here sweetheart,” a lady that looked to be in her fifties comes over to me with a huge smile.

“Oh, hello. My name is Lacie Hamilton, I’m the Luna’s new personal assistant, and she asked me to give this list to you,” I say while handing her the list.

“Ah! The Christmas party dinner list, I was wondering when she would get this to me. This is perfect, thank you, Lacie,”

“You’re welcome!” I bow my head and go back to the conference room. When I walk in, everyone was whispering and stopped talking as soon as I came in. “Uh, did I interrupt?”

“No, not really,” Allie says. “Lacie, hun, when did you say Aries was coming back?”

“Tomorrow, why?”

“Ah...three...two...one...” she counts down and then suddenly I hear a roar in the living room.

“LACIE!!!” I run out into the living room and see Aries in a panicked state.

“Aries?!” I call to him. He looks over and sees me, and immediately runs over and engulfs me in his embrace. He breathes in a few times, and I feel him start to calm down. After a minute, he calmed down fully and pulled away cupping my face,

“Where were you!? I came home and you were nowhere to be found,” he said with tears in his eyes.

“Oh my god, Aries, why are you crying? I’m right here!”

“Precious, I thought you left me, or that something bad happened to you,”

“Why would you think that? I was here in the packhouse the last few days working,”

“Working?”

“Yeah, I’m the Luna’s new personal assistant. I’ve been helping the ranked members plan the pack Christmas party,”

“I tried to mind link you but there was a block,”

“I was instructed to put one up by the Alpha, I’m so sorry. I didn’t know you were coming home early,”

“Ugh!” he grunted and hugged me tight again. I hugged him back and let him take in my scent to relax. “Precious, next time, leave a note on the kitchen island for me. Sometimes I finish my contracts earlier than anticipated,”

“I’m sorry baby, I promise to leave a note next time,” he pulled away and kissed me.

“Why are you working? I thought I told you that you didn’t need to?” he asked.

“I was bored and lonely while you were away. So, I asked for a job, and the Luna offered me a position as her personal assistant. I’ve also been sleeping in a guest room here so I wouldn’t be alone at night,” I explained to him.

“I’m sorry, Precious, I didn’t realize my being away would make you lonely,” he hugged me and cradled my head.

“It’s okay. It’s just something we have to get used to now. Besides, I’m really enjoying working for the Luna. It’s good money, and I don’t have to be with her all the time if I don’t want to. We can work via mind link most of the time,” I tell him.

“Are you sure that’s okay?” he asks.

“It’s perfectly fine, Aries,” I hear Allie’s voice. I turn around and she and the Alpha are just smiling at us.

“Alpha, Luna, please accept my apologies for my outburst, I was just…”

“Aries, no need, I did the same thing when Allie first came to live with me. I had a panic attack when she disappeared from our room in the middle of the afternoon, and she was just in the kitchen eating,” the Alpha said cutting off Aries.

“Yeah, and I like seeing you panic like that. It just shows how much you love her, and as your Luna, that makes me happy,” Allie said.

“Luna, you have no idea how much I love Lacie. She’s so precious to me,” Aries said, and I just leaned against him.

“Glad to hear it. Lacie, you are excused for the rest of the evening,”

“Did you two want to join us for dinner?” the Alpha asked.

“With all due respect Alpha, perhaps another night. I’ve been without my mate for five days, and I would like to take her home to make up for lost time,” Aries said bowing his head. I knew what he meant and I immediately blushed.

“Go then, we won’t keep you,” the Alpha said laughing. Aries took my hand and we went home.

Once we got inside our townhouse, Aries immediately pushed me against the door and crashed his lips into mine. He forced his tongue in and tasted me all over. I dropped my legal pad and pen and wrapped my arms around his neck. I missed him so much. His kisses were rough and passionate, and his taste was like fresh air in my lungs.

“fvck, I’ve missed you, Precious,” he said to me as we caught our breath from the k!ss.

“I’ve missed you too. I hated that you were away,”

“I don’t have any contracts lined up for the time being, so I’m all yours babe,”

“Good, I didn’t think I would miss you as much as I did, but it was like I was going to die because you weren’t home. I realized how much I really do love you,”

“Oh, my precious, I love you more than you can ever know. If I didn’t work for the Alpha, I would have said fvck it on the contract, but it’s not up to me,”

“The Alpha said you plan on retiring, is that true?”

“It is, once I hit 15 million in my net worth, I’m going to retire,”

“That’s a lot of money,”

“It is, and I’m almost there,”

“But you said you were only at high seven figures,” I looked at him confused. How did he expect to make it to 15 million in such a short period of time?

“I did, but this last contract was worth three million, I get half of that, and the other half goes to the boss,”

“What!? Your services cost that much?”

“Yeah, I’ve been doing this since I was 18, and other than Mikey and his pops, who are both retired, I’m one of the most sought after bounty hunters, so the boss charges a lot for me,”

“The Alpha sets the price?”

“No, the person who set the bounty sets the price, but if they specifically ask for me, the boss doubles it, so I get my fair share and so does he,”

“Wow, no wonder the Alpha makes so much money,”

“So, I’m hoping my next one or two jobs gets me to where I want to be, and then I will retire. Then, you and I can concentrate on our future together, and

hopefully make some pups along the way,” the moment he said pups, my uterus started to hurt with want. I’ve always wanted my own pups, and I was excited to see myself as a mother.

“Well, we can always practice making them, for the time being,” I said caressing his cheek. I watched his eyes turn black and he took me straight to our room where we made up for the lost time.

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{Cianna’s P.O.V.}

“Cici?!” I heard Lucian call from upstairs.

“In the kitchen Luci!” I shout back. I hear his footsteps as he comes down into the kitchen.

“What are you doing beautiful?” he asks while hugging me from behind.

“I’m am baking apple pies,” I tell him as I place the caramelized apples into the pie pan.

“Yum, we love apple pie in this house,” he tells me and as he inhales the scent of the apples.

“I’m making two different kinds, one will be a regular apple pie, and the other will be a Dutch apple pie,”

“Mmmm...I can’t wait to taste them,”

“I’m going to put them in the oven right now, so you only have to wait 25 minutes,” I tell him and kiss his cheek. I finished putting on the top layer of the pies, and then put them into the oven and set the egg timer.

“Why does it smell like a bakery in here?” Harvey the Beta said coming into the kitchen.

“Cianna is making apple pies,” Lucian answered

“We love apple pie in this house,” Harvey answered

“So, I have heard. I don’t think two will be enough,” I say with a giggle.

“It definitely will not be enough Ms. Cianna,” Harvey says.

“I guess I will just have to make a lot more at Christmas time,” I say while cleaning up my mess and Lucian helps me.

I have been here just under a month, and am I loving it. Lucian and I always have evening date nights by the fireplaces outside, we have se.x on a regular basis, and Deacon and Apollo are amazing in-laws. Everyone in the pack has been more than welcoming, and Harvey’s wife Melissa and Tommy’s wife Chelsea are super sweet and are showing me all the ropes on being essentially being a ranked female.

Their pups are actually older than I expected, but still young. I honestly don’t remember their names, because I barely see them. They are always out at someone else’s house or playing video games in their room. They are nice though when I do see them. We haven’t told anyone about Deacon’s potential to possibly having a second chance mate, because we don’t want to get anyone’s hopes up.

“I guess we can have the pies for dessert tonight then,” Lucian said, and we all nodded. I sat at the island when I was done cleaning up and waited for the timer to go off. The house smelled so good, even in my own opinion. It didn’t take long for Deacon and Apollo to make their way downstairs when they smelled the pies.

The biggest difference between Deacon’s pack and Dorian’s pack was that there was no kitchen staff. Since only the ranked members lived in this packhouse, Melissa and Chelsea did all of the cooking. Occasionally omegas came to the packhouse to hang out and play games or watch sports programs on our big T.V., but they never ate here.

I didn’t know how to cook all that well since I never bothered to learn, but I did love to bake, which everyone was super excited about. Melissa was good with western cuisine, while Chelsea was good with Mexican and Italian. Allie had taught them to make different seafood dishes, so they both know how to do that now. I offered to learn how to cook, but they said as long as I made dessert, it was more than enough contribution.

The only other time there were omegas in the house was to clean and do laundry once a week. The house was constantly sp0tless, and nothing ever seemed to be out of place. Deacon was pretty OCD when it came to

organization and cleanliness. Lucian wasn't so bad, but he was definitely the neat freak in the relationship.

"Alright, let's get dinner started," Chelsea said coming into the kitchen.

"What's on the menu tonight honey?" Tommy asked her.

"I'm going to make seafood scampi that Allie taught us last time she was here,"

"Oh! Yes! Shorty made that for us while we were in Miami, it was so fvcking*g good," Apollo said.

"Allie has cooked for you guys?" I asked them.

"Oh yeah, this was right before the sh!t that happened with Heather went down. We were in Miami, and Shorty, the big man, Amber, and Ronnie came to hang out with us. Our last night there, Allie cooked this amazing dinner with seafood scampi, fillet mignon, a bunch of different side dishes, and cheesecake for dessert," he replied.

"Allie bought the cheesecake," Deacon said.

"What!?" Lucian and Apollo exclaimed.

"Yeah, she said there wasn't enough time to make it and let it set, so she bought one," he said while laughing.

"The betrayal!" Lucian said grabbing his heart. He was so fvcking*g dramatic sometimes. Everyone started to laugh.

"Allie is an amazing cook; I can tell you that much. I was so happy when she taught Chelsea and me how to make new dishes," Melissa said.

"She's right. Allie has a lot of sk!!l for someone so young, and honestly, I'm surprised she hasn't completely taken over her kitchen," Chelsea said prepping everything. I want to help her, but one of the rules was that when one cooks, they do it all and everyone helps clean up. It was a really good system.

"Aww, now I want to try her cooking," I whined.

“Allie and Dorian will be coming during Spring break in a few months, I’m sure Allie will be more than happy to cook something then,” Deacon said.

“Plus, we’re going to see them for New Year’s for a few days while Shorty is on break from school, so I’m sure she won’t mind cooking something for us then either,” Apollo added.

“Yay! I can’t wait,” I exclaimed.

“This dish is Allie’s recipe, granted it may not be exactly the same, but it should give you an idea of how well versed her cooking skills are,” Chelsea said as she put everything into a mixing bowl and started to measure out spices and herbs.

“Another big difference is that Allie doesn’t measure. She eyeballs everything, and it’s never too salty or too bland. It’s always just perfect. That’s the one thing Chelsea and I are still trying to master,” Melissa said. I was going to reply to her, but Deacon’s phone started to ring,

“Hey, speak of the tiny devil,” he said and answered. “Hey Shorty,” It was a FaceTime call.

“HI!”

“What’s up?”

“Nothing, just calling to check in on everyone. How is Cianna doing?”

“Ask her yourself,” Deacon says and hands me the phone.

“Hi, Allie,”

“Hi! Are you doing okay over there? Is Luci being good to you?”

“He’s perfect Allie, absolutely perfect,”

“Good! Tell him that I said if he f***s up, I’m going over there to kick his a.ss,” I started to laugh, and Lucian made the face of being betrayed.

“Actually, since you’re the on the phone, I wanted to ask a favor,”

“Sure, what’s up?”

“When we go visit for New Year’s, will you cook for us? Everyone here is raving about your cooking, and now I want to try it,”

“I’d be happy to! I love cooking for other people,” she replied with a big smile.

“Really!?”

“Of course! We will have Lacie and Aries come over too and we can have a big dinner,”

“That would be so great, thanks, Allie!”

“Anytime!”

“Allie, since you’re on the phone, can you help me?” Chelsea called from the kitchen. I took the phone to her and held it up so she could see Allie.

“Hi, Chelsea, what do you need?”

“Well, I’m making the seafood scampi you taught us, and I can’t remember how long to cook the shrimp for,”

“Oh, that’s easy, when you’re cooking it on medium-high heat, wait for one side to turn pink, and then flip it over, when the shrimps turn into a loose C shape, it’s done. If turns into an O shape, you’ve overcooked it,”

“Ah, okay, got it. Thanks, doll,”

“You’re welcome! Also, if you using other kinds of seafood like clams and mussels, cook those about six to seven minutes rather than ten. The shell holds residual heat and continues to cook it while you’re waiting for the shrimp to cook. Pasta should only take seven minutes on high heat,”

“Yes, I have all that written down. Thank you,”

“You’re welcome Chelsea,” I turn the phone to look at Allie. “Well, since you guys are getting ready for dinner, I will let you all go. See you in a couple of weeks! Oh, and Cianna,”

“Yes?”

“Don’t worry about finding an outfit for the club for NYE, all of us girls are going shopping the night before, so you guys have to come on December 30th, or sooner,” I look at up at Deacon when she says that.

“I heard you Shorty, we will,” he replied, and I looked back and smiled. She waved and I waved back.

After about another twenty minutes, dinner is served. I never had seafood scampi before, even though living in Florida all of my life you think I would have. I took one bite and was in heaven,

“OH MY GOD! THIS IS SO GOOD!” I shouted and quickly took another bite.

“Oh, well I’m you like it,” Chelsea with a sigh of relief.

“Chelsea, this is pretty close to Shorty’s,” Apollo said.

“Yeah, really close,” Lucian agreed.

“Oh, I’m so happy to hear that! I didn’t fvck it up,” she said sighing even more.

“If this is Allie’s recipe and it came out this good, I can’t wait to taste something original from her,” I said while dancing in my chair. I loved food, and I didn’t care who knew.

“Cianna?”

“Yes, Deacon?”

“When do you plan on starting work again?”

“Amber and Dorian said I could take the holidays and start on January 7, which is the Monday after New Year’s,”

“Okay, are they going to provide you with a computer and stuff, or do we need to get you one?”

“Aww, now I want to try her cooking,” I whined.

“Allie and Dorian will be coming during Spring break in a few months, I’m sure Allie will be more than happy to cook something then,” Deacon said.

“Dorian said that they were going to ship everything I will need before I start so it will all be encrypted,” I replied.

“I’ll have a desk set up for you in your room so that you can work privately,”

“Thanks, Deacon, I appreciate that,” I smiled, and he winked.

After dinner, I cut up the pies and brought them over to the table with some vanilla ice cream that was in the freezer. I got so many compliments on the pies, that the guys wanted me to make them again tomorrow night, which I had no problem doing. I loved living at Yellow Moon, it was definitely home.

{Lacie’s P.O.V.}

“Aries, please, I can’t anymore,” I pleaded with him. I wasn’t even in heat, and we had been going at it ever since we got home, which was three hours ago. Every time I thought we were done; he wanted another round.

“I can’t seem to keep my hands off of you, Precious, I guess being away from you got to me more than I thought,” he said while planting k!sses all over my n.aked body.

“I’m exhausted babe, and I’m hungry,”

“I am too, we might have to order something,”

“Don’t be silly, I can cook us something really fast,” I said sitting up, but he immediately pulled me back down and held me tight.

“Not yet, let me hold you, Precious,” I giggled, and we held each other for a few minutes.

Aries and I eventually got up, and he went to take a shower and I put on a tank and some spandex shorts and went to the kitchen to wh!p up something for us. I dug through the fridge and pantry and found some ground beef, pasta sauce, and penne pasta.

“Perfect, simple pasta dish with meat sauce,” I said to myself and started cooking. I put a pot of boiling water on the stove and put the ground beef into the pan. I browned up the meat, emptied out the excess grease, and then added the sauce. I diced up a tomato and added it to the sauce. I brought that

to a simmer, and added the pasta into the water, and set the egg timer for seven minutes.

While I was waiting, there was knock on the door, I went to go open it, and was stunned at who I saw, and my wolf Samara was growling in anger,

“Who are you?” this random girl asked me.

“Uh, I can ask you the same thing,” I replied.

“Where is Aries!?” she shouted.

“He’s in the shower. Who are you?” I asked again. Without even answering me she pushed past me and let herself in. “HEY!” I shouted.

“ARIES! ARIES WHERE THE fvck ARE YOU!?”

“Hey! I asked who you were! Why are you at my house!?” I said pulling her arm. Who was this b***h, and why was she looking for Aries?

“Who I am is none of your concern! Aries, get out here!”

“b***h! I’m not going to ask again, who the fvck are you!?” I shouted in her face.

“I’m his lover!” she spat. Did she say, lover? “How about you tell me who the fvck you are, and why you said this is your house!?”

“I’m his mate! And his girlfriend!” I spat back.

“WHAT!?” she shrieked. I could see her shaking in anger. I didn’t even know Aries had a lover before he met me. I mean, it kind of made sense, being a 30 year old with no mate, why wouldn’t he have had partners before meeting me. I wanted to say something, but the timer for the pasta went off. I went over to the stove, turned it off, and quickly drained the pasta, so it didn’t overcook. I made sure to turn off the other burners, so nothing burned. “What the fvck is this? Are you cooking dinner for him!?”

“I just said I’m his mate! Why wouldn’t I be cooking dinner for him!”

“He doesn’t have a mate!” she shouted. This b***h really had no idea. I pulled my hair to the side and showed her my mark.

“I’m bearing his mark, and he bears mine! I am his mate! Now get the fvck out!” I shouted. She didn’t move. I walked around the island and started to shove her towards the front door. “GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!” I screamed as she started to resist. Before I knew it, she grabbed my hair, I grabbed hers, and we started to wrestle on the floor.

We were both screaming and scratching at each other. I was stronger having Alpha bl00d in me, but she happened to be on top. She got the upper hand and punched me across the face. She tried to strangle me, but I broke her grip and hit her square across the jaw making her get off of me. I tried to get up as I caught my breath, but she grabbed me by the hair and slammed my head into the floor.

“GET OFF ME b***h!” I screamed and tried to turn over but couldn’t. She grabbed the back of my head again and tried to slam my face into the floor once more, but before she could there was a loud and angry growl,

“MAYA!!”

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{Arie’s P.O.V.}

As I was getting washed up in the shower, I couldn’t stop smiling. I was in utter misery while on the job. Lacie has been in my life for just about a month now, and she has become my everything. I never thought I would get to have a mate. Being born a rogue and living the life of a bounty hunter ever since I shifted at 18, I figured I would die alone and unloved.

Sure, I had plenty of lovers and dated here and there, but I knew that it would never compare to the love of your true mate. Being born a rogue meant that I would never get to have one, but as luck would have it, after the war, the Alpha offered me a membership to his pack as a token of his gratitude. I already had a great professional relationship with him, and I had a great friendship with Mikey. I’m still not used to calling him that, I prefer his bounty hunter name, Razor, Mikey was too childish, but it is what it is.

When I finally did decide to join the pack, it was nice seeing how accepting the pack was. A rogue turned member was nothing new for this pack since the boss did it all the time. If you were worthy of course. I had gained hope that I would find my mate now, and as luck would have it I did. The moon goddess

gave me Lacie. I will never forget that day I met her, the day she entered my life, my precious Lacie.

—Flashback—

I was in the packhouse hanging out with some of the other newly added members and we were getting to know each other. Most of them were rogue bounty hunters that also helped during the war. I knew of them by name and reputation, but not by actual face. Warlord, Fury, Carter, and Poseidon. All born as rogues in different parts of the country, all given a second chance at a home and a chance to find their mates. I was the oldest of them all.

“Aries, you still fvcking*g that chick Maya?” Fury asked.

“fvck no! That b***h is crazy. I told her it was casual se.x, but she got all hung up on it and wouldn’t stop coming to my house,”

“Dude, I thought your house was off-limits,” Poseidon said.

“It is off-limits, I don’t know how the fvck she knew which townhouse was mine,”

“She probably followed you home one night,” Carter said.

“That s.ucks,” Warlord chimed in.

“She’s an unmated wolf, who was getting banged by the great Aries, why wouldn’t she get hung up on you?” Carter replied.

“Shut the fvck up, Carter” I snapped.

“How old is she anyway?” Fury asked.

“fvck if I know. I know she is of age, that’s all I cared about,”

“You sure?” Poseidon asked.

“Yes, I made her shift into her wolf before fvcking*g her,” I told them.

Maya was nothing but an easy booty call. She was hot, I gave her that, but I didn’t do relationships with pack members. It was just drama waiting to happen, and it happened anyway. Maya became obsessed, and started to show up at my house unannounced and even broke in a few times,

"I broke things off with her like two weeks ago, but she still fvcking*g calls and texts me. I had to put up a fvcking*g block on her because she would mind link me while she would masturbate and while I was fvcking*g sleeping," I tell the guys.

"Dude, that's not creepy at all," Fury replied sarcastically. I was about to say something else when this amazing scent hit me,

"Whoa, do you guys smell that?" I asked the guys.

"Smell what?" Fury asked.

"That sweet scent, it's like..." I sniffed some more. "...Cinnamon and apple,"

"I don't smell sh!t," Warlord responded. The smell was faint, but it was there, and it made my mouth water. I started to follow it,

"Aries, where you going, man?" Carter asked, but I just ignored him. I kept following the scent and the more I did, the stronger it got. I went through the living room, across the floor, and down the corridor that led to the packhouse conference room.

I stood outside the door and didn't know what to do. I could see the light on, and I could see silhouettes through the blurred glass. The scent of cinnamon and apple was overloading my senses and it was coming from someone in the conference room,

MATE! MATE!

My wolf Cypher started to go crazy in my mind. My mate was beyond this door, but what was I going to do?

WHY ARE YOU STALLING!? GO GET OUR MATE ASSHOLE!

Calm down mutt! There are people in that room!

I knew if I didn't do something fast, Cypher would take over and bust through the door. I took a deep breath and knocked. A few seconds later, the Beta opened the door slightly, and the smell of my mate just made me lose my mind,

"What the fvck do you want Aries? We're in the middle of something major,"

“Beta, please excuse my intrusion, but I believe that my mate is in that room,”

“What.the.fvck?” the Beta said, and he slammed the door in my face. About a minute later, the Alpha and Luna came out and closed the door behind them,

“Aries, why are you here?” the Alpha asked.

“I’m sorry Alpha for disturbing you, but I had to come,”

“Why?” he asks, and I see the Luna staring at me.

“Oh no,” she says, and covers her face for a second before looking back at me. “Aries, look me in the eyes,” she commands me, and I do. She stares at me and mutters, “sh!t,”

“Luna?” I say, but she ignores me and looks at the Alpha.

“Lacie,” she says to him. Was Lacie the name of my mate? He closes his eyes and lets out a big sigh.

“Do you think she knows?” the Alpha asks.

“She does, I saw her tense up when Brandon opened the door,” the Luna replies. My mate, she could sense me too. This made Cypher go even crazier in the back of my mind.

“Alpha? Luna?” I address them but am ignored again.

“Dorian stay out here,” the Luna says to the Alpha and goes into the conference room. I didn’t understand what was happening, maybe the Luna went to go fetch my mate for me. I was getting restless. I just turned 30, and I finally found my mate. I couldn’t help but wonder what she looked like, I didn’t care really, I would accept her no matter what. Cypher wondered what her wolf looked like, he hoped she wasn’t an ugly sh!t colour brown like Maya.

As I continued to wait, I saw the Alpha’s eyes cloud over,

“Aries, you will come with me into the conference room, but you will remain calm, is that understood,”

“Yes, Alpha,” he opened the door and led me in, and the scent of my mate just intensified. Then I saw her, she was standing behind the Luna. She was a few inches taller than her, but enough for me to see that she was radiant.

I wanted to go to her, and Cypher was starting to surface because the Luna was in our way,

“You will remain calm, that is an order,” the Alpha told me, and instantly Cypher calmed himself.

“Lacie, you will slowly, go to him,” the Luna said to my mate. When the Luna stepped aside and showed me, my mate, my heart stopped. I was in love. Lacie was around 5’7, had a lean and beautiful body. Her breasts were a perfect size, her hips were the perfect width. She had beautiful dark brown hair at the top of her head that ended with golden ombre at the ends. She had her hair in a half updo with a clip. She had beautiful light brown eyes like the Luna and a glowing olive skin tone. Lacie was the definition of a goddess.

After that, I was home free. Lacie accepted my status as a low-level omega, even though she was the daughter of an Alpha. She didn’t tell her parents, but she said they wouldn’t care anyway. As long as she was happy, and I vowed that I would make her as happy as I could. Her age threw me off because she looked older than what she was. Her being a decade younger than me, made her that much more precious to me. Which is why I started to call her Precious.

Taking her virginity was another crazy loop that I didn’t expect. A woman as beautiful as she was still pure and innocent, and I loved her even more because of it. Then as luck would have it, she went into the heat the same night. The moon goddess was blessing me in so many ways in one day, I didn’t know how I was going to thank her.

—End Flashback—

When I got out of the shower and started to dry myself off, I heard screaming coming from out in the living room, I grabbed a towel and ran out. The sight before me made my blood boil, Cypher instantly let out a growl,

“MAYA!!” I growled her name.

“Aries!” she said with a smile and stood up. I stomped over to the girls and I threw Maya into the door making her scream in pain. I kneeled down and lifted

Lacie to her feet. Her face was bloodied, she had a cut on her forehead, her lip was busted, her left cheek was bruised, and I could see scratches all over her face, neck, and chest.

“MAYA! WHAT THE fvck ARE YOU DOING HERE!?” I roared while holding Lacie close to me. I could see the anger and jealousy in Maya’s eyes.

“I came because you stopped calling me! You never answer my texts! You put up a block so I can’t mind link you!”

“I told you we were done!! What part of that did you not fvcking*g understand! Not only did you come to my house again uninvited, but you put your hands on my girlfriend! DO YOU HAVE A fvcking*g DEATH WISH?!” I roared again.

“SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS YOUR MATE!”

“THAT’S BECAUSE SHE IS!” I snapped. I moved Lacie to my right and showed Maya my mark. “Lacie is my mate! We have marked each other!”

“No! You said you loved me, Aries!”

“I told you what you wanted to hear while I used you like a se.x toy Maya! You were never my mate, and I would never love you. Now, get the fvck out of my house, and stay the fvck away from Lacie and me!” I shouted.

“If you want me to leave, you’re going to have to throw me out!” She crossed her arms and huffed. I normally never put my hands on a woman, but Maya pushed me over the edge. I grabbed her by the throat, opened the front door, and threw her out just as she told me to do. I slammed the door and locked it, turning my attention back to Lacie.

“Precious, let me see,” I say, and I look at her face closely. “Dammit, this looks bad,”

“I’m okay, I’ll heal,”

“I think we should go to the pack hospital,” I tell her

“No, it’s nothing really,”

“Then let me at least get the Luna over here. I need to report Maya for hurting you,” Lacie nodded and I mind linked the Luna,

Luna?

Aries? What can I do for you?

Lacie has been hurt, can you and the Alpha please come over here?

We're on our way.

When she cut off the mind link, I sat Lacie on the couch, and got her an ice pack for her face, as soon as I did, there was a knock on the door. I looked through the peephole and saw the Alpha and Luna. That was fast, I thought to myself, and opened the door,

"What the fvck happened?!" The Luna shouted as she came in. "Oh my god, Lacie," she ran over to her and looked at her closely.

"Aries, what happened?" the Alpha asked.

"An ex-lover of mine came to the house unannounced. I was in the shower when she showed up, and when I came out, I found them fighting. Maya was about to slam Lacie's head into the tile floor,"

"About to? It looks like she did," the Luna said looking at Lacie's head wound.

"Who is this ex-lover?" The Alpha asked.

"Her name is Maya, but I don't know her last name,"

"You better be straight with me Aries," the Luna said coming over to me, her eyes black as night. "Have you been cheating on Lacie!?"

"No, Luna! I swear! I would never hurt Lacie that way. I broke things off with Maya two weeks before I even met Lacie. Maya became obsessed even though it was casual se.x, and I told her that it was just that,"

"You swear because I swear to the moon goddess and every higher power there is..."

"I swear Luna! I love Lacie!" I protested. She looked into my eyes for a minute and then her eyes turned back to light brown. She let out a deep and angry sigh and turned her attention back to Lacie.

“We need to figure out who this ex-lover is, Aries. We have a zero-tolerance policy in this pack when it comes to assaulting another pack member’s mate,”

“I understand Alpha, that is why I asked for you to come,” I reply to him.

“sh!t, this is bad. We need to take her to the pack hospital,” the Luna said.

“But Luna,”

“No buts Lacie! Aries get dressed and get her to the pack hospital! That’s an order!” the Luna shouted.

“Yes, Luna,” I replied.

“Yes, Luna,” Lacie whimpered.

“We’re going to go first and inform Dr. Quinn. You better be there in the next ten minutes,” the Luna said. I nodded my head and they left. I quickly got changed and lifted Lacie into my arms.

“But my dinner,” she whined. “It was almost ready,”

“Don’t worry Precious, taking care of you is more important right now,” I tell her and leave the house. I make sure to set the alarm and lock the door behind us. I use my wolf speed and get Lacie to the pack hospital, where the Alpha, Luna, and Dr. Quinn were waiting.

“Aries, please put her on the bed and step back,” Dr. Quinn told me. I gently laid Lacie down and got out of the doctor’s way. I watched as the doctor ran tests on Lacie and checked her vitals. I looked over at the Alpha and Luna who were deep in conversation and looking back at Lacie every now and then.

“Doctor, how is she?” I asked

“The Luna was right; this is worse than it looks. Lacie, it appears you have a concussion and a broken cheekbone,”

“I do? But it doesn’t hurt that bad,” Lacie says to the doctor.

“It’s probably because you have Alpha bl00d in you. You have a stronger tolerance for pain,”

“Oh,” Lacie frowned.

“I’m going to keep you here for 48 hours so we can monitor your concussion if you start to feel dizzy, or nauseous, please let a nurse know right away, okay?”

“Yes, doctor,”

“Doctor, is Lacie allowed to eat?” I asked.

“Yes; however, I recommend soft foods so she doesn’t use her cheek muscles too much, and ice water will be fine as well. I will have a nurse come in to put her on an IV so we can administer some medication,”

“Thank you,” she nods her head and turns to the Alpha and Luna for a minute before leaving. I go over and sit next to Lacie. “Are you okay, precious?”

“I’m fine, I really am. I didn’t think it was that bad to be quite honest. I’m glad the Luna made me come to the hospital,”

“I’m so sorry baby, I didn’t think Maya would show up that way. I promise you, there is nothing going on between us. I broke things off with her two weeks before I even met you,” I say holding her hands. Seeing her hurt like this was killing me inside.

“I don’t blame you, Aries. Really, I don’t. I know you would never hurt me, and if you had been cheating, I would have felt it. Our bond would have broken. I believe you,”

“I love you, Lacie. I’m sorry you have been hurt because of my stupidity,”

“Stop Aries, I said I’m fine. I promise. I love you too,” she was sincere in words, and I couldn’t help but cry. Lacie was hurt because of me, but she didn’t blame me. How did I get so lucky? “Don’t cry, baby, look at me,” I look up at her and feel tears leave my eyes. She pulled me into a kiss and I just held her close to me.

“Ahem,” I heard someone clear their throat. I look and see that the Alpha and Luna are still with us and a nurse standing next to them.

“I don’t mean to interrupt this love scene going on, but I do need to get Lacie hooked up to an IV,” the nurse says smiling at us. I nod my head and look at Lacie who is blushing. I take a step back and let the nurse work. It doesn’t take long, and she leaves.

“Aries, I will have Mikey go over the pack member files and find every Maya there is. You’re going to have to ID her through her pack member photo since you don’t know her last name,”

“Yes, Alpha, and I am sorry for disturbing you and the Luna,”

“She’s my personal assistant and friend, I would have been more pissed had you not told us,” the Luna says.

“Luna, please don’t tell Cianna about this. If she finds out, she will come down here and k!ll Maya herself,” Lacie says

“I won’t, but we need to find Maya before she decides to skip town. Every pack member knows attacking another member’s mate is against inner pack laws,” she replies.

“I don’t understand, I’ve never heard of this law,” Lacie responds.

“I created the law after Allie was beaten by one of my exes. Allie was still human then, and she had actually died after the attack according to the moon goddess,” the Alpha explained. Both Lacie and I looked at the Luna in shock. I had no idea this had happened to her.

“What happened to your ex?” I asked

“She’s dead,” the Luna replied. “I was in a coma for a week because of her. She broke two of my ribs, one of which punctured a lung, that’s actually how I died I think. She broke my jaw, so it was wired shut for a month, my trachea was swollen for about two weeks, and I was temporarily deafened from the head trauma,”

“Allie was already announced to the pack as my mate and future Luna of the pack, so she was off-limits, but Jessica attacked her anyway, all because she was jealous. After that incident, the other ranked members and I, along with an Elder’s blessing passed this law. If it could happen to Allie, it could happen to anyone,” the Alpha explained.

“Lacie, I want you to get some rest. I will have an omega bring meals to you two until Lacie is released,”

“Thank you, Luna,” I said.

“Also, you two are moving into the packhouse,” she added.

“Luna? I’m a lower level omega, I’m not allowed in the packhouse,” I replied

“Lacie is my personal assistant and some b***h attacked her. I don’t care if it was a catfight or not. I take sh!t like very seriously, and I will not have Lacie without any protection in your townhome that’s on the other side of the territory Aries,”

“I’m protecting her,”

“Aries, this sh!t happened while you were under the same roof, ten feet away in the damn bathroom,” she responded. That fact actually hit me kind of hard and I realized she was right. I was about to say something when Mikey ran into the room,

“Holy fvck! There you are! I was worried sick!” he shouted at me.

“Mikey, what’s wrong?” the Alpha asked.

“Dorian, Aries’ and Lacie’s house caught on fire,”

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{Arie’s P.O.V.}

“Dorian, Aries’ and Lacie’s house caught on fire,” Mikey said. I stood up from Lacie’s bed and just looked at him.

“WHAT!?” I shouted.

“Dude, I seriously fvcking*g thought you were dead,”

“What the hell happened to our house!?” Lacie shouted.

“Lacie, why are you in the hospital? What happened to your face!?” Mikey asked.

“Mikey, answer the fvcking*g question, what happened to our house!?” I shout at him.

"It caught on fire somehow, and then it got so bad the flames flowed over to two more houses,"

"Oh my god! Did anyone get hurt?!" Lacie asked concerned.

"No, all the houses on your street are currently vacant, thank the moon goddess,"

"What about our house?" I ask him.

"Dude, it's gone. They were able to put the fire out, and the pack fire inspector is over there now to see what could have caused it,"

"This is my fault, I must have not turned off the stove all the way," Lacie said with tears in her eyes.

"No, Precious, if that's the case, then it was an accident," I tell her and pull her close to me.

"Aries, the stoves were off when we went to your house," the Luna said.

"Luna are you sure?"

"I'm positive. That's one of the first things I looked at before leaving because I'm anal about sh!t like that," she replies.

"Then how else could our house catch on fire?" Lacie asked.

"I turned off all the lights and stuff, and we don't use candles or oil lamps, so nothing could have accidentally caught on fire," I say to everyone in the room.

"Hold up," Mikey said, and I saw his eyes cloud over. We wait a minute and Lacie is holding onto my hand. "That was the fire inspector, he says that it was arson,"

"ARSON!?!!" we all shout.

"fvck! It had to be Maya!" I growl.

"Who the fvck is Maya? And why is Lacie in the hospital!?" Mikey asked again.

"Maya is another Jessica, and think of Lacie as another version of me," the Luna said.

“What the fvck? Aries, your ex beat up Lacie and then set your house on fire?” I nod my head, and the Mikey throws his hands in the air and grunts.

“Mikey, go find every Maya there is in the pack and bring Aries their photos. It’s bad enough she attacked Lacie but burning down their home can be seen as attempted murder! I want her found!” the Alpha commanded. Mikey saluted and took off.

“Well, it looks like you two will be permanently be moving into the packhouse,” the Luna said. I looked at Lacie and we both just nodded in agreement. Buying a new house right now would be pointless until Maya was found. She would just burn that one down too. “You guys need to eat; I will bring you your food. I can’t trust anyone right now. We are also going to have guards outside your room, Lacie,”

“Yes, Luna,” I watched as the Luna’s eyes clouded over. About ten minutes later, two men showed up.

“Joel, Leroy, you two will watch over this room until I say otherwise. You will be relieved by Nick and Paxton in the morning. Alternate bathroom breaks along with Aries,” the Luna commands.

“Yes, Luna!”

“No one is allowed in this room unless it is a ranked member, Lucas, Sam, or Dr. Quinn. No nurses without Dr. Quinn is that understood!?” the Alpha commanded.

“Yes, Alpha!”

“I will be right back with your food,” the Luna says. She and the Alpha leave, leaving us with the guards. I climb into bed with Lacie and hold her tight.

“I’m sorry Precious,”

“Stop it, you have nothing to be sorry for. This is on Maya, and no one else. It was her choice to fight with me and it was her choice to set our house on fire,”

“I know but if I had never slept with her...”

“Then it would have been some other crazy b***h that wanted you to herself. I’m not mad, I’m just upset we lost our home,”

“Once Maya is dealt with, we can get a bigger house within the territory,” I tell her, and she nods. About 45 minutes later, the Luna comes with two omegas carrying trays of food and bottled water for us. Luckily, it was meatloaf and mashed potatoes that the Luna whipped up herself so Lacie could eat comfortably. After we ate, the omegas took the trays, and they left with the Luna.

Not too long after we ate, Lacie fell asleep. As I tired as I was, I planned on staying up most of the night with the guards. I kept them company out in the hall because I felt bad that they had to pull an all-nighter protecting Lacie. I found out both of them are still unmated, as well, which is why the Luna chose them for the overnight duty. The other two guards that were coming were mated, so the Luna never made them leave their mates at night.

After a few hours of chatting with them and letting them take a fifteen-minute break each to use the bathroom, and sit down for a bit, I decided that I would try to get a few hours of sleep before Lacie woke up. I crawled into the bed with her and held her close. She immediately snuggled into my chest. I rested my chin on top of her head and fell asleep.

After what felt like a good couple of hours of sleep, I started to feel something soft and warm on my lips. I opened my eyes and found Lacie lightly kissing me. I pressed further into her and she giggled,

“Did I wake you?” she asked sweetly

“Yes, but in a good way,” she smiled and kissed me again. “What time is it?”

“Just past eight,”

“sh!t, I slept longer than I wanted to,”

“You needed rest, the guards just changed posts, and the Gamma is also outside in the hall. I told him not to wake you,”

“Precious, why did you do that? I need to identify Maya,”

“I know what she looks like too, so I did it for you,”

“How long have you been awake, precious?”

“Not long, maybe fifteen, twenty minutes,” I nodded and kissed her forehead.

“Mikey,” I called for him. He came in after a few seconds.

“You good?” he asked, and I nodded my head. “Alright cool, so check this, I have good news and I have bad news,”

“Good news first,” Lacie says

“Okay, out of the 476 pack members, there is literally only one adult Maya, and Lacie already IDed her,”

“And the bad news?” I asked.

“She’s nowhere to be found,”

“fvck!”

“We talked to her parents, and they have no idea where she is. When Lucas and Andre went to go arrest her, her closet was a mess and a lot of her personal items were missing,”

“That fvcking*g b***h is on the run,”

“Want to hear something more ridiculous?”

“What?” I asked knowing I wasn’t going to like whatever it was he was about to tell us.

“Maya told her parents that you were her mate, that you two already fully mated, and were just waiting to mark each other until you two were ready. She also told them that you cheated on her with Lacie and that she was going to have Lacie executed,”

“WHAT!?!” Lacie and I both exclaim. I knew Maya was crazy, but I didn’t think she was completely insane.

“Yeah, when Lucas and Andre explained to them that wasn’t the case, and what Maya had done, they begged for Dorian to spare her, but you already know that’s not going to happen,” I nodded when he said that. “They were told that as soon as Maya is found and judged, that they will also be banished,”

“Wait, why would her family be banished, they did nothing wrong,” Lacie asked.

“Remember when Gizmo told you about how she lost her first pup?” we both nodded. “Well, the guy that helped build the bomb that killed her was a pack member, a team lead in Dorian’s company to be exact,”

“Wait, that pack member, Hank, or whatever. The one that the boss put a 10 million dollar bounty on?”

“TEN MILLION?!” Lacie exclaimed.

“That’s the one. You see, because of his fuck up and betrayal, Gizmo banished his wife and his two young pups as part of his punishment,”

“The Luna banished a mother and two young pups? That seems kind of harsh,” Lacie said.

“It was, but that was the point. After that, Gizmo, Dorian, and the other ranked members, along with an Elder agreed that if a pack member commits a crime serious enough for banishment or death, the entire bloodline of that pack member would also be banished,”

“Wow, I didn’t think the Luna could be that cruel,” Lacie replied.

“Trying being in Gizmo’s shoes. Finding out that someone you trusted and cared for helped kill your unborn pup,” Mikey said. “It was a hard call on Gizmo’s part and she felt regret for a while afterward, but even Dorian’s mom said she would have made the same choice if she was still Luna” he continued. Lacie nodded in understanding. “Anywho, there’s a warrant out for Maya’s arrest right now, and since Christmas is only four days away, Gizmo isn’t letting anyone leave the territory until after the pack Christmas party. After that, if Maya still isn’t found, and then Dorian will put out a bounty for her,”

“I want to fulfill the bounty!”

“Nope, Dorian has already forbidden you from doing that,”

“But Lacie is my mate!”

“That’s exactly why Dorian forbids you from going after her. We all know that you will k!ll her on sight, and she needs to be brought back for judgment before the Elders. If by chance, they press for execution, then you will be allowed to k!ll her yourself,”

“And if they don’t push for execution? Then what, they just banish her?”

“Yeah, there’s not much else, but think of this way man, either way, that b***h is done for,” he said with a big grin. “I’m sure you want to k!ll her, and I don’t blame you. All of us would feel the same way if we were in your shoes, but it all depends on if Dorian can get the elders to agree or not,”

“I get it. So, I guess since she is on the run, then we just wait,”

“Yeah, but Gizmo still wants you to move into the packhouse, permanently, at least until Maya is dealt with. Then you guys can move out again or stay, it will be solely up to you,”

“Really? The Luna says we can stay even after Maya is found?” Lacie asks.

“Yeah, since you’re her personal assistant, it honestly would be easier for you and for her, but, again, it’s all up to you guys and what you want. I can tell you right now though, Gizmo is pushing for the death penalty,”

“Why?” Lacie and I ask in unison

“Because Gizmo, has been a victim of assault, twice, when she was human, and she technically died both times. She doesn’t take sh!t like this lightly, and she also considers Lacie a friend, and Gizmo protects her friends, physically and legally,”

“Wow, I didn’t know the Luna cared so much,” Lacie leaning her head against my c.hest.

“She takes her friendships with anyone very seriously. Want to know why Gizmo hates your sister so much?” Mikey asks Lacie.

“Why?”

“It’s not because she’s a spoiled b.rat or because she attacked Gizmo, it’s because your sister almost ruined her friendship with Deacon. Deacon didn’t call or text Giz for over three months. Had she not texted him on

Thanksgiving, then she wouldn't have heard for him goddess knows how long,"

"I knew the Luna and Deacon were close, I didn't know that they were that close,"

"You have to understand, Giz grew up alone. She was orphaned at two, grew up in the foster system, and was never adopted. She didn't have real friends or a family. So, after she came here, and started forming real friendships and relationships with people, she does whatever she can to protect them, and cherishes each individual person with all her heart," I knew the Luna had a hard life before becoming a wolf, but I didn't know she went through all the things Mikey explained. I already had respect for her because she was the Luna, but after hearing all of this, I had even more respect for her.

"Thanks, man, I appreciate you doing all for this us," I tell him and shake his hand.

"No problem, you guys get some rest. Gizmo will be down in an hour or so with your breakfast. Also, do me a favor Aries, mind link Lucas yours and Lacie's clothing size, Gizmo is sending him and Sam out to go shopping for you two to stock your new room in the packhouse. Just enough until you two can go out on your own,"

"I will, thanks,"

After about another hour, the Luna came in again with the same two omegas from last night and gave us our breakfast. While we were eating, Dr. Quinn also came in to check on Lacie,

"Good morning, I'm sorry to disturb your breakfast,"

"It's okay doctor," Lacie said, and Dr. Quinn started to run the same tests from last night and checked all of Lacie's wounds.

"Well, all of the scratches and your l!p have fully healed. The head wound and cheek bruising are still visible, but it appears that concussion is already gone. You definitely have very strong wolf genes to be healing this quickly,"

"Can I be released?" Lacie asked eagerly. I just smiled and shook my head.

“Unfortunately, no,” Lacie scrunched her face and pouted. “I still want to keep you for another 24 hours until that head wound heals, and your cheek bruising in more yellow in color. It’s still a bit blue, which means it could still be broken,”

“Yes, doctor,” the doctor smiles and leaves. Lacie finishes her breakfast and the Luna sends the omegas away.

“I wonder how Cianna is doing?” Lacie asks.

“She’s doing great,” the Luna responds. “I spoke with her yesterday right before dinner actually, she’s having a blast,”

“That’s good. Is Lucian taking care of her?”

“Of course, he is. I’d kick his a.ss if he wasn’t,” the Luna replies, and Lacie just smiles. “I’m going to head out because we need to start decorating for the Christmas party and don’t you worry about anything Lacie. You concentrate on healing, and Aries, you concentrate on making her feel loved and cherished. I will have your new room on the second floor prepared by the end of the day,”

“Second floor?” I asked

“Yeah, there aren’t any first floor rooms left, and besides, first floor rooms are for single mid and high-level omegas. Lacie is the daughter of an Alpha, she’s my personal assistant, and she has a mate, so you guys will get one of the larger guest rooms that has its own bathroom,”

“How many bathrooms are in this house?” Lacie asked.

“I honestly have no idea, but there’s a lot, and I know that there are still like five or six rooms with their own bathrooms vacant on the second floor, and three on our floor,” Lacie’s eyes bulged out of her head and she just shook her head in disbelief. “Anyway, get some rest, I’ll be by later with your lunch,” she waved and left. I looked over at Lacie, and her eyes were starting to get heavy,

“Precious, are you sleepy?”

“A little,”

“Go to sleep, then. I’ll lay with you,” I said as I got into the bed with her. She snuggled as close as she could and immediately fell asleep.

“Aries,” I look up at one of the guards. “If you want to get some shut-eye, go right ahead, Paxton and I can handle this,”

“Thank you,” he smirked and turned back to his position in the hall. I pulled Lacie close, and I too fell asleep.

Desert Storm Chapter 35 - Tips

{Allie’s P.O.V.}

“HOLY fvcking*g HELL!! WHY MUST I DO EVERYTHING MYSELF!?” I scream at the top of my lungs. It’s Christmas Eve, and the Christmas party and big pack dinner are in three hours, and for some unimaginable reason, none of the tables and chairs have been put up. Pack members were already starting to arrive with the turkeys, hams, and pot roasts they were all commissioned to make in their own homes.

After Lacie was released from the hospital, she and Aries moved into the packhouse. As Mikey said, they ended up losing all of their personal belongings. It’s not like Lacie had much since she moved in with him with a single suitcase, but Aries had built a home for himself, and that home became Lacie’s home. Lacie is doing fairly well given everything that has happened. She came back to work the day after she was released, and is trying her best to keep me from blowing a gasket,

“DORIAN!!!!” I screamed as loud as I could. Within a few seconds, I heard footsteps coming from upstairs. I honestly could have mind linked him, but then he wouldn’t know how frustrated I was,

“What is it!? What’s wrong!?” he asked running over to me.

“That is what’s wrong!” I pointed outside to the backyard, a very empty backyard.

“Ah fvck!” Dorian exclaimed and ran outside. About ten seconds later, I heard more footsteps coming from upstairs, and it was like a stampede of men. Brandon, Mikey, Andre, Lucas, Simba, Nick, Paxton, and Aries came down from upstairs, and Joel, Leroy, and Sly came running from around the corner of their rooms on the first floor, all ran as fast as they could to get outback.

“Luna,” Lacie said coming next to me.

“Ugh! Those tables and chairs should have been up at least two hours ago, fvcking*g nimrods!” I shouted, and she started to giggle.

“I love how you don’t have to say much for the Alpha to know what you’re thinking,” she said.

“We’ve been together for two and a half years, our second wedding anniversary is in eight days, and this is our third Christmas together, he had better know what I’m thinking without me having to say anything,” I reply, and she just giggles again. “How are things coming along in the kitchen?” I asked.

“Perfect, we received all of the turkeys, hams, and pot roasts. Gamma Sin and the other omegas are steaming all of the tamales right now, and I would say 80% of the side dishes are warming on the Bunsen burners,”

“Good, the food is right on schedule. Now if only these a.ssh0les can put up 60 tables and 500 chairs, then we’re golden,”

“60 tables?”

“Ten are needed for food placements, drinks, utensils, and plates,” I explain.

“Ah, got it,”

“Allie!!!” I heard screaming from the kitchen.

“UGH!! Now, what!?” I yell. Lacie and I run over to the kitchen, and two omegas are arguing. It doesn’t take me long to realize what the hell they are fighting over.

“Wow, can you say twins?” Lacie said. Both of the omegas are wearing the exact same dress.

“THAT IS ENOUGH!” I roar in my Luna tone. Both Omegas stop fighting and look at me in fear. “Are you fvcking*g kidding me right now!? It is Christmas Eve and you two are fighting over the fact that you’re wearing the same dress!?”

“I was here first, Luna! She should go change!” one of them shouts.

“What are you? 10 years old?!” I insult her for her outburst. “It’s a fvcking*g dress! No one fvcking*g cares that you’re wearing the same damn thing! You’re not the only two dressed alike! If neither one of you is willing to go home and change, then just s.uck it up and deal with it!”

“I told you if I had to get the Luna involved you wouldn’t be happy,” Sin said.

“And you!” I point at Sin. “You’re the fvcking*g Gamma female! You have a rank in this household! Use it!”

“Yes, Luna,” Sin replies.

“Does everyone hear me!? Sin is a ranked member, and everyone will give her the respect that she deserves! GOT IT!?”

“Yes, Luna!” everyone replied in unison. The two omegas that were fighting went their separate ways.

After the fiasco in the kitchen was resolved, Lacie and I went out back to see how the boys were doing with the tables and the chairs, thankfully, they were using their wolf speed and were about halfway done. I saw that they had already put up the ten tables where food would be laid out,

“Lacie, will you please go back into the kitchen and let Mrs. Johnson know that the food can start being brought out and placed onto the tables,”

“Yes, Luna,” she replied and walked back inside. I took one more look around and was finally satisfied that everything was coming together. I figured that it was time for me to get the twins and myself ready.

I went upstairs to the nursery where the Raquel and Sylvia were playing with the twins. I let them do their own thing and into their closet to out their adorable matching Christmas outfits. They were both going to wear these adorable black and white Christmas sweaters that had a white wolf silhouette with a Santa hat. Demarco was going to wear black pants and baby combat boots, while Daisy was going to wear a black lace tutu skirt, black baby leggings, and black baby Ugg boots. I was going to wear this super cute black and white Christmas sweater dress, and black furry knee wedged boots. Dorian was going to wear his signature black b.utton-down, jeans, and black dress shoes.

Every year, we all pick a different color to wear as a family. First-year was lavender, because it was just after she died, and we wanted to honor her for our first Christmas together as a couple. Last year, it was red, and this year it's black. Brandon Leah did green their first year, blue last year, and this year they're going to do white. Mikey and Sin did white their first year, silver or grey last year, and are doing blue this year. Sam and Lucas didn't do colors until last year, and they did black, so this year they will be doing pink. Andre and Dani don't do the color thing, so they just wear whatever they want.

Lacie didn't have time to go Christmas shopping, and neither did Aries with everything that had happened so suddenly. Thankfully, Lucas and Sam were able to go shopping for them and got them something nice to wear. Sam picked out this really pretty maroon-colored fully sequenced mid-sleeve short dress for Lacie. Lucas picked up some black slacks, black dress shoes, and a matching maroon button down for Aries.

"Raquel, will you please dress Daisy and Sylvia, will you please dress Demarco," I said handing them their respective outfits.

"Yes, Luna,"

"Once you're done, please bring them to my room, and I can watch them as I get changed. That way you two can go get ready as well,"

"Yes, Luna," I smiled and then went to get ready. Since my hair and makeup were pretty much already done, I just needed to change, put on some stockings, and my boots. I went into the closet, pulled out Dorian's clothes for him, and set them on the bed. Then I went to my side of the closet and pulled out my clothes and started to change. I put on matching bra and cheeky underwear and put on my stockings. I put on the dress and came out of the closet with my boots in my hand. As soon as I did, the nannies came in and brought the twins.

"Oh, don't my babies look so adorable!?" I was going gaga over their matching Christmas outfits. Christmas and their birthday were the only time I made them match. The nannies put them in the playpen we had in our room and left. I sat down at my vanity where I had a clear view of the twins and put on my boots. Just as I zipped them up, Dorian came in.

"Why are the twins in here?" he asked

“I made the nannies drop them off so they could get ready,”

“Oh, I thought something happened,”

“No,” he came over and gave me a kiss. He was sweating even though it was less than 40 degrees outside. “Did you boys get all of the tables, chairs, and tablecloths set up?”

“Yes, ma’am,”

“Thank you,” I said and tapped his booty. “I put your clothes out the bed baby, you just need to shower and get dressed,”

“Thanks,” Dorian took off his clothes and went into the bathroom to take a quick shower. I made some last-minute touch-ups to my hair and makeup, and then went play with the twins until Dorian was ready to head down.

{Lacie’s P.O.V.}

After everything downstairs was settled, I went upstairs to change into my new Christmas dress that Sam was nice enough to get for me. Luckily, it had a side zipper and not a back one. Once I put it on, I looked in the body mirror in the corner of our room and was pleasantly surprised at how pretty yet casual it looked. Sam had good taste, that’s for sure. I decided to snap a photo and send it to Cianna. We both finally got new phones and new numbers.

When I texted my mom with my new number, she video called me right away, but it was short-lived because Heather took the phone from her and started to rip me a new one for abandoning her. She was pissed that I found my mate and was happy, well, more like jealous. She demanded to know what pack I’m at, and I told her that it’s none of her concern where I’m at now. She keeps saying I stabbed her in the back. I gave her a harsh reality check that had she not kicked me out of the hotel room during Thanksgiving, then I never would have met my mate. So, in a way, her bitchiness led me to my true love, so I thanked her for it.

She ended up hanging up on me, after that. She tries to call and text, but her messages are constantly degrading and toxic. I don’t want to block her number because she is still my sister, but I ignore all of her attempts to contact me.

After I sent the photo of my new dress to Cianna, I sat down at the small vanity the Luna had put in the room with some new makeup and got ready. I straightened out my hair and let it part naturally before adding volume to the crown of my head. I was about to go to the closet to get Aries' outfit for him when I got a video call from Cianna,

"Hi!"

"b***h! That dress looks k!!ler on you!"

"Hahaha! Thanks,"

"Where did you get it!?"

"Uhhh...I didn't. Sam got it for me,"

"Why would Sam buy you a dress?"

"Well...Uhh...I..."

"What is it? What happened?"

"Aries' ex-lover burnt down our house and we lost all of our stuff, so Lucas and Sam bought us new clothes until we have time to go shopping ourselves and now we live in the packhouse," I tell her really quickly.

"WHAT!?!?" she screamed at the top of her lungs.

"Cici! What's wrong!?" I heard Lucian in the background, then he came into view. "Oh, hey Lace!"

"Hi, Lucian,"

"Cici, why did you scream?" he asked her

"Aries' ex-lover burned down their house!" she tells him. Of course, she would tell him.

"Oh fvck! Are you guys okay?" he asks me.

"Yes, we're fine. We weren't home at the time; we were in the hospit..." I stopped myself but I already knew she heard it.

“HOSPITAL!?” they both shouted.

“Lacie why were you in the hospital?!” Cianna shrieked. I bit my lip because I didn’t want to tell her. “LACIE!!” she screamed at the phone.

“Because his ex-lover and I got into a fight and she injured me pretty badly. I’m okay now, I healed in a couple of days, and I got in a few punches myself,”

“WHAT THE fvck!?!” I could see that Cianna was pissed off, and Lucian was just as angry. “What did Aries do?”

“He picked her up by the throat and literally threw her out of the house,” I tell them.

“Oh, I guess that’s good then,”

“Look, Cianna, I didn’t want to tell you when it happened because I knew you would come down here and try to k!!! her,”

“DAMN STRAIGHT I WOULD HAVE! WHERE IS THE b***h NOW!?”

“Uh, no one knows. She’s on the run. Alpha has a warrant out of her arrest, and her family is on lockdown until she is found. Apparently Desert Moon has a law against pack members harming another member’s mate. Add on the fact she burned down our house and damaged two other houses, the Alpha and Luna are calling it attempted murder, and are pushing for the death penalty,”

“I’m not surprised, Dorian has no tolerance for sh!t like that,” Lucian replied.

“Yeah, but since it happened right before our big pack Christmas party, the Luna won’t allow anyone to go look for her until the day after Christmas. If she isn’t found by New Year’s, then the Alpha will put a bounty out on her,”

“Damn, let us know when he does. I’m sure Deacon would love to get paid by Dorian again,” Lucian said while laughing.

“What are you talking about?” I asked

“Oh, you see, the big man had a traitor in their pack last year, he helped k!!!ed Shorty’s unborn pup. Dorian put a ten million dollar bounty on him, and since Deacon is the one the k!!!ed him during the war...”

“Oh my gosh! My Alpha paid your brother ten million dollars?!”

“Sure did!” Lucian laughed again. Cianna and I couldn’t help but laugh too. I was going to say something when Aries came into the room.

“Who are you talking to, Precious?”

“Cianna and Lucian,” Aries peaked into view and waved at them.

“HEY! JACKASS! YOU BETTER FIND YOUR EX AND KILL HER BEFORE I FLY DOWN THERE AND DO IT MYSELF!” Cianna shouted.

“Sorry, but the Alpha has forbidden me from going after her,”

“Let us know when Dorian puts a bounty on her. Deacon will gladly go hunting if it means getting paid again,”

“Yeah, keep rubbing it in Lucian,” Aries said and went to sit on the bed.

“I have to go you guys, we have our big Christmas dinner and party to get to,”

“Okay, Lacie. Take care! Love you! Merry Christmas! See you in a few days!”

“Love you guys too, Merry Christmas!” We both wave, and I hang up. I look at Aries who is looking me up and down. “Uh, why are you looking at me like that?” I asked him.

“Please do not tell that is the dress you’re going to wear tonight,”

“It is, why?”

“Precious, if you bend over your a.ss is going to be visible to everyone. No! Change into something else!” he demanded.

“Sorry, babe, this is all I have. This is what Sam bought for me,”

“Ugh!” he grunted in displeasure and laid on the bed. I realized that he was only wearing sweats, and I could clearly see the outline of his d!ck. I went over to the bed and straddled him, letting the dress ride up on its own. His eyes shot open and he looked up at me. “Precious, what are you doing?” I ignored his answer and started to move my h!ps and grind against him. He m0aned and grabbed my h!ps.

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“Ah, Precious, we have to go downstairs soon,” he said while l!cking his l!ps and m0aning some more. I could feel his d!ck hardening and rub against me perfectly. I bent down, took his l!ps into mine, and k!ssed him as deep as I could. “Mmm…” he m0aned through our k!ss. I pulled away and l!cked his earlobe.

“I’m not wearing any panties,” I whispered. He grabbed my h!ps and fl!pped me over. He pushed up my dress above my h!ps, dropped his sweats, and his boxers, and quickly entered me. “Ah!” he moved his h!ps in and out of me with hard, short, and deep thrusts while k!ssing me the entire time. I pulled away so I could breathe through the e.rotica taking place. “Please, please, please, make me c.um,” I begged him.

“My Precious, you’re being so naughty,” he said to me and kept pushing deeper and deeper inside of me.

“You make me naughty. The things you do to me are out of this world,” I tell him and hold onto his shoulders. “I’m going to c.um, fvck, I’m going to c.um,” he started to go faster and harder, and soon, I felt myself c.umping. “Yes! Yes! Oh Yes!” I screamed.

“fvck, you’re going to make me c.um,” Aries grunted. He picked me up off the bed and carried me while he fvckingd me. It didn’t take long for me to c.um again right before he finished. He grunted a few times while he released his seed. I k!ssed him for a few seconds, and then he put me down. I felt his c.um starting to leak out, so I went straight to the bathroom to clean myself up.

“Damn, you came a lot,” I tell him from the bathroom.

“Precious, that quickie was uncalled for,” he said with a smile across his face as he came into the bathroom.

“But was it really?” I asked. He shook his head and k!ssed me again before he jumped in the shower. I went back into the room and put on a black lace thong and fixed my hair and finished my makeup. Once Aries was done getting ready, we went downstairs to enjoy the party.

The pack Christmas party was out of this world. Brandon hired a DJ that normally plays at this club called Trifecta, which I believe is the club that we will be going to celebrate New Year's. The DJ was actually a bear that has an alliance with the pack, so he had no problem coming to the party to play music for us.

All of the food was so delicious, and there was more than enough for everyone to have seconds. It was nice seeing the entire pack just having a good time. I knew the packhouse was big, but the fact that it was able to cater to almost 500 wolves was crazy. I loved watching everyone mingle together and dance. This was definitely way different than how we celebrated back down in Florida. The packhouse we decorated inside and out, and all of Christmas lights, patio lights, and patio warmers gave more than enough lighting for people to just enough the spirit of Christmas.

I was sitting at a table with Aries and some other omegas, but I was only the female. Aries introduced them as some of the other bounty hunters that the Alpha granted membership to,

"So, Lacie, we heard that you're an Alpha's daughter, is that true?" Fury asked me.

"Yes, it's true. I'm the youngest out of two," I replied.

"Damn, how the fvck did Aries get so lucky to snag a mate like you?" Carter commented.

"You got a sister?" Warlord asks me.

"Yeah, I do. She's my older sister,"

"Does she have a mate?"

"Well, that's kind of complicated,"

"What's complicated about it? Either she has a mate, or she doesn't," Poseidon replied.

"Uh, you see. She did have a mate, but he rejected her. But she refuses to accept the rejection, so her status is kind of in limbo right now,"

“What? Is she not as hot as you? Why the fvck would she get rejected?” Fury asked. The comment about me being hot made Aries growl at him.

“Chill, I’m not hitting on her. I’m giving her a compliment,” I put my hand on his leg and he calmed down.

“My sister was rejected because her mate wasn’t ready to accept her at the time, due to some personal issues, but my sister didn’t respect that. So, she forcefully marked him, thinking it would make him give in to her, but he ended up rejecting her instead,” I explained.

“Whoa, are you saying she marked him without consent?” Carter asked, and I nodded. “That’s fvckingd up! I may not have a mate yet, but even I know that’s not right,”

“I was always told you should mark your mate when you’re having se.x, it makes it your bond so much stronger,” Fury said.

“It’s true, I marked Lacie when we had se.x for the first time. I never c.ummed so hard in my life. After that, it was game over, Lacie became my entire universe,” Aries replied, and I just smiled at him lovingly. “I really hope you guys get to find your mates too, it’s worth it. And honestly, if you haven’t stopped yet, quit fvcking*g random she-wolves. You’re going to end up with an ex like Maya who burns down your house,”

“Dude, I’ve already stopped,” Carter replied

“Same!” all the other said in unison. I couldn’t help but laugh. I guess Maya was a great example of what can happen when you sleep with the wrong she-wolf and she becomes a scorned vixen. Aries was about to say something when the music suddenly stopped.

“Sorry folks, there appears to some technical difficulties,” the DJ says. “Give me a few minutes to ut figure what’s going on,” he puts the microphone down and starts to look over his equipment. Everyone who was out dancing goes back to their seat. While the DJ is trying to fix, the music, the Beta comes out and starts a scene.

“Seriously! What the hell man?” the Beta shouted from the middle of the backyard.

“Sorry, Mr. Kane, I’m not sure what happened,” the DJ replies.

“Do you want to keep your job at the club!?”

“Brandon, stop it,” the Beta female comes to calm him down.

“Fix the fvcking*g music! Why the hell did you come with faulty equipment!?” the Beta is out of control. I didn’t understand why he was making such a big deal out of it.

“I’m trying Mr. Kane! My equipment is new!” the DJ shouts back.

“Brandon, please, it’s not a big deal,” the Beta female pleads. I look over at the other ranked members and they’re calm, like super calm. “Dorian, help me!” the Beta female shouts at the Alpha.

“He’s fine, he’s not going to do anything Leah,” the Alpha replies.

“What the hell is going on?” Aries whispers.

“I don’t know, but I don’t think the music going out was an accident,” I reply.

“What do you mean precious?”

“I think this was planned,” Aries looks at me funny and we look on at the Betas.

“Brandon, you’re making a scene,”

“Leah, he’s fvcking*g up our Christmas party,”

“And you’re not!?!” she shouts back at the Beta. Something fishy was going on. The Beta ignored her. She was about to turn around and go back to her seat when suddenly the Beta got down on one knee.

“OH MY GOD!!”