

## Chapter 44

Maxine

Dexter kept his arm around me the entire time, We reached his father's office,

He lead me over to the couch sitting down he pulled me to sit on his lap, "Dexter, I say his name softly, He wraps his arms around my waist, "Stay please,

I don't argue, I really didn't have the energy, Plus I didn't mind being this close to him, I know we have a lot to discuss and work out but right now I just needed him,

Hank sits on the other couch, Lily sit by him, Dexter parents sit on the small love seat, Jon just pulled a empty chair over,

"Alright, I know it's late so let's make this quick, Charles says to all of us, He looks at Hank and Lily, "Now Hank, Is it? Hank nods his head, "Yes Sir, He replies to him,

"Why were you at the wreck? Everyone looks to Hank, "Drake order me to retrieve Maxine, I feel Dexter tense up,

"If you worked for Drake why did you help get her out? This time it was Dexter who asked,

"Drake and his men killed over half my flock, He came looking to make a alliance with us, But our leader didn't want to, He knew Drake only wanted us for our warrior's, When we didn't agree he attacked us about a week later, That's how lily's parents where killed, I was the head warrior at the time, He captured most of my men to get me to agree to work for him he took Lily, Said he kill her if I went against him, I just waited my time for the right time, He made sure to keep Lily away from me, But when he took Maxine he had no other place to go but to that house, It gave me the opportunity to get my niece and to help get Maxine out,

Dexter tighten his hold on me, He place a kiss on my shoulder,

"Where is the rest of you flock? Charles asked him,

"I'm not sure, the ones who got away I don't know where they went, It was mostly women an children who got out, Most the men were killed during the fight,

"Where will you go now? Laura chimed in,

"I haven't figured that out, I need to make sure it's a place good for Lily, She has missed so much of her life being kept locked up in that house, Hank looks down at Lilly she has fallen asleep leaning against him, "How long ago did he attack your flock? Dexter asked him,

He look over at us, "Five years ago, He looks back to Lily, He reaches up pushing her hair out her face,

"Dad, Dexter calls him father, Charles look at us, "Why don't we offer Hank and his niece a place with us, we can always use another trainer,

We see his dad shaking his head, "Yes I think that be a good idea, Charles looks at Hank who is looking at us with wide eyes, "Would you two like to join our flock? Hank has this look of shock on his face, "Lily would be able to attend school, we have a lot of children her age, Laura says to him,

"It would be a honor Sir, Thank you, Hank says, "Let's put this young lady in a room, she looks as she could use a good night rest, Laura says as she looking at Lily,

Hank nods his head, "Here follow me, Laura stands she leans over kissing Charles cheek, "I'll be right back dear,

She stands walking to the door, Hank lays lily over on the couch, Standing up he scoops her up, Carrying her he walks out behind Laura,

"Jon, Dexter calls him, Jon comes over sitting where Hank was, "What do you think about having him join the guards as one of the trainers, Jon seems to think a few minutes, "Sure, I mean we could always use the extra, Jon then look to me, "Max, Did you see him fight? I tense up a bit thinking about how I watch him fight our way out,

\*Flash Back\*

"Let her go ! Hank growls out, "Don't be stupid Hank, You know what will happen if you go against us, "Uncle Hank!!

Hank look towards the house, "Lily, He says softly, Looking back to us his eyes go from yellow to dark green, His body start to grow but he doesn't shift,

He looked terrifying, Suddenly he lunged at the one guy grabbing him by the throat, He ripped his throat out throwing the body to the ground, Before we took a step, He jumped on the other guy he was standing in front of him holding him by his neck, He reaches his hand back plunging it forward he sunk his hand in the man's chest, Leaving a hole there, The man's body went limp in his hand,

Hank dropped him, Turning towards the men who had Lily, They stood there frozen looking at what just happen, "Leave her, Hank says to them His voice is deep and rough sounding, The one guy goes to lift his gun, Before he could Hank moved so fast he sliced the man's throat, The guy fell to his knees holding his throat while blood poured out, He fell to his back dead,

The guy who was left spun lily so she was in front of him, Trying to use her as a shield, He kept turning looking for Hank,

Suddenly we hear a gasp, Hank came from behind sinking his claws deep in the man's back, The guy let go of Lily, She ran straight for me, I wrapped my arms around her so she couldn't see what was happening,

Hank lifted the guy in the air as he kept his claws in him, He threw him like he weighed nothing, Before he hit the ground Hank got him again this time he sliced his upper body almost in half,

\*End of flash back\*

"Max, max, I feel some one shake me a bit, "Max you okay, I hear Dexter ask me, I snap out of my trance, "Yeah, Sorry it's just been a long night, I say rubbing my forehead, Dexter rubs his hand up and down my back,

"Why don't we go get some rest, I nod my head, "Sure, I could definitely sleep,

I get off Dexter lap, Just then Laura comes back in the office, "Got them all settled in a room, Poor girl never woke up the whole time, She comes over sitting down by Charles, "She seems like such a sweet girl to have gone through so much, She says,

Charles nods his head, "Well they are save now, We have Drake locked in the dungeon, Hearing that caught my attention, "What! Drake's here? I blurted out, Dexter stands up next to me, "Yes we captured him trying to break in the dungeon, Dexter explains to me, "You can't keep him here! The rest of his men will come, As well as Brenda's father he's been working with the hunters, Brenda is his mate! I yelled out,

Laura stands coming to my side, "How do you know this dear, I close my eyes, "The men Hank killed when we were trying to escape, They weren't dragons, They were hunters, Lily told me when Hank was flying here with us, Drake's been working with them to gain power,

I could feel the tears wanting to fall, Dexter puts his arms around pulling me to him, "Why would he want to work with the hunters? It's too much of a risk they could double cross him, Charles asked,

"Maybe we should ask him tomorrow when he wakes up, It was Jon who spoke,

"I agree, But knowing he working with hunters we need to cover all bases, Dexter says to them, They shake their heads in agreement,

"Dexter, His mom calls him, "Yeah mom,

"Why don't you take Max up to rest, It's late we are all tired we can regroup in the morning, He nods his head, "Come on Max let's get you settled in, I don't say anything, He places his hand on my lower back he walks me out the office, I was tired but I noticed we weren't heading to my room in the servant quarters, "Where are we going? I asked him, "I'm taking you to my room, I froze at those words, "Don't worry, I won't do anything, I just need you close my dragon won't let you sleep away from us,

"I don't know Dexter, I still haven't forgotten the pain you caused me, I see him hang his head, "Max I know I messed up, I also know I have a lot of making up to do, I need to earn your forgiveness, Please, please just stay with me tonight,

He lifts my hand placing a soft kiss on the top of it, "Alright, I'll stay with you, But no funny business, I point my finger at him, He holds his hand up, "I swear,,

He takes my hand we walk together heading to his room.