

Chapter 54

Maxine

It feels like hour since Dexter left us in here, I've been pacing the floor back and forth trying to calm my nerves,

The room wasn't bad it was decent size it had four cots in it with some shelves that were full of food in the corner there was a small refrigerator, no windows though that made the room feel very small,

"Max dear your gonna walk through the floor if you keep pacing like that,"

I stopped to look at her she was sitting on a cot leaning against the wall while reading a book,

"How are you so calm when there's an attack going on and the guys are out there fight?" I asked I was surprised I didn't shout it out to her,

"I've had plenty of experience, being mated to Charles, it teaches you patients"

She didn't look up from the book she was reading,

I didn't say anything just went back to pacing the floor again,

We heard some movement on the other side of the door causing me to stop in my tracks looking at the door then back to Laura,

"Could it be the guys?"

She shakes her head no, she slides off the bed walking over to the door she listened,

Stepping back away from it she placed her finger to her lips telling me to be quiet

There was a loud bang against the door followed with some yelling, it was muffled so we couldn't make out what was being said,

"Charles always links me when he's back so I know it's him on the other side," She whispers to me,

I just nod I felt my heart pick up a little my palms were sweaty,

I feel Laura's hand grab mine she gave it a squeeze looking at her she smiled I know she was trying to reassure me,

She pulled my hand making us walk backwards away from the door slowly we sat on the one cot,

"Just stay quiet no movement," She whispers close to my ear, I nod my head frantically I was hanging on by a thread I didn't want to have a panic attack in here and give us away but it was hard fighting it,

Laura must have felt my hand shaking she rub the top with her other hand leaning close to me, "Breathe Max slowly it will be alright," Her talking helped a little she held that motherly voice that would settle any child,

Another bang against the door caused me to jump I was shocked I didn't scream,

I started to shake even harder the fear of being taken again by Drake.

All the memories of what he did to me how close he got to getting what he wanted came flying back hitting me hard,

I gasped I slapped my hand over my mouth not wanting to be heard,

Laura wrapped her arms around me she pulled me close I laid my head on her shoulder she held me "Shh Max it's okay they can't get us," she said while she started to rock me back and forth,

I couldn't help but sob just a bit I was trying to be as quiet as I could,

Laura rubs my back "Slow breaths we are safe no one can get in here"

"He's gonna find me" I croaked out my breathing was harder and faster it felt as if my heart would jump out my chest,

"No, he's not they don't know we are in here,"

The banging got louder and harder the door shook I thought it was gonna fly off the hinges,

Laura tightens her hold on me as more hits came, she then let go standing in front of me "Get back against the wall"

Her voice was deep and raspy her dragon was close to coming out, I looked at her hands they had changed to long claws

The door flew open two men charged in Laura was ready when they came towards her, she moved so fast she spun swinging her arm catching him in his mid-section, He fell to the floor with no movement, The other guy got around behind her he tried grabbing her arms she elbowed him causing him to step back giving her the chance to turn around sinking her claws right in his chest,

When his body went limp, she pulled her claws out letting him drop to the ground, she turned to look at me her eyes were yellow I watched as her claws changed back to hands Her eyes went to their normal color, she looked at the two men laying on the ground she smooths her dress out,

"Are you alright dear?" She asked me when I didn't answer her, she sat on the cot she held her arms out to me,

"Come here Max it's okay" She motioned with her hands towards me,

I couldn't help myself I flew to her she wrapped me in a hug holding me, I let the tears run down my cheeks,

I was completely shocked I've seen her defend me when the hunters found us in the woods but this was different, I hadn't realized how well she fought she was so graceful showing no fear and the fact she protected me she placed herself in harm's way for me made me admire her even more,

"Max! Mom!" I heard his voice echo through the room,

Dexter comes rushing through the doorway He was only in a pair of shorts Following him was his father and Jon,

"Max," He comes over to us I'm still sitting on the cot his mom was still holding me I was frozen in my spot too afraid to move out of her hold.

"She alright son just a little scared" I hear her tell him,

"Let me take her mom" His voice was soft as he rubbed my back.

I felt her hold loosen as she pulled her arms from around me. I shake my head I didn't want her to let me go, "Max hunny look Dexter here" she says as she strokes my hair

I knew he was there I could hear him I just couldn't move my fear had taken complete control over my body,

" Max come here please," he touched my arm, I flinched leaning closer to her

"No please mom don't let me go please he will get me" I cried out as I tighten my hold on her I hadn't realized what I called her.

"Mom" His voice sounded broken,

It was the sound of her voice how she jumped to protect me comfort me when I was scared the way a mother would with her child I've never had that the family that raised me didn't give me that loving care sure they gave me a house to live in food to eat but they were cold to me they sold me to a horrible man for a debt they couldn't pay,

"Shh my dear it's okay now" She kissed my forehead, "No one is going to get you I won't allow them to," She still stroking my hair, she leans back placing both her hands on the side of my face tilting my head up, "Max hunny you need to go with Dexter, he will take you up to the room for some rest he will protect you,"

She says calmly tugging some hair behind my ear she then wipes my tears from my face,

I shook my head again, "Look hunny it's Dexter it's no one else see" She reaches over pulling him closer to her which put him more in front of me,

I looked at him for a minute then it hit me.

"Dexter!" I cried out,

I launched myself to him wrapping my arms around his neck he put his arm around my back holding me to him,

"Shh Max I'm here I'm right here," he said while placing a kiss to my shoulder,

"Dexter take her upstairs she needs rest this was a lot for her especially when the men got through the door,"

I opened my eyes when I remembered what I called her I lifted head quickly I looked at her,

"Laura I'm so sorry I didn't mean to call" Before I could finish, she held her hand up,

"It's quite alright dear you are more than welcome to call me mom I actually like it," She reached up brushing a fresh tear from my cheek,

"How did they get the door open?" It was Charles who asked walking to Laura side wrapping an arm around her back pulling her close to him,

"I'm not sure they banged on it for a while I think someone told them were to find us no one knows this room," she said to him

"Someone told them" Jon says as he's looking at the door,

"See look you can see where they were hitting it but it wasn't enough to break it, they had to have pulled the handle to get it to open" He's pointing to the door.

Dexter let a growl out it startled me I flinched a little,

"Sorry Max." He says then pulls me closer to him, "Until we figure this out you will stay with me at all times okay," he says while looking at me,

"Alright" Is all I say.

"Well, it's good to see you can still handle yourself my queen" Charles says to Laura then kisses her cheek, she looks up at him, "Well of course I can I had a wonderful teacher," Leaning up she kisses him on the lips He groans then pulls her against him,

"Mom, Dad!" Dexter says out load, they break apart looking at him,

"What!" They say at the same time,

He shakes his head at them, He looks back to me,

"Come on Max let me take you up to our room," He scoops me up bridal style I don't argue I just lean against his chest which is bare I could feel tingles erupted all over my cheek as I laid it against him, I felt his chest rumble,

I picked my head up "Sorry my dragon likes when your close" I nod my head placing it back down on his chest he walked us out the safe room through his father's office heading to our room,

Him holding me along with hearing his heart beat was making me sleepy I could feel my eyes start to droop,

I feel his lips on my forehead,

"I will always protect you my little one"

That was the last I heard before I gave into sleep,