## **Chapter 72**

Dexter			

I was chained to the ceiling with my arm above my head my feet were only inches off the ground if I pointed my toes, I could touch it with doing that I could feel small relief in my arms. Guess it helps to be this tall for the rest of me well I can't say it was better.

Drake has been putting me through the ringer hoping I would eventually cave and tell him where Max is. He was losing his patients with me. He has whipped me burnt me with poker he tried to break my finger and arms but discovered I heal quite fast and it didn't cause me much pain. After ever session Dr Martin comes in dresses my wounds but what they don't know if he keeps giving me shot to boost my healing plus it keeps my strength up to get through what Drake does to me.

So far Brenda has kept her word to help us she has managed to get Jon out with the story he escaped Hank even fought with a guard to make it look good and keep Drake off our plan. I just hope Jon has found Max and my parents. He knows where the cabin is he's been there plenty of time with us I know he's hurt and he can't shift Drake did a number on him right before Brenda was able to sneak him out. We didn't expect Drake to go at him but he became so irritated with me not talking he brought Jon in and worked him over in front of me thinking I would break to save him. How ever Jon keeps yelling to me not to talk.

Brenda told Jon were to find my father's warriors she was able to find that information out that way after Jon found my parents him and my father could free our warrior's and fight their way back in the palace but Max is to stay hidden in the cabin, I know the next full moon is approaching soon and I won't have her risk it by coming to find me.

The cell door clicks then swings open to no other than Drake steps in along with Elder Davidson.

"Dexter you're looking rather ruff today," Davidson all but chuckles out.

"You know Dexter you could be done with all of this if you just cooperate with us,"

He says as he walks around me looking at what Drake has done.

"Hmmm, I'm surprised Drake you have been at this with him for what three weeks now and yet you still haven't gotten him to talk,"

He stops in front looking up at me with this smirk on his face.

"He a lot more resilient than I thought heck I even did a number to his best friend right in front of him but he didn't budge,"

"Oh yes that friend who happen to escape right after you torture him,"

"Look I still don't k ow how he did that he could barely hold his head up when I was done with him,"

"Yet he got away and this Hank fellow put three of my guards in the infirmary,"

"Yes, I know that we have be looking for his friend we know he didn't shift because he would have been spotted, he's on foot,"

"Well, I guess we will have to try a new method," Davidson has the smuggest look on his face.

"Yeah, what do you have in mind?"

Davidson reaches up grabbing my chin.

"I have others ways to get information you don't need to speak just watch and listen," He lets go with a small push of my face which caused a low growl to leave me mouth.

"Bring her!" He yells to a guard outside the cell door.

I can hear screaming and shuffling going on as the person gets closer to the cell

The door opens the guard walks in dragging Lily who is kicking and screaming.

I try and take a step pulling on the chain holding wrist.

"She just a child!" I growl at him I could feel the angry building.

He walks closer to her she is pulling with all she has to get away from the guard he pulls her straight in front of him grabbing her throat letting his nails dig into her. She Instantly freezes but the fear is all over her face.

Davidson walks to her, he reaches out run his hand through her hair them to her face his fingers run down her cheek rubbing his thumb across her lips.

She struggles in the guards hold she begins to shake her head trying to get away from his touch.

I fight against the chains.

"You better not touch her!" My voice was becoming deeper I knew my dragon was close to the surface.

He turns looking at me he smirks like he has won a prize.

"Bring her uncle in here now!" He yells but keeps his gaze on me.

"Like I said Dexter all can be avoided if you just give me what I want,"

"You will never have her!"

"Well, I guess we will see now won't we,"

The door opens and more guards walk in with Hank his hands are cuffed together they bring him in and he sees Lily.

"Uncle Hank!" She sobs out.

"What is going on what she doing here!" He yells he tries to go to her but the guards don't let go.

"Chain him to the wall," Davidson orders them.

"Let go of me! Let her go she didn't do anything!" He growls at Davidson and Drake.

"Oh, how I love seeing how much everyone cares for each other," Davidson sings out while placing a hand over his heart.

"He's secured sir," The guards tell Davidson,

"Great! Now let me explain how this is going to go,"

He walks to Lily he leans over and whispers in the guard's ear suddenly the guard whips Lily around so she's facing him he drags her to the far wall keeping her face towards the wall another guard comes chaining her hands together then locking them in the latch on the wall the chaining her ankles as well her back was facing us.

"Uncle Hank," Lily keeps calling to him He's fighting to get loose so he can get to his niece.

"Don't you dare!" I struggle more with my hands trying to break free.

He walks to her standing off to the side he pulls here hair back pushing it all to the other side.

"Shh now," He coos at her but she is trembling with fear.

"Now Lily this is how this game is played, I will ask Dexter or your uncle a question if their answer is wrong you will get one lash with the whip,"

Lily sucks a sharp breath in but sobs out so loud at the thought of being whipped.

"Noo! Please don't," She cries out.

"Hush now, I haven't finished explain the rules,"

Lily quickly quiets down but her whole body shakes.

"Good, now if they answer right then you will receive nothing, do you understand these rules I've explained to you Lily,"

She shakes her head not able to speak.

"Lily I'm gonna have to hear you say the words," he says while he stocked her wet cheek,

"Y yes," She scampered out.

"Good! Now that we all know how this works let's begin," He claps his hand causing Lily to jump and scream.

"You can't do this she is a child!" Hank yells at him.

"It's all up to you if she gets harmed or not,"

"You call yourself an Elder? You should be stripped of that title," I yell at him

"Yes, well there's no one to take that from me now Is there,"

I need to think of something fast I can't allow him to hurt her. I wonder if Drake knows Davidson plans Drake is banking on getting Max but Davidson has plans to keep her and hope she with child I remember hearing those words come from him. I wonder if I can turn these two against each other.