

Chapter 78

Maxine

Laura made us some food we just sat quietly just the two of us she seemed just as lost in her thoughts as I am. I wasn't really eating my food I was just pushing it around my plate.

"They will be fine Max no need to worry so much," Laura says as she stands walking to the sink. Letting out a sigh

"I know it's just I'm stuck here not able to help them I feel so useless right now,"

"Sweetie you're not useless you are protecting that little baby inside you so it can grow big and strong," she says as she walks back over taking my half-filled plate.

I lay my hand on my stomach and think of Dexter. I wish I could tell him I was still wrapping my head around the fact that they all say I'm pregnant I don't feel any different.

We hear knocking on the door. I snap my head up looking at Laura she stiffens setting the dishes down she was washing. All the weeks we have been here no one's ever came here. Charles always goes to town alone for any supplies we would need.

Looking at me, she holds her finger up to her lips indicating for me to be quiet. She walks out the kitchen heading to the door.

I hear the knocking again. I stand walking to the doorway of the kitchen I can see Laura standing at the door looking through the little peep hole.

"Who is?" I hear Laura call through the door.

"Ma'am this is the local police we are looking for a missing person we are stopping at houses showing picture or the girl,"

She glances over her shoulder then I see her hand motion for me to step back out of the door way. I do as she asked then I hear the door open.

"Let me see what you have," Laura tells whoever is there.

"Have you seen this person? She's been missing for about a month,"

It's quiet for a few minutes then I hear Laura speak.

"No, I'm sorry I haven't seen anyone like that around,"

"Thanks for your time, Ma'am,"

"No trouble at all good luck hopefully you find her I'd hate for my child to be missing,"

"Have a nice day Ma'am,"

I hear the door close and the lock click I poke my head out to see Laura looking through the peep hole again.

Turning she looks at me then let's out a huge sigh.

"What was that?" She holds her hand up again then turns looking back through the hole. I hear a car starting and pulling away.

She turns walking back over. "We need to leave now pack a small bag,"

"What! Why?"

"Hunny them cops are looking for you they have a picture of you they are also dragons they will pick up your sent eventually it will lead them here,"

"How'd they get a picture of me and who gave it to them?"

"Max it's doesn't matter right now we need to leave before they come back, we can't defend ourselves right now Drake has to be behind this but we can't take the chance we have to get out of here,"

She grabs my hand pulling me upstairs we each pack a small bag coming back down the stairs Laura goes to the kitchen grabs some bottles of water along with some snacks.

We go out the front and stop dead in our tracks. There stands Drake and about six men. Laura grabs my hand pulls me behind her. She lets out a deep growl her dragon is close to the surface.

I can see Drake standing there with a smirk on his face he's not worried at all.

"Leave Now!" Laura yells at them.

All the men start to laugh.

"I said Leave. You're not welcome here," Laura tries again. But all they do is laugh.

Drake takes a step forward. "I will leave when I get what is mine,"

"She's not yours you have no right to lay a claim when she's already been claimed marked and mated,"

"Oh, so naive," Drake chuckles at Her.

"You will not have her I will not allow you too,"

"And who are you to stop me your nothing but an old lady and you're all by yourself seeing how your husband has left you all alone,"

Laura squeezes my hand. "Max when I say run go out the back door shift you have to fly away from here; I will hold them off. I heard Laura voice in my head.

"No! I'm not leaving you!"

"Max, you have to he can't get to you please my dear just do as I say,"

"Laura please don't make me do this" I was on the verge of crying.

"You have to Max you have a child to protect,"

I know she right and I know she trying to protect me but it didn't feel right leaving her to fight alone but I know she wouldn't change her mind.

"Alright Laura I'll do as you ask,"

"Good girl Max," Her voice was almost cracking.

"Don't you two get any ideas about attempting to get away now, there is nowhere for you to go," Drake yells at us.

Laura let's go of my hand she takes a step forward letting her hands shift to her claws.

"And I told you already to leave!" Her voice was deeper than I've ever heard it before. I knew her dragon was close to coming out.

I tighten my hold on my bag that's slung on my shoulder getting ready to make a break for it.

Drake and his men move forward doing the same as Laura.

"Lady step aside and give me the girl and I may let you live,"

"Ha! You little shit I'm not afraid of you I've lived longer than you ever will I've fought more pathetic so-called dragons you are no different so why don't you just take a walk and get off my property,"

"Such a feisty old lady aren't you," Drake chuckles at her which only landed a hard growl from Laura.

"I'll show you feisty!" She launches herself off the porch at Drake and the men they were so shocked she managed to knock three of them back by slamming into them.

"Run Max!" She yells through the link.

I turn running back into the house heading for the back door. I can hear growling and fighting then it turns to roaring. I know by that sound they have shifted.

I go out the back door running straight into the thickest part of the woods. I need to use the thick trees to keep hidden. I keep running as fast as I can I know she said to shift but if I do, they can follow me so for now I will stay on foot.

I'm not sure how long I had been running but I didn't hear anymore fighting. I stopped by a huge tree leaning against trying to catch my breath. I thought of Laura

I couldn't help the small sob that left me. Sliding down to the ground pulling my knees up placing my hand against them I just sat there crying hugging my knees.

"Dexter please forgive me," I sobbed out not knowing if Laura was alive or if Drake and his men killed her.