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### Talking with the others

Tamara's POV

Gazelle and I ran back to our Pack. We know we are safe because all the other smaller Packs have already been taken out, or at least their Alphas have been taken away. Leon would have come after our Pack if he knew where we were. I know we will have to go and meet Dean and tell him what is happening. I also know that we will have to tell him where the lab is because we will have to go and scout it out. We must know how many men there are and how many hunters I have. I do not understand why the vampires want to know where the lab is. I am sure they already know where it is and do not want to tell us because they hide something from us. Maybe they want us to find it ourselves so that we can attack it. And I do not have to. I don't know what is happening here and want to find out. I wouldn't say I like that werewolves are being experimented on or maybe used to do other people's dirty work.

I am baffled about everything that is going on. And I do not know why Leon, a gypsy, will go against the other people of the moon goddess. Maybe he wants to use us to take out the evil in the world, as Gazelle thinks. All I know is that I want to protect the creatures that are living in these woods and that I want to save the rest of the people in the world. We do not know if the humans are only using Leon or if Leon is using the humans. There are so many questions and so little time to get answers. Gazelle and I get ready to go and meet Dean. It is almost five after we have moved in all the gypsies and given them homes. I am glad that we found the laboratory today. And that we could take the gypsies out of harm's way. They have become my friends. I do not want them to become the victims of one

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crazy guy or maybe many crazy people. Perhaps that is why Leon was living like a hermit. He did not want the gypsies near his place because he knew they were busy building a laboratory there. That is all that makes sense to me. And I do not know what else to think. I can also not understand why the hunters and the humans will work together with a crazy old gypsy.

We run to the place where we had agreed to meet today, and it is in the same opening where we met last night. Since our camp is already protected, I take Miriam with me so that she can make sure that nobody can pick up on us when we talk or that the humans and hunters cannot find the originals before we know their story. Dean is already waiting for us when we arrive. After we greet him, he starts talking.

"You were right about using the trees last night. I had hunters and humans talking, and it looked like they wanted the vampires to attack them. They said they wondered why the vampires had not attacked their laboratory yet. I didn't stick around for too long because I know it is dangerous to be around the humans and hunters now," Dean says.

"We have found the laboratory, and it is in the mountains near the gypsy camp. We had to move the gypsies very fast today. Humans and hunters are not alone in having a powerful gypsy with him, helping them get the smaller packs around here. We will have to scout the place without them detecting us. But I have a powerful magical wolf you kicked out of your Pack. Do you remember Miriam that you chased away today? You chased me out of the Pack. It turns out she is much stronger than the powerful gypsy that I have. That gypsy is so strong that not even Gazelle is stronger than him. It says a lot about Miriam and her magical wolf. I have always believed that

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every wolf has its purpose in the Pack. But you only believe in strong warriors. She did not think about the people that will help you behind the scenes, did you?" I ask Dean, and I am furious at him because he chased away my friends. Well, they were not my friends at that time. But now they are my friends. I always believed that any wolf, no matter how weak or strong, has a purpose in the pack, even if it is only to clean or cook food. No Pack can survive with only strong warriors. Packs need all kinds of wolves to run a full Pack sufficiently.

"I understand that now, Tamara, and I already told you I am sorry that I have chased you and your friends away. I want you all to return to my Pack, where I can protect you better than anybody else. Why don't you think about it and don't give me an answer tomorrow? Your Pack is protected by magic because not even my warriors and I can find you. I was foolish when I took over from my father, and I thought I knew everything there was to know. I wanted to be like your father. I tried to be strong and a mighty warrior. I did not think about the people behind the scenes and the people making sure that everything was running smoothly while we were fighting. I know now that the Pack needs all kinds of wolves. I have learned my lesson, and I want you until Wolfs returns. Before you turn me down, please promise me that you will think about it. Let your people vote on it. Maybe they will vote to return to the Red River Pack if we won't become one big pack again. We can fight the hunters and humans better. We can communicate via mind-link, and the humans and hunters will not be able to trace. When we have to make calls on cell phones or something else, we must find a way to communicate. It is straightforward to trace cell phone calls from this area. So I do not think that we must use cell phones. We have to find another way to communicate. The only way I can think of is to become one Pack again, and we can use our mind link," Dean says. 1

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"He is not wrong. Maybe you can become a pack until the war ends with the humans and hunters. And we still do not know what, and the vampires are standing, and we do not know whether they are on our side. We will have to be very careful with them because they are very deceitful people. And I do not want to be a part of them. I do not even feel like talking to them, but I know we have to talk to them and find out where they are standing and why they have not attacked the laboratory yet, because I think they know where the laboratory is too. Do they know something that we don't? I want to find out," Gazelle says.

"If we decide to become a Pack, it does not mean I will be your Luna. We will only sell it Pack until after the war. We can fight together, and we can decide together what we want to do after we have talked to the vampires. I will have to ask my Pack how they feel about joining you again for the war because not many of my Pack members like you. I do not think that I trust you. And I think that they believe that you will chase them away again. They might think you will only use them until you don't need them again. And then we are stranded again. Our Packgrounds will stay a secret, and you will never come there. We will only communicate by mind link. If we become one Pack, it is only because we can use it to communicate. We will need to help each other out, and we will need to communicate. It may be our only solution, but you have to understand that it does not mean anything to me," I say to ensure that Dean understands I'll never become his mate or Luna.

"I knew you would say that, and I am willing to work with you on your conditions. You know you are just going to postpone the inevitable. One day we will become mates, and you will forgive me for my actions. I have been too proud, and I must admit that I have made the

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biggest mistake of my life by not taking you as my mate and chasing her way to the wolves that I need so much today," Dean says.

"We can discuss this later. Now, we must wait for the vampires. And I think they are coming because I can hear and smell them, and I cannot stand the smell of these living corpses," Gazelle says. Gypsies have a lot of the same senses that we do.

"I know what you mean. I also do not like working with them. They are not very good creatures, and they are not just with the I do not know how we will work with him if we cannot trust him. But we will find out soon enough what they are hiding from us. I hope they brought Maureen because I want to know why they left her behind. They know very well that we know they could have picked up on her being missing and found out who took her as soon as she was gone. It is not like they are like humans and cannot pick up with a baby has been stolen. There is also something very mysterious about Maureen. We will find out what it is tonight, and they better tell us the truth. You can pick up on them if they are lying, Gazelle. And I know that is why they do not like gypsies very much because they know that gypsies are the only creatures that can tell when a vampire is lying. We can also sometimes tell, but their heartbeat is so faint that we cannot pick up when the heartbeat is picking up. When they are lying," I say, and I know that gypsies are very powerful in doing stuff like that.

"Were you talking about us? So you want to know the true story about Maureen and why we didn't take her with us. The truth is Helga is her aunt. The night she was born, we did not know that she was born. We had another sister, and her name was Ariel. She died the night that she gave birth to her daughter. We have been looking all over for her daughter, not knowing where she was, until we picked up

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on the last place she was seen. We have been looking around this area for a long time, but the city is big, and she could have been taken by someone who knows. We also thought the people who killed our sister could have taken her, and a hunter killed our sister. We know that the hunter should have stakes that can kill us. That is the only reason we have not attacked the laboratory yet: we do not know what weapons I have that they can use against us. Yes, we need your help, but we will also help you. We are original vampires. We are not like the other vampires. We need your use attacking the lab because we think they have weapons that can put us into a deep sleep. If they use those weapons against us, they can experiment on us without us even knowing. We do not want him to get the same power we have," Vladimir says. I look at Gazelle, and she nods at me. She thinks that they are telling the truth this time. But since they are original vampires, I do not trust them. Maybe they can fool even gypsies because they are original vampires. I do not know. I guess only time will tell. We all got to sit down to talk. I guess this is going to be a long night, and poor Miriam will have to protect this little meeting until we are done.