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And after the meeting, all the available men of age were put on on the list, Rolf told us.

"But you are mated," Finlay said, the objection clear in his voice.

of who could be matched with an unmated woman. I was put

"I am, but Betty is too old to have new pups. The Alpha expected me to step up for the pack. The more the better. I have always been loyal to the pack. Alpha Finlay, you know how deep my loyalty oes. I turned my back on my only son out of that loyalty. But to... to... No! I could never. Not even at the threat of being made toe," Rolf exclaimed. Both Finlay and Kyle gave one firm nod. They agreed wholeheartedly. "We, no, I should have listened to you and Martin. We should have left with you," Rolf added.

"We should have. I knew the ideal the Alpha was pushing wasn't go for the pack, but it didn't affect me so I stayed," Kyle agreed.

"Hindsight is twenty, twenty," I told them.

"I'm guessing we will see more pack members leaving and needing shelter?" Finlay asked.

"If they can get out," Kyle agreed.

"How difficult is it to leave?" I wanted to know.

"Difficult. The Alpha's closest men patrol the border with the rest of the warriors. Anyone who is seen outside their house without a good reason is escorted back to their house. If you get caught outside more than once without reason, you will get a talking to by the top tier. No one has been foolish enough to see what happens if you continue to defy the orders," Kyle explained.

"That sounds concerning," Finlay said.

'We need to think this through,' I mindlinked him.

'Yes. Let us call for a top tier meeting when we are done here,' he answered.

"Could we ask you to keep this information to yourself for now?" he asked out loud.

"It's not that we are trying to hide the information from the pack. We are just trying to manage how this is spread and avoid a panic which would put the ones remaining in your pack to be unsafe I explained.

"We appreciate you trying to keep them safe. We will not talk about it until you let us know we are free to do so," Bridget said. We

I didn't stay for long after that. On our way back to the pack house, we mindlinked the others and we all met up in our meeting

room, now sporting a round table. Finlay looked as pleased as ever when he pulled out the chair that was mine. I was seated between Finlay and Sam. Something they both approved of and something Medow and Shelly found hilarious.

"It seems we have an issue on our hands. We need to figure out if its something we should get involved in, or if we should take a step back from it," Finlay told everyone. We then explained what we had been told and as we talked everyone looked horrified.

"That is... I don't even have words for it," Jake said. He was holding Shelly's hand tightly.

"How on earth can someone even think that is a good way to solve anything?" Sam asked as he looked down at the two pups who were taking a nap.

We need to help them," Medow insisted.

"How?" Finlay asked. "Do we want to do a takeover?

"No," I said before anyone else had the chance. "I'm all for helping, ut we know hostile takeovers are always risky. Say what you

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want about your brother's pack, but they are strong and highly train. Even under the best of circumstances we will see heavy losses on both sides. I don't want to do that unless there is no other way."

"I agree, Shelly said and Medow nodded.

"I think we should offer help to those who want and need it, but not interfere with the pack," Jake said.

sheltering some who might want to leave. Not everyone

"Maybe we can check with some of our allies if they would be open might feel comfortable coming to us, with the history between our cks," Sam said.

"That's a good idea," I agreed.

"I think we will inform the council as well. They should know there a good chance of a large number of wolves relocating," Finlay thought out loud.

"Yes, and we shouldn't let the pack know of this until we have both those things in place. They will want to make sure their loved ones are safe. It's better if we can tell them how their families and friends can seek safety," I suggested.

"Yes, it's not an easy decision, but I think it's the right one," Medow said. We all agreed.

"Can the four of you reach out to our allies? Red and I will talk to the council," Finlay said. Everyone nodded and we split up to get

our tasks done.