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Braden

Before I knew what I was doing. Lanie and I were crashing to the ground in a heap.

She thrashed and kicked beneath me, but I didn't care. We were back inside the spell's protective borders. That was all that mattered.

I let her go, and she scrambled to her feet just as Xander and Zane ran out from the cabin.

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They both looked, frankly, like complete s hit. They were scruffy around their jaws, a purple bags under their eyes. Maybe I overestimated their ability to deal with the close quarters.

"What the f uck is this?" Xander asked, his eyes bugged out and crazy. He sprinted down the stairs and straight up to me, planting his hands on my chest and shoving me.

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I stag ered back, but recovered quickly, huffing out a humorless laugh.

Zane stood behind Xander, his chest heaving and threatening me with those stu pid wolf eyes.

I cocked my eyebrow at them both. "I was about to ask you the same thing," I said, motioning to Lanie, who had run to the porch to scoop up Stella. "She was out beyond the border letting her scent seep all over the forest like some deadly siren's call."

Lanie looked furious. "I was doing what I had to do to get you here!" she cried.

"Yeah, well you're lucky I was headed here anyway." I said. "But we might get unwanted company soon."

I had no idea what possessed Lanie to step outside the border. Her vampire side had been reawakened, and her in-heat scent was more powerful than ever.

"Why the hell were you out there anyway?" I asked. "And why do you two look like sh it?" I asked, waving at

Xander and Zane.

Zane growled and I had to fight back the urge to laugh again. Wolves and their grumbling....

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"Mason left," Lanie said thickly. "And he took the twins with him."

Oh, sh it.

“What?!” I asked. “Where did he go?”

“To Stillwood, I think,” Lanie said.

Double s hit.

“We need you to find him before Orion does,” Xander commanded.

I started to argue that I didn’t take orders from Alphas but now wasn’t the time.

“Malachi is tracing Orion as we speak,” I explained. “If he’s found Mason and the twins, then he’ll come

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Xander and Zane eyed me suspiciously.

“These are our f ucking pups were talking about,” Zane said. “We can’t just wait around to see if he

comes

back or not.”

I held my hand up. “Fine, I’ll go and check myself, see if Mason’s scent is still traceable.”

I turned to go, but Lanie called out.

“Wait! Why were you coming back here?” she asked. is my sister okay?”

I nodded. "Orion is frustrated. He tried getting information from Selena, and she could honestly say she had no idea where you were, so he had to let her go."

"And what about the pack? The Council?" Xander asked.

"It's only been a few days of lockdown, but every wolf in Constantine is growing restless," I explained.

"Anyone who's broken out of lockdown has been imprisoned or taken to the hybrid facility for 'tests' aka

torture, but it's not calming people down any less."

It was honestly chaos, but without Stella and Lanie or Xander and Zane, Orion and the Council were

stuck. Pretty soon they were going to need that hybrid army, otherwise the shifters they'd forced into

lockdown

were going to rise up against them.

"So you

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you came here to tell us what? That nothing has changed?" Xander asked.

"A lot has changed, actually. In a very short amount of time."

I spun around when I heard Malachi's voice. Another figure stood next to him just on the other side of

the

barrier, a cloak concealing their identity.

"Who is that?" Zane asked, but I had the same question.

And then the figure dropped their hood. It was Gabriela,

Xander's eyes went wide. "Ma? What are you doing herwww

e?"

Now that her face had come into view, I could see that it was pale. She was afraid.