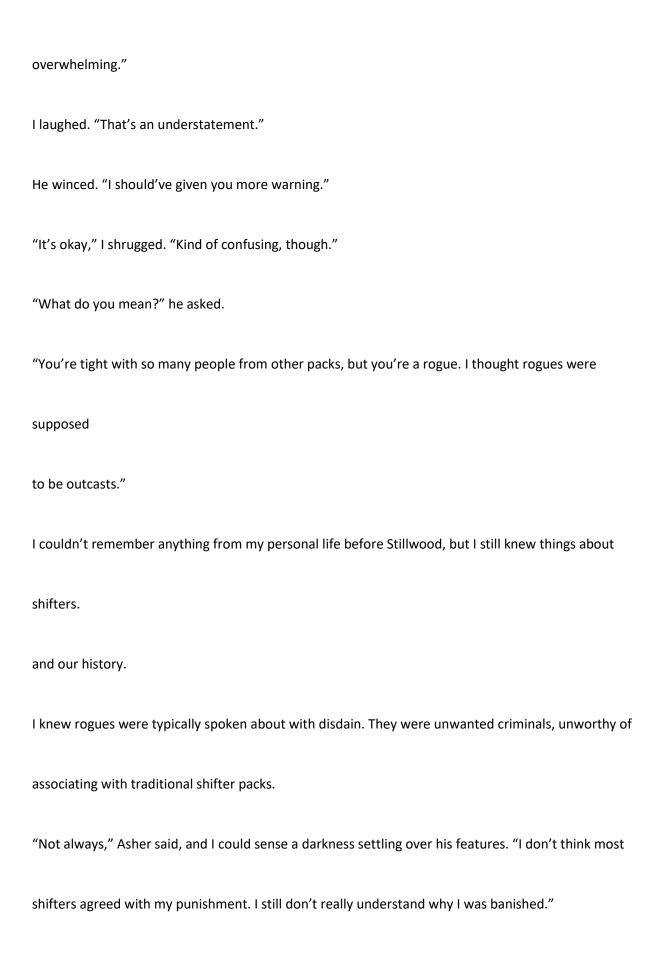
His Beta 77 Chapter 77 Katie "You heard what I said?" I asked Asher. Only mates were supposed to hear a she-wolf's thoughts. But Asher was basically a stranger... there was no way he could hear mine. "Yes," Asher said, his brows knitting in confusion. "Why wouldn't I? It's a small car." He laughed, but I was having trouble seeing the joke "I just..." I trailed off. There was no way to explain this without sounding like a crazy pregnant lady. Or maybe that was it. Maybe the hormones were scrambling my brain. "Never mind," I said, brushing it off. I'm probably just nervous about the party." "No need to be," Asher said, reaching over and giving my knee a light pat. "We're in this together."

A few minutes later, he pulled up to a huge, sprawling lodge tucked away in the woods.



I	stepped out of the car, not letting go of his hand. He squeezed mine tightly in return. 1/3
u	'And if it's not, we can go have some
I	nodded and tried to give him a genuine smile. "Deal"
Д	As soon as we walked inside, I felt like I'd come with a f u cking celebrity.
V	Nolves approached us from all sides, clapping Asher on the back and asking how he was.
C	Clearly he had a lot of friendsmaybe the nice guy thing was genuine.
C	Good to know.
Д	Asher generously introduced me to every single person, and when we shook hands, I searched their
f	aces.
f	or glimpses of recognition, but I couldn't sense anything out of the ordinary
S	Sometimes their eyes lingered on my huge baby bump, but that wasn't surprising
Т	They were probably all wondering if the pup was Asher's.
V	We finally made our way through the crowd near the entrance and found a more secluded seat.
u	'Sorry about all that," Asher said, his cheeks reddening slightly. "That must've been pretty



He shifted in his seat. "My whole family was unfairly punished, too. That's why my mother and Quinn
live in Stillwood with me." He looked down and shook his head. "I think a lot of people felt sorry for us.
Still do."
"But I don't understand why were you banished in the first place?"
He met my gaze again, but there was a guardedness there.
"An overzealous Alpha was trying to flex his power. He was young just like me. He thought I was
overstepping, but"
Asher stopped.
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An anxious tingle danced across my skin.
What was he hiding?
"Asher, my man!" A deep voice rang out behind me before I could ask any more questions.
Asher's face lit up as he rose and wrapped the man in a bear hug.

"Katie." He gestured between me and the smiling guy beside him. "I want you to meet my best friend,
Mason."