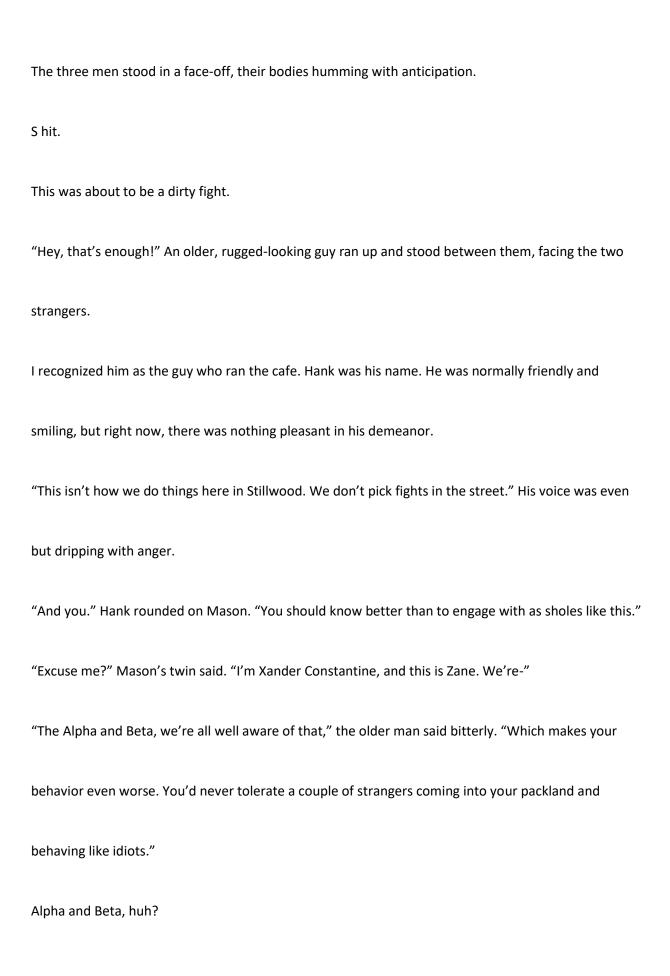
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Chapter 96
Katie
Who the hell were these men and why were they fighting with Mason?
As soon as I looked at both of them, their eyes darkened and then flashed with their wolves.
Their fists flexed as their claws shot from their fingertips.
They were shifting.
My heart pounded.
Was I in danger?
Was Stella?
But why couldn't I move?
I wrapped my arms tighter around my pup, shielding her face from these two leering strangers.
Mason stepped between us, shielding me from the two strangers.
"That's close enough," he said with a warning growl.
I had the sudden urge to peek around Mason, to look into the two men's eyes again.



I'd never seen him get so defensive.
I bristled slightly.
I liked it when he played protector, but I wasn't ready to walk away from these two just yet.
"Katie," I said quietly. "My name is Katie."
Mason wheeled around to face me, a shocked and irritated look on his face.
I'd surprised myself by speaking up, too.
But I wanted these men to know me, and I wanted to know them, too.
I felt like I already did in some strange way.
"Looks like she wants to get to know us after all," the other shifter said.
He was strong and handsome, too, but he didn't share the same features as Mason and his
mysterious.
twin.
Another rumbling growl tore through Mason's chest, and his own claws extended



So these guys were a big deal.
Xander and Zane shared a dark look, and for a moment it seemed like they weren't going to back
down, but then they closed their eyes and their claws retracted.
"Sorry for the disturbance," Zane said, but he didn't look all that sorry.
"We'll be on our way," Xander said.
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"But not without Katie."