

# Hybrid Aria

## Chapter 7

### Aria's POV

Waking up when the ute came to a stop, I laid under the tarp, frozen. Listening carefully, I could hear music blaring loudly and lots of voices.

I

was not sure how long we had been in the tray because not long after our

escape, I had given in to exhaustion. When I was sure the coast was clear, I

stuck my head out from under the tarp, trying to find anything that might tell

me where we were. We were in a parking lot. Looking out, I could tell we

were at a bar, one that I had never heard of, so we were not on Black Moon

territory, but where were we exactly? Feeling Lily move beside me, I clamped my hand down on her mouth. She looked up groggily at me as I

motioned with my finger to my lips telling her to keep quiet. When I heard

voices, I quickly stuck my head down and back under the tarp lying motionless.

The voices stopped right next to the tray. The voices sounded like they were

right next to us two male voices. Focusing on what they were saying, I heard

a man with a deep voice speaking to whoever was with him.

"You smell that, Mark?" I listened as they sniffed the air.

"Rogues," the other man growled. My body tensed at his aggressive growl.

Shit, we escaped only to end up on another Pack's territory.

"They couldn't have got far; the scent is too strong, and they are injured too,

so I doubt they will put up much of a fight.” The first man laughed.  
“Alert the Alpha; it’s time to go hunting.” Mark sounded like he was  
excited  
to hunt us down. Lily’s breathing started to get louder. I could tell she  
heard  
what they were saying. Lily gripped my hand tightly, and we waited  
until  
they moved away. As soon as they did, I pushed the tarp off us. I  
slowly  
climbed out, ducking behind the tray, I quietly gripped Lily from under  
her  
legs and arms, lifting her out of the tray.  
Grabbing the bag, I flung it over my shoulder. I did not know where we  
were,  
but one thing I did know was we had to get off their territory before  
they  
found us. Carrying Lily, I ran down the street and behind a hardware  
store.  
Sitting behind the dumpster out of view of the street, I placed Lily on  
the  
ground, forcing her to stand.  
“Lily, I need you to run. I won’t be able to carry you. Don’t stop until I  
tell  
you, and whatever you do, don’t let go of my hand.” She nodded,  
clutching  
my hand tightly. Looking above the dumpster, I tried to find a street  
sign to  
tell me where we were, but there weren’t any. The streets were pretty  
much  
deserted besides the bar around the corner, so it must be late.  
Grabbing Lily’s hand, we stayed low and walked as quietly as possible  
to an  
alleyway that was behind the hardware store. I couldn’t recognise any  
of the  
streets because it was dark and my vision was already blurry. Sticking  
to the

back streets and alleyways, we made our way to a residential area. All the house lights were off; only the dim street lights illuminated the roads. Quickly as possible, we climbed a small hill in the residential area once at the top. I looked around trying to find anything that would let me know which side of the city we were on. My heart stopped when I saw a huge skyscraper building in the distance. The giant lit-up sign on top that said Pharma enterprises. My blood ran cold, we were on Blood Moon territory. Pharma enterprises was a Blood Moon owned business. Grabbing Lily's hand tightly, we started to run down the hill when we came to some bushland. It wasn't very thick, so didn't offer much coverage. Lily started to slow down to the point I was half dragging her. Stopping behind a tree, I let her catch her breath. "Okay, Lil, catch your breath. We can't stop again; we need to get to the other side of the city." "I'm thirsty, Ari." She had tears in her eyes, her hair was all matted, and she was sweating. "I know, baby. When we get to the other side, I will find you something to drink, okay? But we aren't safe here. I need to get you out of here first," I said, rubbing her face gently. Lily looked down and nodded before I felt her freeze. She tugged on my hand, pulling my eyes down to what she was staring at on the ground. Blood and lots of it. In my panic, I forgot I was bleeding; it was leaving a trail straight to us.

Lifting up my shirt, the place where the Alpha bit me was just a piece of flapping skin barely hanging on except for the fact the remaining parts of my blouse were sticking to it, holding it together. My thigh wasn't much better. A huge chunk was missing, and my blood was turning a blackish colour. Just Lily pointing it out made me very aware of the fact that I had somehow ignored the hunger I felt. Pulling off the blouse that was only held on by the arms as the back was completely ripped open, I made a makeshift bandage by wrapping it around my stomach and side holding the flap of skin in place. I can't do much about the leg unless I walk around naked, which is not going to happen. Throwing the bag over my shoulder, I gripped Lily's hand tightly and started running, pulling Lily with me. Now that Lily pointed it out, every step I took was leaving an obvious trail behind us. When we reached the end of the small bushland, we heard howls. We were in another residential area and only a few blocks away from the city centre. Running down towards the city centre, I knew if we could make it to the subway, we would be able to catch a train out of the city. Just as we stepped on to the main drag, I heard a vicious growl catching us from behind, and a huge brown wolf stepped out from behind a building. I turned to face it, pushing Lily behind me protectively, forcing my

claws to extend; they painfully ripped my fingernails off. Then more growls

came from the side. We were outnumbered, six wolves were surrounding us.

The only way out was the direction we were running in, but they would easily

outrun us. I could feel Lily shaking behind me, pressed tightly against my back.

"Lily, I need you to run and don't stop, no matter what, okay?" I felt Lily shaking her head against my back.

"Please, no, Ari," she whispered.

"Do as I say, Lily. Run and don't stop," I growled at her. The brown wolf

was slowly prowling, sizing me up as the others moved in.

"Run Lily," I growled just as the big brown wolf launched himself at us. I

smashed into it, grabbing it before it could grab Lily. Lily screamed then took

off running. I watched as another wolf pounced, its claws digging into my

back painfully. I was thrown to the ground violently. Just as another smaller

grey wolf went to jump on me going for my face, I lifted my hands, my claws

digging into its chest. Using my legs, I pushed it off and away from me.

The only thing on my side was there were too many of them to attack at once

without injuring each other, but at the same time, I couldn't catch my breath.

My lungs felt heavy, and I understood this was going to be how it ends for

me. So long as I could be a distraction and Lily could get enough distance,

she might stand a chance of making it off this territory. I just needed to buy

her some time. A grey and black wolf I noticed out of the corner of my eye

went to chase after Lily. I jumped, sinking my claws into its back and hanging on before I was thrown off and into a brick wall. Jumping to my feet,

I lunged at it, only to be hit from the side, slamming me to the ground again.

Black dots started to take over my vision. The last thing I remember seeing

was the black and grey wolf snarling and snapping its teeth at me, running at

me. The next thing I see is oblivion. Complete darkness. No pain, just a

feeling like weightlessness, like floating. Is this what death is like? Darkness?

Nothing? They were my last thoughts before everything went black.