### Rejected, My Jaded Love Chapter 11

After the meeting in Alpha Andrew's Office, I am exhausted. It has been a draining and emotional day, and I just want to find my room and then sleep. I am not hungry at all. I haven't been hungry all day since I was rejected. I have had some sodas today to keep up some fluids and calories. I knew I had almost passed out this morning, but I wasn't hungry. I just want to put my clothes up and find a bathroom, take a shower, and go to bed.

I am excited about training tomorrow with Braxton, I mean Brax, and Mason will also be coming just to see "where I am" in my training. I already told them where I am, at zero. I have no score and no knowledge, but Mason said with me being a white wolf I may have a fighting instinct and might surprise myself.

I come down the hallway designed for the Gamma family. Both ends are designed the same way with the Beta family on one end and the Gamma family on the other end. Both ends reflect the other end. Each end has 4 bedrooms, with Bryan and Aubrey getting the largest, main, bedroom. Nicole and Jessica had already picked out their rooms and put my duffle bag and my small suitcase in my room, I just need to figure out which of the rooms is mine. Nicole comes out of one of the rooms and closes the door behind her at the end of the hall. She grins at me and runs down the hallway to me.

She gives me a big hug and says, "Hey you ready to see your room?".

I tell her "Of course".

Nicole laughs and says "This one is your room. I gave you the room next to mine. Our rooms are side by side, and the room that you saw me exit is mom and dad's room just in case you need them they are at the end of the hallway on the left. Jessica's room is just across the hallway from your room".

"Where is the bathroom for this floor?" I ask Nicole.

"Oh, hang on, let me show you your room Jade". Nicole told me with a big smile on her face.

We enter my room, and I couldn't stop the gasp that fell from my lips. I basically have my own apartment. There is a ton of natural light coming into the main part of my room. There is a wall of windows with a light tint on them to keep the light from the sun being blinding. I also have grey and white, blackout drapes in a Melodieux Moroccan pattern, so at night no one can see into my room and the light won't wake me on mornings that I have to sleep in. My room is done in light grey and with white accents. I have a queen size bed with two dressers in my room, as well as a full walk-in closet. I put my suitcase in the closet, and I duffle down in from of one of the dressers to unload later; I am exhausted. I don't have that many clothes so it literally will take like 5 minutes. I just want to go to bed. I am so tired. Nicole leads me to the last door in my room and tells me to "brace yourself" as she opens the door.

I am now looking at the most beautiful bathroom that I have ever seen. I have a curved jetted tub in the corner that has a tempered glass insert in it, and it is HUGE. I am totally taking a bath tonight, instead of a shower. The insert allows for anyone else in the bathroom to see into the Ariel Platinum Whirlpool Bathtub, which also had the white and grey theme continuing into my bathroom shower. The tiles in my shower were light and dark greys, with some of the light greys being almost white. There were dark greys that were almost black, as well as some light and dark teals in the tile giving it depth. I fell in love with the tiles and pointed at them, with Nicole telling me "Those are beautiful. They just had this packhouse built a little over a year ago and I already asked about those tiles. They are Elida Ceramica Sparkle Ocean Blue and I want to get them installed into my own home, whenever I get home. My room looks like yours. The rooms on the opposite side of the packhouse are done in tans and whites and they are beautiful too, I am just partial to the teal color, and I know you are too, and since Jessica liked the room and the view across the hall, it all worked out".

"I am never leaving this bathroom. I love the tiles in the shower too. Maybe we can get a deal on this tile if we order in bulk for both our future houses" I tell Nicole.

This bathroom was the size of my bedroom at my old house. I have a seated vanity to be able to do my hair or makeup at if I choose to wear any, with a Dyson hairdryer hanging from a hook next to it. I have a towel stand sitting between the shower and the whirlpool tub, with the fluffiest white towels that I have ever seen sitting on it, I am so happy right now. I cannot believe how many emotional changes have occurred since this morning. I have gone from brokenhearted and broken, to feeling blessed at having such a beautiful room and a real chance at a happy life. My heart is still broken, and I am still sad because my mate didn't love me enough to want to claim me, but I feel like I will be ok. I will get past this, I am not the only person to have been rejected, and I have faith that Brax and Mason will help me reach my full potential.

"Come on Jade," Nicole tells me pulling me towards the door to my room.

"I was just going to take a shower, well I changed it to a bath, but I was just going to get clean and go to bed early. We have training early in the morning and I am just exhausted". I tell Nicole.

"Sorry, Jade. My cousins can't wait to meet you and it is time for dinner anyway. You haven't eaten all day, don't think that I didn't notice. I know you had some drinks today, but you do need to eat. They serve breakfast starting at 5 am to 7 am. Lunch is 11 am to 1:30 pm, and Dinner is from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. That way whatever time you have training or work scheduled you can go before or after it, and not miss any meals. Even if you don't eat much, you still need to eat something. So come on, we will go down as a family" as she just pulls me out into the hallway, where we meet up with Jessica and Nicole's parents, Aubrey and Bryan.

We take the elevator at the end of the hallway down and Nicole hands me the key card that allows me to use the elevator to get up to the 5th floor and enter my room.

There is an elevator at both ends of the packhouse, and anyone can get to the 2nd through the 4th floors, but you need a key card for the elevators to get to the 5th (Beta or Gamma Floors) or 6th floor, for the Alpha family.

We enter the dining room and are waved over to the head table on a raised platform that makes us be a foot and a half higher than the regular tables. It is almost 7 pm as it has been a long day, but there is still plenty of food available. Another table had been added to the platform as we added five more people to the head table with a Gamma family now back in place at Stone Moon. I sit at the end with Jessica, with Nicole sitting to my right and her Parents to her Right. I get up from my seat to go get my food with Nicole and Jessica.

I am surprised at the selection of food that is still available for us at 7 pm. I ask one of the servers if it will be thrown away if it is not eaten. She advises me that anything not eaten will not go to waste. That the pack Warriors that are about to change shifts will be grabbing the food after their shift, and when Grave shift gets relieved, they will either grab some leftovers or get breakfast, it is too their preference if they want dinner or breakfast. I am glad to see that nothing is wasted here, as the meats are either chopped, sliced, or pulled apart to make sandwiches that are wrapped and dated, then put into a large glass door refrigerator for you to see what is available before you go to open to door. There are side items in a small container in there as well with the leftover dated and lined up with their dates, fruit salad bowls, and bigger bowls with the leftover soups in them, also dated. "Anything over 3 days old will get thrown away if it is still there at that time" is what she tells me as we walk around the area. I see that there are 3 microwaves on the counter along with napkins, condiments, and real silverware.

I decide on a turkey sandwich from the leftover fridge and grab a bag of chips and a bottle of water, I wasn't super hungry, but I probably needed to eat something. I go to return to my seat and fall to the floor in the worst pain that I have ever experienced. My food falls from the tray and my water bottle bursts onto the floor. It felt like my insides were on fire, and I could not breathe. I don't know what is going on, but I am so glad that the dining room was almost a ghost town because I felt like I was going to die. I hold onto my lower stomach and try to curl into the fetal position to try to find some relief. I hear Nicole call out frantically for Aubrey and Bryan to come and help. I hear other footsteps come running in from the living room area as I just let go and pass out. The last thing that I hear is Mason calling out for me to "stay calm, we are going to help you". As I let the darkness take me, I hope that they can help me. I don't know what is going on and I am terrified.

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I wake up and I am on my bed, with Nicole laying on one side of me, and Jessica on the other side of me. I am so happy that I am not in the hospital. I was so scared that I was going to die last night, I hope it was not serious. I don't know if I can handle that happening again, I am hoping that Nicole will know what happened to me, but I don't want to wake her up at 330 am to ask her. I carefully get up from the middle of my bed and crawl to the bottom of the bed to go to use the bathroom. I figure since I am up, I will go ahead and take a shower and get ready for the day. My training starts at 6 am and I feel rested, so I don't want to go back to sleep.

I don't have any cute exercise clothes, and I realize that now that I am here, I really might stay and go to a local college, instead of going somewhere else. I was just going to go to M.I.T to get away from my pack. Now that I am here, I really want to stay here with Stone Moon. I feel safe and protected here, even if I had only been here for 12 hours. That is just crazy. I was so stressed yesterday and today I feel totally calm. What a difference a day makes.... or what a difference a pack that doesn't suck makes. Luna Monica had spoken more to me yesterday than I had spoken to Luna Evelyn, in the 17 and a half years that I was in her pack. I already trusted Alpha Andrew and Luna Monica, and I trust Mason and Brax too.

I start thinking about my wolf and feel scared that I hadn't heard from her since we had left my old pack yesterday. I hope I didn't lose her; I hope that isn't what has caused me pain last night. I just got my wolf, please let her still be with me.

I reach out in my mind and call out to her, "Ivory, are you there?"

No response, and I now really start to panic. Maybe my wolf is gone. Will Stone Moon pack still want me if I am NOT a white wolf anymore? If I can't help to strengthen their pack, will they return me to Howling Wolf pack? I slide down the shower wall scared that I will be returned to Howling Moon. What am I going to do? I am freaking out in my head. I try to calm down and try again.

"Ivory, hey are you ok? Are you still there? Is there anything I can do to help you?" I asked her.

I hear her low response "I am still here Jade. I never left you. I have just been trying to help you get over the rejection, then I had to help you with the pain from last night. I just needed time to recover".

"Ivory, do you know what caused the pains last night?" I asked as I got up from the floor of the shower.

"Yes, our mate slept with another" Ivory responded.

"Wait, what? He rejected me we are not mates anymore" I tell her.

"No, Jade. You never accepted his rejection. He is still your mate" Ivory informs me.

"Well great, another awesome thing to happen to me. What do I need to do to reject him?" I ask Ivory.

"Well, you will have to meet him and accept the rejection," Ivory tells me.

"Seriously? I hope I never see him again, and now I find out that I will have to see him again to stop the pain I feel. Can't I just call him on the phone and say that I accept it? I ask, praying that it would work.

"No, it has to be in-person" Ivory informs me.

"Crap, just when I thought my life was on the mend, I hear this. Well, at least I know what happened now. It comes as no surprise to me that those assholes are still hurting me." I shake my head as I stand up and I finish washing my hair. I get out of my bathroom and head into my closet to grab an outfit. I put on a pair of undies and a pair of sweatpants that I sleep in in the winter, and I wear them occasionally just to be comfortable. I am glad that they have a drawstring on them as they seem to be a little loose on me. I put a bra and t-shirt on and come out of the closet to put my socks and shoes on.

I sit down in the chair at the desk in my living room and am so glad it is Saturday and there is no school today. I make a mental note to go by the mall tomorrow to get a new pair of sneakers and some clothes to exercise in, as I will be exercising daily now. I go ahead and check my phone with 30 texts showing. I have not had 30 texts in a week before, let alone in 12 hours. I start checking the texts with 5 from Eric, 10 from Calvin, 10 from my mom (I mean my aunt) & 5 from my brother. Each one was similar and got progressively uglier until they were totally threatening me unless I immediately returned to the pack. Why are they even trying to contact me? I left the pack and I have NO plans on ever returning. I will go rouge first. I send one response to each of them saying the same thing. "Lose my number, do NOT contact me again. I have nothing to say to you. I will never come back". It feels good telling them to get lost and I end up blocking all their numbers from my phone. That feels even better. I start cleaning out contacts from my phone, and social media accounts. I go through my emails and clear them out as well. I plan on saving the contact information of Mason, Brax, Luna Monica, and Alpha Andrew today. I am really excited to get my day started, but nervous about my first training. At 5 am Nicole and Jessica woke up to their alarms blaring. They hugged me and told me that they were happy to see me doing well and said that they would meet me downstairs after they showered and dressed for the day.

I went ahead and wandered down to the first floor and sat at my end of the table, nodding a greeting to The Alpha family, Mason, and Brax. Brax advised me that I needed a light meal before the workout, otherwise, I might throw up my breakfast. The Alpha's teenage children grabbed their plates and drinks and came down to sit with me. The daughter introduced herself as being Sabrina, and she was 18 years old and will be 19 in a few months. She was beautiful with wavy brown hair in a long ponytail and dark blue eyes just like her mom. She wore no makeup, but she was beautiful without it. She was 5'10" and shapely like her mom. She told me that she and Dixon, her brother would both be in my training class at 6 am. She told me to call her Bree and excused herself from the table to go get dressed in her workout clothes.

Dixon grinned at me after Bree left the table and asked how old I was. I grinned back and told him that I had turned 18 yesterday. The grin dropped from his face and said "Happy belated birthday. I am so sorry you had such a bad day on your birthday". I told him "It's ok, I am used to it. My birthday is not usually special". Dixon is already 6'2" and is 17 years old, he will be 18 in two months. Dixon is cute with his black hair and light blue eyes. He has broad shoulders and has a strong jaw. He looks a lot like his father. He excuses himself and says he will see me for training at 6, and he goes to change as well. Nicole and Jessica come down and we all go grab a yogurt and an apple to get a little something to eat before we train. The Alphas children are nice, and I feel better about my training this morning.

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Friday night as we sit down for dinner in the Dark Moon pack, I look at my sons and then back to my wife before sighing and getting their attention. I am not looking forward to this talk. I felt guilty enough having had to speak to Joy earlier about the new family member. Joy was surprised at Hillary having had a child but listened to what had happened. She felt terrible that she had not been called to the gate to speak with Hillary, but I had told her that Tyler, our oldest, had only been a few months old at the time and that since she was pregnant with Tate at the time, I couldn't risk her going to the gate to speak with Hillary. I could not take it if something had happened to her. After we eat, I tell the boys to come to my office after they were through with their dinner.

Ten minutes later both boys entered my office and sat down in the chairs in front of my desk. The smiled at the mom perched on my leg and then looked towards me.

"Boys, what I am about to say is very difficult. So please just let me tell you what I need to do before you ask questions. I got a phone call today from Luna Monica at the Stone Moon pack. She was calling me to see if I had had a pack member about 19 years ago by the name of Hillary Davis. That she was doing some checking and had called me first as she had two pieces of information. One that I was a white wolf, and two the lady in question had been living at a pack in Arizona. I told Luna Monica that I had known a she-wolf by the name of Hillary Davis, and I had been in a relationship with her and that we were living together when I happened to meet my mate. I asked Hillary to move out of my room as soon as I returned to my pack from the meeting that I had been attending. Truth be told after I met your mother, I had completely forgotten about Hillary until we were almost back at my pack. I was planning on letting her stay in the pack, with the stipulation to stay away from Joy, but she insisted that she was leaving. I did not know it, but apparently, she was pregnant with my child at the time she left and neither of us knew she was pregnant. She came back to the pack one day, a year later while I was out of town, but due to you being so small at the time Tyler, and your mom being pregnant with Tate, I didn't feel like it was safe for your mother to meet with Hillary. She wouldn't tell

the Guard the reason that she needed to speak to me, and Beta Young was busy at the time, and could not get to the gate before Hillary left. I didn't know until I returned to the pack that the Guard at the gate thought he had heard someone else in her car. I had no way to contact her, and I just waited on her to contact me again. She never came back, and I never heard from her again. I don't know why Hillary never told me that she had a baby with me, maybe she is still mad at me for choosing your mother over her. I just don't know currently, but what I do know is that Luna Monica is of the opinion that she has my daughter at her pack and that my daughter needs her family right now. She really didn't get into it fully with me, but she probably could tell that I was having a difficult time with this new information".

I look at Joy again and tell her "Thank you for being so loving and understanding about this. I couldn't ask for a better mate". I look at my boys and tell them "Wait on your mate boys, I was 27 and I thought that I would never find my mate so since Hillary and I enjoyed similar interests we lived together for a few months, and I was even considering making her my chosen Luna. I am so thankful that the Goddess sent me Joy when she did. I know what love actually is after I met your mother, what I felt for Hillary does not compare to what I feel for your mother".

I sit back and ask the boys if they have anything to say. I don't have to wait for long.

From Tyler "When can we meet her? What does she look like? How old is she? Is she going to be older or younger than me? When are we leaving to go meet her?

From Tate "I always wanted a sister. When are we leaving? Can we leave now? Are we all going to go get her and bring her here?

Joy laughs and tells them "Hey guys, let's not overwhelm her. We will be leaving at 10 tomorrow after your dad finishes up a meeting that was already scheduled a month ago. The meeting is at 9 am, and we will be leaving right after it is complete. We will be taking your friend and soon-to-be Beta, Travis Young with us on the trip for extra security, as his father will be staying here to run the pack for the few days that we will be gone. We are ALL going to meet your sister, but I don't want you to put too much pressure on her. From the sound of what Luna Monica said, she is not aware she has any family from what we have gathered. So, we need to take this slowly with her and just let her know that we are here for her, or how slowly she wants to build the relationship. We are going to the Stone Moon pack and that trip is 2 hours, so we should be there about noon tomorrow. The only thing that we know about her is that her name is Jade".

Both Tate and Tyler are excited about seeing their sister the next day and start making plans as well as packing. Hopefully, their dad and mom plan to stay for at least 2 days for them to hang out. Tyler is excited because tomorrow is his birthday, and he turns 18. So, he is literally getting a sister that he has always wanted for his birthday. He starts thinking about what she is going to look like. Will we look similar? What features will we share? Tyler finishes packing and starts putting his duffle bag by his door. He cannot wait for tomorrow and lays down on his bed to think about how tomorrow will go, and where she came from. Why did her mom keep her hidden from us? Does she still hate dad that

much? Were they living like Rogues and skipping around, or had she been at the Stone Moon pack this whole time and we just never knew it? Admittedly we don't usually spend time at other packs, as we are Alpha's children and need to be protected. Has she been trained? Will we need to help train her? I remember dad mentioning that the subject of him being a white wolf coming up, is that how they figured out to ask him if he knew Hillary, is my sister a white wolf too? I wonder what special skills she has along with her white wolf? I wonder if I am going to be a white wolf, Tate will be turning 18 in less than 6 months, will he be a white wolf?

Mom had us back-to-back, Alpha pups only need 5 months for a she-wolf pregnancy. Both Tate and I showed up a week early, but with no health issues or problems. Mom did have a difficult pregnancy with Tate, and when they were trying to have a third child mom had had an ectopic pregnancy, and one of her tubes was destroyed. After losing that baby, my mom just didn't have the heart to try again, she couldn't take the loss again. I really hope that my sister is ready for this family. We are so excited to have her, and I know how upset my dad is at having his child deliberately kept from him for the last 18 years. I hope we get some answers tomorrow. I am really looking forward to having a sister and getting to spend time with her. I continue to think about all the questions that I want to ask her about, until I finally fall asleep, with a smile on my face and excitement about tomorrow, and not just for my birthday. I hope everything goes smoothly and she accepts us as her family. Please Goddess don't let her want to stay away from us like her mother did.

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I leaned over and threw up again. I am sweating so hard the back of my shirt and the waistband of my pants are completely soaked. I had no idea that Brax was going to be this hard on me. It's my first day for the Goddess'sake, I don't need to learn absolutely everything with my first training, I think, as I stand back up and brace my hands on my hips, as I try to catch my breath. Training has been going on for 3 hours, and I am in my second class with Brax. The first class was a basic cardio health class, for people to stay in shape, and this second class was for less cardio and more focused on strength training. Each class is an hour and a half with a five-minute break in the middle for the first class to leave and the second class to come in and get ready to go.

I look a mess, and I know it. My hair is sweaty and sticking to my forehead and the back of my neck. I can feel the sweat running down my scalp and I cannot wait to drag my battered body to the shower, or maybe a bath, as my muscles are letting me know how unhappy they are with me. I know that the elite warriors that took this class were glancing over at me throughout the class, curious about me and why I am here in this class, as I don't look like they do. They saw me throw up both times in this class, but no one was mean to me today, even when they saw me throw up. I also threw up for the first time after running 5 miles in the first class.

Brax comes over to me and gives me a sweaty side hug. He is not sweating as much as I am, but he does this on a daily basis. "I am super proud of you Jade, you did great on your

first day. Most people who have never trained wouldn't have been able to do the first class with the 5-mile run and all the drills, but you did it, and my elite class too! I am really impressed", he tells me.

"Sure, you are Brax, I look like a train wreck out there. I don't feel like I did a good job at all, and I threw up three times. I feel like I have been rolled down a hill. So, thank you for the compliments, but hold off on them until I earn them", I told him.

"No Jade, you did a great job. I don't sugar coat and I don't say things that I don't mean. I am a very tough trainer, and you did everything that I asked of you. You are so much stronger than you think you are. Most people, especially plus-sized people, would not be able to try to attempt the second class. It is much harder to do, but you hold your own. I will never lie to you Jade, and I want you to trust me when I tell you something", Braxton tells me.

I tear up and give Brax a hug. I believe him that he thought I did a good job.

"Are you OK? I didn't mean to upset you, please don't cry". Brax tells me.

"I am fine, I am just not used to a guy complimenting me. I have never exercised before, and I am overwhelmed by everything that has happened lately. I am glad that you feel I am doing a good job. I am really trying hard, and I am ready to learn everything that I can. Could you give me some tips on what to eat, for me to lose weight and get in shape faster?" I asked him.

"Sure Jade, give me your phone so I can put my number in it. I will text you what you need to eat to lose weight. Proteins, veggies, as well as snacks. As you lose, you will find that all the exercises that we just did will be getting easier to do and you will get more and more fit, very quickly. I really think that your wolf will let you do more than anyone else can in the same amount of time. Let me investigate the best diet for you, and I will text you the instructions later today. Also, if you want, we can start meeting in the weight room when you feel it is time to add that into the mix. I can make sure you get extra training time to optimize your weight loss. I am glad that you are making the decision to make yourself healthier", Brax tells me.

I hand my phone over for him to add his information, and as he types, I ask if he could add Mason's number as well.

"Sure, go ahead and give her my information, Brax" I heard from behind me. I turned and saw Mason walking up and I wondered how long he had been in the area, and where he had come from.

"Jade, I think you did a great job today. It is hard to exercise and keep up with this group, especially when you are carrying extra weight. I noticed you were here for the first class too. I saw you from the Alpha's Office and you kept up. I was pleased that Brax asked you to try out the Elite class too. You did great on your first day. The Elite class is no joke and you managed to do the whole class. Three hours of exercise is a tough first day. Give it a month and it will be a LOT easier for you to do", Mason says to me.

Brax looks at him and says "I went ahead and put your number in her phone and Jade was just asking me what she needed to eat to lose weight. I am going to research it and text her what she needs to eat for optimal weight loss. I believe that between the diet and exercise, could look totally different in just a few months. I agree with you, Mason. I am very proud of her for keeping up today in both classes, and for asking what else she can do to get where she needs to be as soon as possible. I think that when Spring Break gets here next month, Jade will be kicking butt and taking names".

Mason nods and says "I can help with your training next month. I am a little busy right now with all the meetings we have scheduled, but when March gets here, I will pick up my weightlifting class again, and I hope you will want to join in. It is usually an all-male class, but I think you would get a lot out of it. There are several different classes that we have available here and it is valuable to try several of them, so you are a well-rounded fighter and as strong as you can be".

"Thank you both, I appreciate all of the help you're giving me. I would never be able to do this without you guys. I am so happy that I am here. My old pack would never have helped me. They are so angry at me right now, and I hope I never see any of them again. Wait, I guess I will have to see one of them again. I will have to go back to Howling Wolf to accept Calvin's rejection. Apparently, I cannot accept his rejection over the phone". I said to them.

They look at each other and Mason says "Yea, I am so sorry about that. We figured out quickly what had happened to you last night. What an a\*\*\*\*e. If you need us to, we will go with you to the border of Howling Wolf for you to meet him, so you don't have to worry about anything when you go. What do you mean that they are angry with you? How do you know that they are angry with you?".

"Well, this morning when I got up, I saw I had 30 missed messages from Alpha Heir Eric, Calvin, my mom aka aunt Sylvia, and my brother's now cousin, Jeremy. They are all threatening me with what will happen if I don't immediately come back. I just told them all the same thing, that I am never returning and for them to lose my number". I tell Mason and Brax.

"What the hell!" yells Brax.

Beta Mason looks at Brax and tells him "Sylvia basically told Luna Monica yesterday that she would be telling Eric that Jade was staying here, and that they would be coming to get her. Luna Monica told Sylvia that if anyone showed up that they would consider it an act of war. I will mention to Alpha Andrew that Jade had been threatened via text. Do not delete them, Jade". I didn't delete the messages. I just blocked their numbers. I still have all the texts", I told Mason.

"Good idea Jade. I will see if Alpha Andrew needs to see them for himself", Mason tells me, and then he walks off towards the packhouse.

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I ask Brax "Is there is a local Wells Fargo Bank here in Chandler? I need to get my money out of my account as my mother, I mean my aunt Sylvia is on my account and I want to get my money out before she can take that from me too".

"Yes, we have one here, I can take you to it if you need a ride," Brax told me.

"No, it is still early, and they should be open until noon. I am going to go grab a shower and head into town. I don't trust her at all and would rest easier if I got my money out of that account. I was saving up to pay for necessities for when I got to college to pay for what the scholarship doesn't pay, but I may go and see about going to the University of Advancing Technology here in Tempe, as it is close to Shadow Moon. I originally wanted to go to M.I.T and I had been taking all advanced classes and keeping my grades up to be able to get into a good college. I picked M.I.T. because I wanted to get out of Howling Wolf and put as much distance as I could between me and them. I love it here even though I haven't been here 24 hours yet. I just don't want her to remember my money and take that from me as well. I worked hard for it and would be furious if she just blew it too. I have a motorcycle, or I can catch a ride with Nicole, especially if Jessica wants to go into town to check Chandler out with us. I also need to get some clothes to exercise in. I have already started losing and I need some more clothes. I appreciate your offering though". I tell Brax.

"Hey, I have a bike too, just let me know if you want to go riding one night and I can show you around Chandler too. I have a Jeep as well, as you know how much I like to take my top off" Brax tells me, giving me a wink.

I know he is teasing me as we are not mates, Brax is just a flirty kind of guy, but he never goes too far with me, and I appreciate it. Our relationship feels normal, kind of like a male best friend, or a bonus brother, that teases me all the time, but I know he is a good man and would never hurt me as Eric and Calvin did.

"Sure thing, I would be glad for you to show me around Chandler some time. Just not today, I know Nicole and Jessica want me to get back to how I was before life dropped a hammer on me. I will get past this, I am hoping I will be given a second chance mate, but even if I don't, I am taking this opportunity to take control of my life and enjoy my new stress-free, environment. Thanks for the offer, Brax, we can do that soon" I tell him. I am looking forward to getting to know him better. I head to the packhouse as well, to freshen up. I go up to my room and take a quick shower after I test Nicole and Jessica to see if they want to go into Chandler with me. They were both excited to go into town. They knew we were going by the bank first and I told them that I would meet them in the hallway in 20 minutes.

The shower feels great, and I wrap up my hair in a towel as I look for something to wear. My jeans are visibly loose now and are sliding on my hips. I don't have a belt and I won't be able to keep my pants up without one. I look around and try on a short, long-sleeved, dress that used to fit a little snug, I slip it over my head, and it looks fine, it isn't tight now and I usually wear some leggings underneath it anyway, so I grabbed some Capri leggings out of my bag and put them on. I look cute in this outfit and wonder why it suddenly fits so well. I haven't tried it on for 2 months, and they were tight back then. I realize that I started eating better about 40 days ago when Eric approached me, so maybe I have lost weight? I go into my bathroom and see a scale under the bathroom sink and slide it out. I wouldn't usually weigh myself, but this is kind of odd, so I am willing to check. I weigh myself and I have lost 13 lbs. since Eric approached me. That is a great start, and now I have a true excuse to go shopping today. I blow-dry my hair for 3 minutes to get it almost dry and twist it up into a bun and slip on a pair of flats and run out to the hallway to find Nicole and Jessica. They are already coming out of their room, and I excitedly twirl around in the hallway for them to see the outfit that I have on.

"I knew you were losing weight when I saw you in the bodycon dress! I am so happy for you Jade, you look fantastic." Jessica calls out to me.

"Oh! We have to do some shopping now Jade! I am so excited for you. You look great in that outfit. I was so proud of you for being able to do both training classes this morning. I am sorry I didn't do the elite class with you, but I wanted to get with mom and dad this morning about something as I already knew that we would need to go shopping today. Bree was worried about your lack of clothes when she saw you only had a small suitcase and a duffle bag, so we wanted to get you a welcome to the pack present with some shopping today. I hope you don't mind that Bree is going to come shopping with us too?" Nicole asks me.

"No, I don't mind at all, but they didn't have to do that. I have some money and I was just going to use some of it as my jeans don't fit me anymore. I am excited to get to know Bree better, but no one must pay for my stuff, I was just going to go by Goodwill to grab a few things for myself. I am used to getting my own stuff." I tell Nicole.

"Honey it is a done deal, just let someone help you out for once. It will be all right" Nicole tells me.

We go down to the first floor and I see a black Tahoe parked in the driveway. Nicole heads towards the SUV and opens the back door, climbing into the third-row seat. I look in the front seats and See Dixon in the driver's seat and Bree in the passenger seat, Jessica climbs in behind me. "Hey guys, are you both going with us to go shopping?" I ask them.

"Yea, mom, and dad wanted me to go with you all to make sure that you were safe since you don't know your way around here yet," Dixon said.

"I need to go by Wells Fargo first before they close at noon. I need to get my money out of my account before my aunt Sylvia cleans out my account. She already spent money that belonged to me, and I would hate for her to get her hands on my hard-earned waitressing money too" I told Dixon.

"No problem, I know exactly where Wells Fargo is, and we will go there first," Dixon tells me as he starts driving down the driveway.

Dixon is a great driver, and we head to the main road to leave the pack. Five minutes later we are at the gate and Dixon slows down to speak to the guards at the gate before we leave. He just wanted them to know who was in the SUV today, and that we were out shopping.

As we exit the gate, Dixon tells us that he always likes to let them know who is in the vehicle, as well as it lets him know who the on-duty guards are, in case of emergencies. That is smart, and I think I am going to start doing that too.

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We head straight to the bank first and thankfully mom, I mean my aunt Sylvia, had not remembered that she was on my account, and hadn't cleaned it out yet. I went ahead and took all my money out of my account and made a mental note that I would come back after school on Monday to start another account that only has me on it. I felt immense relief that my money was still there, I mean it was only \$6,500 dollars but that was all my extra money from my tips that I could put aside for the last 2 years since I started working at age 16, minus living expenses.

"Dixon, could you take me to Goodwill please?" I called from the backseat.

Bree turns around in her seat in front of me and says "Uh, NO! We are going to the mall honey. I have my dad's black card and we are using it. Mom and dad want us to. Don't forget we have the ceremony tonight for you all becoming a member of our pack. You will need a nice dress for that. You just told Nicole and Jessica about your jeans not fitting and you losing 13 lbs. in the last month. Please just let us do this for you. I felt terrible when I saw you only had that one little suitcase and duffle bag for ALL your belongings, even your shoes. Just let us get you some new jeans, workout clothes, some shoes, and some lingerie. You need it, and you deserve it, let us spoil you a little".

I could see Dixon blush a little when Bree said lingerie and I felt bad for him, I knew he was uncomfortable with the turn in the conversation.

"Okay, I am good with the dress, but I only really need two pairs of jeans and some shirts and a few workout pieces. I can get some new shoes later this week, and I can buy my own underclothes. But I would like a nice dress for when we are introduced to the pack" I tell Bree.

"Let's just get to the mall and see what we can find. We are all going shopping it is all of us we will all get a new dress, well not Dixon, he doesn't want one" Bree teased Dixon.

Dixon reached out and lightly pushed at Bree's shoulder in a teasing manner and said, "I will stick with a suit, thanks".

We arrive at the mall, and it is huge, I have never shopped at the mall because unless the clothes are on sale I really cannot afford to shop there.

"Where are we going first?" Bree asks.

"How about Jade gets some jeans and shirts from Forever 21? I think we can get her set up with that one store and then go get our dresses" Nicole asks.

"Great idea Nicole! Ok, we have a game plan lets go to Forever 21 first" Bree says.

We head in and Bree, Nicole, and Jessica start pulling clothes for me to try on, and Dixon heads out to sit on the bench outside the store and gets on his phone, he is taking watching over us to a new level. I appreciate him coming with us, he is a nice guy.

The girls pull me a size down from where I was and pull about 4 pairs of size 14 jeans. I am still considered a plus-size at a size 14 and hope that by the summer I will be in the regular sizes.

I come out of the dressing room with the first outfit on, the girls are all lined up to see and they love the jeans, but they hate the shirt. The jeans go in the keep pile, and I move on to the next outfits. After it was all said and done, I have 2 new pairs of jeans, 4 new shirts, a new jacket, a cute dress, three pairs of shoes: sneakers, a pair of flats, and an ankle boot. I also got some new socks, three new pairs of matching lingerie, 3 new sports bras and matching leggings, long tank tops to go over my workout clothes, and two belts as the 14 were not as snug as they could have been, I was still 10 lbs. away from fitting in the size 12's. They wanted me to get more, but I told them that we will probably be here next month to do it all over again as I planned to be a size 12 soon, with cheers for the next shopping trip sounding all around. I will be funding my next trip as I hated the Alpha and Luna having spent almost \$600 on just me, I was just glad some of it was on sale. I will be funding my next shopping trip, so I don't have to feel guilty about using someone else's money.

We go upstairs to a high-end boutique for some nice dresses. We all separate and go looking for a dress to wear for tonight. Dixon was nice enough to babysit my bags as he again sits outside the store on a bench, playing games on his cell phone. Nicole finds a beautiful silver-blue dress that almost exactly matches her eyes, it is floor-length and kind of shimmers as she turns, with her figure she looks stunning in it. Jessica finds a beautiful off-the-shoulder gray dress that was tea-length and flared-out. It made her figure stand out and she looked so graceful walking in it. It was perfect for her. I was having a hard time finding something for me as I was still heavy and almost 6 ft tall. I knew we may have to go to another store to find me a dress. The Manager approached me and spoke with me about color choices and my size, telling me that they had just gotten a shipment in, but it hadn't been put out on the floor yet. She went to check to see if she had anything in my size in the storeroom. I turned around to go back to where Bree had just exited the dressing room and was amazed at how beautiful she looked in her navy dress. It complimented her dark blue eyes, and showed off her figure, but not in a revealing way with the neckline being straight across and not heart-shaped. Well, they had all found their dress, and I was starting to get worried. I may have a problem, I felt bad as I should have tried to lose weight earlier than I did and I could have probably found a dress easier. Disappointment slams through me as I start to tear up.

"We may have to go to another store guys for me to get my dress. I am tall and still kind of heavy and they may not have a dress for me here" I tell them sadly.

"No, I have got a dress that will look great on you honey" I hear from behind me, and the manager approaches me with a beautiful dark emerald, green gown. Shae had the dress held up in her right hand with her left hand keeping it from touching the floor. She explained that it was an A-Line off-the-shoulder sweep train chiffon gown with a slit in the front and that she was positive that I would look fabulous in it. It was truly beautiful, and I was excited to try it on.

She lets me into the dressing room to try it on. I step out for Nicole to zip me up. It was a little tight at the bust and waist, but I can live with that. The girls all agreed that I looked beautiful, and I felt beautiful in it. We made our purchases and we all carried out dress bags to the car, while Dixon carried my bags from Forever 21. As it was now 1130 and lunch was about to be over at the packhouse we went to a local chicken restaurant. We all piled out to go in to use the restroom and get some food. We had a good time talking and laughing with each other as we ate. I got two 8 packs of the baked chicken, and no fries, as I was going to try to eat the best I could while we were out. I also ordered water and a fruit cup too. I couldn't finish it all and gave my last 5 pieces of chicken to Dixon.

We were laughing as we exited the restaurant and as I was getting into the Tahoe, I hear someone call my name from about 50 feet away. I look up and the blood drains from my face. Eric and Jeremy were in the drive-thru lane and they both looked furious. Dixon calls out for all of us to get in the SUV and is firing it up at that time. As soon as the doors are shut, he puts it in reverse to make sure that they don't park behind us and block us in and then drives around them to leave. They follow us and as we head back to the pack lands Bree is mind linking her parents, Nicole is mind linking her parents, and Dixon is focusing on the road to get us safely back to the pack lands ASAP, with Eric about 100 feet behind us. Dixon's mind links the gate guards that we are about 1 minute out and to open the gates for us, but to not allow the black SUV behind us onto our land. My heart is beating

out of my chest, and I am worried that I am about to get my new friends, or the Guards, hurt from Eric and Jeremy coming to get me and take me back.

Please Goddess don't let anyone in this SUV be hurt by those idiots chasing us.

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We had just been cleared through the gate at Stone moon when the Guard asks us to please pull over to the parking area on the side as they had an emergency heading their way and didn't want an accident to occur. I get out of my SUV and tell Joy to stay in the vehicle and I walk back to see if it was anything that I could assist them with. The gate Guards advise that the Alpha had already been notified and that he was en route at this time with his Beta, Gamma, and Head Training Warrior. The Guard advised that the problem would be handled but it involved the Alpha's and Gamma's children.

As we are packs that have helped each other out in previous years and have treaty's together for the last 2 decades, I head back to my SUV and tell the boys to go ahead and get out, just in case. They have both been trained and I would want someone to do the same for my children if they needed help, and we all walk back to the Guard's booth and stay back, as we will only engage if they need our help. I hear an engine and see two SUV's doing a high rate of speed towards us, about a mile away and coming fast. The gate is opened for the first SUV to drive through it, but the two now armed Guards had stepped out with rifles to stop the second vehicle. The first vehicle comes through the gate and comes to a stop about 100 feet from the gate. The driver hops out and runs back to the gate to shut it as the Guards stop the second vehicle. The second vehicle stops and the driver hops out and starts yelling towards the first Driver.

I hear another SUV coming from the packhouse direction and it is moving quickly as well. As I turn to look back at the gate, I see 4 girls standing near the back of the first SUV looking scared to come out and approach the gate as I turn to look back towards the fence and at the driver on the other side of the gate.

"She is 18 and is not a member of your pack anymore i\*\*\*t" I hear the young man at the Guards booth yell out towards the second SUV.

The black SUV coming from the packhouse pulls up at the gate and Alpha Andrew hops out and comes up to the gate as well, nodding at me as he passes. He is closely followed by the Beta, a man that looks a lot like Alpha Andrew, and finally, a younger man just wearing basketball shorts all approach the gate.

"Dixon, open the gate and let the Guards back in, Alpha Heir Taylor will NOT be coming onto our pack lands today". Alpha Andrew calls out. "I am sorry Alpha Andrew, but I was sent by her mother to collect her, and her brother is right here with me. You can verify it with him. There was a misunderstanding at our pack, and she ran away, but she needs to come back with us now" Eric calls back out.

"First of all, Sylvia is NOT her mother, and He is NOT her brother. They have abused her for years and she is 18 and can make her own decisions. Secondly, I believe my Luna advised you of what the result would be if any of you dared to come to my pack and tried to get her back. We just went over it yesterday so you cannot have forgotten it already. You are making bad decisions and you haven't even taken control of your pack yet. Please turn around go back to your pack" Alpha Andrew calls out to them.

The gate is opened and the 4 men standing there (Alpha Andrew, Mason, Bryan, and Brax) move over a little to allow the guards to come back in, and Dixon shuts the gate again. The men go back to standing in a line across the gate, with Dixon now standing with the line of them and a Guard on either side of the line, effectively blocking the girls from Eric and Jeremy's view. The Guards keep their weapons on them, just in case as Alpha Heir Eric is not agreeing to leave just yet, and he or the other man could be armed.

"Alpha Andrew, it was just a misunderstanding, let me speak with her and make sure that she doesn't want to come back with us" Eric calls out.

"Fine, you want to hear it from her, that is fine with us." Alpha Andrew calls back to Eric.

Alpha Andrew turns and walks over to me at the back corner of the SUV and tells me "Jade if you don't want to speak to him, you really don't have to. But this can provide you some closure, it is up to you. You know we would never let either of them hurt you. They will not be entering this pack. You are safe here, just let me know if you do want to speak to them. We will be right there with you honey".

I give a small nod and say "I will tell them that I am staying here. I refuse to leave with them, they would hurt me".

I step out to walk back to the gate with Alpha Andrew and pass three men also standing near the guard shack, I don't know if they are pack members as I am new here, so I just nod at them as I pass and head for the gate. I stand between Alpha Andrew and Bryan with Dixon right behind me and Mason and Brax flanking Alpha Andrew and Bryan. I feel safe, even looking out at Eric and Jeremy.

"Mom wants you to come back home. You should not have left we were worried about you as you packed up and left without telling anyone where you were going. Mom could barely sleep last night worrying about you. Thankfully she mentioned that Luna Monica had called and asked questions about you, so we knew you were here. Alpha Edmond then told us to come and get you. Go get packed and get your bike and we will follow you back to Howling Moon" Jeremy told me. He looked like he wanted to say something else but stopped and looked over at Eric. Eric then said "You should have told us you were so unhappy at the pack. We would have made sure that you were taken care of. Just go get your things and we will get you straightened out when we get back to the pack.

I shivered as although the words sounded friendly, the underlying threat of what he was really saying was frightening and I knew I would not ever be leaving Howling Moon pack again if I did go with them. Bryan put his hand on my shoulder, and I felt stronger, I felt his support of me through him doing that simple act.

"I will not be going back with you. I am never going back to Howling Moon if I have a choice about it. I told you both this in the text this morning. Sylvia is not my mother, and Jeremy is not my brother. You have all bullied and abused me for years so what would possess me to go back there with you. I will only be returning to accept Calvin's rejection for our bond to be broken, and that will be it. I don't trust you, Eric, at all, and I know what you guys will do to me if I ever were to come back. Just leave and don't come back here for me. This is my pack, and I am joining it tonight in a full moon ceremony". I tell them.

Jeremy jumps towards the gate and gives it a hard push with both of his hands wrapped around two of the iron posts, yelling "Quit being such a b\*\*\*h and get your s\*\*t. You are worthless and we both know that they don't want you here. No one in their right mind would want a fat, stupid slut like you. You are embarrassing yourself and our pack. Just come on now, or it will be a lot worse for you Jade".

Jade is gently pulled back from the gate by Dixon, and growling is heard coming from Alpha Andrew, Bryan, Mason, and Brax. I just stand there realizing that I am looking at my daughter and she was just threatened by those two idiots on the other side of the Gate. I step forward with my sons with thunderous growls coming from us. I will NOT allow them to speak to my daughter like that. I will rip their heads from their bodies. Alpha Andrew and his crew step back from the gate as we approach. The young Alpha Eric and the guy with him look terrified and they should be, they are about to meet the Goddess.

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"I am Alpha Thomas Harris of the Dark Moon pack, and if you ever return here for Jade again, I will tear your pitiful pack apart and leave no one left alive in it. She is staying here and if you value your lives at all, NEVER return here". My sons continue to growl thunderously loud as Alpha Heir Eric and the other man run away from the gate and jump into their SUV. They turn it around and speed off.

I turn around to see if Jade is okay. I see her looking at me in clearly confused saying, "I am sorry, do I know you? I appreciate you getting them to leave, but you don't have to involve your pack in this. I hate that the Stone Moon pack has gotten into trouble from trying to protect me".

Alpha Andrew steps up and says "How about we take this back to the packhouse everyone? We will get everything all cleared up there".

We all pile back into the SUV and Dixon drives us back to the Packhouse, the SUV is totally silent. We all get out and Brax comes up to me and gives me a small hug and tells me "It is all going to be ok. You are here and you are safe. We are not going to let anything happen to you".

Mason gives me a hug and tells me how proud he is of me for standing up for myself. He then walks over to Dixon and Bree and tells them that he is proud that even in an emergency that they kept level heads and did exactly the right thing to keep us all safe. Bree, Nicole, and Jessica are all still shaking from what we just went through and go over to Luna Monica and Aubrey to get comforted by them. Bryan puts his arm around my shoulder and tells me that we are going to go to the Office and will be speaking with the three men and lady with them. I don't know why they defended me, but I appreciate it.

Dixon tells me that he is going to take my new clothes to the laundry area for them to be washed and then brought up to my room, but that he will take my shoes, belt, and my evening gown and new heels up to my room for me now, I reach out and hug him, and thank him for rescuing us all and keeping us safe. Thank the Goddess for Dixon because if it was just us girls out by ourselves, I am terrified to even think of what might have happened to me, and another shudder runs through me, and I take in a deep breath.

I head up to Alpha Andrews Office again with Bryan and Alpha Andrew, the other Alpha, and apparently his family, well they look like a family at least. I go ahead and take my seat next to Bryan in front of Alpha Andrews's desk. The Alpha sits in the lone chair, and the lady sits down with the two younger men sitting on either side of her.

I start looking around the Alpha's Office while we waited, I was too scared to look around when I was in here yesterday, but I was comfortable just glancing around today. There were two large bookcases one behind Alpha Andrew, and one on the opposite wall. They were completely full of books. There were two pieces of art on the walls, one behind the chair the visiting Alpha was in, and one on the opposite wall from the couch. There was a large window behind the couch where you could see for at least 2 miles with the training field in clear view. I look back behind Alpha Andrew and see two large, framed family pictures, one on each of the side walls on either side of the bookcase. One from about 10 years ago with the Alpha and Luna and three young children, and one that looked recent, as Bree and Dixon look almost exactly as they do today. There is another teenager in the picture, one that I haven't seen yet. He is obviously the oldest and was the same height as Alpha Andrew, built in a similar way, just a little slimmer in the chest and waist than his father. He looked like a carbon copy of his father, and I wondered why I hadn't met him yet, as I had already met, I thought, the whole Alphas family. I made a mental note to ask Nicole who he w as.

"Please give us just a few minutes, I am waiting on my Luna to arrive. She was calming down Bree as that incident scared all the girls. I am glad Bree remembered her training and mind linked me and Dixon mind linked the Guards. Bryan, Nicole did an excellent job too and with them all doing what they did, they all made it through safe. Thank the Goddess we decided to send Dixon with them to go shopping, that could have ended very differently".

"Yes, it could have, and I will be sure to thank Dixon and the girls when we see them at dinner." The other Alpha said.

"Alpha Andrew, I would like to go ahead while we are waiting and thank you for the clothes that you and Luna Monica got for me today. I appreciate all that you have done when you haven't even known me for 24 hours yet. I will pay for my own clothes the next time. I am used to taking care of myself and I can get a job in town to build my account back up. I managed to get to the bank and get my money out of my joint account before mom, I mean Sylvia, could take that money away from me too. Due to the drive-thru only being open today, I couldn't get a new account done. So, after school Monday I will go back to the bank and get a savings and checking account started in just my name. Could you please put my money into your safe for me, until I can go to the bank, please? I will buy my own clothes next month as I plan on losing more weight by spring break and I don't want to be a burden on you and Luna Monica, you have done so much for me and you don't even really know me yet." I said.

I heard a small sound that came from Luna Harris, like a small sob, so I smiled back at her, she was probably just as stressed out at the scene at the gate as the rest of us girls were.

Alpha Andrew then said, "Luna Monica just let me know that she is on her way right now and I guess it won't hurt to make the introductions for the room. Alpha Thomas Harris, this is my brother Bryan Morris who will be taking over the Gamma position as of tonight, and this is Jade Devoe who is now living with the Gamma family as a kind of bonus daughter". A low growl is heard, and I turn and look over at the other Alpha, why is he growling at me? Does he not think I should be living with the Gamma couple? Alpha Andrew then clears his throat and continues "Jade and Bryan, this is Alpha Thomas Harris of the Dark Moon pack in Sedona, AZ, his mate Luna Joy Harris, and their sons Tyler and Tate Harris".

Just as Alpha Andrew completes his sentence, Luna Monica enters and greets the Harris Family to the pack.

Luna Monica then says "I apologize for you all getting caught up in the shenanigans at the gate. Apparently, the Howling Wolf pack is run by a bunch of idiots and didn't heed the warning that I gave them yesterday. Do not worry, I will make sure that Edmond and Evelyn Taylor get it straight in their heads when I call them after this meeting, although I am sure that Alpha Harris scared them pretty well at the gate"

Luna Monica sits down on Alpha Andrews's lap and sighs. She looks to Alpha Andrew with an eyebrow raised as if in a question and he nods at her to continue. "Jade, I know that you have had a stressful time the last week and a half, but we need to speak to you about an important matter and I need you to stay calm, ok? You remember me mentioning that I was going to check into getting your mother's information from your aunt Sylvia, right? Well, I found out her name was Hillary Davis, and then due to your unusual wolf color I reached out on that end as well" she said, looking over to Alpha Harris as if she was making sure that he was doing ok too, and if it was alright to continue, as it was his story to tell. Alpha Harris nodded and Luna Monica then continues to speak gently again "well you remember that I told you I may be able to help you locate more of your family members? But that I didn't want to get your hopes up, sweet girl? Well, I was able to locate some family members for you. Jade, Alpha Harris is your father".

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Luna Monica continues to speak "Jade, your father did not know that your mother was pregnant when she left his pack. He had been dating her and loved her, but when he went to a meeting in another city, he found his true mate. He told your mother that she could stay in the pack, but she refused to stay and left.

She apparently came back a little over six months later and wanted to speak with him, but he was out of town on business, and she left without telling anyone the reason for her visit. I believe that she was bringing you to meet him. She then left and never returned. Alpha Harris never knew about you until yesterday when I called him and asked about Hillary Davis".

I am caught by surprise, and I start to tear up. I never knew my mother, but I have a father, and apparently a whole new family.

I see my daughter start to tear up and I don't know if those are happy or sad tears. From how Luna Monica was talking, Jade was not aware that she had any family other than the i\*\*\*t from the gate, and his parents. What kind of life has my daughter been living, for her to be almost tearful, grateful for just a few items of clothing? I am furious and suspect that my poor baby had been mistreated and I now wish I HAD killed that moron at the gate. I could tell that my soft-hearted mate was very upset at hearing that my baby had had to work for everything that she had, and that apparently some money had already been taken from her too. As soon as we get her sorted with being a member of our family, I was going to get to the bottom of this missing money and get it back for her.

I can tell my sons are just waiting on her to speak so they can speak to her, I feel like we are all on eggshells waiting to see what her reaction is. Where the hell is Hillary? And why had this Sylvia person been raising my daughter? She should have been with me the whole time.

I figured I had given her a little time to absorb what Luna Monica had told her, so I gently start to speak to Jade, "Honey, I hope that those are tears of joy, we just found out yesterday afternoon that you even existed, and we packed up last night so we could leave after my meeting this morning to come and meet you. I am so sorry I didn't know about you, but I will spend the rest of my days making it up to you. You have brothers that have been chomping at the bit to come and see you, they would have left last night to come here if we would have let them, but I wanted you to meet us all together. I heard that you are a white wolf, that is how Luna Monica pieced it together, as I am a white wolf too. I will be glad to sit down and answer any questions that you have for me about your mom. We dated for almost 6 months before she left my pack. I would like to ask you some questions too, as I would like to know how long your aunt raised you and what happened to your mother? I know this is big, and a lot has been sprung on you. We can move slowly, and we are ok with you staying here as a member of the Stone Moon pack, but I want you to know that when and if you are ever ready, you are welcome to come to my pack and live with us there. I won't insist on it as I see you are comfortable with the Gammas family" He glances up at Bryan and thanks him for getting me out of the Howling Wolf pack, and Bryan nods back at him. Alpha Harris continues "We can take th is as slowly as you like, but I would like to talk with you while we are here today and tomorrow to try to get to know you better. If that is ok with you?'.

I nod at him and whisper "They are tears of joy, and I would love to get to talk to you all as well. I can't believe I have an actual family that could love me" and the tears just break free and run down my face.

"Dad, you have upset her, this is supposed to be a good day with the best present that I have ever received, and you have her bawling her eyes out," Tyler says, and he gets up from the couch and comes over to me. "Can I hug you?" he asks me.

I nod at him and get up from my chair, trying to see him through my tears. He pulls me in for a hug and I cry even harder, I have a brother, no I have two brothers and I hear the other one gets up from the couch and come to me to hug me as well. Both my brothers have my eye color and I see that we got it from our dad. I love having this small similarity, and it also looks like I have their nose too, just the smaller version of it. The main difference between us is my blonde hair, and my full lips, which I apparently got from my mother, and they have dad's darker hair color.

Alpha Andrew and Luna Monica get up and tell us that they will give us some time alone and exit the office with Bryan.

"What did you mean by the best present?" I ask.

"Oh, well today is my 18th birthday. Hopefully I will get to phase into my wolf sometime today". Tyler replies.

"I am sorry, but which brother are you? I was listening but finding out that I actually have a family is causing me to be a little unfocused" I tell him.

"I am Tyler, and this is Tate. He will be turning 18 in six months, in July. We are both hoping to be white wolves too. I will find out today" Tyler states. "My birthday was yesterday, that is the reason that we left Howling Wolf pack. Nicole is my best friend, and her parents; Aubrey, and Bryan, were kind enough to take me with them when they came here. My friend Jessica also came with us as we are all going to graduate this year from High School. And she wanted to be with me for it, for support. There have been some problems I have recently gone through" I tell them.

"Why did you have to leave your pack on your birthday Jade?" Tyler asks me.

"Well, I had a really rough time at that pack and things in the last week had made it tough to want to stay there. Nicole and Jessica were the only positives about my old pack. But yesterday when I got to school, I ended up finding my mate" I told them.

"Oh honey, that is wonderful" the lady from the couch stood up and approached me with my father. "It is always a blessing from the Goddess to meet your true mate, I am so happy for you," she says.

"Who is the lucky man?" my father asks.

"It is soon-to-be Beta Calvin Williams from the Howling Moon pack," I tell them.

"But he rejected me as soon as I got to school yesterday"

Thunderous growls then filled the Office and I stepped back in fear. The door comes open and Alpha Andrew and Mason enter the Office to see what was happening and check on me.

"What do you mean you were rejected? You are a beautiful she-wolf, on what grounds would he reject you?" my father roars, as his wife attempts to calm him. "I am going to go there and set that soon-to-be Beta straight".

I look at my father and then my brothers with the growling getting louder and see their eyes flashing between their regular green color and black, and I know that their wolves are about to come out. Mason attempts to pull me back from them, with the growling suddenly going louder. Alpha Andrew tells Mason to let me go and let them smell me so that their wolves can calm down. I am again drawn into a group hug.

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I just stand there and let them hug me and sniff my neck, as they slowly calm back down. I ask Alpha Andrew if he can get Luna Monica to come back and give my family the quick version of why I am here at their pack, as I am overwhelmed and I know I would not be able to get it out without bawling about it. This has been an emotional day, and I just don't think that I can do it. Alpha Andrew says to give him two minutes as he goes to get her. I ask my family to sit down, and that "I will need you to remain calm because I am here now, and I am not hurt, and to please try to remember that when Luna Monica comes back".

A few minutes later Luna Monica comes back with Alpha Andrew right behind her. She squeezes my shoulder as she passes me and waits for Alpha Andrew to sit down before she takes her seat in his lap.

"OK, Alpha Harris, I need you to remain calm as I tell you how Jade ended up here". Luna Monica takes in a deep breath and starts to speak again "Jade has had a hard time being bullied daily at her old pack. We do not know why she was bullied; she believes it is because her "parents" never defended her and allowed her "brother" Jeremy to pick on her and the other kids did too. She has been physically and emotionally abused. A little over a month ago Eric, who you met at the gate today, turned 18 and changed how he treated Jade. He stopped his group from bullying her and allegedly broke up with his girlfriend, Danica. Jade was treated better, and she believed that they were in a relationship, and that he was her mate, but that she couldn't feel it on her end because she wasn't 18 yet. Friday a week ago she went out with Eric on their first date. They were going to an unsupervised party at the Beta's home, with the parents out of town for something having to do with their younger child. Apparently, Eric had a thing for Jade, and she was a challenge, so he was going to try to get Jade to sleep with him, if she refused, he was going to get her drunk and do it anyway.

My father leaps up from his chair and starts for the door, with both my brothers getting up and going with him.

"Where are you going?" I asked them.

"Howling Wolf pack, I need to take care of this right now" my father answered.

"Alpha please, sit down and get the whole story first, it upsets Jade when we speak of what she endured, and I would rather you have the whole story before you make your final decision on what needs to be done. We will be together in this, as we will support any decision you come to concerning what they deserve as punishment as we cannot imagine what she had to go through before she got Nicole and Jessica in her life at 16." Alpha Andrew advises.

My father and brothers shut the door and slowly come back to their seats. I turn around in my seat and ask my dad if he could come and sit next to me, in the chair Bryan had left. He does and he pats my hand after he sits down.

Luna Monica continues "That wasn't the worst part Alpha Harris, they were apparently going to record the whole interaction as well. Thankfully it didn't get that far, Jade told him that she was waiting for her mate, and when she found out he wasn't her mate, she was done with him. Before she could leave the party Eric's girlfriend came out and pulled Jade out of his truck and assaulted her. The whole thing was recorded and then released on social media with literally millions of views, and poor Jade was humiliated right in front of the Junior and Senior classes. She was again teased, assaulted, and ridiculed at school with another incident with Danica, Eric's girlfriend, and Sophia, Calvin's girlfriend in the hallway, which was also put on social media. Then on Jade's 18 birthday, the final betrayals were dealt. She was assaulted by Calvin's girlfriend Sophia and rejected by Calvin at school, which was also posted on social media. She then went home with Nicole and Jessica as she was crushed and in pain. She had her first phase into a wolf, where Nicole and Jessica discovered that Jade is a white wolf. When Jade phased back, Nicole and Jessica were helping her up to her room when they overheard Sylvia speaking to Jeremy on speaker on her cellphone and that is when Jade found out that Sylvia was not her mom, and that her mom was dead. What Sylvia said was that there was a 2-milliondollar life insurance plan that Sylvia was the executor of if she raised Jade. The instructions were for half of it to be put into interest-bearing accounts for Jade to have when she turned 18, and the other half to help clothe, feed, and take care of Jade until she turned 18. Hillary died in a car accident about a month after she arrived at Howling Wolf pack, and Sylvia agreed to the terms of raising Jade. She apparently spent every bit of the money and there is nothing left for Jade. Sylvia bought a large house, and buy's a new car every two years, clothes, jewelry, trips, shoes, all for her family, but never for Jade, and now Jade has nothing." Luna Monica stops speaking and there is stunned silence in the room.

I am crying silently, waiting to see if my new family will reject me after hearing how pathetic I am. I feel my dad grab my hand, rubbing the top of it with his thumb, and lightly squeezes it as he says "I am so sorry I didn't protect you, baby. This will not happen again. I will find a way to get back your half of the money from those horrible Devoe's. They cannot steal from you and get away with it. I will make this right for you Jade; they will be dealt with. I am too furious at them right now to decide what I want or need to do to fix this, but rest assured it will be done. I am so sorry that you were mistreated and hurt by that pack, but you won't be bullied anymore. We are your family, and we have your back. I only wish Hillary had said something when she came by the pack. I could have helped her and prevented all of this from happening to you". Tears fill his eyes as well at all the abuse I have gone through.

Alpha Andrew then clears his throat and speaks again "We found out last night of another problem and I want to mention it as it could occur again, and I want you to be prepared for it. After Jade was rejected, she collapsed and had to be helped to Nicole's car, because she couldn't drive, due to the mate bond being rejected. Last night at dinner, Jade ended up dropping her tray and passing out on the floor. We called the pack Doctor who advised us that Jade's mate had been with another and that it was the reason for her severe pain, enough to make her pass out. She will have to go to Howling Moon when she is able to go through with accepting the rejection and seeing Calvin Williams face to face for the bond to be completely broken. She started training today, and she did very well. She has never trained before, her previous pack doesn't allow their females to be trained, and she is starting from square one. I am sure with her being a white wolf that she will get where she needs to be quicker than an Average, she-wolf, and I spoke with our elite trainer Braxton and my Beta Mason who advised me of what a great job she did. I believe that she will be a force to be reckoned with in just a few months."

My dad looks at me with pride in his eyes and asks if I would show him my wolf. I agree and tell them that we can go into the woods now, but that it may take me a second, and I may need some help, as I have only shifted once.

Alpha Andrew then tells my family that they can stay on the same floor as me on the Beta end of the floor, as Beta Mason is single, and the other 3 rooms are currently empty. Alpha Andrew knew that we would all probably be better off closer to each other and on the same floor, instead of them being in the guest quarters on the Alpha floor. I am glad that they are so close to my room, and we head out to the Forest for me to show them my wolf.