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My week passes in a blur, I get up, go to cardio training, grab a shower, grab breakfast, head to school, return home, do one-on-one training with Brax, shower, homework, dinner, and sleep. And then repeat. Three times this week I was able to run the perimeter of the pack lands and check on the patrols with Mason, and he cannot believe how fast I am, especially since I just got my wolf last Friday. He told me that I am probably burning more calories faster due to being a white wolf because that is the main reason for my speed anyway. Mason also told me that he would start doing strength training with me sooner than he thought as he can work with me three nights a week, or I will get with my dad this weekend and find out if he thinks that is the reason or not.

The girls decided that since my Jeep provided hair “issues” on Monday that we will all take turns driving to school. Dixon has driven us in the SUV, and Bree and Nicole, have driven their cars the other two days. We decided that I would be driving us on the weekends, as we weren’t as put together on the weekend, and of course, we would be taking it to Lake this summer. I will be driving myself today as I am leaving straight from school to go to the Dark Moon pack after school.

I am excited to get the school day over with and hit the road. I already have their address in my Google Maps, and I know exactly how I will be getting there from here, so I am not worried at all. It will be my first long trip alone and I am kind of excited about it. My duffle is already in my storage area, my dad had them install a Cargo security enclosure in the back of my jeep, as the top was off, so no one could just grab stuff from the back of my Jeep, it locks so it is secure. It doesn’t rain much here, so I don’t have to worry about putting the top on until it is under 40 degrees as we wolves run hot anyway.

I have waited to come down for lunch and met my group in the hallway before entering the cafeteria, so I haven’t had any more run-ins with Brittany or her little friends since Monday and I am glad of it.

I did tell Brax what had happened with Brittany when we had our first one-on-one training Monday afternoon, and in doing so mentioned the incident in the dining room with my brothers and Ashley and Claire. Brax frowned and said that he would be watching our interactions, and to be watchful around Ashley, as she is bad news, and she did want to be Luna of the pack. He said he didn’t think Asher would be dumb enough to make her Luna, but he also didn’t think that Asher would have been dumb enough to sleep with her either. He told me to watch my back and that he was glad that I was not going to be here this weekend either, so maybe it will blow over.

I have been really pushing myself this week and during the morning cardio sessions, I have been running extra laps to make it 8 miles, instead of 5, each morning. Brax noticed that I was putting in the extra effort and he started training me harder in our one-on-ones. I can see more development and new changes in my muscles and that my waist is physically smaller. I will be running by Goodwill this weekend while I visit my family. I

just need new jeans, even with the belts on you can tell that they are too big on me. I have been following Braxton's instructions to a T. He had to reach out to a personal trainer friend of his as we, being wolves, don't usually need to lose weight, and that is where he got the diet from. The personal trainer is a wolf as well, and he made the diet protein strong for me so I would continue to keep building muscle, which in turn lets me burn at a higher rate. I had already lost another 10 lbs. since I weighed in on Monday, so I am making real changes quickly. Mason and Brax are amazed at how fast I am gaining definition and losing weight.

I head into the hallway outside the cafeteria and head to the doors to meet my friends, but I have gotten there first, I forgot to wait the 5 minutes before coming down, as I was just focused on getting out of town this afternoon. I see Brittany and her friends walking my way, so I duck into the women's restroom near the cafeteria, I don't want anything ruining my day. I hope they didn't see me. They came in after me and wait outside my stall. I can't wait in here forever, so I text Nicole where I was. Three minutes later, I hear the door hit the wall and Bree calls out "Jade, are you in here? It is time for lunch, let's roll". She waits at the door while I come out and wash my hands, having to walk around them to get to the sinks. I have never gotten into a physical fight. I have always used my brain or just submitted to get out of altercations. I am stronger now, but I am not confident enough to want to get into a fight with anyone. I look back at Brittany and she gives me a look and thins her lips out as I exit the bathroom.

I don't know what her problem is, I just want to be left alone, and do my own thing. Why is she so hell-bent on making my life rough?

I enter the cafeteria and get in line with my friends and decide that today I would get a grilled chicken breast and a small side salad. I haven't been as hungry as I used to be lately with all the changes in my diet, and that has allowed me to make better choices. I am a little stressed about being followed into the restroom, and I got out my water bottle and drank some of it.

"What happened Jade?" Nicole asks me.

"I don't know, Brittany saw me and followed me into the restroom. She, and her friends, were waiting for me to come out, so I texted you. She didn't say why she followed me in, but they weren't there to use the facilities." I told her.

"Bree is the strongest of all of us girls, so she wanted to come in and get you, just in case, she waved us on that she had it, so we came to get in line" I looked at Bree and nodded to her. "Thank you! They were making me nervous" I told Bree.

Bree nods and says "Anytime Jade, but you might want to have Brax start working on your hand to hand now, you have got to learn to spar, and then you won't worry about those girls again. They are mouthy and mean, but they aren't fighters. When you become more confident in your abilities, you won't give them another thought. Now, Ashley is a problem, and she has been an elite warrior for 5 years. She will be able to fight, so you

really need to start sparring ASAP, because you will be seeing her in about a week, and she holds grudges”.

“Ok, I will mention it. I know I need to learn to fight, I am just nervous because I haven’t ever fought before. I am willing to learn though, Eric and Jeremy showing up last Saturday scared the crap out of me and I worry about being alone

“Jade, if it is ok with you. I know that Bree, Nicole, and I can start sparring with you. It can only help you, and you will need to be able to protect yourself against men too, so you can start with them and then move up to me, then Brax and Mason to learn how to fight. You won’t let the mouthy princess get to you after that. You are learning quickly, and Brax says you are a natural-born fighter” Dixon tells me.

“Sure Dixon, we can start doing that next week,” I tell him. “That is an excellent idea”. I like that I will get to see even more of my friends and get to be better at defending myself.

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I hug them all goodbye before I get into my Jeep. I am going to miss them so much, but I am pumped to see my family as well as visit my dad’s pack. I plug the address into Google Maps and follow the directions to get to the highway heading to Sedona. Since it is almost a straight shot, I exit Google Maps, start streaming my music and relax behind the wheel. I have my baseball cap on, and my hair tucked up underneath it as I roll towards Dark Moon. It is just now 3 pm and I am making good time. I should be there by 5 pm, in time for dinner. I keep an eye on the traffic in front of, and behind me, as this is my first time going such a distance alone. I don’t need to stop as I filled up my water bottle and used the restroom before I left school. I locked my purse and my backpack up with my duffle bag in the storage area, just in case. As I approach the Sedona exit, I notice that a dark SUV that got on at Chandler with me and stayed back about a mile was also exiting the same off-ramp with me. I knew I was nearing my off-ramp a few miles back, so I had already pulled the address up for Dark Moon and was about 8 miles away from it. As they made a turn for turn with me, I called Tyler on his cell phone. He answered immediately and ask if I was at Dark Moon yet.

I told him, “No, not yet Tyler, there is an SUV about 3 cars behind me that have followed me from Chandler to Sedona. They got off the highway with me and every time I turn, they turn. I am starting to get scared”.

“Tate go ahead and grab Travis and come out to the Jeep now, someone is following Jade. We are heading to the gate, where are you right now Jade?” Tyler asks me.

“Google maps says I am 5 miles away right now,” I told Tyler.

“Keep normally driving Jade, and don’t let them know that you see them behind you. We are leaving right now and heading to you. I will let the Warriors at the gate know to open

the gate when they see your Jeep, just drive on through and stop, we will meet you there. We are in our Jeep now and heading to the gate right now. Do not worry, we will see you soon” Tyler tells me.

I try to relax and follow the directions I get from Google maps; the SUV is now 2 cars behind me as one of the other vehicles has turned off. I don’t make it obvious that I am keeping an eye out for them as I am wearing my sunglass that Tate got for me so they cannot see my eyes. I love my glasses and he got me a smaller version of what he has, black-on-black Aviators, I look good in them, like a total badass, even if I don’t feel like one. I pull off the main road and take the blacktop towards the pack gates, with them making that turn as well, they are totally following me, I speed up and go over the hill as I don’t know how far I need to go before I can see the gate for Dark Moon, they speed up as well and I start to get even more scared. Thank the Goddess that when I top the hill, I see the gate about a mile from where I am. I go ahead and speed up a little more and honk so the Guards will notice me and open the gate. I notice that the gate is opening, and I slow down to enter, stopping about 40 feet on the other side of the gate. I get out of my Jeep and see that the Guards had closed it after I came through it, and I see a black Jeep coming from further in the pack lands and see my brothers in the front seats. I start heading for the guard’s booth because I want to know who was following me. My brothers pull up and park sideways near the gate and they jump out with a third man who had been in the back and head for the Gate. I follow along behind them and see four people getting out of the SUV. Eric was driving, with Jeremy in the passenger seat, and Danica and Sophia getting out of the back seats. What in the Hell are they doing here?

Tyler calls out to them “What are you doing on our lands? You have no business here at all, you need to leave right now”.

“We are here for Jade; she needs to come back with us. Her parents insist on her return”. Eric calls out to us.

“I am sorry you came all this way for nothing, as she will not be going with you, or back to your pack ever again. You need to leave before my father gets here, and he will not appreciate you chasing Jade.” Tyler tells them. I look at Tyler and he nods behind us towards where I see Dad’s SUV coming towards us about a mile away.

I feel relieved that dad and mom are also coming, and the rest of my fear goes away. I am totally safe, they will always protect me, and I smile in relief.

“What the hell are you smiling at b***h” I heard from the other side of the gate and see Danica glaring at me.

“Yeah, you have nothing to be smiling about slut, when they get tired of you, they will be throwing you away just like our guys did to you. No one really wants you around” Sophia yells at me.

I hear three thunderous growls and the gate shakes from the volume of it.

“Who the hell are you calling a slut b***h? The only sluts I see just got out of that SUV.” I heard Tate call out.

“If you are not off of our property in 1 minute, we will open this gate and attack you. We do not mind starting a war over Jade. Get in your vehicle and leave while you still can” Tyler yells at them.

“Too late, our dad is here, you are all about to be sorry” Tate yells out to them.

My father and Joy approach the gate with mom sliding her arm around my shoulders and bringing me in closer to her to give me a side hug and rub my back.

“You have overstepped Alpha heir Eric, I warned you and specifically told you to leave Jade alone, and yet you follow her here, why? Why are you following her?” my dad asks.

“We have received some threats and we believe she is who they are looking for. We have been given a month to try and locate the white wolf that they saw at the Devoe house the day Jade left”. Eric calls back.

“I already told you both, that there is no way that this slut could be a white wolf. It is impossible for this waste of space to have any value at all” Danica yells out.

“Yes, she is a fat, stupid slut, that no one wants. Her own mate didn’t even want to come on this trip to get her. He didn’t even want to see your stupid face.” Sophia calls out.

Loud growls sound out again and my dad roars “Enough, shut your mouths and get off our property. This is your final warning concerning Jade, do not EVER come near her again. She will never be returning to Howling Wolf pack. When she is ready, she will come to accept Calvin Williams’s rejection and then leave, and that will be at her discretion when it does happen. Eric, if I see you on Dark Moon or Stone Moon property to come after Jade, I WILL consider it an act of war and both I and Alpha Andrew have discussed this at length, and we will BOTH be going to war with your pack. If you value your pack members at all, you will NOT ever approach Jade again. This is your second and final warning.”

“We need her to return to our pack IF she is the white wolf” Eric calls out as he walks back to the SUV. “We will end up being at war with them over it if we can’t hand the white wolf over. Just think about it. You haven’t known her long enough to know she is basically worthless, call us when you are tired of her, and we will come back and get her”

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“That’s IT! Open the gate” my brother Tyler yells out as he changes into his white wolf.

They all pile into their SUV and start backing out as Tyler runs out to chase after their SUV. I go running after him, but he is now returning to the gate, and I see the SUV drive

quickly over the hill and leave Dark Moon's land. I am surprised to see him change back and still be fully clothed.

"How did you do that?" I ask him. "I want to learn how to do that too."

"Dad showed me how to do this week, we can show you. I thought you would like that. It sure saves on clothing not being torn to shreds" Tyler said and pulls me into a hug. "We have all missed you so much, and I was so scared when you called me and said that you were being followed"

"Yes, he had Tate yelling at me to get moving right now as we all ran to the Jeep. I have never heard Tyler that scared before. Hi, I am Travis Young, I will be the Dual Beta with Tate. My dad is the current Beta for Dark Moon. I have heard a lot about you this week, and I am excited to meet you. Travis was about 6'3" with a broad chest. He had black hair and blue-grey eyes and had a cleft in his chin making him look a little like Superman. He was very handsome with his strong jawline and large biceps.

Tyler steps up between us, looks at Travis, and says "No. Do not even think of hitting on my sister. She has been through enough and isn't ready for you to be pulling your "Prince Charming" act on her. Not going to happen, this is my sister and unless you end up being her second chance mate, you need to keep your hands, lips and well basically everything of yours away from her".

Tate steps up and says "Yea, what he said. Leave her alone, you are just extra protection for her. Consider her a no-fly zone. You have not been cleared access".

I start blushing and I hear my dad and mom start laughing behind us as my brothers straighten Travis out.

I reach my hand out and say, "there is always room for a new friend, but they are right, I won't get my second chance mate until I accept the rejection from my original mate. But we can always be friends, you can never have too many of those".

Tate yells out "Shotgun" and runs over to my Jeep laughing. Tyler just rolls his eyes and heads back to their black Jeep with Travis. Mom and dad head back to their SUV and we all head back to the packhouse.

The first impression of the packhouse is amazement, where Stone Moon was modern, the Dark Moon packhouse rose about 10 stories from the ground and was about double the size of the Stone Moon packhouse. The building had clean lines and had a strong and formidable appearance. It gave a quiet sense of strength but didn't have all the glass and balconies that Stone Moon had. They would have beautiful views from the windows, but they weren't floor to ceiling like at Stone Moon. I really did like my little balcony. I was planning on using it to layout this summer to try to get a tan.

"What do you think of our packhouse?" Tate asked me.

“It is beautiful and looks like a fortress” I reply.

“Our great-grandfather built it about 100 years ago, it is very strong” Tate replied. “What do you want to do this weekend Jade, we left it open for us to all make plans. What do you want to do?”

“Well,” I tell him as we exit my Jeep and I head to the back of the Jeep to get my purse and duffle bag, “ I need to get some new jeans, so I want to go by Goodwill, and I really need to learn how Tyler did the change to and from his wolf form and not tear his clothes, that would be awesome for me as I am a girl. Oh, and I also want to keep up with my training like we talked about, as I will be sore if I stop for the weekend, and then start up again on Monday morning. I would like to train here too as Tyler said that each pack has different fighting techniques and since this week went a little South, I need to learn to defend myself.” I then turn around as I no longer hear conversations going on behind me and see my family and Travis all looking at me “What? what’s wrong?” I ask.

“What do you mean you need to learn to defend yourself. You have only been at Stone Moon for a week, who is causing you problems?” Tyler asks me.

“You remember that Ashley girl from the Elite warrior training? She told her younger sister that I had you two threaten her and a couple of other incorrect things. So, her sister Brittany told me to watch myself and Brax told me that Ashley was bad news, I am new to training and I don’t want to have to, but if it comes down to me getting beaten up and me defending myself, I am going to defend myself”. I told them.

“Ok, so tonight after dinner I want you to show me what Brax has trained you on, and we can add some of our techniques to it. They will be from our pack, so Ashley won’t know them. What a b***h telling the story backward, that girl Ashley totally lied about the whole thing. You didn’t tell us to do anything, we saw her character come out, and decided ourselves that we didn’t want to be around her”. Tyler says.

“Tomorrow morning at 6 am you can come to our training, both basic and Elite, then we can shower and go into town to shop a little, and I would only do that for you, sis, because I love you, and I hate to shop. You know you can call us; we would have come down to help you”. Tate says to me.

“I won’t be long I just need 3 pairs of jeans because I am down another size, and I need my pants to stay up. It will be a quick trip. I will pick up two new belts too for when I get to a size 10. I am in a 12 now and when I lose more, it will help to hold them tighter.” I tell them. I glance over at Travis because I am still embarrassed about my weight, but he is nodding in approval, and that makes me feel a little better for not getting judged on my weight.

“I could tell that you had lost even more weight honey, you are doing a great job. I know it is important to you, so I got in touch with Brax and asked him to send me what you had been eating so you can stick to your plan here too. I want you to be comfortable and happy

here. I passed it on to the chef for him to make sure you had some options for both food and snacks in the fridges, and they are marked with your name so they will be easy to find. There will also be salads in there, Nicole told me your favorite one to eat and your favorite fruits and veggies and the chef even whipped up a light dressing for you to try. He said if you liked it, he would send some back with you in a cooler along with the instructions so the chef at Stone Moon could make it” Mom finished speaking and I can’t believe how much thought she put into me coming to visit. I go over to her and give her a big hug.

“You didn’t have to go through all that trouble for me, but you doing it shows how loved and welcomed I am to your pack. So, thank you so much for doing this for me. I want to lose all my extra weight and THEN go pack to Howling Wolf pack and accept Calvin’s rejection. I think that it would make me happiest to let him know that rejecting me is HIS loss, and I hope I look good enough to make him suffer a little bit over it. He didn’t even try to talk to me before rejecting me, and I hope he is happy with his life with Sophia. He made that choice for himself, and he chose her, he deserves to keep her for the rest of his life. Sophia is a truly horrible person, his life with her will be punishment enough”.

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“Whenever you are ready to go there and accept his rejection, let us know, we want to go with you to keep you safe”. Tyler tells me, and I give him a hug.

“Yes, please, I will want you there for moral support. I don’t know if it will make me weak or not, so I may park my bike in the city and ride out with one of you to accept the rejection, or we can take my Jeep. I don’t know if I will be strong enough to drive off immediately afterward, and I won’t want to stick around any longer than I need to there, I know it will bring back a lot of bad memories. I just want to rip the band-aid off and get it done, and then leave”. I tell them, frowning as I remember falling to the ground in pain when Calvin cruelly rejected me.

“I may not be able to phase yet, but I am really good with weapons, so I will still be able to help protect Jade when we go,” Tate said. I hug him because I know he wants to keep me safe too.

“Hey, I can go with you guys. I am almost 20 years old, and I can help too, you know what I am capable of Tyler. We can all go together” Travis says. I give him a hug as well and I see him wiggling his eyebrows at Tyler, trying to get a rise out of him. I lightly tap him on the arm and tell him to stop messing with Tyler.

Mom takes me up to my room and I see that it is newly redone for me with freshly painted walls in a warm tan color and had been beautifully decorated throughout. A large flat-screen TV was on the wall and the bed and dresser were prominent in the room with a beautifully patterned comforter on the bed. I saw that there were two sets of PJs in the dresser, one a size 12 and one a size 10. How thoughtful was my new mom? She had

obviously put a lot of thought into the room and wanted me to be comfortable. I turned towards her and grinned running to her and giving her a big hug. “Thank you for doing my room, it is beautiful. I love my new PJs thank you for getting them for me”.

“I wanted you to have some stuff here, so I was thinking that we can get you a few things tomorrow to put in your closet and dresser so you don’t have to pack so many items when you come to visit us, I know you will only be here every other weekend, but it can’t hurt to have some stuff here for you too. I want you to know you have a place here in our home too and we want you to know you belong here with us whenever you want to come. It doesn’t have to always be on your regular weekend, you could come every weekend if you wanted to”. Mom said to me.

I start crying as that is the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me. That she leaves it up to me, but that I am welcome here whenever I decide to come. That I belong in their family, that I am a valued member and have a place in our family. Mom is crying a little too, and we both wipe our eyes and head downstairs for dinner.

The men are waiting for us on the first floor, and we head into the dining room with none of the men mentioning our teary eyes. I’m able to make some clean choices from what the Chef has prepared, and I do love his salad dressing. it is light and flavorful it makes the salad pop with freshness. I will be taking the recipe home with me. My chicken breast and grilled veggies are delicious. I am glad the meal was light as I knew in an hour, I would probably be getting my butt handed to me.

I get a tour of the first 3 floors of the packhouse with the kitchen and dining area on the first floor. I notice that they have two separate areas for fridges, with canned drinks, iced coffees, fruit juices, and energy drinks, a drinking fountain with several choices of fountain drinks set up. There is also a coffee corner set up with fresh pots made every hour, as they will still be needed for the warriors doing patrols at night too. The second set of fridges has several times on the second shelf with my name written on them. There are sandwiches, salads, hard-boiled eggs, as well as cut-up veggie and fruit cups like at the gas station with lids on them and the date that they were prepared written on them.

The second floor has two living areas with enough seating for 50 people to be comfortable in each area and a large screen TV on the opposite walls to make two totally separate seating areas. They also have two movie rooms on opposite ends of the packhouse, about 1,000 feet apart from each other, with a 100” inch TV in each, a seating area for 40 adults, and bean bag chairs on the floor for the children to have additional seating. The 3rd floor was a gym with a cardio area, a weight area, and a 20’ x 20’ mat for sparring in one of the corners. I knew why they left this one for last, it was time for my training to begin.

Tyler motions me over and asks which machine or exercises I am familiar with, so I show him what machines I have been trained on and what exercises I am familiar with, I also tell him that I have upped my running from 5 to 8 miles. We do a quick warm-up with cardio. Tyler then leads me to the mat and starts to explain three different moves to me, He shows me where to place my foot, and how to turn my body to optimize each move. He

is a great instructor and Travis and Tate take turns being the “assistant” aka test-dummy for him. He tells me how to adjust my moves in case they know what I am doing and try to counter the move. I felt terrible for Travis and Tate as they were both thrown down about 10 times each. I feel like I can try the three moves that he showed me now. Tyler smiles and gets across from me on the mat and waits for me to step up and start to try the move-out, I was not successful in getting him down, but I did move him, and he was proud of me as he said he had to counter to stop me. He said that I was a natural, whatever that meant because I wasn’t successful. I tried the second move with Tate and moved him too, a little, but he countered as well, and again I was not successful. I tried the third move with Travis, and he allowed me to get him down on the mat, but I know he let me as he started doing the eyebrow wiggles again as soon as I landed on him on the floor. He makes me laugh as I get up, but Tyler and Tate didn’t think it was so funny.

“Travis please don’t coddle her, she needs to learn the form and do it correctly if she gets into a fight, they won’t be just letting her beat them, she needs to know how to do it, correctly and be able to take a man down. The better she gets the less we will worry about her. She is 127 miles away from us, and we worry about her safety every day. The reason we worry about her literally followed her right up to our gates and they weren’t scared to engage with us. So please take this as seriously as we do. She has a natural ability when she is fighting, it is like she knows where they are going and is able to predict what attack they will try on her. I think it is also one of her abilities and will be speaking to dad about it.” Tyler tells Travis.

“I am sorry Tyler I knew she was getting frustrated and couldn’t resist. I will be professional in training from now on, you are correct, in a fight, she has got to know how to get out of holds, and to count on knowing her moves correctly. I will make sure I only teach her correctly you don’t have to worry about me going easy on Jade anymore. She does need to be trained right, and I am happy to help train her”. Travis said.

“Thank you, Travis, we know we can count on you, we just don’t want you going easy on her because she is a girl. That said, we don’t want you to seriously hurt her, she is our sister. You will need to find a happy medium, don’t worry, she will be here every other week, so you will have two weeks more to figure something out for her. Tomorrow we will just do our regular training classes, cardio, and Elite, and help her out as best we can. We will train outside at 6 am the next two mornings, it is dark out right now, so we brought you to the gym tonight. Hey maybe you can challenge Jade to a race in wolf form, she has only had her wolf a week and maybe you can show her how to increase her speed on a run tomorrow afternoon?”. Tate says. He then turns and winks at me and Tyler before we exit the gym together.

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I surprised mom and dad by showing up at the packhouse this weekend. I hadn’t been here since Christmas, so I know mom and dad missed me and were happy to see me. I

thought Dixon and Bree missed me, but they had both been upset with me since I arrived. I know Dixon was mad that I missed the Gamma Ceremony.

We had just finished dinner and I had gotten a return text from Ashley. I had sent her a message that I was coming in tonight for a visit, and asked if she was up for dessert together? She replied with “Yes, I would” so I had that definite setup.

I just finished putting my phone back into my pocket when my sister leans over and says “What has you smiling Asher? Got a hot date?” and I see my mom glancing over at me.

“What is up with you Bree? It is none of your business I am about to be 20 and I am an adult, you need to just mind your own business” I tell her in a low tone.

“No, it IS our business when you are getting a friend of ours bullied Asher,” Dixon tells me, and he is not trying to keep his voice down at all.

“What in the world are you talking about Dixon? What friend and what could I have I done that could have possibly caused a problem?” I ask Dixon.

I know my parents are now listening in on my conversation, but I have NO idea what my brother and Sister are talking about. Who is being bullied, and by whom, and why would they think I was involved in some stupid, petty, high school drama?

“Jade was confronted at school by Ashley’s sister Brittany. Apparently, Ashley is again mistakenly thinking that she is soon to be the Luna. Jade had just approached her brothers in the dining room. Ashley and Claire, who were flirting with Tyler and Tate Harris from the Dark Moon pack, got mad that Jade approached the guys while they were talking to them and started in on her and said some rude things to her. From what Ashley and Claire said to Jade, both guys told them to just get away from them and said something to the effect of pretty on the outside, but ugly on the inside to the girls. When Ashley told Brittany what had happened, she totally lied and said it was Jade that started it and that Jade made them threaten Ashley and Claire. Brittany then mentioned Jade needing to watch her back because Ashley was going to be the next Luna, and implied that Jade would get what is coming to her then. So, yea, you must have said something for Ashley to think that.” Dixon says.

I glance down the table at my mom and see her mouth in a thin line. She can’t stand Ashley and knows that Ashley had been around and slept with several members of the pack and doesn’t think that she will be a good Luna. Now I am sorry I came. I am going to have to listen to a lecture and I am going nowhere tonight. Why did Ashley have to say anything to anybody, and who is Jade?

Great there is no way to get the conversation changed to another subject, I am going to have to engage.

“Look I might have mentioned to Ashley that maybe, in a few years, if I haven’t found my mate, I would go ahead and make her my chosen mate, but that would be a long time from now. She is a highly-trained warrior and I know she would be able to help protect this pack. But I didn’t say for 100% that she WOULD become the Luna. I still have several years to look for my mate. I am still going to try to find my actual mate.” I tell them and look down the table at my mom and dad trying to put on my sincere face, hoping that my words convinced them that they did NOT need to sit me down and give me the lecture that I KNOW is coming.

“Maybe this Jade person is the one that lied? Did you think of that? Maybe she is the one that started this whole problem? I ask.

“Do NOT EVER accuse Jade of lying or being a bully” Dixon grounds out.

I am surprised at his tone and words as he is normally the most easygoing person in our family. I didn’t expect him to growl or ever be aggressive towards me. “Um, do you think that having a crush on whoever this Jade person is could be preventing you from looking at this clearly?” I ask him.

I hear a chair scrape and Dixon jumps up and starts yelling at me, “I don’t have a crush on Jade, she is my best friend, and she is the best person that I know. She is not a bully, she has been bullied, she has gone through so much at her last pack and you just have no empathy or concern for anyone else. You are the same as Ashley, if it wouldn’t run this pack totally into the ground I would wish her on you as a mate, but you both know you are not mates. Bed buddy’s yes, but not mates. I cannot wait until you finally pull your huge, ego-having, big head out of your own a*s. How can Bree and I be as good as we are, and you be such an a*****e? How? Goddess, please answer me?” Dixon then turns and walks away going up to his room.

No one speaks for a few minutes and then Bree pipes up, “Dixon is right, you are a total a*****e, and I am embarrassed to call you, my brother. You didn’t even give our side of the story, or Jade the benefit of the doubt, you just believed that slut. She is a lying, manipulative, b****h, and she went the extra mile to cause Jade grief at school when her whole life had been nothing but traumatic, and you think it would have made her be an a*****e too, but she is the nicest person, the most grateful person that I have ever met. She sends Brittany, and her b****h patrol, almost daily to bully her. Yea, Ashley is such a great person. You deserve her. You can just visit with Mason or Brax, but I will tell you now, that they love her too. In fact, every single person at this table does but you, and you are willing to judge her because you believe in Ashley, well I feel sick. You don’t have to worry about fitting me into your schedule Asher, I would rather hang out with Jade 100 times to 1 day with you. You better straighten this up, Asher. Because if you don’t and they keep it up on Jade and keep bullying her, I will be backing Jade, I will be defending Jade, and Ashley, as good as she is at fighting, ISN’T better than me at it”. Bree gets up from her chair and stands and looks down at me. “I used to look up to you, you were my big brother and I love you regardless of what you have done. But backing a bullying w***e is not your greatest accomplishment”. Bree then turns and goes up to her room as well. I look around at the table and my Uncle Bryan, Aunt Aubrey, and my cousin Nicole all get

up and leave as well. I hadn't said anything bad about the girl, I don't even know her. Why is everyone so passionate about defending this girl, Jade?

"Mom" I start.

"Asher, we will talk in the morning. I hope you remember what I have already told you. You know how I feel about that girl Ashley, it is why she is texting you instead of approaching this table. She knows what she has done, she is a malicious and sneaky girl. She makes herself available to a lot of men and was doing just that when Jade innocently walked up to Tyler and Tate, Ashley and Claire were just mad that she interrupted them. Asher, I want you to meet your father and I, at 10 am, in the Office.

We will explain then why everyone is so protective about Jade. We need you to make better choices for yourself, especially in a chosen mate son". My mom finishes and she and dad get up to go to their room.

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I exit the dining room and hear my phone ping. I look at it and it is Ashley texting me. I tell her something came up and I can't meet up with her tonight, and that we will try again tomorrow night. I head up to the Beta and Gammas floor to see about getting a beer with Mason and Braxton and maybe being able to relax.

I go to Mason's room, and he is laid out on his recliner drinking a beer and watching a football game on his big screen. I text Braxton to come on down to Mason's room and have a few beers with us.

Braxton shows up a few minutes later, of course in his usual outfit of no shirt. We enjoy watching the game for the next hour before it ends, and we shut the TV off.

"Well, how are things going around here?" I ask them.

"Things had been same ole, same ole, until 2 weeks ago". Mason says.

"What happened 2 weeks ago?" I ask them.

"We got the new Beta, your Uncle Bryan, and his family. Your Uncle Bryan and Aunt Audrey brought two more girls with them when they got here with Nicole. One is a full human- ", Mason was saying.

"Wait why is a human part of our pack?" I ask him.

"She isn't part of our pack; I was talking, and you interrupted me. She is living in the pack, she was aware of us wolves beforehand and had dated one a few years ago, she came to finish off her Senior year with Jade and Nicole. If you had come to the Gamma

Ceremony you would have been told what was happening. You don't show up that often and you should really know more of the inner workings of the pack. Instead of the inner workings of all those girls, you are sleeping with while you are in the city". Mason said.

"Great, back to Jade again," I say.

"What do you mean back to Jade again?" Mason asks.

"Well, apparently Dixon has a little crush on her, although he said he doesn't, that she is just his best friend. He went on and on about her and how nice she is, and how good she is, and how Ashley is such a slut and a liar. He got me in trouble with mom and dad pitching a fit about an incident at school and Brittany giving her a hard time. He went off on me and then took off." I said to Mason.

"Sounds like you deserved it from the sounds of it. How are you going to take Ashley's side in anything, she is a malicious slut, that will do anything to try to climb the social ladder man. She is terrible, how do you not see that?" Mason replies. "Why would you even let Ashley think she has a chance at being the Luna? She will destroy this pack. If you think you need it to get her into bed, you don't need it, she is ready, willing, and able to sleep with anyone who can get her to be a Beta or higher. She is a gold-digger and available to whoever wants her. Asked and denied by me. I do not want her disease-ridden self anywhere near me. I turned her down. Posted by Jobnib.com; visit us for more free novels.

If Jade wasn't going through so much, I would let her know I would like to date her. I would be all over her in a heartbeat if I could. But since she got rejected and didn't accept, she is stuck with that i***t Beta Heir from the Howling Wolf pack until she accepts the rejection. I fully intend on going with her just in case I am her second chance mate and to protect her from those morons over there. I already told her I would go with her to protect her, and I will. I am only 23, that is only a 5-year difference, I hope I am her second chance mate". Mason tells me.

"So, you have a crush on her as well? What is she, like some kind of beauty queen, she would have to be for all of you to just keep falling over at her feet right now? You guys need to man up, you don't need a mate. Why stop at just one, when you can have a new one a week for the rest of your lives? That is the reason Ashley is a good choice, she won't get mad if I stray, she already told me that. I don't need a true mate. I don't need the pull to make me love someone. I want to pick my own mate, I really don't need a true mate." I said to them. "I don't know why everyone loves Jade. Where is she, maybe I should take her out on a date myself, and see what all the excitement is all about". I finish talking and notice it is dead silent, and then I hear my best friends growl at me. What in the hell, they really do love her too, Bree wasn't just blowing smoke at me, how can my whole pack be in love with one person?"

"You are disgusting, thank the Goddess Jade is not here as I would hate to have to fight you over her" Mason tells me.

“I agree with Mason, you have changed this last year, and not for the better man, you were never like this before you went to Alpha Training. What all are you guys doing up there because you are no longer the man I once knew. I am glad Jade is not here, she went to the Dark Moon pack to visit for the weekend. She had a hard week and needed the visit. I am with Mason, I would have hated it, but I would have stepped in to kick your a*s as well. As it is, I now need to protect her from your slutty friend Ashley, to make sure she doesn’t hurt her during our training sessions. Ashley holds a grudge and I know she is not done messing with her. Jade is a pure, and loving, soul. Anyone in her presence sees it and responds to it. She got rejected because she was overweight, she has endured more than most people would be able to take, and she keeps moving forward and pushing herself. She has only been here for 2 weeks and has already lost 23 lbs. She had already lost 5 before she got here.” Braxton tells me with pride in his voice.

“So, she is fat, that is why she got rejected, that makes sense. Werewolves are usually not overweight, why is she?” I say to them.

“Don’t make me punch you man, and that is her story to tell. I believe your parents will be letting you into the small circle that knows what she went through” Braxton says. He pauses for a moment and then continues, “Stop being an a*****e Asher, she excels at everything she does, she is stronger every week. She is a machine and Mason, and I, are going to get her where she needs to be. She is following the diet that my friend set up for her to follow and she never complains. She just does what is asked of her and tries to do it better every time she does it. She IS going to be my number one female Elite Warrior, and probably be there in less than a month. She has focus, and drive, she has empathy and truly cares for others, holy s**t, Jade is probably supposed to be the Luna. It would make sense as we all feel protective of her that the Goddess would send her to us”.

“Well for her sake I hope she isn’t because I REALLY don’t want a fat Luna,” I say. Mason and Braxton both growl and stand up and Mason points to the door. “I got it, I got it, you are picking her over me too. I am leaving.” I mumble and leave Mason’s Apartment.

I stop in the hallway and wonder why I am being such an a*****e. Bree accused me of being one, but I didn’t think I was, her comments made me mad, she has always looked up to me. Always put me on a pedestal. I was her big brother and her personal hero. Now she hates me and so does Dixon. My own siblings hate me now and all because of this stupid, fat girl, Jade. I didn’t cause this problem, it was just a misunderstanding, and Ashley should have kept her mouth shut. Why does everyone love her, even my best friends Mason and Brax. They picked her over me too. My world is coming down, and I just want to scream in frustration. I head towards the elevator at the Gamma end of the hall, in case Mason or Braxton come out I didn’t want to be close enough to then to start arguing with them again. I will clear it up tomorrow before I leave.

I smell the most amazing scent floating in the air, in the hallway. A sweet musk and patchouli scent, a musky-earthy smell, like the woods after it rains. I smell my mate up here and follow the sweet, spicy, and musky scent to a room. I enter it and it is empty. Since it is now 2 am I know due to it being empty who’s the room belongs to. Holy s**t Braxton was right, Jade is supposed to be the Luna of the Stone Moon pack.

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Well hell, what am I supposed to do now I think as I exit her room and go up to the Alpha floor. I am screwed. Wait, no, there is no need to panic, I have plenty of time. She won't be able to sense me as she has never met me, and with her still having her first mate, because she didn't accept his rejection, she won't be able to scent that I am her mate until she does reject them, so I have plenty of time.

I relax a little because that buys me some time to figure out what I am going to do, she smells so good, I am not going to be able to return for a little while, but that is ok. I already made plans to go to Lake Havasu for Spring Break, so I have a month and a half before I ever need to make any decisions about Jade. She smells great, but hey, she is fat, and I don't want someone that I would be embarrassed by, or embarrass the pack, I need a strong Luna who can be respected.

"Respected, right," my wolf Aries says links to me. I am surprised because he rarely speaks up these days. "No one will ever respect Ashley. Not the people that she has slept with, or the ones, like Mason, that have turned her down. She is untrustworthy and does not deserve the title of Luna".

"Aries, you don't have the full story, Ashley is a good person. None of us are perfect, you are too hard on her" I link back to him.

"Human you forget we are one and the same. I know your thoughts and your heart. You need to seek out Jade and let her know that we are mates. I will not accept that dirty slut as my mate. Only Jade, so get your s**t together. I will not accept anyone else but Jade". Aries links back to me.

"You are not in control here Aries, I am. It WILL be my choice on who my Luna is true or chosen, you don't get to tell me what I will do". I link back to him

"Fine, you do what you want. I will do what I NEED to do on my end". Aries links back to me, and I understand that there is an implied threat in his words.

I need to just plan to not come back until after I graduate in May, it will be a few days before they: Bree, Nicole, Jade, and the human girl graduate from high school and I am going to HAVE to go to that. I will deal with her then, maybe I can find an acceptable girl to bring home to my parents, so they never have to know that Jade is my mate. I can Alpha command Jade to keep her fat mouth shut. Yes, that is what I will do. Maybe I will sleep with her and then reject her, we will have to see how she looks in May, the way Brax was talking she will probably be thin by then. If she hasn't accepted the rejection, I won't even have to worry about any of this. What she doesn't know won't hurt her. I guess I will just keep Ashley on the hook for a little while longer, she is really willing to do anything to keep me happy. Maybe I will invite her to go to Lake Havasu for Spring Break to make it up to her for canceling on her this weekend. If I am not here, I know mom won't notice

her leave and we can meet up at the Lake with no one ever being wiser about it. My family and friends are all pissed at me and maybe I have changed and not for the better, I will work on it after I graduate. There is no rush, nothing bad will happen to me until she rejects that Beta and realizes that we are mates.

Maybe I will pretend to be interested when my parents give me the lecture tomorrow morning. There had to be a reason that everyone thinks that this girl Jade hung the moon. Maybe tomorrow I will find out the reason why. I got into my shower and use the body wash to help me out tonight because Ashley isn't allowed up here anymore. Mom made that ruling and I am leaving it alone until I finally take over the pack. It kind of makes it convenient for her to be banned as I don't really want her staying up here with me anyway. She can totally be annoying, but she lets me do whatever I want, and right now, being able to have a Luna and secretly step out too, is a win in my book. I just don't want her moving into my room, I don't want her living with me. "Exactly" Aries pipes up.

I think of Jade's musky, sweet, smell and I end up finishing quickly on the glass tile of my shower. I feel totally relaxed right now, and I haven't felt that way since I left the Alpha Training College. The competition there is fierce. Who is the strongest? Who is the smartest? Who is the best strategist? Who is the most trustworthy? Who is the best fighter? Even who has the prettiest Luna, why that matters, as your mate is picked specifically by the Moon Goddess, but a Lot of Alpha's these days are picking a chosen for the attributes that they feel are the best and to make treaties and packs with the packs those girls come from.

The pressure is immense, and I guess I have been drinking and sleeping around to deal with the pressure and trick my brain into thinking that I am happy. I could have chosen to work out, to do something that would benefit myself, but it isn't any fun to do it alone, better in a group. What is wrong with me? There is no way that I am falling for her myself, everyone else can fall in love with her, but not me. I don't like or need her. I don't need a true mate they keep you from doing whatever you want to do. They keep you held down you are trapped by the mate bond. I am better off without her. I fall asleep quickly because I am still very relaxed and fall into a deep sleep.

I don't remember when I have slept better, I haven't slept this good for months. I get up, take my shower, and go get breakfast. I head up to Dad's office and knock on the door at 958 am for our meeting. I hear my parents tell me to "come in" and enter the office. I sit down in a chair in front of their desk and get a faint scent of Jade, and it helps me relax. I wonder what she was doing in here.

"Good morning," I tell them as I shift in the chair. I feel like a child facing my parents across the desk.

"Good morning, Asher," my parents say at the same time, and it makes me smile.

"What we are going to discuss is only known to a few people and needs to never leave this Office," my mom tells me.

“Sure,” I say, “what did you want to talk to me about?”

My mom then tells me what all Jade had gone through at the Howling Wolf pack, the abuse, the assaults, the potential r**e “prank” which no one in their right minds would call a prank, and her rejection and then finding out her mom, dad and brother were never her mom, dad, and brother. That was a lot for one person to deal with. How was she still as nice as everyone is saying she is? I would be hateful to everyone and try to punish them all for their actions. She just ran away from them and make it safely here.

I get up to leave the office and my dad says, “sit down your mom is not done.”

“What, is there more?” I asked him.

“Yes,” dad said, and then my mom told me of what happened the next day when they got ambushed and almost trapped at the restaurant and Dixon driving them all back here. No wonder he was so enamored of her, he saved her, he protected her, and he feels special feelings for her because of it.

“Dixon and Bree did a great job! Nicole too. They kept a level head and got her to safety. I am really proud of them” I tell mom and dad.

“Yes, they all did a great job,” My dad says.

“We all love Jade, she is so sweet and nice to everyone, she cares for others, and she never wants anyone to put themselves in harm’s way to protect her. She lost money that her birth mom wanted her to have, and her aunt and Uncle spent it all. But she doesn’t let any of that get her down. She is super smart and is going to make a great asset and benefit to this world” my mom says.

Please stop letting Ashley think that she has a chance to be Luna of this pack” My mom continues, “If we seriously thought that you would do that, your dad will not be stepping down and we will consider allowing Dixon to take over the pack. His comments to you last night let us know what a bright young man he is. You have changed and not for the better Asher, you are completely absorbed in yourself. You are much the same as Ashley and you two would surely destroy this pack. We spoke about it, and we want you to focus on your studies and complete your Alpha Training and make changes to become the young man we sent to Alpha Training. None of us recognize you anymore and we don’t know how to get back the old Asher. It is like you only care about yourself and being the Alpha means you need to care for your pack, for ALL the members of your pack, do what is best for your pack, and most importantly protect your pack.

“I think it has been the drinking and the partying that you have been doing son, it has made you jaded and dissatisfied, you are unfulfilled and have no direction. We need you to get your direction son. We need you to find the other half of you, I think that your mate will stretch and grow you to become the best version of yourself. Please think about what we are saying, we have put a lot of thought into this. You don’t spend time with your

brother or sister anymore. Your sister literally threatened to beat your girlfriend up, you need to take a step back and stop parting and find your mate”. My dad says.

“Ok, I will try to do as you ask,” I tell them. Little do they know I already found my mate. I just don’t know if I want her yet.

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My morning started early, but that is how training usually is anyway. I am excited to see how the training at Dark Moon differs from Stone Moon. I managed to hold my own, but I was almost dead last in everything. I guess because it was completely different from what I was used to doing. I guess I need to switch it up and do new things, so I don’t get in a rut. I am sweating with lines of it dripping down my face and getting in my eyes, making them burn a little. But I did it, and I didn’t throw up. So, I will count that as winning. We get both classes done and Tyler wanted to know if I wanted to practice phasing into my wolf and not shredding my clothes. Tate and Travis are not needed and head to the packhouse to shower and get ready for us to go out.

Tyler is patient and after a few tries, I have it. I did almost shred out of my workout gear, but I managed to stop at the last minute and stay clothed. I just had to focus on my clothes staying next to my skin almost like I was absorbing them into my body, and then when I phase back from my wolf, I need to imagine that I was wearing my clothes out with my skin as my body morphed back into my human form. It was hard for me to grasp, but after the third successful phase, I had it down and I couldn’t wait to show my friends at Stone Moon my new skill. Apparently, it is a benefit of being a white wolf, they won’t be able to do it, but it will help me out when I need to change back in a crowded area. I am super happy about it.

Tyle and I head to our room to shower because I need to go by Goodwill to pick up some jeans, and maybe a few t-shirts as my shirts are getting too loose. I am going to go ahead and use some of my money to get a few nightgowns some for here and some for me to have at Stone Moon as I think that the nightgowns will fit me better as I continue to lose. I go grab breakfast and meet up with my family.

Mom lets the boys know that she and I are going shopping, but Tate tells her that after yesterday’s incident of me being followed here, he, Tyler, and Travis will also be coming along. I roll my eyes and tell them that “They are probably long gone now” with Tate saying, “well if they aren’t, they are gonna wish they were”.

We set off and I ask mom to go by Goodwill first for me to check out the jeans selection. She smiles at me, and we head there first. I found five pairs of jeans, three in a size 10, and two in a size 12, as I am losing so fast, I knew I needed to get both sizes. I also got 2 belts in a size 10 to tie me over. I found three pastel-colored t-shirts with no stains on them. One in a baby blue, one in soft pink, and the last one was my favorite in mint green, with the tag still on it. They all looked like they had never been worn. They were a little

tight as I held them up to me, but here in a week or two, they would fit just fine. We then paid for my stuff and mom was impressed with my haul and that I got it all for \$35.00, and one of my pairs of jeans still had a tag on them showing \$85.00.

We hit the shoe store up next, and everyone got a new pair of tennis shoes for training, I guess the boys needed some too. Since we were out, they took me to their favorite place to eat, I felt guilty because dad didn't come, but they said we were going to take something to-go for dad, and that he couldn't come because of a meeting that had been scheduled weeks ago.

We stopped at the local ice cream shop, and each grabbed a cone. I had been really watching what I had been eating but I had 2 extra hours of training last night and we were going out for a run tonight, so I got a cone too.

Mom wanted to stop by Target for a quick trip and thankfully the boys went to look at some items in sporting goods and electronics, so we had a few minutes to get me some new workout clothes two outfits to stay here, and two outfits to go back with me. I told mom next month if all goes to plan, I will pick out another color than just black next time, but black was slimming and I still struggle with body issues even as I get to a size 10. Mom grabs me a couple of sets of new underwear and gets three in a size 8, and three in a size 10 to tide me over. Thankfully the boys didn't come back to us until we were checked out and were ready to leave. I think it was because mom told them we were getting underwear for me because they took off about 30 seconds after we entered the store and stayed away until we were ready to walk out the door. Mom shops quick like I do, we get what we came for and get out. About 8 minutes in the store total, even with checkout.

We make an online order for dad's meal and pick it up on the way back home. He is done with his meeting and glad we had a good time and told me that he won't make plans for meetings anymore on my weekend if it can be prevented. I understand, he is busy, and it is hard being the Alpha. Sacrifices need to be made and I am getting to spend time with him now, so I am happy. Mom shows me where the washers and dryers are located, it had 7 industrial Washers and 7 Industrial dryers, as well as the regular-sized units. I get my new clothes and my dirty clothes washed. This will save me time when I get back to Stone Moon, so maybe I can sneak in a workout with Brax or Mason because I can't stay here as late as I wanted to, my brothers are going to escort me back, and then come back together when it is time for me to go. I already got my homework done for the weekend and I ask Tyler if we can go out for that run now? I don't know the Stone Moon pack area that well back home so I only got out with Mason, Brax, or Dixon so I don't get to run as much as I would like to, as I need an escort. I find out that Dad and Tyler are going to run with me and Travis, Tate doesn't turn 18 until Jun so he can't run with us yet, but he already has Travis set to fail with trying to race me. I guess since I wasn't successful with the first time sparring from last night Travis thought he was going to smoke me. We should have taken bets Travis would have lost. I run for about an hour and then ask Tyler if we could try again with the sparring on the mat. I want to try to get those moves down.

We head up to the gym on the third floor with mom and dad right behind us. They have a seat while the boys and I head to the mat. Tyler then explains it all to me a second time

and then shows me the hand and foot placements again, and then the counter moves. I pay more attention today, as I was nervous yesterday. I am ready to try again. Tyler and I line up and he waits patiently for me to strike, I bide my time until I see an opening and take him down. I hop up screaming. I took him down. This is awesome and I do a victory lap around the mat. Tate laughs as he has never seen anything funnier. Travis high-fived me. I ended up getting Travis down too when I tried the second move out, but Tate managed to get out of my grasp when we fought, and I didn't get him fully down on the mat. We all go to dinner and have a great time talking to each other. I hate that I only have one more day. I also hate that I will have to leave earlier than I anticipated because I will have to leave at 3 tomorrow, so they can escort me.

As soon as we get to the pack's gate my brothers get off their bikes give me a hug and head back to Dark Moon. My world is sadder without them with me.

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Five weeks later

This is our last week of school before Spring Break and things have been running smoothly. I haven't run into the bitchy dream team run by Brittany. I am careful to not be anywhere near Ashley on the weekends when I am home, but since my brothers are always with me to train on those weekends that I am here, I feel like they and Brax have got my back and I just focus on what I need to do to train.

I have Dixon, Mason, and Brax here that always help me train and exercise. Tyler has gotten me up to speed quickly and I have learned a lot from training with him, Tate, and Travis at Dark Moon too. Brax tells me that I am the number #1 ranked female in the pack now for his Elite Warriors and he is super proud of me. He knows that I am training at the Dark Moon pack too and I have taught him some things to help him out with training both Stone Moon pack and for him to spar well and make it a challenge for me too.

The biggest change has been my weight. I lost steadily and Brax now wishes I had measured instead of just weighing because of the transformation. I just kept losing and working my way down and today I stand at 156 lbs., but at my height of 5'11," I am in great shape. I am now a curvy and muscled size 6, I don't have visible abs, but I do have a flat stomach, I just look fit and not overly muscular. I hit my goals each weigh-in and I am so proud of myself. I last weighed in on December 1st at Howling Wolf, as weighing myself wasn't anything that I enjoyed doing. I had lost 5 before I got here, then I weigh in on Fridays and Mondays (so I didn't eat anything I shouldn't on the weekend). I lost the following each week as Brax documented it -13, -10, -13, -9, -8, -12, -6 and the last one was this last Monday, and I was down -8. I had reached my goal, and I am super happy about it. I wear size 6 jeans now, although sometimes it is hard to find jeans long enough for me.

This Friday I am going to ride to the Howling Wolf pack and accept Calvin's rejection. I need to be able to move on. I am in a good place and happy now. I need to start trying to find my second chance mate if he is out there. I am ready to be in a relationship now. I have let go of the anger I felt at how I was treated and realize that even the hard steps got me to where I am, so I am grateful for my journey, even when it was difficult. I love my life now.

I already called my brothers and asked them to go with me on Friday. We are getting out of school 2 hours early around 1230 Friday and I wanted to go ahead and get it done. My brothers are just skipping school that day as they have a 2-hour ride from Sedona to get here, so they are just going to meet me at school at 1230 and we will ride out.

Tyler, Tate, Travis, Dixon, and Brax are riding on their motorcycles with me, and Mason is going to drive his quad-cab 2021 GMC Sierra 1500 as we are bringing the motorcycle trailer with us in case, I can't ride my bike back.

I come out of the school with Dixon, and we load our backpacks into the back seat of Mason's truck, we will be riding for almost 3 hours one way to Tombstone, and I don't want to wear it for that long, or the way back. I smile at seeing Brax with a shirt on for once and a jacket as well because we will be traveling almost 350 miles today roundtrip. There are several stretches where we will probably leave Mason in the dust, but we already know the plan, when we are five miles out, Mason will contact Alpha Andrew, who will then call Alpha Edmond Taylor and have him get Calvin Williams to come to the gate so I can accept his rejection. Almost two months of the horrible pain when he sleeps with Sophia, or whoever he is sleeping with, and I will not miss this pain, that will be the very best reason for going ahead and getting the rejection accepted. I put my earbuds in, and we all take off. The girls wanted to go, but Alpha Andrew and Luna Monica vetoed that idea. They don't know if things could get ugly and all of us can phase, except Tate, he is an excellent marksman, so he has a gun on each hip, and a fully loaded magazine in each gun, with 4 more magazines slid into the zippered inside pockets of his jacket. We really don't know what we are walking into, and he wanted to be prepared, for whatever they throw at us. Hopefully, I can just accept the rejection, and we leave. But they have tried to take me twice and I just don't know how this is going to go. That is the reason that they are just being given a few minutes' notices of us arriving, so they can't set something up to try to catch us.

I get more nervous as we get closer to the pack. I know my anxiety is starting to rise, and I slow down as I straighten up on my bike, the guys slow down too and watch me as we enter the town. I know that Mason called Alpha Andrew when we got to the 5 miles out mark so Alpha Taylor could mind link Calvin to come to the gate. I roll my shoulders to try to loosen up and get rid of my anxiety, I know Calvin will not be showing up alone and I really don't want to make it back onto the social media pages again, for any reason. I didn't like it the first couple of times and don't want to do it now.

I pull up to the gate and then turn around, walking my bike backward, back towards the gate, and the guys follow my lead. We get off our bikes as Mason parks and then walks up

to me and asks “Are you ok?” I smile and say “That is a loaded question. Ask me again in five minutes”.

Mason asks, “Do you want me to just go ahead and load your bike onto the trailer and you just ride back with me?”.

“I would,” I tell him “But, I really want to accept the rejection and then get on my bike, and leave them in a cloud of dust, never to see them again”. Mason smiles back at me and gives me a side hug.

I know I wouldn’t have been able to do this on my own and I appreciate every single man with me on this journey. We hear a vehicle approaching and I look up to see the familiar black SUV coming towards the gates. We all stand there waiting to see who all gets out of the SUV, and I don’t have to wait long before I hear a nasal voice yelling “Where in hell is that fat b***h? We get a call to meet her at the gate, and she didn’t even show up, what the hell?” from Danica as she walks into view. Eric is right behind her laughing as he approaches.

Sophia and Calvin walk up hand in hand and I hear her say, “Yea, I didn’t think she would actually show up. She doesn’t want to break the bond with Calvin. You know she has had a crush on him for a while now”

“No, I am here”. I call out to them and step up to the gate and see Calvin and Eric’s eyes snap over to me. I see them look me up and down again in disbelief.

“Let’s get this over with shall we. I, Jade Devoe, of the Stone Moon pack hear-by accept your rejection, Calvin Williams, future Beta of the Howling Wolf pack”

Calvin stares at me in shock as he falls to the ground holding his chest and calling out in pain. Sophia and Danica are both looking at me like they have seen a ghost and Eric is looking at me with lust in his eyes, which he does not try to hide, as he moves closer to the gate to approach me.

“Maybe now I can rest comfortably knowing I will never have to feel it when you two morons screw each other. That alone makes this trip completely worth it. You can all kiss my a*s. I hope I never see any of you again” I turn around and throw my leg over my bike and lean forward to put my helmet back on and we start our bikes and slowly move out. Tate and then Mason is the last to pull off, as they were watching the Howling Moon members on the other side of the gate for us. I look back and see Calvin looking at me as I ride away and see tears coming out of his eyes. I hear him say “You all told me to reject her, and I didn’t want to, but you all insisted that she would grovel and beg for me back, you just wanted another video. You have all ruined my life and I will never forgive you for it.”

It gives me little joy to know that he did want me, but he allowed others to talk him into making a bad decision and now he was going to have to live with it, and with Sophia.

Having her annoying self as a chosen mate, instead of with his true mate, was going to be punishment enough for him as far as I was concerned.

Today showed me how different my life has changed. At Howling Wolf, I could do nothing to please anyone, I was assaulted and made the laughingstock. But now, I am surrounded by people who truly care about me. I had 6 men willing to come, even in potentially dangerous circumstances, to protect me and keep me safe, even at the cost of their own safety. I loved each one of these men and am thankful and grateful for each one of them.

As I head back to Stone Moon, I look forward to getting to spend time with them as we all head to Lake Havasu for Spring Break. We will be loading up both my Jeep and Tyler's as she drove it to Stone Moon. He had brought their motorcycle trailer that carries their 3 bikes, and how they got them here and Dixon is going to have Mason use our 3 bikes trailer to haul our bikes to Spring Break to the lake. I have nothing but things to look forward to now. Little did I know, how wrong I was. Because apparently, I can't get that lucky.

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I had asked mom and dad if I could come and get the 10-person Pontoon boat to take to Lake Havasu with some of my friends. I omitted that some of my friends were going to be women, as one of those women, Ashley, was one that they can't stand when I asked to borrow the boat. I kind of implied that they were all Alphas from other packs. My parents were always gracious and didn't mind me getting it taken out on the lake. I had already told Ashley that I would pick her up at the Guards shack at the gate when I went to leave, and she had hurried off to grab her bag and get to the gate. I know that none of the Guards would be informing my parents, as they don't want to piss off the soon-to-be Alpha. I was going to use one of the SUVs from the garage to pull it as I couldn't pull it with my Audi RS5 Sportback, I don't want anything to happen to my car. I can hear several motorcycles coming up the drive as I complete hooking up the pontoon on the trailer, I raise up to see who had arrived at the packhouse.

I see 6 Ducati's coming up the driveway with Mason's new truck behind them pulling an empty bike hauler. I see my brother Dixon's and Braxton's bikes in the group and start heading over to them to see who they were with. I really need to get out on a ride with them when I come back to return the pontoon. I nod and wave at Mason as I head over to the group.

"Hey, guys," I tell them as I approach, "When I bring the pontoon back do you two want to take a ride with me like old times?"

"Maybe, if we have time to" Braxton replies and Dixon shrugs a shoulder but doesn't respond, and I know I am going to have to build my relationship back up with both Braxton and Dixon.

“Let’s get the bikes loaded guy’s so we can get headed out first thing” I hear a soothing female voice speak out suddenly from behind me and I then smell a sweet musky scent, and I am scared to turn around and see her. We can’t look each other in the eyes, or I won’t stand a chance against the mate pull.

I see Brax and Dixon looking at me funny as I say a quick “Bye” and walk quickly to the SUV keeping my back to her, getting into the truck without looking her way. I start the SUV and pull away with the Pontoon, glad that I already had everything hooked up and secured before they got here.

Brax and Dixon look at each other, and then back at the SUV heading down the driveway. They were both wondering what had gotten into Asher.

“I want to get packed up as soon as possible and if we can get it all loaded up now, we can get on the road early tomorrow morning and be able to have a full day on the Lake”. They groan playfully at me. “I know I am annoying, it’s just this will be my first trip to a lake, and my first Vacation. I’m just excited. I am sorry for being bossy,” Jade tells us.

We quickly load Tyler’s, Tate’s, and Travis’ bikes onto the trailer behind my brother’s Jeep. We load my, Brax’s, and Dixon’s bikes onto the trailer behind Mason’s truck. We will be storing duffle bags and supplies, cases of water, cases of Gatorade, sodas, beer, snacks, and chips into the back of the Jeeps and any large items like the coolers and suitcases, into the back of Mason’s truck. He got a tri-fold Tonneau cover on the back of his truck so anything stored in there can be kept safe and secure. Tyler will be driving and will take Tate, Travis, and Dixon with him in their Jeep. I will be driving the girls (Me, Bree, Nicole, and Jessica in mine and Brax and Mason will be coming in Mason’s truck. They got off for the week and all training is canceled. They rarely get to take off and since Bryan is there now as the new Gamma, Alpha Andrew said that they could both come with us, especially since his teenagers are going on this trip too.

I am probably the most excited about taking this trip. We rented a 6-room, and 4 bath rental house there, and it has got an awesome pool in the backyard that overlooks a large area of the Lake. We all chipped in and shared the rental fee, but only Mason and Brax will be getting rooms by themselves. The rest of us are sharing two to a room. My dad said we could use the pontoon boat that he took down and rented a slip for at the marina, and I had already made plans to do some free site-seeing while we are there, with the London Bridge and the numerous lighthouses both being on my list of things to do and see.

This is my first vacation, my family at Howling Wolf never really took one with me, they would do a few weekends out of town usually on holidays, but since I had to work, I couldn’t go with them. Especially since they “Uninvited me” by telling me the morning of the day that they were leaving, so I couldn’t trade with someone else, to be able to come with them. It was ok, the last 2 years I would just invite Nicole and Jessica over and we would have sleepovers and they would leave about 5 pm the day that they would be coming back. I smile thinking about Nicole and Jessica, they were truly great friends, and I was so thankful I had them in my life. Lately, though Bree and I had been pretty getting

close too, I trust her completely even though she is my newest friend. She always takes up for me and I know she would fight for me I saw it when she came to get me when I was cornered in the bathroom at school by Brittany and her pack of morons. I no longer need her to fight my battles, but I still avoid Brittany and her group, because they aren't worth me getting suspended or anything going on my school record for. I just plan on avoiding her for the next 2 months until we graduate.

The girls and I had gone to the mall to shop last weekend and dad had insisted on giving me the same allowance that the boys get which is \$1,000 a month, for gas, clothes, shoes, and whatever comes up I have not used it much since I got it, so I had almost \$2,500 in there, I have only been using it for gas for my bike and Jeep. Now that I am at the size I want to stay at, I am just going into maintenance mode so I can eat a little more, and occasionally splurge, and since I enjoy working out, it shouldn't be hard to stay here. I decided that I would go ahead and get a full wardrobe, and I doubled every pair of jeans that looked good on me. I will be taking 4 pairs of them to Dark Moon along with shirts dress, shoes, and bathing suits, as dad has a large pool area, complete with a covered area to eat outside and comfortable padded deck chairs to layout on. I also have some cute workout clothes I ordered online I got my favorite outfit that is an ombre beautiful teal green down to lilac in a racerback tank, and the matching pants that go from lilac at the waist and down to the teal color again, one for both packs, because it is my favorite workout out to wear. I also got some cute crisscross sports bras and capris, some loose flowy tanks to go over them for modesty, and some cute biker shorts for when it gets really hot in the Summer.

I ordered a total of 5 bathing suits, and this was the tricky part. I kept them all with me as I knew I would be going through them this week and didn't want to have to keep wearing the same bathing suits. Bree and Nicole talked me in to get my bikinis online with them and when I balked Bree told me "Jade, honestly you are in better shape than any of us". I went to argue with her, and she held up her hand to stop me and continued on, "You look like a swimsuit model, you look fantastic. You have exercised up to 4 hours a day and watched everything single thing that you ate for over 2 and a half months. You look FANTASTIC! Trust me, you need to get over this because it is ALL in your head. I know it is hard to change a mindset, but we" and she points to herself, Nicole, and Jessica, "would never lie to you. We are going to have a blast. Let's get you in some cute swimsuits and see if we can't all meet our mates this week at the Lake". We then made our orders as you have a much bigger selection online to find something you like, not too many swimsuits to look at in the local store. They had come on Monday, and we washed them and got them packed away. I am glad I had also ordered a sheer coverup, one black tie at the waist skirt and one of my bikinis had come with a see-through, flowy skirt that ties around the waist and goes to the floor, It had a ruffle that went down the sides of the skirt and the tied bow at the waist was just so feminine and cute that I just couldn't resist, the bikini top had the same cute little ruffles attached to the spaghetti straps as the skirt and the outfit was in a marble pattern with greys (from light to very dark greys) and lilac being the base color in it. It was my favorite of all my suits, although there was more cleavage exposed in this suit, than the other ones. It had a high leg cut to it and more of my butt was showing, but thanks to all the work Mason had shown me in the gym my butt was my third best feature to me, right behind my eyes and my chest. Thankfully I was still a 36 C, so I still had a

chest after all the weight loss. I hope I look ok this trip. I know that they are my friends and my brother's, and no one would be mean to me in our group, I just didn't want to get embarrassed in front of strangers, it is not our group that I worry about.

No, no negative thoughts, I look fine in all my suits, and I tried each one of them on and modeled them one at a time for Bree, Nicole, and Jessica and they said I looked like a model now. So, no more doubts, this week is all about fun, and we were going to have a blast.