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We get on the road at 8 am after everyone rests in, because we stayed up late, too excited to sleep, at least I was. We had breakfast and we all met in the driveway to hug everyone goodbye. I was super excited to be hitting the road with my friends. We had started laying out last month on our balconies together so we could build up a base tan so we wouldn't get burned at the Lake. We all had sprayed ourselves well with sunscreen as we would be spending about 4 hours in the Jeep driving there. Tyler led the way there with Tate, Travis, and Dixon, with me and Bree, Nicole, Jessica in my Jeep behind him and Mason and Braxton behind us. We made good time and only stop once about 30 miles away from the lake to fill up our vehicles and the bikes, use the restroom and grab some cold drinks. We went ahead and grabbed bags of ice to fill up the three coolers we had brought with us one for water and Gatorade, one for sodas, and one for beer, we were going to keep hydrated. We went straight to the rental place and picked up the two keys to the house and headed to the house to unload the bikes and trailers into the 3-car garage and to change our clothes. The bikes were put into the first area of the garage, the trailers were parked in the middle part of the garage, and we parked Mason's truck into the third part of the garage. We would be taking the Jeeps around in the town. We all went to get changed in our rooms. I was rooming with Bree, Nicole and Jessica were together. Tyler and Travis were bunking together, and Tate and Dixon were bunking together. Mason and Braxton went into their own rooms to unpack as well and change into their swim trunks. I had grabbed us 10 sandwiches from the fridge before we left the pack and grabbed 9 bags of chips and a bag of pretzels for me, so we could hit the Lake as soon as possible. I put on my black and white bikini, it had a black and white wrapped bikini top and a black bottom with a dye cut-out making my waist look even smaller with how it is cut. I put on a loose white tank top over it, black shorts, and some flip-flops. I leave my hair loose as I plan on swimming, and just flip my hair forward and toss a baseball cap over my hair, keeping it tucked under my cap. I Grab the insulated bag with our sandwiches in it and the now unfreezing freezer packs and head to the living room. Soon we are all ready to go with Mason riding upfront with me and the girls hopping in the back seat. They are chatting away and I and Mason look at each other and laugh at their conversation about how many hot guys they hope are going to be here this weekend.

"How are you doing?" Mason asks me. "Any problems from the rejection? No more pain waking you in the night anymore?"

"Thankfully no, no more problems. It was so scary the first time it happened. I thought I was dying. I am glad it is over with I hope I do get a second chance mate, my first one was horrible" I tell him.

"I am sure you will find your second chance mate Jade, and even if you don't you should open yourself up to dating eventually, even if you don't find a true mate. You are such a good person I hope you find someone great to love. You deserve to be happy. You deserve to have a great man and to have children, you would be a great mom". Mason tells me.

He is so sweet, I wish he could have been my second chance mate, I thought I smelled a wonderful scent when we got back home last night after I got my helmet off, and kind of hoped that Mason would be my second chance mate, but the scent went away, so I guess I was mistaken. I am embarrassed to tell him that though because he would probably think it is just a crush, but he has been so sweet and helpful, I can depend on him, and I love being around him. Too bad it isn't him. Maybe if I don't find my second chance mate, and he doesn't find his mate, maybe we can date.

We arrive at the marina and head to my dad's slip. We enter the slip and I see the pontoon and I am amazed by the size of the Pontoon; it has a second level on it that has an awning that can swing out and cover the seated area of the second floor, and a fiberglass slide coming down from the second level and seats at least 16 people. It has tan seats and black trim and a ladder at the back between the two engines to climb back onto the pontoon. The top-level allows some of the bottom seats to be in the shade, with the front seats all in the sun for us to sit on or lay across to get some sun. This is a total party boat. My brother Tyler looks back at me and starts laughing at my expression, I know I look completely impressed by the boat. I grin back and say, "let's get going", I am so ready to go swimming. The girls are super excited, and the guys are impressed by the boat. It is super nice. We load the three coolers onto the boat, and we untie the boat and slowly start heading out of the marina. It is 1 pm and the lake is packed. I stand behind Tyler as he drives us to where he wants to float today on the lake.

I am smiling as we glide across the water, with the twin engines, we are moving faster than I thought we could in a pontoon. I see several boats come into view and I wonder where we are going. Tyler cuts down his speed and he glides the boat about 300 feet from a small-looking island. There are a lot of boats already there and he kept us a little further back from them as we were planning on swimming a little and totally using the slide. The guys open up the cooler and each grab a beer and I put the sandwich cooler into the big cooler to keep the sandwiches cold. All of us girls go upstairs and take off our clothes get down to our bikinis.

Jessica is wearing a small red suit that looks great with her tan complexion and dark hair and eyes. Bree is wearing a navy blue, bikini that helps showcase her beautiful dark blue eyes with white polka dots. The spaghetti straps tie behind her neck and it looks like it was made for her, and Nicole is wearing a strapless baby-blue bikini that totally makes her look like a Goddess, showcasing her hourglass figure. They all comment on my suit and tell me how cute I look in it. I know that they are worried about me, and my body image issues, and I love them even more for trying to keep my anxiety down.

Bree turns on the water line at the top of the fiberglass slide and lets the water run down it for a minute before sitting at the top of the slide. She slides down screaming her head off and we all start laughing, we are here to have a good time, and we all follow her down into the water all yelling out as well, Nicole, then Jessica, and then me. We gave it a short amount of time between us so that the previous person could swim out of the way before the next person comes down.

I come up for air and I hear some loud music coming from our boat. We end up floating and swimming around for about an hour until we get tired. We all swim over and get out of the water. Braxton had been jumping in doing flips from the lower level at the end of the boat. He, Dixon, Tate, and Travis all swam with us, and we had a good time. I asked Tyler where the music was coming from, and he pointed out all the hidden speakers on the boat. He also expanded the boat to make room for us to be able to dance. He turns down the music for us to be able to talk while we eat. I go grab the sandwiches from the cooler for our lunch. I had gotten six, foot-long sandwiches, and four 6-inch sandwiches, and we sit around eating and drinking and occasionally dancing before we go swimming again.

Tyler said that we were at the Sandbar. I noticed we had more boats around us now and heard Bree and Dixon both groan. I look at them and see that they are looking at a boat two down from us and that Mason and Brax are looking at it as well.

“what’s the problem, do you know them?” I ask Dixon.

“Yes, we recognize the boat, it’s my i***t brother and that slut, Ashley” Dixon replies.

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“Let’s just ignore him and have fun,” I tell them. “They are like 50 feet away and they probably don’t even know that we are here. They all look drunk, and they are not paying attention to anyone else. Who wants to swim over to the Sandbar and walk around with me?” I have been more active since my weight loss, and I want to check out the sandbar, it looks pretty cool.

Bree, Nicole, and Jessica are immediately on board with going to the Sandbar. Tate, Travis, and Dixon said that they will come with us. Tyler said he would stay with the boat and Brax and Mason looked at each other and said that they would stay as well, I figured that they were probably going to be watching Asher. I already saw Dixon putting his cell up after sending off a text before he was ready to go. I don’t have to be a rocket scientist to know he busted Asher out.

I heard from Bree over a month ago that Asher had been told to stay away from Ashley after she had caused me the problem at school because she lied about what happened in the dining room. Ashley had gotten mad and went off on me at training because Asher told her he couldn’t be around her anymore. She was mad at me over it, like I caused it. I don’t have anything to do with either of them. I didn’t know why she was yelling at me, and I was very upset, and that was when Bree said that Asher had been told to not be around or “date” Ashley anymore. She said that Asher was supposed to stay away from her from now on and look for his mate. Obviously, he wasn’t looking, and apparently, he didn’t know that we were coming here either. Wait, holy crap, his parents did know he was coming here. I wonder if Mason and Brax were supposed to be looking out for Asher to see

what he was doing while we were here? I am going to stay out of it, Ashley hates me already and I don't need the added stress.

We jump off the boat and swim over to the sandbar, it was a nice little area and there were a lot of people there walking around and talking, looks kind of like a pick-up spot. A lot of fit people walking around checking each other out.

The guys got stopped by a group of attractive girls with suits small enough to be leaving nothing to the imagination. Bree and Nicole got stopped by two gorgeous guys and Jessica and I kept walking on just checking out the boats and people.

"Jessica, is that you?" I hear the nasal tone and I freeze. Please Goddess don't let it be her.

We turn around and see Danica and Sophia standing there looking at us. I pale as I see Eric and Calvin walking up behind them with my cousin Jeremy. I start walking back in the direction that I came from when Jeremy grabs my arm pulling me back towards their group.

"What the hell are you doing here Jade," Jeremy says to me leaning down to get in my face. "I cannot believe you finally look normal. Why couldn't you have done that sooner so I wouldn't have been so embarrassed for people to know that we were related? I totally didn't believe Eric and Calvin when they said that you looked good."

I look over my shoulder and Jessica is gone, and I start getting worried. I cannot see any of my group and Jeremy is pulling me closer to Eric and Calvin.

"You look like a w***e Jade," Danica says to me. Sophia nods in agreement and says "Yes, that suit is indecent, and you shouldn't be out here wearing it".

I look down at my suit and I am covered, I do have some cute cut-outs on my waistband, but I am totally covered, and my suit is one of the more modest ones on the sandbar. Their swimsuits, on the other hand, are smaller than they need to be wearing and because they don't exercise, they don't look as good in them as they could.

I yanked my arm back from Jeremy and start walking backward away from their group watching them carefully as I walk away from them.

"I am going to go now I hope you have a great time here. I will see you all later" I say as I take another step backward.

I feel two hands slide around my waist and feel a hard chest behind me and I turn my head to look up and see Kyle Richards standing behind me. He tightens his hands on my waist and says in surprise "Jade? Is that you? You look fantastic" I try to pull away from him, but he won't let me go.

"Please let me go, I need to get back to my friends," I ask him.

“Right, like you have friends. That would be laughable, no one wants to admit being friends with you Jade. You are a stupid slut, and if you do have friends, they would all be guys that just hang out to try to get in your pants” Sophia says to me.

“Yea, you almost ruined our trip here. We were set to leave and then made to come to the gate so you could accept his rejection. You just love getting their attention. They are just enamored of you because they want to sleep with you. You ruin everything, you are so needy. I for one am so glad you are gone. You are just an attention-seeking w***e and you are completely worthless.” Danica said.

“Please, just let go of me, I need to leave. You are keeping me here against my will Kyle, just let me go and I will leave”. I tell Kyle.

“No, I would like to get to know you better, we never really got to talk before. I would like to take you out tonight” Kyle tells me. I hear Eric and Calvin lowly growl.

“Sorry, I have plans, but even if I didn’t, I really don’t want anything else to do with the Howling Wolf pack,” I tell him.

“Oh, so you lose some weight and think you are too good for us now?” Kyle says.

“I didn’t say I was better than anyone, I just want to leave, I won’t warn you again Kyle. Let go of me” I tell him. His hands stay at my waist, and he isn’t releasing me, in fact, his hands have now tightened up on my waist and he has stepped closer to me. I know I must get myself out of this situation and get back to the boat. I twist my body around and pull out of his grasp, and then turn to run away, I take two steps and I feel someone grab my wrist and jerk me back. I hit their chest and know it is Eric who has got me now. He leans down and speaks into my ear “No need to rush, you just got here honey” and kisses the side of my neck where Danica cannot see what he did. I pull my arm back quickly using my training as I know that the thumb is the weakest point on the hand and take off again. I make it about 15 feet when I get tackled from behind and driven into the sand underneath them. I get flipped over and see a furious Eric looking down at me. He presses himself into me and I see he isn’t just mad at me, he is excited, and his swim trunks had just hidden that fact from me before. He has my arms now out from my body holding them straight out from me pressing them down into the sand at my wrists and he starts leaning his face in towards me. I can’t lean back from him as my hair is pressed into the sand, so I turn my face away from his.

“You know you like me, Jade, you wouldn’t have gone out with me if you didn’t” Eric whispers into my ear and then presses another kiss into the side of my neck.

“How about you come to meet me tonight and we finish what I started in the truck?” Eric again whispers into my ear.

“No, I won’t be going out with you ever again. Hell hasn’t frozen over, and I am not that foolish as to ever trust you. Danica is right there, go back over to her, she wants you, I don’t want anything else to do with you” I tell him.

He presses himself into me again and grinds down on me. “Unfortunately for you, I still happen to want you, and I don’t care about Danica. She is pretty and she does what I want, but I have wanted you for months. We will be together, you need to stop playing hard-to-get, so how about you come with us, and then I can take you back home later tonight”. Eric says.

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“How about you get your f*****g hands off of her” I hear Tate say.

I close my eyes and almost cry, thank the Goddess my brother is here.

“Yea, you want to get your nasty hands off of her right now” I hear Dixon say.

“Dude if we tell you again, it is going to be really bad for you” I hear Travis say.

“I don’t know who you guys are, but this is my ex-girlfriend, we had a little misunderstanding, and we are trying to work through it. So, mind your own business and leave us alone” Eric says to them.

“The only thing that you’ll be working through is a cold compress for your eye if you don’t take your hands off my friend right this second” I hear Bree say.

I twist my head around and see my friends lined up to defend me, including the two guys that Bree and Nicole had been talking to. I breathe a sigh of relief and move to let Eric know that I want up. He presses himself into me again, before he gets up and I crab walk myself back towards Tate and Dixon and I don’t take my eyes off Eric until I get to their feet. They each take one of my arms and gently help me up from the ground.

“You, Ok?” Tate asks me, never taking his eyes off of Eric.

“Yes, I am now,” I tell him. They each give the arm that they are holding a little squeeze, letting me know I don’t have anything to worry about, they have got me.

Tate and Dixon then push me gently behind them and turn back to look at Eric.

“What have we told you? My brother told you when you followed her to Sedona that he was going to kill if you came after Jade again, yet here we are” Tate says.

“I am a Soon-to-be Alpha; you can’t threaten me” Eric yells at Tate.

“Well Stupid, so is Tyler. You have got to be the dumbest Alpha to ever draw a breath. If you ever see her again. Walk the other way. Do not approach her. And most importantly do NOT touch her ever again” Tate looks past Eric at the group standing behind him and says “None of you guys. None of you will touch her ever again. I don’t know how your pack has survived this long with total idiots running it, but I will say it one more time as I think you need it, if you see her again this week, this month, this year, this lifetime. I need you to turn and walk away. Are we all on the same page now?” Tate says to them and takes time to look them all in the eye.

“I don’t take orders from you, whoever you are, and she likes me so the next time you see us we could be out on a date. You can’t stop me, and you don’t scare me. If I want her, it is a matter of time before I get her. Willing or unwilling” Eric says back to Tate.

Tate roars and lunges forward. He punches Eric in the face, and they start fighting, dropping to the ground, and punching each other. Kyle and Travis then start fighting. Jeremy comes forward yelling at me about starting this whole thing when Dixon pushes me further behind him and steps up and punches Jeremy in the mouth. Danica and Sophia come forward aggressively yelling at me and calling me a slut, Bree steps up next to me and says, “You two really willing to bet that you can take us both on and win? Because I guarantee you both, that you can’t”.

They then start backing up from me, with Danica calling over to me “Next time b***h, we will catch you alone and finish this”. I know that Danica is mad because her boyfriend just told everyone present that he wants me. The girls call over at Eric, Jeremy, and Kyle as the scuffle is over to come one with them. Eric is laying on his back on the ground. When he gets up, I see that Eric has a split lip and a blackened eye, but Tate doesn’t look like he took a blow from Eric, Jeremy has bruising coming up on his face and chest, but Dixon also looks fine. Kyle has a bloody nose, but Travis also looks unscathed. I am glad they guys didn’t get hurt defending me, that would have really upset me.

As Eric walks away backward, he is looking right at me and says, “See you later Jade.” before he laughs and turns around to run off with his group.

I didn’t even realize that I was crying, Tate reaches over and brushes a tear away with his thumb and says, “Are you ok Jade, really ok, where are you hurt?”

“I am ok, just scared. I didn’t expect to see them again, and here they are the very next day. I was alone and I got away three times until Eric tackled me to the ground and I couldn’t get up. Thank you so much for coming for me.” I tell him and reach up to give him a tight hug and cry harder. I was so scared, I am still scared, but I am better because my friends are with me, and I feel so much safer now.

“Jessica came running up to us and told us what was happening and then we tracked the boys down. I am sorry it took us two minutes to find them and then another two to get here. From now on, we will stay together, I am not letting that pack of dumbasses get anywhere near you again.” Bree tells me.

“I didn’t think they would be here either, but a lot of wolves like to hang out here on Spring Break. Let’s go back to the boat. I want to tell Tyler what happened and let him know that Eric and his group are here too.” Tate says.

“I was so scared when I saw he had you pinned down Jade. He is such a p****t. You can tell he has a thing for you. What a creep” Bree says as we start walking back towards where our boat is.

As we swim out to the boat, I am so thankful that the boys came to the Sandbar with us. It would have gone a lot differently if someone would have had to swim out to the boat to get the guys. Eric could have taken me with them, and no one would have been able to find me. I try to calm myself, but the memory of him pressing himself into me, is making me sick, I need to continue applying myself in my training because I should have been able to get away from them, even with the sand slowing me down.

I finally get to the boat, but Tate had gotten there first and was watching us swim up as he tells Tyler what happened. Tyler growls loudly in rage and said, “Where were you, Tate?”

“We got stopped by some girls who were flirting with us. How could I have known that they would be there Tyler? I am not psychic. I thought she would be safe there it is just a small sandbar and she wanted to go. How could I have known they would be here too? I did warn him to leave her alone and to walk away if he saw her again, and then he said he would get her “willingly or unwillingly” Tate relayed, and he stopped talking because Tyler, Mason, and Braxton all growling loudly. Tate resumes “and that is what started the fight on the beach”.

“He said that, that he would find her again and take her willingly or unwillingly?” Mason asks.

“Yea, he did” Bree responds “and then the boys all started fighting. And then those two sluts approached Jade to fight her, so I stepped up to let them know it would be a fair fight, and that they were going to be losing it. The correctly chose to not engage”

“I have got to learn more moves, I got away from them three times, but Eric still caught me again and tackled me,” I say. “I don’t know enough, and I couldn’t get away. I need to train more, I need to learn more, I am scared” I whisper the last and realize I am crying.

Mason sits down next to me and asks “Are you hurt Jade, where does it hurt right now. The adrenaline is slowing down so you will be able to feel the pain better. What hurts right now?”

“My waist and my wrist’s,” I tell him.

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“Stand up Jade and let me check you for injuries,” Mason says gently.

Everyone was sitting down and watching as I stand up for Mason to check my waist and wrists. My waist was already bruising, and you could see light finger marks on my waist where Kyle had gripped my waist with his hands. The boys all growl lowly at seeing the visible marks at my waist and remember just how hard Kyle was holding me to make them. Mason then starts carefully checking out my wrists, one set of fingerprints where Jeremy had grabbed me near my elbow on my left arm, with the finger wrapped in on the inside of my arm when he grabbed me from behind. The last set was at my wrists, and the fingerprint marks were on the back of my wrists where he was holding my wrists with his hands wrapped around them as he held me down and still, as pressed himself into me.

“Who did what to you Jade?” Mason gently asks me. “Walk us through what happened”

I start off where Danica and Sophia recognized Jessica and then saw me and start up with their regular crap. Everyone was listening as I go through what happened. I told them about breaking free from Jeremy’s hold and Kyle grabbed me and pulls me into him. Jessica starts crying and I smile at her to comfort her and tell them all that “I am ok, I am here with you all, safe”. I tell them that I twisted and got clear of Kyle when Eric grabbed my wrist and pulled me into him and when I mentioned that he kissed my neck I hear Mason and Tyler growl and Tyler says, “Ok, the next time I see him I will kick his a*s”

I continue and when I get to the part where he presses himself into me the boys all growl again and Tyler says, “Never mind, I am going to kill him” and Mason growls again as he nods his head in agreement. I didn’t have the heart to mention the second kiss on my neck. They had 95% of the story, there was no need to put that last nail in his coffin.

Braxton says “Sounds like you did pretty good Jade, they are three large men, and one of them is about to be Alpha, and you still managed to get away from each of them. You were scared and you still remembered your training. I am so proud of you, you didn’t panic in a very stressful situation, and you tried to get away. You are not alone here. I wish I had come in with you guys. If we come here again, you will never be alone here again, you don’t have to worry. We will keep you safe, and yes we will continue training with some more aggressive counter moves so you will feel safer”.

I sat in the sun to get dry on the lower deck and pulled my knees up to my chest and hug my legs to me as it gave me some comfort. Tyler goes and pulls up the anchors (we dropped two) and starts the boat up. Tate comes and sits next to me and pulls me over towards him and kisses the top of my head. I smell that wonderful scent again, look over to the boat we are passing and see a handsome man, a larger version of Dixon slow dancing on the boat we are passing, He looks up as if he can sense me too and turns to look at me. I see the woman he is dancing with look up to him and use her hand to turn his face back to her, and I see it is Ashley. I am stunned. I know this feeling I have felt it before. I continue to look back at the other boat and see him again looking back at me, and Ashley looking over to see what he is looking at sees me, pulls his face down to hers, and kisses him. She is kissing my mate! Asher Morris is my second chance mate. Why? Goddess. Why? Obviously, he is still messing around with that slut.

What have I done to be punished like this? Did I kill someone in a previous life? I cannot understand why I have gotten two manwhores as mates. Why couldn't it have been Mason? Or Dixon? Or even Braxton? They would have ALL been better choices. Why am I being punished like this? I give up. Apparently, I am not meant to have a good life or a mate that I can trust.

I whimper and throw my head back and look up at the sky, Tate looks down at me and arches his eyebrow? I feel a tear come out of the corner of my eye and run down my face. Tate sits up and leans in towards me and asks, "Are you ok Jade" and another tear escapes before I can whisper to him "No, but I can't explain it to you right now. I will tell you all tonight when we get back to our rental".

Tate nods at me and pulls me back to him and I put my head on his shoulder. I am trying to process this. My mind is literally freaking out. I never wanted this, I would have been happy with Mason, why couldn't it have been Mason? What is the purpose of hurting me continually? Goddess, what is your plan? Why Asher? He didn't seem surprised at all come to think of it, it was like he already knew. Great, so now I have someone else that doesn't want me and was likely just waiting to reject me, but with him sleeping around as he does, and with Ashley too, I don't know if I want him, no matter how good he smells to me and Ivory.

"Mate knew," Ivory says.

"What do you mean, I have never met him, so how could he have possibly known we were mates?" I ask Ivory.

"You don't pay enough attention Jade, Mate was in our room, I smelled him several weeks ago, but I didn't know who the scent belonged to. I smelled him last night when we got back from rejecting Calvin. He was there but he was behind you, I smelled him, but before I could tell you, he left. You had your back to him, and I didn't know who it was until I just saw him. You have been so stressed with Calvin, and Ashley, keeping good grades, and your training and losing weight, I was just going to wait until I knew who our second chance mate was before I let you know. When I knew, you were going to know". Ivory said.

"It is ok Ivory, you were right, I wasn't paying attention. I was focused on school, applying for scholarships, spending time with my family, and training and the weight loss that I didn't notice." I tell her.

"My sense of smell is stronger than yours, if you had been in wolf form you would have smelled him in your room. The smell was faint, and it wasn't your fault, my senses are just stronger than yours. Tate is very worried about you." Ivory says.

"How do you know?" I asked.

"His wolf Connor is reaching out to me to check on you" Ivory replies.

“He felt my reaction, he knows something is wrong, but he doesn’t know if it is because of the incident at the beach, or not,” I say to Ivory.

“I will speak to him, I know he is worried, but there is nothing he can do to help me with this. I will not keep it from them, I will tell them all tonight.” I tell Ivory.

I hug Tate again and tell him “I am ok, it wasn’t about the incident at the Sandbar. Something else happened, but I will tell everyone as a group tonight. I love you but I can’t get you and Tyler away from the group to tell you as he is driving and you are both going to be angry anyway, well I am 99% sure that the whole group is going to be angry, but for now, thank you for loving me and protecting me. I could not have been given better brothers than I got with you and Tyler. I love and trust you both and I am so thankful that I have you two, and Dad and mom. I love you all and I know you love me back, I don’t know what I did to deserve you all, I won the family lottery with you guys”. Tate kisses the top of my head again, and I close my eyes and rest for a bit.

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Well, I am screwed. We were having a great day out on the lake, we had ridden the tube, and one of the guys had even water skied earlier this morning. We got to the Sandbar later than we normally arrive, so we were further back than we usually are, but it was a great day in the sun. I put the awning up as we had been in the sun for a several hours and we needed a short break from the sun. We had been drinking, but not eating and even though it is hard to get a werewolf drunk, we were there.

I could see a bigger pontoon a couple of spots down with some good-looking girls on it, I looked over after the first one went down the slide as her screaming drew my attention and watched the other three come down the slide, one-at-a-time after her. I looked over and watched the girls swim and float around joking and laughing together.

I don’t think that they are dating any of the men that they were with as the guys were on the lower deck and the women had all been on the upper deck. Some of the guys got in to swim with them for a little while and I would periodically look over there to check them out and wished for the 20th time that I hadn’t let Ashley guilt me into letting her come. She had reminded me of how I cut her off on my last visit out to the pack a few weeks ago and that I mentioned coming here for Spring Break. I just shouldn’t have answered my phone. So, when I came to get the pontoon boat and she said that she wanted to go, I told her sure, as I didn’t want her to cause a scene. When I should have just told her to forget about it. I kind of like giving my mom and dad the proverbial middle finger because they are trying to control me. I am Alpha blood, and I don’t like to be controlled.

That threat they gave me still pisses me off, but I won’t be making Ashley the Luna. I have decided against that, it is too much of a risk to take to stay with her, she would destroy the pack, they were right about that. I have been looking for a beautiful girl to choose as my Luna, asking my fellow Alpha’s if they have attractive younger sisters, so I can have

strong Alpha children, because it is important for our pack to continue to survive and thrive.

About an hour ago I heard some growling coming from the Sandbar and shook my head as everyone knows you can't be letting these humans out here know that they are surrounded by werewolves, they would freak out on us.

When my buddies that were on the sandbar got back to the boat, they were telling us what happened. Apparently some really hot blond was getting grabbed by three guys on the Sandbar, when another group of guys showed up and protected her. From the sounds of it, she was really being mishandled and needed some help. The guys said that they had been talking to two hot chicks when it started, and they had seen the incident start over the heads of the girls they were talking to, and kind of kept watching to see what was going to happen when the girl that had been with the hot blond comes running up to the two girls they were talking to and said that they needed to find the guys to help the hot blonde.

So, they just hung out with them as they wanted to watch it play out to the end, and that they came over with the girls group. They said that it was an Alpha heir that apparently holding the girl down on the sand. They said that they didn't get involved in the fistfight, but after seeing her face that said they would have, as she was beautiful with her green eyes and great figure, but that two of the men that came to help her seemed pretty interested in her, so they just left after the altercation was done. They said that had gotten the girls phone numbers too, and that they were both about to graduate high school.

I had glanced over when they were swimming back to our boat along with the group involved in the altercation, the guys just had to swim a little further down to get to our boat, so I got to see the blonde in question come out of the water, and she was worth fighting over. She a great figure and was pretty tall. I didn't get to see her face though as she was facing the Sandbar and not us. But several of the men hugged her, I guess she was upset after the incident on the Sandbar.

They all sat down and a short time later I see a big guy checking her waist out and heard growling about something. I guess that one was her boyfriend, as she didn't look like she would be without one. He checked out her wrists and left elbow too, so I guess she ended up hurt, I bet he won't let her out of his sight again.

They took up their anchor's and started pulling out slowly as we are in a no wake zone, when I smelled it, Sweet Musk and Patchouli, and I started looking around. I see the boat pulling by us and the beautiful blonde in the very front of the boat sitting with a different guy pulling her to him as he hugs her to his side and kisses her on the top of her head.

Why is she allowing another man to touch her? She is mine, she belongs to me. My head turns and I can't even stop it as I need to see her again. I see her head lift and her eyes turn to me as if she senses me too. She recognizes me as her mate!

“Pay attention to me Asher, you are here with me, remember?” Ashley says pouting.

“We are not together Ashley remember? we are just coming to have fun at the lake” I remind her.

I start to look around towards where the boat was going. I see her looking back at me. She knows, oh crap, she can sense we are mates. She is going to say something. I look to the shaded area of the boat and now I know I am screwed as I see Dixon, Braxton and Mason all looking over at me slow dancing with Ashley in my arms. I see Bree on the top deck sunning with 3 other girls. I am done, I told my parents where we were going, and I bet they knew that my siblings were coming here before I got the boat yesterday. I have screwed myself in my pride, and now I have been caught by my mate with another woman. As I panic and try to start figuring a way out of it, I don't even realize that Ashley is reaching up and pulling my face down to hers to give me a kiss.

Well s**t, I am done for now, as I look after the boat leaving, I see the look of hurt cross Jade's face and I know she knows I am still sleeping around with Ashley. She couldn't feel it before as she hadn't rejected that Beta yet, but the way she looked right at me, she knows we are mates now, and that I am here with Ashley.

I bet that is where they went yesterday to protect her when she went to accept the rejection, she had like 6 guys with her. What does she do to make everyone love her? Wait, what the hell, they all said she was fat, even Ashley, and that girl is nowhere near fat. She is fine. Did they all lie to me? To try to keep her for themselves. No, that wasn't right, even mom and dad said she was losing weight. Could she really have lost so much weight that quickly?

They all saw me with Ashley, I bet mom and dad already know she is here with me. I don't know how I am going to fix this. I am going to tell Ashley we are done, from now on. The worst part of today is seeing that look on Jade's face. She really has been through a lot and then she sees me with Ashley. They already have bad blood between them because of me. I let Ashley think that she could be Luna to keep her in line and at my beck and call, and I was the cause of the problem.

Bree and Dixon were right. I picked Ashley's side because I was getting benefits from it and never even realized I got an innocent person picked on due to me being a greedy a*****e. They were right. I am an a*****e, but I am going to fix it.

I know she is disappointed she got me as her second chance mate. The look of betrayal that she gave me, it broke my heart. I want to do better, to be better for her. How crazy is that? I want to be a man that she can be proud of, proud to call her mate. I am going to give this a chance. I am in it 100%.

I am making a change right now. And the first thing I am going to do I take Ashley back home to the Stone Moon pack tonight. I will drive back out here in the morning. This mate bond pull is serious. I have never felt like this about anyone else. I can't stand to upset

her, and I haven't even spoken to her. Maybe it is because of all she has gone through? I have no idea, but I do know that I am going to take Ashley right back to my pack tonight. I will come clean with mom and dad, and tell Ashley we are completely done, because I have found my mate.

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The car ride home totally sucked. How did I not know that Ashley was a straight-up lying b***h? I think back to last month when Brax and Mason both tried to tell me and I wouldn't listen, even worse spoke badly about Jade without even knowing her. I am glad they took up for her and defended her. I am glad she has them as friends.

Wait, I remember Mason saying that he would ask her out if he could and that he was just waiting to see if maybe he could be her second chance mate. I happen to know for a FACT that he isn't, but he does have strong feelings for her. I am going to have to talk to him soon to let him know that I am her second chance mate and that I DO want her. Despite what I said last month to him and Brax.

I attempted a mind link with my mom and she is very short with me and drops the link. Crap, she is pissed, and she isn't even going to give me a chance to explain. I am going to have to try dad.

I mind-linked dad and he is short with me too, but not as mad as mom is.

"Dad, I am coming home tonight," I tell him.

"What, why? what happened?" dad asks.

"I didn't want to tell you through the link, but I am bringing Ashley back home. I told her we are done for good. She is really pissed off, but dad, I found my mate today, and you know her. It is Jade." I tell him.

I can hear the smile in his voice when he responds, "Our Jade? That came from Howling Wolf?".

"Yes, I saw her here at Lake Havasu today, and she saw me, and even though we were not on the same boat, we both knew it. But she saw me with Ashley. Ashley saw me looking at Jade and she took that opportunity while I was looking at Jade to kiss me, and I feel terrible. I have caused her pain, and it is killing me. I can't even think about other's girls now. Nothing matters to me except making Jade happy and that she loves and is proud of me. I want to be better for her. She makes me happy, and I have never even spoken to her. I know I have a long road ahead, she is furious with me, but I am so glad I found my mate." I tell him.

“I tried to tell mom, but she is mad at me, so could you tell her? I really want to talk to you both once I drop Ashley off. I am going to need Dixon and Bree to keep giving protection to Jade at school, as I know Ashley is going to make more trouble for Jade when she finds out that Jade is my mate. I don’t want to worry about her while I am away at Alpha Training. I will find Bree and Dixon tomorrow when I get back to Lake Havasu and speak with them, and Jade to if she will talk to me, and then the rest of the group. I hope I can get them to forgive me. They were right, I caused the problem for Jade, because I was stupid, and I will tell them that I was wrong.” I tell dad.

“Son I cannot tell you how happy I am to hear this we were worried about you and all the bad choices you were making and frankly I didn’t think that that you were going to be able to redeem yourself. I will let your mom know and we will see you tonight. This is the best news that we could have gotten. We both feel very loving and protective of that girl, and I guess we know why now, she was meant to be our daughter-in-love. Your mom is going to be over the moon about this. I actually cannot wait to tell her son. Be careful and we will see you soon.”

I look over at Ashley, but she is furiously texting away on her cell phone. I guess she didn’t believe me when I told her I was taking her home, she should have as I took the boat in as soon as the boat Jade was on left. I have a bad feeling that she knows that Jade is my mate, and Jade is about to be having more problems and issues because of me. I hope Jade will forgive me for being an i***t. I am making changes because of her, and all for the better. I will have my siblings protect her, although I know that they would do that anyway. Bree already threatened to kick Ashley’s a*s before, and Dixon got into a fistfight to protect her today. He really did mean it she is his best friend. They both probably felt the pull because she is my mate. I feel even worse now because I had implied that maybe Jade was the cause of the problem herself. I see Ashley for the liar that she is now, just from what she said before we left the hotel. She really is an opportunist and a slut, what did I ever see in her? I must be the biggest i***t I know.

I try to mindlink Mason, and then Braxton, but they are both blocking me. It is only 9 pm now, they can’t be in bed. I go to try to mindlink Dixon or Bree and they are both blocking me too. Now I am super frustrated. I need someone to tell me that Jade is ok. I need one of them to tell her I love her and want to talk to her and clear up that I am done with Ashley for good, that I only want her for the rest of my life. I go to talk to mom and dad, with mom reaching out to Bree and Bree telling her that Jade is “Ok, considering everything”. I have no idea what that means. I ask dad to link Dixon and tell him what I said. I should have mind-linked Dixon, Bree, Mason, or Braxton when they were headed into the dock that I was sorry, and for them to keep an eye on Jade for me while I took Ashley back to Stone Moon. Just to apologize to them, and to tell them I want Jade, and for them to take care of her until I can get back to Lake Havasu in the morning. I guess I will go to bed now, but I can’t sleep, I am worried about Jade, I know I hurt her, and every time I close my eyes, I see that hurt look of betrayal on her face. I would do anything to take it away from her. I will fix this. I hope mom and dad can help me smooth over the problems that I created by getting with Ashley again when I knew Jade was my Luna already. Why did I even do that? Why didn’t I grab her yesterday when my wolf Aries told me who she was and hug and kiss her, instead of almost running to the SUV and then driving down to get

Ashley. What the hell was I thinking? I really am a moron. We knew who she was 5 weeks ago, knew it, I scented her, and still, I resisted. I argued with my best friends Mason and Braxton over her, with my own brother and sister over her, and I never got it. They all loved and wanted to protect her, and they needed to protect her from me too. I accused Jade of being the problem and a liar. I accused her of bewitching my best friends. And Goddess, I even said maybe I should take her out and see what all the excitement was about. Bree is right, I AM an a*****e.

I laid in bed for 2 hours before I gave up and went down to the Gamma floor and used my pass-card to enter her room again. Her scent surrounds me and comforts me. I am able to finally relax when I lay down in her bed. I let her scent fill my lungs and I am able to finally fall asleep. I sleep well and my cell phone alarm sounds at 5 am waking me up so I can make it back to the Lake by 9. I dress quickly back in my room, and I am on the road 15 minutes later.

I won't try to mindlink anyone as I know that they are all sleeping still this early, but when I get closer, I will try Braxton or Mason again. I want to try to find out where they are staying, or meet them for breakfast, her scent is not as strong now that I am dressed, and I need to breathe her in as soon as I can. I realize that I need her for everything. I want her scent on me every day, to calm me, and to keep me focused. She is the best thing that has ever happened to me, and I crapped on her. But I will fix it, Ashley is no more, I am done with all other women. It is only Jade for me from now on. I just hope that someone is willing to answer their mindlink when I get closer. I cannot believe how desperate I am to get to see her, get a hug from her, and ask who in the hell was kissing the top of her head? I am going to tell her I have changed, that I love her, that I will wait as long as it takes for her to know that she is it for me. I hope she gives me the chance to show her how much she means to me. She has me wrapped around her little finger already, and she hasn't even spoken a word to me.

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"That freaking bastard, I am going to kill him when I get my hands on him," Mason thinks to himself. Thinking back on what Jade had told them a half-hour ago.

We had all gone out to dinner after we left the marina and then came home and got our showers. We knew Jade had been upset when we left the Sandbar, but we all mistakenly thought that it was due to her old pack and the fight that had broken out on the beach. We were wrong. I had seen Asher slow dancing with Ashley when we left the Sandbar, and he had seen all three of us looking at them as they were dancing on their boat, and then he allowed that slut to kiss him in front Jade.

We were sitting around the fire pit because Jade said she would feel more comfortable talking to us in the dark, so we built the fire for warmth, as we waited for her to tell us what she had been holding in. She is so strong, and she looked so sad when she finally started speaking. She had us all in tears by the end because we could feel her pain.

“So, I found my second chance mate today” Jade begins speaking in a low tone.

“Who is it?” Tyler asks carefully and we all wait on her answer.

“It’s Asher” Jade replies.

“Asher my brother?” Dixon asks.

“Yes, unfortunately,” Jade answers.

“s**t,” Bree says.

“Yea” I reply.

“So, Asher is your second chance mate? Are you positive?” Mason says slowly.

“Yes, I am positive. I smelled his scent briefly when we got back from Howling Wolf yesterday. I thought for a minute that it could be Mason, as I was clear from my bond with Calvin, but the scent went away, and Mason was still there”. I say to the group and look over at Mason blushing.

“I bet that was why he acted so strange and then took off,” Braxton said.

“Yea, so he knew yesterday that you were mates, and he didn’t approach her, or try to meet her. What the hell is wrong with him?” Dixon says.

“No, he knew for longer,” I say to them. “My wolf, Ivory, said that he knew 5 weeks ago when he visited here the last time. She smelled him in our room when we got back from visiting Dark Moon. She pointed that out to me today. She said she smelled his scent in our room when we had come back from our first visit to Dark Moon but didn’t know who he was. She was waiting to find out and then let me know who our second chance mate was, but since he doesn’t live at the pack and didn’t come back until yesterday, we didn’t know who it was.” I tell them.

“That son of a b***h!” Jessica yells. Then quickly “I don’t mean your mom” as she looks over at Dixon and Bree, “Your mom is awesome, it is just a phrase, but what a son-of-a-bitch”.

Bree and Dixon nod in agreement, “Yea, he is” Dixon says.

“Wasn’t he on that boat near us dancing with some girl?” Tyler asks.

“Yes, he was,” Mason said.

“Yea, her name is Ashley, and she is one of the pack sluts that he messed around with. He had told her that if he didn’t find his mate, he would let her be his chosen Luna. She is the

one who gives Jade the problems at the pack, and her younger sister Brittany and her goons give Jade problems at school. Asher was told to leave her alone and to look for his true mate. Obviously, he didn't want to do that." Bree tells them.

"Am I so horrible, that my Goddess-given mates are just selfish man-whores. Do I not deserve to be loved? He let her kiss him, right in front of me like I didn't even matter" Jade says and then sighs.

"No honey, you are wonderful and deserve to be happy Jade," Nicole says to me.

"I love you, but it is more like a brotherly love Jade," Brax tells me.

"I would totally date you beautiful, except Tyler would kill me". Travis said as he glances over at Tyler and smiles before continuing, "I think you are absolutely gorgeous, both inside and out. If I had been your second chance mate, I would have stepped up and claimed you immediately. You are a great girl, and you deserve a great love to go along with it." Travis tells me and smiles over at me.

"I wish I had been your second chance mate too Jade. You are one of my favorite people and you have been through too much already. I wish the Goddess had done me that favor, but she gave you to Asher. There has to be a reason for that. Maybe that is why I feel strongly towards you, as the Beta I am supposed to be close to and protect the Luna. I will speak to him and get him straightened out, but it did look like he was sad when we left. Ashley pulled his head down while he was distracted looking at you, he didn't actually kiss her. We should wait and let him speak to you tomorrow and see what he has to say for himself. I am not excusing his behavior, but he did look sad when you left. Maybe you are what he needs to change back into the Asher that we knew. He has completely changed from when he left our pack until now. I know his parents, and his siblings are both worried about him as well. He has become an uncaring a*****e and he needs someone wonderful like you to set him straight and help him run the pack.

"Why didn't he stop last night to speak to me? If he cared so much, why did he bring that lying slut with him? I don't know yet if I can forgive him. Each one of you knows what I have been through these last few months. How my mate decided I wasn't worth it and rejected me. I am thankful for all I went through because it brought me to all of you, but he has to know my background as well, why wouldn't he have sought me out? Came back the next weekend to meet me? There has to be a reason for that." I say to the group.

I see Mason and Braxton look at each other and I know that they know something.

"What? What is the problem?" I ask them.

"I don't really want to say, I think he was just talking a bunch of crap because he was upset and intoxicated, so I really don't want to say anything, because he needs to be here to be able to defend himself". Braxton tells me.

“Just say it, I already knew he didn’t want to claim me for the last month and a half for whatever reason, just go ahead and say it, Braxton,” I tell him.

“Well, he was upset because Dixon was mad at him over you and so was Bree over the stuff from the school concerning you, and then she said if she had to, she would beat Ashley up on your behalf. He was jealous because they both defended you and took your side in it and he didn’t feel like he had done anything wrong, he felt like you had lied, and not Ashley, because he didn’t know you or your character. Then when we got upset with him after you had been brought back up in conversation, we defended you as well, and he was a little rude about you being overweight because he was so jealous of all the important people in his life taking your side. He had been drinking because he was sad, jealous, and upset. And we have all said things when we were upset that we may not mean later on. He didn’t even know you and wasn’t here for the incident to know who was telling the truth.” Braxton says.

I hear Tyler and Tate start to growl. Hell, I want to growl too. I know he is trying to whitewash it because Asher is his friend too and he doesn’t want me to be upset, but I am suddenly angry. He didn’t want me because I was fat. Maybe I don’t want him because he sleeps around. I really don’t want an STD the first time out of the gate.

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“He would be lucky to have my sweet sister as his mate” Tate growls out.

“He doesn’t deserve Jade. She is sweet and innocent, and I have heard about all his partying at Alpha Training from his own pack while I have been getting food in the dining room when we have been there on our visits to see Jade. That slut Ashley was hitting on me and my brother to increase her odds of being asked out on a date. She is a lying and manipulative person. She is basically free to a good home and will do anything to get a beta or higher title to claim her. Then she twists the story, and he believes HER side of it? What in the actual hell is he thinking? He is judging someone that he doesn’t even know, even after his own whole family and best friends vouch for her? I don’t care what issues he has, no one in their right mind sees someone being a slut and thinks better of them, than someone who is kind and loving to everyone they meet. I don’t know if I want him even talking to her actually. I need to cool off. I think I need to reach out to cooler heads and call mom and dad to let them know what happened at the Sandbar, and that Jade found her second chance mate. I actually wish it had been Mason or Travis myself now, at least then I know she would have been treated right” Tyler says before coming over to me and kissing me on the head before kneeling down in front of me, grabbing my hands in his and telling me “I love you and I am here for you. We are going to figure this out. But I tell you right now we will NOT let it ruin our trip. We are here all week and I want you to think of something happier and figure out what we are going to do tomorrow ok? I will see you in the morning sis” and Tyler walks off to go to his room alone to make his call.

“Yes, what do you want to do tomorrow, Jade?” Dixon asks me.

“Well, I wanted to go see the London Bridge and visit the 28 lighthouses, both those are free to do, and the bridge is really cool looking. They also have a museum here that looks pretty good too” I say

“Trust my “little smartie” to want to want to do something having to do with learning on her vacation,” Nicole says to me and laughs before continuing. “I am just teasing you, plus you KNOW we won’t be run into those idiots from Howling Wolf there, Goddess forbid they learn something”.

We all laugh, and I feel myself relaxing a little. No matter what, my friends have my back. I am not in this alone and they will protect and defend me, even to their own soon-to-be Alpha.

“We can always come back here and swim or layout. They have a pool table here and we can grab stuff to make smores tomorrow night too. I need to hit the grocery store to get food for the house for this week, we can’t afford to keep eating out. Let’s go ahead and make up a menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and reload our snacks for the rest of the week. I will make out a shopping list for the menu. Let’s all think about it tonight. Tate mentioned that there are some ski rental places, or we can rent jet skis too. I would like to take the bikes out to some as we have them and I enjoy getting to ride them. We have a lot of options, let’s all think on it and pick out something that we each want to do, and make our plans at breakfast tomorrow morning.” I say and everyone agrees as most head off to their rooms.

While we are laying in our beds, I speak out to ask, “Bree, do you think that your brother is going to reject me? I am worried as he is my second chance mate, and I am scared that he won’t want me. Our mates are supposed to be our Goddess gave and perfect for us, but Calvin wasn’t perfect for me, he may have told me when I accepted his rejection, that he wanted me, to accept me, and was talked into rejecting me by his group. What if the same thing happens with Asher? He had almost a month and a half to accept me, find me, claim me, and he didn’t. That is what I am most scared of, being 18 and not even graduated from high school, and being rejected twice. Who would want me? I say to her in the dark.

“Jade, my brother should be grateful to have you. You are the nicest person I know. You are my best friend and I know Dixon loves you too. I would love for you to be in our family officially. Asher has been struggling lately, Mason was right he had changed since he went to Alpha Training. He used to be the best older brother that anyone could ask for, but the stress to excel got to him, He wants to be the best at everything, and it just isn’t possible to best the best at everything when there are 50 other Alphas there, that are used to being the best too. I think he started drinking to soothe himself, and the girls, for the same thing. That him being as attractive as he is, the human girls are all over him whenever he goes out. He should have waited, he should have made better choices, but he didn’t. I think he will want you, and I think you need to make him work for it.” Bree says.

We lay there in the dark lost in our thoughts and then I hear Bree speak again “Dad just reached out to me in mind link, we have great news. Apparently, Asher does want you. He was so upset at seeing you hurt by Ashley kissing him that he made her pack up and drove

her back to Stone Moon tonight. He will be coming back in the morning and wants to try to meet with you to talk. Dad and mom also want you to play hard to get. They said Asher has it BAD and has done a complete turn-around. They said that they heard him leave our apartment after tossing and turning and he had to go to your room to be able to sleep. He had tried to mindlink me earlier tonight, but I ignored him because I was mad at him. Asher asked mom and dad to reach out to see how you were doing, I told them “Ok considering everything”. Asher reached out to Dixon, Brax, and Mason too, but they all ignored him as I did. Dad said that he would mindlink them to tell them that Asher is coming back in the morning and that he wants to speak to you, and me and Dixon, and then Brax and Mason, then the rest of the group. He isn’t aware that Tyler and Tate are your brothers yet. Asher was mad because he saw Tate kiss you on the top of your head when we left the Sandbar. He is supposed to be back here by 9 am, so I guess we need to decide when and if we want to talk to him tomorrow.” She finishes.

I say to Bree “I will think about what I want to do, I am going to talk to Tyler in the morning. See what our parents said to do or get their opinions. I don’t want to let him think that he can just leave me for almost a month and a half, like he is scraping something off his shoe, knowing that we are bound by the Goddess. To know he just blew it off so he could keep screwing around and doing what he wanted to do, and he would get around to me when he wanted to. That is hurtful. That is heartbreaking. That is insulting to me. He didn’t want me when I was fat, but I am the SAME person now than I was then, the packaging just looks better now than it did. If he truly wanted me, his mate, he would have come back when he knew I would be there. I came back early that Sunday because it was the one that Eric and his group followed me down to Sedona on my first trip. My brothers followed me back, so I had to come in early as they had to drive back to Sedona that night. He could have come any of that week. Or any of the weeks thereafter. The Alpha training is only a 30-minute drive away in Tempe. He isn’t in California, or Nevada, he is literally here and didn’t care enough about me, or the bond to come and meet me. That is what hurts me to my core. That is what gets me the most, he knew, and he blew me off like I wasn’t important. Then he sees me, and he is like, hey I am willing to date you. It makes me want to cry. I wanted him just by smelling his scent, sight unseen, I wanted him, because he is my mate. But he doesn’t think the same way about me, and it hurts me to my very core. I know Ivory still wants him, very much, but that is because his wolf Aries isn’t a complete a*s. Aries wants us because he loves us, and Asher didn’t because he was more concerned with my appearance than my soul.”

I turn over and get comfortable “Goodnight Bree. I am not trying to be ugly. I really am trying hard to not be. But with all that I have had to put up with, how I have been treated like crap. That the people who raised me only did it to be in charge of the 2 million dollars, they never loved me, only recently have I found people who love me, you guys, and that is it, I can count you all on both hands. Maybe all that hurt has risen to the surface now and I am fighting to keep it contained. I feel like my anger at Asher is like a volcano about to blow up. That NOW that he has deemed me important or valuable to him, I should just fall all over myself to just accept him, and I am sorry, I really don’t know that I can.

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I am trying so hard to control my anger right now. My sister who has been through so much, just cannot catch a break. What the hell, that jerk KNEW she was his mate for almost a month and a half and didn't even try to approach her? What the Hell? It seems like he is going to reject her now too. Why? She is absolutely the BEST. He doesn't deserve her. My wolf Hunter is chomping at the bit to come out. I have met Asher before he is almost 2 years older than me and about to complete his Alpha Training. He wasn't a jerk when I met him, but today on the boat when I noticed Braxton and Mason watching him over on the Stone Moon boat. We had spoken about Asher, and what all he was doing.

Mason spoke about the complete 180 that Asher did after going to Alpha Training and letting the stress get to him. He was dating human girls as his parents didn't want him sleeping with girls from the pack. That makes sense because when the actual Luna gets there as the official Luna, she can have problems with the rejected she-wolves. He isn't thinking correctly, and it is obvious that he and the other Alpha's on that boat were drunk, and it is very hard to get a wolf drunk. But as he is making his bed, he has to sleep in it.

But now my sister is involved in this, and I will NOT allow him to just sleep with her and leave her. He needs to commit only to her and not allow any other's girls in his life other than his mom and sister of course. He didn't notice us watching him because we were in the lower area of the pontoon and were in the shade, so you had to look to see us, but he had his hands all over the girl he was with, and she was also touching him in a very familiar way. I remembered her from the incident in the dining room with Jade when she was completely ugly to Jade for no reason. She just came to find us as we were meeting in the dining room. Just goes to show that you need to know someone before you become involved with them. Ashley was gorgeous, absolutely beautiful in the face, and had a great body, but she was mean as a snake and hateful on top of it. I truly feel sorry for whoever she gets her hooks in because they have no idea what they are getting themselves into. She completely changed up what had actually happened and made herself the victim, in the incident. Jade never tried to retaliate, she just wanted it to go away, and unfortunately for my sister, that is not how it works.

I am worried for Jade as now that Ashley girl will be coming after her again. I don't want to leave her in danger so I am going to have to make sure Bree, Dixon, and Nicole can keep an eye out for Jade when she goes back to school. Ashley wants that Luna position, and she won't give it up easily.

I call mom and dad on my cell because it was easier to hear when we speak. You can use it to call out for help or announce something to the whole pack like Rogues are coming, but to speak to two people I need to call them. That way I can hear what they are saying when either one of them speaks. Dad picks up and I ask if mom is around. They are already in bed, and I tell dad to put me on speakerphone.

"Is everything ok?" Dad asks me immediately.

“We are not hurt” I answer him.

“What happened?” Dad asked.

“Jade found her second chance mate,” I tell them.

“Wonderful, I am so happy for her” I hear mom say.

“Who is it,” Dad asks.

“Asher Morris, heir to the Stone Moon pack,” I tell him.

“Huh, they would explain why they all loved her from the start, they probably felt it too,” My Dad says.

“Well, when she found out about him, he was on another boat here, and he allowed another girl to kiss him, and Jade saw it,” I told him.

“He was there with another girl?” my dad asks.

“Yes, so I wanted to call you both and ask what I need to do because I will not allow him to let her be another of his conquests. He needs to be serious about Jade, I won’t allow him to hurt her, she has already had to deal with way too much crap already. I will not allow him to mess with her” I tell dad.

“I agree son. Keep an eye out. If Asher comes around to watch him, actions always speak louder than words. I will call Andrew tomorrow and speak to him about this, I know he loves her too, and we will figure it out. If Jade saw him kiss another girl, she won’t be too quick to fall in his arms. She has a good head on her shoulders and is smart. She has learned to be smart and listen to her head and not her heart after the stuff Howling Wolf put her through. It was a very hard lesson, but I think she knows who she can and cannot trust. You and Tate just be there for her and protect her and have a great time at the Lake”. Dad tells me

“Um, Dad”. I start to say, “We also had an incident here today, you just reminded me. Jade got hurt. That soon-to-be Alpha Eric was here with several members of his pack. They found Jade while she and Jessica were walking on the Sandbar, you know, where I usually set anchor. And Jeremy, her cousin, ended up grabbing her, and long story short she had bruises on her dad. Those idiots put their hands on her.”

Dad growls into the phone and asks, “Is Jade, ok?”.

“Yes, but she is bruised, and she was scared, she had broken free a few times, but it was three Guys including that i**t Alpha Eric. She did her best, but Eric ran her down the last time she got away, and he tackled her and went too far. Tate, Dixon, and Travis ended up in an altercation with them. None of the boys are hurt, but Jade has some bruises on her

waist and arms. She said she was ok, but I know it was stressful for her and she was scared. She asked to keep training and wants to learn more release moves so she can get free in future situations. Eric went too far and said that he wouldn't stay away from her, and that would be seeing her again and had made a threat towards her and that is what started the fight". I tell them.

"I will call her tomorrow to check on her, I would like to speak to her now, but I know she has had a long and stressful day. Please tell her that we love her in the morning and that we will call when we have time together so we can both talk to her. We can't protect her from everything that will come at her in this world, we can only try to help her prepare for the worst, and hope for the best. Tyler I can tell in your voice that you are angry and frustrated about what happened, but no one knew that the Howling Wolf pack members would be there. Don't blame yourself, I know Jade doesn't blame you at all. And let Tate off the hook as well. It sounds like he was very upset for him to jump into a fight as he usually likes to solve conflict with humor and not his fists. I love you all and hope you can let this go and have more fun tomorrow. I know Jade said that this was her first vacation and I hate we aren't there with you, but this is more a "younger people" vacation area. We will go, just our family, and do something after graduation to celebrate. Goodnight son, we are proud of both you and Tate, you are good brothers to Jade, don't beat yourself up over this." Dad says to me, and he ends the call.

He is right I blamed Tate for this when there was no way that he could have known that they were going to be there, what were the odds of it happening. I will apologize to him tomorrow. We will all keep a lookout for them tomorrow.

Rejected, My Jaded Love Chapter 50

We get up at 8 and start getting ready for the day. We decided that we were going to take the bikes out today to breakfast and that Mason would drive the girls in his truck. We head out at about 830 to go to get breakfast and had to wait in line for almost an hour waiting on a table.

"Hey, um, Asher is wanting to come to eat breakfast with us, do you want to let him? Or do you want me to tell him that he can come over tonight to talk at the rental house? What do you want me to tell him?" Bree asks me.

I look to Tyler who is staring at me and ask him "I am good if he wants to come here. Probably safer as there are witnesses, I guess, unless he wants to reject me, then it could turn embarrassing, I just don't know".

"He can come to breakfast, just tell him not to come here and clown please Bree. It seems like he is reaching out, saying he wants to talk, if he wanted to reject you, he would probably have just done that last night, instead of taking Ashley back home". Tyler tells Bree.

She nods and links him back where we are. I go over to the hostess and tell her that “we will be 11 instead of the original 10” that we told her when we got here. She said it wouldn’t be a problem and I returned to the group.

Twenty minutes later we finally get seated in the main room and start looking at our menus. We all ordered our drinks and food, as we didn’t know when Asher would arrive, we told the waitress that we would have one more coming soon.

I was sitting between Tyler and Tate at the table. I was so proud of Tyler, he apologized to Tate first thing this morning and I was so happy he did that. I know Tyler was stressed about what happened, but there was no way that any of us could have known that they would be on the Sandbar.

“Hey, I forgot to tell you that mom and dad will be calling to check on you today, I told them what happened, both on the Sandbar and when we were leaving the Sandbar and they want to make sure you are ok. They said to tell you and Tate that they love you both, and I forgot to tell you”. Tyler says and I smile at him and hug him.

“You take such good care of me. I love you so much”. I tell him.

I hear a low growl coming from behind me. “You should only love me as your mate. You shouldn’t let anyone else touch you. We belong together” I hear and turn in my chair to see Asher.

Tyler growls low back and says “Don’t start anything in here or you can leave right now”

“NOW you want to claim me, why not a month and a half ago Asher? I bet I can give you about 50 reasons”. I say to him.

He looks down and his cheeks get red in embarrassment he then looks back up at me and says, “Aries wanted to claim you then, I was the stubborn i***t, please give me a chance to convince you. I do love you. I will never hurt you again.”

“Go ahead and sit down, but I don’t really want to talk here. I should have just had you meet us somewhere else. This was a bad idea. It could end up being embarrassing to one or both of us. We can talk somewhere later on today, dinner at our rental house would be best.” I say to him, and he nods that he can do it.

I was sitting between my brothers with Dixon, Mason, and Braxton across the table from us. Asher sat at the head of the table on our end and looked over at me as we waved our waitress back over to take his order. She was obviously checking him out as she approached and was leaning lightly on the back of his chair and touching his arm as she took his order. I think I saw my brain with the eye roll I did. He didn’t even notice her flirting and didn’t speak other than to give his order and hand her his menu, then looks back at me as he leans forward.

“I am so sorry for yesterday. I didn’t know that she was going to kiss me, Jade. I should never have taken her there and I made a bad decision. Please, I will do anything for you to give me a second chance. I immediately took her to her room to pack her bag and I drove her bag to the pack last night. I drove back this morning to spend time with you, Jade. I hope you will allow me to get to know you and you to get to know me. I am changing right now. I told Ashley that she is never to contact me again. It will only be you until I die”. Asher says to me.

“We can talk later Asher. I am not going to discuss this here. We were just going to make plans for today. Do a few things, see a few sites, and go to the grocery store. I had enough excitement yesterday. I just want to take it easy today”. I speak.

“Are you Ok?” Asher asks as he looks at my wrists. There are faint bruises still showing on my wrists and I take my hands off the table and put them in my lap.

“I am alright,” I tell him.

Dixon looks at Asher and says “So you broke it off totally with Ashley? You are done, right? Completely? Because I won’t let her hurt Jade. She picks on her during the elite train class and Brax has to teach so it leaves Jade unprotected. You need to use your Alpha command on Ashley to tell her not to mess with Jade. I don’t want something to happen to her again, especially over you”

“Dixon, stop, I don’t want to do this here. People can hear us talking and this is embarrassing to me” I speak softly telling him.

“It shouldn’t be, he is the one that did wrong, not you,” Bree says from further down the table.

“Yea, it is totally Asher that messed up, not you. You have done nothing wrong Jade. He just needs to make it right, as he is the one that did wrong” Travis says.

“Who the hell are you, and just mind your own business and get out of ours,” Asher tells Travis.

“Jade is my friend, and I am making it my business, none of us are going to sit back and let you cheat on her or embarrass her. We love her and are here for her. You need to calm down and do like she said and talk to her tonight, instead of just popping up wanting her to just accept you and fall at your feet. Spoiler alert, Jade is a class act and a classy girl. You are going to need to slow your roll and be patient with her and court her. She isn’t like the girls you are usually with. She is special and needs to be treated as such” Travis says to Asher.

“Yes, what he said. That is what needs to be done.” Mason says to Asher

Braxton says “Yes, that is exactly what needs to happen”

“Yes, that is all that is going to happen,” Tyler says.

“I concur,” Tate says and smiles at Asher.

“Correct Travis, I couldn’t have said it better myself,” Dixon says.

“Don’t screw this up big brother, Jade is my best friend, and I would never forgive you if you hurt her. I won’t” Bree tells him.

“Look, I didn’t come here to fight or argue with anyone. I was just trying to let Jade know, as well as my siblings, Mason and Braxton, and whoever the rest of you are. That I AM taking this seriously, and that I accept you Jade as my mate. I, Asher Morris, future Alpha of Stone Mountain pack, accept you, Jade Devoe, of Stone Moon pack as my Luna and mate. Asher says to the table of stunned people. “Now Jade, do you accept?” Asher asks me.