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I am stunned and sit there open-mouthed looking at Asher. I cannot believe he just said that. He really is serious about me. He isn't trying to play me. But can I trust that I will be it for him? I can't answer yes, because, in reality, he has been here less than 10 minutes. He has not had time to show me any real changes or show me that it will only be me. This feels very similar to the kind of pressure that Eric keeps giving me. I need to get out of here. I just need to leave and have some time to myself to think some of this through. I can't be sitting here right now. I am not ready to make this kind of decision and I am getting angry with him now for putting me on the spot.

"I don't even know you, Asher. I cannot accept that right now. I have only spoken to you for the first time today. We don't know even know each other we only know "of" each other. Like how you are suddenly willing to accept me now that I am in an attractive package, but you DIDN'T want me when I was plus-sized. Remember that? How you knew I was your mate 6 weeks ago, but you made NO move to try to meet, or get to know me, spend any time with me, and take another girl here when I smelled your scent on Friday and you literally ran away from me to go and get Ashley and bring her here. So, yea whatever, you might not have kissed her, but you didn't stop her from kissing you and have probably been sleeping with her or a bunch of girls like her this whole six weeks. You brought HER with you when you KNEW I was your mate. Tell me, am I wrong Asher?" I could not stop my voice from rising up to where I know the people around us heard me, but I couldn't stop myself from continuing, "So then YOU decide that I am the one, conveniently after you see me in my bathing suit, and are ready to enter into a relationship with me. Well Great! Awesome! Wonderful! You haven't put one thought towards me other than to avoid me for 6 freaking weeks, all because I was plus-sized, well there are a whole lot of worse things than fat that I could be: Like a liar, a cheater, an a*****e, a slut, a murderer, the list goes on. So, what now? Am I just supposed to fall into your arms and let you sleep with me? Is that your plan, love me and leave me, well that isn't happening either Asher, you disgust me, and I don't want you coming around me any time soon. I find it amazing that you tell me as soon as you get here that I am not supposed to tell someone else I love them, and I am NOT supposed to let anyone else touch me when you have gone out of your way to do the opposite when you were the one who knew we were mates for the whole 6 weeks. Ashley had her hands all over you, but I can't let someone hug or touch me. That is rich coming from YOU. We belong together", I laugh, "what a f****g joke". I am breathing way too hard, and I know that I am about to burst into tears. I am so glad I backed my bike in when I got here because I have GOT to go, right now. I stand quickly and run to the door. I don't even stop to put my helmet on and fire my bike up. I hold my helmet between my thighs and start pulling off. I get a mile down the street and stop long enough to put it on. I need some space and I need some time alone. I am freaking out and I hear my phone start pinging with texts, and then start ringing. I can't stop. And I don't want to talk to him. Maybe he can keep it in his pants for a month and I can see about speaking to him then, because right now. I just feel like he is making the same fool out of me as Eric did, and it really doesn't feel good.

I sit there stunned. No one had ever spoken to me like that. Girls fall all over me, I don't even have to try, and they were all ok with that. What the hell?

She RAN from me. I realize what she said, she knew, she knew that I have known that she was my mate for 6 weeks and that I left and didn't come back. She knew I was not going to originally accept her. Only Mason and Braxton knew that I had a problem with her being fat, but they didn't know that she was my mate. So how the hell did she figure it out? She knew I was her mate and that I took off for the SUV when I was coming here, and still knowing that she was my mate that I still brought Ashley here. I am not going to be able to talk my way out of this.

I look around the table and the anger I see on everyone's face is enough for me to want to leave. I didn't realize that she was aware of any of this, I was hoping that I would just get a pass on the fact that she didn't know.

I hear low growling coming from everyone at the table.

"If anything happens to her, while she is driving upset, I WILL kill you. I should never have allowed Bree to tell you where we were. If she does get hurt, it will be because of my decision, because I wanted her to be happy, and she should be happy with her mate, but you fixed that didn't you? You killed it with your bare hands. Her heart is broken now, and you did it". The man sitting next to me says. It is the same one that she was hugging and telling him that she loved when I got here. He was visibly upset and looked at Mason and said, "We need to go look for her, she is way too upset to be driving her bike right now, please ask the waitress to put our order in a to-go box and bring them back to the house, I have to go look for her. I can't stay here". He gives me a hard look and gets up from his chair.

The man that was in the chair that was on the other side of Jade nods in agreement "One hair on her head, and you are a dead man. You are a complete a*s and not worthy of the Alpha Title". He hands his black card to Mason and tells him, "Put all of our food orders on it" looks at Asher and says, "but not his", and walks away with the first guy.

I see Dixon, that Travis guy and Braxton get up and look at me with disgust on their faces and call out "We are coming with you to look for her too" and walk away from the table.

"What have you done Asher? You did all of this to Jade, she has suffered at your hands too many times, I have never seen her this upset, even when those assholes at Howling Wolf did all that crap to her and she was rejected, she wasn't that hurt" my cousin Nicole says to me.

"You had better pray they find her man. If she gets hurt, I don't know if I can stay at Stone Moon and be your Beta. You have reached a new low. You were thinking with your p***s for months and apparently won't stop until you have run our pack into the ground. You are almost 20 Asher, for the Goddess's sake. I am ashamed that you did this, you really thought that she was going to fall into your arms, didn't you? That was your plan, right? Swoop in, looking handsome, ask her to accept you? She told you to stop, but you kept pushing her. She was physically hurt yesterday, she was assaulted, and then you emotionally hurt her with Ashley. You had a choice and you made it. She asked you to stop, but you are the big, bad, Alpha, you know better than all of us, right? Mason says to me. He looks for our waitress and tells her to pack our 10 things to go, and motions to me and says, "He isn't with us". I am stunned, I don't know what to say to him.

"I don't know what to say to you Asher, wait yes I do. I had so much hope that you had actually changed, that you were going to do right by Jade. Especially after all that dad relayed to me last night. I honestly thought you had a shot, she asked you to stop, to give it time, but you probably can't since we both know you like to have a new girl on your d**k each week. Can't give her time to decide for herself? You just wanted to push. Don't look shocked, I knew, I am not blind Asher, and I am certainly not deaf. I hear the girls at school talking. You get around. Tempe isn't that far away Asher, you hit up girls everywhere you go. Yes, it is easy for you, it doesn't mean you should always do it like that. You show up here, hadn't even tried to talk to her EVER before, and you think the smooth move is to ask her to be your Luna? I know what you are doing, you don't want to put in the work to get her, to prove to her that she means something to you. We were talking in our room about it last night and Jade said something that just made me sad. She mentioned that she had waited for her mate. That is a gift, but she is VERY aware that you DIDN'T wait for her. She said why did she wait all this time, for her first time ever with you, she could literally have an STD. I don't know if she will ever accept you now. Dixon and I were excited to get her for a sister-in-love, but I think that you have ruined that for us. Just like you ruined her first-ever vacation, she had nothing her whole life and was stinking happy to be here, and you s**t on that too. I don't know if we can pull her out of what you have done. You are a selfish and greedy man. I just hope that the guys find her first because if Eric and his goons do, she will never be the same again as most of those jerks want her. It will result in war, and all because you can't apparently keep "little Asher" in your pants and be patient.

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I am lost, I have no idea where I am. I have never been here before, and I followed Tyler around when I was driving here. I should never have run off like that from the restaurant and now I have no idea where I am.

I pull over at a convenience store and remove my helmet to call Tyler. I have several missed texts and calls, everyone has called me, and I feel terrible that I made them worry. The call connects and I wait for Tyler to answer.

He picks up and says "Jade where are you? Are you alright? We are out looking for you now, what do you see?

"I am at a convenience store, and I see that London Bridge I wanted to go to in the distance". I tell him.

"Ok Jade, stay there we are about 5 minutes away, just stay there, we are coming now," Tyler tells me.

"Ok, I am parked by the street, I am waiting for you here, see you in a minute" and I drop the call.

I scroll on my phone while I wait and respond to the texts from Mason and the girls since I know the boys are all headed my way now to pick me up. I hear traffic and car pull up and park at the gas pumps nearest me, as I continue to scroll on my phone.

"Imagine meeting you here?" I hear and look up to see Kyle and Eric standing there.

"Waiting on a ride? Eric asks me as he looks at me sitting on my bike.

"No, my group is coming I just got a little bit ahead of them, but they will be here soon," I tell them.

I am trying to sound confident, but I am scared, I don't hear the guy's bikes and I have no idea how long it will actually take for them to get here, so I know I need to stall them.

"Where is the rest of your group?" I ask like I care to know.

"The girls are getting manicures and we weren't going to stay there, that is boring. So, imagine our surprise while we were out driving when we see you broken down on the side of the road, so being the gentlemen that we are we stopped to help you out. Do you want to come to hang out with us? We can tell Calvin to go pick the girls up in his vehicle. That way we will have plenty of time with each other, we can grab something to eat, or go somewhere" Eric says to me as he walks over to stand next to me on my left-hand side.

I notice Kyle stepping over to my right side and acting like he is checking my bike out.

"Nice bike Jade, how did you end up with a Ducati? That is a sweet ride and not cheap" Kyle says to me.

"Well, it has been a fun visit with you two, but I need to go meet up with my group now, they were waiting for me at the London Bridge, and I need to go there to meet them now". I tell them and start my bike and pick up my helmet to put it on.

"No, I don't think you will be Jade", Eric says as he shuts my bike off and then pockets my key. He continues "I know that you are the white wolf we have been looking for Jade. The wolf left the same time as you did, and no one else has left the pack. You ARE the one we have been looking for, but don't worry baby. I will claim you, that Rogue Alpha will never get his hands on you. I will claim and mark you myself, and we will be mates and make a stronger pack, and our children will be strong as well. I already know that you wanted me, so this is a win/win for the both of us".

"Um, what about Danica? You know, your girlfriend? I will not be your girlfriend, I won't willingly let you mark or mate me, Eric, you can forget that". I say to Eric.

"I think you will be coming with us, and we can go check out the sites together. Want to go see some of the lighthouses they have around here, some of the more remote ones are really nice". Kyle tells me and then grabs my waist and lifts me off the bike. I start kicking and yelling and he covers my mouth and whispers in my ear "you will love it, I promise. We will take great care of you".

I start struggling harder and Eric walks towards the SUV with Kyle following him. Eric opens the back door to the SUV and nods for Kyle to enter the back seat with me, as he jumps in the front seat and starts the SUV. Kyle tried to push me in, but I had gripped the door in a death grip and the headrest on the seat and refused to be pushed into the SUV. Kyle kept pushing me and then grabbed the back of my halter top and yanks at the tied part at the back of my neck, tearing my shirt in the process. I didn't let go of the door I knew if they got me in the SUV that no-one would be able to find me anytime soon.

I hear bikes coming my way and I pray it is my brothers. Kyle hits me in the arm making it bend at my elbow and tries to push me into the car again, with me half in the SUV, but my legs still on the ground. Kyle bends over to try to pick up my legs and shove me into the SUV, but I kick him in the shin, and he grunts and lets me go for a second and that is all it takes. The guys pull all the way around the SUV blocking the exit from either side, they are trapped at the pump by three bikes on the front and two at the back. And my guys are mad.

I Tyler at the front of the SUV crying. Braxton immediately takes off his shirt and hands it to me to put on, I know my shirt is falling down some, thankfully my breast was not totally exposed yet, but this shirt is now trash. I tell Tyler that Eric took my bike key and Eric quickly throws the key out and rolls his window back up. Kyle had gotten into the back seat of the SUV, Eric start revving the engine and yelling at Tyler, Braxton, and Dixon to move their bikes still parked in front of the SUV, or he is going to ram them.

They move the bikes from in front of the SUV and pull them over to my bike. Eric speeds off like a demon is chasing him, and Travis and Tate pull over to my bike as soon as Eric drives off. I am shaking, terrified, right now. I am done. I don't want to be here anymore. I don't feel safe here and I want my dad, and I cannot stop crying.

Tyler gets off his bike and gives me a tight hug until I stop crying and shaking, I am still scared, but I know with the guys here that I am safe right now.

"I am so sorry Tyler, this is all my fault, I should have stayed at the restaurant. I am so sorry". I tell Tyler

"No, you asked that a*s to stop, and he kept pushing. It is Asher's fault, but while we are here you need to be with one of us or Mason at all times. Do not take off from us again. I am not letting that douche get another opportunity to get anywhere near you again. If he had driven off with you, we might never have found you again. I am going to take care of Eric. He is going to get paid back for all that he has put you through." Tyler tells me.

"Tyler, Eric knows that I am the white wolf, he said that he was going to mark and mate me, against my will. I don't feel safe here anymore with him here. He knows who I am, and he said he would make sure that Rogue Alpha wasn't going to get me, but that I was going to make him and the pack stronger, and produce him, strong heirs"

"Dixon mind link your sister and tell them we found Jade, and that we are headed to the Rental and that they can take either one of the Jeeps to go get groceries, that Jade won't be able to do it, and for her to get some breakfast tea for Jade, it might help her calm down. Mom always makes us hot tea, with milk and sugar when we are sick, I will make Jade some. Jade's shopping list is on the kitchen island, and both sets of keys are hanging on the key hanger near the garage. Tell them to get something easy to make for tonight, as I don't think that Jade will be able to cook tonight, and I don't know if any of them can". Tyler barks out instructions.

"Jade, can you ride your bike? Or do you need to ride with one of us? We can come back to get your bike". Tyler asks me.

"I can do it Tyler. I can drive it." I tell him. I am ashamed, I caused this whole thing by being childish and running away. I knew Eric and his goons were around town and I still took the chance. I could have been r***d, or worse. I start shaking again. I go ahead and tie a knot in the back of Brax's t-shirt, so it won't rise up as I ride and expose my breasts and get on my bike. I fire it up and put my helmet on and the guys ride around me as we head back to the rental.

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I get a call from Mason, letting me know what happened to Jade. He was pissed. She was almost kidnapped, and it was mostly my fault for pushing her to run off. They wouldn't stop pushing me though, I felt like everyone at the table was attacking me and weren't even going to listen to me about Jade is the only one for me. I love her, I want her, I am going to prove to her that I am her mate and will always take care of her. She just needs to give me the opportunity to prove that to her. I will stay on the straight and narrow, I am not even looking at other women anymore. They don't interest me at all, since I have locked eyes with Jade and the bond started, I can't think of anyone else but her. I followed Mason back to their rental house at a distance, when we left the restaurant, so I know where they are staying now. I just need to be able to talk to her to show her how sincere I am about being her one-and-only. She is it for me and I won't let her go, she is my mate and I love and want her, and only her, for the rest of my life. I just have to convince her of that, and I know it is easier said than done.

It was probably not a good idea to show up at their rental house unannounced, but if I did let them know I was coming, I know they would probably all leave. I have to hope that since the bulk of them are from my pack if worse comes to worst I can Alpha Command them to calm down to listen to me, but it won't work on the other three guys. They don't look like pushovers either so, it could still go badly for me. I have to show her that I am all in with her and just beg her for a chance. I don't mind proving myself, and that I am not the man I used to be. I am hoping that this will work and that it is one of my pack members that will be opening the door for me as I ring the doorbell.

"What do you want?" I hear and look up to see Dixon.

"I would like to speak to Jade, please. I am not here to argue, I just want to see that she is ok, and to speak with her for just a little bit. I would like for her to give me a chance to win her heart". I tell him.

"I don't know that she is up for visitors right now. She is very upset and has had a hard day. I don't think this is a good idea. How about you talk to her later this week, or when we get back to the pack Asher?" Dixon tells me.

"I won't stay long, and I will do my best not to upset her, but I need to see her Dixon. I have been worried about her all day. I know she had another run-in with those Morons, and I just need to see her and make sure that she is ok. Please, Dixon." I ask him.

"Five minutes, and if she asks you to go, you are going to go, no argument" Dixon replies.

Dixon walks me out to the back yard where I see them all hanging out, the three other girls are swimming in the pool with Braxton and that Travis guy. I see Jade sitting in a lounge, with her knees up to her chest, watching them play around in the pool. One of the guys that had been sitting next to her at breakfast was sitting in the lounge chair next to her. I don't see Mason or the other guy that was sitting nearest me at the table this morning out here with the group.

"Jade, I am sorry. Please don't be mad at me. Asher wanted to check on you and see that you were ok, and maybe to speak to you if you were up to it" Dixon calls over to Jade. I see her head turn and her eyes narrow as she looks at me.

"I am not staying, I just wanted to talk to you, I am not here to upset you, please let me speak to you". I plead to her before she can shut me down.

"Five minutes," Jade says and looks back at the pool area.

I see the girls see me walking over to Jade and they swim over to the side of the pool nearest Jade and put their arms up on the side of the pool and rest their chins on their hands to watch me. I see Braxton and Travis both get out of the pool and start drying themselves off and come over to the lounge chairs on the other side of the guy sitting next to Jade. I see him straighten up and then put his feet on the ground like he is getting ready to get up, but just stayed in his seated position for now, but I take it for the warning that it is. I need to tread carefully as all four of the guys out here with us are ready to defend her if I step out of line.

"I just wanted to come by and see how you were doing. Mason told me you almost got kidnapped and I was worried about you. I just needed to see for myself that you were unharmed" I tell her.

"I am fine" She replies back, still looking at the pool.

"I can speak to Eric if I need to, to let him know that we are mates and to leave you alone. You are spoken for" I tell her.

"Am I spoken for Asher? Really? Why now, why not before when you knew we were mates?" Jade says as she turns to look me in the eye.

"I am sorry, I was an i***t. I liked doing what I was doing and wanted to continue doing it. But the moment I saw you, looked into your eyes, you are the only girl I can think about now. The pull is crazy. The moment we connected, there was no other girl for me. I believe that if I had seen you and looked you in the eyes 6 weeks ago, it would have been the same result. I thought I had time, as you wouldn't know about me, as you were bonded to the stupid Beta that rejected you. I was going to claim you, just after I was done with school. I was just childish and greedy and wanted to continue to sleep around. I knew it would stop with you, and that my days were numbered. I was so wrong to do that. I see that now. I was selfish and knowing all you had gone through I should have sought you out first, but I didn't because I never knew how strong the mate bond truly is. I did everything wrong, and I hope you will give me a chance to fix it. I would do anything for you. I will never go out with or sleep with another girl. I will wait for you until you realize that I truly do love you, and only you and no one else, for the rest of my life. My life truly began when I looked into your eyes as you were leaving, and I saw the hurt in your eyes. I felt miserable for being the one to put that pain there. I saw it every time I shut my eyes. I still do. I would do anything to take it back, to have a re-do and change how I treated you. I know I can't change the past, but I can change myself, and I am willing to do that for you. I will be the man you can trust and put your faith in. That you can depend on to put you first, to love and protect you from this day forward. For you to eventually see my actions are all because you are the most important person in my life if you will give me a chance, please Jade? I am just asking for you to give me a few months to show you, to prove to you, that I am a changed man. Can you give me a few months to prove that to you at least until our graduation?" I tell her and wait for her to respond. I hope that she can see my sincerity in my voice as I speak to her. I hope she knows that I am completely serious, and my heart is now in her hands.

"Asher, I have spoken to you for 10 minutes tops. What I know of you, and you admit to as well is not a good thing for you. You have been deliberately cheating on me, even until yesterday when you got caught. You don't have a good record with me. I know you know my background and instead of coming to me like a man and seeing if we could be true mates, which your wolf Aries already knew for a fact that we were, you decided to keep sleeping with a pack member that I will still have to interact with, and humans too. That is not the act of a man who "loves" me. I am sorry. I cannot give you the opportunity to continue to rip my heart into shreds. I am scared to do that, to be perfectly honest, you heard what the Howling Wolf pack did to me. I am assuming that because I allowed them to s**t on me, you figured that you could or would as well. So, you did, and now that you figured out that Aries was right, that we were mates, and that I was acceptable in appearance to the great Asher, that you were willing to claim me. Well, thanks for that. I did work hard to lose weight, to be healthier, but I am certainly not happier. I truly don't know what I have done to be treated like crap on the bottom of my mate's shoes. To be scraped off and left behind laying there on the sidewalk, like I was garbage and not of any value. I don't treat people like that, even those who have wronged me. Now I have something to look forward to, as I know Ashley has already informed Brittany of what has happened, so my school life is surely going to improve from this. You know what really breaks my heart Asher, is that I will be down two mates, and I haven't even graduated high school yet. I can't just jump into your arms and tell you that everything will be fine because on my end it isn't. Not even close. I don't know if I can get past this. How can I be Luna, when I will have girls passing me and letting me know they slept with you. Or can we even go out and eat, or grab a coffee, without the same thing from Humans. You have effectively tied my hands and kept me from being able to love my husband, without wondering if the server had slept with him too. I just need time Asher. I hope you heard the words I said to you. I listened to you. I feel like you finally believe I am the "one" now. But I am literally like one in a hundred and that put's me at 1% Asher. I feel you love me like I am 1%. I will give you a chance because the Goddess gave you to me for a reason. But you will only have this one chance Asher. If you sleep with another, she-wolf, or human, I will feel it. I don't look forward to those pains again, so please think long and hard before you do that to me, because you will never see me again if you do, except for when I reject you or accept the rejection that you gave me". I tell Asher.

"What the hell is he doing here?" I hear Tyler say from the doorway.

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"He is leaving Tyler," I tell him. "He wanted to check on me and make sure that I was alright".

"You are not welcome here, you can go ahead and leave now". Tyler tells Asher.

"I promise you, Jade, I am done with all girls from now on. You can believe me. I will wait on you until you are willing to believe that I am totally committed to just you baby. I will not cheat on you. We are mates and I will do whatever I need to for you to see that we are fated to be together". I tell Jade.

"Right, well we are all waiting to see that Asher. You used to be a good man. I hope you can be again. You need to take this seriously, as I won't hesitate to defend her. Against you or Eric. She gets hurt, and it will be a declaration of war with the Dark Moon pack. I can guarantee you that. If she wants to give you a chance that is fine, especially since you are true mates. But I saw you hurt her I saw her literally pass out in pain when that asshat cheated on her. It happened several times and I would hate for you to do the same thing to her. So, if you are even considering sleeping with another woman, please, do yourself a favor and reject her, it would be less painful for her". Tyler tells Asher.

"I will not be sleeping with any other women. It will only be Jade for me for the rest of my life" Asher tells Tyler.

"I will take you at your word then. Actions speak louder than words to me though, so I will be watching you. I am two hours from her. Do not hurt her again. I will be there to pick up the pieces". Tyler tells Asher.

"I will let myself out then. I just wanted to apologize and to make sure that you were ok. I wouldn't have been able to sleep tonight worrying about you if I hadn't been able to see you for myself". Asher stops walking and turns around back to me. "Do you have my phone number? I would like for you to be able to reach me just in case. I would also like to start talking to you daily, in person or on the phone. That way we can learn about each other and build our bond". Asher tells me.

"I will give it to her tonight, Asher. She can text you that it is her, so you can save her number in her phone. Don't worry either Dixon or I will give it to her. Bree tells me looking over at me from the pool.

"Ok" Asher hesitates, "Please don't forget Bree. I am really wanting to show Jade that I can change and be the man that she needs me to be". Asher says to Bree.

"I got you, Asher. I want Jade to get to know you, the old Asher, the man you used to be before you went to Alpha Training. That man would be perfect for Jade, he was a lot better than you are currently. But I know that you can change Asher. I will also be giving you another chance to be the big brother that I used to look up to, I know he is still in there. I want to see him again too." Bree tells him.

I nod to her, my throat closing up on me making it impossible to speak, and head to the front door.

"Please don't hurt her again Asher, she had been through enough, a lifetime of pain and not being loved. You are her mate, and it is literally your job to love her wholly and completely. Don't ever make her doubt you again. Just show her the man we all know is still in there and wait for her to accept you as her mate. I love her the same as I do Jade, I can't stand by and watch you break her Asher". I hear Dixon say in a low tone behind me as we cross the living room and head for the front door.

I nod at him too, as I cannot speak right now. I am angry for putting my own self in this situation because I was a selfish i***t. I should have known when literally my whole family and my best friends all loved and admired her. I should have met her to see if I could love and admire her too. She makes people feel loved and accepted. She cares for

people. She will make an excellent Luna. I go to head out to the SUV, and I hear a throat clear behind me and I turn around.

"I just want to tell you to please don't hurt Jade. We all care deeply for her. I cannot explain how or why we all feel so connected to her. I think as I am the Beta and she is the Luna, that is my connection to her, making her very special to me as it is my job to keep her safe. Your parents and siblings may be tied into her that way, but Braxton called it when she said that she was supposed to be the Luna. He nailed it, she was, and I hope that you show her the you that you used to be. Show her WHO you are. Put all the others behind you and show her every day how much she means to you, and how much you love her. I think that you will never recover from the loss if you don't. She is the one for you and the very best person I know. She is honest and trustworthy. She is loving and kind. She is super smart, and I think that together you two could make the pack even better than it is now. She was made for you". Mason tells me.

"It is my goal to show her that I love her, and only her, for the rest of my life. I intend to do just that Mason. If Jade will allow it, I would like to do something with you all tomorrow. Whatever it is that you guys end up doing, I am in. I just want to be around her. She calms me, I feel more relaxed around her. I love her and want to be with her all the time. I want our bond to grow so she can feel the same way for me. The sooner she feels it and accepts me, the better. I will wait forever for her if that is what it takes. She is my everything now and I cannot live without her. My wolf, Aries, loves her and did from the first time she smelled her scent. I should have listened to him and prevented this whole thing from happening. It is on me. I was an a*****e, and I caused this whole problem. I will fix it. Aries and I are all in on Jade being our Luna. So please whatever you guys decide to do tomorrow, let me know if Jade would be ok with me coming. Even if it is just for an hour. Or to come over here and swim, or ski, jet skis, whatever you guys decide to do. I want to do at least one of your activities with you". I tell Mason.

"I will ask for you man, Jade is usually the sweetest, but you deliberately hurt her, and she is worried that you are going to be just like Calvin and reject her, so she is protecting her heart. I can't blame her she had been through a lot. She was really upset and just wanted to go home when they found her in the parking lot and got her back here today. We are still trying to talk her into doing something fun and not packing up and going home. We already paid for the rental house for the week, no need to leave just yet. We can protect her when we are with her, but she is nervous after Kyle and Eric cornered her this morning". Mason tells me.

"What did they do to her?" I ask Mason.

"Her halter top was torn, and she wasn't really wanting to talk to us about it, but Tyler said that Jade told him that Eric said her that he was going to get her and force mark and mate her to produce strong heirs for his pack". Mason told me.

"What!!!", I roar into the night, "That son of a b***h, I will kill him" I yell out.

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"I will kill him with my bare hands, I swear to you" I yell at Mason.

Tyler comes out the front door and over to us." Is there a problem?" he says.

"Yes, why didn't you tell me what those assholes did to her this morning? They threatened my mate. I want them dead. She is my mate, and that bastard cannot have her, she is mine and I love her. I will not let him hurt her again". I tell them.

"I will take care of Eric, after vacation. He will be dealt with. Jade will not be alone again. Three of us will be with her at all times. He will not catch us by surprise again. We will assume one or all of his group will be where we are going for the rest of the week when we leave the rental house. We will keep her safe. She is my number one priority". Tyler tells me.

"I can help you take care of Eric. It would be my pleasure to do so, he cannot threaten my mate and get away with it. I want his blood for causing her a moment's pain". I tell Tyler.

"You do remember that you, yourself, have caused her pain as well, right?" Tyler looks at me and says to me, as he narrow's his eyes at me.

"I do, and if I could take it all back and listen to my wolf, Aries when he told me that Jade was my mate, I would do it in a heartbeat. Believe me, seeing her with pain in her eyes when I know I caused it with my selfish behavior, breaks my heart. I promise you I will not hurt her again. There is no other woman for me besides Jade. She is my one and only, and I only love her. I asked Mason and I will ask you as well. I want to spend time with Jade. Please, even if it is just for an hour tomorrow, I need to be around her, she calms me and my wolf. I am more relaxed around her. I feel wrong when I am not with her. I feel like I need her to even breathe right. I am not whole if I am not with her. I am a changed man. I immediately took Ashley back and told her no more, that we are through, that I didn't want her around me again. Now, I didn't Alpha command her, but if she ever approaches me again, I will. I don't want anyone but Jade. I would just like the opportunity to be with her, and let our bond grow and strengthen. I want Jade with me all the time. Like if she isn't near me, that I am weaker. Now that I have looked into her eyes, I am incomplete without her in my arms. So, whatever you decide to do tomorrow, I would like to be included in it, if only for an hour, if Jade is ok with it". I tell them.

"I will let you know tomorrow after we make plans. I will have Bree tell you where to meet us and what we plan on doing for the day. You may have to bring your own food, as Jade makes the food, and I may not give her a heads up until we get to where we are going, so she can't back out of it and just stay here. I think it would be better to get her around you too. The bond will work in your favor in that area. Just know this. She gets hurt by you again, and I will make sure that she comes to live at my pack, and you won't get to see her ever again. You will then be further down the food chain in my view than Eric is at that point, and you know how I feel about Eric right now. He literally means s**t to me right now. She is giving you one more chance, and I would hope you decide to be serious about it and make her your priority. I love her and don't want to see her hurt again. I just came into her life, and I will not willingly step back for her to become the other woman, or to be cheated on. Jade is supposed to be your Luna, and I want her to be treated like the jewel that she is. I don't ever want her to feel the physical pain that she did when Calvin cheated on her regularly. I won't stand by and watch it a second time. This is your one and only chance and I suggest you make it your best shot. Because you will not be granted another chance with her if I have ANYTHING to say about it. I will find a good man that will love and protect her for the rest of her life, with someone from my pack, there are a lot of men who have lost their true mate and would love to have someone as beautiful and special as she is. That is not a threat, it is a promise. She is a beautiful, caring woman that any man would be glad to have as a chosen mate, and I will see that it happens if that is what she wishes. She deserves to be happy, and I will do what I need to, to make sure that she is loved and taken care of, for the rest of her life". Tyler tells me, giving me a hard look to let me know how serious he is with what he has said.

"I won't betray her trust again. I promise you that. I love her and will not do anything to hurt her again. I swear to you. I don't want to lose her. She means the world to me. I am serious about changing, I immediately took Ashley back because I needed to show Jade that it is ONLY her for me, for the rest of my days. I will never have anything else to do with Ashley, ever again. I will love and protect Jade, for the rest of our lives". I tell Tyler.

"I will let you know what we are doing in the morning. See you tomorrow". Tyler tells me.

I get into my SUV and leave. I will figure out how to get Jade to believe me and to lower her wall and love me too. No matter how long it takes, I will make sure that Jade believes me when I say that from now on it is only her for me in this lifetime.

I need to get back to my hotel and get some rest for tomorrow. I don't know how early we are getting out and I don't want to miss it if they are heading out early on the boat tomorrow. As I head into my hotel room, I notice that the lights are all on and I had left them off. I walk into the room and see Ashley in my bed with her clothes off waiting for me.

"Hey baby, where have you been? I have been waiting hours for you". Ashley tells me.

"What are you doing here? I took you back to the pack and we are not together anymore. How did you get into my room anyway?" I asked her.

"The clerk saw me with you when we checked in and knew we were together, so I told him that you had misplaced your room card and we needed another one," Ashley tells me.

"I want you out of my room right now. We are nothing to each other anymore. I have found me mate, and I don't want to be around you again. Don't make me use my Alpha Command on you Ashley. Just get dressed and get out, right now. If you come around me again, I will banish you from Stone Moon". I tell Ashley.

"You don't mean that. You told me that I would be your Luna, that you loved me. You promised me that I would be your Luna. What the hell Asher? You said that I would be your chosen mate". Ashley says to me.

"I never told you that I loved you. I did say that I would let you be my chosen mate if I didn't find my mate, but I found her. I want HER, not you. So, pack up whatever your brought with you and leave, now. I want you gone in the next three minutes. You would be a terrible Luna, you only care about yourself. You are a liar and a b***h to most people. You would drag the pack down and the whole pack would suffer for it. Don't make this harder on yourself. Get out of my room right now and go back to the pack. We are not together and will never be together ever again. I love someone else, and I want to be with them, not you. Leave the keycard you got on the dresser before you leave". I tell Ashley.

Tears fill her eyes as she gets up and gets dressed. "You will be sorry for this, and I will get you back, you always come back to me". Ashley tells me as she exits my room.

"I will NOT be with you again. I have found my mate and she is my everything and I will never be with you again. If you cause me or my mate trouble in the future, I will not hesitate to banish you and your whole family from Stone Moon. Do not think that I won't, and after seeing how you all are, rotten to your very souls, I don't think any of you would be missed". I tell Ashley.

She growls lowly at me, throws the key card towards the dresser, and turns and stomps from the hotel room.

I believe that things are going to get worse before they get better with her comment. I am glad that she doesn't know who my mate is yet. Or so I thought.

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"Bree, can you please mind link your brother that we will be taking the boat out to ski today please?" Tyler asks me.

"I will let him know, what time does he need to be there, and are we taking your boat out?" Bree asks me.

"Yes, our boat, it is gassed up and ready to go at slip #14. We will be leaving there at 10, tell him to grab food for lunch and dinner. Don't forget that I need you and the girls to distract Jade up on the upper deck, so she doesn't know he is there until we are well out on the Lake". Tyler lowers his voice at the last part.

"I already mind linked and let him know, he said that he would be meeting us there," Bree said.

We take the Jeeps out with us as we head to the marina with the coolers and the food packed in the back of the Jeeps. I go ahead and rent two pairs of skis for us to use, as we load up the boat. I keep an eye out for Asher as I was trying to get him on board as soon as I released the ropes and was down to the last one being untied when he walked up to the boat. I nodded towards the boat for him to get on as I untied the last line and jumped on myself and slowly pulled away from the pier. Well, at least we got him on the boat without Jade noticing or trying to jump off to swim back to shore. I am hoping that Asher just being here and being with her, can help strengthen the mate bond for Jade to realize that he loves her. I can see it, the others can too, but with everything that has happened to her, I can totally see where she would have some real trust issues when it came to her second chance mate. I know he now realizes that it was his fault that we are all here having to try to convince her to give him another chance.

We head out to the area that I like to go to on the lake where we can ski without other boats getting in our way when we start skiing, and we slow down to just float while we get there, and the guys get the ropes attached to the boat. The girls start coming down from the upper deck and wait to see Jade's reaction when she notices Asher on the boat with us.

"Why are you here?" Jade asks Asher.

"I just wanted to spend time with you. I can just sit here, but I feel better when I am with you. I am more relaxed and calmer when I am with you. I can stay out of your way, but I would love getting to talk to you. You didn't call or text me last night and I do want to know more about you, so I asked the guys last night if I could come with the group today and just spend time around you. I am not here to upset you". I tell Jade.

"Ok," Jade replies.

I do not know if that is good or bad, ok. It makes me a little worried, but she didn't throw herself off the boat and start swimming away, so I will take a win where I get one Asher thinks to himself.

The guys take turns skiing on the lake, with only Bree skiing for the girls. We were sitting on the water as the skis were traded out for the next two to ski.

I came over to Jade and ask, "Do you not like to ski? Do you want a turn out on the lake? The wind is low, and the lake is like a sheet of glass, it is a good day to ski if you want to".

"I don't know how to ski. I was never taken on vacation. They always left me behind, so I just don't know how to". Jade replies to me. I feel terrible, I forgot that she said that this was her first vacation ever.

Jade gets up and takes off her coverup and then jumps into the water. I could tell that she wasn't comfortable with talking to me about something that was clearly a sore spot for her. I didn't follow her into the water, I just let her swim around a little and then float until Tyler called out to her that we were about to get started with skiing again, and she came around and climbed up the ladder.

She sat in the front of the boat to dry in the sun and laid across the front bench getting comfortable as we started another round of skiing. I watched her looking at her behind my sunglasses, but I am sure anyone looking at me would know exactly who I am staring at. I hate to be a creeper, but she is absolutely stunning.

Her emerald-green bikini top just helped make her eyes pop with their beautiful green color, and the green and white print flowered bikini bottoms showcased her small waist and long legs. Her suit was modest as compared to what the girls here were wearing. She even had a little row of scallops running underneath the bikini top, making her even more covered. Hell, Ashley's suit from two days ago left nothing to the imagination, I had been surprised that her boob's hadn't popped out to say hello. But she was working hard to keep my attention on her, and I wasn't interested in her like I was in Jade, I see now that I just wanted her around in case I got bored. My sister and the other girls were covered too, but at Lake Havasu, most of the girls usually showed up in the smallest suits that they could find. Even with Jade being completely covered I know if I saw someone looking at her inappropriately, I would immediately either block her from their view or let them know to walk away because I will not let another man take what is mine. Jade is my everything and I will fight to keep her safe and protected from everyone else. Jade appears to be asleep, so I know I need to get the hard part over with. I go over to Tyler as he steers the boat across the water. I wanted to tell him what happened last night when I got to my room. I was not going to let anything happen that could result in me losing Jade. I was going to be an open book from now on.

"Tyler, can I speak to you for a minute?" I ask him

"Sure, go-ahead Asher" Tyler replies.

"I want to be an open book from now on, so I wanted you to know that last night when I got back to my hotel room, Ashley was in it, naked and waiting for me". I tell Tyler.

The boat then slows down, and I hear the skiers yell out as they go down into the water. I see Tyler glaring at me and growling lowly at me. Everyone else is now looking our way trying to figure out what was wrong, and Jade continues to lay sunning and didn't move at all.

I quickly tell him, "No, nothing happened man, nothing. I kicked her out and gave her 3 minutes to get all her stuff. I asked her how she got in and apparently, she spoke to the front desk clerk who gave her another key card to my room without my approval. I turned that card in this morning and spoke to the Manager who assured me that a note would be

put into the system stating that only I could get a second room key and that she was to be kept from being allowed entrance into my room again".

"Ok" Tyler lets out the breath that he had been holding. He starts moving forward again and the skiers come back up to the surface. Tyler continues, "Ok, I am glad you told me, that actually seems like the kind of thing that she would do, I believe you and Jade didn't feel any pain last night, our rooms are right next door to each other so I can keep an ear out for any problems. Thank you for telling me, if it ever comes up, I will vouch for you. I can see that Ashley is not going to go away quietly. She plans to fight dirty I guess, and I just hope she doesn't know Jade is your mate. I don't want her having more problems at school right at the end of the school year".

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"I didn't tell her who my mate was, I just told her that I had found my mate and that I wanted her to get out and I no longer wanted her around me ever again. I also told her that if she didn't stop that I would banish her, and her family, from my pack. I didn't want Jade to have Brittany coming to her at school where I can't protect her, so I told her that I would not have a problem banishing her whole family, so maybe she would think long and hard about it before she does something to get the whole family punished. I don't know if she will stop or not, she was pretty upset and told me it was not over. But I only want Jade, I never want another woman to be near me. Jade takes my fears away and calms me, she makes me want to be the best man that I can be. I don't want anything to take her away from me". I tell Tyler.

Tyler laughs and turns the boat to start another run, "Yea", he says, "I saw you staring a hole through my sister earlier"

"She's your sister? I thought your dad only had you and Tate?" I say to him.

I knew they had both looked familiar to me but couldn't remember their names until I was up thinking about what all had happened yesterday. I couldn't go to sleep and stayed up an hour thinking about the whole day, and I remembered who they and their father were, as he had told me that hurting Jade would result in war with the Dark Moon pack. I feel so much better knowing that they are siblings. They were so protective of her I thought that they both liked her, like as their chosen mates, and knowing that they are siblings makes me feel a lot better.

"Yes, her mom was going to be my dad's chosen mate and was living with him at Dark Moon when he met his true mate and my mom, Joy, while he was out of town for an Alpha's meeting. My mom was the oldest daughter of another pack and was there to learn about taking over the pack from her dad, when she met dad. Dad told Hillary, that is Jade's mom, that he had found his mate and that she would have to move out of the Alpha suite, but he was going to let her stay in the Pack, but she didn't want to stay there after dad brought mom to Dark Moon. I was told that Hillary had come back a little over 6 months later and wanted to speak to my dad, but he was out of town on business, and I was a newborn and mom was pregnant with Tate, so dad didn't want mom to go meet her. The Beta was busy and couldn't meet with her and Hillary ended up leaving without telling the Guard what she was there for. The Guard later told my dad and the Beta that he could hear someone else in the car, but they never knew who was in the car until your mom, Luna Monica, contacted dad to see if he had known Hillary as she suspected that dad was Jade's dad too. She was my 18th birthday present; her birthday is the day before mine. I got my sister, who Tate and I have always wanted, on my birthday. She has been the best present ever, it was my best birthday ever". Tyler told me.

"I didn't know any of that. How did my mom know that Jade could be your dad's child?" I asked him.

"Dad is a white wolf, Jade is a white wolf, and I am a white wolf". Tyler replies. "We will see if Tate is a white wolf in July when he turns 18, but we all believe that he will be as we have already seen some extra abilities in him".

I am mated to a white wolf. I feel like I need to sit down. I could have destroyed my own pack in my selfishness. Jade would make my pack incredibly strong, and our children could have extra strength and abilities themselves. The Goddess gave me such a huge gift and I almost totally lost it, by being a selfish i***t. There would have been no coming back from this, the Goddess wouldn't have blessed me again for not loving the gift of a mate that she had originally given me. Jade was incredibly special and in thinking with my little head, had almost cost the pack everything. No wonder my parents were thinking about giving the pack to Dixon. With all that I have done, that would have probably been a better choice than me. I am glad that I fell in love with her with just the mate bond and not because I knew she was a white wolf. That makes me feel a little better. I sit down across from Tyler. I had to sit down; I was completely stunned.

"I see you were not aware that Jade was a white wolf?" Tyler tells me.

I nod at him, unable to make a sentence right now. My mind was all over the place and when it stopped, my fear increased.

"Is that why Eric is after her? Because she is a white wolf? I ask Tyler.

"Yes, he found out, we assume because she is the only wolf that left their pack and a white wolf had been spotted at her old home. Someone visiting saw her as she phased for the first time on the front lawn after she was rejected by Calvin. Nicole and Jessica helped her inside as she was too weak from the rejection and her first phase to get upstairs. When they were going through the living room is when they heard her aunt admit that Jade was not their child, but her niece and that they only took her in because of the life insurance policy. Hillary put a clause in it that they had to raise her if they accepted the money. They were supposed to save half of the money from the 2-million-dollar policy for Jade to live on after she turned 18, but instead Sylvia, that is Jade's aunt, spent all of it. Sylvia was planning on kicking Jade out of their house because it was her 18th birthday, and

Sylvia had spent ALL of the money. So, she lost her home, her family, and the money she was supposed to have received basically all in one day. Nicole called her parents and told them what had happened. Then they all left Howling Wolf pack and came to Stone Moon. You know the rest. I thought you knew this story, why were you not told?" Tyler asks me.

"I was told about the pranks that she had to endure, and that she had been rejected and had then come with my uncle Bryan and aunt Audrey and my cousin Nicole to the pack, but I didn't hear the rest of it, no wonder everyone was so protective of her. She is a descendant of the Moon Goddess herself, as are you, and your family. Maybe they wanted me to accept Jade as my true mate, without the added knowledge that she was so special. Now that Eric knows, he will stop at nothing to get her. She has to be protected at all times. I am scared for him to get his nasty hands on her. She is pure and innocent, and he doesn't deserve her". I tell Tyler.

"Is this the part where you say that you do? That you deserve me?" Jade says as she walks up to stand between us.

"I have loved you from the moment we locked eyes. I would lay down my life for you. We are true mates and yes, I agree with you, even I don't deserve you" I tell her. "But I will continue to show you every day until you realize it, that I only want to be with you. There is no one else for me in my life that I love and care about and want to be my mate. I am so sorry I didn't treat you the way that you deserved. You were right, I should have waited on you to come back and accepted you right then, that is what Aries wanted me to do, he wanted me to stay and meet you and claim you. I was the coward who was scared, and jealous of everyone taking your side and not mine, I was drunk, and I didn't make a good decision. You are exactly right. I messed up big time. I cannot fix what I have already done wrong, I can only sincerely apologize to you and try to make up for it by loving you completely from now on, as my true mate, and my only love".

Her eyes soften up a little, "I am giving you that chance. I heard what you said to Tyler, I wasn't asleep. Thank you for kicking Ashley out of your room last night. Yesterday was such a hard day for me, I don't know what would have happened to me if you had slept with her. The pain would have been immeasurable for me, and I would not have been able to spring back from it. We would have been through before we could even really start because I would have known you were with her. It would have hurt me more because I feel more for you than I ever felt for Calvin, so I hope we can fix our bond, and that I can be able to trust you. I do want you as my mate, I just am having a hard time trusting as everyone in my life from Howling Wolf, has broken that trust. It is hard for me to open up, as that lets people into my heart, and I just don't know if I could come back from another betrayal". Jade softly tells me.

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"I won't betray your trust, Jade. You are my true mate and I have never felt this way about anyone else. I locked eyes with you, and it is like we are connected in the deepest way possible. If it hadn't happened to me, I wouldn't even believe it myself. When Ashley tried to get my attention by pulling my head down and kissing me when I pulled away from her and looked for you again and saw the hurt in your eyes. My heart literally clenched from the pain that I caused you. You are my everything, my only mate. I can still close my eyes and see the pain that I caused you by not stopping her, but I was so caught up in seeing you and finding you, I didn't even realize that she had pulled my head down until it was too late. I did break the kiss-off, but I am so sorry to even cause you an ounce of pain baby. I won't let it happen again. I already told her that I would banish her and her family from the pack if she tried anything else. I was serious about it, but she is so hell-bent on being Luna, I feel like she will still try again. So please, don't listen to her, she will lie or try anything to break us up. Please talk it out with me if you ever have any doubts, I will never lie to you, I want only you. Please don't leave me, Jade". I tell her.

I hear a sniffle behind us and turn to see my sister, Bree, crying with Nicole and Jessica. The guy's still on the boat are standing there as well with a smile on their faces. The only people missing are Tate and Braxton who are still skiing.

"That is the sweetest thing I have ever heard you say, Asher. I believe you and that this is who you are. This is the brother that I have missed for almost a year. Please stay, don't leave us again, I have missed you so much, big brother". Bree tells me while crying.

"That was beautiful, I am so happy for you Cuz". I hear Nicole say to me.

"Oh, this makes me so happy. I have wanted Jade to get a happily-ever-after and here it is, this makes my heart so happy. I can't stop smiling". Jessica says to me.

"Girls I am glad you are here, and Dixon too. I have to ask a favor of you all" I tell them. "When you go back to school, I don't want Jade left alone. I am sure Ashley will try to find out who my mate is if she doesn't already know, as she saw me staring after your boat when you were leaving, and I don't want Brittany getting to Jade. Please tell me the second you see Brittany messing with Jade, you too Jade, no more letting others mistreat you. I can't protect you if you don't let me know what is going on. I already told Ashley that I have a mate and for her to leave me alone. I also told her if she causes me or my mate problems that I will banish her, and her whole family from my pack immediately. I plan to make good on it if they do. Jade had been through enough, I have even caused her pain, and that stops now. There will be no other problems or incidents that hurt Jade. So please, if you see something, say something. If I have to leave school to take care of it, so be it, I will". I tell them. Mason steps up to hug me and tells me he and Braxton will make sure of it when they are on pack lands as well.

"They won't be missed at ALL. We will watch out and protect Jade". Bree says to me.

"I said the same thing to her that I didn't think that anyone would miss them" I laugh as I tell her that.

"I am so glad to have you back Asher", Dixon tells me and brings me in for a big hug. Dixon continues, "I REALLY didn't want to be Alpha, but mom and dad wanted to get your attention and for you to get your head on straight. I believe you were meant to take over the pack and run it with Jade by your side. I have felt a connection to her from the moment I met her. I am so glad the Goddess sent her to you. I know that she has plans for you both".

I am so humbled by the outpouring of love from my siblings and the support from my Beta. This was how it was always supposed to be. I was the one who changed and made everything weird with us. It was all due to my actions and I am glad that I made the correct changes to stop being who I thought I was supposed to be and go back to who I actually was. I feel like a huge weight has been lifted off of my shoulders, for the first time in almost a year. I am excited to face the days to come, instead of gritting my teeth to get through them and looking for some comfort anywhere I could find it. I have Jade to thank for that, she could have cut me off at the knees and denied me the chance to make it up to her, but she didn't she loves and accepts me right where I am now, what a blessing I have in Jade. I have no idea what I did to deserve her, but I will thank the Goddess for her every single day of my life.

We spend the rest of the day swimming, skiing, and eating lunch on the boat while we played our music lists over the speakers. We all had a great day, and I wish that it would never end, but we have to take the boat into the slip for the night.

As we get closer to the slip, we all notice a familiar figure near our slip. I look over at Jade who also sees her, and the whole group tenses up as none of us want a confrontation, but we all know it is coming.

Tyler expertly docks the boat and he and Tate get off to secure the lines. Tyler had already told us to stay on the boat until they got it secured, and then we would all leave the area together as a group. We come off of the boat together and head for the parking lot, and we didn't see Ashley, thankfully, anymore. But as we approach our vehicles, we see her standing by the SUV that belongs to the Stone Moon pack, the one that Asher is driving, parked near the Jeeps.

"Baby, I have been waiting on you all day. Where have you been?" Ashley asks Asher.

"For the last time Ashley, we are not together. I have warned you. If you don't leave now. I will Alpha Command you to leave me alone. We are done, stop popping up everywhere I go". Asher tells her.

"That isn't what you said, last night baby". Ashley coos at Asher.

"Nothing happened last night Ashley, and nothing will happen between us again. Ever again Ashley. I don't know what I was thinking even trying to date you, Ashley, it was a real lapse in judgment, and it WON'T occur again. Never again. We are finished, I don't want to talk, look at, or interact with you ever again". I tell Ashley. "Well too bad for you, because I am pregnant, and it is your baby Asher. So, I guess I will be Luna after all, won't I". Ashley tells the group.

We all gasp, and Jade goes to pull her hand away from mine, but I hold on to her hand as I start to shake my head at Ashley. Tyler and Tate are lowly growling at Ashley and me, but I know she is lying, and I am about to bust her out in front of the whole group. She is trying anything, but I know the truth and I won't lose Jade over the lies that Ashley is telling. I give Jade's hand a little squeeze to comfort her, as I look over to her and give her a small smile. She doesn't smile back, and I know she is upset at what Ashley just said to the group.

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"I haven't slept with you for well over 3 months Ashley, I was going to about 6 weeks ago, but my mom blocked our meeting and I am SO happy and thankful that she did that for me. I owe my mom everything for doing that because there is no way you could be almost 4 months pregnant in that little bikini and none of us be able to see it. Thank the Goddess my mom stopped me because I would hate to be tied to you for that reason. Hell, I would hate to be tied to you for any reason. You know you would only be pregnant for about 5 months total with an Alpha's baby Ashley, so we would all see you visibly pregnant right now as you would be almost four months pregnant now. Also, I have always used protection when I have slept with anyone because I didn't want anyone but my mate to carry my child. This has been the last time you come to me or my mate with this type of bullshit. You have crossed the line and I will Alpha Command you now". "Ashley Conner of the Stone Moon pack, you are forbidden to speak to myself or Jade Devoe, future Luna of the Stone Moon pack, you and your family will be hereby banished from Stone Moon and become Rogues" I tell her.

"You, you can't mean that. You can't do that to me, Asher. After all that I have meant to you. You were my first, remember, we lost our virginities together at 16. Don't I mean anything at all to you anymore?" Ashley tells me.

I hear laughing coming from the group and I turn to look over and see Braxton laughing and bent over double as he tries to take in a breath. He finally stands up and looks at Ashley as he says, "Girl, I slept with you before Asher did, and you were no more a virgin then than you are now. So, stop your lying and get out of here. It is not going to work with any of us. You need to tread carefully as the next thing that will happen is you and your family will be banished. I hope you warned them that you may cost them everything as they will have no place to go or stay when you get them banished, and we both know you will. Let Asher go, he doesn't want you. Go find yourself another victim, as there is no one for you at Stone Moon anymore, you have slept with all the men you can try to catch one. Well, the ones willing to sleep with you, that is. How is that working for you anyway, huh? Any takers?" Braxton says and then goes back to laughing again. Ashley looks furious at Braxton, then back at Asher before she turns to Jade.

"I had him before, I will have him again, it is just a matter of time". Ashley says before quickly walking off towards her vehicle.

"Don't hold your breath Ashley", Asher calls out after her. "There is nothing that can happen to possess me to ever be with you again. I should have just banished her, instead of the Alpha Command. I just didn't want to banish her without speaking to dad, as he is technically still the Alpha, and I didn't want to overstep. I need to mindlink dad and tell him what just happened so he can speak to her parents before she gets them all banished from the pack. I know dad would agree with it, I just didn't want to banish them without the whole family being warned, so they can speak to Ashley before she costs them everything". I say to the group.

"I guess she is just too busy sleeping with as many people as she can, she didn't realize that you knew when you slept with her last. Maybe she should keep a notebook so she can keep up with all her slutty adventures" Bree says, and burst's out laughing.

I am glad to see that Jade relaxed after I told Ashley that I knew that she was lying. Thank the Goddess I didn't sleep with her that first night we got to Havasu. Aries told me not to, and I was tired and stressed out because I had scented Jade, and then took off on her, and I had felt guilty about leaving Jade at Stone Moon. I hadn't actually slept with anyone, since the night of the Gamma Ceremony, and that date had been scheduled before I even knew about the Gamma Ceremony. I am kicking myself for not going now, I could have met Jade sooner, and I do not have a doubt that once I looked into her eyes, nothing else would have mattered. I know I would have been done for, and it really wouldn't have mattered to me what she looked like at that time. Jade is perfection for me right now, and even 50 lbs. bigger, or fully pregnant with our pups, she will always be perfect in my eyes.

"Jade, I have not slept with anyone for over 2 months. Not since the night of the Gamma Ceremony. Not since well before I knew you were my mate. I promise you that from now on, it is only you. You are perfection in my eyes, and I cannot imagine me being with anyone else. I am sorry that I didn't wait for you, I love you no matter what your size is, and I look forward to you growing large as you carry our pups, if you decide to accept me, and become my Luna.

We all left in our vehicles and went back to the rental house to make dinner and for them to get ready for bed. We all sat around the fire pit after dinner and made smores for dessert. It was a great night, and I really didn't want to leave. Jade walked me outside and to my SUV. I asked her if I could kiss her goodnight. She nodded yes to me, and I swooped in and pressed my lips to hers. They were so soft, and she kept her mouth closed as we kissed, but I felt the tingles as our lips touched. I pulled away from her and asked, "Was that your first kiss, Jade?"

"No, Eric kissed me once on our date, but that was my first kiss. This is my second kiss.". I told him.

"Can I kiss you again Jade?" Asher asked her.

"Yes". I breathlessly tell him.

I lean into Jade and turn her towards my SUV, putting one arm around her and pressing into her, letting her lean her back into the side of the SUV. I feel the tingles from the contact with Jade running up my arm. I tilt my head and start to kiss her again, licking her bottom lip and asking for access, which she did not understand. So, I nipped her bottom lip, and when she opened her mouth to gasp, I slid my tongue in and drew it along her tongue. She tasted sweet, like the smores that we had just made. I get more excited in our kiss and put my other arm across her back and pull her even tighter into me feeling the tingles increasing and going deeper with the kiss. She is all that I can think of, and this kiss is just amazing. I am so excited at finally being able to hold and kiss her, I love the feel of her in my arms and the tingles that I know that we are both experiencing. Her response to me grows as I continue to kiss her, and she moans into my mouth. She breaks away from me gasping in the air with her chest heaving as she tries to catch her breath. She smiles up at me and I continue to just stand there hugging her. This, this is everything to me and I suddenly realize why my mom's seat in dad's office is always in his lap. I plan on doing the same thing with Jade, and I smile as I think about that. She makes me so happy, and I hope I never have to be without her. She sees me smiling and smiles back up at me. I realize that this is the happiest that I have ever been, and I cannot wait to mate and mark her as mine. It is only going to get better for us, and I am looking forward to that.

I give her another quick kiss as I don't want to get worked up to go back to the hotel alone, but I already know I will have to calm myself down in the shower tonight. I have never been so turned on in my life. All we did was kiss, it doesn't even make sense, I have done a lot in the last few years, but nothing compares to what it felt like with Jade. She is special, our bond is special, and it will only get stronger. I cannot imagine how good it will feel to be together when we are fully mated and marked. I feel like if I don't put the breaks on now, I will just want to continue on and just lose my control when it comes to Jade. I rest my forehead against hers for a few minutes and try to calm my breathing down. We just stand there together arm in arm hugging each other. I am completely relaxed and calm. She makes me happy, I never thought that I wanted a mate, but I obviously do. She means the world to me already and I don't care who knows it.

"I will see you, tomorrow baby," I tell her and wink at her. She smiles back at me and goes back into the house. I cannot wait for tomorrow to get here and see her again.

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I think that this is the happiest that I have ever been. Asher is so handsome and when he held me in his arms to kiss me like that, well it was wonderful. It felt so right to be with him. The tingles that I felt in his arms where we touched, I have never felt that before, since I never touched or kissed Calvin, that is probably why. I feel special when he touches me like he really does love me and like he loses some of his control when he is with me. That was the best kiss I have ever had, although I don't really have a lot to compare it to.

I go to sleep with a big smile on my face and fall into a dreamless sleep for the night. I am excited to see Asher tomorrow, it doesn't matter what we are doing as long as we get to be together.

Ashley paces the floor of her hotel room trying to figure out how to break Asher and Jade up. How did Jade end up Asher's mate? She already had a mate and was rejected. How did she get a second chance mate? I will have to find those Members of the Howling Wolf pack while they are still here. I will just go to the Marina and find them tomorrow and see what I can do to get Jade out of our pack and back into theirs. They can have her back, I certainly don't want her here, she is messing up all my best-laid plans. Now I have to be extra careful because if Asher finds out I am involved at all he will banish me and my family. My parents will kill me if that happens, but that's too bad because it needs to be done. Tomorrow morning, I will make sure I find one of them, and get me to take them to the rest of the pack. I know I have the information that they need, and I can get them into Stone Moon to get rid of Jade once and for all.

Bright and early Ashley shows up at the Marina with a poster board with Howling Wolf? on it and then sits down to wait. Several hours later, right before she was going to give up and try again the next day, two girls stop and ask her why she needs "someone from Howling Wolf?".

"I have information about one of their former members, her name is Jade, and I heard that Howling Wolf pack was wanting her back". Ashley tells them.

"Her family is looking for her, she just packed up and left without telling anyone she was leaving," one of the girls tells her. She speaks again, "My name is Danica, and I am dating the soon-to-be Alpha Eric, and this is Sophia, who is dating soon-to-be Beta Calvin Williams, who Jade was originally mates with".

"Yea, allegedly she was his mate, poor Calvin because she is absolutely worthless. We told him to reject her. He chose me to be his chosen mate". Sophia proudly tells me.

"This is my cell phone number, and my name is Ashley. Can you contact your packmates and ask if it is true that they want her back? I can get you in to get her at Stone Moon if your pack still wants her back. Just call me and I can meet you wherever you want. I actually know where she is staying here if you are interested, or I can get you onto pack grounds to get her when we go back home". Ashley tells them. "Why are you so interested in Jade coming back to our pack?" Danica asks Ashley.

"I was dating the Alpha and apparently she is supposed to be his true mate, but I don't know how that that could be true. He is just confused, and I want her gone so we can be together again". Ashley tells them.

"Yea, she has a problem with always trying to take someone else's man. I completely understand why you would want her gone. I will mention it to Eric, I think he is still interested in getting her back to the pack, he mentioned that her family, especially her mom really misses her at Howling Wolf". Danica tells her.

The girls tell her bye and walk off towards the slips. Ashley watches them go and makes a mental note of the slip and the boat, just in case she needs to flirt her way onto the boat to talk the guy's into taking Jade back to the Howling Wolf pack, and away from Asher. Ashley then goes back to her hotel to wait for a phone call, in case the girls do tell Eric or Calvin, that they can take Jade back with them to their pack. She doesn't have to wait long for her phone call.

"Hello?" Ashley says as she answers a call from an unknown number.

"Yes, my name is Eric Taylor, I am the soon-to-be Alpha of the Howling Wolf pack and I heard you had information on one of our missing pack members? A Jade Devoe? Her family would like her to come back to our pack, so I would be interested in knowing where she is staying here. What do you want for the information?" Eric tells Ashley.

"Yes, I followed them to a rental house where they are staying but I warn you she is part of a large group. There are like 8 or 9 people with her. So, you may have to watch the house to know when the odds of getting her back are more in your favor. I don't think that she is going to come willingly. I can meet up with you tonight and show you the house that they are staying in so you can kind of see when they come and go. I can also tell you if I see her out and about, or with her girls, but you will have to be careful as one of her friend's is the Alpha of Stone Moon's only daughter, and the other one is the Gamma's only daughter, the third girl is just a human and won't be a problem. I don't want anything for the information, other than you to take Jade and that she never returns to Stone Moon pack". Ashley tells Eric.

"You will never see her again, she will be staying at Howling Wolf from now on, you have my words once we get her back". Alpha Eric tells Ashley.

"Ok, let's meet up near their rental house at 7 pm". Ashley tells Eric what she will be driving and an address to meet her at a convenience store near the rental house before she hangs up the phone.

Well looks like Jade will be coming home with us now. Funny how that is going to work out. She fell right into my lap, without me having to work on getting her back at all. I know Kyle will be willing to help me as he really wanted to get his hands on her as well after he saw how she looks these days. I will have to make my plans to get her back with him and make a deal with him so we can get her back to Howling Wolf before the rest of our group knows what is going on.