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I looked in the rearview mirror and saw the entire convoy behind us. We had multiple trucks filled with supplies and then a ton of Hummers. It looked like we were moving an army, which we were, but it was odd seeing that behind you as we drove down seaside road. Zeke pointed out farther down the road and there were two figures standing on the cliffside of the road.

'Mom, set up the portal. We are close.' I reached out to her through the Alpha King link.

Usually, it felt weird reaching out to people who weren't part of the pack. I felt it when I mind-linked Hector now but with Mom it was as easy as mind-linking Zeke.

The road ahead started to shimmer and I held tight to the steering wheel. The flash of light from the truck that was headed towards us filled my mind as the memory haunted me. Zeke grabbed my wrist and I blinked. The fear and the lights disappeared as the portal grew and shimmered blue. Steeling myself, I continued to drive down the road, steadying the speed.

I couldn't help it. I closed my eyes as we drove through the shimmering light. The road turned to dirt and the tires struggled to gain purchase. We fishtailed for a moment and I struggled to gain control. Reaching out, even over this distance I could find my mom's mind-link.

'Mom, warn the guys! The difference between the regular road and dirt road is going to make them lose control!'

I quickly turned the old Hummer off road and pulled off to

the side. Flinging open the door, I jumped out just as AJ's Hummer hit the dirt road. His face showed a seriousness that I knew Mom had gotten the message across. He handled the transition well and only skidded a little down the road. He saw me and I motioned him to continue to drive down the road. We had a huge line and we couldn't get bottlenecked with it. One by one, the tucks and Hummers went through the portal, some of the guys driving better than others. I was motioning them on and turned my head back to look at Zeke, just to make sure he was still okay.

He had gotten out of the Hummer and was further into the clearing. What was once empty was now filled with fey and he was speaking with Uriel. I did not have time to deal with him as I turned back to see one of the Hummers fishtail and swing so that they were perpendicular to the road. I growled and ran over to them.

"Step on the gas!" I yelled and Naresh stepped forward.

We both summoned as much of our power and strength as we could and shoved the Hummer out of the way. With the driver stepping on the gas, they were able to drive off the road just as the truck behind them drove out of the portal and down the road. Taking a deep breath, I shook my head. Walking up to the drivers side, I knocked on the window.

The window rolled down and my eyes widened. "Gale?! What the hell! You're not old enough to drive!"

He grinned. "Hector taught me. That transition was gnarly."

I could only blink at him for a moment. "You...I...fucking... goddess above. I'm telling Mom about this. I'm pretty sure she didn't okay you to be here or to be driving a vehicle."

In the passenger seat, Sammy smiled at me. "It's okay! Hector knows!"

"Sammy!" I yelled at her and I felt my blood pressure rise. "You two...we are going to have a talk about this! Who else is with you?"

They both smiled, and all the kids poked their head between the seats and even Herr rolled down the back window. I stared at them, dumbstruck.

"I can't believe you guys. I can't even...where is Morgan?"

"Back at the Vampire King's Castle. He took over with a small force since it was pretty much empty. He's already sitting on the throne. The press are eating it up right now." Gale smiled and Colton lifted up a phone, a new program playing.

I pinched the bridge of my nose. "Right, but where does he think you are?"

"Um...probably in the bedroom wing."

"Or the library."

"Outside playing?"

"Maybe stealing snacks from the kitchen."

I groaned and shook my head. "How did you get out of the castle? Or commodore a vehicle for that matter?"

"Well, funny story..." Sammy started and I growled.

"There is nothing funny about this."

Herr poked her head up in the back window. "I used my powers! Mom has been showing me how to use different



things and I am a real quick learner. I can watch her do something things as well. So we just...walked to the center of town. It was easy peasy lemon squeezy."

"Then we saw one of the Hummers was off to the side, I guess there was supposed to be someone manning it but no one claimed it. So we just figured we would fill it."

"And we loaded it up with supplies from the Vampire Kings castle. You wouldn't believe some of the stuff that they had in the storerooms. I mean, all kinds of silver weapons. Felicity couldn't touch any of it but we all are pretty immune."

I just stared at them, in both shock and awe. Walking around the vehicle, I opened up the back and sure enough, there were tons of weapons, silver tipped or completely made of silver. There was also a couple crates of what looked like holy water bombs. My mom had told me about them and that they were expensive when she was working as a mercenary, but there were a tone of them in these two crates.

"I...I'm both impressed and absolutely frustrated."

"Mom has been training us to fight and most of us can use magic. We aren't helpless." Gale growled out.

I slammed the back door shut and came around the drivers side again. "It doesn't mean you should be here. You aren't safe."

Sammy scoffed. "Yeah, we aren't safe anywhere. Not with who we are. Plus, we want revenge too. Wendy was our sister. Sir and Bast are our siblings. This asshole hurt Mom and Dad. We aren't just going to let that go."

Honestly, I wished I had half the motivation these kids did

when I was their age. I was sneaking out and stealing cookies and complaining that Mom was kicking my ass too much in training. They were out here, wanting to fight and actually being useful.

"Turn the Hummer around so you're facing the right way and sneak into the line. We will still be having a conversation about this with Mom and Hector. Plus, all of you are going to call Morgan and tell him exactly where you are and what you did. See how Grandpa feels about this little stunt."

All of them hung their heads.

"You did good though. Thank you. I know you guys lost family too. I'm not saving you from the wrath of Mom but I'm not going to make you go back either."

They all looked at each other and smiled. Gale nodded to me.

"Thanks, Vale. It means a lot."

I shook my head. "That's Alpha King Vale to you. Now get going before your behind any further!"

Stepping back, I shook my head as Gale turned the Hummer around and waited until he snuck into the line before heading back over the road. Zeke was coming back and I could see the army of the Fey marching into the forests.

"What was that about?" The both of us asked each other at the same time.

I laughed. "You first."

Zeke was chuckling as well. "Uriel was able to pinpoint

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Auri's magic, figured he show up as well. I told him the area were planning on setting up camp. He's going to take his warriors through the trees and set up within the area. What about you?"

Sighing heavily, I shook my head. "It was the kids."

"The kids? Wait...Auri's kids?"

I nodded. "Gale was driving and apparently Hector's been teaching him how to drive but he's not used to driving enough to correct for the difficulty in changing terrain."

"Wait...is it all of them? I thought they were with Morgan."

"I'm pretty sure Morgan still thinks they are with him. It's all of them. They also brought a huge amount of silver weapons from the Vampire King's castle."

Zeke looked at a loss for words and I nodded.

"Yeah. That's the same face I had. I told them they have to face Mom but goddess do I not want to be in the room when that happens. I can't even...Mom is going to murder them all. And Morgan."

"How...what...why?"

I sighed. "Revenge. I mean, their sibling died and two others were taken. They're a family and I can understand wanting to fight. I know they can but Mom wanted them far from here."

"Goddess above, I can't even."

I chuckled. "You and me both."

We leaned against the Hummer as the last of the convoy was driving through the portal. It had taken a ridiculous



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amount of time but we had a lot of people and supplies since we didn't know how long we were going to be waiting here. It could be a couple days, it could be a couple weeks. No one really knew at this point. It was about five minutes from the last vehicle when I watched my mom and Hector walk through the portal, it closing behind them. I ran my hands over my face and sighed.

"Shall we? I am going to need a nap after that. I don't think I've held that big of a portal for that long before. Not with the amount of runes I have on my back right now."

I hummed. "Yeah. We are going to step up camp and then we need to send in a messenger to the castle."

"Are you going to send them today or tomorrow?"

"What do you think?" I looked at the two of them.

Hector sighed. "Let's see how long it takes for us to set up and get a perimeter going. If it's too late in the evening, then we will send them tomorrow. I don't want them to end up going while it's dark. Most of Oran's warriors are vampires and I'm sure all of them can't be old enough to walk in the sun. It would be better to do it during the day."

I nodded to them. "Alright. Let's do that. Get in, we need to catch up to AJ."

We all climbed into the beast and I started up the engine again. Mom put her hand on my shoulder as we pulled out onto the road. I nearly jumped out of my seat with her touch but she gave me the slightest smile in the mirror.

"I already know about the kids sneaking in. You don't need to worry about trying to break the news to me."

Hector snorted. "They think we haven't been around the

block. Like we didn't sneak out when we were kids."

"Like we didn't fight a war when we were kids." My mom chimed in.

I shot a smirk at Zeke who was trying to hold back his smile.

"So who is going to break it to Morgan?"

My mom shook her head. "That's on the kids. Even I'm not going to risk that. Last time I said I was going to fight in a war, we fought and the two of us didn't talk for years after that."

"Well, they brought some weapons and crates of holy water with them. So that has to count for something."

I saw my mom nod. "It means they are prepared to fight to get their family back. Doesn't mean I will agree to it, but it's admirable. I won't punish them for that."

It was easy to read between the lines with Mom. They were in a world of hurt when we stopped to make camp. I, for one, was not going to be there when it happened. 1