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Chapter 51

Neither Vale or I slept the rest of the night. We must have looked like zombies coming down to breakfa st but no one fucked with us. Suddenly, I felt very glad Vale was avoided. He was so numb at this point, looking like a ho llow shell of himself. The Alpha didn't care but I could tell High Councilor Mark definitely gave him a few looks of confusion. Nothing was ever said out loud though.

Cracking my neck, I stretched. We needed to focus. We needed to reign in everything. We had to for the sa ke of the six little kids now trapped in a fucking cell.

"So where is the training grounds? I feel likebeating the shit out of something."I cracked my knuckles for emphasis.

"Sorry. We don't allow outsiders to fight in ourtraining grounds."

My br ow furrowed."Why the fuck not? Wouldn't you want to show off your might? Or learn a thing or two from wolves coming into the pack? Seems like a damn fucking shame. I wanted to beat the snot out of some pups."I laughed but holy hell did it sound hollow.

Vale looked up at me, realizing what I was doing. I saw him take a deep breath and sit up straight."You can spa r with me, my friend. I also have been banned from sparing."

I sat straighter."Yes, my king. Whatever you would like."

The entire room shifted when I said that. It was like a mixture of stunned silence and understanding. These assholes didn't realize who the fuck they had in their presence and while Vale said he would play it down, I would not. They needed to learn some damn respect.

"Can we train in the training grounds, or is thatnot allowed either?"

The Alpha cleared his throat."Sorry. The training grounds are off limits."

I snorted."Sure. Don't want the entire pack finding out your warriors are shit anyways."

The whole table growled and I raised my eyebrow."I laid out four of you in a blink of an eye. Apparently, one was your Beta? You probably wouldn't even be worth my time. A bunch of weak -ass..."

"Hector." Vale threw a warning at me.

I bared my neck to him."Sorry, my king. I got caught up."

He sighed."Try not to offend everyone at the table. It makes the fruit go sour."

"Of course, my king."

Shutting my trap, I glared at the Alpha who looked shocked still. Even the High Councilor next to him seemed shocked, which seemed odd. Taking few more bites of breakfast, I rose and rolled my shoulders. Grabbing my plate, I reached out for Vale's empty plate.

"Thanks."

"Lea st I can do, my King. Shall we change andmeet outside of the castle in ten?"

Vale nodded and I smiled. It might help both of us to go through the motions of fighting. Vale could go all out with me and I could mostly go all out with him. He had gotten better but still, I never felt the same bitter rivalry I had with Auri. I took the pa te into the kitchen, with the kitchen staff looking shocked at me. Smiling, I nodded to them and headed into the room to grab my training shorts and tank. (1)

Opening the door, the Beta was leaning against the wall opposite of my door. My brow furrowed.

"You're putting on a show right? Following aking like that?"

My eyes widened."Are you fucking joking right now?"

The Beta seemed stunned and I watched his shoulder slip from the wall."N... no?"

"Is that a fucking question, Beta? 'N... n... n. no?'That's our Alpha King. You think he couldn't flatten your ass in moments, you are sorely mistaken. All the shit you've done and said to him this whole time our king has been here, will come back to bite you in the ass so hard you're going to wish for death."I slammed the door behind me and he jumped at the noise.

"But he's...."

I tsked."He's what, Beta?"

"Young and stupid and..."

"Don't fucking finish that if you're going toinsult him cause I will take your head for speaking against our Alpha King."I leaned in and whispered."And it would be easy considering how weak you fucking are."Leaning back, I shook my head and walked down the hallway."You're the stupid ones. All of you. Treating your king the same as you would the staff. Don't think I saw that this is the staff quarters. You will all pay for your insolence and I am happy I'm here to fucking witness it."

I didn't turn and just headed out the back door of the kitchen, giving the kitchen staff a quick wave as I walked out. A few of the woman blushed and I winked. We may need to have some friends here later so it didn't hurt to be extra friendly to the staff. Vale was waiting outside, his hands in the pockets of his shorts.

"Where do you want to spar?"

"We can just do it a little ways out. It's a bigenough clearing we shouldn't bother anything too badly."For the first time, I saw Vale crack smile.

I smiled as well."Sounds good, my liege. Lead the way."

"You going to do that this whole time?"

Nodding, I shrugged."You know it. Maybe they will upgrade our rooms. Honestly, I don't think my back can take those beds.

"Whatever, old man. I've slept perfectly find onthem."

"Vale,I'm older than your mother. Please have alittle resp ect for my old bones."

He snorted."Can I beat those old bones of yours?"

I laughed."Of course not."

"Then shut up and fight me, old man."

Smiling, I nodded."Rules?"

"No shifting. No death?"

Laughing again, I brought my hands up."As you wish, my King."

With that, we became a blur. I let loose my full power as I threw a punch at Vale. He moved an inch as he dodged it, only to throw his own punch at me. Twirling, I threw the momentum of the punch into a roundhouse kick all while dodging his punch. My kick missed but I managed to plant my foot and get a punch to his side. Vale flinched for only a breath as he threw another punch my way. I blocked it but his foot came up and kicked my kne e out, almost making me stumble.

Smiling, he had really gotten better. He no longer felt intimidated and didn't hesitate. It was precise. Movements without wasted effort. I took two steps back before dashing behind him. For a moment, it was too quick for him and I managed to land a solid kick to his lower back.

"Fuck."

I chuckled."Watch your back, my King. You never know who might be creeping up behind you."

He shook his head, but the small smile earlier was much wider now. We continued to spar, sweat dipping down our faces. Our shirts had been discarded earlier and now we shone in the sun. It was warm and it didn't help us going full balls to the wall. Over time, we also gained an audience as well. That seemed to motivate Vale just a bit and there were a few times I saw Naresh come forward. Ryder e came forward during those times, enjoying the wolf on wolf fight.

It never lasted long because they would always try to shift into our wolf forms. We were landing good hits on each other but I knew Vale was tiring more than I was. He hadn't been training the whole time he was out here and it was obvious. Whereas, I had been training with Morgan the whole time we were trying to put down some crazy vampires.

I crossed my arms over my head and shook my head."Alright. We have been at this for a few hours. I think it's time we take a break."

Vale nodded and fell back on his ass, taking a couple deep breaths."Fucking hell, old man. Sometimes, I wonder what it would have been like to fight you in the younger days."

Smiling, I shook my head."Not as fun. I hadn't trained with Auri. I couldn't even last fifteen minutes against her. So you would have beaten

my ass. If anything, I'm at my strongest now. Even at my age."

"How old are you?"

My eyebrow rose."How rude are you, my King?"

He rolled his eyes."Shit. I definitely feel better. But I think I need a nap."

"That makes two of us." Our audience was stillstanding outside the castle. They were too far away to make out their faces."Shall we head in? I'd like to be ne arer to my phone as we get into the afternoon."

Vale nodded and held out his hand. Rolling my eyes, I reached down and pulled him up off the ground. He hissed and I looked down at his side. His ribs were starting to turn a sickly purple color. My nose wrinkled.

"Sorry about that. It looks like I may have brokena few ribs."

"Sorry, my ass."Vale grumbled as he walked,trying not to let the pain show in his steps.

Holding back my laugher, I turned my head away from him."Would you like me to carry you, my King?"

"Don't fucking test me, Hector. My mo m doesn'tlove you that much. She will get over your death quickly."

Whining, my lower li p trembled as it pulled into a pout."How could you? Your mom would be so torn up."

"She had Bryan."

"You are a heartless monster, my king."(1)

He chuckled and nodded to the other wolves who standing in our way. They moved, a mixture of being flabbergasted and actual respect. I sighed. It took them long enough. Sure, I might not be able to do anything about the Alpha or Beta's attitude but at the very least, the rest of the pack could show some respect. I had the feeling that Vale was going to do some house cleaning after the kids were saved.

We walked in, push ing each other trying to get the other one to fall from the soreness but stopped as the Alpha and High Councilor were standing outside our little dormitories.

"You were disrupting our training."

"You didn't let us train in the training grounds. How can we disrupt your training when we weren't even there?"I called back, opening up my door.

Vale already was closing his door and didn't even bother to reply.

The Alpha growled."You know, you are on my territory because I am being nice."

I smiled."Then next time, you can join our training. I would love to know the power that the you have as an Alpha. I'm sure you could keep up with us, right?"

He stepped back and the shift in his post ure told me he absolutely couldn't. I saluted him and closed the door. They both stormed off and I quickly jumped in the shower. When I got out, Vale was laying on my bed. I sighed and pulled on some sweats and a shirt. Pulling my phone out of the drawer, I noticed three missed calls and I froze.

Hitting the missed call notification, I waited and Simon answered the phone. He looked worse than Vale and I did. It was obvious he hadn't slept either but it was more than that.

"What's going on, Danger?"

He sighed."I wish it was good. I wish it wasn't fucking nothing ... "

Vale growled and moved on the bed. I sat down on the bed next to him."What happened?"

"We found his phone. It was broken but stillworking in the gutter by the street in the town close by."He ran his hands through his hair."took a video of it on the TV."

Vale played the video. It showed his BMW, pull up to the corner of the opposite side of the street. Suddenly, four black SUV's blocked both his front and back exit. Two more pulled up on their side of his car while two more blocked the entire road. At least eighteen vampires got out of the SUV's and swarmed the car. Ezekiel tried to run them over, tried to push the large SUV's out of the way but it was no use. Eventually, one of the vampires just pulled the whole door off the car.

It was impressive. Even face d with a shit ton of vampires, Ezekiel didn't stop fighting. He took down at least six of them, definitely turning a few to dust before a vampire got in a quick lucky shot. His body crumpled to the ground and Vale whimpered. My hand came up and held onto the phone so his hand could fall. I continued to watch the video as they stuffed Ezekiel into one of the SUV's and three of them took off to the right. The rest cleaned up the mess and four other vampires got into Ezekiel's car and drove off with it. Suddenly, the whole street looked like nothing had happened.

The video stopped and I placed the phone on the bed. Our worse fears were realized. Ezekiel had been taken by a the group of vampires and if Auri's theory turned out to be true, it was most likely the BloodHunter Coven.

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Chapter 52

Vale stared at the floor. I could pick up his heartbeat as it raced but nothing showed it in his features. His face was bl ank as he bore holes into the floor. Looking back at the phone, I saw Simon also watching intently. Every once in a while, he would look up over the phone.

"So, what's next?"I finally broke the silence and asked.

Simon's head locked back onto me."Well, right now, we are tracking down the three SUV's that drove off in the beginning of the video. They basically played the cup game and mixed together, then went separate ways. Pipsqueak is tracking their movements through as many cameras as she can get ahold of. We took one of the SUV's and she is still tracking the other two."

I nodded."Tracing where they went narrows our search considerably."He nodded as well but I saw his lips press together."What?"

Simon glanced at Vale who still hadn't moved."All that footage is from a week ago. We are days behind them at this point. I don't want to say that we might not even know if he is still here but ..."

Taking a deep breath, I looked down. He was right. If one of those SUV's pulled up to the airport or train station we would be fucked. The next worst case is that we found where they were keeping him but they had already moved. We would have no information on how to track them down from there. It was a mess. A right fucking mess.

"How is..."

Simon shook his head, giving me a warning with his eyes."We will keep you posted if anything else happens. For now, updates might be slow. Pipsqueak is going as fast as she can through tracking the SUV's but it's going to take time."

"Try to get some rest. You look like a damnzombie."

Simon chuckled."Try looking in the mirror, Beta. We are working our way through this one since it's mostly on the back country roads without cameras. We aren't going to stop. Trust me."

"I do. We'll be waiting for your updates."

He nodded and the phone hung up. I set my phone down on the bed behind me. Looking at Vale, I placed a hand on his shoulder and he jumped, forgetting someone else was in the room. His eyes turned glossy.

"What am I going to do, Hector?I can't lose him.I can't..."I saw him swallow hard.

"We will figure this out. Like I said, they wanthim alive. They could have killed him right there and there was nothing stopping them. I don't think they are trying to use him again st you either."

Vale looked at me, confused."Why? He's my mate."

"Right, but we didn't officially announce yourconnection. They might have taken him for being an Alpha or in association with our pack. It's taken us a week to get this information. They didn't send out a ransom or contacted us in any way for what they want. It doesn't seem like it's a set up for getting something from you as the king."

"Then why ... "

My eyes me t the floor."I..."

"Hector, spit it out."

Looking Vale in the eyes, I hardened by heart and took a breath."They might not only be taking children, Vale. He's a strong Alpha with bloodlines dating back to the creation of werewolves."

Any color that maybe was still on his face brought by the tears shinning in his eyes disappeared. His shaking came back and he started to shake his head."No... no... that would be ...I..."

There was a knock on the door and High Councilor Mark opened up the door without even waiting for an answer. His eyes caught us and they widened."I'm sorry. I should have waited. I'm interrupting something ."

Vale tooka deep breath."No, it's fine Mark. How can I help you?"

Mark looked suspicious and if he had any sense of dignity or brains, he would have said it wasn't worth it. He would have turned his ass right around and shut the door behind him. Apparently, High Councilor Mark had no such sense.

"Alpha Niles would like to speak with you inregards to the front lines. In the next week, he wants to transfer over there for a couple days. There is word going around that the witches are setting up something big by the end of the week."

Vale looked at me and closed his eyes, taking yet another deep breath."Understood. We can head over there in the next few days. I'll chat with you about the details and what you would have Hector and I take part in."

Mark nodded and regarded the both of us before finally turning around, closing the door behind him. I rolled my eyes and shook my head.

"Back in my day ... "

"... when the wheel was invented ... "

I glared at Vale."... people had the sense to read a room and leave when they weren't wanted."

Vale chuckled."Not any of these assholes here, that's for sure."

Signing, I asked, 'What are you going to do about the Alpha and the Beta?'

His lips pursed and he signed back.'At the very least, the two of them will pay for their crimes. No matter the reason because nothing could justify what they have done.'

'Will you have another Alpha take over?'

I saw a flash of understanding and slight surprise. He hadn't really thought that far out yet. But if the pack wasn't to be disbanded and they ended up being the victims, it would be another situation of the Darkry pack. We wanted to avoid that at all costs.

He narrowed his eyes and then they widened."I have an idea. An old friend, well, an old friend of my moms, her son... I think I can call him and talk to him. I trust him. He and his mate don't have a pack."

"But he's an Alpha?"

Vale nodded slowly."It's someone my mom has kept in touch with over the years. Her son was the first born of the late fake Alpha King."

My eyes widened and stood up straight."And you trust him?"

He nodded."He wasn't raised by the Alpha King. He was kicked out, well, his mom was kicked out when she told the Alpha King she was pregnant. Evan is

a strong Alpha but he's been living pack-less ever since he was born. Rarely do packs like two Alpha's of different decent on the same territory."

"If you trust him... then it sounds like a goodopportunity for him."

"He and his mate live in Kentucky right now, Ithink? They have a pup, as well. So let's see if I can convince him."

We lapsed into a silence for a while. I was about to say something when Vale shook his head.

"Don't... Hector. I can't... I have to focus. If I dwell on it for too long, I'm going to lose my mind. Clinging to the fact that he is alive is all I can do. We have to save those kids. Have to stop this war that could kill more and have ripple effects across the world. I have to be King."He stood up and headed to the door.

"Vale, wait..."

He shook his head and slammed the door after him. I listened as he walked down the hall, not going into his room.

'He's probably going for a run.' Ryder e sighed.

'I'm worried about him. We've seen this before. This dec ent into madness. Logan had it but this time, Vale knows Ezekiel has been taken.'

Ryder e brushed against my consciousness, taking control of my body for a moment. He walked over to the window and looked out.'As much as I am worried for Ezekiel and for Vale, I'm also worried about our love. She has been working so hard to keep anything bad from happening and now...'

'To what lengths is she willing to go to get himback? To save Vale from the pain that her and Logan went through?' I paced the back of my mind.

Ryder e nodded as he caught of glimpse of white fu r out in the forest. He sighed and shook his head. Retreating back, I took over and crossed my arms over my chest. We didn't need this now. There was too much going on. I'd take a quick and easy battle over all this shit any day.

'We're getting too old for this.' Ryder e snickeredin the back of my mind. Far enough away where I couldn't swat at him.

'Thanks, yah mange y mutt.'

Vale was getting more and more agitated as the days went by. His temp er was quick and there was a few times Naresh had taken over just to get through the day without killing anyone. Suddenly, the Alpha and Beta had a ton of things for us to do and were keeping us busy, as well as a k een eye on us. We couldn't even sign any more. Vale had to resort back to mind link. Being King let him mind link with any wolf but it was a pain because it didn't feel natural while speaking back and forth.

Every so often, he would check in to see if we had any news on Ezekiel but each time I told him no. It was the truth. I texted Simon and even Bryan but they just kept saying they were working on it. They managed to cross off two of the SUV's but the third one was getting hard to track and it was taking days. Days that continued to bother Vale and make everything worse.

He was still in contract with the vampire High Councilor members who were with the other side. They were trying to delay the fight as much as possible but Vale still hadn't come up with a good plan to get the kids out. I had no idea what do in regards to it but now we were running out of time. The head wi tch was told that we had located the children and as much as she was willing to give us time to get them out safely, her patience was running thin.

It was coming up on a week since I got here and I leaned against the wall. I was worried. Worried about Vale, worried about Auri, about those poor kids under us. Worried we would be too late for them or for Ezekiel. Vale probably felt like he was choosing between Ezekiel's life and the kids life. Even though that wouldn't have been the case. The kids needed us now but without a third here, it was harder to create a plan.

My door slammed open and shut in one movement, Vale storming in. Eyes widening, I watched as he stormed up to me.

"Give me your phone."

"What? Vale what are you..."

He growled and I saw his control slipping."Give me your fucking phone, Hector. I can't deal with this. They won't fucking answer my calls. Give me your damn phone." "Vale, they don't have any more information. Weneed to focus on our task and they need to be able to focus on theirs."

"A fucking week, Hector!A week! He's been gonefor two fucking weeks and they still haven't found him! It's not a damn needle in a haystack!"

I growled back at him."No, it's just a werewolf on the fucking planet!"

Vale's eyes fell back to their usual deep amber color, surprised I raised my voice at him.

"I understand you upset, Vale. I know this is yourmate. I know that and I know how much it hurts."

"No, you fucking don't! You don't have a ... "

Before he finished his sentence, I punched him in the ribs. He bent over, grabbing his side, trying to take a breath after I just knocked it out of him.

"You listen here, pup, and you listen well. Anything you could possibly image going through with your mate, I promise you I have felt it over the years. I know you're in pain but you need to get your fucking head on straight, Vale. You said you were King and that you needed time to formula te a plan but you've been focusing on Ezekiel."

I took a deep breath and pulled out my phone."I will give you this on one condition that once you call them, once they answer, you will give me the plan to save those kids. Do you understand?"

Vale looked up at me. I knew he was still pissed but at least he seemed more rational about it. "Fine. Just give me the fucking phone."

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Chapter 53

He took the phone from my hand but I didn't let it go. My eyes locked with his as he looked up at me, confused as to why I wouldn't let go.

"I know you're upset. This might make it worse. You need to understand that you aren't the only one in pain. You aren't the only one who loves him. He may be your mate, but he is also a friend, a son, a member of the pack and family. It's not just you in pain."

He growled and pulled the phone out my my hands. I watched as Vale phoned Auri. It was understandable how upset and angry he was but this was bigger than him as well. The fact that he still couldn't feel anything through the bond seemed to be a good sign.

Auri proved that she could be far away but still made Logan feel her pain of her dying. The death of a mate could be felt anywhere. No matter how far away you were. We continued to find that out the hard way. Bryan was in Europe when Denise died. He said he felt every bit of it. Not the pain beforehand but her death for sure.

Bryan picked up Auri's phone. His usual smirk nowhere on his face. The lines and the dark circles meant they were most likely running on fumes at this point.

"Hec... ah... Vale, what can I..."

"Get me my mother, Bryan."

He sighed. "Vale, she's not speaking to anyone but Pipsqueak. Not mindlink. Not signing. Nothing. She's..." His eyes turned to me and his mouth dropped further into a frown.

"I don't care what the fuck she's doing. She'sgoing to talk to me. He's my mate, Bryan!"

Bryan sighed again and walked the phone out of the house. He held it up and the camera flipped to look out over the ocean. Auri was sitting on the rocks, smoking with an entire cigarette pack shoved in the straps of her top. She wasn't paying attention to anything but the waves.

"Mom!" Vale nearly screamed at her and I leanedaway from him.

She looked at Bryan, shook her head, and turned away.

"See. She won't speak..."

"Pass her the fucking phone, damn it! If shedoesn't want to talk, fine. But she sure as hell is going to listen."Vale was getting more and more hysterical despite me trying to calm him down.

Bryan walked closer and turned the camera around before holding out the phone."Auri... you need to talk to him."

There was no movement or reply that we could see. Vale was getting angrier by the second.

"Mother, tell me what the fuck you are doing!Tell me why you're just sitting there when my mate is gone! On your watch! Your fucking pack member and you're sitting there smoking like a fucking lazy..."

Suddenly, the phone moved. Auri's face came into view but she whipped her middle finger up at the phone. My eyes widened as I took in her face. The lines in her face were deeper, the frown plastered on her face. Dark circles seemed to dig deep canals under her eyes but it was her eyes themselves that caught my attention. Her face disappeared moments later, as the phone was being lobbed through the air. It spun and you could see Bryan grab it before it fell onto the grass.

"Damn it, Auri. This would be the third fuckingphone."Bryan growled, pulling the camera back up to him."I'm sorry, Vale. We are doing what we can, I promise. It's useless for us to just trek around the glob e for him. We are relying on Pipsqueak to follow the trail but it's not easy. We are trying to narrow down a final destination."

I swallowed, hard."Bryan, she's ... "

He nodded, rubbing his eyes before pinching the bridge of his nose."Yeah. I don't know where she got them. But I think that's the only thing getting her through all this. It's too much. Too many memories... of situations repeating. She pulled her sole focus to this and for that she..."

"You're talking about her eyes, right? What wasthat?"

"Nova, Vale. The original Nova. One of the sideeffects of it was that it gave you eyes that looked like the Milky Way. It looks different on your mo m because she is blind. It's much more prominent." I answered him. Vale only got angrier, his ears turning red."She's taking the same shi t my dad did? That everyone we are dealing with..."

"No, Vale. Right now, it's 2.0 going around. Shehas 1.0, the eyes prove that. The new drug got rid of that side effect. It's different enough to not have the lasting side effects that the new one has. I mean, your mom took it for years. She... knows what she's doing."I looked at Bryan, who didn't seem convinced.

He turned the phone's camera around again, discretely this time. Holding it at a downward angle, Aur i came into view. She was putting the box of cigarettes down on the table. Taking the one she currently had between her lips, Auri put it out. I turned, hand over my mouth to not make a sound, as she put the cigarette out on her arm. There were so many marks littering her arm and I started to shake. The door slammed shut to the house and the phone flipped back.

"She's been doing that every day she hasn'tfound him. Since we found his car."

Vale growled."So what? She can't feel pain. It just makes a mark."

I shook my head."No, Nova 1.0 makes her feel pain at a normal level. It swaps it with her emotions. She feels every single one of those as long as she is on it." Closing my eyes, I ran my hands through my hair."You'll get back to us as soon as you have something?"

"You have word. Big or small. Pipsqueak is goingthrough all of it. Stay safe over there. Get the job done so you can come back soon."

I nodded, as did Vale."Bryan, I'm counting on you."

"Yes, Alpha King."

The call ended, leaving Vale and I in different states of shock. He started to collapse but I quickly reached out, grabbing him and setting him on the end of the ridiculously small bed. His head dropped into his hands. I knew he felt bad for the way he acted. The anger now dissipated into just shock and pain.

"I shouldn't have said all that to my mom. She...she's in pain... you were right. You could see it on her face. Fuck. I even called her mother."Shaking his head, he started so b silently. We silently stewed in our own thoughts before he cried out in pure sadness and pain."I can't even protect my own mate! What the fuck am I doing?"

I sighed and squatted down in front of him."Vale, look at me."

He didn't look up right away but eventually raised his head.

"Your mom is doing to everything in her powerto find him. She's the person who knows what it's like. She is going to find him. Give her time. You have the best team working to find him. You know she would go to war for her family."

His eyes started to shine."But what if...what if they..."

I shook my head."If they wanted him dead, he already would be. They had the chance but they didn't. Instead, they took him. Which means we can get him. But he wouldn't want us to abandon this mission. Let Pipsqueak, Bryan, Simon, and your mom take cause of this, alright? We will join then after we stabilize what's going on here. Focus, Vale."

"You're right. I just ... "

Standing, I patted his back."I know. It's a lot. But I have faith and so should you. For now, tell me what the fuck we are going to do."

Taking a couple breaths, he nodded. Standing up, Vale started to pa ce my tiny room. I leaned against the wall by the window, waiting for him to say something. It was a good five minutes before he threw up his hands, he mumbled something too quiet under his breath. My assumption was that he was chatting with Naresh about a plan.

'You remember when we first found out thatAuri was taking Nova?'

My head tilted to the side. 'You mean when you took over and shifted us?'

Ryder e chuckled.'No. I didn't do that till after we found out about the stupid BloodHunter vampire Logan was siding with.'

I hummed, not sure I quite believed him.

'She was so nonchalan t about it. Like it was nobig deal. But later on, she confessed that she was scared of what it was doing to her. Making her lose her sense of self.'

Nodding, I closed my eyes. Trying to think back to all those years ago.'She was so upset at Bryan for drugging her. He is probably more upset over this than we are. But those marks...'

'We can't lose her again, Hector. I refuse to loseher again. I don't... I don't think I'm strong enough for that.' Rydere's confession made my heart constrict.

Suddenly, I was struggling to breathe. My head felt light headed at the thought of losing Auri not only to Nova but this crusade for Ezekiel. She would do it. In a heartbeat she would give her life for any of her children. Even Týr, being as he was now. Auri would do anything to protect them. When Auri died, I almost lost Rydere. I didn't know if I could continue without her either but the thought of losing both of them shook me to the core.

Swallowing hard, I tried not to let the tears fall as I looked up. My mind was dipping into the darkness and I needed to pull myself out. We couldn't think about it. Right now, we had a job to do. As much as I wanted to go home, we couldn't yet. I needed to listen to my own damn advise.

Everything in me right now buzzed that I needed to hold Auri close. To be by her side and help her. She needed me but right now, Vale needed me more. Taking a deep breath, I opened my eyes. Vale had stopped pacing and was nodding his head.

Turning to me, he smiled."I have an idea. It's something and we can do with just the two of us."

Cocking my head to the side, I waited for this plan when I felt the prickle and push against my mind. Wrinkling my nose, I let Vale into my mind.

He smirked, one that made me feel a little uncomfortable. 'We... well, you... are going to sneak them out in two days.'

"Me?!"

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Chapter 54

Of all the idiotic plans, this one had be up there on the dumb est fucking plans to date. Especially when lives were at stake. I pinched the bridge of my nose; like mother like son. The two of them were definitely going to get me killed one day. I couldn't believe I lasted this long anyways. Every day was a gift and here was that gift being ripped out from under me.

He made it sound so easy. Go down an empty corridor, find a hidden door, head down, grab six kids, and walk on out of the territory to a waiting group of vampires and witches. Huffing, I threw my hands up.

'He's very much our loves son.' Ryder e chuckled.

'Sure. But shall we list off the things that couldgo wrong?! paced in the small room.

Ryder e rolled his eyes and laid down.'I'm sure you will tell me anyways.'

'Not only am I going to have to go in unseen, somehow find this magic al door that Vale described but I've never seen. Go down and somehow convince six children that I'm a good werewolf when they have been deathly afraid of werewolves this whole time. We don't know the condition they are in. We don't know if I'm going to somehow carry all six kids out myself. Then we are just walking out of this castle and straight out of the territory without a single person finding us. Fuck this plan.'

'I think I saw three gre y hairs grow out of yourhead, Hector.'

I growled at him.'You know, sometimes I think Auri's mind must be so fucking peaceful.'

Ryder e chuckled again.'Our love would trade anything to have her wolf back. At least Kai could talk some sense into her. Fucking taking Nova again. What is she thinking?'

Nodding, I sighed and looked out the window.'We will deal with it when we get home. Knock some sense into her.'

'For now, we have to survive this plan.'

Closing my eyes, I leaned back again st the wall. This placed smelled like mi Idew and I could see why Vale felt uncomfortable here. The whole territory felt off. Even after taking a day or two in the city, everyone seemed off. Everyone was walking on egg shells and war y of each other. The supposed border patrol was maybe five wolves for the entire territory. It seemed like this whole pack was ass backwards. Not to mention their Beta was a joke.

I hadn't even had a conversation with the Alpha outside of the initial chat we had and Vale was even less liked. It still irked me to no end that he was playing dumb in front of them but since we picked up the sparring sessions, the warriors seemed to have a little more respect for him. I didn't understand why he continued to force this weird idea but it seemed like it worked enough to allow him to find the missing kids. It just all seemed odd. That, after losing pups, they would steal other children. The Alpha was definitely not mated or his Luna would have murdered him.

The weird prickle of Vale's mind link made me wrinkle my nose.'It's time, Hector. We are leaving for the front lines. I told them you would follow us after a few hours cause I wasn't about to wake up a sleeping bear.'

'Thanks. I appreciate giving me the bestreputation.'

Vale laughed through the mind link. 'Depending on how they explain their idiocy, you might keep that reputation in-tacked.'

'Lovely. Is that High Councilor coming with youas well?' (1)

'Yes. We are running in wolf form. Get going, Hector. Jess and Peter are waiting for you in the forest with the head witch and a few other coven members'

'Fuck. This just keeps getting worse.'

His mind link broke and I knew he was too far. Opening up the door, I looked around but there wasn't a single wolf in the hallway. Shutting the door behind me, I walked down the hall and took the stairs to the first floor. Vale had drawn out a map on his phone of the castle and I also took a couple days to orient myself as well. But I hadn't ever been down that hallway.

I walked into the kitchen and grabbed an apple, a few of the girls from the kitchen staff giggled as I sent them a wink. Really, this whole pack walked on eggshells but showing them a little kindness seemed to melt their hard exteriors. They were busy prepping a huge meal. My eyes narrowed.

"Are you taking that to the front line?"

One of the males nodded but didn't speak. I didn't ask anything else and left them to it. They looked almost done and hopefully this would clear the path for me to head out the door that was on the right side of the kitchen.

It was one of the few exits in this place. For how many damn rooms, four exits did not seem like enough. Especially, when trying to escape with tiny humans. My nose wrinkled and I tooka couple loafs of bread along with two more apples and headed out of the kitchen.

Using mostly my hearing, I tried to check to see if I could hear anything down the hallways.

'I don't think anyone is here, Hector.'

'Do you know how many times I've heard thatout of you and we got our asses caught with our dick in our hand?' 1

Ryder e snickered but retreated back a little. He was ready to take over if needed. As much as he continued to be the voice of sass, he was strong and was more than once the reason why we had survived the worst scrapes.

My head looked down the hallways that supposedly had the hidden door. There was no one and it looked like a dead end , only a window at the end of the hall. Walking down the hall, I faced the left side and eyed the wall. It all looked like stone. One wall of stone. Placing all the food into one arm, I turned around and pulled the light fixture on the opposite wall.

After a moment, I heard the faint sound of grinding behind me as I pulled the light all the way down. I was surprised at just how quiet it was when opening. I was expecting more stone grinding against stone. Once it opened, though,I peaked my head in but it was a long staircase down into the ground.It smelled terrible. It took the cake for worst smelling place s I had been in. My eyes watered as I walked down the stairs. The smell of excrement and mo Id and death and all number of disgusting smells forced me to try and br eath out my mouth. Bryan had dragged me to a number of questionable brothels with very questionable smells. Hell, even the bloody battlefield smelled better than this. The stairs ended and the room opened up to bunch of different smells. The walls were all the same stone but moss grew and dripped between them.

I walked down the cells to the very last one. There was a huddled mass that I didn't think I could even describe as human anymore. Reaching the doors, I

went down on my knees in front of the children. My eyes looked over them and it broke my heart.

"Hello."

A few of them watched me walk in but now all eyes were on me. They were all suspicious and angry, which filled me with a sense of relief.

They hadn't broken yet, their spirits were still in-tacked.

"Can any of you still speak?"

One of the older ones who was holding two of the smallest ones, sat up straighter."I can."

I nodded."What's your name?"

"Dylan."

"Alright, Dylan. I have some bread and appleshere. Would you like them?"I maneuvered the items in my hand and held them out between the bars.

One of the other kids, an old er one scurried forward and ripped the food out of my hands. They distributed it amongst them and soon the quiet dripping of water somewhere on the floor was drowned out by the sounds of munching.

"You're not one of them, are you?"

Shaking my head, I inspected the door. It was bolted ti ght with a key being needed to open it. It was so old fashioned that it was definitely from another time.

"I'm not. I'm still a wolf but I am with our King.He is being the distraction so I could get in here."

A couple of the little ones smiled, as though the thought of a mission was exciting.

"Are you going to get us out?" Dylan asked aftertaking a bite of the apple and passing it on.

"That's the plan, young man. How many of youcan walk?"

He looked around and some shook their heads while others nodded furiously."Four of us are good. I don't know how much longer we will hold out. Lana broke her le g or ankle or something and Spence r is too young."

This was good news. They might not make it all the way but not having to carry all of them to the forest made my life easier. All of them were rail thin. Auri's power as Alpha had boosted all our wolves up. Much more than Logan's had. I might be able to carry all of them in wolf form once we hit the forest.

I stood up to inspect the hinges of the door. Since I didn't have the key, I'd have to handle this from the other side. Luckily, this place was damp and old. The hinges were on the outside and rusted to hell. Concentrating, I shifted my hands to my claws. It took a minute but both hands managed to shift.

'Our love makes it look so easy. Vale even pickedit up pretty quick. It's unnatural without strong emotion.' Rydere grumbled.

I smiled to myself. He wasn't wrong. After all these years, claws, ears and my tail were all I could partial shift without being angry. Auri made it look like it was natural. It was definitely not. Bryan didn't have the patience past shifting his ears.

My claws maneuvered the pin in all three of the hinges. First, I broke off the top of the pin and then pushed a single claw through to push the rest of the metal pin down. After that was removed, I could wiggle the metal away and pulled the door open. Now, all that was bending was the metal keeping the door locked.

"We have to be very quiet. It's far enough downright now that us talking won't alert anyone. But as soon as we get to the door, we will need to be completely silent."

All of their little heads nodded.

I crouched, trying to make myself smaller as I walked into the cell."I will carry the two who can't walk."Holding out my hands, I waited. They were wary and I understood. Leaning down, I shifted so that my ears poked out of my head."If you want to scratch my ears first, go ahead. But they are very ticklish."

Suddenly, I felt tiny hands rub the inside of my ears. Some even started to giggle.

"They are so soft!"

Smiling, I lifted my head and held out my hands. Dylan placed a tiny little thing in my arms who weighed next to nothing. Followed by a young girl, maybe nine, who hobbled over. Her le g was a sickly purple and a red swollen mess.

"I'll do my best not to jostle you. That looks likeit hurts."

"It's okay. You get us out of here, I don't care ifyou break the other one. I just don't want to be handed over."

My br ow furrowed."Handed over?"

Dylan was helping some of the other kids up. Making su re they were okay to move. "Apparently, we were payment for someone. Instead of their own children. They were using us instead."

My mouth fell into a f rown and I sighed."Well, this just got more complicated. The King and I will handle it. You all don't des erve to be here or be taken from your homes. The Alpha should have been able to protect his own. Come now. We need to hurry."

"What is that plan?"

I stood, the two small ones in my hands and the other ones gathered around my legs."The plan is to sneak down the halls, through the kitchen and out the door. From there, we make a break for the forest line. I will shift into my wolf form and all of you are going to get on and I'll take you the rest of the way to your mother witch."

They all nodded enthusiastically but one of the girls pulled my pant leg."That seems pretty simple."

Chuckling, I reached down and ruffled her hair."Simple is the best. It allows for alterations if something goes wrong. Now, come, let's go."Goodess, I hoped that was the case.

We walked down the hall and I stopped at the closed door. Closing my eyes, I put my ea r to the door. Surprisingly, the stones carried the sound well enough that I could hear someone walking up on the floor above us. But after a minute, I pushed the secret door open. Peaking my head out, the little boy in my arm also peaked around and I nearly burst out laughing.

The hallways was empty and I walked down the hall to the end looking behind me, the kids had stuck so close that I almost thought they didn't leave the secret room. But they were ti ght around my waist. Peering around the corner, no one was there either. Swiftly, I walked down the hallway and stopped. This would be one of the major hallways we would need to cross to get to the kitchen. Rarely was there not someone walking the halls here. It was still a place where warriors gathered, or the omegas running around cleaning or scurrying into the kitchen.

Low and behold, a bunch of wolves I saw in the kitchen were walking out of the kitchen down the hall carrying the food they had been making. Which meant they were almost done. I felt one of the little ones move and start to walk forward when I put my le g out to stop them. Dylan reached out and held the child back, shaking his head. They probably just smelled the food and their stomach walked them out. A feeling I wish they didn't have to know.

I crouched down and waited. All of us huddled together as I watched the procession of food. Eventually, no one else exited the opposite hall. Closing my eyes, I listened. There was movement and rummaging down the end of the hall but nothing from the kitchen itself. One last look back and forth, I stood up and raced across the hallway. The kids were at my he el and we ducked into the kitchen. No one was there but I didn't stop. I t hre open the door to the outside and exited the castle.

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Chapter 55

'Check the perimeter.' Ryder e barked at me.

I looked around outside but I didn't see anyone. Taking a deep breath, I ran, making su re all four were following. They were and we stopped at the end of the castle. Now was the biggest stretch of land between here and the forest. My heart pounded in my throat. We were so close but there were five warriors lollygagging out front. Crouching down, I motioned around the corner, and I held up five fingers.

Dylan shook his head and whispered."We won't make it."

I nodded and closed my eyes.

'If only they were small enough to fit in abackpack.' Ryder e mused as he paced.

My eyes widened. 'That's it!'

I set the two down onto the grass and had the others huddle together. Going back into the kitchen, I searched around the cupboard s until I found a large table cloth. It was a dark green and I smiled. Heading back out, all of them froze until they saw it was me.

"I'm going to shift, kids. Get on my back. Dylan,throw the cloth over and tuck it in. Like you're all one bundle on my back."

"Will you... be big enough?" Lana looked a littleskeptical and I smiled.

"You'll just have to wait and see."

I gave her a wink before pulling off my shirt. My pants ripped though as I shifted into my wolf form. Sure, I was nowhere near as beautiful as an all white or black wolf but I like my colors. My greying over the years was starting to spot the brownish color of my wolf and Ryder e was upset for weeks after he made fun of me for my grey hair.

The kids gasped and were wide-eyed as I laid down in front of them. Almost immediately, hands and fingers were scratching me, stroking my fur. Sighing, I let myself enjoy their touch before touching my nose to Dylan. He started putting each kid on my back before climbing on himself. With the power and growth Auri gave us, I could have actually fit two more kids comfortably.

Each one of them grabbed the edge of the blanket and pulled it under them. Suddenly, I had a makeshi ft backpack full of kids. Up close, it probably looked idiotic but the warriors out front were far enough away that it may just look like a large duffle. Rising up, their weight was barely anything on me. I started to walk around, letting them get used to and hold on tight to my fur. Turning, I took off running.

They squeaked at first but quieted down as I raced across the yard. The five warriors out front stared at me but I was headed in the direction of the front

lines, where I was supposed to be going. I let out a breath I didn't know I was holding as none of them moved to follow after me.

I ran for about ten minutes before slowing down. Stopping, I shook a little bit and the table cloth fell to the ground. The kids shifted and sat up a little. Letting them readjust, I started to run again towards the meeting point Vale had indicated. It was still about ten to fifteen minutes because I headed in the direction of the front line not curving down south to the meeting place. The warriors worried me too much and I wanted to make sure they weren't following.

This time, the kids laughed as I ran. Feeling the freedom and the breeze of being outside for the first time in months. I slowed down to let them enjoy it a little before I smelled the human and vampire group. My trot turned into a walk when I found the clearing. There were seven or eight different scents and I set myself on guard. I stopped on the far side of the clearing and laid down, allowing the kids to slide off. Then, I encircled them, to get into a tighter group before walking out to the middle of the clearing. The different scents stepped out and before they got too close, I growled. One of them, a vampire, tossed some pants and a shirt at me. Shifting, I threw them on and stood up.

"Are you Hector?"

"Yes, I am."

The vampire smiled and nodded."Thank you. You have done a great service."

Shaking my head, I walked back to the kids and picked up the two that I had been carrying before. The other four huddled around my legs. A woman stepped forward and held out her arms. Two of the children raced to her. She was in tears, as were they. Dylan was eyeing the vampire but an older w oman stepped forward as well.

"Come children. It's time to go home."

Dylan looked up at me. "Thank you, Hector. Thank you so much. Without you... who knows where we would have ended up."

I shifted the little girl in my arm and ruffled his hair."It's bravery like yours that will lead the

13:43future. Don't forget it. Don't lose that, Dylan."Looking at one of other humans."These two can't walk. Lana here has a broken leg."

Two of them stepped up, one taking Lana out of my hands but while the second reached for the little boy, he turned away and buried his face in my shoulder.

"Little one, it's time for you to go now." Iwhispered to him.

He shook his head.

"Spencer, dear, your aunt is waiting."Thewoman seemed impatient and it scared him even more. He started to shake.

Sitting down on my knees, I pulled him away from my shoulder."You have a home. You have your friends will protect you now. Don't worry. There is no need to fear now, alright?"

Spence r shook his head and closed his eyes, leaning away from the woman farther.

"Aunti e Faith, why don't I take Spencer?"Dylanstepped forward and reach out to the little one in my arms. He still didn't budge."Come on Spence, you can stay with me at my house. After we get checked over."

"No!" He yelled but it was so soft."No no no!"

My br ow furrowed and I looked up at the woman who looked angry.

"Hey Spencer, how about I come visit you?Iknow my king will need to speak to your family. In the mean time, I think after getting checked out then staying at Dylan's would be good. Dylan protected you all this time, I trust he can continue to do so, don't you think?"

The little boy nodded and finally his death grip on my arm loosened. Dylan cam e forward and picked up Spencer in his arms. Spencer waved goodbye and I nodded, waving as well. The humans and a couple of the vampires left as well.

"Are you Jess and Peter of the High Council?"

The two vampires left nodded. The woman was lovely. I could see why Vale would talk about her so fondly. He had his mate now but I knew the two of

them were mucking about before he met Ezekiel. Vale said I could trust Peter but my past experiences with the High Councill ef t a bad taste in my mouth.

"We are. Thank you. I know Vale was distracting the Alpha and Beta but it must not have been easy to get them out."

I chuckled."Surprisingly easy, actually. But you need to speak with the kids. They said that theywere being handed over soon. I think they were the replacements so that no more of the pack's pups were being taken. Vale and I will try to get to the bottom of it but I would trust the kids more at this point."

Jess nodded."You're probably right. We will look into it. There were some other red flags within the co ven anyways that we were wanting to scope out."

"Like that little one clinging to the very monsterwho captured him rather than go back to his home?"

The two of them nodded."There has been a lot of that going around with the kids. We'll see what we can find."

I nodded and pulled off my clothes."Contact, Vale. We will set up after we figure out what is going on with the pack."

Shifting, I took the clothes in my mouth but Peter crouched down and leaned into my ear."Be wary of Mark. I don't know how much Vale has told you, just... don't trust him too much."

Snorting, I took off. Vale had already warned me but it raised the fu r on my back that one of the High Councilors was saying it as well. I raced towards the front line where I was supposed to be and shifted as soon as I got to the makeshiftbarracks.

When I thought the border patrol was sad, this group barely could be called a camp. One tent and everyone else just meandering around. Sitting on stumps or leaning against trees. It was disorganized, undermanned, and frankly, pathetic. I caught the attention of just about every wolf but I pulled on my clothes and headed into the single tent.

Vale, the Alpha, Beta Joshua, and High Councilor Mark were sitting around a table with different flags on them. It looked like a movie set and a bad one at that.

"Good of you to show up, Hector."HighCouncilor Mark jeered at me.

I shrugged."It's Beta Hector, and if you came straight from another month long mission, you would want to get as much sleep as you could too. Trust me. We all can't sit in chairs and lord over people now can we?"

Mark growled but Vale cleared his throat."We are waiting to hear back from the scouts. Seeing if they plan on attacking today or not."

I nodded and shoved my hands in my pocket. I leaned against one of the poles holding up the tent."I guess being here earlier wouldn't have mattered anyways.""We've been discussing battle plans in the meantime. Which would be most efficient in taking down the witches and vampires."The Alpha stated. I couldn't be bothered to remember his name. I think Vale told me once when I wasn't listening.

"It shouldn't be about killing more. It should beabout preserving life. You've already lost too many warriors to this. It should be about defending, not attacking."Vale snapped back.

This time Joshua pipped up."A good defense is a good offense. We need to strike now. Wipe them out..."

"Wip e them out? Why the fuck would you wantto wipe them out? Just destroy people who are only looking for their children? Who are hurting and angry? Do you remember what that felt like when you lost your pups?"I threw into the mix. This shut up both the Beta and the Alpha.

High Councilor Mark, not knowing when to shut up, tapped the desk."We still need to be prepared if they attack again. If they don't give up then we will need to..."

He quieted when three wolves, two in wolf form, barreled into the tent."They are retreating, Alpha!! All of them! They are all leaving! Vampires and witches!"

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Chapter 56

The Alpha stood up, eyes wide."Leaving? Like going back to fight later?"

The warrior shook his head."No Alpha, they packed up their camps and tents and left. Went back to their homes. It's over."

Vale looked at me and smiled, I nodded back to him."Well now, that's great news!"

Mark, the Alpha, and Beta Joshua smiled exuberantly and clapped each other on the back. As though they did something that warranted this celebration.

"Let us feast!Tell everyone but the scouts tohead back to the castle. We shall have a full spread prepared!I would like the scouting groups to eat as much from the food prepared for today as they would like but keep an eye out to make su re there is no trick."

"Yes Alpha!"The three disappeared out of thetent.

I sighed and stretched."Well, that was anti-climatic. Should we head back?"

"Yes, yes I think we should. I think after a coupledays of ensuring that there is no trick, we can beout if your hair, Alpha Niles."Mark smiled and I almost snapped my fingers. The Alpha's name now clicking in my mind. Vale did tell me it and I thought it was silly that he was named after a river.

Vale got up and nodded up the men."Sounds good."

With my hands in my pocket, I walked next to Vale as we made our way through the forest, back to the castle. A bunch of the wolves were shifting and running back to the castle, as did the two Alpha's and the Beta. I felt the prickle in the back of mind.

'Everything go as planned?'

I shrugged.'As best as it could. It was actually easier than I thought it would be. But it seems our originally theory wasn't too far off.'

Vale looked at me, his eyebrow quirked up.'What do you mean?'

'One of the kids said they were going to be soldoff or picked up. Basically replacements for the Alpha's pups. So the Alpha was taking them to stop whoever is wanting the kids from taking his packs.'

Vale bit his bottom lip. 'It doesn't excuse that kind of behavior."No. No, it doesn't. It's understandable wantingto put your pack first and protect your pack but that was not the way to do it.'

'It made sense why he wasn't afraid of anotherattack and his border patrols were so shit.'

I nodded and sighed. 'There also seems to be something shift y going on with the witches but I thought I would leave that to your High Councilor friends. We are going to have enough dealing with on this side of the territory line.'

Vale stopped for a second.'Evan agreed. It took a couple days but he will head here in about a week or so. We might be here for another month, Hector. Trying to get a transfer of power and seeing how deep this corruption goes. Plus, if there are vampires coming into the territory, I want to des troy them.'

My heart skipped a beat and I halted my walk as well. Looking back at Vale, I knew what this meant for me. I wouldn't be able to hold Aurior help her. We wouldn't be able to join the search for Ezekiel for weeks. This also meant Vale would be just as stuck. Without being to help and without knowing.

'Are you sure, Vale?'

There was a long pause and I could see all the Dain. the mixed emotions, flash across his face.'I have to have faith. I have to have faith in my pack while I do my job as King.'

I gripped Vale's shoulder tightly."Then I will stand by you the entire time, my king. Whatever you need me for."

Vale cracked a smile though."Now, it's time to sit back and enjoy the show, Hector. We are about to see the fruits of a labor in holding back."

Shaking my head, I laughed."I'm here for it."

We shift ed and ran back to the castle where it was already erupting in cheers. Celebrations were in full swing and a bunch of the workers were running around trying to get everything ready for this last minute party. Shifting back, I pulled on my clothes, as did Vale. We walked into the castle and headed into the dinning room. Alpha Niles was laughing with Mark and a bunch of his warriors as we walked in. Vale and I took our usual seats near the center of the long table.

Food was being set on the table with a multitude of fresh meats and sweets. It was wild considering how mediocre the food had been for the entire time we were here. I wondered if this is what everyone normally got and they just made of show of being measly for us. I reached out and took a few turkey legs from a platter. One of the girls from the kitchen staff leaned over myshoulder and asked if I would like wine. Smiling at her, I held up my glass and she poured it to the top.

"Thank you, dear."

She flashed me a smile and disappeared. Vale quirked an eyebrow.

"For liking my mom, you sure are a flirt."

I coughed on the wine I had been drinking."I don't know what you're talking about."

"Please, Hector. Don't insult me. I see how youlook at her. How you have always looked at her. Been there for her. Does she know?"

My eyes narrowed."Interesting question coming from the son of her mate."

"Dad is an idiot. He's losing Mom and honestly, Ithink he's already lost her. I don't know what it's going to take for him to realize that, but when he does, he's going to live with so much regret."Vale smiled, taking a drink of wine."Doesn't mean you have to live with that regret too."

Shaking my head, I sighed much bigger than intended."Yes, your mother knows. And no, we aren't about to embrace each other as lovers. Auri has always had Logan as her mate, your father. It's not my place, Vale. I will protect herand be by her side till the very end. But I don't get in the way of her and Logan. They've come through worse."

Vale stared down into his glass."But what if he doesn't deserve her?"

"It doesn't matter what we think. What mattersis Auri. It will always be her decision. Always be up to her."

The end of the table seemed to burst out laughing far loude r than any level that was necessary. But the Alpha was shaking his head and slapping his

knee as his warriors howled next to him. Sipping a glass of wine, it was actually the first time I had seen a smile on the other wolves faces. It was nice and, honestly, should have happened far earlier.

In a b ur though, I saw the Beta coming down the hall, grief stricken, his hair completely disheveled. Smiling, I lifted my glass to Vale. "Showtime."

The Beta came careening around the corner and sliding up next to the Alpha. He went down on his knees and whispered in the Alpha's ears.

Apparently, the Alpha had not been answering mind link if he had to come all the way over here to tell him in person. The Alpha's color drained from his already fairly pale face and he started tostand up. Beside him, Mark furrowed his brow and looked between the two of them.

Vale s wirled the wine in his glass, smiling."Anything the matter, Alpha Niles? You look like you've seen a ghost." He took a sip and slowly looked up to regar d the Alpha.

Alpha Niles growled but I growled right back."You dare growl at our King. Sit your ass back down you fucking disrespectful pup."

"You did this, didn't you?"Alpha Niles growled,pointing at Vale with a shaky finger.

"What are you talking about?"Vale took anothersi p of his wine, unperturbe d by the Alpha.

The whole table had gone quiet. No one knew what was going on save for the Beta and Alpha. The Alpha's face went from seeing a ghost to red as a tomat o in anger. I was about to push out my ch air when I saw the slight shake of Vale's head. Swallowing the smile creeping up onto my face, I adjusted in my seat.

"What did I do, Alpha Niles? Myself and everyonehere are quite confused as to why you are so angry. Why don't you en lighten us on what is going on?"

Taking a deep breath, you could see the wheels turning in the Alpha's eyes. He started to movefrom his seat when I felt a burst of power come from Vale. There was no sign in his face that he did anything.

"Sit down, Alpha Niles."

Shock registered on all their faces as some of the warriors bared their neck to his power without him asking, while Alpha Niles promptly plopped his ass back in his seat. His eyes were wide as were the Beta and High Councilor Mark.

"Vale, I don't think..."Mark started but Vale senthim a glare.

"You know, Mark, I've had just about enough ofyou. I think it's time you head back to the High Council, don't you?"

Mark furrowed his bow and opened his mouth but Vale cut him off.

"Mark, that wasn't a request. That was an order.Leave, now."Vale growled out and Mark felt another wave of power emanating from him. He bared his neck and nodded, standing up and running out of the room.

I couldn't help it, I laughed. This whole charade was finally at an end and I was thankful. Getting up, I walked over to the Alpha, placing my hands on his shoulders."Well, now, I think it's time to get the truth infront of all your warriors. What do you think, my King?"

Vale moved his ch air slightly and leaned back."Excel lent idea, Beta Hector. Well, Alpha Niles? Want to tell your warriors, who were willing to put their lives on the line for you, what is really going on?"

The Alpha struggled under the weight of Vale's power. He was shifting his body under my hold but we had the whole tables attention. Even the workers stopped and were standing in the doorway.

"I... we... I..."He kept trying to fight it.

Vale shook his head."Now, Alpha."

"We took the witches children and have beenholding them in the underground hidden dungeon. We have been holding them there for months for when the vampires came. They told us they wouldn't take anymore of our pups if we gave them the witches children . We couldn't risk losing anymore. We could..."It wasn't the Alpha who answered, but his Beta.

His head was in his hands as he sobbed into them. He word vomited and suddenly the table was in an uproar. No one moved, no one couldunder Vale's

power but the warriors were quick to voice their anger. Vale cleared his throat and the whole table hushed.

"Alpha Niles?"

"They offered us a drug that made us faster and stronger. They gave us a small sample size for free. When we realized it really did work. We ordered more. At first, they asked for money. Then goods, specific magical information or items we needed to pro cure from the local witches. Then... then it was pups. They wanted pups. At first, I declined but they said they would come for them anyways and I could at least choose which ones were being taken."

The whole table was vibrating with anger as their Alpha just voice d his sins.

"I received the drugs and I thought that maybewe could fight them with the drugs but after we lost five warriors to them, I knew we couldn't fight them. They took more and more and I begged them to stop. We would have no pups left. They said if we wanted them to stop, they needed children from the witches coven. It was an easy compromise. My Beta and I went out and took six of them that had wandered too far into the forest. We held them and they are supposed to be picked up next week. But they are gone. They areours. Goddess, I couldn't protect my pack. I couldn't even keep six kids in a dungeon."Alpha Niles hung his head and shook it.

Vale slammed his hands down on the table."You're wrong. I thought maybe you would be remorseful, stealing other children, allowing your pack to fall into their hands but you're not. You are just sorry you lost them."Standing up, Vale nodded to me."I've heard enough."

I moved from behind the Alpha, Vale took my place. With even more power and authority, I stood next to the Beta, holding onto his arm. Not that he could run under this level of power, but I just wanted to make sure.

"I, Alpha King Vale, pass judgement onto AlphaNiles of the Crescent River pack. You have committed crimes against your pack and against allied covens that you have held peace with for hundreds of years. You, Alpha Niles, are sentenced to death, along with your Beta. You could have requested help destroying the vampires but instead you do this."Vale sounded disgusted and actually angry.

"First,I break your connection to the pack,taking over temporarily as Alpha."My eyes widened at this but I realized he could only do this because he wasn't

associated with the Golden Sun pack yet. Auri was still Alpha, waiting for Vale to take over. There was shudder as the Alpha slumped further forward. The warriors shifted as they also felt the exchange of their Alpha.

"Now, there is nothing more."

With a quick snap of his neck, Alpha Niles slumped lifeless against his chair. Vale looked over at me and nodded. Taking a deep breath, I moved my hands around the Beta's neck. He was sobbing and I knew, unlike the Alpha, he felt actual remorse. Vale was right, he followed his Alpha in this plan and he needed to pay the price. Usually though, Auri took this into her hands. She would tell me I was better in a fight, not an execution. However, I closed my eyes and snapped the Beta's neck. His body crumpled to the floor.

The whole table now had their eyes on Vale. He looked over the table.

"The next few weeks will be chaotic and I amgoing to be doing a lot of shifting in this pack. I will protect this pack and I will leave you better off then when I came, that I can definitely promise you."

Vale pulled his power back but the entire table of warriors stood, baring their necks to Vale. "Yes, Alpha King!"

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Chapter 57

A week after the death of Alpha Niles, Vale and I welcomed Alpha Evan and his Luna Naomi, with their pup. We had already take n care of the vampires and it turns out, there were only a few that were holed up in a building just outside of the pack territory. Vale already had passed on the title of Alpha, introducing the whole pack to their new Alpha. I had never seen so much elation. Suddenly, the pack turned back into a place they could call home.

We were still here though, trying to sort out the ridiculous amount of issues that the previous Alpha and Beta left behind. There wasn't much I could help with so I started up on a new routine for the warriors so they would be better off then the ridiculous routine they had previously. I also took over the scheduling for the patrols in the area.

From what I understood, the two High Council members were also stuck at the witches coven, trying to sort out some other issues there. I had stopped by a couple times to see the kids and they seemed very happy to see me every time, even if the rest of the co ven was wary of a werewolf in their mix. Lately, it seemed far busier. It was nearing on a mon th since thehandover.

We were in the middle of a meeting with Alpha Evan and Luna Naomi when my phone vibrated. Looking down, my br ow furrowed. I nodded to Vale and stood up, heading out of the room. Putting the phone to my ear, I answered it.

"Danger, it's been a while."

He was quiet for a moment."We found Ezekiel."

My body froze and my eyes widened. Heart pounding in my chest, I walked further down the hall."What? How... when... where?"

There was a long pause."Pipsqueak tracked down one of the facilities in Russia. I drove with Auri and Jax. We... we went in with no real plan. Auri refused to wait."

I swallowed."Did you get him?"

Simon's long pauses were bothering me."Yes. He's back at the pack house. I don't know if you remember how Auri was when she came back from them, but he... he was on his way there."Taking a deep breath, he continued."Morgan is helping him. He said he helped Auri in the beginning and so he knows how to treat Ezekiel. He's... struggling but he can talk. Currently, he's very skittis h and doesn't like to be touch. But Morgan says it will pass. He also suffers frombad nightmares."

My lips pursed in a thin line. I remember ed the nightmarish screams of Aur i when she was on Nova. It was something you never forget. "But he's...?"

"In one piece. Vale will need to be careful for awhile. Take it slow with him. But Morgan says he will be right as rain in the next few months."

I sighed, leaning against the wall."Thank the goddess. How is Auri?"

This time the silence stretched out further. Simon didn't say anything and my hand started to shake.

"Simon?" My voice cracked.

"I... she... we..."He struggled and I heard the painin his voice.

I slid down to the floor, my head burying in my knees."Tell me she is okay Simon. Please. Tell me she is okay."

"I... I can't... Hector. I'm sorry."

Choking out a silent sob, I shook as Rydere howled in the back of my mind."You were supposed to protect her..."I wanted to sound mad but I couldn't even muster it. It came out more like a whisper, a plea."I know. I know and I..."He couldn't finish.

Finally, the silent crying wasn't enough and I sobbed into my arm. I couldn't care less if someone walked by seeing a grown ass wolf on the floor sobbing. Auri had been through too much already. She didn't need anything else.

"What...?"I couldn't even finished my sentence.

"We can go into the details when you're back. Idon't... we... need time... Jax too. He's... we're struggling."

Leaning my head back against the wall, I closed my eyes."We will be home soon."

"Good. We need you."

Taking a haggard breath, I hung up the phone and covered my eyes with my arm. Tears streamed down the sides of my face. We were too old for this. We were supposed to retire. Live out our dream s in the Italian countryside. Not this. Never this.

We can't lose her, Hector. We can't... Rydere didn't finished as he howled in the back of my mind. He retreated further and further away. I couldn't stop him. Taking a deep breath, I stood up. Walking back into the meeting room, all the men looked at me, various looks of confusion."Alpha King, may I speak to you... privately?"

Vale stood up and nodded."I'll be right back."

Pulling back, I didn't meet anyones eyes as I still had tears leaking out. Opening the door and head ing out, Vale shut the door behind him. We walked to his new bedroom. It was five times larger than the old one with a desk, couch, king size bed, and dresser.

"Hector, what's ... "

I cut him off."They found Ezekiel."

Vale froze."Is he... is he okay? What did they... is he...?"

"He is back at the pack house. Simon says, hewill need to be treated with kid gloves for a few months. Apparently, whatever they did to him has really messed him up. So he will need to be handled lightly. Morgan is helping, since he helped with Aur i before."

Vale nodded, a true smile gracing his face. "Goddess, thank you. We can wrap this shit up and go home."

I nodded.

"Why... don't you look happy?"His voice wasaccusatory and I balled up my fists."Do you not care how they got him?"

Vale chuckled hollowly."Honestly, no... I don't. My mate is home. He is safe. I don't care what methods it took to save him. I would go to the ends of the earth for him and I expect nothing less from everyone else."

Ryder e roared and came forward, trying to lash out at Vale; angry and hurt. I gripped the bedpost, holding Ryder e back. Vale looked slightly shocked at my lack of control and I turned, pulling open the door.

"That is all I wanted to tell you. Excuse me, yourmajesty."I managed to growl the words out before slamming the door behind me and taking off.

'We should have ripped his head off for that!'Ryder e yelled at me.

'It doesn't matter. He wouldn't understand,Rydere. It's his mate. He will always put his mate first before anyone.'

'But what of our mate?! Our love?! What of her?!'He howled in despair.

Shaking my head, I reached the kitchen door and quickly shifted as I ran out into the field. I needed to be away. It was too much. This feeling was too much. There were too many questions.Too many things I didn't understand. The only thing I did know was that Auri would sacrifice herself for anyone on her pack. If that's what she did... if that...

'We would feel it though ... right? If she was ...'

I growled back at him.'Of course we wouldn't! We aren't mated, Rydere! We aren't her fated mate. We wouldn't feel shit. We are just left in the dark. Every fucking time. She decides to go and never fucking think before leaping.'

I howled, the mournful sound echoed through the forest. It was echoed by some of the other warriors. They were saying sorry. Being empathetic to my pain but it didn't help. Nothing would help. I tried to control the physical pain that rippled through me but I couldn't.

Finally, I was forced to shift and I threw up. On all fours, I heaved until there was nothing left but the sad cries and choked sobs. Collapsing, I curled up into a ball. All this physical strength and yet I could do nothing. I couldn't save her. Yet again. I was a fucking failure. Again. My cries turned to screams until my voice went hoarse. Eyes closing, I felt darkness take over.

My mind was pulled back into my body when I felt a force on my consciousness. Vale was tryingto force his way into my mind. At first, I pushed him away. Trying to be alone with Rydere. The two of us curled up together in our mind. Lost in the pain.

'Hector Mendez!Where the fuck are you?' Valehollered.

I turned in my mind, curling up with Rydere.'Leave him. I don't want to deal with him.'

'As much as I would love to kick the shit out ofhim... he is our king, Hector.'

I snorted.'Then let him order me. Until then, that pup can leave us the hell alone.'

Ryder e nodded and he now helped force Vale out of our mind. We sank back into the darkness that we came from.

"Boys!I found him! Fuck. What happened?"

My eyes fluttered open and the day had turned to night. The air was cool but it had been the first time I heard anything other than the local wildlife around me. Hell, even a deer had come to nibble on my ear, realizing I was no threat to them or anyone.

"Hector..."the voice was coming from AlphaEvan.

His hand touched my shoulder and made me realize just how far my temperature had dropped. His hand was like a furnace.

"Can we get a blanket? He's freezing."

Slowly, I stirred."It's fine... I don't need it..."My voice was hoarse still but I shrugged off his hand. I wanted no comfort. I wanted nothing to do with anyone. All I wanted was to run away.

"I don't know what happened, but we still needyou, Beta. Please. Alpha King Vale has been worried sick about you."

My laugh came out hollow."Sure he was. Well, I guess we can't keep the king waiting, now can we."Sarcasm and anger dropped from my words. So much so, Alpha Evan took a step back.

Slowly, I tried to stand but my knees buckled. Alpha Evan started to make for me but I just shift ed into my wolf form instead. Ryder e didn't want to step forward so I just slowly padded next to the group of wolves who apparently had been looking for me.

No one said anything as we walked back. I didn't realize just how far out I had been when, after a half hour, we finally crossed into the territory of the pack. We continued our walk to the castle.Vale had his arms crossed, leaning against the front door. Luna Naomi also was standing out front as well. Taking a deep breath, I steeled myself to not bite Vale's head off. Auri would never forgive us. He also didn't know at what cost, we never told him. It might have been unfair but I was scared that his reaction was going to be the same. That he would expect Auri to give her all for him. If that were the case, I would end up killing him where he stood.

"Where the fuck have you been? I've been tryingto contact you and I get steel walled."

I continued passed him, not shifting.

He growled."Shift, Hector!"

The order rippled through me. Chuckling, it was nowhere near the power that Auri put behind it but I still obeyed. As I shifted, my legs buckled under me and I fell to my knees, almost passing out.

"Beta Hector!" Luna Naomi came up to me andtried to make sure I wasn't hurt.

I shook my head."Please don't mind me, Luna. I didn't mean to make you worry."

"What the hell, Hector?"

My eyes fell on Vale and I glared at him."Did youneed something from me, my king?"

Vale seemed slightly shocked."I was wondering where you were."

"In the forest, my king. Is there anything furtheryou have need of me or may I go to bed?"

Everyone around us shifted uncomfortably but I held Vale's stunned stare with my own fiery anger.

"N... no... nothing further."

I bowed, my face nearly hitting the ground."Then excuse me, my king."I slowly got up, trying to steady myself.

My legs started to wobble and I saw Luna Naomi start too come over. Shaking my head, I ga ve her a sad smile.

"Please don't mind this old man, Luna Naomi. Iwill be fine."

As I walked up the stairs, I felt more strength come to me. Making my way down the halls, I opted for the tiny room I first got rather than the big one next to Vale. For some reason, the large room only seemed empty now. It seemed too good. Too luxurious. I wanted to be in a hole and swallowed up by it.

The small room was perfect for that hole. Thetiny shower left no room to feel lonely. It was too much of a struggle to get comfortable, to fit, for it to make me feel worse. My eyes closed as I laid on the tiny bed, my legs hanging off. The last of my thoughts as I slipped back unconscious were of my love.

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Chapter 58

The next few days were horrid. I refused to give Vale more than three words, two of which included'my king' at the end of everything. More than once had he yelled at me but I took it with a blank, bored expression. This pups anger couldn't sc are me. Goddess, no. I wondered sometimes if he had ever seen Auri truly angry before. She was a force that would leave me breathless with fear.

If he required a deeper conversation, I was short, straight to the point and sometimes sarcastic. The change seemed to shift the whole castle in the awkwardness between us.

I didn't give a single shit. Neither did Rydere. We both sometimes needed time and he would take over, letting me retreat. He treated Vale even more sarcastically that I did. Which, of course, ticked Vale off even more. But I was angry and I felt like I had to bottle all my pain. Bottle everything and even when I tried to reach out to Bryan or Simon, there was nothing. Morgan had called me, giving me a status update on Ezekiel.

All I gave Vale was that he was doing better and now was being better with people touching him. But I didn't go into anything further. Morgan looked broken. He had started to say somethingwhen he thought better of it, just saying he would be glad for us to be back soon. I couldn't agree more.

"Fucking hell, Hector! Pay attention!"

I looked at Vale, my face blank."Why, my king? You seem to have everything under control."

"For god dess sake!"Vale stormed over to me. Hepulled me up by my shirt but I kept my face blank."Pull yourself together! I've never seen you like this! You're supposed to be my moms beta!Do I need to call her to talk some sense into you?" I looked away from him, pain, sadness, loneliness and everything I was pushing down I knew flashed through my eyes. My gaze, happened upon Luna Naomi who looked at me with pity. A pity that hurt me even more.

"What does my king want from me?"

Vale threw me against the door, angry but as his hand balled up, most likely to try to pound me into submission, Luna Naomi grabbed his arm.

"Alpha King Vale, if you wouldn't mind, I wouldlike to speak to Bet a Hector. I might be able to help. Since it seems your anger has not gotten through."She flashed him a smile and Vale sighed."Alright. Whatever you want. Just get him out ofmy sight before I kill him."

She linked arms with me and lead me out of the room. Honestly, I didn't know what she was thinking but she lead me out of the castle.

"I know I'm probably the last person you wouldwant to speak with, Beta Hector..."

I cleared my throat."Just Hector is fine, Luna. And you're not, Vale is."

This made her laugh."You remind me a lot of my father. In both the best and worst ways."

My br ow furrowed."I'm sorry..."

"No no. Don't apologize. My father was a greatman. He was a wolf, Beta blood through and through but his fated mate, my mother, was a human. His pack excommunicated him for refusing to give up his mate."

"No pack should have control over ones mates.He made the right choice."

Her eyebrow raised as she looked at me but continued."Despite being packless, he was happy. They were happy. I was their only child. My mother was ecstatic when she found out I took after my father. It was more of a chance to find my fated, she always said. But... I realized that wasn't the truth later."

Luna Naomi walked with me through the clearing, down one of the paths into the forest surrounding."My mothers family had a rare type of cancer that was genetic. All the woman seemed to get it. My mother being no exception. Sadly, once diagnosed, there wasn't much anyone could do."

"I'm sorry, Luna."My heart broke for this youngLuna. She probably was around Tyr's age but when she spoke, it was much more mature.

"It's alright. I was in my teens when my motherdied. My father tried. He did. One day though he brought me into his office and told me that he couldn't anymore. I had seen the shell of him walk around for weeks and I knew this was coming. I lost both my parents that year. Somehow, when I thought all darkness had consumed my life, I happened upon Evan." She beamed up at me and I couldn't help but smile.

Her head looked back into the trees we had now walked into."I don't tell you that to make you feel sorry for me. Only that... for weeks I watched my father put in a brave face while he descended into the pain and loss of his mate."Luna Naomi turned to me, taking both my hands in hers."

The same pain I see on your face when you think no one is watching."My eyes widened and I looked away from her."I don't know..."

"Hector, please. I know your lashing out at Valeand I know it has to do with his mate. He told us... about his mate being missing. He broke three glasses one time trying to serve us and finally we got him to explain what was going on with him."

"His mate is fine. They found him and he's backhome..."

Luna Naomi put her hand on my cheek and moved it so I was forced to look at her."At what cost, Hector? You know... don't you? It's why you're angry with Vale. Because he doesn't care. He's ecstatic that is mate is home and he doesn't care how it happened. But something did, didn't it?"

Tears started to stream out of my eyes and I squeezed them shut. I took sharp breaths as I tried to control my body to stop it from shaking.

"Hector, let it go . You have to ... "

I to re my face out of her grip and I walked a few steps into the forest."I can't!If I do... I might lose it all... Io se everything. Or realize I already have."My voice was quiet."You are right. Vale doesn't care." "Does he know? Know what the cost..."I shook my head."No. He'll probably blame his mate later... when he founds out. I thought I could give him some time to be happy but... god dess when he said he didn't give a shit. I just... how could I not be angry? I..."My hands balled up into fists."... she's my everything."My voice back down to a whispered cry.

Luna Naomi came up to me."You can tell me, Hector. I'm still half human. Vale's control only works so far. I won't tell him anything we speak about. Please. It's eating you... you're..."

"Dying, Luna." I chuckled hollowly." Though, not my first time. Or even my second."

"Hector..."

I threw up my hands."What do you want me to say, Luna? That I've almost lost my wolf already? That every time I think of her my heart feels like it's been torn to pieces? What do you want?" My anger was misplaced and I knew it. I took a deep breath."I'm sorry...I shouldn't..."

"Tell me about her?" Lun a Naomi leaned againsta tree and slid down, sitting on the roots. The same as Auri would always do when she wanted to talk."She must been amazing to have captured your heart." She was completely undisturbed at my outburst and I dropped my head in shame.I smiled absently."She is. She's fucking st ubborn and she can't plan for shit. She jumps head first into everything she does. Nothing is halfway with her. She either embraces it fully or will reject it completely but she will never feel any limitations. She refuses to acknowledge them. Even at our age."I leaned my own back against a tree, pinning my hands behind me.

"She sounds like a force."Luna Naomi smiled.

"Goddess is she ever. A force that could destroythe world if she wanted with a simple choice. Instead, she chooses to love and try to make it better. Despite all the pain life has put her through over the years."

She chuckled."You sound off her worst qualities as though they are her best."

Shaking my head, I looked up at the tree canopy above us."Because she is beautiful . There is this air of unyielding confidence and everything about her flows like water. Even her wolf is stunning. She is the best fighter that I have ever had the pleasure to witness. I knew it when I first laid my eyes on her and I knew it all through my years. Her body is fucking perfection. Sculpted by the god dess herself. Everything she touches is just made better. I don't know how she does it, but every thing she makes or holds just is perfected. You can make something the sameChapter 58

damn way and it pales in comparison. Even her faults are what make her the everything that she is."

Luna Naomi smiled sadly."You love her... but she isn't your mate... is she?"

With my eyes still looking up, I shook my head."Fated, no. No, she's not. She's... fated to someone else."

"What about your fated?"

I shook my head again."My fated was killed by her, actually."

Luna Naomi gasped."Shouldn't you hate her? For killing your fated? Your chance at happiness?"

My lips pursed and I smiled. "Maybe? But truthfully, I was angry at my fated. That she would try to kill the woman I loved. I was angry at myself for not being able to protect her against someone that was supposed to my match."

"That's... unheard of."

I nodded."Yeah. It is. But my wolf and I think that somewhere along the lines, our souls refused to take anvo ne else. That even if we hadmated, our love for her would never have died. We were linked. I've been her protector. I've been by her side but she always slips through my fingers. Always when it's regarding her safety."My eyes started filling up again and I tried to blink the tears away.

"She... she got hurt? Getting back Vale's mate?"

I took a deep breath."Most likely what happened ...was that she traded places with him or tradedher life for his. They found out where he was and just fucking left with three of them. How else were they supposed to get him back? All three of them storm a fa cility crawling with vampires? How the fuck was it supposed to go?" I bit back angrily.

"Sounds like that was her plan from thebeginning."

I looked at Luna Naomi but she wasn't looking at me. Her head was down, staring at a leaf she was twirling in her hand, brows furrowed. She continued, mostly thinking out loud.

"It sounds like she knew exactly how it wasgoing to go. Did she take people who would create a stink about it? About her..."

My body slipped down the tree into a squat."Goddess... she took Sim on and Jax. Not Bryan. NotMorgan. Not AJ. Just those two. Hell, Lucy is a medical professional. But no, she took the two people who would never go again st her. Jax always feels indebted to her, she took over as his mom. Simon is from her old crew. Fuck. FUCK. That makes it so much worse!"

"Vale said that you had a theory that theyweren't after him as Vale's mate, but just as an Alpha. If she was acting on that theory... she had something more... something they wanted more than him."

I nodded."She's.... our Alpha...."My tears fell and I buried my head in my arms."She's the Luna Queen... she is everything they could possibly want if they are looking for someone powerful."

"Wait... then... the wolf your speaking of is Auri...Auri Meadows?"

My head nodded."Yes. The Huntress. The one woman army and... Vale's mother."

She gasped and I looked up at her but through my tears, it was nothing but a blur."Oh Hector...I'm so sorry..."

Shaking my head, I rocked forward and let my knees fall into the forest floor. I balled my hands up into fists."I know... I know she is mated to Logan and she's the Luna Queen. I know but I saw her long before Logan ever did. He continuedChapter 58

to treat her like shit. Treat her like every other she-wolf when she was so much more but I never acted on my feelings. I never... but every time she pulls this shit. Every time she decides her life isn't worth whatever she's doing, it's always the ones who love her that suffer."

I felt hands cover my fists and I looked up to see Luna Naomi staring at me. Not with anger or judgement, just sadness. "Hector, we can't help who we fall in love with sometimes. The fact that your wolf also accepted her, shows how much she means to you. At least, if she was a replacement for Ezekiel, she is still alive... somewhere."

My body was racked with sobs."That's what I fear most. She's been through this before. They tortured her, destroyed her, built her into someone that you wouldn't even recognize as having a soul anymore. If she has to go through that again... Luna... I pray the god dess takes her soul to rest. The he II she has been through already..."

Luna Naomi wrapped her arms around me and I cried. I cried like a pup in her embrace. She didn't say anything as she let me cry. I felt like shit but it did feel better to let it all go. It had been compounding but I didn't know how much until I started to hiccup, unable to take full breaths asI mourned the loss of Auri. To me, she was already dead. Even if we managed to find her, how much would be left of her?

As if reading my thoughts, Lun a Naomi pulled back."Hector, she's probably still waiting for her knight. You can't give up on her yet. If you give up... she's on her own. Even if there is a 1%chance. Isn't that better than zero?"

I looked at the young Luna. She was smiling through her own tears.

"I...I can't..."

She chuckled."The great Beta Hector Mendez?A quitter? That's the first time I've heard of it. Especially about hearing him love a woman for what? Ten? Twenty years? Who couldn't be yours?"

I cracked a smile."Over thirty now. You forget how old I am, Luna. I may be older than your father."

Luna Naomi laughed and nodded."You might be right. But right now, you're just a wolf who's lost his mate. Give Vale a break though. He doesn't know it's his mother. I know you're choosing not to tell him. But at least... know where he is coming from. If Auri was saved right now... would you care if 1000 wolves died in the process?"I shook my head."I wouldn't. Auri would. She would kill us if we let that happen. She takes sacrifices for her sake very hard."

Chuckling, she stood up and held out her hand for me. "Then it sounds like you need to make sure you don't sacrifice anyone in saving her."

"If they didn't just decide to kill her, knowingwho she is."

Luna Naomi narrowed her eyes and shook her head."You want my honest thoughts?"

I nodded.

"I think you would feel as much as Alpha KingLogan would. But... the would be a theory I would never want to test."

Taking her hand, I allowed myself to be picked up. She brushed off her pants before starting to walk back the way we came."Don't give up yet, Hector. Don't assume she has. I know it's going to hurt. She's strong and as you said, she's stubborn. The time it takes to find her, if you do find her, what ever is left of her. Let's hope a piece of her soul still remains. But please don't give up hope."

Following her, we walked back to the castle. I opened the door for her and we walked in mid-e of thedinner. She sat next to her mate and one of the staff tried to put a plate in front of her but she waved the off. Doing the same, I sat at my usual spot across Vale. He was eyeing me suspiciously but then chuckled.

"Whatever you did, Luna Naomi, seemed towork. You would think the way he was acting, I killed someone close to him."

Luna Naomi's eyes widened."Vale!"

I slammed my hands down on the table but it was Ryder e who took over."You're mother, Vale. It was your mother."

Getting up, I headed out of the room. I couldn't stay here if he was going to be like his father. His cockiness hit a cord and I didn't care how much pain this would cause or if it caused a rift between him and his mate. He needed to shut his muzzle. Ryder e stepped back, mumbled incoherently as he retreated.

"What the fuck are you talking about?"

I turned to him just before exiting the dinning hall."That cost. The cost to get Ezekiel back. It was Auri, Vale."

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Chapter 59

Vale didn't push me after my outburst, didn't try to seek me out. In fact, he avoided me like the plague. Luna Naomi told me he had called Simon and Bryan but neither of them would give him details. They only said they would speak to us when we got there. This irritated him enough to break his phone as he threw it against the stone. Alpha Evan was accommodating when he realized the issue. He understood my pain at the loss of my Alpha. That was enough and I didn't need to explain further.

I slammed the trunk shut with our luggage. Turning to the Alpha and Luna who were standing next to the car, I flashed them a smile."Thank you for allowing us use of the car."

"Please. We brought our own and the pack hasquite a few. It's the least we could do after all this." Alpha Evan reached out and shook my hand. "Thank you for everything you have done, Beta Hector. We owe you greatly, if you ever need anything, especially with your Alpha, we would be happy to help."

Nodding, I swallowed the lump in my throat."I appreciate that, Alpha. If you need anything as well, don't hesitate to reach out.""Hector..."Luna Naomi walked up to me andhugged me tight."Don't lose hope. I'm sure she is waiting."

Patting her back, I stepped out of her arms and smiled sadly."I will do my best, Luna."

Vale walked out of the castle and I walked to the drivers side of the car. Pulling open the door, I sat and started up the car. In the rearview mirror,I could see Vale shaking hands with them both and exchanging a few words with them. He disappeared from my view and the passenger side door opened and Vale sat down.

Pulling out, I headed down the road, south out of the pack territory and onto the highway that would take us home.

"I need to stop to speak to the High Councilors." Vale told me as we crossed over the territory line.

I wanted to reply that it sounded like a'him issue 'and I could leave his ass with them but Ithought better of it. Ryder e was disappointed. There was a black car on the side of the road and the two vampires I had actually come to like were leaning against the car. Pulling up behind them, Vale got out and I turned off the car. I opened the door and stood, leaning against the open door but I knew it wasn't really my place to join the conversation. They shook hands and were speaking to each other, some head shakes and the crossing of arms told me it wasn't going well. I thought the Mother Witch, Gertrude was her name, had actually been a sweet woman. She was all for finding out what the hell was going on in her co ven and they found out it was some kind of dark ritual or something . A lot of magic was being thrown around and from my limited experience with it, it was never a good thing. It was funny because she actually knew Auri, someone Auri had made friends with years back.

"I have other priorities right now, that is not it." Vale's raised voice reached me and Jess went to touch his arm but he moved it.

The angry talking continued but I tuned it out. Looking down, my phone was mounted in the center. It was already after noon and I wanted to get home by morning. I wanted to drive as far and as long as I could before we stopped to take a rest. Vale proved to be completely incompetent when it came to driving lately as he drove at Morgan speed without knowing how to drive at Morgan's speed. He made multiple wolves throw up just from a single ride. After that, he was banned from driving at least until we reached home.

Vale shook his head a final time and stormedback over to the car. "Get in, we are leaving."

I rolled my eyes as I felt the order roll over me. Both Peter and Jess were looking at me, frowns on their faces. Shrugging, I got in and closed the door. Pulling out, we drove past them and down the road. It was quiet for a while, Vale clearly stewing as his arms were crossed over his chest.

"That conversation seemed lovely." Was all Isaid and Vale threw up his hands.

They expect me just to go back to the HighJuncil Castle for the next meeting. We already were out here way longer than we should have been and they still expect me to be gone for longer? Goddess, they know the shit that happened. I'm not going with them. Yes, I will have to deal with Mark but not right fucking now. I've got bigger issues on my plate."

I tapped the wheel as Vale fell back into his silent stew. This drive was going to be uncomfortable, I knew that, but I wasn't expecting insufferable. We stopped for gas and Vale got out, going into the convenience store. Finishi ng with the gas, I went in as well. Grabbing an energy drink and some sunflower seeds, I checked out before Vale came up behind me.

"All together." I motioned Vale to put everythingin his arms down." I can pay for my own stuff."

Rolling my eyes, I grabbed his stuff and put it on the counter."I know you can. I already have my card out and I'm here. I'm not emasculating you. That's your mates job."

Vale growled but I chuckled. Once our things were bagged, we headed back into the car and I opened my energy drink. I headed back out onto the road and continued to the drive. Looking at 're full tank, I hoped that I would only need tomake one more stop before reaching home.

"Why didn't you tell me?"

I looked over at Vale but he was looking out the window."What?"

"Why didn't you tell me about my mom?"

"You said you didn't care. Why should I botheryou with the details if you only cared that your mate was fine?"

Vale growled."I didn't...!"

"You did. You said you didn't care. It didn'tmatter who sacrificed themselves because you expected them to do the same as you would."

"That's not true! That's my mother, Hector!Youhad no right..."This time I growled."I had every right, Vale. That's my Alpha, not yours. You don't belong to the pack and frankly, I didn't need to tell you shit."

"Ezekiel is part of the pack! He's my mate! Thatmakes me ... "

"It doesn't make you part of the pack. It makesyou privy to the information in regards to Ezekiel. I understand it's your mother but the moment you told me

you don't give a shit, why :hould I tell you anything? Especially when iteffects the rest of us so deeply?"I heaved a sigh. "In some ways you take after your father."

Vale turned to me, and I glanced at his horrified look out of the corner of my eye. I knew it was a low blow. Bringing Logan into anything was a low blow but it was the truth. Even if Vale didn't like to hear it.

"I am nothing like my father." His voice was lowand quiet.

I felt Ryder e press forward and I allowed him."You, little Alpha King, take after your father far more than you know. Not always in a bad way. Your father was once a great Alpha. He faltered, as we all do, but he wasn't always as he is now. However, a narrow mindedness that nothing matters outside of your mate, is definitely _something which twisted him. Your mom has taught you better than that."

"I know. But she had her mate from when shewas nineteen. A normal Alpha and she got to spend time with him, be with him. She didn't feel like she needed to pro tect him or that she failed to do so."

I laughed. Ryder e also was snickering but he stepped back."One of these days, I hope your mom sits you down and gives you the full story. She's been through a lot more than you know. I could argue every single one of those points. It's not my place to do so."

"It might be."

A silence filled the car. I knew what he meant. That Auri might be gone. She might be out of reach forever. Taking a deep breath, I held onto the shred of hope. If anything, I would find her. No matter how long it took, no matter what I found, I would find Auri and bring her home. Ryder e also agreed with me. It was all we could focus on so we didn't break apart into a million pieces.

The rest of the ride was quiet. Three bags of chips and four hours later, Vale fell asleep in the seat. I did have to stop for gas one more time but luckily it was already in Italy which means wewere close to home. Vale didn't wake up until I pulled into the driveway of the pack house. My heart was beating wildly but I could see Vale fidgeting in his seat.

"Remember, gentle. Don't attack Ezekiel. Heneeds..."

"I know." Vale snapped at me and jumped outalmost before I stopped the car.

Sighing, I turned the car off and got out but Vale 、s already in the house. Grabbing our bagsn the trunk, I stared at the open door. Whatever was waiting for me, I knew I wouldn't like. I didn't know if I wanted to hear it anymore.

'Come on, Hector. We have to and then we canstart looking for her. They may have some information for us to begin.'I knew Ryder e was right but we both felt those words were hollow.

Taking a deep breath again, I walked into the house and shut the door behind me. I placed the bags on the floor and took in the living room. Everyone seemed to be there and I had texted Bryan that were a couple hours out, so I assumed they were waiting for us. The whole room looked like a stand-off though.

"Hector." Bryan stood and came over to me.

He had lost weight. Bryan already was a twig butnow he looked older. My eyes s wept over the room. Jax was leaning against the wall, Simon behind him. The both of them looked beaten down. They looked how I felt, how I looked when Alpha Evan found me in forest. Lucy was still sitting on the couch but her attention was on Vale, as was AJ, who looked ready to attack or defend.

Vale was breathing heavy, standing in front of Morgan who had his hand on his chest, holding him back. Ezekiel was behind him. What muscle and bulk he had built up over the months was gone. He was only skin and bones, his face sunken in. There was a look in his eye as well, the look I had seen so many times in Auri. The lump in my throat got bigger as I tried to swallow. Stepping forward, I put my hand on Vale's shoulder.

"I warned you before we pulled up."

Vale just growled and I threw him back, putting some strength into it. He stumbled back and leaned against the front door. I turned back and nodded to Morgan. His face couldn't even manage the smile he was trying to force. The man didn't change but there was an emptiness to his eyes, I ha d seen it before as well.

Walking past him, I walked up to Ezekiel slowly. He didn't move and I bared my neck to him inHe didn't move and I bared my neck to him in submission. Ryder e howled in my mind as he realized Auri had passed Alpha of our pack to him. The words I needed to say kept getting stuck in my throat but I squeezed my eyes shut and swallowed the pain.

"Alpha Ezekiel, I'm sorry I wasn't here to help. Ihope you will forgive your Beta."

I felt hands touch my cheek and I looked up at Ezekiel. He had tears in his eyes."I'm sorry Hector. I'm so sorry."Ezekiel repeated himself in a whisper."I'm so sorry."

My shoulders started to shake."Tell me. Tell me how it happened."

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Chapter 60

All of us sat or stood in the living room. Jax, Simon and Morgan were leaning against the wall with the fireplace, the couch was taken up by Ezekiel, Bryan, and Lucy. I sat on the single chair across from them, closest to the fireplace while Vale sat in the other. AJ was sitting on the arm of the couch. Everyone was shifting uncomfortably, trying to get comfortable in a conversation we knew was impossible.

"Really, Pipsqueak should be here but she's beenunreachable for a past few weeks."Morgan was the first to say something.

"It's fine. I just... I need some of it. Whateverhappened."My knuckles were white as I threaded my fingers together, just trying to hold myself together. Trying to let my emotions consume me.

It was Simon who spoke up first."Alpha.,. sorry... Auri had been in contact exclusively with Pipsqueak. They were working nonstop. Auri wouldn't sleep. She wouldn't eat until she was working on a new lead with her."

AJ nodded."We took turns making su re she rested or ate. Otherwise...""She would look like you three ?"I held the gazeof Bryan, Jax and Simon. All three of them couldn't hold my stare.

Bryan peered at Simon. "But Pipsqueak made a breakthrough. She found some footage of them unloading Ezekiel into another vehicle. One that did have a tracker."

Simon nodded."Auri didn't wait, refused to wait. She called me and told me to bring the Range Rover. I did and she was practically dragging Jax with her."

Jax chuckled but it didn't sound convincing."I told her we needed to tell people. Wake everyone up. It was 2 a. m. but it was my turn to make sure she slept at some point. Mo... Auri refused to wake anyone else up. I'm pretty su re now she ordered me but I didn't realize it at the time."

"She set up Pipsqueak on the dashboard and wedrove. All three of us. It took us about two days of solid driving. Jax and I took turns but Auri refused to stop. She was worried they would move him again and he would be lost." Simon added.

The room got quiet and I looked at the two men. They looked physically sick recounting this. Simon shook out of his internal thoughts."We made it to the facility. Auri wanted to take alook but I told her we needed to do some recon. See what was going on and what we were up against. Jax and I were exhausted but we at least had slept. She hadn't slept the entire time."He paused, his hands balling into fists before he continued.

"Auri said she just wanted us to look at the guardsituation. To move up closer. I was driving so I did. She would say closer again. And I didn't realize it until we reached the front ga te that she had been using her command. It was so subtle I didn't even think about it."

Jax chimed in."We both didn't. But we realized it when we reached the front gate, it was maybe about 12 ft tall around the whole building with cameras point ed at us, opened."

"Both of us were surprised but Auri wasn't. Shesaid to drive forward. I tried to fight the com mand that time but there was no way. We drove in and I was expecting the gate to close behind us but it didn't. It was just left open. She got out but ordered us to stay in the car. We watched her..."Simon's voice was failing.

"She walked about twenty yards from the carand five vampires came out. Two with lab coats, three with guns and armor. They were somehowconversing. I don't know exactly how but they were. After a moment, her head turned to us and then back to the building."Jax swallowed hard."The two in lab coats disappeared for about ten minutes before coming back with Ezekiel."

Simon gave a sad smile to Ezekiel sitting on the couch."They were basically dragging him out. He was so out of it. He looked broken and sick. We were horrified but relieved when Auri put her arms around him."

he mind linked me to come over."Jax tookover the story."So I got out of the car and walked over to them. Auri was whispering to Ezekiel and I felt the shift in Alpha. I was confused but Auri asked me to take Ezekiel back to the car. So I picked him up and carried him to the car."(1)

Vale chimed in the first time."Are you didn't think to grab my mo m on the way back?"

"When I say we were asked, we weren't. She wasordering us. We followed her orders, our Alpha's orders."

"But she wasn't Alpha anymore!"

I growled."Vale, shut up. Finish Jax."

"I got Ezekiel situated in the car and I stood atthe passenger door waiting for Auri. She turned to look at us and gave us the brightest fuckingsmile. Like how she used to smile before all of this. When all of us were at the dinner table talking about something. Fuck..."Jax turned and leaned against the wall.

Simon put a hand on his shoulder."We heard her voice through the mind link. She said she was sorry. Then I felt power like I had never felt before. It made me catch my breath even with how far away from her we were. Auri ordered us to drive home."

"It my head in my hands but I couldn't sayanything.

"We don't really remember the drive home.None of us do. But as we pulled into the driveway and we were considered home, the order dropped. It was... like everything came crashing down on us."Simon finished quietly. Morgan took a breath. "The boys brought Ezekiel in and we got him stable, Lucy being here to help and Bryan stayed behind since he was still Gamma. AJ, myself, Jax, Simon and Felix came with and we went back to the same place they dropped her off."He paused for a moment. "The whole fa cility had been burned down to the ground. There was nothing left. Not a single shred of information. There also wasn't any information or cameras or anything we could use to be able to see where they took her." "Pipsqueak has been searching but she..."

"She knew of Auri's plan." I could feeleveryone's eyes on me. "She planned this from the beginning. Auri made a calculated guess of what they wanted. They knew she was more valuable than Ezekiel. No offense." I glanced quickly at Ezekiel but he shook his head.

"None taken. You're right. But I can't figure outwhy."My eyes rose to meet Ezekiel. The look on his face was broken."She shouldn't have taken my place. I don't know if I could have survived another week. What they did was... breaking me. But Auri has always been kind and I never felt love of a mother until she stepped into my life. I wanted... want to protect her. I'm an Alpha, not only that but I'm a descendent of one of the originals. A bloodline that goes back to the beginning. Why would she..."

"Because she was... is... the Alpha King."Morgananswered but he was looking at me.

I knew at some point we would need to get to this topic. Auri hoped that she would just fade out of existence after Vale took over, taking the Alpha King power to her grave. The fact that Morgan was bringing it up now meant that he didn't have hope for saving her. My hands started to shake.

"What are you talking about? My mom died and the Alpha King gene passed to me."

Bryan sighed and shook his head."I think it's too soon to be talking about this."

"If not now, when? We don't know what theywill do or what's going to happen. It's time we open up our circle to more than just the four of us."Morgan snapped back at him.

Ezekiel looked over at me."Hector?"

The whole room was looking at me again. I nted to curl up in a corner and cry.

'Do you want me to...' Ryder e offered.

I shook my head."Auri had a theory. Something that might have never been thought of if she hadn't lived. But after having Týr, who was the most Alpha out of her and Logan as first born, she knew something was up with her pregnancy with Vale. He grew faster, presented more of an Alpha then Týr did. Which is unheard of until they found out he was the Alpha King."

"I don't see..."Vale started but lifted my hand tocut him off.

"Auri theorized that an Alpha King isn't chosenwhen they are born but at conception."

Ezekiel furrowed his brow for a minute but then I watched them shoot up."So then the death ofan Alpha King wouldn't mean a new Alpha King was born. It would mean the conception or the birth of the new Alpha King dictated when the current Alpha King was going to die."

The whole room got quiet. I nodded."Right. The only outlier was Auri. Not only was Aur i never supposed to be the Alpha King, but she also was supposed to die when Vale gave birth."(1)

"Wait, how was Auri the Alpha King?"Ezekiel'squestion was made Bryan chuckle.

'Was and is. Aur i was marked as the Luna Queenut Logan removed his Alpha King gene. Which the title and power was transferred to Auri. Not meaning to."

I smiled absently."Then she didn't die. It's not that there is some supernatural transfer of power at birth. The Alpha King is already born with the gene, with the powers. She is the Alpha King still. It's why you can't drop her with your own command, Vale. She will always be stronger as long as she's alive."

"Is that why you aren't bother by me?"Valegrowled, his face showing he was not liking this conversation.

"I've been subjected to your mothers level ofpower for years. Especially when she gets upset.Her 30% is your 100%."I smiled, thinking of Auri the time she found out Logan threw away half her wardrobe without telling her. Vale stood up and started to pa ce the room."You're saying that there are two kings? And my mom is still king? Then why the hell didn't she just take over?! Why did she make me...?"

Morgan answered but both Bryan and I growled. "She never wanted to be king. Honestly, she wasnever supposed to be king. Hell, she didn't want `e alpha. All she's ev er wanted to do is support

"Well she isn't fucking here! She's in the handsof some fucking vampires who know she is worth more than my fucking mate!" Vale was yelling.

Ezekiel on the couch shrunk back and I sighed. Morgan stood up and Lucy took hold of Ezekiel's hand.

"Can't you see you your stressing your mateout?" Morgan growled at Vale.

The two of them started to get into it. Rydere pulled me back.

'Vale is right.' I started to growl but Rydereswished his tail. 'Hector, listen! Someone had to know she was the Alpha King. They wouldn'thave made the switch. Not even Luna Queen beats out Ezekiel's blood. You know this.'

'So your saying it's someone who actually knowsshe's the Alpha King. That's not a lot....'(1)

Ryder e huffed at me. 'It's anyone left after the BloodHunter coven. Even the vampire that attacked our love when Vale was born knew who she was.'

'That doesn't narrow our list down. We alreadyknow the BloodHunter is connected to this.'I started to pa ce with Rydere. 'But someone would have had to take over. Micah was prominent and really took over most of the coven. We got everyone's name on the list from their data base. We went through them all. Auri went through the facilities. Then later we went through individuals.'

Ryder e stopped.'Someone who is supposed to be dead then... isn't.'

I narrowed my eyes.'There weren't enough of us to suspect. Us, Auri, Bryan, Logan, Morgan, Simon. Those all were the heads and we took the name s down marking them off. Ryder e gave me a look and I shook my head. I'm not suspecting our Alpha just because...' 'Because he started to change after that? He wasthe first with Nova 2.0. How did he get his connection? How were they able to get protection from what was going on?'

'Rydere, that would be... he would have lied toAuri. Lied to all of us. For what?'

'Power. The power he lost. A power he mighthave felt he needed to protect our love.'

"Fuck!" I stood up and quickly s wung around thestairs and ran up them.