

Chapter 570

"Try not to move, Reasa. I know it hurts but Mallen will be here soon. Once he puts your shoulder back in place the pain will subside. I won't lie to you; that's going to be more painful than the original injury, and then you'll have to face Rafe over your actions. You've just made life a whole lot harder for yourself."

Reasa opened her eyes long enough to look at Dayton, trying to ignore the agony shooting through her body. Every nerve felt like it was on fire and she wasn't used to suffering like this. Injuries had always healed instantly when she was still a vampire. Now her vision was blurred and it was hard to concentrate. "And for your mate."

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He gave her a rueful smile, stroking a hand through her hair because he didn't like seeing anyone in pain. "That's par for the course with Freya. Believe me; she'll give herself a harder time for this than Rafe will. He's Alpha, so he'll factor in that the safety of the pack was in jeopardy, and that will be the priority with him. As for Freya, she'll see it as a personal failure regardless of the circumstances and react accordingly. It will make my life a little bit more difficult, but we'll work through it."

He paused, sitting back on his heels and tilting his head towards the door. He could hear Mallen approaching and let out a slow breath before turning back to the human. "The main danger is Liam finding out. We have to avoid that happening at all costs. We don't want a repeat of what happened up at the Praetorian Compound."

Personally, she didn't care at the moment. All that was registering was the agony flowing through her body and the fact that it wouldn't stop. It wouldn't be her problem, anyway, even if he did find out and lose control. She was human now and wouldn't be aware of anything. Her fragile mind would implode instantly.

"Let me get near her, Day." Mallen knelt down beside Reasa, his gaze intent as he quickly catalogued her outward injuries with a practiced eye. Since she was human, he realized he would have to be more careful with her than his usual patients, but he was confident in his ability to do so. His hands gently ran over her body and he was relieved to determine her shoulder dislocation was the worst wound. She would have some bruising, aches and pains; once he set the shoulder, she should be fine.

"How bad is it?" Rafe growled out the question, entering the room with Freya in tow.

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"Not too bad," Mallen answered, glancing quickly at his Alpha. "She has a dislocated shoulder and some bumps and bruises, but apart from that she's fine."

The Alpha nodded, turning his gaze on Freya and Dayton. He wasn't surprised to see his beta had automatically come to stand beside his mate when she'd entered the room. He would have done the same had it been Lacey who'd made a mistake. "Do we know who she got the call out to?"

It was Freya who met his gaze and answered him, her tone emotionless, and her expression neutral in the face of his displeasure. "I destroyed the phone, but if I were to hazard a guess, I believe it was to her former coven."

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Her answer brought a frown to Rafe's face. "Why would she do that? She's human now. They wouldn't be the least interested in her."

"You're right; unless she didn't tell them she was human," Dayton mused, running a hand down Freya's stiff back. He could read her body language so well and knew she was working hard on maintaining her control. "If they think she has gathered intelligence of events which directly endanger the Covens...there's a strong possibility they'd show a great deal of interest." He was relieved the Alpha was concentrating first on the pack security issue. If he was assigning more importance to that, then maybe he'd cut Freya some slack.

"I overreacted and forgot both my strength and Reasa's vulnerability. I failed in my duty, causing harm to her instead of keeping her safe. You must remove the human from my care, Rafe. I am clearly incapable of performing this task or keeping my word to Liam." Freya moved away from them to stare out the window, her posture rigid.www.novelwo0m.©©©

Rafe shared a glance with Dayton, raising an eyebrow. His Beta was always the best barometer when it came to dealing with the volatile vampire. The fact that his expression displayed concern wasn't a good sign. Once more, he found himself in the position of having to deal with an issue that wasn't as simple as it appeared. Yes, Freya should have thought before she reacted. Realistically though, with Reasa being so much weaker as a human, the same thing might have happened regardless of whose care she was in.

"There's nowhere else to place her, Freya, not which will appease Liam anyway. The only reason he's content to have her here is because she's with you. There's no denying this situation shouldn't have happened. Reasa shouldn't have had the opportunity to get access to a cell phone and allowances should have been given to her frailty before corrective action was taken. However, it's happened and we have to learn from today so it doesn't happen again."

She spun around to look at him, fury in her eyes. "The best way to ensure it does not happen again is to remove her. I am incapable of ensuring no harm comes to her. I allowed her access to my phone and I broke my word to Liam."