

Chapter 755

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Rhienne rose too, nodding as she did. "Talk to Meckenzie. He can probably spare some Preetorians to increase patrols around the compound. Now they don't need to protect the children, they're at a bit of a loose end. Perhaps talk to Jared too and see if he would like any additional backup at the Henlon compound. I think Kern went with the girls so he could maybe act as liaison between the Preetorians and the pack?"

"Great idea," her brother agreed, giving her a quick hug. "I take it Celeb is organising transportation for everyone to Europe?"

"Yes. Everyone should meet Demetri in an hour at our house," Rhienne answered. "Celeb's set aside one of his jets so they can leave as soon as possible."

"Okay, sounds like everything is settled then. You better pack some gear and head over to Demetri's. Call me every day with an update. I'm sure Demetri will be doing the same with Celeb."

The others said their farewells heading out, leaving the siblings alone. Rhienne moved to sit on the vacated sofa, her brother sitting beside her.

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Refe frowned, concern etched across his handsome face. He ran a hand through his hair, a sure sign that he was worried. "It looked as if Reese had made a decent connection yesterday, but after a few hours Ave deteriorated considerably. Liem had taken Pippe home to work on her own grief, but we had to reunite the pair to save not only Ave but to calm Pippe down. It appears her promise to Tell is the main thing keeping her grounded at the moment. Being separate from Ave caused her to have a meltdown."

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"Sometimes I wonder who is taking care of whom here," her brother chuckled ruefully, mussing her curls as he was wont to do.

"I don't mind taking the odd turn every now and then," she grinned back at him, giving him a quick hug. "Now, where is that lovely mate of yours? It's been ages since I've been able to visit with Lacey. I might as well steal as much time as I can while I'm here."

Arm in arm they headed out the study and towards the large dining room. Yes there was a lot of uncertainty and danger surrounding them all, but sometimes they had to take a moment of blissful normalcy to remind themselves of just what they were all fighting for.

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"We will stop here for a rest."

Agony's declaration whispered through the trees surrounding them, and Natalia knew she was the reason they were pausing for a rest. The vampires and Vârcolac could have carried on for days without stopping, but she was only human, and despite being extremely fit due to being raised in a wolf pack, there was a limit to her stamina, and she was almost at breaking point.

She didn't view it as a weakness though. Some might have, seeing physical power as being strong, Natalia had learned over her reasonably short life that strength came in many different forms, so she wasn't offended that the others paused for her benefit only. She saw the stop as a chance to talk with Mila. She'd been noticing some subtle changes in her gifts as they made their way up the huge Carpathian Mountains and the Seer was probably the best person to talk to about it as she shared a similar gift.

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"Not wrong," she answered in a lowered tone. They were far enough away that most of the others couldn't hear them talk even with their enhanced hearing. She wasn't so sure that Agony and Dere couldn't hear but she needed to discuss her thoughts with Mile too much to worry about them overhearing.

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