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Ethan's POV

Alexi and I left our sleeping mate in our bed. She looked too cute pouting at us when she realized that we weren't going to join her. I really really wanted to join her in bed, but napping was not what I would want to be doing. It was hard enough resisting my delicious mate when she was in the bath that Alexi and I had run for her. I know Beth has some misgivings about her body since having the pups. She hasn't said out loud, but I can feel it in our bond that she thinks the few stretch marks from carrying the triplets turns us off of her. Little does she know they have the exact opposite effect.

There is just nothing sexier than a woman who has created life. Speaking of said life, I could hear one of the pups starting to fuss. [wpdiscuz-feedback id="uef3idnkoo" question="Please leave a feedback on this" opened="1"]J O B N I B . C O M asking for your feedback on this book.[/wpdiscuzfeedback] "I've got this one Alexi. You can have the next go round. Why don't you go help my dad with the Lycans. Just show them around the pack and get them some lunch. By the time you are done doing that I am sure that Beth will be awake and we can take them all to the new property that our Goddesses have so graciously managed to fall in our possessions."

"Sure. I'll let you know if something comes up while I am with our guests." Alexi said as he hightailed his ass right out of here without a second glance.

Huh. That's odd. He usually fights me on baby duty. I wonder what is going on with him? Oh Well. I have a pup to take care of. I don't have time to worry about what's going on with him.

Alexi's POV

I'm glad Ethan volunteered for baby duty so quickly. I was trying to wrack my brain for an excuse not to have to do it this time. I love my kids and I usually jump at the chance for baby time, but for my mate I will sacrifice baby time for any day. I could feel through our bond that she isn't feeling as good as she should about herself. I mean come on. Seriously. She just created and gave birth to not just one human being, but three.

I know Beth realizes that there is nothing wrong with her, but I felt as we were laying her down that she thought we didn't like her body anymore because her body is different after having the triplets. I want to get her something that will make her feel better. Normally I would try to reassure her with words, but I have a feeling that this particular instance is going to require me showing her as well as telling her. I meet up with Arthut and Lupus with his Lycans in Arthur's office. Lupus looked at me in confusion and then looked behind me. His frown was an obvious indicator that he wasn't happy so I said, "Is there something wrong Lupus?"

"Where is Beth? Shouldn't she be here to show her people around. Protocol mandates that she is the one to introduce her people to these new times and this new place. How can she lead us if she can't be here for important matters?" Lupus said. I was angry with his train of thoughts.

"Firstly Lupus, my mate just gave birth not long ago to triplets. She is exhausted and she just saved a young she-wolf from being killed before you arrived. So please excuse her if she needed a few hours of downtime to recharge. That girl has not had one chance to stop since she turned eighteen. She did all of the trials while heavily pregnant. So before you decide to judge whether or not she is suitable to rule you and your people because she isn't here to cater to your pompous ass just remember If it wasn't for her you would still be stuck in your prison of your OWN making." I growled out at him. He royally pissed me off talking about my mate like that.

"Well said Alexi, well said. Now if we are done asking unnecessary questions let us show you around the pack some. Then we can have some lunch. I am sure that all parties will be reunited afterwards to go to the new territory for the Lycans." Arthur said.

Lupus still didn't seem to be in all that good of a mood, but he kept his mouth shut. I did notice that the other Lycans had looked at him oddly while he was speaking. They didn't seem to agree with his assessment and that was a good sign to me that it isn't a group mentality. Just one man who seems to be put out because he is being replaced by a female.

We showed them to the main parts of the pack. The hospital which I noticed a few of the Lycans seemed to be interested in learning more about it. So I made a mental note to ask later. We showed them the parks where there were a lot of young children playing with their mother's watching over them. I did see some dads out there too. I can't wait until my kids are old enough to bring them out here to play.

We took them to the center of town and showed them a few of the shops. I made a pit stop at the jewelry store to pick up a necklace that has a large heart to represent Beth, and it has four little hearts to represent all of our children. As I exited the shop I noticed Arthur gave me a nod of approval. It shocked me a bit when he said, "Good man Alexi. I remember when Martha had just had Ethan. She was so upset about her body not being the same. Crazy woman thought I didn't desire her anymore because of a few marks on her stomach. These women of ours need to be reminded that they are special to us and beautiful especially after they have had children. I am happy to see that my daughter in law is being well looked after."

I couldn't help but puff my chest out a little at the compliment from Arthur. Roman was the only father figure I have had in my life that I can remember. It is nice to hear that from another man that I am starting to look up to as a father figure as well. I made a few more stops on our tour gathering some flowers and also a little parcel from a lingerie boutique. If Beth doesn't think we want her now she will definitely not be feeling that way later this evening.

We decided to stop at a diner for lunch and as we were all sitting down to eat one of the female lycans came up to me and asked, "I couldn't help but notice that you have gathered gifts for our Queen. Are we permitted to present gifts to our Queen as well? I know that a lot of us would like to thank her for her sacrifices for us, and for freeing us from our prisons."

I looked at her and then behind her and I noticed that all of the Lycans who have come on this tour are waiting to hear my answer. Well all of them except for Lupus. I really wish he would just get over whatever is going on with him. "You aren't required to give gifts, but if you would like to then there is nothing to stop you from it. I know Beth isn't expecting anything from any of you. She is just happy that she could help you all." I said in answer. I really wasn't sure what to tell them honestly.

I heard a scoff from Lupus and when I looked at him and raised an eyebrow at him in question he obliged me with an answer. "People don't just help people without wanting something in return. I don't believe that Beth isn't expecting at least SOMETHING in return for her selfless acts."

Before I could say anything one of the other Lycans beat me to it. "Lord Lupus, what is going on with you today? I haven't seen you act like this since before we were imprisoned."

Lupus looked at his fellow lycan and just sighed then said, "I am sorry. I am not myself today. My beast has been going crazy since we have arrived here. I am a little cranky because of it. I mean no disrespect. I should not let my own issues with my beast bleed into my interactions with others. My harsh judgment of Beth is nothing more than a reflection of how I am feeling towards my inner beast. Please accept my apologies on behalf of your mate, our Queen."

"Why don't we all get back to the packhouse. My son just linked me saying that he and Beth are there ready to give the tour of the new territory." Arthur said.

I was curious why Lupus' beast was acting up so much. I don't have a wolf or anything, but I can only imagine how it would feel to have one pacing around and going berserk in my head. I imagine it would cause a lot of headaches, both figuratively and literally.

As we approach the packhouse I can see my gorgeous mate standing next to Ethan and in front of her are our babies in a triple stroller with Timberlink standing beside Esmerelda's side. Beside him is Erica, Sandra, Alexander, Jessica, and Blaze. It didn't take me long to realize why Lupus' beast has been going crazy.

"Mate"

"Mate"

Well that could be interesting I said to myself while chuckling.

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Erica's POV

I finally got the pups all cleaned up, including Timberlink much to his annoyance. He knew he needed to get cleaned up especially after I had Esme cleaned up if he wanted to be anywhere near her. That was one argument I am glad I successfully won. Kara has been no help. She's been really odd ever since the pups went all exorcist on Jessica and Timberlink. I laid Dimitri down as he was the last one I had fed and changed. His brother and sister were in far worse shape than him. I just wonder if it was his vampire side being the strongest that allowed him to not be as affected as his siblings who had a stronger wolf presence.

I left the room after all the pups were asleep. I stopped at the door as I looked at my grandbabies, my heart full yet empty at the same time. I placed my hand on my flat stomach as a tear slipped down my cheek. Nobody knew but before I had died my late mate Dimitri and I had just found out I was expecting a baby. Kara had confirmed it once everything had died down at the dragon kingdom. Our baby died with us. I just pray to the gods above that my precious baby is with his or her daddy in the afterlife.

'It'll be ok babe. I smell him. He's here. Everything will be better now. I promise you. We will have a chance to have more pups.'

'What are you talking about? Who is here? Kara, do you expect me to just create a pup on my own!' I said with exasperation. I swear I don't understand this wolf of mine sometimes.

'You'll see soon enough.' Kara said. I felt a hand on me and I snarled lowly and blinked my eyes a couple of times and realized it was Beth. I felt my cheeks flush slightly. She may be right. I think Kara and I need a good sleep and be refreshed. Kara thankfully was in full agreement saying that we needed to look our best. Can our wolves go crazy? Is there a treatment for that?

'Very funny. I am not crazy and you will soon see. I swear Mother Moon paired us together solely for the fact you'd be lost without me. No other wolf would have the patience for your thickheadedness.' Kara said indignantly.

I cringed a little realizing that I had offended her. I tried to apologize, but she put a block up between us after turning her back to me and flicking her tail in a way that gave me the distinct feeling that if she were human she would have flipped me off. I laid my head on the pillow and in no time I was off to dreamland.

Dream

I heard a small giggle coming from beside me and I heard Dimitri whisper softly,"Shhh mommy is sleeping. We don't want to wake her yet my sunshine."

A soft smile came to my lips. That is what he used to call me. I felt a tear fall from my eyes. I missed Dimitri so much. He was the first man to ever make me feel like I was enough for them. He didn't check other women out in front of me or while I wasn't looking either. He made me feel like I was the only woman in the world to him. Unlike Beth's father who had cheated on me almost as soon as I fell pregnant with her.

"Shhh Sunshine, don't cry." Dimitri whispered into my ear. I could feel his breath caress my skin and tingles erupt when he touched my face.

I shot up and looked at Dimitri sitting beside me and an adorable little girl who looks just like me, but has her father's eyes. The sob that left me was unavoidable. I was looking at my baby. My prayers were heard. My baby is with her daddy. I cried for some time in my mate's arms as he whispered sweet soothing words to me.

When I finally had enough control over my emotions I asked the one question I had to have the answer to. "Why? Why didn't you choose to live? Selene said she offered a new chance at life to you and you declined it. Even after hearing Selene told you I had chosen life."

"Oh Sunshine. I wanted nothing more to be with you again, but I knew that my time in the land of the living was finished. I had accomplished all I was meant to. You see, beautiful, long ago I went to a powerful seer to find out about my mate. As you know I was never one for surprises, and I wanted to ensure that I wouldn't have any when it pertained to my mate. She told me that I would find my mate, but our time would be short. I was your bridge Erica. I was put in your life to show you that not all men are like your ex and that you deserve to be loved. The moon goddess failed to tell you that she also said that if I chose to stay here that our baby would be with me. I knew that Beth needed you still, and I couldn't leave our baby alone. Also there is the fact that you still have a long life with your true mate." Dimitri explained.

"I don't understand. You were my true mate Dimitri." I said.

"No baby. I was only your mate because your true mate was trapped in a prison of his own making for a very long time. Trust me Sunshine. Our love was magical and I wouldn't trade it for anything, but your TRUE mate your love will be out of this world. The one thing I demanded of the moon goddess was that when the time comes that I be the one to tell you. I knew if you were told by the Moon Goddess or if it just happened without warning you would reject him because of me. I don't want that for you. I want you to live your life to the fullest. I will always be in your heart just as our little sunshine will always be in your heart. Do you want to know what I named her?" Dimitri explained more to me. I know he was trying to distract me with our daughter, and I am not ashamed to say it worked. My little girl was beautiful.

"What's her name?" I whispered. I was trying hard not to start sobbing again, but that proved difficult when he told me her

name.

"Derica Elizabeth. After the two most important women in my life. I just couldn't help having a bit of myself in there as well." He said with a smirk. I chuckled at his last comment.

"It's beautiful. She's beautiful. Dimitri, what if...what if I don't want to go back. What if I want to stay here with you both?" I asked timidly. I already knew the answer and it didn't surprise me one bit either. "You have to go back. Beth still needs her mother. Now more than ever. There are some events that are about to unfold that she will need you to support her. I can't tell you what is coming because it is against the rules. You wouldn't think it, but the living have it the easiest. Not as many rules as the dead have. Our time is almost up. Why don't we spend some time together with Derica as a family? She really has missed you terribly. You may not have known her, but she knew you and loved you already." Dimitri smiled wistfully at our little girl playing in the open field chasing a butterfly.

We spent some time just chasing after our sunshine. Her giggles fed my soul. It felt as if each time I heard her laugh or giggle a part of me was healing. When Selene showed up I knew that it was time to go. I didn't want them to leave. I didn't want to leave. Dimitri wrapped me in his arms and I laid my forehead on his chest as he rested his head on top of mine. I whispered, "I don't think I can leave you or Derica again. Please don't make me."

"You have to, Erica. Derica is safe here with me. Beth isn't safe out there without you. As much as I wish I could be selfish with you. I just can't. I never understood the meaning behind the phrase, if you truly loved someone you would set them free. I do now though. I love you so much Erica, but you need to let your heart be open to a new love. Goodbye Sunshine. When you wake up you will understand my last gift to you. I love you." He whispered the last out and placed a kiss onto my lips and then my forehead.

I felt a warmth wash over me. I gave my baby girl one last hug not wanting to let her go, but I knew I needed to. Her place was here with her daddy as his place was here with her. I watched as they walked away and tears fell from my eyes as they disappeared. Selene was beside me now and she softly said, "I know it is painful now, but when you awaken your heart will be healed. Your bond with Dimitri will be fully severed from you. The tearing pain in your heart when you hear his name will be gone. You will only feel happy when you think of your first mate. Never sadness. This was a request from Dimitri himself. I know he told you he only demanded one thing from me, but he forgets I can hear his true feelings whether spoken aloud or not. He didn't want you to feel the pain of his loss anymore."

"Thank you." It was the only thing I could think to say. What do you say to a goddess who has basically just told you that the excruciating pain you feel from your mate being gone will no longer be there. It is like giving a starving man food.

"Now, I do have something to tell you myself before I send you back. I feel it should be said. When you meet him please keep an open mind. Now. I think it is time you go back now." Selene said and she placed her hands on my cheeks and tilted my head to look up at her. "One last thing. Beth's lycan comes from her father, not her mother." She imparted one last piece of wisdom before she placed a kiss on my forehead.

End Dream

My eyes fluttered open and a soft smile spread over my lips as I thought of my dream. I noticed surprisingly that when I thought of Dimitri and our baby my heart didn't hurt. Instead I felt, well, free I guess for a lack of a better term. I am free from my pain. I felt nothing but love and nostalgia. Like looking back fondly at a special moment. For once upon waking I feel like I can make it through a day without crying for the loss of Dimitri and the life we were creating.

I sat up on the bed stretching as Beth walked into the room. "Hey mom. How was your nap?" Beth asked me. "Hi baby. It was freeing." I say back to her.

Beth looked at me curiously. It looked as if she was about to say something, but before she could I saw her eyes flicker between lively and dull. Signaling she was receiving a mindlink. I waited patiently for her to be done. When her eyes cleared she smiled at me and said, "What would you think about coming with Ethan, the kids, and I to meet with the first group of Lycans and show them their new home?"

I couldn't help but notice that Kara was excited at the prospect of meeting this group of Lycans or the hope in Beth's eyes. How could I say no to spending time with my baby and her babies? I couldn't.

So now here I am standing with Beth and the others at the front of the packhouse waiting on Alexi to bring the group back so that Beth can open up a portal to the new packhouse. I guess when the gods are footing the bill they can get anything done in no time at all. We've been standing here for about five minutes when I noticed a lovely smell wafting to me on the breeze. I close my eyes and take a deep breath in through my nose so that I could smell that calming scent with the sun's warm rays warming my skin.

My love affair with the scent in the air was short lived. Kara couldn't help but start purring at the smell. I opened my eyes, and I was shocked to see that the most gorgeous man I had ever laid eyes on, and he was staring right back at me.' MATE!!! Erica, he's our MATE!!!"

"Mate"

"Mate"

We spoke at the same time. I was completely shocked and speechless. I can't believe I actually found a second chance mate. I wonder who he is.

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Lupus POV

I am not all that happy with how I have behaved since I have been transported to this pack. I am not the same man I was when this curse began. Thor, my beast, has not behaved like this for a very long time, but I doubt that the moon goddess would grant me another mate. Not after what I did to my poor Sierra. Though I guess I can't call her mine now since I was foolish and threw her away. I am thankful though she was smart enough to flee and in doing so saved our unborn child.

Beth has been nothing but kind to all of my people. I am happy with the gods' choice in our savior. Everything I have heard and seen about her shows that she is more than worthy of ruling the wolves and lycans. To learn that she is of my line gives me hope that our family isn't completely cursed.

As we are heading back to the packhouse when I catch the sweet smell of raspberries and jasmine in the air. Thor is going crazy screaming at me, 'Follow that smell now human. You will not ruin it for us this time.'

'What is going on and what in the hell are you talking about?'

'You will see. Just follow that smell. NOW!!'

He cuts the link from me and I just sigh. I raise my nose to the air to try and discern where the scent is coming from. I frown because it is coming from the packhouse. I look at the people standing there, and I don't see anyone new. As I get closer I finally see that there is a beautiful..no gorgeous woman...no goddess. A gorgeous goddess standing there beside Queen Beth.

Thor was screaming mate me like a mad beast. I was so mesmerized by her beauty that I almost didn't say "Mate!"

My heart skipped a beat when I heard her reciprocate. I sent a silent prayer up to the moon goddess for being so gracious as to give me a second chance. My feet had a mind of their own and they took me straight to my mate. When I arrived in front of her I got down on my knees and bowed my head to her and said, "I know I am not worthy of you as my mate. If you accept me I will spend the rest of my long life trying to be if you allow me."

I was shocked when my goddess fell down to her knees as she also bowed her head to me saying, "If you are not worthy of me, then I also am not worthy of you. I will spend the rest of my long life trying to be worthy of you if you accept me." She raised her head and gave me a tentative smile.

I stared at her trying to understand how I was blessed with such a sweet soul. Once I was brought to my senses I whispered, "If you knew who I was, you would not be saying such things to me."

"I know who you are, Lupus. I also know that you wouldn't be here if you had not become a new man. Selene, our moon goddess, would not have granted us a mate bond if we were not meant to be together. I only hope that knowing that I am part vampire will not deter you from me. I assure you I have my thirst under control even though I am new at it." My unbelievable mate babbles on after making me the happiest lycan in this world.

I stop her babbling, slamming my lips to hers. She didn't respond at first, but after a few seconds she started to kiss me back. It became more heated than I originally anticipated and I couldn't help the growl that escaped my lips when I heard someone trying to interrupt the most amazing kiss of my long life.

I turn my head and growl, "What!" My face blanches when I realize that it is Beth standing there. "My apologies to your majesty. I didn't mean to be so disrespectful. Please forgive me." I said with a bow to my head and my neck to the side to show my submission to her.

She smiled at me and like my mate gave me another shock to wrap my mind around when she said, "Apparently Fate has ordained that you are to be my family whether on my father's side by blood or my mother's side by matehood. So do I call you grandpa? Or dad?"

"Elizabeth Anne, you stop harassing my mate right this instant. You may be a queen, but I am still your mother and you are not too old to be punished young lady!" My mate said.

"Babe, your mom is right. You shouldn't tease the poor man right now." Ethan said to Beth while I was still trying to get over the fact that my mate is a mother and my beast laying claim to Beth as our pup. I am not against Beth as my pup. I just hope that she does not object to being my pup. "Fine. I will stop teasing my new dad. You better treat my mom right or I won't hesitate to step in." She says to me sternly before she turns to her mother who has now stood back up and gives her a hug saying,

"Congratulations mom. You deserve this. Dimitri would have wanted you to be happy. I know it hasn't been long so go at your pace. I love you. Now why don't you go show your mate around to the guest rooms." Beth winked at my mate.

"Elizabeth! Behave yourself." My mate said. She was obviously horrified at her daughter's behavior.

"In fact, why don't you all come with us and we will show you to your guest rooms. I think considering the current situation that we will take the tour of the new territory tomorrow. Take the rest of the day to either rest or explore." Beth said.

I was thankful that she was giving me the opportunity to spend this time getting to

know my mate. The first thing I need to ask her though is her name, so I did just that, "What is your name darling?"

My mate blushed and said, "Oh goodness! It's Erica."

I smiled and said, "Just as beautiful as you are."

"That makes asking you, darling, if you would like to go on a date with us easier" I heard Alexi ask Beth as Erica and I walked away.

Meanwhile back at the hospital Piper was beginning to wake up.

Piper's POV

Веер. Веер. Веер.

I have been floating in a blackness for a while now. This is the first sound I have heard apart from my own voice calling out to anyone. I was thankful for it for a moment, but that moment has passed, and I have been hearing this sound and only this sound.

Веер. Веер. Веер.

The only reason I haven't completely lost my mind by listening to this sound is my pup, Anya. My poor baby must be so scared. I hope that bastard doesn't do anything to harm my baby girl.

Веер. Веер. Веер.

I have to get out of here. I need to complete this task so I can get her back. I will my eyes to open and they do, but I regret it and close them just as fast. The light had burned my eyes. When I opened them again I just cracked them open and then blinked a few times until I knew it was safe.

I turn my head and hiss a little bit. The movement was not appreciated by my body. I take in my surroundings and realize that I must be in some type of hospital. The annoying beeping noise is coming from that machine. I need to get out of here so I can complete my task. Anya is waiting for me. I know that bastard isn't taking care of her.

I tested out the rest of my body and thankfully Lucky was able to heal my injuries up. 'Of course I did. I want to get back to our pup. I don't want to do this, but our pup comes first above anyone.' Lucky piped in.

'Thank you, Lucky. I know you do and I don't either, but you are right. Anya comes before anything or anyone else.'

I slowly looked around the rest of the room and not the clock on the side table and it read that it was only two in the

afternoon. If I want this plan to work I need to at least make sure that everyone will be more relaxed in the evening. That is when I will have to strike. I need to bide my time and pretend to be still unconscious.

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Beth's POV

"Well that explains that." Arthur said with a chuckle as I watched my mom and Lupus, her new mate walk away. Man that is going to take a bit to get used to. I am happy for them both. I just hope that mom lets him in. I know she has been struggling about the loss of Dimitri. After they disappear inside the packhouse I turn back to Arthur and raise an eyebrow in question.

"Lupus has been out of sorts, so to speak, since he has been in the pack. His beast was going crazy in his mind and making him cranky to say the least. His mate being near would definitely do that to a wolf or lycan." Arthur explained. I nodded my head because that did make sense. It also explained what Kara was arguing with mom about earlier as well. It all makes sense now.

"So about this date. Where are we going? Who is going to watch the pups? Oh gosh! I don't know if I have anything to wear. Do I need to dress up?" I started throwing out question after question like word vomit. I didn't even give them a chance to answer any of the questions before I asked a new one. Oh goddess. I haven't been on a date in forever. I don't know if I can call me paying for my ex's burger and fries when he came into the diner I had worked at while I was working, exactly a date. I was brought out of my thoughts when I felt Alexi's lips on mine. Effectively shutting me up as I leaned into the kiss.

"That's better. Now I can answer your questions darling." Alexi said as he chuckled at my dazed expression. "You will need to wear something comfortable because we will be going on a hike. It is a picnic dinner and you darling need to get upstairs and get ready or we'll miss the best surprise. Jessica and Sandra are going to watch the pups and I am sure Arthur will sneak up there at some point. In order to avoid an incomplete reading experience, visit J O b n I b . c O m. Now go. You have ten minutes so hurry up." He pushed me towards the packhouse and gave my butt a quick smack causing me to yelp in surprise and a little more speed into my step.

Harmony was doing circles in my mind, happy that her mates want us to spend time together. I know that it is dumb but ever since the pups have been born I fear that my mates haven't been as attracted to my new body. Not that I think I look bad or anything. It's just different. My boobs are bigger and my butt has definitely gotten larger, but I don't feel those are bad things. My mates however I just don't know.

I shake those thoughts from my mind as I quickly change into a comfortable pair of cargo pants and a black tank top with a red and black flannel overshirt. Comfortable yet cute. I rushed to put my boots on then ran into the nursery to say goodbye to my babies. I looked into their cribs and placed my hand on each of their little tummies and placed a kiss on their foreheads. When I got to Esmerelda I noticed that she was hotter than her brothers. I checked her temperature with a thermometer and she had a slight fever. I quickly mind link Marcy the pack doctor and said, 'Marcy, I have a quick question for you. Esmerelda has a bit of a fever. Is it anything to be worried about?'

'How high is the temperature and is she showing any other symptoms?' Marcy replied to me right away and straight to the point.

'It isn't very high, just at 99.9. She doesn't seem to be showing any other symptoms.' I responded back to her.

'Do the other pups have a fever or is it just Esmerelda?' She asked. 'No. It is just Esmerelda. Should I separate her from the boys just in case?' I am starting to get worried now.

'I can feel your new mom worries from here. Stop it. She is going to be fine. She doesn't have any other symptoms. I don't think you have to separate them, but you can if you would feel more comfortable. If her fever goes any higher or if she is experiencing any other symptoms I will come right away to check on her. Otherwise I will stop by in the morning to give them all a quick once over. Now go and enjoy that date that I heard your mates are taking you on.' Marcy said and then cut the link.

I brought Esmerelda out into the sitting room. Where there were the cradles for the pups when we were out here. I placed Esmerelda into hers and placed a blanket over her. I let Jessica know to check Esmerelda's temperature periodically and to link Marcy and myself if it goes any higher. I walked out of my suite and walked down to the ground floor where I met my mates at the bottom of the stairs already waiting for me. Ethan held a cooler and Alexi was carrying a classic picnic basket even with the blue and checkered blanket to sit on. I walked up to them and gave each a kiss before we headed out of the packhouse.

The hike was beautiful. The wooded path was well used so there weren't many obstacles in the way for me to trip over. When we finally made it to our destination I was in awe of the view. When we exited the woods we walked into a clearing atop a waterfall that overlooked our packlands. I could even see our castle that was made by the goddesses. We made it just in time to enjoy a quiet meal while enjoying the sun setting slowly in the sky turning it into a mixture of oranges, reds, and pinks.

"Baby, Alexi and I have a gift for you. I will admit Alexi thought of it before me, but it is from the both of us. It is a token of our love for you and our pups. Alexi." Ethan said and then nodded his head towards Alexi making me turn towards him.

I gasped as I saw the necklace. It was beautiful. A heart to represent me and each of our children. "Darling, you are an amazing person. We love everything about you. Especially the fact that you single handedly created three beautiful human beings in this gorgeous body. We got this for you to show you just that. Also to take advantage of some much needed alone time" He said wiggling his brows at the end causing me to giggle.

I flung myself into his arms and passionately kissed his lips. Soon Ethan joined in and stole my lips away from Alexi not wanting to be left out of the kisses. Soon our clothes were spread in the grass and both of my mates were thrusting in tandem into me giving me an immeasurable amount of pleasure. So lost in our passion that we failed to feel the mindlinks that were trying to push through to us. An oversight we would soon regret.

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Piper's POV

I've been waiting for what felt like centuries for everything to quiet down around here. I peeked at the clock and saw that it was just after 10 pm. The night shift started three hours ago and that was the last time a nurse has come in to check on me. I know that she should be here any time now so I closed my eyes again to wait. It didn't take long and soon the nurse was in and out of my room. She won't be back in again for another few hours. By then I hope to be long gone from this place with my baby Anya in my arms.

I say a silent prayer to the moon goddess to forgive me for what I am about to do. If I had any other choice I would do it, but I haven't been able to come up with one. With that b***h on his side there is nothing that I can do. I don't know how she does it, but she erases peoples minds after a certain point past the border. She doesn't even have to be there for it to happen. It is honestly creepy because she isn't a witch. Lucky has not been able to get read on her scent to determine what supernatural being she is.

I got out of bed and noticed some basic sweatpants and t-shirt. I put the clothes on and then went to check the window. I am thankful I seem to be on a lower level of the hospital and can easily get out of the window. I open it up and get onto the ledge. I drop down and land in a crouching position. Lucky enhances our senses and allows me to hear if there is anyone about. We don't hear anyone nearby and we make our way to the packhouse. Baxter had me go over maps and maps and maps of this place. I know exactly where to get in undetected. As I sneak in the delivery doors by the garage I make my way into the main house through the kitchen. I made my way up the service stairs to the top floor where the Alpha family lives. I am surprised there aren't any guards up here. I make my way down the hallway and stop at the end. 'Lucky, can you smell where we need to be? Maybe pick up the scent of baby powder or something?' I asked my wolf.

I heard Lucky snort and roll her wolfy eyes in my mind before she said, 'Child I swear you say the funniest things sometimes. What do you think I have been doing? Turn to your left and the door is right there.' I felt Lucky lay down in my mind and lay her paws over her eyes. 'I don't want to watch this part' Lucky said as explanation. It was my turn to roll my eyes at her.

I followed her instructions and opened the door on my left and I entered into a nice cozy living room area with three cradles in the corner. After I ensured there were no occupants in the living room I walked towards the back where I knew the bedrooms would have to be. I stopped though when I heard a small whimper come from one of the cradles. I turned towards it and noticed there was some movement. I walked quickly over and noticed that it was a beautiful baby girl. She reminded me so much of my little Anya.

"I am so sorry little one for what I am about to do. I promise I will protect you as best as I can." I whispered to her as I picked her up. I swear she was watching me and trying to decide if I was ok or not. It gave me chills with how serious this baby is looking at me. I guess she approved of me because she gave a small yawn and went to sleep in my arms.

'Who just leaves their pup unattended like this' Lucky says in my mind, angry that the little pup was left alone. 'I don't know Lucky, but something tells me that..' I didn't get to finish speaking to Lucky when I was interrupted by a young boy.

"Who are you and why do you have my sister?" The young boy asked. He looked to be about twelve years old.

'Careful Piper. This young wolf isn't anything like we have seen before. He is a guardian. Judging by the vibes I am getting a fully realized guardian and we so happen to be holding his charge in our hands. Lucky said to me.

'What the hell is a guardian and what am I supposed to do?' I say back to her annoyed by her lack of explanations.

"I ummm. I ummm. I... I..." I was stumbling over what to say to this boy or guardian or whatever he is.

"Are you a bad guy? Are you working with that bad man that wants to hurt my mommy?" He growled at me. 'What do I say Lucky?' I asked in a panic.

'Just answer him honestly. If you don't, there is no telling what he will do. He can sense it.' Lucky said.

"N..No I am not a bad person. It is hard to explain, but I am not working with that man willingly. He has my baby and threatened to hurt her very badly if I don't do this for him." I say defeated. I could feel a tear slide down my face. I'm so sorry Anya. I failed you baby girl.

I watched as the boy studied me much the same as the baby had. I watched his eyes glaze over and I knew that I was done for. He was mindlinking someone. Probably guards or something. What he said next shocked me. "Ok. Esmerelda wants to help you. She says that you have a good heart. So I will go with you to protect my sister. Any funny business and I won't hesitate to hurt you to protect her." He crossed his arms over his chest as he glared at me. Almost daring me to test him.

I nodded and watched as he walked over to a closet in the living room and pulled out a jacket, wrap around baby carrier, and diaper bag. He proceeded to fill the diaper bag with bottles and diapers. Along with wipes and baby powder and rash cream and a few extra sets of clothes and clean blankets too. I was completely in awe of this young boy who seemed to know everything he would need to go on a trip with a baby.

"Let's go before Aunt Jessica and Uncle Blaze are done wrestling in my room." He said and I just looked at him confused until I realized what he meant. I shivered in disgust. What kind of people would do THAT in a child's room while babysitting. Reminds me of most scary movies where the babysitter is preoccupied having s*x while something happens to the kids. I stopped in my tracks when I realized that is exactly what is happening. Well s**t. I guess I am now part of that stupid cliche bit, but at least I am not on the babysitter's end of it.

I followed the boy out of the room and down the stairs. Once outside back the way I had come in we headed for the forest. Once in the tree line he stopped and pulled out the baby wrap around carrier and attached it to himself, and motioned for me to place the baby in it. I did as he said after he explained it was so that she was secure while I transformed and I carried them. It was a smart idea and it gets us out of the territory faster. I just assumed we would walk.

Once the baby was secured he placed the diaper bag so that the bag was laying against his back. As soon as he was ready I went behind a tree and took off my clothes and folded them in a neat pile and proceeded to shift into my wolf form. I felt the usual sensation of my bones snapping and my body readjusting to that of my wolf. Once my shift was complete Lucky grabbed our clothes in her mouth and carried them to the boy.

He grabbed my clothes from Lucky and placed them into a secondary bag I hadn't seen until now. He placed it on his back like he did the diaper bag. Once he had everything situated Lucky laid down on the ground so that he could get on us easier. After I was sure he was ready he pointed me into the direction to the nearest border. Lucky took off as fast and safely as she could. It didn't take us long, maybe thirty minutes or so to reach the border. Lucky stopped to sniff and could see that the patrol hadn't been in this area for a time meaning now was the opportunity we needed to make it across. The moment we made it across the border we heard howls sounding out throughout the pack. They must have figured out the kids weren't there anymore. Lucky turned and headed towards where we were instructed to go if we could accomplish our task. It took us several hours to make it to

our destination and once there we laid on the grass and the boy jumped off. I stood back up and looked around. It was a tiny shack out in the middle of the woods. I quickly went behind a tree to get dressed once my clothes were handed back to me. When I was done we walked up to the front door. I said, "I was supposed to make a phone call once I got here." I am not sure why I am explaining anything to him, but I felt the need to." They are supposed to bring my baby to make the trade."

He nods his head and examines the room. He walked over to an old bed and swept the covers back to reveal a slightly cleaner mattress underneath. He placed both bags down and pulled out a blanket and laid it atop the mattress. Then expertly got the baby out of the carrier and placed her on the clean blanket. I was impressed with how attentive he was to her. Almost like a father or a mate. 'That is the way of a guardian. They have a special connection Piper. It is how the gods wired the guardians. It is how they can protect their charges better.' Lucky explained to me.

Once he was sure the baby was taken care of he looked at me and studied me again. Then he nodded his head and said, " If you want to have help to make sure that you get your daughter back let me talk to my grandpa. He can bring a whole army here to help us. He really is good at war."

"Wh...who is your grandpa?" I ask.

"Me" a deep baritone voice said behind me.

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Piper's POV

I twirled around so fast to stare into a very solid muscular chest. A very naked chest. I gulped as I started to trail my eyes upwards and upwards. Good gods, how tall was this man? I finally reached his face and I couldn't help the whimper that escaped my mouth as I stared into the very angry face of this boy's grandfather.

I tried to take a few steps backwards but the man grabbed me by my upper arm and dragged me to the center of the room to a chair that wasn't there before. I was forced to sit down and to my utter dismay manacles appeared and clasped around my wrists and feet effectively securing me to the chair.

I stared wide eyed at the man in front of me in fear. I wish I could say I was made of tougher stuff, but being faced with this man's anger was enough to make me squeal everything I have ever learned to him just to appease his anger, and I did just that when he asked why I had his grandchildren.

"...I had no choice. He threatened to hurt my baby. He took her away from me and the only way I could have her back unharmed was to do a trade. I didn't know what else to do. It is just me and my baby girl. Please don't kill me. Please." I finished telling my story and let out the sobs that I have been trying to hold back.

The man just stared at me until the young boy said, "Grandpa. Esme trusts her. She wants to help her."

The man turned to him and said, "Are you sure Timberlink? She could be lying."

"Ares, stop being an intimidating i***t. That poor girl has been through enough." A soft feminine voice with authority sounded in the room. I looked around and saw a beautiful woman standing behind the man now.

I watched as the man rolled his eyes and turned around to face the woman and said, "Now Selene, what on earth are you doing here now?" The man I know now as Ares said to the newcomer.

"You know as well as I do that I am never far away from my special children. You are always trying my patience. Just go tell Roman he is needed to help find his grandchildren." Selene said and dismissed Ares with the wave of her hand.

"Woman you are lucky that Beth likes you or I wouldn't tolerate that disrespect from you." Ares said before he disappeared before my eyes.

I watched on as the woman shook her head at Ares. She turned around to look at me and said, "We need to talk, Piper, and we don't have a lot of time to do it. So let's just get straight to business shall we?" She said, once she was finished speaking the manacles holding me to the chair disappeared much like the man did. "Now that you are no longer chained to that chair. I must apologize for Ares. One of these days Ares will learn that not every situation is a war situation. You would think that after eons he would have figured that out by now, but alas he is a man and unless it slaps him in the face and in his case with a sword he isn't going to see it." The woman Selene said.

Who are these people? 'Really Piper. You haven't figured it out by now? You should be bowing down or something! This is mother moon!!! She has graced us with her presence.' Lucky fangirled in my head. Mother moon? Who in the....Oh my goddess. She's the moon goddess! I quickly stood from the chair and got down on my knees begging for forgiveness." Please moon goddess. Have mercy on my wolf Lucky. This isn't her fault. She is just stuck with a terrible human who couldn't even protect her own pup." I felt all my insecurities of being a mother flow through me.

If I were a better mother my child wouldn't have been taken. She wouldn't be used as a bargaining chip for me to do this evil thing. She would be safe in my arms in a loving home if I were a better mother. Anya and Lucky would both be better off witho... "Don't you dare finish that thought Piper. If you were such a terrible person you would not have pleaded on behalf of your wolf. If you were such a terrible person I would not be here and would have let Ares continue with his interrogation. Let me tell you that would have been very painful for you and your wolf. Finally if you were a terrible person Esmerelda would not have felt safe with you. Timberlink would have never allowed you anywhere near his charge. Now please stand up so we can talk." Selene said.

'She's right Piper. We aren't bad people. We were stuck in a bad situation with only an even worse way out. If our mate would have been faithful and not a complete jerk we would not be in this situation. We have done the best that we could with what we have had thrown at us. I am proud to be your wolf. Now wipe your eyes and listen to our mother moon.' Lucky said to me. I decided to listen to my wolf considering at this point I have nothing left to lose. I slowly stood up as I wiped my eyes free from my tears. I wiped the rest of my face as best I could and looked the moon goddess in her eyes and said, "What did you want to talk to me about?"

"That's a good girl." She said, smiling at me. "I know you have had a terrible time this past year. I promise you there is a reason for everything. I don't exactly like putting my children into bad situations, however sometimes it is necessary for the events of the future to come to pass as they should. Your precious baby Anya is meant for great things, and so are you if you allow yourself to be."

"How?" I asked in confusion. How could I be meant for great things? Anya I can see, but not me.

"You will see soon enough. Now. Listen to what I have to say and listen very carefully. Do not let the past dictate the future.

Sometimes bad things happen to good people to help them grow as a person, and to allow them to accept the good things to come only if they let it. You will need to..." Selene said, stopping mid sentence when we heard a twig snap outside. She closed her eyes for a moment and then smiled and said, "That's my cue to leave. Just remember what I said and you will be fine." Then she just disappeared.

What in the world? She didn't even tell me anything. Is the moon goddess always this cryptic? 'Let's worry less about that and more about what is outside this shack. We have two pups here to protect!' Lucky interrupts my thoughts. She's right. I can't let anything happen to these pups.

I moved across the room to place myself between the pups and the door. Timberlink had already put himself between the door and his sister like the good protective brother that he should be. I waited with baited breath for something to happen. I didn't have to wait long before I heard the cries of a baby. MY baby.

"Shut up you brat. I can't wait to be done with you." I heard a woman's harsh voice.

I ran to the door and swung it open. There on the other side was a woman holding my Anya and roughly ten rogues. I recognized one of them as Baxter's third in command. He pushed me inside the shack and the woman followed. Once inside he slammed the door shut and looked around the room. His eyes landed on Timberlink and Esmerelda and a wicked smile crossed his lips when he said, "A two for one. You did good w***e. It's a shame that I have to kill you now. Be thankful that brat of yours will soon follow."

I looked back at Anya with tears in my eyes and fell to my knees begging, "Please! I did what I was asked. I was promised that I could leave with my baby. Please don't kill us." I had to think of something. I used the moment of my show to think about how to get out of this situation. I can't exactly stay here and let this man try to kill me and my pup. Who knows what sick and evil things Baxter has planned for Esmerelda.

Think Piper. Think! As I bent my head down I looked out of the corners of my eyes for any other exit than the front. I was about to give up when I noticed that there was an open window big enough for me and the pups to get through. I looked around the room and saw a broken down wood burning stove in the corner not far from where I am and where the window is. The woman holding Anya was standing right there too.

I send up a prayer to the moon goddess to help me through this. I eye the man as he is laughing at what I said. This was the perfect time to act. He was far enough away from me and the pups. I took a deep breath and charged the woman grabbing Anya while pushing her away with all the strength Lucky and I could muster. Yes! Take that you b***h!" Timberlink, come here now!" I shouted out to him.

I was thankful that he had already had Esmerelda in the carrier. Such a smart boy. I didn't even see him do that. "Climb out that window and I will hand you Anya.

Can you carry both pups?" He nodded his head at me and I continued, "Ok. I want you to run as fast as you can that way. I will be right behind you alright? Now go!"

I grabbed hold of the poker for the wood burner and brandished it as a weapon keeping the man at bay. Once I saw Timberlink disappear out of sight I stabbed the man in his shoulder and jumped out of the window shifting midair running after the pups. I heard howls sounding out behind me and knew that the rogues were giving chase. We came to a skidding halt at the edge of a ravine with a raging river rushing below. We were trapped.

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Piper's POV

I was panicking now. I didn't know what to do. I suddenly began to shift without warning. I stood there standing completely naked. 'What the hell Lucky! Why did we shift back?' I screamed at her in panic.

'I don't know sugar. I can't come forward right now. There is an invisible force stopping me every time I try to. But do you smell that? Mmmm I want me some of whatever that is.' said Lucky, she wasn't going to be any help right now. Now that her attention is on that scent she has been going crazy running circles in my mind. Crazy wolf picked the worst time to get the damn zoomies.

The man from the cabin appeared also naked. I assume he can't be shifted right now either. "You can't run any farther you stupid b***h! You're going to pay for that. I will kill that brat right in front of you now!" He yelled at me.

"You don't want to do that." Timberlink growled out.

"And why exactly don't I want to do that boy?" He spit out at Timberlink.

"Because you don't threaten to kill my beloved without answering to me!" A deep voice rang out behind him from the forest, and it sent shivers down my spine. Not the bad kind. The tingly kind that seems to run straight to your core. I was mortified to realize that I could smell my arousal. What the hell! 'It's ok now Piper. Mate will save us. He sounds so sexy!' Lucky said as she laid on her back exposing her belly with her tongue hanging out the side of her mouth while she pants. I mentally facepalm myself. Leave it to my wolf to get horny in a time like this.

"Grandpa Roman!" Timberlink cheered out.

Huh. So my mate is who Selene sent Ares to get. I am starting to understand what she said now. She was trying to prepare me for my second chance mate so I didn't throw the mate bond away because of what my first mate did to me. In order to avoid an incomplete reading experience, visit J o b n I b . c o m. Doesn't mean he will want me once he knows everything that I have done. 'Don't get too excited Lucky. Wait until he realizes everything that we have done. He will reject us or worse kill us for taking his grandchildren.' I told her sadly.

'Mate will understand we were trying to protect our pup! Not all men are like him! You are too negative. Mother moon would not have sent him to us if she wasn't sure he would accept us. Trust in our goddess again, Piper. I promise you won't regret it.' Lucky said, sounding so sure of herself. It almost gave me hope.

"What is the name of the man that is going to die by my hands tonight?" Roman asked with authority.

"Simon. Not that it is any of your business and you kill me? HA! You are only one man with a woman and three children. Not very good odds considering I have ten men with me." Siman says cockily.

"Oh? You have ten men with you? That couldn't be the scraggly group of rogues my men have already dispatched by chance would it? Oh and it was eight men and one woman. Should learn to count there, son." Roman said with a smirk. Simon's face went pale, but he quickly recovered his bravado and said, "Why would you want to have a w***e and a thief as a mate? You know she has a pup right. No father in sight. Not to mention she stole those other two pups right out from their home. You still want to protect that dumb b***h?"

Timberlink was quick to answer and said, "She had no choice to take us. You guys threatened to kill her baby if she didn't." Roman snarled out furiously and yelled, "ENOUGH! I have heard enough."

I lowered my head understanding that he had heard enough about me to not want me. I felt tears falling down my face. In the matter of seconds I could hear a gurgling sound and then I felt warm calloused hands cupping my face. Making me look up into Roman's eyes. Shockingly enough I could see real concern in his eyes. "It's ok sweetheart. They can't hurt you now. I've got you and you'll never be alone again." He said so gently to me. I looked into his eyes trying to find any deceit and I found nothing but honesty shining through. I broke down into sobs and gripped around his waist as best I could, while he held me close and whispered soothingly to me.

After a few minutes my sobs finally calmed down and I was able to pull myself away from him when he said something that just about sent me right back into another sobbing fit. "Let's go check out our pup and grandchildren shall we?"

"Y..you accept..accept Anya too?" I asked hoping against all hope he doesn't want me to send my daughter away. Most other male wolves are too possessive to care for another man's young.

'Ummm Piper. He isn't a wolf. Take a whiff, sugar. Our mate is Vampire, and a very strong one at that!' Lucky said. I did as she said and she was right. I could smell the distinct scent of a vampire on him.

"Of course I do. What kind of mate let alone man would I be if I sent away my mate's child breaking her heart? We both have a past and while mine is a lot older than yours we both will share children and hopefully one day if you are willing to have some of our own too?" Roman says ending his little speech as more of a question than anything.

"I would like that." I said with a blush. Lucky was prancing in my mind chanting over and over again how her mate wants to have pups with her. She is so easily pleased I chuckled mentally about that thought.

As soon as we reached the pups an orb opened up in the sky much like I saw the night I was ambushed right outside of the pack for the trap. Out walked a beautiful woman with two men beside her and a small army of warriors. "Mommy! Daddies!" Timberlink yelled out and ran to his parents with his sister in his arms. Roman had quickly plucked Anya from the young boy's arms before he ran off.

I went to walk towards Roman and Anya but found that my body wouldn't move. I looked around with my eyes trying to see what was holding me in place. "Roman! I..I can't move? What's going on?" I cried out to him.

"You are going to pay for taking my pups!" A man roared as he came charging towards me. I closed my eyes praying that Roman turns Anya around so that she doesn't see what is about to happen to me.

"Stop Ethan! You don't want to do that, son." Roman said with authority.

"Move Roman. I don't care if you are Beth's adoptive dad or not! This b***h stole my pups and she needs to be punished for it!" Ethan screamed out.

"I cannot let you hurt my beloved for something she had no choice in. So either you keep on your path of mindless revenge and I put you down, or you can stop and listen and use the brain the gods blessed you with! I hope you choose the last option, but I am prepared to protect my beloved and pup." Roman said. At this point I opened my eyes and noticed that Roman was standing in front of me blocking the other man's path.

"What do you mean she had no choice Roman? Everyone has a choice." The other man said.

"What would you do to protect your pups hmm? If asked to steal another person's child in exchange for your own child's life would you do it? Or would you watch a lunatic kill your child?" Roman said.

I heard a gasp come from the woman and within seconds I was released. I quickly grabbed Anya from Roman's arms and he wrapped his arms around my waist in a protective posture. "We can talk back at the packhouse." The woman said with authority to make me want to bow down to her. She opened another portal behind her and walked through followed by Ethan and Alexi and Timberlink. Roman placed his hand on the small of my back and escorted me through the portal into an office. We all took our seats and once we were all settled the woman spoke again and said, "So. Tell us exactly what happened and start all the way from the beginning. I have a feeling there is more to you than just what happened tonight."

All eyes turned to me expectantly. I gulped nervously not even knowing where to start.

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Roman's POV

I hate paperwork. I have been sitting at my desk for four hours now trying to catch up on all this paperwork. I am thankful for Martha staying a little longer to help me figure some of this out. My mother was horrible at running this kingdom. No wonder we had so many traitors in the castle. Thankfully the servants are now happy because they are being paid a decent wage and they are being paid on time.

"You don't look like you are having that much fun today, Roman." I heard Selene say from in front of me causing me to jump at the unexpected visit.

"Gods, Selene. Could you at least knock next time. I know you are an all powerful goddess and all, but we mortals, whether we are vampires or not, still can have a heart attack. I would prefer not to die before I have a successor old enough." I grit out.

"You know what you need, Roman? You need to go on dates. Maybe get a girlfriend or something. Maybe then you might smile a little more often." Selene says with a knowing smirk on her face. "Selene!" I sigh out. I didn't want to have this conversation with her. Even though Esemerelda told me she wanted me to move on and be happy I still can't imagine myself with anyone else but her. "I will not disrespect my late beloved's memory with a strand of one night stands." I grit out.

"That is not what I meant and you know it Roman Petrova! It's been over 150 years Roman, and you know that Esmerelda would want you to move on with your life and be happy." Selene says.

"Look I know Esmerelda would want me to be happy, but I am not going to actively go out and seek someone else. If I were to be granted another beloved I would accept her with open arms, but unless fate decides I will remain as I am." I said.

Selene's returning smug smirk gave me an uneasy feeling. I have this sick feeling that I just walked into the trap she had laid out for me. "That is all I wanted to know Roman. Well, look at the time. I have to go. See you soon Roman." Selene said right before she disappeared from sight.

I just sat there for a while just trying to grasp what actually happened right there. After a time I get back to this dreadful paperwork. I just finished the last of the paperwork when Ares comes popping into my office saying urgently, "Roman, Timberlink and Esmerelda have been kidnapped. Your help is being requested. Gather up your men and gather here. You should be able to find them from there." Ares pointed to an area on the map a few miles outside of the pack's borders.

I got a hold of my head general and told him to gather up a squad of troops ensuring that we had a couple of our best trackers and a strong witch who can open up portals to get us there faster. I informed him I wanted to leave in the next ten minutes. Everyone was in formation in front of the castle within five minutes. I was pleased to see this. I showed the map to the witch and she nodded to me and said, "I will have to make several portals to get everyone to the destination, but I can do it."

I nodded to her and she proceeded to open up the portals. We were soon at our destination within half an hour. I gave my trackers a blanket of Esmereldas that Beth had left at the castle. They each had the scent and took off into the woods. We followed closely behind, but far enough away that our scent would not interfere in their search.

My trackers came to a halt and held up a hand for us to be silent. I move forward to examine what had them stopping so suddenly. I peered through the foliage and noticed a group of rogue wolves standing around outside a small shack. We heard a howl of pain coming from inside the shack and my senses came alive. The most alluring scent of cream and honey hit my nose. My inner beast wanted to rip through and take control. He wanted to taste the blood of whoever owned that scent and make it his forever. We watched as a wolf took off out of a window in the shack and soon another took off straight after. Followed by the rogues.

"Take care of these mongrels I am going to follow that wolf." I tell my men who all nodded and took off to combat the rogues.

It didn't take me long to find them and the scene that I approached had my heart stopping until I heard the man threaten a pup. Not just any pup. My beloved's pup. My pup! My beloved. She was beautiful. I couldn't wait to hold her in my arms, but first I need to dispatch this pathetic waste of life.

Leave it to Beth and her mates to show up late at a time like this. Ethan was lucky I didn't take his head off just for threatening my beloved let alone calling her vile names. Beth is definitely meant to be a leader. She is fair and just and willing to listen to all sides of a story before making judgment.

As we are sitting in this office listening to Piper's life story I can feel my blood boiling at what her pathetic first mate had done to her. How despicable can a man be to do that to his mate. If he didn't want to have her as a mate he should have done the right thing in that situation and rejected her instead of subjecting her to so much physical and emotional pain. I think I may make a special visit to handle this Beta Axel. Once I am done with him he won't even be capable of cheating on a mate let alone procreate anymore.

We were all surprised that she retained so much information from the rogue compound. Unfortunately she doesn't know where it is, but she can remember details that others weren't able to. I am so proud that she was able to come out on top of all that she has been thrown into.

"Well, I think we can work with this. Though we would need your help Piper if you are willing. We could potentially put a stop to this whole thing." Beth said.

I had a bad feeling about this. I just know that what she is going to say next is going to piss me off.

"I will do anything to make up for taking your pups from you. I never would have done that if I felt I didn't have a choice. Anya is everything to me and I would do anything for her as I am sure you would do for your pups as well." Piper said. "What exactly is your plan Beth?" I said and couldn't help the slight snarl that came through.

"It is simple. We give Baxter exactly what he wants." Beth said.

"No!" Ethan roared.

"Are you out of your mind!" Alexi shouted.

"Over my dead cold body will I let you put my beloved or grandchild in the hands of that man." I snarled out.

"What do I have to do?" Piper said confidently.

"Sweetheart no. Please there is another way than putting yourself in the line of fire. It would be a suicide mission and I just found you and I can't lose you. I can't go through that again. I refuse to!" I snarled out and stormed out of the room.

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Beth's POV

Just laying in my mates arms after our rather rambunctious love making is simply my heaven. I felt so relaxed and also felt so silly about how I have been feeling about my body. Of course my mates still desired me. We have all just been so busy with everything going on lately. Our precious triplets require a lot of time and energy that leaves us all tired by the end of the day. I wouldn't change a single thing either. I love my pups and it makes these moments that my mates and I find so much more precious.

I winced as I felt a sharp pain shoot through my mind. "Darling? Are you alright?" Alexi asked with concern, lacing his words.

"Yeah, just a sharp, quick pain in my head. It's gone now." I say, but just as I was finished another sharper pain came through causing me to cry out in pain.

"Baby? Alexi, we need to get her to the infirmary now! Something isn't right." Ethan said with urgency.

Before I could respond I felt myself blacking out, but I was still conscious. Then the images started to play causing my heart to stop. A hooded figure picking my precious Esmerelda up. Timberlink stopped them and then went with her with supplies for Esmerelda. The mysterious figure walked behind a tree and shifted into a beautiful white and gray wolf. It came from behind the trees and Timberlink climbed on their back with Esmerelda in the chest carrier. Once he was settled the wolf took off through the woods towards the territory lines.

With a flash Timberlink was running with two babies in his arms being chased by the wolf from earlier. The horror felt when they ran straight to a ravine, trapped. The figure shifted back to a human female.

"We need to go now! Our pups are in danger!" I scream out once the vision completes. I opened up a portal to the office in the packhouse so that I could examine a map of the surrounding areas. "We need to find a ravine close to our territory. A river is running through it. That is where Timberlink and Esmerelda are." I rushed out.

"There is only one place I can think of like that nearby here. Read my mind baby and find the place so you can get us there. "Ethan said.

I quickly kissed his lips and then placed my hands on either side of his head and delved into his mind finding what I was looking for and it looked just like I saw in my vision. I searched out the directions and then left his mind and released his face. I turned around and noticed that there was a small battalion of warriors waiting to come with us. I quickly opened the portal to the ravine and Ethan and Alexi each grabbed my hand and we walked through with our small army behind us. To say I was shocked to see Roman standing here would be an understatement. How in the hell did he get here before we did? Did he know this was going to happen? My thoughts were running wild in my mind when I noticed the woman from my vision moving towards my pups and I did the first thing I could think about and froze her in her place.

I did not expect Ethan to try and attack the woman. On closer inspection I noticed she was the rogue woman we rescued outside of our borders the other morning. I didn't sense any hostility from her. Only fear. Something isn't making sense right now. This woman doesn't give me the same bad feeling some people do when you just know they are up to no good. She oddly felt like family to me.

To my shock Roman is claiming her as his beloved. This is definitely quite the turn of events. I suggested that we all meet at the office and discuss everything. Once we were settled after I created another portal we got down to business. The story of her life has been nothing but tragic the last few years. How awful for a mate to purposefully cause the miscarriages of his mate. I make a mental note to look into this pack. Something about it is just giving me alarm bells.

Having Piper here we could follow through with this plan of theirs to steal Esmerelda, though I wouldn't use a real child as bait, but I could glamor a doll to look and feel like a real baby. I could also glamor myself into Simon and bring Piper and the "baby" to the meet up point. Find out exactly where they are staying. Yes. This could really work.

I voice out that I have an idea and the room erupts into angry shouts from the men and Piper agreeing without knowing what I had in mind. Poor Piper doesn't realize what set Roman off just now. She is left sitting in the chair with her baby in her arms as tears trailed down her face.

"Wh...what just... happened? Did he...did he leave us?" Piper whimpered out. I quickly jumped out of my seat and gathered her up into my arms to give her some comfort. I try to soothe her with my words but it isn't helping any. She is distraught especially after the experience she had with her first mate. Roman may be my family, but he is about to get a taste of my wrath for hurting his beloved like this. I look towards Alexi as I notice him walking towards the door.

"Don't worry darling. I am just going to remind Roman of a few things about having a beloved." Alexi gritted out and then left the room with Ethan following behind with our pups.

"Wh..what...is...so wrong...with... me... that my ma....mates don't want me?" Piper cries out. I mindlinked Martha to come into the office and take Anya to get checked out by Marcy. She was in the care of that man for too long. When Martha arrived it took us a few minutes to coax Piper to let her go, but eventually she saw reason when I explained to her that she didn't want her pup to be affected by her emotions right now.

"Nothing is wrong with you Piper. Men are just stupid sometimes. Roman has been through a lot in his long life. It is his story to tell, but when he does tell you I am sure you will understand that this is a second chance for the both of you." I try to explain to her.

Ethan and Alexi walk back in shortly after Piper finally stops sobbing. She was wiping her eyes when Roman walked back in. The moment he saw the state Piper was in he was at her side wrapping him up in her arms reassuring her.

"We will leave you two to talk. We will need to come up with a plan quickly. So I suggest you guys talk it out and then go check on Anya with Marcy in the infirmary. We will gather back here in two hours. So make sure you are ready to participate in a leadership capacity and not that of a mate or family member." I said before walking out grabbing both Ethan and Alexi's hands on my way out dragging them with me.

"What will we be doing in this time frame baby?" Ethan asked with a suggestive wink.

"Finding out exactly how Piper was able to get Esmerelda out of our apartment with Jessica and Blaze watching our pups. I swear if they were doing something else while they were supposed to be watching my pups I am going to strangle them. "I grit out.

"Oh s**t! I didn't even think about that." Ethan and Alexi said at the same time.

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Roman's POV

As I stormed out of that room I knew I just made a huge mistake. I knew and yet I just kept walking right out of the packhouse. I found my way back to the lake punching trees on the way. Trying to find a way to vent out this emotion that is rising in me. Never have I felt such fear and anger than I did when Beth and Piper were suggesting putting her in danger. The only thing I could think of was that I was going to lose another one. I just couldn't handle that. I didn't want any of them to see me breakdown.

I finally sat down and the moment I did I let loose the emotions I have had since the moment I found out Piper was my beloved. Guilt over Esmerelda's kidnapping and death. Anger that my new beloved almost tore my family apart. Relief that she is alive and not the evil monster I was afraid she was going to be. Anger and worry about all the things she has been through in her short years of life. Anger at Beth for even suggesting Piper to put herself into danger. Anger at myself for not being able to think objectively about any of this. So much damn anger. I want my beloved. There is no doubt about that. I have spent the better part of my long life alone pining away for the love that was stolen from me, and searching for anything about her. Now that I know the truth I can finally move on, but I hadn't wanted to until now. How do I explain Esmerelda to Piper or why I even reacted the way I just had.

I sigh talking out loud to myself and say, "Why now? Why couldn't I have been given any warning? She has been through so much. Will she even want me? Would she want a vampire as a mate?"

"Fate doesn't really work that way and you know that Roman." Ares said from beside me. I swear if I were able I would cause these gods and goddesses some serious pain for the near heart attacks they give out.

"Yeah well Fate may not, but Selene sure as hell does. I should have put two and two together when she visited my office earlier today. Piper has been through so much so far a little heads up would have been great." I say petulantly like a child.

Ares lets out a deep belly laugh before he says, "What would be the fun in that? Well at least for us that is. You are worrying too much Roman. You need to go back and talk to her. Tell her everything as she has told you. I am told that communication is key to a relationship." Ares departed his last bit of wisdom and disappeared into thin air. Leaving just as fast as he came.

He is right though. I won't know anything until I talk with Piper. I never should have walked out the way I did. I can only imagine what she is thinking. Haven't even had a beloved more than a few hours and I am already f****g it up. I get up and turn to walk back towards the packhouse and I see Ethan and Alexi coming my way. I was wondering when the search party would be coming out. "I know. I know. I am heading back now." I said in hopes to keep Alexi from giving me the verbal smackdown I see he wants to give me.

"Roman, I am not going to say that walking out on your beloved like that was stupid because I know you already know that. I am glad that you were already on your way back before we had to get you." Alexi said.

"Am I the only one thinking that regardless of her reasoning and circumstances she still stole our child and needs to be punished. Otherwise we will be having every person in this pack or out of it thinking that you can take our kids and we will just forgive you." Ethan stated.

I snarled out to him not liking the idea of my beloved being punished. "Roman you know as well as we do that if she was not your beloved you would have agreed she would need to be punished regardless of circumstances." Alexi said. "Alexi is right, Roman. We aren't saying it has to be as severe as it would be if she had nefarious intentions. She did not and that will also be taken into account. Beth will have the final say though on what her punishment is." Ethan said.

As much as I hated to admit it, they were right. This is just a shitty situation all the way around. I don't say anything and nod at them to let them know that I understand what they are saying.

As we walk back into the office I look at my beloved and see that her eyes are swollen and red from crying. I feel like an absolute asshole now. I rush to her side and grab her into my arms and just hold her. I whisper comforting words to her hoping that I could soothe whatever ache I caused her. This was not what I was wanting to have happen. Beth and the boys leave the room to give us some time to talk. I sit Piper down and explain to her everything about my first beloved Esmerelda. "Roman, I am so sorry that happened to you. How horrible that the woman you thought was your mother would do that to you. Poor Esmerelda." Piper said..

"That is part of the reason why I reacted so badly to hearing you being willing to throw yourself into danger without a thought to any of the people who would be lost if anything were to happen to you. The other reason I got so angry is because you weren't even thinking about our daughter when you made this choice." I said to her trying to explain as best I can without losing my temper again over the situation.

"Ou..our daughter? Yo..you still accept me?" Piper stutters out. The look of pure hope in her eyes was my undoing.

I pulled her into my arms while saying, "Of course sweetheart I still accept you. I am so sorry. I never meant to make you feel that way when I walked out earlier. I just needed to clear my head and get control of all the emotions that were running through me at the moment." Then I crashed my lips to hers.

She didn't react at first, but after a few seconds she started to kiss me back. This kiss is nothing like I have ever experienced before. I felt like my soul was being pieced back together broken piece by broken piece. I pulled away from the kiss first so that we could catch a breath. I placed my forehead on hers and gave her lips one last peck and said, "How about we go check on our daughter before we come back and talk with Beth and her mates."

"Ok." Piper said back with a small smile and blush.

We walked hand in hand to the infirmary and were escorted to the room Anya was being seen in. We walked into the room and in the bed was Anya kicking out her tiny little legs while trying to grab what the doctor was holding up to keep her occupied. I swear my heart doubled in size.

"Good timing! I was just finishing up with her examination.She seems to be a very happy baby, but I do have some concerns." Marcy started in.

I couldn't keep my mouth closed when she said she had concerns. I quickly said, "What is it doctor? Spare no expense in her care. I can pay for anything to make sure she is going to be ok." Please don't let the cruel hands of fate take this blessing away from us. I pray to no one in particular.

"Relax King Roman. She is going to be just fine. She is a little malnourished and dehydrated. As long as you feed her this formula for a few days she should be back to normal." Marcy said.

"Ki..king?" Piper stutters out.