

Girls Plan

Emmaline woke up to the covers being pulled off her. I groaned, “Why?” Haley laughed, “Because it’s time to get up. We have plans to make.” I sighed and opened my eyes grumbling, “What plans?” Haley smirked, “Secret girl plans to back up the guys plans.” I put my hands on my face, “It’s too early for me to even remotely understand what you’re talking about.” Haley snapped, “There you’re dressed. Let’s get Katie.”

I raised an eyebrow, “You want to spend time making a plan with Katie?” Haley smiled, “Yes, she decided to go and make me like her. Plus, I think she could add to the plan, and she should be involved. She’s your family.” I sighed, “I assume since you said girl’s Ry and Dusty aren’t invited.”

Haley didn’t answer, she just grabbed my hand and led me to Katie’s door. While she knocked, she told me, “I don’t hate your brothers, but I don’t know if I like them enough to add them to my list of witches or warlocks I like. I have three witches that I like and trust. Besides, this is girl time.”

Katie opened the door. I was surprised she was already up. Haley grabbed her hand and popped us downstairs. My dad raised an eyebrow. Haley said, “I’ll be right back.” She popped away and popped back with Blade. He smiled at me, “Hello, fairy.” He glanced from Katie to Haley settling back on Katie.

He simply said, “Witch.” Katie said, “Umm Hi... Who’s this guy?” I smiled, “His name is Blade. He’s a member of Haley’s guard.” Haley said, “Yes, Eric will flip shit if we were alone outside this house in Faerie without him. Since he’s running, Blade’s here. Marcious can tell Eric and Lucas when they get back that I brought him here. He’s protecting us from any and all fairies who would mean us harm. It’s only moderately insulting because we could handle them ourselves, but my Alpha will be fucking pleased I brought Blade along.” I laughed.

My dad said, “It sounds like you’re being mischievous, cousin.” Haley sighed asking, “How? I literally popped my guard here to go with us.” My dad laughed, “Why are you going out and about?” Haley smirked, “Girl time.” Marcious nodded, “Uh huh. How evasive cousin, very evasive.” I gave him a hug. When I stepped back Haley grabbed all our hands. Blade put his hand on her shoulder and she popped us away.

I gasped as I looked around at the beauty surrounding us. We were overlooking the beautiful waterfall I’d been at with Marcious. I pointed telling them, “I have an

otter, fish, and turtle in there.” Katie smiled, “That’s great, Evie.” Haley snapped comfy chairs for us all to sit in.

Katie commented, “This is a beautiful mountain.” Haley sighed, “It’s a royal secret. Every territory has places only Royals know about so we can get away. Since Marcious knows we went out for privacy, he won’t come here. I know we can’t talk about this at home because Eric and Lucas are fucking paranoid whoever is coming for Emmaline will overhear us; however, I think we can improve on their plan together. I think they are leaving factors out of theirs.”

Katie and I looked at each other in confusion. I asked “What are you talking about? Do you mean the contract out on me?” Haley nodded, “Yes, and the man they are meeting with. The trap they are willingly walking into…” She trailed off staring at us.

She asked, “Why do you two look like you have no idea what I’m talking about?” Katie said, “Because I don’t.” I frowned, “Neither do I. Who is walking into a trap?” Haley stood, “Those JERKS! They were evasive with me! FUCK! I asked if Emmaline was ok with this plan, and they said no one was happy with the plan. I wasn’t expecting WOLVES to be evasive with me. Jesus fucking Christ!”

I was getting a very bad feeling, “Haley are you saying… is Lucas walking into a trap?” Haley sat down, “Yes. Him and Eric are going to a meeting with a man who said he’s going to make you his to make Lucas suffer. We believe this is the man with the contract out on you because… it is. Their plan is to have Eric and Lucas get kidnapped. The premise of their meeting is peace talks, but we all know if you take out a contract you don’t want peace. All our allies will be waiting for word from Lucas and Eric to come save them. I’m going to pop everyone to where Eric is. I think there’s a massive oversight happening here though.”

I stood yelling, “Oversight?! It is that they could KILL THEM? Why is Lucas doing this?” Haley sighed, “No, they won’t kill them. Eric is a good hostage worth a lot of money, and this person wants Lucas to see you as his. I think there’s a zero percent chance they don’t get hurt, and that pisses me off.”

Worry was filling my every being. I started to cry. Haley spoke in Fealish and I instantly felt calmer. She rubbed my back, “I’m sorry Emmaline. I need you to be calm right now. I thought you already knew, I’m so sorry. I never would’ve kept it from you.” I nodded and took several deep breaths.

I asked, “Ok, tell us what you know.” Haley nodded, “Eric said that I couldn’t be near the meet, so I’m going to have several of my brothers following them along with Torvi and Astrid.” I asked, “Won’t Marcus and Bjourn tell Eric?” Haley smiled, “If they were involved, they would. They know I have a plan, but they

don't know what it is. My other brothers WILL step in if it looks like the group is going to try to kill Eric or Lucas."

Katie interjected, "You'll need me. They could be ready to cast a ward so you can't pop in." Haley frowned, "Fuck... not just me. The allies. That's a good point. We will have my brothers' text us their location, and I'll pop you to them."

I pointed out, "They are forgetting about me." Haley smiled, "Exactly. They think this person is going to grab Lucas and leave you alone." Katie asked cautiously, "What do you mean?" I sighed, "This person is going to tell me they have Lucas. I'd pop to wherever they told me to without a second thought to save him."

Haley agreed, "Which is why I have a working solution for that, but it needs something. Which is why I brought us here." Katie and I motioned for Haley to continue, "Bex can alter her appearance. She can't sound like you, but she's willing to pop in your place."

I frowned, "Bexley doesn't really seem like a fighter." Haley smirked, "She's not, but I've been working with her on her self-defense moves outside of her powers. She's good." I sighed, "When is this happening?" Haley winced, "Monday."

I nodded and thought about it, "Well then, Katie will have to come sign me out of school. I'm emancipated, so she doesn't have to be a relative." Katie amended, "Could Bexley do it? I'll need to meet with Aubree's coven contacts here to get some supplies." I sighed, "No because then Brad would know something is up."

Haley begrudgingly asked, "Will Aubree help us?" Katie nodded, "Hell yes she will. I'm assuming my brothers know about this plan?" Haley nodded. Katie scowled, "Then Aubree doesn't know either, or she'd have clued me in."

I asked, "What if you sign me out, and you bring Aubree's car? It has tinted windows. Bexley can pop you to the coven, take on your appearance, and drive me to Dusty and Aubree's new place." Katie smiled, "I like it."

Haley nodded, "Right, then when Emmaline gets contacted by whoever takes Lucas and Eric Bexley is going to pop in. I have my brothers boytoy lover." Katie cut me a questioning glance. I just smiled as Haley continued, "To give me a special necklace for Bex. It's going to transmit her location, and should she need to get out she has a panic button. It has two signals. A tug on the necklace is panic, and if she rubs it, we need to move. Harper INSISTS he gets to keep the stupid fucking transmitter because his boytoy lover came up with it. I said Cali should have it, but he says he gets it. Whatever." I asked, "Cali?" Haley answered, "Harper's mate. Her name is Calista, but we call her Cali. She wants Harper's boytoy lover's name to be changed to Harper and Cali's boytoy lover." Katie snorted, "I already like this Cali girl." I laughed at her inside joke Haley didn't get.

Technically Katie and I were Cali girls. It didn't surprise me she already liked Calista from the little we heard about her though.

Katie picked up where she left off, "Back to the plan, once we know where Lucas and Eric are being held, Aubree and I can work on bringing the ward down. Or keeping it from completely forming, creating a hole for our team to go through." Haley considered her words. She asked, "Would more help be better? I have those two other witches I like who would help us." Katie smiled, "More help is always good."

I muttered, "I can't believe Lucas didn't tell me." Haley sighed, "He's trying to protect you in his own ridiculous way. We are going to show our mates that they are stronger with us. If we all talked this plan through, it would've been much better. Instead, we have two side plans. Let's teach them their lesson."

I agreed, "Our plan is good. At least your mate told you the plan." Haley tilted her head, "Because he already learned that lesson. Well, we. Communication is fucking hard." Katie snorted, "I like you, Princess." Haley smiled, "As you should. I'm awesome." I laughed, "And humble."

Haley smiled, "I have my moments. Can either of you think of anything else? Dylan already asked for a GPS tracker for Lucas. I pointed him to the Harper's boytoy lover. He is giving Lucas shoes." I frowned, "What if Lucas has to shift?"

Haley smiled, "I'm so glad you asked. I had Harper's boytoy lover include an invisible dye. It's the Hackura's invention. Every step his wolf takes, he will be leaving a footprint behind that my brothers can track." I asked, "What if they don't let them walk? If they make them shift and lead them into a trap they could be taken by car or carried the rest of the way."

Haley frowned, "I will have to get back to Harper's boytoy lover. That's an excellent point. I can't imagine even if they are other werewolves, they would want to carry our mates. A car is likely though. Damn we are good at this." Katie laughed, "We are the dream team think tank." Haley looked completely confused but didn't say anything. I smirked, "I can't say I disagree. We are awesome." Katie smiled.

Eventually I asked, "How do I keep it from Lucas that I know?" Haley said, "I can't imagine he will think you do." Katie snorted, "Right. Why would they tell us about a plan that they think we don't know about." She had a point, but maybe I could get him to tell me. That could work.

Haley frowned, "Eric's linking me. The guys are back from their run." I said, "I don't know how to act like I don't know about this now." Katie said, "Give him chances to tell you. Ask if there's anything he wants to talk about it. I'd say

confront his ass, but then he might lock you down, and our plan would be more complicated.”

Haley agreed, “She’s right. We’d be able to pop you out, but he could think of that. With our plan, you’ll be fighting alongside me. Once we are done fighting, you will take charge and lead your pack. Let them know their Luna is in charge just like their Alpha.”

I said, “I can do that. Can we make sure whoever it is doesn’t find out about Bexley’s appearance power? I don’t want her power to get out.” Haley smiled, “We won’t let them know it’s Bex not you. She’s either going to pop out or be taken out by my brother Ubbe. When they see you fighting with me, they won’t be surprised. Besides, at that point Bex will be long gone riling up her mate even more. Lucas will lead too but be there to lead by his side as you are meant to be. Show him that you can.”

I nodded. I felt beyond hurt that Lucas would hide this from me. I was determined to show him I could handle this. I looked at my sister and my cousin, who looked confident. That told me our plan was good. We could do this. We would show them why we were fated to powerful Alpha’s.

Haley called, “Blade.” Blade came up with a grin, “Wolves, bad. Fairy knows. Fairy, witch plan good.” Haley smiled, “And Blade’s coming with us. He’s in on the plan. So are Thomas and his mate. She’s excited to see you again, Emmaline.” I agreed, “It will be nice to see Angela.”

We all grabbed hands and popped back. I looked into Lucas’ eyes and saw his worry and love for me. I knew he wasn’t keeping this plan from me to hurt me, but Haley was right. I needed to show him that I can lead by his side. We are stronger together, and he needed to realize that. The plan that Haley, Katie, and I brainstormed together was good; it didn’t take away from Eric and Lucas’ plan though. We enhanced it.

Breakfast was a little awkward for us girls, but the guys didn’t seem to notice. When it was time to go home, I decided to start showing Lucas I could lead by his side by taking charge. I told Haley I’d pop our group back home. Haley smiled and shot me a wink as we popped back to our territory. The reunion with the Lyons family made me feel loved. I put off going to bed until I felt each of their souls was at peace.

The next day, Katie texted me that Dusty had applied to lead a coven here. The witch and warlock council happily agreed, and he now had a coven in Red Run. Katie, Aubree, and Ry already joined. I was really happy for them. Dusty was a natural leader, and my siblings were always so supportive. Anyone who joined

their coven would have three powerful members who could control the shadows at their side.

Something told me they would have a lot of members. I may not like David, but many witches and warlocks in the area respected him. Well, until this whole bounty situation came out. I shook myself; it didn't matter. People will rally around Dusty now, and they will quickly realize he's more powerful than David. David wouldn't like it, but he'd stay away because Dusty could kill him.

I tried to get Lucas to talk to me. I kept asking if he wanted to talk about what's bothering him. His soul was in constant conflict and he was worried. I wished he'd just tell me to unburden his soul. He looked like he was about to break several times, but he'd always say it was nothing. I could tell it was hurting him. Why wouldn't he just tell me?

Lucas was out for a run with Dylan. Really, he was avoiding me. I took out the card my dad gave me and toyed with it between my fingers. Finally, I gave in and called the number. He answered, "Emmaline, what a nice surprise." I smiled, "Hi... I have a question about my soul being tied to Lucas." Marcious assured me, "You can call me about anything. As that is a water house power, I do know quite a bit about it. What is your question?"

I quietly asked, "Does keeping something from each other cause our soul to be in turmoil?" Marcious answered, "Yes, it does. You essentially share the same soul. Your light and your soul want to be open with each other. To hide things upsets the soul and your very core. The balance will be restored once you open up. Now, for small things like presents or surprise parties the soul will be happy about those. Big things, the soul is testy about. You should share those things because they always come out in the open eventually. I am sensing that the wolf is keeping something from you."

I admitted, "He is but I know what is, and I'm keeping that a secret." Marcious laughed, "That's what happened during girl time then. Our cousin knew something you didn't. She wouldn't have kept it from you so she must not have known you didn't know."

I stared at the phone, "Are all fairies this perceptive?" Marcious laughed, "I am not a spring chicken as your realm says. Many fairies are this perceptive though because motivations cannot be hidden from us. You will find you can ascertain anyone's motives in any given situation. Relationships are hard, and they take work. It won't always be easy, which is why many fairy's give up and move on to the next person when things become hard. I was like that in my youth, but I have found some relationships and people are worth the work."

I pointed out, “You didn’t with my mother.” Marcious laughed, “I would’ve had a relationship with your mother, but she wanted David’s children to grow up with him. I didn’t want to go against her wishes.” I had a retort on my lips ready to burst, but I let it go. I wanted to say I deserved to grow up with my father, but she didn’t let me.

Marcious and I talked a bit longer. It was nice getting to know him. Before we hung up he said, “You will be safe, and so will your wolf. It’s quite the situation he gets himself into. Haley will be late, but she’ll come in time. I am glad you called, Emmaline.” He hung up before I could reply.

I stared at the phone in surprise. He knew. He did say if he focused, he could see stuff in the future. That was weird, but I felt something inside myself relax. We were all going to be ok. Lucas would be ok, and that’s what mattered to me.

With renewed vigor for this plan, I walked outside. I grabbed Lacy and popped to the other side of the lake. I linked Valerie, “Meet Lacy and I on the other side of the lake.” She answered, “On my way.” Once she got there I said, “So... I’m operating under the assumption that you guys don’t know about the plan that Lucas and Eric have going on. They are going to knowingly walk into a trap.”

Lacy screeched, “THEY ARE WHAT?! What trap?” Valerie frowned, “That’s what Ryan has been hiding from me? He has a secret?” I nodded, “Yes, our mates are going to get a lesson that we are bad asses, and we can fight beside them. We DESERVE to be included in the planning stages.” Lacy and Valerie agreed, and I told them our plan.

Both were smiling when I finished. Lacy said, “We will leave school when you do. No one will be watching us. Where should we go? Emmaline’s guards would report us cutting school and being with her.”

I thought about it then advised, “Go behind the school into the forest. I’ll have Bexley pop out of the car to get you guys. You can hunker down in the back and then she can pop you inside Aubree and Dusty’s house.” Both girls nodded and we all hugged each other.

Lacy assured me, “We will show them they aren’t the only ones allowed to be worried about safety. Seriously, I think you’ve had it right Emmaline, male wolves are sexist as fuck.” I smiled, “They really are. We get to worry about their safety too. If they can plan without us, we can plan without them. Let’s see how they handle being out of the loop.” Valerie laughed, “Life is more fun with a fairy around.” We all hugged again and went our separate ways.

I was nervous when Monday rolled around. I drove so the guys didn’t suspect we knew anything. I treated it like a normal day. Lacy grabbed my hand and Valerie

grabbed my other one. We walked into school with our heads held high. It didn't escape my attention that Chelsea and Sam were absent. Peter and Drake were moody.

I casually asked them, "Where are Sam and Chelsea?" I asked. Peter sighed, "We made them stay home today." I didn't push them because I knew why they'd done it. I wondered if Chelsea and Sam knew why, or if they were out of the loop too.

I linked Lacy, "I've got twenty bucks that Sam and Chelsea have no idea why they made them stay home." Lacy snorted, "I've already joined you on team male wolves are sexist. I'm not taking that bet." I smirked and went with Drake to class.

Drake kept glancing at me. When we got to the partner work section of the class I'd had enough. I asked him, "Why do you keep staring at me? Ask what you want to ask." Drake considered then said, "You didn't ask why we made Chelsea and Sam stay home today."

I shrugged, "I figured if you wanted to tell me, you would." Drake raised an eyebrow, "Is that so?" I nodded putting it back on him, "Do you want to tell me?" Drake frowned and studied me before switching to the class topics.

I got through the rest of the morning without questions. I smiled when I was called to the office. Katie was here. She signed me out. I linked Valerie and Lacy, "Get to the woods." They replied, "On the way."

Katie and I got into Aubree's car. I turned and smiled at Bexley, then frowned. She looked unsettled. I asked, "What's wrong?" Bexley sighed, "Haley's in the Ribbon. We don't know when she will be back." I gasped remembering my dad's words, "Haley will be late, but she'll come in time. This is what he meant!"

Bexley and Katie exchanged looks. I waved my hands, "I'll explain in a minute. Bexley, I need you to pop to the woods to get Lacy and Valerie. I added to the plan and looped them in." Bexley laughed before she popped out. A second later, she popped back with my friends.

Bexley took out her phone and conference called Haley's brothers that were involved in our plan into the conversation. Bexley said, "We apparently have information on Haley and whether or not she gets back in time." A hard voice asked, "How the hell do we have that?"

I told them, "I'm not sure which one of Haley's brothers you are, but..." Katie interrupted, "Hold on. I'm calling Aubree." Aubree answered annoyed, "I've met a Hackura Prince, Katie. Prince Logan is at my house. I would've cleaned if someone had told me a Prince was going to be here." I heard a laugh. A male voice

said, "My sister wanted one of us with you in case someone is following Emmaline to take her."

I jumped in, "That makes sense. Anyway, I called my dad this weekend. He doesn't have sight exactly, but he does have a version of it. He told me that Haley will be late, but here in time." I heard chairs scraping. The same voice spoke, "Alright, we will proceed with the plan as is then. Lucas and Eric may delay their end for Haley though."

I disagreed, "I don't think Lucas will. I think if Eric was running the show; he might. Lucas wants answers." Aubree chimed in, "I agree, and if Dustin and Ryan are involved, they will want to press forward." Katie nodded her head in

agreement. We ended the call.

Bexley popped Katie to the coven so she could get supplies from Aubree's contacts. When Bexley popped back, she looked just like Katie. Lacy muttered, "That's weird." Bexley laughed, "It's fun though." Valerie gaped, "So, you sound like you, but look like Katie." Bexley nodded. I smiled, "Let's hit the road."

We played music and sang the whole way to Dusty and Aubree's house. It helped all of us with our nerves. Bexley popped Lacy and Valerie inside then came back. We walked inside together. I linked Brad, "I assume you're outside." Brad answered, "Yes, we are." I smiled, "Alright. Aubree made you guys lunch; I'll bring it out."

I grabbed the sandwiches from Aubree who winked at me. I met Brad by the door. I laughed, "Do you guys just have shorts stashed everywhere?" Brad smiled, "We do. Thank you for the sandwiches. It was nice of you and your sister in law to think of us. You seemed to know your sister was coming today." I wanted to wince but didn't, "I did." Brad frowned, "Alright, in the future just let us know these things are happening." I agreed, "Of course." I turned and walked back inside.

Bexley chanted her space unheard chant. Lacy said, "You should've told Brad he should let you know in the future when my brother is being an idiot." I laughed, "Then he would've known that we know." Lacy frowned.

I looked around the house spotting the man with Aubree. He smiled and extended his hand introducing himself, "I'm Prince Logan. My sister tells me you know who people's mates are. You even found Thomas' mate. She's a spitfire. I'm tired of being the only Cambridge brother without mine. Keep a lookout, would you?" He winked at me.

It hit me like lightening. I gasped as I realized my sister was his mate. Logan grinned, "You already know." I nodded. I quickly said, "Bexley you need to bring

Katie back to us.” Bexley’s eyes widened, “You’re joking. Your sister is the Hackura Prince's mate?” Logan grinned, “The one of three witches my sister likes, who can control the shadows?” I nodded.

Logan ordered Bexley, “Go get my mate please, fairy.” Bexley gulped and popped away. She came back with a very confused Katie. My sister put her hands up, “Ok, I don’t even want to know how you guys knew I was done already.” She trailed off when she saw Logan.

He spoke, “Hello, mate. Your sister figured it out for us.” Katie ran to him and threw her arms around him. Aubree sighed, “Don’t destroy your room, Katie. I just finished furnishing it.” Logan practically ran up the stairs with Katie wrapped around his neck.

I called, “I can snap it back if you do Katie.” Katie laughed, “Best sister ever!” Aubree instructed, “Someone, do your space unheard shit so we don’t have to hear them.” Bexley popped to Katie’s closet. The noises stopped instantly. Bexley came back, “If only the Hackura men didn’t hate fairies. I have so many friends who would be happy. They are efficient, she was already naked.” Aubree laughed.

I covered my ears, “I can’t hear you.” I glanced at Bexley, “Why do you have two phones now?” Bexley looked nervous, “This is his burner phones for missions. Haley explained to me they always have one on missions. This is how we are getting details from the brothers following Eric and Lucas. I might have conjured it from the prince’s pants. We have to be receiving their intel. I’m removing the cock blocker from his situation. Really, he should thank me.”

She trailed offed, “Just a second. I have to pop back to my pack. Liam linked me, they need me to pop them to the meeting at Lucas and Emmaline’s house.” Bexley popped out and five minutes later was back.

I looked at Bexley, “Are you sure you’re ok with this plan?” Bexley shrugged, “I don’t enjoy fighting, but my delightful cousin has shown me a side of myself I quite enjoy. I can fight if I need to, and you fight for family. Haley trains with me as she does with you.” That surprised me in a way.

Logan’s phone beeped. Bexley announced, “Astrid and Torvi texted that Eric and Lucas have reached the meeting site.” Lacy asked, “She looped in her brother's mates?” Bexley smiled, “Haley is very serious about Eric’s safety. Next time he should be more specific about what Haley can’t do. Saying Haley can’t be present doesn’t mean Haley won’t have someone else present. All her Hackura brothers mates are involved.” I laughed, “That does sound very Haley.”

Bexley continued, “The guys are on the move according to the super-secret special Hackura phone. These people are like insanely serious about their missions.” I

laughed, “They are the Hackura, Bexley.” She nodded, “They need to lighten up.” I laughed, “That’s not going to happen. Are Haley’s wolf sister in laws involved in the plan? The Connors women?”

Bexley shrugged, “Molly is, but all of them are pregnant. Haley won’t let them fight. It’s a rule and she’s all about rules. Molly has some sort of job that Haley has her doing. I didn’t pay attention when Haley said what that was.” I nodded.

Nerves began to take over me. I didn’t need to hear Bexley read the text that Eric and Lucas had been hurt. I felt it in my chest. A few minutes later my phone dinged, and I panicked. I almost threw the whole plan out the window. There was a picture of Lucas and Eric in a silver net with a text.

Unknown: Hello little dove. Pop yourself to the place in the next picture I send, or your mate will die.

The next picture that came in was a picture of the house they wanted me to pop to. Aubree rubbed my back, “Emmaline focus on your breathing.” I shook my head, “I have to go. He’s going to hurt Lucas! He said he’ll kill him! I have to go!” Lacy grabbed my hands, “We have a plan. Let’s stick to the plan.” Valerie, Aubree, and Lacy were trying to convince me to stick to the plan.

Bexley popped back downstairs with Katie. She grabbed me by the shoulders, “We knew this would happen. You knew this would happen. Lucas is alright, and Bexley is going to pop there as you. Once the Hackura prince’s reach the location we will all pop there. Alright?” I took a deep breath and nodded. “Alright.” Katie said, “Now stall. We can’t have Bexley pop just yet.”

Me: Nice photoshop. Lucas and Eric wouldn’t get kidnapped. They are two of the strongest.

Alpha’s in the country.

Unknown: Little dove, it’s not photoshop.

Me: I’ve marked Lucas, you can’t see his mark.

Katie laughed reading my response, “Because his collar is too high.” I shrugged, “You said stall and I can’t lie. It’s the best I could come up with.

After about an hour, I got another picture. This time Lucas was being led inside the house from the previous text. In this one, you could see his mark.

Unknown: There little dove. Is that proof enough for you? Clock’s ticking.

I looked at Bexley who had handed the Hackura special mission phone back to Logan. Logan smiled, “My brothers are in place along with the other two witches my sister likes. Torvi and Astrid are waiting too. Let’s all pop in.”

Bexley gave me a hug, then she stepped back and morphed into my double. She threw me a wink and popped away. I commented, “Well, that’s just unsettling and weird.” Lacy laughed, “You’re telling me.” I sighed and everyone grabbed onto my hands.

I’d met Torvi so I focused on her and popped us all to her. I looked over at Logan’s neck and bumped Katie on the hip. I told her, “I like the colors you guys chose for your coven.” Katie smiled, “Thank you for bringing me to him.”

One of Logan’s brothers yelled, “No fucking way. Emmaline’s sister is your mate, Logan?” Logan smiled, “Yes, Harper. This is Katie Forrester, my mate.” The Hackura brothers started hugging him Torvi and Astrid smiled and shook Katie’s hand.

Torvi said, “I’m glad Haley decided to like you before we found this out.” Katie smiled, “She’d have come around eventually. She’s awesome, I’m awesome what’s not to like.” The two witches beside her introduced themselves as Lisa and Megan. Megan wanted to get started so we could get this over with. She’d given birth recently and wanted to get back to her daughter.

I turned to the side and spotted Angela with Thomas. She ran and gave me a hug, “I knew you were special, Emmaline. Thank you for my Thomas.” I smiled, “You’re not really a teenager, are you?” Angela laughed, “Heavens, no. I was on a mission in this realm, and decided high school was fascinating. I wanted to study it more in depth. I left shortly after you.”

I asked, “Where did Thomas find you?” Angela laughed, “Europe. I was on another mission that I’d wrapped up. He was just sitting on a chair at my hotel when I got back. We locked eyes across the room. The rest as they say, is history.”

I asked her, “Have you met my cousin?” Angela smiled, “The Princess that Thomas guards? I have. She’s interesting and fun. I have yet to be bored since I’ve met my Thomas.” I laughed, “Do demons get bored quickly?”

Angela smiled, “We do. My attention span isn’t the greatest. This plan is quite exciting. I always knew you were a smarty pants. This plan is brilliant.” I smiled and she bounced away from me, going back to Thomas.

Katie announced, “Well, they’ve got a ward.” She pulled out supplies from her bag and the four witches got to work. Logan smiled, “My girl’s a badass.” Katie threw a wink at him, “Don’t you forget it. Because if you pull this macho shit and

exclude me from plans, I'll curse you in some way." Logan smiled, "I already love it when you talk dirty, babe."

One of the other princes snorted, "You are ridiculous, Logan." Logan wiggled his eyebrows, "I'm on cloud nine, Drake. You can't bring me down. I finally get it, what you all have been saying about mates." Drake snorted. Logan looked around then asked, "Where's Evin?" Drake answered, "He got a last-minute mission." They all nodded.

Brad linked me, "Emmaline, where are you? No one is in the house." I winced, "Through a series of events..." Brad growled, "Pop back to us. Lucas and Dylan are irate. No one got to the house, how did they get to you?"

I sighed, "I'll pop back and bring you here because I don't want you to get in trouble. There's a side plan going on. It's not actually me that Lucas just saw. I'm safe and surrounded by Hackura princes and witches." Brad asked furiously, "What does that mean? Pop us to you now."

I informed my group, "I have to go get my protection detail. I'll be right back." Lacy laughed, "So they already took Bexley to Lucas? Predictable." I smiled and popped back to Aubree's house. I was now facing three very angry wolves. I grabbed them and popped back to the group.

Brad growled when he saw Lacy and Valerie. I tried to appease them, "See? I have been with them the whole time. I'm not inside." Brad questioned, "Who is inside then?" I smiled, "A fairy that can alter her appearance to look like other people." Brad groaned, "That's a royal trait. Tell me Sharon is NOT in there. If it was the Princess, Alpha Eric would've known." I coyly replied, "Sharon isn't in there."

Brad waited for a beat. He stared at me and I stared back. He yelled, "FOR THE LOVE OF GOD! WHO IS IN THERE?" I answered, "Bexley." Brad blinked several times, "Bexley... as in the cousin of the princess? The Bexley who is the mate of Alpha Eric's lead warrior Liam Henderson... That Bexley?" I nodded.

Brad lost it, "Oh well that's just SO MUCH WORSE than Sharon being inside. Liam could kill all of us quite quickly, and he LOVES his fairy mate. She JUST gave birth to his pups." I bit my lip, "She has a panic button and everything. It's fine."

One of the Hackura princes waved a tracker in his hands. That must be Harper. Harper spoke, "Bexley is perfectly safe. My sister would never come up with a plan where Bexley was in danger." Brad growled, "Beta Dylan now knows it's Bexley."

I nodded, "That makes sense. I'm sure Eric knows Bexley can alter her appearance. She can't sound like me, and I'm sure she doesn't smell like me either. Lucas could probably figure that out once he calmed down."

Brad rolled his eyes, "At least you can be logical." I smiled, "Admit it. Our plan kicks ass." Brad sighed, "What's the whole plan? Tell me from start to finish and leave nothing out." I explained it to him. He made several faces before speaking, "That... that is an impressive plan."

I smiled, "See? I'm helpful." Brad sighed, "Ok, but in the future could you clue us in sooner?" I shrugged, "Can you clue me in sooner in the future that my mate is walking into danger?" Brad winced, "It was an order from our Alpha." I smiled, "And as your Luna, I command you to tell me when my mate is going to walk into danger without me." Brad smiled, "Yes, Luna."

Katie chimed in, "And we are in. Because we witches are that damn good." Harper spoke, "It took you like an hour." Katie hissed, "With less awesome witches it would've taken days. You're welcome." Logan wrapped his arms around Katie. He teased his brother, "My mate is fiery." Katie smirked and kissed him. She pulled back, "You better believe it, Prince of mine."

Pain hit me in the chest. I clutched at my shirt fighting the urge to claw at my chest. Lacy asked, "What happened? Are you ok?" I gasped, "Lucas... Lucas is in pain. A lot of pain" Lacy and Valerie growled. Brad stiffened. That was odd.

I asked him, "What's going on?" Brad winced, "I need to tell Dylan to get around to this side of the territory so we can get in." I frowned, "Why?" Brad answered, "Alpha Eric's pups just popped to him." Out of nowhere, I felt a euphoric sense in my chest. I sighed in relief, "Alexander must be healing them." I sighed in relief when I heard.

We all glanced over when we heard a pop. I was taken aback by the golden color of Haley's eyes. They were blazing brighter than I'd ever seen. I linked Lacy, "That seems bad." Lacy snorted, "You think?" She winked at me.

Harper's device dinged, "Good timing, little one." Haley hissed, "GOOD TIMING?! GOOD TIMING! MY CHILDREN ARE INSIDE BECAUSE THEY FELT THEIR FATHER'S PAIN! OHHH HE'S GOING TO FUCKING GET IN SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THIS!" All of Haley's brothers stepped back in response.

She glanced at Logan and Katie and raised an eyebrow, "Really? You two?" Logan nodded. Haley smiled, "Cute. Mates?" This time Katie nodded. Haley hugged them both quickly saying, "I'm really happy for you. Let's go kill people. IMPETUS!"

I asked Lacy, “Was that Latin?” Harper answered, “It was. It means attack.” Bexley popped to our group looking like herself. She had a bloody knife in her hand. She stared in shock as Haley charged through the opening. She asked, “Did I miss the part of this plan where my cousin was viciously slaughtering people angry? She knew they would be here.”

I explained, “Her kids are inside.” Bexley gasped, “Oh no!” I turned around to see Bexley was correct. Haley was slaughtering anyone in her path. I popped behind her. I told her, “Bexley is out of danger, and looks like herself.” She acknowledged that while she beheaded someone. Ok, wow. Haley was wreaking havoc on the territory, and she wasn’t even using her fairy powers.

Harper snorted, “I feel superfluous. I feel like we were told we could probably kill people. She’s the only person killing anyone.” I wondered if Haley heard him say that because one got out of her way and got in mine. I thought of the pain Lucas felt. He rushed me. I conjured a knife to my hands and stabbed him. I kept moving, trying to keep up with Haley.

She conjured a grappling hook and threw it to the top of the house. She grabbed me and popped us to a tree. She ordered, “Get on my back.” I quickly did as she said. I was not about to argue with her at this moment. I gasped when I realized her plan was to break through the massive window.

I held on her tightly squeaking, “Couldn’t we have popped in?” Haley said, “Yes, but this will upset this prick more. It will also ruin his fucking shit.” I laughed, “Sure.” Haley broke through the window feet first and jumped to the ground. I popped off her back. She had both her swords back out in one fluid motion.

I wanted to cringe in fear at her screams of anger. Several of the wolves’ present did. Haley asked, “Did any of you fucktards bring my husband here?” They all answered “Yes.” There was no escaping for them after that. Haley cut through them like they were standing still.

I glanced over at her brothers. They shrugged in response. Her anger and aggression was normal to their people I guess. Astrid and Torvi smiled. Astrid explained, “When you threaten the child, the mother side of the Hackura comes out. It happens with all our partials as it does us. Our blood literally pounds with the need to protect our children.” I nodded, “That makes sense.”

Drake Cambridge snorted, “Hopefully when this is over, she doesn’t need a fight to calm down.” Harper laughed, “This should be enough people for her kill. She’s already slaughtered seventy-five of them.” Drake Cambridge pointed out, “And her eyes are still the color of the sun.” Harper conceded his point.

Haley continued to kill anyone who got in her path. Lacy complained, "I thought this would be kind of exciting, storming the gates. But Haley's like a one-person wrecking ball murdering machine." I triumphantly said, "I got to kill someone."

Lacy rolled her eyes, "I saw. If you'd have missed him, I was right there. People outside are surrendering." I asked, "Wouldn't you?" Lacy laughed, "That depends. Probably though." Lacy smirked, "Dylan's group just got here." I smiled, "Are you going to him?" Lacy snorted, "No, he can find me. It's his fault I'm on this side of the plan. He must suffer the consequences of those choices, or he will never learn." I laughed.

We followed closely behind Haley when she took off running. She yelled, "Eric and Lucas are in the dungeons and a fight is coming their way. I don't think they should get to fight anyone. ALL THESE MOTHERFUCKERS are MINE and EMMALINE'S. LET'S FUCKING GO!"

I asked, "What about her kids?" Harper answered, "They popped out." Haley screamed in rage. Ubbe Cambridge snorted, "They are back. Stubborn little things. I wonder where they get that from?" Haley's brothers laughed.

As we ran after her, I asked them, "That guy didn't get past her, did he? She let me kill him." Drake Cambridge laughed, "Very good, little fairy." Haley was mercilessly killing those in her way again. She did let some go past her directly to me.

I turned several to water. Lacy shifted to her wolf to take down another. She shifted back, "I had to get one." I snapped her clothes and gave her a high five. We made it to the dungeon door, but it was bolted shut with a padlock. I said, "I could conjure us bolt cutters." Haley kicked it off the hinges. I stared at her in shock.

Lacy commented, "Ok, I want to be her when I grow up. That was so BAD ASS!" I saw bursts of sunlight from the top of the stairs. Harper sighed, "That was not the best thing for her to see first." Torvi disagreed, "I think it will be epic. She's going full momma Hackura." Torvi was right.

Haley lost all semblance of control as she began to rip apart everything in her path blocking her from her kids. Literally she put her hand through a guy's chest and ripped his heart out. It was both awesome and disturbing.

I locked eyes with Lucas. Everything faded and relief settled into my core. He was ok. Lacy linked me, "I'm going to find Dylan now. He's upstairs. He's serenading me in our link until he sees me. He's got his own versions to songs. He's getting louder the longer he doesn't see me." I smiled, "Go on. Get your man." Lacy saluted and walked out.

I could feel his curiosity in my chest. Well, he could be curious a little longer. I took in his scent. When I stepped back Haley's gaze reminded me, it was time to take charge. I stepped back from Lucas and put my Luna face on.

There were matters to handle before we got back home. As we walked outside, I couldn't help but smile at the sight of Haley and Eric. She had their boys and Eric had their little girl. It was quite the contrast from the Haley we all saw five minutes ago.

Lucas and Eric were visibly taken aback at the carnage outside. Haley must have been linking Eric because she shrugged. Eric's lips were twitching. They could be impressed by hearing what she did all they wanted. It was FAR

more impressive seeing it in person. She was a literal killing machine, nothing stood in her way. I wanted to get on that level.

I noticed the pack members that had surrendered were visibly shaking at the mere sight of her. Lacy linked me, "I'm glad your cousin is on our side, or we'd look like these sniveling, shaking dogs in her presence too." I reasoned, "Her kids and mate were inside in danger. They have to understand that. Plus, she's the princess of the Hackura. Of course, she has those skills." Lacy nodded.

I spotted my siblings. My brothers were protectively standing in front of their mates. Katie was still wrapped around Logan. Marcus and Bjourn were openly fascinated and impressed with our plan. Haley told them it was a group effort, and all the men winced. I wanted to smile in triumph. They already realized they should've told us and let us help them.

Lucas handed the pack over to Alpha Chase's brother. I wanted to groan, not these guys again. I relaxed when I studied Cameron and Reagan. They were fated mates. I studied Alpha Chase again. His soul was a mess. He was annoyed and angry. Alpha Sophia felt guilty and what could only be described as trepidation. What on earth was going on with those two? Alpha Chase noticed my gaze and nodded to me. I nodded back. He was a mystery. I focused back on Cameron and Reagan. My soul searcher side was very happy seeing them together.

My gaze gravitated back to Alpha Chase's soul. He was mess of emotions now. It was practically beaming with happiness and pride for his brother. There was a tinge of sadness there too though. I felt a little bad for him. He probably didn't want his brother leaving his side.

Alpha Sophia tried to grab his hand. He subtly pulled it out of her grasp. Her face said she was hurt, but her soul told me she expected it. I looked around and spotted Eric had been watching them too. He shot me a wink. Seriously? What was going on with those two?

Once everything was decided Haley, Bexley, and I sectioned people off to pop home. My group arrived all together and exactly where I wanted us to be. I wanted to pump my fists in triumph, but I needed to be serious right now. I decided to emulate Haley.

Sharon popped in to take away some Red Run guys. I could tell Katie wasn't happy Sharon was my half-sister. I squeezed her hand. I knew it was hard coming back into my life and integrating with all these new people. It used to be just us two sisters. Her soul was in turmoil. Logan squeezed her thigh, and that somehow fixed everything. I smiled gratefully at him.

Turns out this was Alpha Hammond's plan. Who was that? Something prickled in my mind. It hit me. I shot a glance at Lacy linking, "Is Alpha Hammond the guy Christy lied to you about?" Lacy nodded. Of course, he had a getaway plan. I couldn't help but think if we had more time, we would've thought of that. He did have wards up and it stood to reason that he'd have witches on hand.

The guys clearly wanted to know our plan. I knew Haley was going to evade. She wasn't going to let the allies know that our mates hid things from us. I was going to follow her lead. She motioned to Katie and me to stand with her.

She began, "This was a group effort between Katie, me, and Emmaline. So, we can each explain our thought processes. When we were in Faerie, I popped the girls to a place only royals can go since I knew there was concern about the plan being overheard. My working plan was having my other brothers, besides Marcus and Bjourn, follow Eric and Lucas to their meeting place. Torvi and Astrid were in place at the rendezvous point to spot anyone coming in. They were to remove any trap that would bring serious harm to Eric or Lucas." So, there was a plan where they got hurt worse? Alpha Hammond was on my shit list.

Haley continued, "Dylan had asked for tracking shoes for Lucas, and Harper's boytoy lover..." Snickers went throughout the room until they caught the look on Harper's face. Haley didn't pause, "Came up with a tracker with an invisible dye in case Lucas and Eric had to shift." Eric raised an eyebrow. She had it done to his shoes too? She really was a ninja.

Haley looked at me. I picked up where she left off, "I pointed out that if they incapacitated Eric and Lucas an invisible dye for the Hackura to follow wouldn't work if they put you guys in a car or something."

Haley continued, "That's where it got very technical, but both Eric and Lucas had shoes on that... poked their foot slightly when they put them on." Eric's eyebrows were practically on the ceiling. I was biting my lips trying not to laugh.

Lacy linked me, “She had a GPS tracker implanted into them?” I responded, “I think she did.” Lucas spoke, “You had a GPS put in my foot?” Haley frowned, “Technically, no I didn’t. It was Harper’s boytoy lover’s plan. I just agreed to it. The shoe implanted the device. I think Cali put the device in the shoes if you want to get granularly technical.”

Alpha Nick started cackling. Dylan seemed to have materialized popcorn from somewhere. Eric growled, “Angel, get the track out of my foot.” Haley smiled, “It’s already out. Harper ejected them once he knew where you were. Anyway. That was a plan. I noticed the flaw in your guys’ plan was you left a very important person out of the factoring into your plan.”

I interjected, “Me. This guy wanted me to come to him.” Haley nodded, “Exactly. Bexley agreed to change her appearance to pretend to be Emmaline. So, we had to get Emmaline somewhere no one could report Bexley wasn’t her. We don’t know if Alpha Hammond has someone watching the school, but he probably does.” Lucas growled but I was certain it was about someone spying on our pack. Haley had a point here.

Katie took my hand before adding, “Aubree and I agreed I’d sign Emmaline out, and take her to her house for the afternoon. I pointed out Haley would likely need witch backup because there had to be considerations for Alpha Lucas and Alpha Eric mind linking for backup. I was also worried they’d have something to block out Haley since they’d had ample time knowing Alpha Eric was coming. They had to factor her into their plans.” Haley nodded.

I wanted to go over the text I received. I was about to start reading it when I realized I knew this man. I whispered, “Oh my god.” Haley quickly asked, “What’s wrong?” All the blood drained from my face. I stammered, “I... I was so freaked out about the texts showing Lucas getting hurt... I wasn’t paying attention. Alpha Hammond is the creepy dude from the diner who called me little dove.”

Lucas growled, “He was in the diner? Dylan!” Dylan put his popcorn down and got out a computer. I sighed, “Haley can explain the rest of the plan, and then I’ll tell you. I did include Lacy and Valerie in our plan, so we had more back up. Brad insisted I pop them in once they realized I was fine.” Brad shot me a grateful look. Haley quickly explained the rest of the plan. I had to admit it was good with all the little tweaks the three of us made.

When she finished Lucas asked me, “When did you meet Alpha Hammond?” I sighed, “I met him that day I was going to surprise you for lunch. I was waiting for the food and he came in. He was meeting someone. He kept calling me little dove. When Frank said my name, he looked excited, but his soul was saying something else. It was dark and twisted.” Eric winced. Lucas sighed, “Then you came home,

and heard about Aubree and her mother and forgot to tell me.” I nodded, “I really was going to tell you.”

Lucas pressed, “And the flowers?” I frowned, “Flowers?” Bexley chimed in, “He said the flowers had some witch spell in them and I should’ve run into his arms.” Her wolf was holding her firmly in his lap. He looked like wanted to be somewhere else. I was guessing Bexley insisted on being here.

My eyes widened as her words sunk in, “I forgot... He sent me flowers to school. He’d be surprised because the secretary might run into his arms, but I doubt it. She opened the card, not me. I had a bad feeling about them and had her throw them in the trash. I never touched them.”

Lucas sighed, “Alright.” I could tell he was mad, but he could take a number. I didn’t intentionally exclude him. I just forgot. He kept this from me on purpose. Eric broke the silence, “Other than the GPS, it’s an impressive plan.” Haley smirked, “You know the GPS part is good too.” Eric’s growl was low, “Don’t do that again.” Haley frowned, saying nothing.

Lacy linked me, “She’s not going to agree.” I agreed, “No, she’s not.” I was certain we were not the only ones who noticed. After we went over everything multiple times, people slowly started filing out. Eventually, only, my siblings, their mates, Eric’s brothers, Haley’s brothers, Lucas, Dylan, and Lacy remained. Dylan got up and shut the door. He ran back to his seat and pulled out his popcorn.

Eric glared at Haley, “I notice you didn’t promise not to chip me with a GPS again.” Haley sighed, “Since our children pop to you when you’re in danger, I won’t promise you that. You’d do it to me, and you know it. It’s not a permanent device. It would’ve ejected itself from your skin after twelve hours if Harper hadn’t done it manually.”

Eric was growling. He stood to pace he ranted, “How the FUCK was anyone supposed to know Cassie, EJ, and Alexander would pop to me?” Haley sighed, “I don’t think we could’ve anticipated that. Now we will have to, and work with that.” Eric yelled, “WORK WITH IT? They could’ve been hurt!” Haley pointed out, “They are fine. Next time, we will be better prepared.”

She stood and crossed her arms, “You know for someone who claims to dislike full blooded fairy’s; you certainly evaded my question about Emmaline knowing about this plan quite well, husband.” Ohh she called him husband. It was an accurate term, but somehow conveyed how angry she was. Eric stopped pacing.

Lucas winced. He quickly defended his friend, “I didn’t want Emmaline to know, and Eric knew you’d tell her.” Even though I knew that already, it hurt a little to

hear. Haley said, “I understand that Lucas, but that doesn’t change that fact that Eric lied to me.” Eric turned to face her, “Haley...”

Haley kept talking, “And the ONLY reason I didn’t think to question it was because you said it. You deliberately let me believe Emmaline knew. You could’ve ruined her and my relationship if it came down to it. If I popped in knowing the plan, and she thought I didn’t tell her she wouldn’t speak to me afterwards.” Eric winced.

I assured her, “I would’ve been hurt, but if you explained you thought I knew we’d be ok.” Haley asked, “Would we? How soon would you have listened to me explain?” Now I winced, “Not right away.” Haley nodded and turned back to Eric, “I appreciate that you told me the plan this time, but I’m good at strategizing too. Cutting Emmaline and I out isn’t something that should be an option. We are your Luna’s. You both had our Luna ceremonies so we could help you guys and rule the packs as your equals. Are we just figureheads to you? Are we something pretty to sit in the corner and stand on titles?”

Eric and Lucas growled angrily. I spoke, “I’m not some breakable glass doll. I brought Lacy into the plan because as my Beta female she and I should’ve been a part of this from the beginning. Did you think I would be happy to find out you went off into danger and left me in the dark? Does that mean Lacy and I can do this if you’re in danger? Or Dylan is?” Dylan mumbled something that I was taking to mean no.

Lacy smiled at me. Haley interjected, “I think it’s EXACTLY what this means, Emmaline.” Eric gathered her in his arms, “Haley Connors. I told you about the plan. I am sorry I mislead you about Emmaline, but she’s Lucas’ mate. It was his call. I should’ve had you sit in our plans, but I knew if I did, you’d figure out Emmaline didn’t know. I should’ve talked to you privately about the plan. Yours was an outstanding plan.”

Haley corrected him, “Not mine. Ours.” She pointed at me and Katie continuing, “They pointed out holes I didn’t see. Katie was right. That ward had an iron base to it. I’m sure it was added after Bex popped in because they didn’t want Emmaline to get out.”

Eric frowned, “How did the triplets get in then?” Haley shrugged, “They are powerful little stinkers? Maybe their wolf or Hackura side protected them. Emmaline and I have a lot of fairy blood, but our children have a mix.”

Haley waved her hands, “That’s for another discussion. The point is we all have an enemy in Alpha Hammond. We need to work together to stop him. Not in two different counter pieces, because in case you didn’t notice; he got away. Maybe he

wouldn't have if we'd all worked together." Eric hugged her tightly to him whispering in her ear.

I glanced at Lucas. It hurt me how pained he looked. He tried to explain, "Emmaline, I just wanted to protect you." I nodded, "Alright. Lacy, I believe our precedent is set then. In order to protect our mates, we can work independently outside of them." Lucas growled.

He was now in front of me, "No, baby girl you can't." I pushed him away from me, irritated, "But you can? I don't think so, Lucas. Either we work together or separately. You can decide which it is, but I was born to be the Luna of this pack. Let me do that, or I will find sneaky ways to help you, and we can keep having this argument. I won't be pushed aside or left in the dark. Our souls can't handle it. Didn't you notice you had a sick feeling in your stomach? An ache in your chest? I did. I called my dad, and he told me that our souls were both in turmoil because we were keeping something big from each other. I can't live that way. It was horrible. Your moon goddess and the fairy goddess paired us together to complement each other."

I took a calming breath then continued, "I'm not blameless here either. I should've told you about creepy diner little dove dude and his flowers. I've been alone so long it's an instinct to deal with stuff like that on my own. Especially with all the crap we've had going on. I'm going to try to do better, but I can't do that alone. The choice is yours."

I turned to Haley and gave her a hug, "Thank you for everything, Haley. You'll have to tell me about the alternate reality you went to. I'm glad you were in time to become a one-woman killing machine. My dad said you would be."

Haley hugged me back quickly. I broke our hug and walked over to Katie, "Don't go to the Hackura realm and leave me all the time now, Katie Cat." Katie laughed, "Never, little sister. I just got you back." I walked over to Lacy and held out my hand, "Come on. The guys have decisions to make."

Lacy stood and took my hand, and we walked out. As I closed the door, I saw Haley's proud smile, Eric's worried look, Dylan's pissed face, and my mate's pained face. I grabbed Lacy's hand and popped to Haley and Eric's lake.

Lacy laughed, "Lucas will flip out." I sighed, "Probably, he can suck it." Lacy smiled, "You did amazing in there. You didn't lose your temper, and you made excellent points. You even commented on where you could improve and didn't say it was all his fault."

I shrugged, "It wasn't all his fault. I totally forgot about the creepy dove guy. Working in a diner you get lots of creeps with the truck drivers. I'm just used to

it.” Lacy took my hand, “You’ll get better, and the guys will learn. The plan you guys came up with was really good.” I nodded, “If we’d been in this realm, I’d have included you. You’re my Beta female and friend.” Lacy smiled, “And you’re my Luna. I’m glad you clued me in when you did.” Lucas growled, “Where are you?” Lacy winced along with me. I asked, “Did Dylan link you?” She nodded.

A pop sounded. Haley smiled greeting us both, “I knew you’d go to water.” I said, “Hold on, I think I’m deaf. Lucas is shouting in our link.” Haley laughed, “Wait a minute to answer him. A little bit of worrying is good for them. Are you guys ok?” I nodded asking, “Does Lucas get our point?” Haley smiled, “He does. It’s hard for Alpha and Beta males, but they will learn. It’s how we all grow as people and couples, apparently.”

I asked, “Does Eric know we are here?” Haley smiled, “Not yet. I popped them back and told him I needed a minute. I wanted to talk to you.” I smiled, “Are you really ok with your sister and my brother?” Haley laughed, “Oddly, yes. Logan is quite happy, and I like seeing him happy. Katie is cool.” I smiled, “She is.”

Haley complimented me, “I’m proud of you. You led your pack tonight, and you got your point across without swear words. A well timed damn or fuck gets the point hammered home though.” I laughed, “That’s your style.” She smiled, “It is. Call if you need anything, but we should all go handle our mates now.”

I stiffened, “I might give him some more time.” Haley bent down and patted my hand, “You don’t have to resolve this tonight, but go talk to him. Your fairy side wants to be near him. Trust your light and your instincts. Don’t hide because he hurt you. Show him he hurt you and let him see what that did. Be as vulnerable, open, and honest as you were in that room. I envy the way you did that. I took mental notes. It was very brave.”

I gaped, “You think I’m brave? Me?” Haley smiled, “Sharing pieces of myself and things that hurt me don’t come easily to me. I tend to get very emotional about it, but you articulated yourself very well. I am proud of you, cousin. Now go to my lion and my friend Dylan. Trust yourself and don’t go to sleep until you feel at peace.”

Haley turned, then said over her shoulder, “I wouldn’t have sex with either of them tonight though if I were you. Emmaline let your fairy side get over the hurt this caused. It’s important to heal that. Lacy it’s just driving a point home for you. Tomorrow or later this week you can ride the fuck out them and remind them how good it is.”

I laughed at her. Lacy gaped as she popped away. “She really does mess with Eric, doesn’t she? I would never tell that man I wasn’t having sex with him. He’s hot and he’s terrifying.” I laughed, “He’s not my type, but she’s his mate. She gets

away with everything.” Lacy snorted, “If they hadn’t been mates and just got married something tells me she’d handle him this way too.” I laughed, “Probably.”

I put my hand out to take hers. Lacy asked, “Are you ready?” I shrugged, “It feels mean to let him worry longer.” Lacy smiled and I popped us both back to the main room of the house. Brad ran into the room first and glared at us both. Lucas and Dylan closely followed behind him.

Lucas spoke, “I was about to send the whole pack out to look for you two.” I frowned, “You linked me less than five minutes ago.” Dylan asked, “Yes, and it was a VERY long five minutes of no response. Where were you?”

Lacy answered, “Eric and Haley’s territory by their lake. Haley popped to us, and we all chatted about our mates being jerks. We have a support group now. It’s called Alpha and Beta mates are sexist shits. I think it will catch on. I just bet our group will become quite popular.”

The bite in her tone stopped both Dylan and Lucas. Lucas clearly linked Brad to leave and he came to me slowly. I took a deep breath when I was against him letting his scent calm my fairy side. He apologized “I’m sorry, baby girl. The plan you girls came up with was good, and we might have been able to capture Alpha Hammond if we worked together.” He turned his head, “Lacy Loo, Dylan was following my orders.” Lacy retorted, “An order he should’ve ignored.” She stormed out of the house with Dylan trudging after her.

Lucas sighed and led me upstairs. He moved to kiss me, and I put my head on his chest. He whispered, “I really am sorry.” I wanted reassurance, “Next time you’ll include me, right?” Lucas sighed, “My instinct is to protect you.”

I nodded, “I get that, but it’s not like I would’ve stomped and thrown a hissy fit about your plan.” Lucas sighed, “I didn’t want you to be worried. I thought you’d get so worked up you’d turn to water or hit people with hail.” I conceded, “That’s not unreasonable since I’m learning control, but you can’t cut me out because of that. How would you feel roles reversed?”

Lucas growled, “I wouldn’t like it, but it’s my fault you’re in danger.” I rolled my eyes, “So if David finds me and comes for you; I can work with Haley and Lacy without telling you?” Lucas pinned me against the door, “No.” We stared at each other, neither backing down.

He whispered, “I almost told you so many times. I just have an instinct to protect you, and to do what I need to do to accomplish that.” I nodded, “Alright. I believe in instincts, but you wouldn’t have been so torn if you almost told me several times if you felt you were right not to tell me.”

Lucas closed his eyes, “You’re right.” I smiled as this was progress. Lucas said, “In the future, I will include you. I don’t want us to work separately. I need to bring you into the work more, so you know what it is we do. I should’ve told you about the plan.” I nodded, “I probably should’ve told you I knew, but we were afraid you’d lock me down and mess with our plan.” Lucas snorted.

I quietly admitted, “I didn’t like working laterally with you but hiding it.” Lucas sighed, “I didn’t like hiding things from you. Eric told me many times I should tell you. Now I’ve caused problems in everyone’s relationships.”

I gave Lucas a hug, “We are all learning things here. I’ve never been in a serious relationship, and I don’t get the impression you were serious about anyone.” Lucas shook his head, “No, I didn’t have a serious girlfriend.” Serious to Christy but not him. I continued, “So, we will learn together. This was one of our moments. Communication on both our parts would’ve helped.”

Lucas sighed, “You’re right. I understand why meeting Alpha Hammond in the diner and the flowers slipped your mind, baby girl. I truly do, but I need to know those things.” I nodded, “I know. I need to know when you’re going to run off into a trap and put yourself in danger.” Lucas nodded, “I agree.”

I teased, “Besides, my sister is Prince Logan Cambridge’s mate. I’ll have my own in with this boytoy lover of Harper’s. So, you’d better watch out or I’ll chip you.” We both busted up laughing. I was only slightly kidding. I’d totally do it especially since he didn’t notice when he’d put the shoes on.

I poked his arm, “So, babies popped in to save the day.” Lucas sighed, “I think they took ten years off our lives. Eric convinced them to pop out, but then Cassie came back.” I shrugged, “She’s a daddy’s girl.” Lucas snorted, “No girls for us then.” I swatted him, “Girls are the best.” Lucas snorted, “Until they pop in as pups into a dangerous situation. I can’t even imagine the terror Eric felt.”

I snorted, “You did see the carnage Haley inflicted. She basically killed all those people herself. She let one get past her so I could kill them... well a couple really. One for Lacy too.” Lucas tensed, “You killed someone? Did you drown them?” I shook my head, “I stabbed him.” Lucas seemed surprised and I walked over to the bed and laid down.

Lucas laid beside me, and we cuddled. I asked, “What are we going to do about Alpha Hammond?” Lucas sighed, “I’m going to file paperwork, and all our allies along with us will keep an eye out. I’ll see if Al knows who Alpha Hammond was meeting with at their diner.”

I briefly considered Grayson but dismissed that. Grayson was a wiccan, not a wolf. I fell asleep snuggled in, breathing in Lucas’ scent. I woke up to go to training.

They had me popping away from someone new today. Afterwards, I popped myself to Gemma demanding food. She quickly whipped up several plates.

When I finished, I popped to Lucas. He was still asleep, so I showered and then kissed his cheek. He sat up quickly. I told him, "I'll see you after school, ok?" Lucas nodded and I went about my day. Our Red Run friends weren't at school today.

I was exhausted by the time I made it to the car after school. Ry was looking at me worriedly. Hadn't he seen someone who was tired before? I went up to my room and fell asleep. I jolted up when my alarm went off for training. I didn't usually sleep for almost twelve hours. I sighed and went to training.

Lacy grabbed me afterwards. She studied me, "Are you ok?" I shrugged, "I don't know. I was just really tired. Now, I feel fine now." She frowned, "Alright." I popped back and felt an intense need to be with Lucas. I didn't even shower, I just snapped him naked and kissed him. His arms went around my waist.

He broke our kiss and looked in my eyes questioning, "Emmaline?" I demanded, "Less talking." I slid myself on him. He groaned as his hands instantly went to my hips. I couldn't get enough. I'd had countless orgasms, but I'd kept riding him.

He rolled us and pounded into me, and I finally calmed down. Lucas kissed me, "Did you do a fairy ritual this morning? I'm a fan." I shook my head, "No, I just felt the need to reconnect." Lucas smiled, "You'd better get moving."

I glanced at the clock; we'd been going at it for several hours. I snapped myself ready and popped to the car. Lacy laughed teasing me, "You're cutting it close." I threw the car in reverse and got us to school in record time.

The need to be with Lucas hit me again. I excused myself from class. The teacher was a pack member. I ran to the girl's locker room. I needed Lucas now. I popped and ended up in his lap. Dylan said, "Umm, hello. I'll have to factor in popping Luna from school into my day. It's not even lunch time. However, will I plan our days? We live in mystery now."

I kissed Lucas and pulled away, "Hi and bye Dylan." Dylan grumbled and left the room. I snapped Lucas naked. He questioned, "Baby girl, what's going on?" I slid down him again whimpering, "I need you, Lucas." He laid me down on the desk and pounded into me. I calmed down in time to make it to my last class of the day. Everyone smirked at me. I blushed realizing they could smell me.

Valerie sat by me since Chelsea and Sam were gone. I asked, "When will Sam and Chelsea be back?" Valerie said, "Well, Sam's heat should be done tonight. They

could be back tomorrow.” I hoped so. I was ready to see my friends again. I gave the keys to Lacy after school and popped to Lucas.

I grabbed him, pulling him away from Dylan who was muttering under his breath. I popped us to our room. We were buried inside each other until Dylan knocked, “It’s time for fairy lessons. While you’re there see what in the heck is up with our Luna today.” Lucas snorted, “You’re just jealous.” Dylan grumbled again. I wished I had their hearing.

I snapped us clothes and popped to Haley and Eric’s. I forced myself to walk over to the group practicing even though I just wanted to stay by Lucas. I noticed Farrin and Trixie weren’t here. I asked Haley, “Where is Trixie?” Haley smiled, “She’s been moving some things in with Farrin. She decided to live in both realms for now. I’m very proud of her for letting him in. I’m oddly proud of Farrin for how he’s treating her. Damn, never thought I’d say that.”

I smiled, “That’s great.” Hexxi came over, “Umm Haley... Emmaline needs to take Lucas and go.” Haley frowned, “Why?” Hexxi sighed, “I forgot you can’t smell it.” I flushed, “I don’t really need you to tell people I just had sex with my mate, Hexxi.” Haley turned to me with an appraising look.

She turned to face Hexxi, “She’s only sixteen.” Hexxi’s eyes widened she shrieked, “You didn’t tell Haley?” Was she talking to me? Katie was popped in by Bexley. I asked, “Tell Haley what?” Hexxi crossed her arms, “That you’re really seventeen.” Haley yelled, “WHAT?!”

Katie and I laughed, “I’m not seventeen.” Katie said, “I can also back that up. My sister is sixteen.” Hexxi said, “She’s our sister. Of course, you think she is. Your memories were altered. Fairy babies conjure their bottles. Dad’s mate freaked out when Emmaline did it. She called him. You and your siblings saw her do it, and asked questions. In exchange for having Emmaline for the first year of her life, he altered everyone’s memories to think your mom had just gotten pregnant. I actually babysat Emmaline quite a lot. We kept her hidden. That’s why your family doesn’t have any baby pictures of her.”

I was in shock. My mind actually blanked. Katie said, “I think we would've noticed she was older than a baby.” Hexxi snorted, “She was big for her age was she not? Really think about Emmaline as a baby.”

Katie opened her mouth and shut it several times. She admitted, “Yes, she was at the top of every chart... I... can’t really remember her as a baby baby. OH MY GOD! GIVE ME MY MEMORIES BACK! How DARE that fucking bitch take our baby sister from us! FOR A YEAR! She had her mate take our memories. I’m going to curse THE SHIT out of her.”

I yelled, "I'm actually seventeen?!" Hexxi said, "Your mom was supposed to tell you. We thought you knew." I screamed, "Of course she was! What the hell?!" Haley sighed, "That's how you unlocked your earth and water powers, because you're already at the age of fairy maturity. Hexxi is probably right. You're going into your concupiscence."

I laughed again. Of course I was. I glanced over at Lucas to find a fire fairy trainer flirting with him. When she touched his arm, I saw red. I popped in front of her and punched her in the face. I dove on top of her. Lucas yelled, "Emmaline!"

I really wanted the lake to drown this bitch. A huge wave came over us and the fire fairy was swept into the lake while I stayed dry. Hexxi popped into the lake and saved the wretched bitch. I hissed at her, "Aren't you supposed to be on my side?"

The fire fairy said, "I didn't realize he was your mate. I was just looking for a concupiscence partner." I screamed, "HE'S FUCKING MINE BITCH!" Haley popped in front of me, "Lucas is yours. Why don't you grab his arm, and I'll pop you both to my house on my island? Lucas can let Eric know when you need to come back. I'm not going to touch Lucas, only you. Ok? He's right behind you."

Tears filled my eyes. I whispered, "Am I really seventeen?" Haley smiled sadly, "Hexxi can't lie, so yes. I do believe you're really seventeen. I'm going to guess your mom never said your age. Other people did." She was right.

Haley assured me, "I'll get all the details while you're gone. I'm so sorry. Marcious thought you knew." That made me feel better, but it didn't surprise me my dad didn't know I had no clue how old I was.

I turned to Lucas and melted into his embrace. He assured me, "It's alright, baby girl." The intense need for him was slowly over taking me. Hexxi said, "You need to leave now Haley." I felt hands on my back then I was somewhere else.

Haley rapidly issued information, "Lucas, she can conjure herself more food. I've snapped the refrigerator for you both. Eric linked me a list of things he says you'll need. I have to go or she's going to lose it. I snapped new toys for all the drawers, so use whatever you want. Then consider them yours. Any room is available to you." Haley popped away.

I frowned, "I wouldn't hurt her. I only came at the fire fairy bitch because she touched you." I jumped on him, "You're mine, Lucas Lyons." My need for him overtook me and I smashed our lips together. I vaguely noticed that I could feel his smile against my lips.