

The castle

Chapter 20

We walk over to the others, and Talia introduces me to her children. They are adorable. Her daughter asks me if I am a princess like her because I am so pretty, I chuckle at the little girl and say "I'm not a princess or as pretty as her".

Athena takes a peep at the pups, and the twin boys clamber towards me "Wow mummy did you see her eyes they are so pretty, miss Aurora, you have the prettiest eyes" they say.

"That's my wolf's eyes. Athena wanted to look at all you cute and handsome pups" I say.

"Is Athena a special wolf like mummy and auntie Dalia" Arianna asks.

"Yes she is" I say.

"Do you keep your clothes on when you shift like them" Talon asks.

"I don't know. I have never tried, I think I did once before" I say, curious.

"Ooh try now, please, we want to see your wolf" Tyson asked, excited.

"You better give me your top if my clothes rip" I say to Shawn.

"No problem, you were clothed when you turned back after the rogue attack. I was so frightened I didn't think about it until now" he says.

I step away from them and shift into Athena, we look around and see no shredded clothes on the ground this is so cool. How did my clothes rip before then? I think.

"I think I needed to be used to my powers to do it, and when you were attacked, it just kicked in" Athena responds to my unasked question.

"You are almost as big as mummy and daddies" Arianna says.

"Can we ride you, Athena?" Talon asks with puppy dog eyes.

"Yes pretty pretty, please?" Tyson says as all the pups are hugging and stroking Athena.

"Leave poor Athena alone" Tristan chuckles.

Athena turns and snorts at him, making Talia laugh before she lays on the ground so the kids can climb on.

"On you go, kids, it looks like Athena is happy for you to climb on. Remember to hold tight" Talia says to them.

The twins put Arianna at the front because she is the smallest before climbing on, too. When I feel they are holding on enough, Athena rises up as they squeal in delight. She starts off slowly before picking up a bit more speed, running them all through the gardens for around 30 minutes.

When we get back to the others, Athena gently lays down to let them off.

"We love you Athena" they shout together, hugging us.

Athena licks each of them as the squeal in laughter, and their parents laugh with them. I send a quick prayer up that I will still be clothed as I shift back and thank the goddess I am.

"This is so cool" I say excitedly.

"It saves so much on clothes" Talia agrees.

"Thank you for playing with the kids even if your wolf is a bit cheeky. There must be something about these special wolves" Tristan teases.

"Yeah sorry about Athena she doesn't like to be told what to do much, if it wasn't for mum making us promise to keep her hidden I think she would have dealt with my family a long time ago" I say.

"Yes all the special wolves we have met have been strong-willed so far. The only one they will listen to is Talia" Tyler admits.

"Right everyone must be starved. How about we go and eat, then you can get a tour of the castle before bed so you know your way around?" Talia asks.

We agree to the plan, Shawn can not remember much from his visit years ago, so he wants a refresher on where everything is since we will be here for a while.

I get to meet the Kings parents and the rest of the ranked members along with a lovely girl named Sally. She is the future Gamma female. She is only 17, so they are keeping their relationship to friends for now until her wolf recognises him at 18. She is already a trained warrior and is now learning the position from her mate's mum in preparation for taking it up.

Her and Talia are like sisters since they met when she was almost 14. They told me their story of how they met and about their family. I told them I had family on my mum's side that I hadn't met yet. Talia told me that my cousin was a good Alpha and that she would be getting in touch with him for us to meet soon.

Everyone here is great. They are all friendly with a fantastic sense of humour. From what Talia says about the rest of their family and friends, I am looking forward to meeting them. Sally decides to give us the tour around the castle. It is beautiful here, modern and classy.

Our rooms are stunning with a lot more space than we need with the bag of clothes that we brought, Talia has insisted on a shopping trip for us both. Shawn asked if he gave us his sizes. Can he stay with the guys and kids. We were happy to agree, I know what style of clothes he likes after being around him for almost 6 months.

Talia has said they will be paying for everything because we can't have anyone seeing and transactions on our accounts and ending us. We have to agree with her after seeing her point. We can't let them end us because of a stupid mistake.

It feels great to get into my new room at night and have a long shower, I can't remember the last time I got properly clean. The bathroom is fully stocked with products. They smell so good that I stay in there for ages before I eventually drag myself out.

I dry myself off and wrap a towel around my hair before getting into some comfy pyjamas. There is a hairdryer in the room, so I manage to dry my hair before I sink into the bed.

After not sleeping great in the cells coping with the heat and then running through the night, I am exhausted. It doesn't take long before I fall asleep, I really need this early night, so I am rested enough for training tomorrow after breakfast. I feel like I could sleep for days.