

# Lycan Queen

## Chapter 26: Ripper

At first, it was like a liquid was flowing through my body. It was so cold, it actually felt hot like it was freezing and burning through my veins at the same time. As I lay there I see flashes of my childhood starting from a baby, all the way until the present time. A lot had changed within our little family since my sister and I were kids a lot of great times but also a lot of bad. I started becoming aware of myself as the cold pain faded. After some time I slowly wake up, I stay still with my eyes shut, just listening to all the new sounds I can hear all around me. Someone is downstairs watching the news on the TV, I hear another person in the kitchen messing with some dishes. I hear someone else is a few rooms down from me texting on their phone, there's light footsteps in the hall outside my door like someone is pacing back and forth. I'm laying on a bed I know very well, but today it feels softer than before and the silk sheets feel amazingly smooth against my skin.

"She's awake" I hear a woman's voice whisper to someone else outside my door.

My eyes flutter open, there's some moonlight coming through the half opened blinds illuminating the room. I slowly sit up taking in how different everything looks around me.

"Hey sleeping beauty, how are you feeling?"

I looked in the direction of the voice, there my world stood leaning against the door jam, arms crossed over his broad chest, hair tousled like he had ran his fingers through it a time or two, his white shirt only buttoned half way up with his chiseled chest peaking through the open part, he had rolled up his sleeves and a pair of dark jeans on.

"Hey my love"

I'm not sure how long it had been, but I had deeply missed him. A smile spread across his face as he slowly walked to the bed, he sat down beside me, wrapped me in his arms, I laid my head against his chest and kissed me gently on the top of the head.

"I've been so worried about you, I'll have Elizabeth bring you up something to eat."

"Was that you pacing in the hall"

I heard him chuckle "Yes that was me."

"What happened with..." I asked looking down at my hands as I picked at my fingernail.

I feel his finger under my chin lifting it to look me in the eyes.

"We took care of Robbie," he said, then paused gauging my reaction. "I love you too much to let him still be

walking around after what he did to you."

"I love you too Asher, you said we took care of him, who are we?"

"Well Conrad's mutts found the prick before we could, they had a bigger head start than I did" Asher says, raising an eyebrow at me.

I roll my eyes "I'm sorry, thought being shot was a little more serious than a busted lip, I may be a bitch but I'm not totally heartless."

"My sweetness, you don't have anything to be sorry about. You're right about a few things, one you're not heartless and two, yes Blake definitely got the worst of it. So I called Conrad and asked if he could do me a solid, to let me be there when he took care of Robbie and he told me to meet him so I did."

I wasn't sure how I felt about that, I didn't care what they had done to Robbie, I only cared about what could happen to Asher.

"This doesn't mean we have to be nice or like them now does it?" I ask him with a raised eyebrow

"Hell no!" Asher says laughing

"Good they stink."

We both start laughing.

"That they do my sweetness, come on let's get you dressed and head downstairs everyone is eager to see you." Asher said, giving me a light kiss.

Elizabeth walked in "Oh, Bethany you're finally awake, you look amazing how are you feeling?"

Elizabeth has always been a sweet one, guilt gripped me thinking of how much of a brat I had been to everyone.

"I feel really great thank you for asking"

They both give me questioning expressions.

"What? Maybe I've turned over a new leaf, honestly it's too exhausting being a bitch all the time." I say rolling my eyes.

"That's lovely to hear Bethany, here I brought you some O-" Elizabeth says with a big smile handing me a clear wine glass with blood inside.

I give her a smile as she turns and quietly walks out. I just stare at it for a few moments.

"It won't bite..."

I roll my eyes looking at Asher "Yeah I know goofball, just seems weird is all."

Asher gives me a kiss on the side of the head "Take your time I will go and get you some clothes for the day."

Asher gets up and walks into his closet, well I guess it's technically ours now. I look down at the cup and raise it to my lips taking a small sip, it was smooth and rich tasting. It was not at all what I was expecting, it was amazing like nothing I've ever tasted before, I downed the rest of it and wiped my mouth with the back of my hand. As I sit here savoring the taste of my first drink, I flop back down onto the pillows closing my eyes. Suddenly visions of things I've never seen before start appearing in my head,

"You okay my sweetness?"

The sound of Asher's voice startled me, causing my eyes to snap open and the visions disappear. I slowly sit up looking over at him.

"Yeah... yeah, I'm okay."

I stood up from the bed noticing I was wearing my favorite navy blue satin nightgown, placing the empty glass on the bed side table and walked over to the full length mirror that was set up in the corner. I stood there looking at myself in the mirror, I had always had pretty features but now it was more than just a few. My hair was brighter and had amazing body in my bouncy curls. It used to take me and mom forever to get my hair to look like this for a pageant. I was happy to see my eyes were the same pretty blue, as I looked closer I could see there were now a few tiny thin red lines randomly throughout the blue color.

"Human eyes won't be able to see those red lines, your

eyes will still look the same to them."

"So my parents won't be able to see it right?"

"That's correct,"

I turned to look at him, "When can I atleast see my mom?"

"Let's see how the next few days go and we can talk about it. It's actually a good thing they are staying in Conrad's territory so you can have a few days to adjust."

He was right, we had talked about this beforehand, I never wanted to feel like I couldn't protect myself from someone like Robbie again, but I also made him promise not to let me hurt my parents.

"Alright enough of the heavy, I thought you said you were getting me some clothes." I teasingly say trying to cover up my nerves.

Asher gave me that big smile I love so much and held me out some clothes. I get dressed, in jeans, light blue shirt and white slip on sneakers and we head down to see the others in the living room. Everyone turns to look at us as we walk into the room, it was quiet for just a second and then they all started clapping and cheering.

"About time you got your woman Asher" River yells from the couch.

We all laugh as Asher puts his arm around me and pulls

me tighter to his side. "Yes, I finally have her"

I slightly push up onto the balls of my feet and give him a kiss. The girls walk over giving me hugs, Asher has walked over and sat down next to River.

"You're handling your transition a lot better than I did." Willow says with a chuckle.

"Oh my yeah your transition was the worst." Elizabeth said, shaking her head.

"What was it like for y'all?"

"Well Ezra lost control when he saw me walking home from work one day, I had never met him or even knew Vampires existed. I was pretty sure he was slowly killing me, horror film slow torture style." Willow says laughing as she looks over at Ezra who glances back at her giving her a guilty shrug and a sweet smile.

"Y'all are so cute" I say.

"Yes it's gross seeing my brother like that" Elizabeth says with a sarcastic shiver and sticks her tongue out causing us all to laugh.

This was such a big change from being around Katie and Robbie, all they did was complain about their parents not doing what they wanted them to be doing for them that day or about dumb stuff that was pointless to even be talking about. But they had been in my life so long I didn't know anything other than how they acted, so

being around Asher's friends and family has been a refreshing change.

"Ezra and I changed not long after Asher a few centuries ago so I'm not sure exactly how it went.."

"You took it like a champ, Ezra over there cried and whined the whole time like a baby." Asher said laughing.

"So where y'all awake during it?"

"Kind of, Willow was like in haze between asleep and awake, but I think that was because she was freaked the fuck out and fought it to the bitter end. You slept the entire time, but you also had accepted it from the start so you weren't fighting it so that could be why the two transitions were different." Elizabeth said.

"So what happened after you drank for the first time?"

I was curious if visions were a normal thing or not.

"I just felt full, like after eating a big meal." Willow said

"Same" Elizabeth followed up with.

I just gave a smile and nodded.

Asher

I could tell something was bothering her, but I knew she wouldn't tell me until she was ready. Maybe getting her outside will help, I get up and walk over to where



Bethany is standing talking to Willow and Elizabeth. I wrap my arms around her kissing her temple.

"Come on, let's go for a run" I say, giving her a playful grin, as I lead her out the back door.

I motion with my hand for her to lead the way, she gives me a smile and takes off running. I take off right after her, she's so elegant running through the trees as her hair flows behind her. I can tell she is not running at full speed, I hear her sweet laughing filtering through the air letting me know she's truly enjoying herself. All of a sudden, she takes a turn in the opposite direction than I am, kicks her run into high gear and leaves me in the dust. I start running at full speed trying to catch up to her, I finally break into a small clearing and was not expecting the sight before me.

"You've gotta be fucken kidding me?" I say, as I see Bethany standing in the middle of a campsite dropping another body at her feet.

I quickly run over to her, she gives me a sweet smile as she swipes one of her fingertips across the corners of her mouth wiping away the left over blood.

"Oops" she says, as she gives a sweet laugh.

We hear movement in one of the tents behind us.

"Damn Bethany, now I have to kill them too."

"It's okay I got it." Bethany says as she darts to the tent

and pulls one of the people out.

"Fuck" I groan as I dart over and pull the other person out and we drain them at the same time, usually feeding like this is together can be intimate for beloved vampires, but not this time.

I didn't even really enjoy it today, this was murder in my mind. I wasn't feeding to survive; it was to cover up her mess she just made.

Vampires prefer to hunt down and drink straight from a human. To better keep our secret, and cut down on humans noticing loved ones going missing, we have hired help in the mansion that maintains it but also is our feeding source. If those accidentally die, get too old, or our supply gets short, I have our blood supply provided from the local blood banks. I look around. How the hell am I going to clean this up before sunrise?

"Bethany we have to get this cleaned up."

"We?"

"Yeah, you need to help me with this." I turn just in time to see Bethany running through the far tree line, "seriously?"

She was so different this morning, she was the sweet Bethany around everyone, the side of her she only let me see. I take off running through the trees following her scent jumping over large rocks even through a shallow stream, where the hell is she headed? I can hear screams

about a mile ahead

"SHIT!"

I push myself to run faster hoping to get there before she causes another mess. I run up onto a forest rangers station, it sounds like an angry bear is wreaking havoc inside. I can hear noises of things crashing around and breaking inside, I walk closer to the front of ranger station as a body goes crashing through the front door, I stand there staring at it thinking of the magnitude of the situation in front of me and how the hell I am going to get it under control. Of all fucken people, why does it have to be her, why my sweetness Bethany? The thought was cut short as another body flew out a side window. I rush in the hole that once was the front door, to see Bethany trashing the place, ripping through everything and everyone in her path. At this rate, I dont know if this girl is going to cause a bigger nightmare for me or Blakely.

I pull my cell phone out of my pocket and press River"s name, "We have a really big problem, Bethany is a ripper"

"FUCK!" I hear River groan.

"Bring everyone she"s left one hell of a mess."