

Chapter 28

Daisy

The next day, I'm sitting with Lola and Sabrina on the grass after a sweaty training session.

"So you guys don't live anywhere close by?" I ask in a shocked voice. "Just how much money does Alpha Xavier have for bringing so many pack members to this resort?"

"A lot," Lola grins at me. And his pack is huge. There are a lot of pack members following him, and since he can't visit all of them, he has more than one Beta. He broadcasts his speeches sometimes, but that wouldn't give him a lot of time to do other things, so he assigned several Betas to help manage the pack. He is also known for his generosity, which is why he brought all of his original pack members here."

"Wow," I mutter in awe, my mind spinning at the thought of how massive his pack must be. I've never heard of any Alpha having more than one or two Betas. "And all these Betas. do they live at the pack house too?"

Lola gives an amused chuckle. "Oh no, you misunderstand. That would be impossible. The pack is so large everyone can't possibly live in one location. We are scattered around the country."

A shiver runs down my spine as I let Lola's words sink in. Alpha Xavier's pack is scarily massive, which means my sister will be extremely powerful once she becomes his Luna.

"I see." I murmur, then after a moment, I ask, "How does Alpha Xavier keep everyone protected?"

"By letting every Beta train under him and follow his strict instructions on how the pack should be led."

She pauses for a long moment, her gaze drifting off as though lost in thought. "A lot of people have died lately, though. I think that's why the wedding is postponed."

"Vampires?" I ask.

"Yes," this time, it's Sabrina who answers. I had almost forgotten he was sitting on the grass beside us. "My entire family was killed by them..."

Lola sighs heavily when she notices the tiny girl is shivering. At 4'8", Sabrina is two inches shorter than me. It makes me want to protect her, even if I know she can probably handle herself. Lola told me she took down two vampires on her own before her family yelled at her to flee

"I'm sorry I keep reminding you of the past," Lola says. "Let me make it up to you."

Sabrina looks up. "How?"

“Isabella is holding a big party tomorrow at a club nearby with free drinks and food. I heard her talking to her bridesmaids about it.”

I laugh when I realize what she wants us to do. “You want us to crash my sister’s bachelorette party?”

“Why not?” an evil grin spreads over her lips. “Free drinks, good and gossip-what else could you possibly want? I’ve also heard they have hired male strippers.”

“Oh, oh, can we go?” Sabrina suddenly pipes up. “I think seeing some abs would cheer me up.”

“See? Sabrina gets it,” Lola meets my eyes. “So, what do you say?”

“I...I don’t know,” I grimace. would kill me if she saw me.”

“Don’t get me wrong, I would love to see some abs, but my sister and I don’t get along. She...”

“You could wear a disguise? Come on, it will be fun! I bet Alpha Xavier will make an appearance, too!”

“To his future wife’s bachelorette party?”

“With vampires roaming around, it wouldn’t surprise me if he briefly showed up.”

When I’m still not on board with the plan, Lola takes my hand in hers and gives me her puppy eyes. “Pretty, please? The party will be at Club Daze, and the bartender is really cute.”

After a moment of considering Lola's plea, I sigh and cave under her persistent gaze. "Fine, but only because you mentioned the cute bartender. You owe me."

"Yay, this will be so much fun!"

"You won't regret this!"

The girls break into cheers, their eyes gleaming with excitement I can't help but get swept up in it too. I've never had friends before, and clubbing with them sounds like fun.

'I'm excited, too,' Sera says. Maybe there will be some cute werewolves partying at the club? Preferably half-naked so I can see what they have to offer.

I snort in amusement. 'You're such a pervert.'

'Guilty as charged.'

I head home directly after training to take a shower. When I turn off the water to shampoo my hair, I hear footsteps inside my room.

I freeze for a moment, water dripping off me as I strain my ears. The footsteps grow louder, then silence. My heart starts racing as my mind imagines the worst. Vampires....

I shake my head, stepping out of the shower and hastily grabbing a towel to wrap around myself. Carefully opening the bathroom door, I scan my room.

There is no one there, but on top of my pillow, there is a new letter, and my stomach churns.

‘Another warning?’ Sera asks. She is just as guarded as me and I carefully make my way to my bed.

‘Probably,’ I say, picking up the envelope. ‘Only one way to find out...’

Turning the envelope over in my hands, I take a deep breath before breaking the wax seal. Two photographs slip out and land on the floor.

The first picture is of me with Lola and Sabrina, and the second is of my family. My mother looks as bored as always, while Lina and Isabella seem to be talking with each other about something.

I pick up the photographs, turning them over. Something is written on the back of the first one,

You can't keep everyone safe, Daisy.

I feel a lump forming in my throat, but I swallow hard, forcing it down. My fingers involuntarily clench around the photographs.

‘Sera?’ I call out, trying to keep the tremor out of my voice as I speak to her.

“Yes?”

‘Should we inform Alpha Xavier about this?’

Before she can answer, I hear a loud howl coming from the forest-Alpha Xavier is calling for a meeting. That means that something must have happened.

There has been another murder, Sera confirms my sinking suspicion. I can feel her worry mirroring my own. "This is getting out of hand.'

Agreed, I place the photographs on my bed. 'And I think the murderer is trying to send a message.'

'Such as?'

I gulp before answering. 'That the next time, it will be someone close to me. The killer is watching me. They know about Lola and Sabrina, about Mom, Lina, and Isabella. They are all in danger.'