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We stand in silence as the elevator rides up to the fourth floor. It's tense, but not uncomfortable. Even my wolf knows something important is going on and is taking in every detail she can. I try to steady my breathing, just like waiting for an opponent to strike in a fight.

Finally, the elevator reaches the top floor and it opens slowly. I feel like time is messing with me, with how long it is taking just to get to the Luna and Alpha. All of a sudden I am engulfed in a hug and blinded by the softest sweater ever. If I could breathe, I would let the Luna keep me wrapped up like this for longer, but I have to tap her shoulder to let her know I need her to loosen her grip on my neck.

"My sweet girl, you're alright!" She whispers out.

"Why wouldn't I be alright? What's going on?"

"The threat we came across last night was not specific, but it was implied that a powerful female was the target. That could be a few different people, the Luna Queen and myself included, but there have been several high ranking females here over the last few days with the trials and several in the trials. The

Alpha King's guards are running patrols to try and find the trail of the messenger, but we haven't heard a thing." She hugs me again.

"I still don't understand what that has to do with me."

"Honey, the threat came right after the warrior trials, and you were the top female. The rest of the ranking females left shortly after the trials were finished yesterday, most can't spend too much time away from their packs. So if the threat wasn't against the Luna queen or myself, we have to assume you would be the next target."

"Is that why Oliver said he got a weird feeling last night? He was on my floor sleeping, said being close was the only thing that made his wolf settle down." She pulled back from our hug and looked at me, a question in her eyes, that she didn't voice out loud. "The rest of the guys were sleeping when I left to come down, I didn't get to talk to them." I look around the room taking in the amount of people here. "Where is the Luna Queen? Shouldn't she be up here guarded too?"

"King Reggie felt better keeping her close, his wolf almost took over yesterday after the threat. If Lucas wasn't leading the patrol trying to track the messenger, I would probably be by his side too. He hasn't gone out of mindlink range though." She smiles at the thought. "He's been checking in every 30 minutes or so."

"What was the threat?" I'm super curious about what has these guys running around in the middle of the night like crazy people.

She closes her eyes and takes a deep breath, like she's deciding how much information to give me. I can see how tense her body is and it's making my wolf and I a little anxious.

"You don't have to say if it bothers you to talk about."
I spit out quickly, I don't want to upset her anymore than she already is.

"No, sweet girl, it's not that it will upset me, I think it will upset you."

"Huh?! What could have been said in a threat to you or the Luna Queen that would affect me?"

She takes one more deep breath and grabs my hand. I can't tell if she is supporting herself or me with the gesture. "Someone broke through the western border. It's not a far distance over the water to the mainland, but our patrols should have heard a boat coming. The messenger slipped in undetected about 5 miles, left us a package that was clearly supposed to

be found quickly and disappeared, with no scent or any of the usual signs a tracker would notice left behind. There seems to be no trace of the person or people who left it." She pauses again. She's stalling, but I don't know why and it's making me sick to my stomach. "There was a full search of our territory and while the border patrols are going over every possibility of entry we are also doing a full investigation on everyone who is here to verify their location at the time of the threat. That is what is taking so long and why everyone is still on lockdown."

"Luna, you are really freaking me out now. I went to bed early, Oliver walked me to my room, but I left early. Am I a suspect? Cause you know I would never do anything to you or Luna Anne..." She grips my hand tighter.

"Shh. Sweet girl." She lifts a hand to cup my face. "
It's nothing like that. We know where you were, you are not in trouble, but I do think you might be in danger."

My eyebrows shoot up and the tears pooling behind my eyes slip down my cheeks. "What?!"

Another inhale and then a squeeze of my hand and a soft rub of my cheek with her thumb. "Sweet girl, our warriors found two fingers in a box. They had been

