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I just shook my head, this was so much information and nothing I expected.

"Well, you confirmed what your Alpha and Luna have suspected for a while. You came out, just this tiny little thing, amongst all of these warriors who have probably trained for longer than you have been alive, and took on everyone and won. No contest, no bias, nothing but you and your instinct to survive. Then you did it again with your wolf, who you got so early. That's when Reg and I knew you were special. He has some theories and wants to see you today before you go, but we are done talking about your amazing Trial run, let's get your armor for the battle that is the Elder's Conference." She claps her hands and Omegas come from all over moving trays and rearranging the room.

Soon the big food is gone, replaced with little snacks and three racks of dresses have been set up with a privacy wall for changing, a full length gilded mirror, that looks like it weighs a ton, and a pedestal just like the one in the dress shop Sierra dragged me to with the guys. With that thought my heart squeezes a bit. I wish I could have said goodbye to them all and hugged them, and just gotten that closure instead of being ripped away unconscious.

"What has that look on your face?" Luna Anne asked.

"Um, this just reminds me of my birthday when Sierra dragged me to a dress shop and forced me into anything and everything while my brother and his friends just waited and watched." I looked down, it was silly when I said it out loud like that. I'm a warrior, I can't be sentimental, that kind of sh*t was what would get me killed. I shook the thought from my head and looked back at her and she was smiling.

"I thought you may want something familiar and a second opinion."

Just then the door burst open and wild brunette hair was flying at me. "I told you that you will never wardrobe shop without me ever again!"

"Sierra!" I squealed. "I am so glad to see you! I got to see Xander too, did he catch you on the way in?"

"Nope, you are the only one special enough to get the Prince to greet you at the door." She laughs at me. "Now, let's get this party started, shall we? Luna Queen Anne, you have amazing taste, I'm not worried at all, but I hear there are some people we need to impress, so the dress has to be perfect." She is flailing her arms dramatically as she talks.

And just like that I was swept up in all kinds of material, lengths, cuts, styles of dress you can imagine. I let Sierra and Luna Anne have their way with me and we giggled and laughed the hours away.

We finally settled on this light blue dress, that was so pale it

was almost white. The color brought out my eyes and my tan from training outside. It was a silky, flowy material, but not shiny. The waist was form fitting and accentuated all the curves I was developing from proper food to go along with my heavy training schedule. The top was a sweetheart cut with a deep V cut down the middle to my belly button. The V all the way up to my clavicle was covered in different sized beads and crystals over a skin toned mesh material. There were little peeks of skin through the beading, but nothing that could be viewed as scandalous or make me uncomfortable. The beading went up over my shoulders, giving me a sleeveless look, and across the top part of my back where it was attached. The beading flowed down my sides and along the seam at my low back bringing it all together and leaving the majority of my back bare. There was a slit up the front of my left leg, but hidden within the soft pleats of the fabric, so it could only be seen when I walked. It went all the way to the top of my thigh, which made me a bit nervous, but Sierra assured me was exactly right. We chose thin strappy silver shoes to match and Luna Anne said she would have jewelry and hair and make-up taken care of for me as well.

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Just as we were getting settled into a late lunch, there was a knock at the door.

"Is everyone decent, before I enter?" Alpha Reggie's deep baritone voice called out from the crack in the door.

"I already told you we were done and cleaned up dear. Come on in. Silly man." She muttered the last part under her breath.

"Hey now, no making fun of the old man. I don't have daughters and I don't know the protocol for entering the room after a clothing session." His cheeks were a little pink as he said this walking up next to his mate. He was just as cute as Alpha Lucas in dad mode. He kissed her on the top of the head and then looked at me. "I was wondering if I could steal you away for a bit before you go?"

I nodded, what else was I going to do? If the King wants to see you it's not exactly a request. I wiped my face and thanked Luna Anne. I turned to Sierra and told her I still had to ask about study times at the bunkhouse, but I would let her know Tuesday at school, then followed Alpha Reggie out.

Once the door was closed we took a right and headed down a long hallway, walking in silence for a very long time. We made it to a large set of glass doors that looked over a patio. A couple of Omegas I hadn't even noticed opened

the doors for us and we continued outside. This 'patio' wasn't just a patio. It was a huge landing that spanned the whole length of this side of the castle. To my left, it extended to the rocky surface of the mountain the castle was built into and to my right it curved around in a large arc, almost disappearing to the front of the castle. Still we kept walking. Alpha Reggie led me to a set of stairs that was so well designed, you wouldn't notice them unless you walked over here to look over the railing. We descended to the lawn that was lush and green and so well maintained. And still we kept walking. I was getting nervous, he hadn't said anything to me since we left Luna Anne and we have been together for almost ten minutes. I think I could see our destination now though, in front of us is a hedge, similar to what Luna Ava has in her backyard at home. Having a maze in your yard must be an Alpha thing.

My suspicions were confirmed when we headed straight towards it and took a quick right into the large, squared off bushes. Alpha Reggie was tall enough to see over the top of the hedgerow, but my height made that impossible unless I jumped, which was not happening in front of the Alpha King.

"Sorry, for all of the secrecy, but I never really know who is listening. These hedges are grown in a way that the wolfsbane plant is grafted into it so it muffles the sounds of our voices, even for me with the best hearing as the Alpha King. We cannot be overheard here."

"Ah! I thought I was in trouble. That is so cool though, who



thought of grafting the plants together?"

"I'm pretty sure you can guess the crazy genius behind this." He smiles over at me.

"Doc Ganon and Doc Sylvia are scary sometimes." I laugh back to him.

"I believe on one of their expeditions they found something similar and brought it back here. It's almost better than the soundproofing we have in the conference rooms and it's hard to place listening devices here, because the maze is so big and people tend to naturally wander while they talk."

"I'm not gonna lie, I'm still a bit nervous, now that I know you brought me to basically a soundproof, remote location on your grounds. Am I in trouble?"

He chuckles a bit under his breath, "No, child you are not in trouble, but I didn't want anyone listening in on our conversation. I have a few questions for you and then I think I have some answers too."

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