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My temper flares and I may have to pretend later that my wolf's rage took over and I had no control over my words or my actions. "Excuse you, are you f*cking kidding me? I was there, unlike you, I fought several of them. You can attempt to dismiss me all you want, but your delusions do not change the fact that my experience in this situation outweighs yours." I turn toward Alpha Beau. "You are right, they were working together. In a way that suggests they train together, no different than any of our warriors. Three attacked while two hung back to observe. The second two engaged when Oscar, Mina and I were all injured in some way and separated. They knew what they were doing. I know I am not a full warrior yet, so I probably won't get to hear these answers, but they need to be asked anyway. How did they get within a ten minute drive of the castle? I'm sure that you have people working on that, but there is no way five of them got past that many border patrols undetected unless they had some way to mask their scent and hide their trails." I looked to Alpha Reggie, hoping he could read my mind. It's the same as the attack on my pack, no scent, no trail to follow, the only difference is we actually got to fight someone this time and I don't think the rogues were expecting us. "Are there evacuation plans? Based on reactions and observations, this is not the first time any of you have seen something like this." I look at each Alpha,

they all seem to be trying to hide the shame at being called out. We are all being attacked, but why?

"You're right," Alpha Emanuel speaks directly to me for the first time. "You won't be hearing any of these answers, child. Now that you have given your account you may leave and let us strategize."


I roll my eyes and look at Alpha Reggie. I'm sure he can see the murder in my eyes, but if he wants me to go so these idiots will actually get something done, I will. It's about the greater good and benefit of the pack members, not my ego. This jacka*s will get his and I hope I at least get a few good hits in before that happens.

Alpha Reggie nods his head, understanding surging from his eyes. At least he gets that I just want to help. "Skylar, just a few more questions. Did you scent anyone before the attack?"

"No Sir, and I was downwind. I was the first to be attacked so I should have had some level of warning." He knows of my strong and kind of unique sense of smell. That is one thing that has been bothering me all day too. I didn't scent them at all.


"Did any of them say anything to you? Was there a threat issued?"

"No, nothing. They just growled and attacked. I'm not sure if that was because they didn't expect us and acted on

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impulse or if they were the frontline of the attack and the people with threats or something to say were in the shadows watching somewhere.”

“And this is why she is here.” Alpha Reggie looks at Emanuel. I can’t even put his title in front of his name in my head, he doesn’t deserve it. “She brought up a point none of the rest of you even considered.

“I wasn’t allowed to help with the patrols after,” I look pointedly at Warrior Osiston, “So I can’t tell you if there were any other scents in the surrounding area and if they were doing any kind of masking it’s probably gone by now, but I would be happy to do a sweep just in case.” 

“When we are done here, I think that would be a good idea. You can take a team and see what you find. In hindsight we should just keep a healer with you at all times so you can work through your injuries, since you seem to be in the line of fire most of the time.” He smiles at me and I just roll my eyes before returning it.

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"So are we any closer to finding answers? It doesn't seem like anyone knows anything right now." Elder Bastian speaks up. "As much as you praise this girl's abilities, she has yet to give us anything."

And I'm back to seething.

"She actually gave us plenty, but only if you were paying attention. Her pack was attacked in a similar way and with no scent trails leading in or out. The difference being the rogues did what they needed to do and got out, they didn't engage. The question still remains, were they supposed to engage here or were they taken by surprise? The possibility of them trying to get closer to the castle is high, but we don't know the intended target. She also gave us a prisoner, which I will remind you, no one else accomplished. The second rogue we captured bled out before we got him to the hospital. Doc Gannon and Doc Sylvia said we can interrogate in about an hour."

I nod my head with the rest of the 'friendly' Alphas and Elders. The ones who are far too focused on me and my presence just sit there looking like stubborn, petulant children.

Alpha Reggie turns to me. He doesn't whisper, but the conversation is clearly between the two of us, just not



private. "Skylar, I'm not ready to allow you to have the warrior brand yet. Don't look at me like that, you are still too young. But, I do want you to be able to communicate with any of the warriors or us in an emergency. So I am going to make you an honorary pack member. This way you won't lose your connection to your own pack, but can communicate with members of the Royal pack."

I nod, it's better than nothing. I feel like it's a good compromise in front of the guys here who just think I should go home and let the boys do the work.

Alpha Reggie stands and Warrior Osiston moves behind me and places his hands on my shoulders, like I'm going to try and run away.

"Give me your right hand." Alpha Reggie instructs. "Do you pledge your loyalty to the Royal Pack?"

"Yes."

"Do you pledge to fight for the safety and rights of Royal Pack members while you are here?"

"Yes."

"Will you come to our aid whenever you are called?"

"Yes."

"Skylar Makain, you are being granted a special privilege in becoming an honorary member of the Royal Pack. Due your duty for Blue Crescent, your home pack, keep your

connections strong always and know that you now have a second duty to the Royal Pack. Develop and maintain your strong connections here as well. Do you agree to these terms?"

"Yes."

He takes my hand and brings my wrist towards his mouth where his fangs have extended. He punctures the skin just below my thumb on my wrist and I can feel the connection immediately. It has been so long since I have heard extra voices other than my wolf in my head, it was almost overwhelming. I blink a few times to gain my bearings.


How do you feel, Little One? I imagine it has been quiet since you have been here.

Yes, it has. Thank you for this.

Alpha Reggie turns back to the group, but keeps talking to me through the mindlink.

You will stay at the castle again tonight. I am not convinced that you were not a target today.

"Now that formalities have been handled. We clearly have things to discuss. It has been a long day and I am sure everyone could do with some refreshments and rest. Let's reconvene in the morning and brainstorm strategies for all of our packs. The rogues are getting more bold by the day and we will, hopefully, have answers from our guest in the dungeons too." I don't know how he was able to carry on the

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conversation with me over mindlink and with the group out loud. It was impressive.

Osiston will see you to your room, Xander and Oscar want to check in on you and Mina has also asked to see you. I will send Barty up with food for all of you so you can dine in peace.

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Yes sir.

Osiston walks me to the elevators and we move silently to my room once we are on the family floor. I don't know if his silence is comforting or imposing, but I do know that I am tired. I am tired of having to fight with these guys who think they are better than me because of my age, my gender, my size and who knows what else they are judging me for. It will never go away and I can keep my face at least passive in their presence, but it takes a lot of energy.

Before I can even think any further on the topic I am wrapped up in a hug and squeezed so tight, I think a rib may have cracked. Xander's pine scent washes over me and it takes me a second to respond. I just realized he wasn't down in the meeting with us.

"I'm glad you're alright. It was hard to watch you be taken away after all of that."

"I'm glad you were able to get to me in time. I think if they would have tried to double team me I would have been a goner. I really do need a ton of work, that was ridiculous. I have never been so out classes in my life." 

"What are you talking about? You handled the whole thing really well." Oscar is trying to lift me up, but it feels like pity or a participation pep talk.


"I didn't even smell them come up behind us. There is no excuse for that."

"None of us scented them, that's not on you." He argues back.

"The problem is, I can scent everything even when others can't. There has only been one other time I couldn't catch a scent." I look right at Xander hoping he understands. "I need to have Mina work me over. I should have never gotten bit like that."

"Did I hear my name?" Speak of the devil.


"Hey! Are you okay? No one would tell me what was going on with you."

"Yeah, it really wasn't that bad, but that little b*tch had something on his claws so I wouldn't stop bleeding and I had little slashes everywhere. It took both Doc Gannon and Doc Sylvia hours to figure it out. And of course they had to take a million samples to study." We all laugh. 

I'm learning I'm not the only Guinea pig when it comes to the Docs. They are fascinated by everything.

We head into my room and I fill everyone in on what happened at the meeting, which wasn't much on my end, but Xander looked more and more angry as I told him how some of the Alphas behaved and reacted.

"Something is going on. Several of them have been

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questioning my dad more and more lately. I've never heard of anyone questioning the king, ever. Why are they starting now?"

"It's clear they think that their opinions are important and carry more weight than they probably do. Are they trying to shift towards a democracy? Or maybe a type of monarchy that is actually run by them with a King to throw to the wolves when something goes wrong?" I am just thinking out loud, not really paying attention to what I'm saying.

"I don't think that you're far off, actually. With the constant meetings and forced mate stuff they are definitely aiming for some kind of control. I just don't know why the shift now."

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