

## Chapter 0338

She just nods. "I won't make excuses. I wanted to make Tyler feel a little off kilter. He doesn't drink more than one when we run on Thursdays and I have never seen him drink other than that. He's always in so much control. We thought that maybe his attraction to you could crack that a little bit. You are everyone's weakness. It's kind of creepy really. Even Robbie has a hard time staying out of your orbit and he hates anyone who isn't Mike or Tyler."

"Well, here's the plan, cause I am still angry at you. We can start going to the gym together, but I am back into my morning and evening runs. Jump on the train, or don't but this is the program now. We have to look like we are in the process of being friends again otherwise they won't believe me and we'll never get back in. I have to work in the morning, come in and sit, see if they notice and follow your lead. You have to be vulnerable and we need a story about my birth mother because we are supposed to be sisters. The information we give out is supposed to be generic. The set up didn't allow me to have a proper reaction and I gave out real information unintentionally. We need to talk to Osiston and Nickolas so what we say matches anything they have put out there already."

She nods again. "Are you going to move back in?" She points over her shoulder to the hallway.

"Maybe. I don't know yet. Now that I know what it's like to have people around me that want me around, I don't love

being alone. But, I am also still angry enough that I like my space to just be. I am going to stay here for now and we'll see. That's all I can say."

"Okay, I miss you. All of your crazy overachiever tendencies have made me try and get better. You and I have so much more to do, I can feel it. We have some big things coming our way. I will prove that we can be close again. I'm going to go talk to Nickolas and Osiston and let them know that we have come up with the start of a plan." 1

"Okay, thanks Mina. I promise I will try."

Once she left, I flopped back on my bed and just sighed. I don't have any more tears for this situation. I am not sad, I can't be anymore. My wolf has been comforting me since my birthday, like she always does. I don't want to feel the blame of my mom dying anymore. I know the truth now, at least as far as that goes and I can't talk about that with anyone, at least not yet. Alpha Reggie still wants to keep how close we are related a secret for now. There are too many people who will try and target me if they found out. I'm not afraid, but after watching Xander deal with the trophy-wife-wannabes, I can't imagine what someone would do to me to get to either Xander or Alpha Reggie.

No one said missions would be easy and I have to get better about keeping my emotions in check, or at the very least keep my real life stuff out of the backstory I'm supposed to have. I can't just go blurting out things like I did on my birthday, I have to be more in control than Tyler seems to be all of the time. That is something that my wolf and I have been going over and over in our head. What we both can do

to stay in control, when emotions are running high.

I sat back up and finished the notes I was rewriting for the second time to make sure I looked busy to everyone and not like I was hiding out in my room like a coward, not wanting to be forced to talk to anyone. Now that Mina and I have a start to a plan, I need to go give my input and return the peace offering by eating dinner with them tonight. 1

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