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My hands fly to my mouth and my wide eyes look at Tyler in disbelief.

"Stop!" Tyler gets out. He's breathing heavier now, but he is still walking forward. He clearly does this a lot.

"Why? You haven't made a move on Sky and you won't now that you have orders. She should know what we put up with from our leaders if she chooses to stick around." Robbie looks back to me, "Tyler has never once 'cheated' on his mate bond. So she has never suffered. I say it's bullsh*t and you should make her pay."

"I said enough! Let it go. I made my choices, so did you. Enough."

I am at a loss for words. How could someone be that cruel? And he just lets it happen. Is this really what the mate bond is?


Tyler takes another deep breath and stands up a bit straighter. "I think they are done, which means we need to get to the rec center, they will be on their way."

We head back to the truck and start our drive to the rec center in silence. I wonder if I will be able to tell who his mate and their leader are?

Whatever happens both of these people need to be punished for what they are doing to other people. I don't know Robbie's story, but I bet it's something similar to Tyler's. The way that they talk and act like this is a normal occurrence. It can't be. Giving up and then torturing your given mate can't be the norm for them. I hope they both figure out better ways to live and get out of this sh*tty excuse for a pack. If this is how the Rogue King or his minions live and treat their pack members, I can't let them win. We have to stop them, no matter what. This is awful and I only know two people being harmed by the situation.

We are the first to arrive, which sets Tyler and Robbie at ease a bit. They must get punished if they are late. Within the next twenty minutes the rest of the runners show up. There aren't as many as normal, which strikes me as weird since this is the only time most of them get the chance to shift.

I don't fail to notice Janice walking up with a couple other girls and they all look a little irritated, well more than usual anyway. I wonder what's going on with them?

"Where is everyone?" I ask Tyler in a low whisper, but I know most of them can hear me. 

"It's a nice day so a bunch of them are already out running and are going to meet us at the shift spot and run from there."

It sounds like the lame answer it is, but I go with it. I just need to get on this run and get moving. So, I nod my head and follow Tyler and Robbie closer to the group. I do notice that Mike isn't here yet which is strange. He's usually one of the first, but the way he was acting before I'm not mad about his absence.

"It's time." Janice calls out to the small group. "Let's run." She turns and starts to jog off and we all follow. I notice we are moving much faster than our normal 'jog.' Maybe Tyler is right and everyone's wolves just want to get out and run while the weather is nice.

We make it to the shift spot in less than half the usual time. Everyone is breathing heavily, but no one looks too winded. Several people have already changed and shifted. We are in the middle of the pack and Tyler and Robbie both wait an beat before changing and something in their demeanor has shifted.

"What's wrong?" I ask them both, stepping away to give them space to change.

"Nothing, just..." Tyler starts.

"Don't tell me 'nothing.' I can feel it, something is going on. There are no extra people meeting us here and we got here in half the time. Something is up, every single one of you is on edge. And Mike and some of the rest of the regulars are not here."

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"I told you you are too observant for your own good." He moves in to hug me and then stops suddenly with a grunt, a pained look on his face. I give him a questioning look. He looks over my shoulder then back at me, just shakes his head and steps back. "We should shift and get moving." He doesn't even look at me before dropping the rest of his clothes and shifting, knowing I can't talk to him over the mindlink.

Robbie growls before tearing through his clothes, not even bothering to undress. Something is wrong and no one is going to tell me what it is.

"Heads up guys, something is way off here. We are missing half the running group and everyone here is super agitated. Something is going down, but no one is talking or explaining anything. I'll keep my link open."

"I've got you, Little One." Osiston responds

The whole group has shifted except for me and they all start to move quickly. I go to catch up and start with a jog so I can still see the back of the pack when something rams into me from the side. I go flying sideways and don't even get my bearings when I am hit from the side again. This time the force doesn't take me by surprise and I am able to look up and see the dull brown wolf that hit me.

It's Janice. I'd recognize her boring dirt brown color anywhere. Her wolf is smaller than mine, meaning she's a lower rank than me. Probably an omega, I never really paid attention before because it didn't matter. Maybe that's why she's mad. She can sense my aura and doesn't like me being around any of the guys. She hasn't talked to me since the first run, but has never been outwardly mean. Something changed.

I get up to move again. If it's a fight she wants, it's a fight she'll get. This is what I am here for. Before I can even finish the thought though, she starts to shift back.

"You are a gigantic pain in the ass, did you know that?" She comes at me again. Now we're talking. Fighting an angry person is something I can do without hesitation.

"It's been mentioned a couple of times." I dodge her clumsy attack. "What did I do to you, just we are both on the same page?"

"You b*tch! You stole him from me and you know it!" She snarls. "Have you been working behind my back the whole time?" She swings at me again. Another miss and I push her shoulder and knock her to the ground.

"What the hell are you talking about? We don't even talk to the same people." I move towards her, but she rolls away and I let her. I am so confused.

"He f*cked right before we came here today and then told

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me I was done, I would never live up to you, the standard that you set." She is full on sobbing now, but determined to fight me. She comes at me again. Her rage filled eyes let me know she's out for blood.

Her hands are half shifted into her claws and she is swiping frantically at my face. I am blocking each arm, but my own are getting destroyed in the process.

"Who are you talking about?" I grunt in between blows.

"The Alpha, you b*tch! I had him all to myself, he was happy with me and then you came along with your abilities and your strength and he decided I wasn't good enough."

Then it clicks. She's Tyler's mate. The one he can't reject. She left him for an asshole who would take someone's mate, knowing who they were and that it was hurting them and on top of that enjoying the pain it caused.

"I still don't know who you are talking about. I didn't steal anyone, I don't talk to anyone but Tyler and you have made it clear you don't want him. I think you are the b*tch. No one should treat their mate like that." I huff out trying to pin her down.

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