

My Two Alphas(Chapter 21)

Chapter 21

Lucy POV

I awoke to the sound of voices, my head was pounding and my neck stinging. Groaning, I get up rubbing my eyes as I swing my legs over the side of the bed. I find myself in Tyson's room. The door was cracked open slightly and I could hear the murmurs of people talking somewhere in the packhouse. Getting up, I clutch my neck, the movement making my mark sting. Tears brim in my eyes that he marked me. I hated him. I hated him with everything in me. I felt betrayed by him. Now there was no escaping the bond.

Walking to the door I open it, the door creaking and the house suddenly falls quiet. "Tyson?" I call out, hoping Ace isn't the one that is home. I hear footsteps before seeing Tyson suddenly appear in the hallway and I rush to him. Throwing my arms around him, he hugs me close and I breathe in his scent, sparks rushing over my skin as he presses his lips to my head. Hearing voices again I look up at him.

"Who is here, is Ace here?" I ask, not wanting to see him.

"No, he isn't here but come on" Tyson says, grabbing my hand and tugging me down the hall when I get the burnt smell of Almonds overloading my senses and I knew a demon was in the house. I freeze my entire body locking up and Tyson stops before cupping my face and brushing his thumb over my cheek.

"You are safe I promise, Ace isn't here" He says tugging me to him before walking me out into the living room. If I was scared before it was nothing compared to how I felt now seeing all their faces. I feel bile rise in my throat and I rip my hand from Tyson's. My heart raced in my chest so hard I could hear it. My stomach drops as I stare back at my stepfather, Aamon, Avery and last of all my mother. I step backwards, this can't be happening, why were they looking at me like that?

I hated being in the spotlight and suddenly all eyes were on me. The pity in their eyes made me feel pathetic and I knew they knew. I look at Tyson and step further toward the front door, my stepfather stepping in front of it before I could make a run for it.

“You told them?” I ask, horrified and humiliated looking at Tyson.

“They needed to know, Lucy” I shake my head. How could he, how could he do this to me?

“Lucy?” My mother says softly, making me look at her and her huge swollen belly, tears running down her cheeks as she tries to get up.

“No, no, you don’t get to care now, none of you do” I tell her before looking at Tyson.

“How could you, you are supposed to be my mate?” I told him.

“That’s not a secret I could keep Lucy,” Tyson says.

“It wasn’t yours to tell either” I scream at him. Tears running down my face at the complete and utter embarrassment of this situation. This is the last thing I wanted was for everyone to know, everyone to judge me.

“They can help, Avery and Aamon needed to know Lucy. What if he does it to someone else, could you live with that, knowing you could have stopped it” Tyson says, stepping toward me.

“Well they know now don’t they” I tell him turning back for the bedroom realising I have no chance of escaping out the front door.

“Lucy stop!” My stepfather commands, my feet becoming suddenly glued to the floor unable to take another step. His Alpha aura rolled over me, sending a wave of pain through me as I grit my teeth, a whimper leaving my lips. I hear Tyson growl.

“Drop it brother, king or not I will hurt you” Tyson growls walking over to me where I was frozen. The command drops and I gasp sucking in a breath. Tyson wraps his arms around me, his hands running up and down my arms before resting his chin on my shoulder. I relax against him, leaning into him, sparks running over me making me want to step closer and live in his warmth, not that I could get any closer to him when he was already pressed against me.

“You have nothing to be embarrassed about Lucy, what he did is wrong. No one deserves that, but you have to tell them” Tyson murmurs.

“I don’t want to tell them” I whisper, horrified at the thought, my biggest shame, my weakest moment. Tell them how pathetic I was? What if they blame me, I shut the door. I could have ran but I stupidly shut the door. I don’t want to tell anyone that, have them look at me differently.

“You don’t have to say it Lucy, just let me look, let me in your head” Comes Avery’s voice. I shake my head and she gets up walking toward me, her emerald green eyes sparkling back at me as she stands before me, she always looked so regal, so strong and I could see why she was the demon witch high priestess, she truly was a remarkable woman and had done so much to help us mutations, she helped save us, helped free us. She cups my face in her hands, her auburn hair hanging over one shoulder to her waist as she gazed down at me.

“You don’t have to tell anyone okay, just let me see. I need to see Lucy, I can’t convict him if I haven’t seen the truth”

“Convict him?” I ask. And she nods, her thumbs rubbing under my eyes when I suddenly get an idea, I touch my mark on my neck knowing she is the only person to exist that can remove a mate bond, she was half succubus, her father asemodeous was the prince of hell, her mother was the queen of the faewood coven before Aamon murdered her, everyone has heard the stories of Avery and Aamon’s tragic past, yet she still loved him brought him back from the dead after she killed him for his betrayal. I envied that she loved him enough to bring him but I hated Ace, hated his mark that lay on my neck.

“You let me see Lucy, I promise you will never have to see him again”

“What will happen to him?” I ask.

“I will send him back to the pits of hell where he belongs, my father will make sure he burns everyday for what he did for the rest of eternity” She says, her voice never wavering and I knew she would do just that, I nod and she smiles softly.

“I will also do what you want to ask but can’t bring yourself too” She says knowingly.

“What’s that?” I hear Tyson ask behind me.

She doesn't answer him, instead answers me. "Sometimes you gotta destroy them, to make them see the error of their ways, if he doesn't you will always have Tyson, he won't go anywhere" She tells me.

"Will it be permanent?" I ask, wondering if I will regret it. Mate bonds were sacred and even though I am not a werewolf anymore I still didn't want to shun the moon goddess.

"No, I am just giving your choice back, something he never should have taken" She says and I nod a tear slipping down my cheek that she brushes away.

Her eyes burn brighter and her hands warm up before I am plunged into my memories, Avery going through and filtering through them and I watch them flash past in snippets before stopping on the worst day of my life. The memory playing out and despite knowing I was safe and it wasn't happening I felt fear grip me in its deadly vice, tearing me apart once again as I am forced to relive every terrifying moment of it. I feel myself start to panic, my breathing getting harder and harder before I am suddenly struggling to breathe.

Hands moving up my arms before hearing Tyson's voice next to my ear, "I'm right here, calm down babe, right here, I won't let anyone hurt you" He says soothingly, his hands warming me as I focus on his scent while the image flash by before I suddenly see Avery's face smiling sadly at me. "Thank you Lucy, he will pay. I can assure you that" She says before her eyes flicker black.

"Now let's take care of this, we will have company soon" She says. Her hand went to my neck.

"Will it hurt?" I ask.

"It won't hurt you child, but he will feel it," She says.

"Lucy?" Tyson says but I don't answer Avery does.

"It isn't permanent, but now she can choose whether or not to let him mark her again" Avery tells him and I look up at Tyson, he presses his lips in a line but nods his head.

Avery looks back at me before I feel her hand on my neck go spine tingling cold, I shiver before I gasp feeling the teeth snap. A cold feeling settled over me but it wasn't painful, just empty, numb.

She pulls her hand away. "The foreign feeling will ease, I promise but it will linger until you either let him mark you again or reject him" She says and I nod, swallowing before looking at Tyson. Hearing a roar outside I jump and Avery's eyes dart to the door.

"And that would be Ace" She says, her eyes flickering dangerously. The door is suddenly thrown open smashing into my stepfather.

"What did you do Lucy?" Ace screams at me before marching over to me. Ryker growls behind him and goes to rip him back but it was Avery that stepped forward with her hands going to his face. He clutches her hands as they lock onto the side of his head, before his eyes roll into the back of his head.

Ace's body starts to tremble, his canines protruding before his breathing becomes ragged, she suddenly lets him go and he staggers backwards. Ryker grabbed his arm to steady him before his eyes locked on me. I step back into Tyson, his hand going around my waist and Ace looks at Avery.

"Did you, that really?" He shakes his head, his face twisted in anger.

"I gave you her memories, maybe next time you will make better choices, never pick anyone over your mate" Avery tells him before walking over to Aamon.

"It wasn't a lie?" Ace gasps and my heart hurts at his words, he really thought I would lie about something like that, he believed Melana over me? It hurts and I glare at him. Disgusted that he still didn't believe me even after I told them.

"I will take care of Mr Tanner, but we will be leaving now" Avery says and I nod, she truly was a good woman. Her and Aamon mist out of the room, the smell of burnt almonds gets stronger and I cringe.

"Lucy?" My mother says from where she is sitting on the couch, I look at her smiling sadly.

“I’m sorry, I didn't know. You can come home if you want” She blurts as I turn to leave the room.

“Lucy don’t upset your mother” Ryker says behind me and I turn back to face the room.

“Yet she has no problem upsetting me, the moment you had Rayan you forgot about me, I get it, I was created from a bad past, one you wanted to forget, a constant reminder so don’t worry mother, you don’t have to worry about me corrupting your real your children” I tell her before turning on my heel and walking off.

“Lucy?” She calls and my heart clenched at her voice.

“Just let her calm down, she has had a rough day. I will bring her back over during the week” I hear Tyson tell her but I just walk back to his room shutting the door. I wanted nothing more than to curl up and go to sleep and forget this day ever happened along with the rest of the days that torment me.

Chapter 22

Ace’s POV

I felt gutted knowing everything she said was true. I don’t know why I doubted her, maybe it was my own guilt or I was just too blinded by my anger after what Melana told me, that I didn’t see sense but now I felt like a piece of shit for not believing her, when she had never given me reason to question her before. Lucy usually owned up to her wrongs and now I was going to have to do the same.

Lucy stormed off to Tyson’s room and I didn’t blame her, she hated me. I hated me for what I did but I never expected her to have the bond removed and now I had to face her rejecting me all over again. Leaning on the verandah wall I toss my smoke. Ryker comes out with Reika and he opens the car door for her. A growl escapes him when he spots me leaning on the wall. I watch as he shuts her door before walking over to me. I know what is coming, could see it a mile away as he stalked up the steps toward me. I face him head on and don’t even flinch when he raises his fist.

My head whips to the side as his fist connects with my face. My blood trickled down my chin where he split my lip open. “ You knew she was your

mate and fooled around on her, then to make it worse you forcefully mark her” Ryker growls at me raising his fist and smacking me again.

I spit blood on the ground knowing I deserved it but it still angered me, he wasn't no fucking saint either.

“If she rejects you again you will not mark her” He snaps at me.

“Ace?” He screams in my face grabbing the front of my shirt.

“I won't okay, she rejects me again I will leave” I tell him. He growls but nods his head before shoving me away. Tyson comes out looking at me from the door, he presses his lips in a line but says nothing. I know he was angry at me, he has always been the most selfless one out of us, he waited for her, and would have continued to wait until she figured it out. I ruined things for him and now it has put a strain on our relationship.

Ryker nods to Tyson clapping his hand on his shoulder before heading to his car. I watched them leave before turning to Tyson who was blocking the doorway.

“I'm not going to do anything” I tell him. I just wanted to speak to her. He steps out of the way and I walk inside about to head toward his room when calls out.

“Leave her be” He says and I stop, a growl escaping me before I shove it down.

“You must be loving this? Loving that she hates me because you can keep her to yourself” I snap at him.

“I didn't hurt her, you did. I may not like having to share her brother but I would never do anything that would hurt her, if she keeps you I wouldn't try to stop her. I accepted the fact we had to share her, understood it but I won't sit back and watch you destroy her more than she already is”

“And if she rejects me again, you understand she can now”

“She doesn't want to reject you Ace, but you forcing her will make her. Stop being selfish for once in your goddamn life and let her decide instead of taking her choice from her”

“So you expect me to sit back and watch you two cosyng up together” I growl at him.

“Yes I do, don’t make things worse Ace, you didn’t just put your bond with her at risk, you put mine at risk too. This was never a normal mate bond considering she was raised alongside us making it already difficult enough then you screwing around with Melana. What did you expect to happen? Then to top it off you mark her and choose Melana over her, you messed this up, not me and I won’t be punished for your misdoings” He says before walking off down the hallway toward his room. I watch him close his door. Jealousy coursing through me before I stalk off toward mine slamming the door. I really made a mess of things.

“Just Mark her” Atticus tells me and I growl at him.

“Shut up, you have been no help at all” I tell him, shoving him back.

Lucy POV

Everyone left while I hid in the room.

Tyson came in and I could hear him arguing with Ace but he says nothing of it when he steps back inside the room. “Do you want to watch a movie?” He asks, laying on the bed beside me.

I shake my head, I didn’t feel like doing anything I just wanted to get away from everyone, away from the drama. Yet being here that would never happen and going home wasn’t an option either for me. Not yet at least. Sitting up, I wanted to leave and see Mitchel but didn’t know how Tyson would take that.

“What’s wrong?” Tyson asks.

“I wanted to go see Mitchel” I tell him, needing my friend, my only friend. Tyson growls but says nothing instead gets up and walks over to his closet and grabs a jumper out and pulls it on.

“Where are you going?” I ask him, suddenly worried.

“I will drop you off” He says, tossing me a jumper.

“Are you letting me go?” I ask a little shocked.

“Yes, I am not happy about it but I trust you Lucy, just let me drop you off and pick you up” He says and I nod pulling his jumper over my head. I mindlinked Mitchel who said he was about to catch the bus home from school but instead Tyson told me to tell him we would pick him up. Pulling up out the front of the school Mitchel was standing there and he looked nervous as he approached Tyson’s car.

Tyson had a tight grip on the steering wheel and I opened my door and climbed out and Mitchel gave me a hug. “So why is the Alpha of Black Moon picking me up?” Mitchel asks.

I open the back door for him before climbing back in the passenger seat.

“Alpha” Mitchel says out of respect even though technically Tyson wasn’t his Alpha, my stepfather was. Tyson nods to him but starts driving.

“So what are we doing?” Mitchel asks.

“I am dropping Lucy off to your place, I will come get her later” Tyson says.

“Okay, am I missing something, did I do something wrong?” Mitchel asks nervously.

“No, of course not. Tyson is just a little weirded out with me hanging out with you” I tell him looking over the back of my seat.

“And why is that Lucy?” Tyson says and I know he was wanting me to tell Mitchel he is my mate. I sigh it was going to come out anyway.

Mitchel was watching him trying to figure it out. “Tyson and Ace are my mates” I tell Mitchel who opens and closes his mouth a few times before he lets out a breath.

“Okay then” Mitchel says with a nod processing that information. Tyson glances at him over his shoulder.

“Well at least mum will stop pestering me about you” Mitchel says and Tyson growls at him. Mitchel puts up his hand shaking his head.

“I’m fine being friends, Alpha” Mitchel says and I sit back in my seat. The drive wasn’t long to Mitchell’s place. Getting out of the car, Tyson hops out

before walking over to me. He pulls me to him before pressing his lips to my head.

“Mindlink me when you want me to pick you up” Tyson says and I nod. Mitchel and I spent all afternoon playing video games and surprisingly nothing changed with him knowing I was Tyson’s mate. He didn’t seem to care but was just glad to be spending time with me.

Mitchell told his mother who seemed genuinely happy and I stayed for dinner before we went back up and played video games before watching a movie.

I must have fallen asleep because the next thing I remember is being woken by someone carrying me. My eyes flutter open before I snuggle closer into Tyson before feeling cold air brush over my skin and I knew we were outside.

“Mitchel rang me and said you fell asleep” Tyson says when I look up at him as he puts me in the passenger side before pulling my seatbelt across me. I lean back on the chair and see Mitchell come over.

“Will see you later luce,” He says shutting my door and Tyson nods to him before climbing in the car and starting it.

“Why didn’t mindlink me to come get you?” He asks, reversing out of the driveway.

“I fell asleep,” I tell him.

“I would prefer it if you didn’t fall asleep in another males bed though” Tyson says.

“I’m sorry, I didn’t realise how tired I was” I tell him.

“It’s fine luce, I am not mad, I know everything must be confusing for you and Mitchel isn’t as bad as I thought, at least he rang me” Tyson says pulling onto the highway.

“Ace?” I ask and he growls.

“Feeling sorry for himself” Tyson says and I nod resting my head on the window.

The house was dark when we got home, no lights were on inside and I hoped that meant Ace was asleep. Tyson parks his car before hopping out and I follow him to the front door and watch as he unlocks it pushing it open for me.

I yawned wanting to go back to sleep but I also knew Tyson wouldn't like smelling Mitchell all over me, so I walked back to his room grabbing a towel from the linen cupboard on the way to his room.

"I will get you some clothes" Tyson says as I step into the bathroom flicking on the light. I turn the shower on waiting for the water to heat up. Tyson knocks on the door.

"Clothes Lucy" He says and I open the door.

"Why didn't you just come in?" I ask him.

"Because I didn't know if I was allowed" He answers.

"You're my mate and it's just skin Tyson" I tell him, stripping off but he looks away turning his back to me.

"You are so much like your mother," He mutters.

"You have seen me naked before Tyson, geez"

"Yes before you knew we are your mates Lucy, Tyrant wants to claim you, I just don't want to be put in a situation where he might when you don't want to be marked yet"

I hop in the shower, wetting my hair before grabbing the soap and washing myself, ridding my skin of Mitchels scent.

Tyson remained near the door until I finished showering and talking about random things. Getting out, I dry myself and slip on his shirt and some shorts.

"I'm decent" I tell him and he turns around while I roll my eyes at him.

"You sleeping in here?" Tyson asks.

"I wouldn't have come in here if I wasn't planning to, and Ace won't come in here with you with me" I tell him.

"He would but I wouldn't let him mark you" I nod before stepping past him and into the room.

I climb on his bed getting comfortable before he changes quickly and climbs in bed with me.

I roll resting my head on his bare chest and he reaches over, flicking the lamp off. The only light coming from the bathroom door that was slightly open allows light to filter in.

"What do you want Lucy?" Tyson asks, his fingers playing with my hair.

"I want things to go back to normal"

"What is your idea of normal?" He asks. I wasn't sure anymore either.

"Back to before when I used to come back in the holidays"

"Before you knew we were your mates, before Mr Tanner?" Tyson asks. I nod and he sighs.

"You know that's not possible, I don't want to be your friend Lucy, Tyrant won't let me even if I tried you are mine and Ace's, just as I am yours but I can wait" he says. I don't say anything but at least I know I am safe with Tyson.

Chapter 23

Ace POV

I could hear them talking and it infuriated me listening to their banter before the room fell silent .I was sick and tired of being compared to Tyson, ever since we took over this pack it has always been a competition but it wasn't supposed to be like this with her. She was both of ours yet he would toss me away from her and that pissed me off, we agreed that we would share her. Share, not one keeps her for himself. It made me wonder if it was his plan all along, but I knew that was just my jealousy talking.

I sat staring at the ceiling, I wanted to be with her, wanted to apologise, wanted to make up for what I did but I can't if she won't let me near her. Atticus was frantic at the thought of losing his mate, frantic that she would reject us again. I was restless and she was so close yet so far out of reach for me right now.

“Will you stop that?” Tyson’s voice says flitting through my head.

“Stop what?” I ask annoyed. I was staying away like he wanted.

“The scratching” He snaps at me. I looked down at my hands not realising my claws had slipped out and I was tearing apart the side of my bed.

“Sorry I didn't realise” I tell him.

“You ok or not?”

“Like you care, what do you think?” I tell him.

“She is asleep, you can come in but don't wake her, and you try anything”

“I won't, Atticus is annoying me”

“I mean it Ace. You try to mark her I will lose it, you can come in but hop out before she wakes” Tyson tells me.

“I won't, I just want to be close to her” I tell him, already climbing out of bed. I opened my bedroom door before creeping down the hall, creeping around my own damn house but I felt better knowing Tyson still wanted me to be her mate, it put me at ease a little that he wasn't trying to shove me out.

“He is our twin” Atticus tells me, making me realise how silly my jealousy is, he is just protective of her, we both are, just I fucked up.

I pushed open his bedroom door and he was watching TV, Lucy asleep with her head on his chest. He pulls her closer, giving me room on the bed so I can lay beside her.

“Don't wake her she will be pissed off” Tyson mindlinks and I nod before carefully laying down beside her. I shuffle closer to her, draping my arm over her waist. I bury my face in her hair inhaling her scent. My wolf instantly relaxed and so did I.

“If she accepts us we will have to get a bigger bed, no offense bro but I don't want you touching me” He says and I chuckle and she stirs. I freeze and Tyson does too before looking down at her. She rolls, both of us frozen before she turns into me. I knew she was reacting to the bond and not me but I liked it all the same as she snuggled closer.

Tyson flicks the TV off before snuggling closer to her.

“Fine you can stay but if she wakes up and is angry you are taking the blame”

“Deal” I reply, kissing her head and pulling her closer and into my chest.

Lucy POV

Waking up, I am surrounded by warmth. Sparks rushed everywhere all over my body and I stiffened when I picked up Ace’s scent, my hand darting to my neck and I let out a breath of relief when I realised he hadn’t marked me while I was asleep though I am sure i owls have woke up to his teeth in my neck. I stare at him, besides their scents the only difference between them was Ace had a scar through his eyebrow and across his eyelid while Tyson face was scar free. Though Tyson had a rather large cut across his inner thigh from taking on a bear when we were camping when I was kid, it stumbled into our camp trying to get in our tent.

It woke us up when it clawed through the canvas and he barely had time to shift before it dragged him out. Poor thing was hungry Tyson fought it off and scared it away yet it tore into his thigh pretty bad and I had to hold his thigh together while it healed leaving the scar while Ace went to get Ryker. I run my fingers down his eyelid tracing the scar with my finger. His eyes instantly flew open at my touch.

“I’m sorry” he whispered, gripping my hand. He kisses my fingertips before holding it to his chest.

“I know you hate me, I know I shouldn’t be in here but Atticus was restless” He says, closing his eyes again and going back to sleep.

“I am not forgiving you Ace” I tell him.

“Just don’t reject me, I can live with you hating me, but don’t reject me” He says. Now that I had calmed down and wasn’t so emotional. I don’t think I could even if I wanted to, yet I still hated him, yet some part of me all along knew they were mine, I just didn’t know it without my wolf. I don’t say anything knowing I’m too hot headed to promise anything but when I truly decide I know I will stick with it. I feel movement behind me and look over my shoulder just as Tyson sits looking over at us.

“Everything good?” He asks, worriedly and I knew he thought I would be losing it at Ace for being in here.

“You knew he was in here didn’t you” Tyson looks away guiltily. I watch his adam's apple bob as he swallows.

“Yes Lucy, I said he could come in. I won’t lie to you” He says resting his chin on my shoulder.

“He is my brother, and your mate” Tyson says looking at his brother. I felt bad because I knew I was coming between them. They were always inseparable, we all were growing up. It saddened me that it would never be like that again.

“You don’t seem mad?” Ace says drawing my attention back to him.

“Give me a chance to wake up, I am working up to it” I tell him and he chuckles.

“You know you can’t stay mad at us long” He says cockily and I raise an eyebrow at him.

“You have slept with Melana for 5 years Ace, knowing I was your mate” I tell him, just the thought of him being near her was enough to make the anger and hate come back. He sighs before nodding.

“I will go then” He says and I swallow feeling bad, but fuck him he should feel bad. He accused me of lying and screwed around. I didn’t know what I wanted, I wanted them, yet my brain was telling me I was being stupid by accepting him, that he would only hurt me again. Yet the bond pulled me the other way, needing him close like they were both my safety blanket.

“Stay, just a little longer” I tell him wanting to soak up his scent before I have to turn into the heartless bitch I know I can be again. He lays back down before pulling me closer.

“I have loved you since before I knew you were our mate Lucy, Melana was just a distraction, she means nothing to me. Never has never will”

“But you picked her side over mine”

“I was angry, I thought you lied about being a virgin, then Melana said all that and it pissed me off. I never should have doubted you” He says.

“Even if I wasn’t a virgin, you have no say in that anyway after what you did” I tell him angrily, I can’t believe that he expected me to wait but he couldn’t, knowing full well I was his mate.

“I am sorry I should have waited like Tyson. But I can’t go back and change what I did Lucy, but I can try to make up for it if you let me” He says.

“Tyson waited” I tell him and he nods looking at his brother.

“And I won;t ask for anything except not to reject me. Tyson deserves you more than I do, I get that and I understand if you want to be with him. I won’t rush you neither will Tyson but please don;t reject me Lucy”

I knew it was hard for him to apologize, he wasn’t one to apologise. Neither of them were but I feel like an apology just isn’t enough. Isn’t enough for what he did and to accuse me of being a slut when I am not hurt. I never expected that from him.

“I will leave you two alone, I need to get to work anyway” Ace says hopping up. I didn’t stop him this time, I just needed time to think. Yet that was impossible with both of them around.

“What do you want to do since Ace will handle pack business?” Tyson asks.

“I think I want to go home” I tell him unsure, I needed to face my mother but I also wanted to see Rayan. I missed my room, I missed my old life. I missed me.

Chapter 24

We waited for Rayan to finish school and Tyson told Ryker he would pick him up. I was too chicken to face my mother but I knew with Rayan by my side I could do anything. Rayan was my go to when shit hit the fan, he never judges me despite what my parents think. Rayan was quiet, an observer and my parents didn’t realise how much he truly knows, he was smart.

Rayan knew information was key and by always playing in the shadows he saw a lot of which my parents didn’t know. But most of all he saw me, saw

me for who I am, he didn't see me as a problem child, didn't see me the way they did, he only saw me as his sister.

"Hey sis" Rayan says climbing in the back of Tyson's car, he leans over from the back seat wrapping his little arms around my neck nearly strangling me against my chair or at least that's what it would look like from anyone looking in the windshield.

I pat his hand before he kisses my cheek. "You coming home for a while or just dealing with mum?" He asks, sitting back and clipping his seatbelt in.

"Not sure yet, it depends on mum, did you get in much trouble for covering for me?"

"Eh don't worry about it, mum should be fine. Feels terrible for not listening to you" he laughs humorlessly.

"Like anyone could get a word in even if she was listening" he says with air quotes.

"What about Dad?"

"Mum and dad have been fighting like cats and dogs, mum even asked for divorce. Like that will happen" he says and he was right they are mates. Dad would lock her in the house under guard if she tried to leave him, not that she would, mum has a tendency to speak before thinking.

"How was school?" I ask him as Tyson pulls onto the highway heading toward the packhouse.

"Good I got an A+ on my history paper today" he laughs before rummaging through his backpack and handing me his assignment. I read it and laughed at what it was on.

"Hybrid mutations? Seriously we have made history books now?" I ask handing it back to him.

"Yep, it was easy for me seeing as I am partially one and you and mum" he says and I snort.

"Don't worry, got another one on the hybrid Queen thinking of asking grandma to come in, be like a show and tell. Can't ask mum she will probably go into labour from the stress of being in front of everyone or rock up naked.

Assignment will change to how to deliver mutation babies" he chuckles.

"She would if you ask, she is always looking for an excuse to come visit, mum would love it" Tyson adds in for the first time.

"So what's going on with you two and Ace, sort this mates business out?" Rayan asks.

"Eh kind of" I tell him and leans forward in his seat sticking his head between us.

"I'm still punching Ace in the face" he says and my lips tug up. Tyson smiles.

"You do that little prince, I will even pay you to watch you smack him one" Tyson says pulling up out the front. He parks the car and I stare at the packhouse.

"Want me to come with you?" Tyson asks when I don't get out.

"Na she is good. She got me" Rayan says, climbing out before coming over to my door and opening it.

"If you want to come home ring me or mindlink me, I will come get you"

"It will be fine" I tell him not even believing my own words. Rayan tugs my hand and I look at him.

"Come on, you can use me as a shield if she starts throwing shit" my brother tells me.

"Yeah right like I would do that" I tell him and he shrugs.

"Come on, I am sure Tyson will sneak in tonight anyway" Rayan says and I raise an eyebrow at my brother.

"What, he used to do it all the time, while you were on holiday here, I thought you knew" he says smiling deviously and I look at Tyson whose face turned a little red.

"Oh you really did?" I ask, shocked.

"Yeah used to watch you sleep, not stalkerish at all, creepy as fuck" Rayan says.

"If you knew why didn't you say anything?" Tyson asks him.

"I knew you wouldn't hurt her, besides she would have freaked out if I said anything" Rayan shrugs.

"How long have you known?" Tyson asks.

"A few years, I thought it odd but figured you had your reasons at first I thought about saying something but she always slept better and wouldn't be screaming in her sleep about the shit they did to her in the facility and I thought you just missed her"

"I did miss her and just so we are clear. I didn't watch her sleep, that sounds like I am creep"

"Yeah because crawling in her bed sounds better?" Rayan teases back before tugging on my hand. I climbed out of the car, a little shocked that my brother was more observant than me. Not that it was surprising.

We wait for Tyson to leave before Rayan leads me inside and we go to the kitchen. He starts rummaging through the pantry bringing out bread while I grab ingredients from the fridge like we used to do everytime after school when I attended the schools here.

"Pickles?" I ask him and he nods as I hold up the jar.

"Mum still likes chutney?" I ask him.

"Yeah she ate a jar the other day with peanut butter" he says making a disgusted face.

We make sandwiches and Jacob comes in, grabbing one before pecking my cheek. "Lucy," he comments, biting into my sandwich. I start making another before looking up when I hear movement upstairs.

"She was napping," Jacob comments. I felt bad for him, he got her worst sides constantly as he was always assigned to watch my mother. I grab more bread smearing peanut butter on it before Jacob nudges me out of the way

and smears more on it before grabbing the chutney and spreading some on it too. He then sends me a wink and I cut it in half putting it on a plate. That is disgusting I thought. I was just about to bite into my salad sandwich when she stepped into the kitchen. I could feel my brother and Jacob watching us while we kind of just awkwardly stood there staring at each other.

Chapter 25

"You're home?" She asks and I nod before handing her the plated sandwich, her plate of grossness. She takes it, placing it down on the bench before moving so quickly I flinch and I see Jacob about to move out of his chair before he relaxes when she hugs me. She wraps her arms around me and it felt odd, I can't remember the last time she actually touched me while not angry. It takes me a second before I hug her back, patting her back gently. Her huge belly makes the hug even more awkward like hugging someone over a table.

When she lets go, she nods once and grabs her plate walking to the table. She was going to pretend everything was peachy and that she didn't turf me out, but I was okay with that. Better than her wrath. We ate in silence and Jacob was on his phone, ignoring us or pretending to anyway. When I am done, Rayan tugs my hand, wanting me to follow him. I get up and my mother speaks.

"Are you staying or going back to your mates?" She asks.

"Staying if I am allowed?" I answer and I see Jacob watching her again waiting to see what she says. She nods and I realise that was the only answer I was going to get before Rayan tugs my hand. I follow him upstairs and walk to my room when he pulls me toward his. I frown wondering why when he pushes his door open.

"I saved what I could" He says and I see one side of his room was boxes he stares at his feet awkwardly.

"When she kicked you out she went on a rampage and destroyed your room after I brought you the clothes to school, came home and your room was destroyed, this is what is left and what I saved from the bin" He says. I walk over to it and see my sketch books and a bag of clothes, plus my school bag that I left in the car when I arrived. I rummage through grabbing my wallet out to find my cards gone.

“She cut me off too” I tell him, and he grabs his bag to hand me his card that dad transfers his allowance to sometimes if he doesn't have cash on him. I shake my head.

“No, it's fine” I tell him, though it hurts that she would cut me off completely out of everything knowing I had nothing to begin with.

Rayan pulls out the trundle under his bed while I rummage through to see what else is in my bag. I find my school books, my make up bag but my heart sinks when I don't find my pills until Rayan rummages in his underwear drawer before tossing me the bottle.

“Was worried mum would come in and rummage through your stuff and turf it, figured you needed those when I found them. Why didn't you tell me you were on antidepressants?” I shrug not something I would tell anyone anyway.

“I can give you some money to get more, I noticed you were nearly out” He says but I shake my head.

“It's fine, I will ask the pack doctor at Tyson's pack, he will get them for me. I don't want mum knowing and she will ask questions if I go to our doctors anyway” Rayan nods before placing his hands on his hips.

“Oh and by the way I threw out your dirty box of secrets, no way I was salvaging those for you, but I got rid of them before mum saw them, you owe me big for that one. Some things I don't need to know about you sis”

“What box of secrets?” I ask him.

“They are the buzzing type that lived in your panties drawer” He says before gagging. I laugh and throw his pillow at him before sitting on his bed.

“So what are you going to do then, you have no school or are you thinking of going back?”

“I don't think I have a choice, I will enrol tomorrow across from you at the highschool. At least I can finish the year out and see you at break” I tell him and he nods.

“I will ask Jacob to enroll you or dad, probably best if mum doesn’t go in, she might tell you not to bother but you should finish, you are smart, smarter than half the morons at that school” Rayan says. I nod my head.

“Only a few months left anyway, I will just coast through the middle and be invisible” I tell him and he chews his fingernail nervously while nodding. Yeah there is no coasting through the middle when you are a freak mutation like me, especially when you have no wolf.

Rayan helped me set up his room because he wanted me to share with him, said he was worried mum would lose it again, and he was right. I shouldn’t get comfortable here, nothing goes right for me even when I try and I knew it would only be a matter of time before she finds another reason to kick me out.

At dinner time Rayan and I were playing video games when his bedroom door opened.

My stepfather walking in. “Hey kiddo, come here” He says and I rush to him, wrapping my arms around his huge frame, he kisses the top of my head.

“How was mum?” He asks.

“Fine I saw her earlier” I tell him and he nods before reaching in his pocket. He goes to hand me my keycards back that he must of stopped mum from cutting up. I shake my head.

“Lucy take them please” He says but I refuse.

“Having somewhere to stay is enough” I tell him, I wanted nothing from them and was nearly tempted to go live back in the woods just to get away from the guilt and pity in his eyes.

“You will need”

“Leave her be Dad, I already tried to give her mine; she doesn’t want them” Rayan says. My stepfather presses his lips in a line but nods.

“You sort your room out?” He asks, looking at the boxes everywhere still.

“Yep she is staying right here” Rayan says tapping the trundle next to his bed.

“You do realise your sister is a woman not a kid Rayan, most teens don’t want to share with their baby brother” Ryker tells him.

“Yeah but she is my sister and I have a bathroom to get changed in, nothing weird. You saying that makes it weird” Rayan says. Ryker gives him a look I couldn’t decipher but nods leaving the room.

“What is up with you?” I ask Rayan, I wasn’t used to him talking to our parents like that.

“Nothing I am just sick of the way everyone picks at you when they know nothing, sick of them thinking I am some good child while you are the bad one”

“You are a good child” I tell him with a laugh.

“Yes in a sense, but I am sick of everyone thinking you would somehow corrupt me, I am capable of making my own choices and I am not staying away from you just because they are worried, you’re my sister. You could kill someone and I would help you bury the body, because you would do the same for me” He says, folding his arms across his chest. I smirk, he had a point but I didn’t want him getting in trouble because of me.

Chapter 26

Lucy POV

the next day

Why did I think this was a good idea? I know I needed to finish school, but this, this was torture as I walked the halls to my next class. On the plus side not one person said anything but I think that was more to do with the fact that Jacob was with me most of the morning while he helped with my enrollment. I needed an adult to sign my papers and I wasn’t asking my mother or stepfather. I probably could have asked Tyson or Ace but they would have suggested I went to the one on their territory.

Walking into English the teacher nodded to the chair up the back of the room, the only seat left. I was happy to be at the back and no one could see me. Pulling out my english book from my last school. I found a blank page. I would need to find a way to get new books as mine were almost full. On the plus side I wasn’t behind in classes because I was always in the advanced

classes at my boarding school and being in the mainstream classes I found most of the work I had today I had already done.

When it was the lunch break the first thing I did was race across to the park so I could meet Rayan. Sitting on the swings I waited hoping they would let him out when someone sat beside me on the other swing. I look over and see Jacob.

“You right?” He asks.

“Yep, why are you still here?” I ask him.

“Well if the prince is leaving to meet you at lunch everyday I kind of need to be here”

“Oh sorry, I didn’t think of that. It is fine, I can tell Rayan not to come out so you can go back to mum” I tell him, reaching down to grab my bag.

“It’s fine Luce, it’s sometimes good to get away from your mother, and she can survive with Pat for an hour a day” He says, grabbing my hand and stopping me. I nod sitting back on the swing but now I felt terrible knowing I was once again interrupting everyone else’s routine.

Rayan comes out before running across the road, he waves before sitting on the other side of me. Jacob gets up walking to his car before returning with a paper bag. He hands me a sandwich. I take it looking at him questionably while Rayan pulls his lunch from his bag.

“Notice you didn’t eat this morning or make your lunch” Jacob says, giving me a wink.

“Yeah I could hear mum in the kitchen” I tell him. I wasn’t avoiding her exactly but I was trying to stay out of her sight, out of sight out of mind right?

“She will calm down once she gets back on meds hopefully, if Ryker can get her back on them” Jacob says, making my brows furrow. Rayan shoots him a look.

“What do you mean?” I ask. I never knew my mother was on medication.

“For her wolf” Rayan answers.

“Huh, I don’t understand,” I tell him.

“Dad didn't want you to know, Amanda is unstable always has been but apparently after I was born, mum was put on medication. She has been off her meds now for 2 years. Dad has been trying to convince her to go back on them but Amanda guilts her out of suppressing her, don't tell dad you know Jacob wasn't meant to tell you” Rayan says. Come to think of it she had changed over the last couple of years, turned distant and then we started clashing majorly.

“Why is it a secret?” I ask, why would they hide this from me? Was I not trusted with this information?

“Doesn't matter Lucy, just forget he said anything” Rayan says glaring at Jacob who shrugs.

“What do you mean that Amanda is unstable?”

“She isn't controllable, doc said it is to do with PTSD from being raised in captivity and everything that happened after she escaped” Jacob says.

“I still don't get why it is a secret, one kept from me” Rayan frowns.

“It doesn't matter Lucy, just drop it” He says, tearing off a piece of his sandwich and eating it. I was always going to be an outsider, the fact they wouldn't tell me, just another reason I would never be comfortable here. We eat in silence and chat about classes until the bell rings and I have to go back to class.

The first day was horrid, no one spoke to me, yet I heard the whispers and snickering about being a mutated freak but I shrug the comments off. They were not game enough to say it to my face so they weren't worth my time. Jacob picked us both up from school and dropped us home before going to tend to my mother. All day it played on my mind as to why I wasn't allowed to know about mum.

I was sitting on the floor in Rayan's room helping him do his homework when my father called out from downstairs. We both look up before realising he must be calling about it being dinner time.

“Come on, we can eat in the room” Rayan says as we both hop up. We walk downstairs to grab our dinner when my stepfather calls out from the dining table.

“No, at the table. I am sick of you both hiding in the room” He says and we both turn walking to the table. Dinner was silent and I could tell my stepfather was in a bad mood.

“How was school?” he asks. I nod, stuffing pasta in my mouth, to find my mother staring at me. I put my head down focusing on my food yet I could feel her gaze on me.

“You enrolled back at school?” She asks.

“Yes, I need to finish” I tell her and I was surprised how weak I sounded.

“Why?” She asks and her words shocked me, making me look up at her.

“Because I am nearly finished, I only have three months left before graduation” I tell her. She doesn't say anything but I could see my father watching her. She also noticed his gaze and she looked away back down at her food. This was so awkward, I could feel the tension sizzling.

“How was work?” I ask my father, trying to make small talk, I wasn't good at this shit. Wasn't good being forced to sit at a table with my family. I was used to holiday breaks where I could get away with huge family gatherings and go unseen or just stay with my aunts or Ace and Tyson.

“Do you actually care?” my mother asks and I clench my fork a lump forming in my throat. Why would she say that?

“Work was fine Lucy” My father says and I hear my mother growl at him making my eyes dart to her, she had a feral look on her face. Rayan was watching her but looked back at his plate eating quicker and I did the same before asking if I could be excused. My father nods to both Rayan and I and we escape back to our room. I grab a towel and my pajamas before heading to the bathroom attached to his room to shower.

While in the shower, I feel the mindlink open up. “How is being at home?” Tyson asks before I feel Ace also force the link through.

“It's fine,” I reply.

“You can always come home to us” Ace says.

“No, I want to be near Rayan and mum is due any day now so I am sure she will need help with Rayan” I tell them, though Rayan was more capable of looking after himself.

“Why are you avoiding us?” Tyson asks.

“I’m not but I will come stay on the weekend if you want” I tell them knowing it was hard for their wolves to be away from their mate. I don’t have that issue but I did miss them, I was more comfortable with them then being here but I just couldn’t wrap my head around being their mate. Plus I was worried Ace would run back to Melana. I don’t know how they kept it secret for so long while waiting for me to grow up. It kind of made me feel guilty.

“Please make sure you do, I miss you Lucy” Tyson says and I nod before cutting the link off. I finish my shower before brushing my teeth and grabbing a glass of water to swallow my pills looking into the bottle which only had one left. Rayan had a mini fridge in his room with drinks and snacks. Besides having to go downstairs for main meals we could just stay in the room.

Chapter 27

Tyson POV

“Do you think this is her way of rejecting us without rejecting us?” Ace asks me after she cut off the mindlink. I had no idea what was going on with her anymore. She was always so guarded, always putting on a front and it was hard to get her to drop it. She doesn’t need to hide from us, we would love her anyway.

“She said she would come see us on the weekend” I tell him and he nods sipping his beer. I wanted to give her space but it was killing me, knowing she now knew what we are to her. Now she knows it made the time away from her a bigger struggle. When she was oblivious to the bond it was easier because I used that as an excuse to remain calm reminding myself she doesn't know but now she does and it was eating away at me and Tyrant that she kept her distance.

The next three days went by quickly and I was becoming fed up. She said she wasn’t avoiding us yet she always blocked us out or made excuses. I was

about to mindlink her when I felt Rayan force the link instead opening it up to me.

“Hey buddy, what's up?” I ask him.

“Nothing but can you do something for me?” He asks.

“Depends, why aren't you asking Jacob or your father?”

“Lucy doesn't want them know but she keeps saying she was going to ask you but I noticed she hasn't and I am tired of her keeping me up at night”

“What do you mean?”

“Doesn't matter but can you meet at school today? I will sneak out early” He says.

“Fine text me what time and I will be there” I go to cut the link when I reopen it.

“Is Lucy ok?” I ask him.

“Lucy is coping” He says, for some reason that wasn't the answer I was hoping for. What the heck did he mean by it. Before I could ask he closed the link before I got a text message telling me where to meet him. All day I kept mindlinking her but she always said she was busy, making me wonder what she was busy doing?

“Ace, I am going to meet Rayan. Do you want to come?” I ask him. I hear him grab his keys before walking toward me.

“I'm driving” He says and I growl. He drives like a maniac, I hated when he drove but followed after him anyway. We arrived at the school and Rayan was waiting in the park across the road.

“How do you get out all the time?” I ask him.

“Alpha's son has its perks” He says before handing me something. I look at it and find them to be antidepressants.

“Lucy ran out 2 days ago and she won't go to the pack doctor to get more because she worried mum would find out. I would have got them for her but

the pharmacist isn't going to give me a class A drug seeing as I am a kid" He says and I could tell it irked him that he couldn't sway a doctor to his will.

"Okay I will get them for her" Ace says, grabbing the bottle from my hands before pulling his phone out to ring the pack doctor as he walks back to the car.

"What did you mean earlier when you said she is coping?"

"That every night she is awoken by nightmares, I usually end up jammed on the trundle with her, and I noticed without her meds she has a tendency to sleep walk probably not the best thing when mum is off her meds" Rayan says.

"Your dad still had no luck?" I ask him and he shakes his head.

"Jacob told Lucy she was on medication" He says.

"Lucy is her daughter, she has the right to know" I tell him.

"Yeah but if she finds out she is the reason why mum went off the deep end I worry for Lucy, she isn't in the best place"

"What do you mean?" I ask him, confused.

"Nothing it's just Amanda, she was always nuts but it doesn't matter but can you bring her pills tomorrow please" He says before yawning.

"I better go, I have to meet Lucy soon and I don't want her to know I gave you those, she would be embarrassed"

"She is coming to meet you?" I ask him.

"Yeah she goes to school across the road, didn't she tell you?" He asks and I look at the highschool.

"No she didn't" I tell him before nodding, I wondered why she kept that from us.

"I will see you tomorrow, maybe stay at ours on the weekend, Lucy might actually come over if she knows you will be there" I tell him and he nods.

"Sounds good" He says as the bells ring. He ushers us to leave and I see Jacobs car pull up as we are reversing out of the parking lot. He waves looking confused before sitting on the swing beside Rayan.

"I have a feeling there is a lot we don't know" Ace says and I had to agree. We stopped and picked up Lucy's medication on the way home.

For the majority of the night I tried to get a hold of her but once again she shoved us out after a few words. When it hit midnight though I could sense Rayan was up the buzz of the teether when I reached out to him was alert before I pushed forward.

"Why are you up?" I ask him.

"Lucy sleep walking again, did you get her pills?"

"Yeah, I will come over" I tell him and he is silent and I could tell he was trying to figure out whether to agree or not.

"Dad is trying to walk her back to bed without waking her, she attacked me last night when I accidentally woke trying to get her back to her room" he says.

"Be there soon." I tell I'm cutting the link. She never sleep walked when here, it made me wonder if it was because she was stressed being back home. It took me 20 minutes to get there but Ryker was waiting out the front. Rayan must have told him.

"Finally you're here. I need to go to bed, don't wake her she isn't lucid when you do" Ryker says yawning.

"Where is she?"

" Back in bed, I got her to lay back down but for how long I don't know between her and Reika I am exhausted and so is Rayan" he says pushing the door open wider. I walk in heading for her room when Ryker points at Rayan which was my old room I shared with Ace when I lived here.

"Don't ask" he says, walking to the next level to his room. I step inside to find her asleep on the trundle. Rayan yawns and I place the bottle of pills on his bedside table before laying down next to her.

"You told your father" I whisper.

"Not about the pills, he helped me yesterday when Lucy freaked when I woke her" he says fluffing his pillow. I tug the blanket up around her and she rolls picking up my scent. Even in her sleep her heart was racing. Her hands go underneath my shirt seeking the bond so I pull it off before tucking her against me. Her heart rate slows and her breathing evens out. Tyrant relaxes inside me, finding her closeness soothing.

"I want her home where she belongs" Tyrant tells me, his longing and sadness slipping into me despite her being in my arms.

"I love you Lucy" I whisper to her kissing her forehead but she remains asleep and I snuggle closer enjoying the warmth her skin provides.

Chapter 28

Lucy POV

I wake up and instantly know I am not alone in my bed, tingles spreading everywhere and Tyson's scent fills my senses. I move, pressing my face in his neck and inhaling his scent. How I missed his scent. Missed him being close, he felt like home.

"Lucy, we have to get ready for school," Rayan whispers, shaking my shoulder. I look up to see him dressed before moving away from Tyson.

"When did he get here?" I whisper not wanting to wake him.

"Last night you were sleepwalking again" Rayan says and sigh. Usually I just climb in with Rayan but now I was starting to worry it was disturbing Rayan.

Rayan tosses me a bottle and I see my medication but the bottle is full.

"Tyson?"

"Ace" Rayan tells me and I nod.

I quickly grab my uniform and change and rush downstairs. The kitchen was quiet and I decided to chance it to make lunch, walking out I froze when I saw my mother.

"Morning" she says all chirpy.

"Morning mum" I say when she suddenly walks over and hugs me. I stiffen and see Jacob watching her before she lets go.

"I made your lunch, Rayan come grab your lunch" she calls, turning and flicking the kettle on.

"Coffee?" She asks me and I look at Jacob who shrugs before sliding into the stool.

"Morning mum" Rayan says, handing me a paper bag with my lunch. She actually packed me lunch.

"Isn't peanut butter and chutney is it?" I ask and she laughs.

"No salad sandwich and some fruit" she says passing me a mug of coffee.

I sip it wondering why she was being nice. She almost seemed normal, like when I was a kid.

"Can you wake Tyson up later?" I mindlink Jacob. I see him nod out of the corner of my eye.

I watch my mother as she cleans the kitchen, her giant belly getting in her way. She smiles rubbing it as she wipes the bench near me before stopping.

"Wanna feel it" she asks looking at me. I look at it and see her beaming down at me before she grabs my hand placing it on her belly. Her belly was hard before I feel a kick. I smile knowing it was my baby brother.

"Picked a name yet?" I ask.

"Hmm" she hums and I place my other hand on her belly liking the feel of my brother moving around in her. I loved rubbing my mum's belly when she was pregnant with Rayan.

"I like Ryden" she says and I nod. I feel him kick again and smile looking at Rayan. "Feel Rayan" I whispered to him but he was staring at my mother oddly, not taking his eyes off her. I smile up at her before it slips off my face and I jerk my hands away from her to find her glaring at me. I swallow and she growls before looking at Rayan.

"Time for school son" she says looking at Rayan and I recognised the change in her voice instantly as her wolf Amanda. Jacob hops up and so do I, grabbing my bag. Rayan grabs my hand tugging me with him and mum grabs his face giving him a kiss before turning away from me.

"Love you mum" I tell her but she says nothing. I swallow walking out after Jacob and Rayan.

"Don't take it personally Lucy she doesn't mean it" yet she didn't look at Rayan like that.

Jacob takes us to school. My day was fine until I bumped into a boy in the hallway. All day I avoided everyone's radar until then. I knocked him down by accident not seeing him as I turn the corner. I offer my hand to help him up and apologise but he slaps my hand away. He stands his blonde hair falling in his eyes before he growls at me.

"Must suck being the bastard of the hybrid Queen" he says. I ignore him about to walk past him when he grabs my arm, shoving me into the locker.

"What nothing to say Lucy, or do you only answer to the teachers you fuck" he says so loudly the student around overhear and laugh.

"Whatever" I tell him, wondering how the hell that rumour got around the school.

"Josie said you fucked half the teachers there, is that why your grades are so high in English, you sucking off Mr Clay too?" He asks. That's why he was being a prick. I remember him as the kid that glared at me when I scored higher on the pop quiz. I clench my fist and will myself not to react about to walk off.

"You fucking the principal is that why they let you in?" He asks. I see red, my gums tingling before I punch him. His head snaps back, blood spurting from his nose and he shrieks just as the deputy walks around the corner. Fuck why didn't you just ignore him, I mentally scold myself.

"Lucy black my office now" she shrieks. I sigh, grabbing my bag and he smirks knowing I was getting in trouble not like I actually hurt him, it would heal instantly anyway. I hope it heals crooked. I smile at that before trudging to the office.

"Not even a week and you are already in trouble"

"He was picking on me" I tell her sitting down when she pulls a chair out telling me to sit.

"Words can't harm you, you overreacted. Now I need to call your mother Lucy, this will be a suspension" I groan.

"What about him?"

"Did he hit you?" She asks, peering at me over her glasses.

"No!" I sulk.

"What did he say then that would deserve a smack?" I don't bother telling her, instead folding my arms across my chest. Last thing I need is for the teachers to start gossiping too. Bad enough Josie spread shit to the kids here. If only Mitchel was there he wouldn't have been game enough to say shit.

She looks my name up to get my mother's details.

"You're not living at home Lucy?" She asks and I furrow my brows.

"Pardon?" I ask.

"You have Jacob and Ace listed as you contacts"

I smile hoping she calls Jacob, then I won't have to worry about my mother.

"Go sit in the hall while I call your guardians" she says and I snatch my bag off the floor storming out.

I sit in the corridor when Jacob mindlinks me.

"Lucy what did you do, I can't come in, your mother has gone into labour" I perk up at that news.

"Really?" I ask excitedly. I was about to grab my bag and rush out of the school to meet her at the pack hospital.

"I will go get Rayan" I tell him.

"Ryker already did, but I can't come till he gets here" Jacob says.

"Rayan is already on his way to you?" I ask.

He pauses.

"I will come get you when I can" he says.

"Ok, let me know how mum is, I can walk home if you tell the school then I can ride my bike over to the hospital" I tell him wanting to meet my new little brother.

"Maybe best if you don't. Amanda has control Luce, I will send Ace" he says before cutting the link. My mother didn't want me to come, Jacob was just too nice to say it outright. It stung.

I grab my history book out and start reading my notes. I don't know how long I stayed there before I heard footsteps and looked up to see Ace walking down the corridor. He stops in front of me and I look up at him.

"Come on" he says, holding his hand out. I take it and he walks me into the office to sign me out and the deputy principal comes over to him.

"Jacob said you were picking her up, I explained to him, but Lucy will be suspended for 4 days for violence, can I ask why her mother or father isn't listed on her contacts"

"Because she doesn't belong to them" Ace says.

"Sorry I am confused Ace" she says.

"Alpha Ace and what happened to the boy that was picking on her?"

"I sent him to class, she broke his nose" Ace smirks looking down at me.

"And?" Ace asks her and she looks confused.

"I am not sure I know what you are saying Alpha"

"She broke his nose but what punishment does he get?"

"I think a broken nose is punishment enough Alpha" Mrs Geld tells him.

Ace turns to me and bit my lip. This was so embarrassing.

"Next time Lucy break his jaw, and if he still doesn't stop I will remove his tongue for you" Ace says before glaring at the deputy.

"Alpha I am afraid I can't have you threatening students, if it continues I will have to bar you from school grounds" she says but I hear her voice get softer and softer as she continues to speak looking away from him.

"Do you think your Alpha would tolerate someone speaking shit about his Luna?" Ace asks her.

"She may be the Alpha's stepdaughter, but she is still a student here and we don't condone violence Alpha"

"No but a student talking shit and slandering her name is ok, now if Ryker heard someone talking about his Luna like that, student or not what would he do?" She swallows.

"But Lucy has no title Alpha" oh my god he wouldn't? Judging by the smirk on his face he would and he does.

"See that is where you are wrong Tina, Lucy has got a title because each is my mate, therefore my Luna" he tells her and he eyes dart to me. She goes to say something but he growls and she bares her neck to him before nodding her head.

Ace then grabs my hand, signing the book before shoving the door open and pulling me out after him.

"How did you know?"

"I mindlinked Mitchel to ask what happened, he saw it but you ran off before he could get to you" Ace says squeezing my fingers.

"He wouldn't tell me his name though" Ace says but I shake my head.

"Lucy?" Ace says but I ignore him.

"If you wanted to go to school why didn't you tell us, this wouldn't be an issue at our pack school" Ace says.

"I don't want people being nice because of who I am mates with Ace," I tell him. He sighs tugging me closer and draping his arm across my shoulders before kissing my head.

"Looks like I will get you for a few days" he says and I look up to say no.

"What excuse you got this time, you won't be busy" he says and I close my mouth before nodding.

"Mum is in labour" I tell him.

"I know, Ryker rang this morning when he was picking up Rayan, and asked if you could stay with us" he says. Was I the only one that didn't know?

And why couldn't I go home just because Amanda was out? We walked out to his car in the staff parking lot. I groan when I see Tyson leaning against Ace's car. He looked like the god he is, well both of them did though Tyson was wearing a white shirt with jeans while ace wore a black one, both drool worthy and I found myself excited to go with them especially after this morning and mum's weird mood.

"Not happy with you, I was awoken by Jacob why didn't you wake me. I would have taken you to school" I shrug.

"Come on then, we will run you home to grab some stuff then you are staying with us for a few days" Tyson says and I nod before opening the back door and climbing in.

Chapter 29

I couldn't remain still. Rayan had sneakily left the mindlink open to me so he could tell me what's going on. He also told me he didn't tell me straight away because dad and mum were watching him like a hawk. I didn't get it and Rayan didn't either. Neither of us could understand why I wasn't allowed to come.

"I don't get Amanda anymore, she is different and doesn't even want me here. They nearly had to sedate mum to get her to the pack hospital" Rayan tells me.

Mum hated the hospital I knew that much, she refused doctors or anyone in lab coat. "Let me know when she has him" I tell him.

“Of course Lucy you will be the first person I tell” He says just as excited but I could hear his worry.

“I will let you go, it has been hours and you must be getting tired holding the link open for so long” I tell him.

“Ok, I will mindlink as soon as I know what’s going on” he says before cutting the link.

“No baby still” Ace asks where he was watching me pace. I shake my head.

“Lucy sit down, rest for a bit,” Ace says, patting the spot next to him. I look at him.

"Lucy come sit, sitting down with me doesn't mean you have to forgive me. Just rest Rayan will tell you when your brother is born" Ace says just as Tyson walks out of his bedroom, his hair still wet from having a shower.

“Any news?” Tyson says though I couldn't tear my eyes away from his exposed chest and abs and the deep V-line that escaped into the waistband of his sweatpants.

“Lucy?” Tyson says and I shake my head.

“What?” I ask.

“I said is there any news” I shake my head looking away from him to find Ace smirking at me before he shakes his head. My cheeks heat knowing he just busted me checking his brother out, while Tyson seemed oblivious thank god.

“Hungry, what do you want to eat?” Tyson asks, walking past me and into the kitchen.

“Pretty sure she wants to eat you” Ace says and I turn to glare at Ace.

“What? You were the one eyeing him like he was a piece of meat” Ace says before shrugging. While my face got hotter with embarrassment.

“Leave her alone Ace” Tyson snaps at him behind me and Ace growls at him. I watched his eyes glaze over and knew Tyson was probably arguing with him through the link. I sit down on the couch before grabbing my bag and

rummaging through it for my pills. I had to take them with food so it would be best to take them now since Tyson is cooking.

Finding them, I get up and grab a bottle of water from the fridge before taking it. Tyson eyes me and I sit up on the counter watching him get ingredients to make whatever it is he is making.

“How long have you been on those?” Tyson asks, looking at the bottle.

“Um, since I went to boarding school” I tell him.

“So you have been taking them for six years?” he asks and I shrug. I hear movement behind me before looking over and seeing Ace lean on the counter behind me. He grabs the bottle looking at them.

“These are mood stabilisers and sedatives, who would give these to a 12 year old without parental permission?” Ace asks.

“You forget, the moment I went to school, my parents signed guardianship over to the school, Avery took me” I tell him.

“Avery did?” Tyson asks.

“Well she does own the school and she said it would get worse, said they would help”

“What would get worse?” Ace asks and I shrug trying to find a way to explain it.

“The pain, it’s hard to explain it wasn’t really pain but wasn’t not pain, just debilitating, I don’t know, anyway I started sleepwalking and my bloodlust got worse because of it. I attacked Aamon one night, demons do not taste very nice” I tell them.

“You bit Aamon?” Ace says before chuckling.

“Yeah apparently I was sleepwalking, he woke me not realising, anyway I came to with my teeth in his arm, he tasted burnt” I tell him remembering the gross taste, I shake the memory away.

“Speaking of bloodlust, when did you last feed?” Tyson asks, while Ace seemed deep in thought for a second as he scratched his face.

“Two days ago, mum doesn’t keep blood in the house”

“Yeah because your parents feed on each other, Who did you feed off then” I bite my lip not wanting to say.

“Rayan?” I shake my head.

“Who then, better not have been Mitchel” Tyson growls.

“No, it wasn't Mitchel, it was Jacob” I tell them and I see Tyson’s eyes flicker.

“Don't look at me like that Tyson, either that or I would have to go catch poor bugsy”

“You could have called one of us” Tyson says but Ace was still staring at the pills.

“You have been on these since you were 12?” Ace says his brows furrow.

“Huh, yes I said that” I tell him, turning back to face a pissed off Tyson. Who was now staring at his brother. “What is it?” Tyson asks him when Ace stands up.

“Nothing, I will be back tomorrow” Ace says, pocketing my pills.

“Wait, where are you going?” I ask as he grabs his jacket pulling it on before reaching over the counter next to me, he grabs his keys from the fruit bowl before pecking my lips. I jerk away from him.

“Shit sorry Lucy” He says, shaking his head realising what he did.

“I will see you tomorrow” He says walking toward the door.

‘Ace, where are you going?’ Tyson calls after him.

“To see Avery” He says walking out and not bothering to explain.

“Wait, ah he took my bloody pills” I sigh turning back to Tyson, who was staring at the door.

“He will be back tomorrow, you don't need them until then now anyway”

“Why does he want to see Avery?” I ask him and he seems puzzled.

“No idea but don’t change the topic, why didn’t you ring one of us” I roll my eyes at him, it wasn’t big deal Jacob is gay.

“I don’t understand why you are upset, Jacob is gay, not like I marked him” I tell him.

Chapter 30

I’m not upset I just prefer you to drink from blood bags or off us, not some random person” Tyson says before sighing.

“Jacob isn’t some random person Tyson, he is family, I have known him just as long as I have known you” I tell him not seeing the big deal about it.

“That may be so but if your mother wasn’t stocking blood bags you could have rang, or why didn’t you tell Ryker he would have made sure there was some there for you” Tyson says, yet I felt like I was intruding by being there let alone asking for anything.

“It’s fine, you just need to feed Lucy. Do you want to feed on me or I can go get you get a blood bag” Tyson says. My face heats but I could see he didn’t really like the idea of a blood bag but I don’t think I would be able to bring myself to bite him. It was one thing in the forest I was ravenous but now being faced with it, I suddenly felt embarrassed that I was a vampire. I felt dirty for needing blood.

“Stay here, I will be back soon, I will grab dinner on the way home” He says, grabbing his keys and pulling a hoodie on. He walks out and I jump off the bench putting everything he pulled out away before doing the few dishes in the sink before walking into the living room and changing the channel. I watch TV and wait for him to return. I try to mindlink Rayan but I could feel he was asleep, because the link was dead and I wasn’t able to force it like he could or Tyson and Ace.

Feeling for Ryker I push on the link before he opens it. “Hey Luce” He said, yet he sounded exhausted.

“How is mum?” I ask him.

“Sedated they are taking her in for a C-section soon”

“Is everything alright?” I ask worried.

“Yes, she isn't coping with the doctors, I will come get you tomorrow and bring you home to meet your brother” He says and I fall silent. I was excited about meeting my new brother, excited to see Rayan face knowing he is now a big brother. Yet I felt left out.

“Dad?”

“I know you have questions Lucy, your mother is sick. I will come see you tomorrow, you deserve answers. Maybe once you have them you may understand, but it isn't your mother Lucy, she loves you but she is unwell and I can't keep this from you any more” he tells me.

“But she is going to be ok?” I ask him.

“Yes Lucy, not physically sick, all that time in captivity and everything that happened afterwards has taken a toll on her, she is no longer the woman I first met and please understand but I may have to hurt her to fix her so please don't hate me for it”

“What do you mean?” I ask, what does he mean to hurt her, why would he need to hurt her.

“I promise I will explain, Rayan has been pestering me to tell you but I didn't know how, I will come get you tomorrow. I love you Lucy” He says before cutting off the link.

I felt sick, I wanted to know what was going on yet I was also too scared now to ask. Why was Rayan allowed to know when I wasn't, why would Rayan keep it from me. I knew the answer to that though because Rayan and I had no secrets. So if he is keeping it from me, it was to protect me, but from what?

Hearing the door open, I am pulled from my head and I look over the back of the couch to see Tyson walk in with mcdonalds, he walks over and places food down before he comes over and he leans over the couch before wrapping his arms around my shoulders with a blood bag in his hand. He places it in my hand. I feel that it isn't cold like it should be.

I sniff the air before looking at him. “This is your blood isn't it?” He kisses my cheek before walking off back to the kitchen. I punch a hole in it while

Tyson brings dinner over and places it on the coffee table. A growl escapes me when his blood floods my mouth, he tasted as good as he smelt, better even and I could feel my vision changing, the room turning a red.

Tyson sits back eating his burger not even fazed by me drinking blood, like it was a can of coke I was holding and not his blood.

They drank blood too, but they could go without it for months if they wanted too, there bloodlust was tamed by their wolves when they hunted and they were only half vampire, blood lust seemed to be a big issue for the females in his bloodline, like his sisters and mother but the boys picked up more of their fathers traits then their mother's.

I drain the bag rather quickly and Tyson looks at me. "Do you want more?" I shake my head, my cheeks heating and I go to get up, unable to be in such close proximity to him. I now smelt like him and that was doing strange things to me, making me crave him, crave his scent. Tyson pulls me back down on the couch.

"Don't feel embarrassed Lucy," He says, grabbing the blood bag from my fingers and chucking it on the coffee table before he pulls me closer, wrapping his arm around me and making me lean on him.

"I like that you smell of me, don't be embarrassed because you like it too, it's okay to want to be with us Lucy" He says, pressing his lips to my head.

"Don't you find it weird though, you watched me grow up, saw all my awkward fazes" I tell him.

"No, you got to see ours too, you're mine. I like knowing everything about you, why is it weird to you?" He asks.

"Not really, just everyone will think it odd" I tell him.

"No they won't, we don't choose our mates Lucy, and even if we did I would still choose you, have Ace and I not shown we have always loved you Lucy, from the moment we found you we have been attached to you" he says.

"Yeah but that was the bond, you just didn't realise it" I tell him.

"Maybe, but before the bond kicked in we still could have chosen to be away from you, we could have gone back to our mother, we stayed because

we loved you and your mother, and our brother. I think I always knew you were going to be ours, even before we realised, that is why I waited”

“You were with Tara for a while though” I tell him, she was actually a nice girl, I thought for sure they would have been mates.

“Yes but it never felt right, so we never did anything Lucy, Ace was a dick for not waiting for his mate, but I am glad I did” He tells me.