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Rose

I whimper out in pain as another wave crashes through me. I swear I feel like I'm about to die. I was rolling over, clutching my stomach, and curling into a ball. Kicking the sheet off me, I felt as if I was rolling in a fire.

"Rose, hunny, come on. Let's get you in the tub. The cold water will make it a bit easier." Harley spoke as she helped me stand.

"Why won't it stop."

"A female's heat cycle can go for three or five days depending on the female. Im sorry you're on your third day, so maybe by tomorrow, it will be done."

I was groaning as she helped me to the bathroom. This is what we have been doing for three dam days. When I start to burn up, and the pain becomes too much, she shives me in a tub of cold water for a while till it lets up enough, and back to the bed I go.

"Where is Jaxs?"

I craved him even though I wasnt entirely sure why. I didnt even understand why I was in heat. All I know is my body wanted him.

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"Like I told you before. He left the pack house; He won't come back till your heat has passed."

I felt a ping of hurt when she told me this every time I asked. And I think that's been about a hundred times in the last few days.

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Harley let out a breath as she turned the water on.

"He would be here if he could, Rose. But he won't let you do something you are not ready for."

She helps me get the shirt off. im wearing its Jaxs but it smells like him. That little bit helps sometimes; at first, when she was helping me, I tried to cover myself, not wanting her to see my

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scars, But by the second day, I didnt care. The pain was too much to worry about it.

She tosses the shirt in the bin. "I will have a new one brought in, " she says as she holds on to one arm, helping me step into the tub.

The cold water takes my breath away at first, but then I feel relief as my hot body lowers into it.

Pulling my knees to my chest and wrapping my arms around my legs, I lay my head on the top. I shut my eyes and let the cold water cool my body.

A cold rag runs over my hair.

"Im sorry, Rose. I know our heats can be a bitch."

"I just dont understand why I got mine," I mumble.

"It's because you found your mate, and you haven't done anything. Normally, when we find one another, we mate and mark each other rather quickly. You have been here for how long now and have been around your mate. It's a way to speed things up. Your wolf is craving her mate, which pushed her to throw you into heat."

"I haven't shifted. I only felt her when I was in Jax's office with him. I still don't understand what happened."

"She is getting stronger because you are. And that's a good thing."

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"I do not know about that Harley. It feels like it all so sudden. One minute, I was just a servant, and now im here, and im someone, mate. An Alpha mate at that. Now, this heat thing. I just feel overwhelmed like i do not know what or which way i should be going."

She continued to run cold water over my hair and back.

"I cant say I know what you are going through, But I do know what it's like to find your mate and become one with each other. I also know Jaxs, I can say he would never hurt you in anyway. Some will say He is cold and cruel, but those people do not know him. His pack members know that he is a good alpha. He cares for his people and is more than over the moon about you."

Opening my eyes to look at her.

"How can you be so sure? I mean, I have only been here a short amount of time."

She smiled.

"I have seen how he looks at you. When you were in the hospital, he never left. He started there the whole time. Worry was written all over his face. His eyes light up when you are around him. He is always sneaking peeks at you when you are close."

She pushes some of my wet hair out of my face. I give her a small smile as I think over her words.

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Sadness washed over me at the thought of him. I wanted to see him. I missed talking to him these last few days.

"Then why did he leave?" I found myself asking. If he cared, then why leave me, why leave the packhouse?

"Because you are in heat, and he would hate himself if anything happened you were not ready for. He is an Alpha. After all, his need is primal, and with your heat, it makes his wolf hard to control, I'm surprised he was able to hold him back that first day."

My body shivered as the heat finally left me.

"Come on up ya go," Harley practically lifted me from the tub. Each time I was able to lift myself out of the water, this was taking everything out of me.

She wrapped a fluffy towel around me,

"One of the Omegas brought another shirt. come, it's on your bed." She tugged me along out of the bathroom. Sure enough, there was a shirt on the bed. I could already smell his scent on it.

Slipping it over my head, I let the towel drop as I put my arms through the sleeves. Lifting it to my nose, I sucked in a deep breath. A sort of calm washed over me, making me a bit dizzy. My knees buckled a bit as I felt my body sway.

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"Girl, you got it bad if just his scent makes you weak in the knees,"

Snapping my eyes open, I looked at her,

She chuckled. "Your legs are about to give out from smelling his shirt. Sit down before you fall, crazy lady."

Getting back in bed, I noticed the sheets were changed again.

"Harley, can you make your heat end sooner? or does it always take this long?" I asked her after I had laid back down.

She squinted her eyes as she looked at me.

"Well, " she paused for a minute. The point of your heat is to make your mate know you are ready to mate them. So if you give in and you two mate, then it would end your heat. Sometimes, though, I have seen a heat go for four days and not end when the air mates. I think those are the times the female wolf tries to get pregnant by their mate. But whenever you mate during your heat, it ups the chance of you becoming pregnant, and if your mate marks you during that time, it will seal the deal."

My eyes widen.

"So if I were to." I wave my hand in the air. Would I get pregnant right away?"

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"Well, if you did it with your mate. Then yes. Females rarely become pregnant by none other than their mates."

"But what about when chosen mate?"

"That's why they mark them during mating. It is claiming them. If you do not mark during that time, they will most likely not become pregnant."

I rub my forehead, trying to process all this.

"Rose, did no one ever explain all this to you?"

Shaking my head, no.

"I knew some, but not a lot. My parents died when I was ten. I watched how they were with each other and knew they were fated mates. But the fine detail I never got,"

"Well, we will have to change that." She chimed at me, giving me that smile when she was up to something.

"Um, Harley?"

She pulled out a phone and typed away on it, but that smile never left her face. I started to worry God only knows what this crazy person is up to.

Laying the phone down after it had pinged, she looked at me.

"Ok, this is what we are going to do."