

Chapter 111

Star

After a very late start this morning, we ate breakfast and it was time to head home. Ash has been puking all morning, and yes, we have all taken the piss out of him.

Amanda, Mamo and the girls have arranged the funeral for all our fallen for this afternoon. I want to speak to Hanna's parents and check on little Brynn before the ceremony, and I really want to cuddle with Jasmin's baby boy, Jasper. We need to find him a home."

We said our goodbyes and I was pleased to see Naomi and Hellios holding hands.

As I hugged her, she whispered, "The goddess has given us a second chance, he asked me to marry him last night." I hugged her tight, "I am so happy for you, knowing you are going to be looked after and pampered warms my heart."

Every single pack member are here to see us off, they all wave as we walk through the portal.

As soon as our feet touch Ravens perch, I see Hanna's parents, holding little Brynn. I stopped in front of them, and burst into tears, "I am so sorry...." Hanna's mum, Agnes, wrapped her arms around me, "we knew this could happen, and we are so proud of her, and all of you girls, we thought we had lost her when she was taken, but you gave her back to us, even if just for a little while. Now go and get some rest, Luna, your pups need their mama strong and healthy."

As I head to the pack house, I spot one of our female warriors, Sara, holding little Jasper. I threw my bag at Amanda and rushed to give him a

hug. Holding his little body to me, I kissed his head, with tears running down my cheeks. I whispered, "I am so sorry I couldn't bring your mummy home to you baby."

Sara bowed her head to me, "Luna my mate, Jake, and I would like to talk to you about Jasper." I smiled at them. "Of course, let's go to my office, shall we?"

Once we are all settled in the office, Jake begins. "Sara and I have been trying for a baby for nearly ten years, with no success. We know you may have someone in mind to adopt Jasper, but we would like to put our name forward."

I smiled at them, "Amanda chose you to care for Jasper for a reason, and I trust her judgment. I can see no reason why you would not be perfect as Jasper's parents. So yes, I will get the paperwork sorted. I would like Jasper to grow up around the other elementals, and as you live in the pack house at the moment, I will arrange for you to move into the house that would have been Jasmins, Jasper will also receive £1000 pounds a month from the widows and orphan's fund; to help with the costs of his upbringing, would that be okay with you?"

After saying goodbyes to the excited couple, I headed to our suite for a well-needed nap, linked Amanda and tell her I will meet her in an hour, and I am asleep as my head hits the pillow.

The funeral has been very hard, Lex gave an amazing speech talking about how each and every one of his warriors gave their lives to make our world a safer place. He also promised to support the families they left behind,

After Lex, it was my turn. The hardest thing I have ever done was to send my girls off,

"I would like to read you a poem, not just for Hanna and Jasmin, but for all the family we have lost. It is called, I am Warrior"

I fight not for glory or fame

For they are momentary.

I fight for those who can't.

I fight for justice.

I fight for the oppressed and the down trodden.

And if I should lose my life for these just causes, then I have no regrets.

For I serve to protect the innocent.

it matters not where or when,

For evil knows no boundaries.

Be it fire, flood, or the threat of tyranny,

I will not flee.

Justice is my weapon.

Faith is my shield.

Hope is my armor.

Cry not at my passing,

For it was my Honor to fight for you.

Shed no tears of sorrow,

But tears of joy,

For now, I stand with the Goddess

In her garden with no pain.

Hanna's mother took my place on the podium, "My daughter always had such a joy within her, and even after everything she went through, that joy still remained. A few weeks ago, she read me a poem, and it really

sums up who she was, I would like to read it to you know. it is titled,
Each Moment Is Precious"

Live in the moment,

Just take it all in.

Pay attention to everything,

Right there and right then.

Don't let your mind wander

To what's coming next.

Cherish this moment

And give it your best.

Don't let tomorrow

Make you rush through today,

Or too many great moments

Will just go to waste.

And the person you're with,

In that moment you share,

Give them all of your focus;

Be totally there.

Laugh till it hurts,

Let the tears drop.

Fill up each moment

With all that you've got.

Don't miss the details;

The lesson is there.
Don't get complacent;
Stay sharp and aware.
It can take but a moment
To change your life's path.
And once it ticks by,
There is no going back.
In just 60 seconds,
You may make a new friend.
Find your true love,
Or see a life start or end.
You become who you are
In those moments you live.
And the growth's not in taking
But in how much you give.
Life is just moments,
So precious and few.
Whether valued or squandered,
It's all up to you!

There is not a dry eye as we send them off with a hero's ending. The pyres burn into the night, as we comfort each other and remember the lives they have left behind.