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I'm excited to be going to Mystic Coven tomorrow. Councilman Bari will be here in the morning to take us to Mystic Coven and do all the introductions. He will leave us there. I will actually be leaving there going to my home pack for the holidays. I plan to spend Thanksgiving with my parents. Gamma Francis will be joining me at my pack so that she can meet all of the family. Her and I will also make a secret trip to the Royal Pack to meet with our cousin and get a DNA test done to determine what branch of the family she came from. My dad thinks her grandfather is his grandfather's uncle. The family lost contact with him after he mated and left the pack. We will soon know.

Lacey is doing well with my team. She has been training all of the warriors and other elemental wolves how to do deep meditation. It has made a huge difference with the pack. The elementals have a stronger connection with their elements now. They understand that their element is a separate entity from them. The shadow wolves have all embraced the shadow and are now happily practicing with their element. They are fierce warriors and since they only have the one element, they have mastered things that I have not although my shadow has told me that I can do them if I tried.

Alpha Clark, Beta James, Yvette, Warrior Peace, Lacey and all of my protector warriors with their mates will be traveling with me to the coven. It is important for the protector team train with the vampires so that both parties can get used to fighting side by side. We will be recruiting a couple of the vampire warriors for our team. Tamaska will know which warriors to ask to join us. She said that she will know by the bond she will form with them. Tamaska explained to me that she has a different bond with our elite protector team, our inner circle, our family and our circle of friends. That is how she knew about Francis being family. She explained that she didn't know why she had such a strong familiar bond with Francis, so she finally asked the moon goddess about it and was told that Francis and her wolf were our family. The moon goddess left it up to us to find out how the dots are connected.

So here I am setting up in my room after packing to excited to sleep. I have traveled all over the world and have trained with different shifters and have even trained with humans, but this will be my first time at a vampire coven. I'm also excited about being in the mountains this time of year. I had to go on another extended shopping with Lacey to get warmer clothing, as well as more work out clothes.

After a restless night sleep for me, we all meet downstairs to start our journey. Councilman Bari is already here and ready to take us to the airfield. The plane trip will take about an hour I believe. Since it is early, I may get to start training immediately. I really hope so, since there are only a couple weeks before Thanksgivings. I will be going home to my family for the holidays and then to the bears.

We finally arrive at Mystic Coven. The Royal Palace is something out of a fairytale. It is literally carved into the mountain and has several levels. It's like the castle sits, on, in and around the mountain. I'm told that the castle is literally, the mountain. The lower levels are inside of the mountain. This castle has been around for centuries. We are greeted by the Royal family once we enter the castle.

"Greetings councilman Bari. Alpha Clark, it is good to see you again my friend." Prince Julian says.

"Prince Julian, thank you. King Joachim, Queen Ambrosia. Than you so much for having us and greeting us personally." Councilman Bari say. "Let me introduce you all to everyone. You all already know Alpha Clark and Beta James. This young lady next to me is Seleste, next to her is Lacey, Warrior Peace and his mate and Alpha Clark's sister Yvette."

Councilman Bari then introduces all of the warriors on my protection team and their mates.

"It is a pleasure to have all of you at our home. We are excited to be working with you all." King Joachim says. "It is my understanding that we will be training you all in two different areas. Seleste will be training with Prince Julian and learning to use telekinesis and hopefully teleportation. The team will be learning defensive techniques to combat against mind control and other special talents of vampires and other spices."

"That is correct." Councilman Bari says.

"Well, lets eat first and then we will show you to your rooms to get changed and begin training in three hours to give you all a chance to get settled in." Queen Ambrosia says.

"Thank you all so much for having me here and helping me. This is truly an honor. This is my first time meeting any vampires, so please excuse me in advance for my ignorance of your cultures and for the thousands of questions I may have during my stay here," I say.

"Please feel free to ask me and/or my parents anything. We have found that the best way to strengthen relationships between species is to learn to understand and appreciate our difference, as well as similarities. You will find that we have a lot more similarities than you think." Prince Julian says.

"Prince Julian is absolutely right Seleste. He and I have been friend since we were very young. We also went to some special training together growing up. My father and his father formed an alliance even before I was born." Alpha Clark says.

"That is amazing. Other packs, dens and covens can learn a lot from your example." Councilman Bari says.

We all enter the dining room and there is this amazing buffet with so many amazing smelling dishes filled with every kind of food imaginable. I just stand there looking in awe.

"Are you surprised to see so much food or surprised that we vampires eat actual food?" Queen Ambrosia asked.

"A little of both, although, I always assumed that you did eat. I mean look how muscular the king and prince are. I know as werewolves, we eat a lot of protein to maintain our muscle mass. I just assumed it was the same for all species." I reply.

"Seleste, you are truly unique." Queen Ambrosia says. "Most people assume that our diet is purely blood. Don't get me wrong, we can go longer without solid food than we can without blood, but we consume both."

"I try not to base my ideas of different species based on how they are portrayed in human movies. They have all of us looking like deranged killers." I say. "I am somewhat of a foodie, so walking in here and seeing this large variety is my ultimate happy place."

We all grab our plates and start filling them with food. I am not ashamed to say that I went around the buffet a few times, as did everyone. As supernaturals, we have high metabolisms and require a lot of food to keep us

fueled. The food tasted as good as it looked and smelled. They have the most amazing cooks.

While we eat, I asked about the hierarchy within the vampire kingdom. The vampire ranks are different, yet similar to ours. The royal family is the highest rank. The next rank is to the oldest known families or elders. Then there are the clans and the power rankings within the clans. This can be based on the purity of the bloodline, born versus made and so forth. Some clans and the royal coven have titles similar to human aristocrats. In fact, the humans got their titles from the vampires. The first documented Duke and Duchess in history, were in fact vampires.

The royal family showed us all to our rooms. Lacey stayed on the same floor as me, Alpha Clark and Beta James. Warrior Peace and Yvette chose to stay on the floor with the other warriors and their mates. All of the rooms were amazing. Each one had its own color scheme. My room had shades of blue. I don't know how everyone knows blue is my favorite color, but I'm glad to have a blue room. They also have soft fluffy pillows and a mixture of material that gives all of this blue a feminine touch. If I were to describe me as a room, this room would be the perfect description; strong and confident, yet soft and feminine.

Everyone else is equally happy with their rooms. At least the mates of the warriors are talking about how nice the rooms are via mind link. The warriors being typical male wolves, don't really care as long as their mates are happy. We all agree to meet downstairs in an hour, so we can start our training. This gives me time to take a quick power nap and the others time to relax or bond with their mates. Prince Julian asked Lacey to meet with him to discuss her meditation techniques with him a little before the rest of us meet. I'm so happy that Lacey is getting an opportunity to display her training skills with others. I'm so glad she is a part of my team. She feels like family. I hope her second chance mate will be part of my protector team so her and I can remain close.

"Don't worry Lettie, her mate is closer to you than you think."

"T, are you ever going to tell me who he is?"

"Not until it's the right time. If I tell you too soon, it can mess up the natural order of things. We need them to meet as the goddess planned without any interference."

"OK. I guess I'll have to be patient and wait to see it like everyone else."

Tamaska just smiles and goes to her favorite corner of my mind to take a nap. I crawl into bed and do the same thing after setting my alarm to wake me up in 45 minutes to give me time to wake up, change and get downstairs to meet everyone.

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After a nice power nap, I get up and meet everyone down stairs. Since we are in the mountains in the winter, we are all wearing joggers for training. Prince Julian let us know that they have an indoor training facility, but we should still dress warm in case we move part of the training outside. The warriors have expressed the desire to practice in the lower temperature and elevation of the mountain so that they can be prepared if the need arises for them to fight in this type of environment. I completely agree with that.

Prince Julian and I agreed that while the rest of my team is warming up with a little physical training outside, I will spend that time in meditation and then complete my warmup exercises. Prince Julian leads the rest of the team outside, while Lacey and I head to the gym and sit on the mats to meditate. The royal family advised us that telekinesis and teleportation requires firm control of your mind and thoughts. Meditation helps center me. I energize myself and my elements. They agree to quiet themselves so that I can focus on learning this new skill. Although this isn't an element, it is a form of energy, so my elements are excited for the energy boost that will be coming from the increased brain power I will acquire.

During my meditation this time, I focus the energy around my brain. I see the energy infusing my brain with power. I see my brain embrace the power and then send it flowing throughout my body. My brain is connecting to different power sources and spheres and spreading it throughout every atom of my body. My body has become a continuous flow of power. I stay in this state for several minutes.

I'm slowly returning to reality. I open my eyes and see both Lacey and Prince Julian staring at me. Alpha Clark and Beta James walk in the gym and freeze. Everyone is staring at me.

"Ok, why are you all looking at me like that? Did something happen?"

"Seleste, you were glowing." Lacey said.

"I have never seen anything like that." Prince Julian said. "What were you feeling at the moment?"

"I was feeling energy flowing through my body as my brain was taking it in from other sources and feeding different areas of my body." I answered.

"Does that usually happen?" Prince Julian asked.

"That's the first time I've seen it." Lacey said. "Seleste and I usually meditate together, so I would have noticed."

"It has never happened before because we never needed that power before. This is just a magnification of the powers that will allow us to teleport and use telekinesis." Tamaska says.

"My wolf says that this is the first time that this new energy or power is manifesting in me. It's a new power awakening. She also said this power was needed for me to be able to use telekinesis and teleport."

"That is great. So we will be able to skip the boring parts and get right to the fun stuff." Prince Julian says. "I usually start this training with the disclaimer that not everyone will have the ability or brain power to be successful and not all of the successful trainees will have a long range. Since we know you will have the ability, we will strengthen you and test your range. For today, we will just show you how it is done. For the rest of the time here, we will push you to your limits and beyond."

"I am ready, what do I need to do first?"

"First we will work on telekinesis. That is the foundation for being able to dematerialize items first, then yourself and then rematerialize them in a different location." Prince Julian said.

"Seleste the first thing I want you to do is focus on this cup. I want you to see it clearly in your mind. Then break it down to the basic elements in your mind. As you look at it in your mind's eye, see the unique energy flowing from this cup. Now reach out to that energy and direct it to move from my hand to the table."

As Prince Julian is talking, I see the cup in my mind and do exactly as he said. I reach out to the energy flowing from the cup and the energy responds to me.

I ask it to move to the table and give it a little boost. The energy of the cup is happy with my treat and agrees to move for me.

“That was amazing Seleste. I have never seen anyone do that the first time trying and to do it so quickly. Tell me, how did you get the cup to move so fast?” Prince Julian asked.

“I learned from my elements that all energy likes to be recognized. I spoke to the energy of the cup, gave him a little energy treat and asked him to move for me. He was happy with my treat and agreed to move for me.”

“You are truly special Seleste. It takes some people years to learn how to reach the energy of the items. A lot of people use their own mind power to move items, which is effective, but can be costly in battle and drain their energy. The way that you moved that cup is more efficient and less costly to you. You set the amount of energy you give and let the energy of the item do the rest. I am going to enjoy working with you. You are the only person outside of the royal family that can speak to energy in that manner.”

To say that I was shocked by his revelation was an understatement. All I did was listen to my elements and the energy inside of me. It seems like the simplest thing to do.

Prince Julian and I spent the next several hours with me moving items across the gym. We started with small items then moved up to some of the gym equipment. Prince Julian said that tomorrow, we will work on me moving my warriors around. By the end of the week, he wants me to be able to move all of my warriors, plus some of his warriors at the same time. That can be handy in battle. I would be able to move my warriors out of danger in the heat of battle. I asked Prince Julian if we could do some war like simulations of me moving warriors in war like situations. This way I can see if I can still move items when my attention is split. Prince Julian likes my idea. He will add that to the training once I master moving multiple items and people.

This last week 5yof training has been amazing. I have made a lot of progress with telekinesis. As a bonus, my range for mind linking has also expanded. I can mindlink all the members of my team, even the ones that are not from my pack. As long as Tamaska has a connection with them, we can link them. Yesterday, I was able to mind link my mom and dad back at my old pack. I have not tried it with my friends yet. Mom and dad completely freaked out

when I did it to them just to test my range. My dad said that my grandmother was not able to do that. She also wasn't able to move multiple items the way I can. Dad said that grandmother told him that I would be one of the strongest and most powerful protectors born. I guess the bigger the threat to the supernatural world, the stronger the protector needs to be.

This will be my last week at Mystic Coven. Next week is Thanksgiving. We will head home on Wednesday, the night before Thanksgiving. We will all return with Alpha Clark, and go to our separate locations from there. Francis will be going with me to my pack.

It's almost time for training. I woke up extra early because I'm super excited. Today I will attempt to move multiple people at one time while running an obstacle course that will simulate a battle.

I go downstairs and find me a quiet space to meditate. Lacey joins me. Lacey has gained some additional energies from meditating with me. She is also able to use telekinesis. Prince Julian thinks she has always had the ability, but didn't know it. It may have been dormant. Meditation woke it up. She is not able to move as many objects as I can, but she can move people and multiple objects at once. She hasn't decided if she will do this exercise with me. I hope she does.

Lacey and I get to our quiet spot in the informal living room of the castle with big comfortable pillows. The energy in this room is very positive. There is a skylight so we can get direct moonlight before the sun rises. The glass is coated to enhance the moon glow, but block the UV rays from the sun.

After meditating, Lacey and I meet up with the others in the training room. The room has been transformed to look like pack grounds at the beginning of a battle. There are holographic images of different species. My team is scattered throughout the battlefield.

Prince Julian gives the signal to start and the battle begins. I'm fighting off enemy warriors while sending weapons to my warriors and strategically moving them out of the line of fire or next to a peer in trouble. I'm able to do this without thinking about it. It is easy with my warriors since I am already connected to their energy. It is a little more difficult with Prince Julian's warriors, but I have been able to do it.

We have been at this for a few hours now. I have had to reach into my natural elements of earth and wind to replenish my energy levels. The snow has also

offered to boost my energy since it is made from water. I thank my elements for the boost and ask everyone if they are ready to go again.

“Seleste, I don’t even know how you are still standing. Most of the warriors are ready to drop.” King Joachim says.

“I restored my energy through my natural elements: earth, through the castle itself, wind through the breeze and water through the snow. They were happy to give me an energy boost when I ran low. We have been working together like that since I first met my elements.”

“Interesting,” King Joachim said. “I have not seen someone so in touch with their gifts in many generations. Your ancestor would be proud of you. Of all the Protectors I have met, you are the most like him.”

“You knew my grandfather?”

“Yes. I am also an Original. The one thing the fiction stories got right about us is that we are immortal unless we are killed and experience a true death.” King Joachim said.

“That is awesome.”

“What few people know is that your grandfather and the other Original werewolves also were immortal, but chose death after many generations of living. They are now with the moon goddess in her forest.” Queen Ambrosia said.

“I have never heard that. I know they all live to be a few hundred years old, then they all left at around the same time.”

I love learning about my ancestor. I can understand why after a time, they would choose to be with the moon goddess instead of continuing down here. It was time to pass the mantle down.

“Seleste, since you have mastered telekinesis, tomorrow and the rest of you stay here will be about teleporting. You already have the dematerialization and part down. So this part will be easy for you.”

We all split up and went to our rooms to get cleaned up. Once cleaned up, I go hang out with some of the vampires my age. There is this new young mated pair that Tamaska has bonded with. They are actually a part of the royal

family. I plan to ask them to join my inner circle. There are a couple warriors I also want to join my team. They are awesome warriors and leaders.

I find everyone, werewolves and vampires in the rec room. We all agreed to watch movies until dinner time. At the end of the first movie, I asked Ansel and Lula to step outside with me. I think they know what I want.

"I asked you both out here because. Tamaska has bonded with you both and we want to know if you would consider joining our Protector team and being part of my inner circle of warriors?"

Oh my goddess

Seleste, we would be honored. It has been our dream to work with the protector team. We were not old enough or strong enough to work with your grandmother. Thank you for the opportunity. "Ansel says, speaking for both him and Lula.

"I'm glad you accepted." I tell them. "Now we just need to ask King Joachim and Queen Ambrosia."

"I'm sure they will be just as honored as we are." Lula says.

"Good, now let's go enjoy the next movie."

We watched movies until dinner. I had an early night since tomorrow will be a big day for me. If I am successful with the teleportation, I will be only the second protector since Fenroe to be able to teleport

Successfully and consistently.

I start this day like I do most days, meditating with Lacey. Today Alpha Clark and Beta James joined us. They have really taken to Lacey's techniques and say that they have gotten stronger and more focused since Lacey helped them.

After about an hour, we all finished and went to the training room. Today the training room is just one wide open space.

"Good morning Seleste. Are you ready to begin?" Prince Julian asked.

"Yes I am. I'm hoping that I can master this. It will be so helpful in getting me from one location to another." I say.

“With this we are going to build on what we already know. Instead of picturing the energy of an object, I need you to picture your own personal energy. Picture each and every atom of your body. Once you get that picture, you are going to picture them dematerializing and reforming.”

“Where should I rematerialize?” I ask.

“For this try, I just want you to flash in and out in the same spot you are standing in.”

“Ok.”

I take a deep breath and start connecting with my body's energy. I see a Starburst of energy within me. I follow that burst all the way down to the smallest point. There are millions of tiny starbursts. I speak to my stars and ask them to dematerialize and reform in this spot. I feel my body turn to pure energy then I feel myself become whole again. The room burst into thunderous applause. It seems like the entire coven came out to watch me.

“That was amazing Seleste. I am not even surprised that you did it on your first try.”

“Thank you. I just followed your instructions and did exactly what you said do. It felt incredible. I became pure energy. I literally felt my body reconstitute itself.”

“For now I want you to do that a few more times until it only takes a thought for you to execute it.”

Prince Julian blinked out as he said the last word and blinked back in as an example of how smooth it should go. It took me about three hours to get it to be almost as smooth as Prince Julian. By this time, it was near lunch time, so Prince Julian let us break for lunch. After lunch, the warriors will go to their training and Prince Julian and I will work on me teleporting more.

After lunch, Prince Julian had me teleport a foot away from my current spot. I am not ashamed to say that I did not get it right on the first try. I did move about an inch. Prince Julian told me to focus on the area I want to go to and not a specific spot. I got it after three tries. For the rest of the day, I tried rematerializing further and further away. By the end of the day, I could jump across the room.

We have one more day left at Mystic Coven. I have come a long way in just a few days. By the third day, Prince Julian and I were able to teleport to different floors in the castle, then to different areas surrounding the castle. Finally yesterday, I was able to teleport to different parts of the country. Today, I will try to teleport to different countries and then try to take at least one other person with me. Lacey volunteered to be my passenger. That shewolf is fearless.

Prince Julian and I traveled to several different countries and visited a couple of covens. Prince Julian connected with some long lost friends and met his soulmate. A beautiful vampire by the name of Violetta. She had been a sleep for several decades and had just reawakened days before our visit. She teleported with us to a couple countries. She will be moving to the castle over the holiday. Prince Julian and Violetta got me back to the castle, said hi to the king and queen, announced that Violetta was Prince Julian's soulmate, then left to go to Violetta home to pack it up.

"Wow T, we are really in the mate business. It seems that everywhere we go, someone gets mated."

"That's true Lettie. The moon goddess made it so."

After Prince Julian and Violetta left, we all retired for the night. Prince Julian promised to visit after the holidays to help me teleport with a passenger. The bears gave him permission to come to the den while I am there.

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Francis and I are finally on the way to visit our family. Francis was packed and ready to go when we returned from Mystic Coven. Councilman Bari was adamant about taking us back to my pack. There has been some chatter about my movements being monitored. My identity has not been completely discovered yet, but there has been some interest in a she wolf traveling to different areas to train. Somehow word got out about me training with the vampires. This makes me wonder if there is a spy in our ranks or in ranks just below us. Councilman Bari is sure that the leak is not with the council.

The word is that the revels want to capture me and find out why I'm traveling to so many different places. I almost want to allow myself to be captured so we can get to the bottom of who is after me and fish out our spy. No one agrees with me being bait right now. So for now, I will just focus on enjoying

Thanksgivings with my family. My royal cousin decided to come to us instead of us traveling to the Royal Pack because of the situations.

“Hello everyone. Are we ready to load up and head out?” Councilman Bari asks.

“Yes we are” I say speaking for everyone.

“Ok. Let get going. I will fly you all back to the airfield and the Beta and Gamma will meet you all there with additional warriors to escort you back to the pack from the airfield.”

“Doesn’t it draw more attention to me if we increase security?”

“That maybe true Seleste, but we are not taking any chances right now.” Councilman Bari says.

“You all do know that I can take care of myself and if things get to complicated, I can always teleport myself away.”

“We know, but we don’t want to reveal your powers just yet. Although you are better trained then most, we still want to be strategic and want you to be able to move about without the enemy knowing your true identity just yet. You will be in the heart of the action after you leave the Bear’s Den.”

With that, we all load up and head to the jet. This trip like the last was fast and very comfortable. Within a couple hours, we are landing in my home state and I am running into my dad’s arms.

I do the introductions although my dad has spoken to Francis on the phone and facetime, this is the first official meeting. After hugging everyone, we all get in the SUV and head home. I didn’t think this place would feel like home after everything that has happened, but being with my dad and heading to my mom, I know that where ever they are will always feel like home to me.

“So Seleste, will you be showing us any new moves while you are here?” Beta Vereen asks.

“Oh Beta, you know I can’t wait to put so many of you on your asses over the holidays. I have so many unexpected things to show you all. I hope you all are ready.” I say.

“Seleste, when it comes to you and training, we are always ready for the unexpected.” Beta Vereen says.

“I think I have a move that will finally get my dad.”

“Now that, I can’t wait to see.” Beta Vereen says.

“So you think you can finally take your old man?” My dad asks. “Remember, I am your grandmother’s son, so I might have a few surprises you still haven’t seen.”

You know, I never thought about the fact that my dad may also have special skills that he hasn’t told me about. I look at my dad, he just looks at me and winks. Francis is looking at all of us and smiling. I can tell she is soaking it all in.

We all keep laughing and talking as we ride along. The airfield is not that far away from the pack, but it is at least a 30 minute drive away from pack lands. About half way through the drive, I notice several wolves running in the woods. At first, I thought they were extra warriors from my pack, but as I kept looking and noticing their actions, they are trying not to be seen and I don’t recognize any of the ones I had a clear view of.

“Umm dad, Beta Vereen, it looks like we have company.”

“Well, its about time you noticed.” Beta Vereen said. “I thought you had lost your touch. They have been following us since we left the airfield.”

“I can’t believe I didn’t notice it back then, but I have been watching them for the past ten or more miles.”

“Do you think they will make a move before we get to our border?” My dad asked.

“They may be waiting for a spot to ambush us. I have already linked the pack warriors and Alpha has sent them to intercept. They should be reaching us in a couple minutes. We will fight if we have to, but I’d rather let the warriors handle this one.” Beta Vereen says.

“Seleste, I linked your team and let them know what was going on as soon as we pulled out of the air field. They have been watching and waiting as well. Do look like that, I told them to coordinate with me and not to link you. I didn’t want you to worry since we had it under control.” My dad said.

“But, dad, its my job to protect you all.”

“You have the rest of your life to perform that duty, but for right this minute, you are my pup and I will be doing the protecting. Got it?”

“Yes daddy.”

“That’s my girl.”

“You two remind me of me and my dad.” Francis says. “Gamma, Beta, just know that you have an extra set of hands if you need them.”

“Thank cousin, but you are my new found family, so I will be protecting you as well for now. You can show me how bada.ss you are later.” My dad says.

I grab Francis hand and just smile at her.

“You may as well relax. When daddy goes all poppa wolf, nobody can stop him. You and I are the safest wolves in the world at this moment with two big, bad wolves to cover us.” I say.

Francis sits back with me. We have been benched for this one, but I’m ok with it for now.

Not long after that conversation, out pack warriors intersect the wolves following us. They make quick work of them. I asked Beta Vereen to tell them to keep at least one alive for questioning. We need to know who or what they wanted. Although I have a clue that they are after me, we need to know if my identity has been exposed or if they are just fishing for now.

We make it to the packhouse and like the momma’s girl I am, I run directly into my momma’s arms as soon as we unload. The whole pack is present waiting to greet us. All on my warriors and their mates are standing behind me. I can see anxious family members waiting to greet them.

“Ok guys, we are home now. I am safe with my family, go have fun with your families. I don’t want to see any of you for the next couple days unless it is during meal times or social gatherings.”

The warriors wanted to protest, but I looked at the mates and gave them a wink. They will keep them occupied and off duty for a couple days.

“Look guys, I know you all take your roles seriously, but I am with my momma and poppa wolf. Trust me, no one wants to piss them off and mess with their pup. I am surrounded by the best trained elite warriors in the kingdom. I will be safe, now go be with your families and most of all, have fun.”

After that, the warriors all go to their families. I get several grateful nods and smiles from family members.

‘Seleste it is so good to have you back.” Alpha Connor says. “I can’t wait to see what training is going to be like next week.”

“Really Connor. She just got home, let her relax before you all start talking about training.” Luna says and comes over and hug me and mom. Mom has not let me go since I got out of the SUV.

“Dad, what happened to the wolves that the warriors captured on the way in?”

“They have been locked up. Don’t worry. We kept them mostly alive. We will question them later.”

“Dad, I want to be there when you question them. I need to know if my identity has been exposed before I go to the bear’s den. We may need to change our schedule or make other adjustments to security.”

“Ok baby girl, I don’t like it, but it does need to be done. You know the dungeons are not pretty and they are not going to be a good sight to see.”

“Poppa wolf, you trained me and prepared me for just about anything. I can handle blood and torture. I am your daughter after all.”

My dad just smiles.

“Enough of this talk, let’s go home. Mona and Rose are at the house waiting for you. Talia and the twins have not made it in yet. I asked the boys to let the girls come first and then you all can get together later.”

“Thanks mom. As much as I like all of my crew, I’m glad it’s just the girls for now.”

I say bye to the pack members that came out to greet me, give my friends and extended family members hugs and head home to peace and quiet with my mom, dad, cousins and one of my best friends. Tomorrow will be another long day.

Last night was a good relaxing night. Francis got to know my parents and hang out with Mona and Rose. Mona was excited to have another cousin, especially one who doesn’t mind shopping. Of course, the two of them are now planning a day of shopping for all of us before we leave for the bears den.

I can’t believe it is Thanksgivings already. My mom is in the packhouse kitchen with ranked female preparing a feast for us. They enjoy cooking the holiday meals for us and giving all the omegas time to enjoy their families. All meals for today will be set up buffet style so that we won’t need any servers. As much as I enjoyed the meals at Alpha Clark’s pack and the Coven, I am glad to be back eating my mom’s cooking. She is still the best there is.

Trevor and my cousin the Royal Gamma Maurice came in last night. Trevor is serving as his assistant which gave him an excuse to travel with Trevor back to our pack. He met Francis last night and did a swab with her. The DNA kit was sent back to the royal pack via carrier and will be rushed. Our cousin said that he is sure that she is one of us. His wolf connected with her wolf immediately. We all share a close family connection. Maurice told us that he believes he knows what branch of the family Francis is connected to.

“Our great, great, grandfather had three sons,” Maurice said. “My grandfather was the oldest. Your grandfather was the second son and left with an alpha to start a pack. That story we all know. They never talked about the youngest son. The youngest son fell in love with a gamma from a distant pack. We don’t know if they were fated mates or not. Since he did not declare her as his mate to our ancestor, they forbade him from being with her and told him to wait for his fated mate. He said that he loved her and would not give her up. The family was concerned because her family was not well known and they didn’t know if her family was trying to make a power play. Then one night our uncle and the gamma female disappeared. There were records of them being seen and possibly being the gamma of a pack in a different region, but we never reconnected with them. I believe that son was Francis’ patriarch.”

“Wow, Gamma. My grandparents never talked about where our family line originated from. They only told me that we were pure blooded and that we were uniquely special and powerful. I never knew why. I asked my alpha once about what he knew, and he said that his family only passed down that our family was blessed and that we are some of the most powerful gammas alive. I guess I know why now.” Francis said.

“Francis, I am so glad that we found you and that you are back with your family where you belong. I only hate that your grandfathers did not have this opportunity. The family would have never cut him off if he had reached out, but those were different times and I understand we he felt the need to disappear to stay with the one he loved. I’m assuming that they ended up being fated mates after all or you wouldn’t be pure blooded and we would feel as connected to your wolf.” Maurice stated.

It was fascinating hearing about the family history and the lost branch of the family. Maurice let us know that one of the gammas he is personally training from a neighboring pack with ties to the royal pack will be hand delivering the results to him within the next day. Tamaska lifted her head up when Maurice mentioned the gamma coming. Knowing her the way that I do, I’m guessing that the gamma will be Francis’ mate.

“Your guess would be right.” Tamaska said.

“I am so excited for Francis. She deserves this and so much more T.”

“Yes she does Lettie. So don’t tell her and let her enjoy meeting him without knowing what is coming.”

“Ok T, I won’t say anything, but I am going to enjoy the look on her face when it happens.

For the rest of the day, we all just hung out and relaxed. My dad told me that we will be questioning the prisoner they caught after dinner. Alpha wanted us to enjoy the holiday without thinking about the dangers lurking about for a few hours. My dad and the alpha have strengthened the security around the pack. The sentinels and guards are doubled up and rotate every 4 hours to keep them fresh. We have a pack of over four thousand, so we have more than enough warriors to keep the rotation going for as long as we need.

Holiday dinners at the pack are amazing. Everyone that lives on the main pack land is present. We set up in the main meeting hall and just enjoy each

other's company. All of my friends and I sit at our own table. Our parents sit at the head table. This is what a pack family is all about. It is good to be home.

I notice that Trevor seems much more relaxed. Maurice tells me that Trevor is excelling at the academy. I guess he has really grown up. I feel myself releasing all of the pain and anger. I can see Trevor and me being friends again. This is the Trevor that I knew. This is the friend that I grew up with. Maurice told me that Trevor will be the liaison for the protector team, so I guess it is a good thing that I am putting the past behind me. But honestly, I think Trevor has earned my respect again.

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After dinner, the alpha called a meeting in his office for the named ranked members, the royal gamma, Trevor and me. The alpha updated Trevor and my cousin on the prisoner the warriors took into custody the yesterday. He has been sitting in the dungeons. Alpha Connor wanted to wait until after the holiday dinner to talk to the prisoner. Trevor updated everyone on the efforts to unite the kingdom and the restructuring of the regions. Many of the young alphas and betas are using this time away from the academy to build new alliances for the kingdom and inform the alphas of the upcoming war and hostile takeover attempt that has been secretly happening. Trevor also told us about uniting with the other species. Gamma Maurice told our pack how Trevor's team were the ones who came up with the comprehensive plan to secure the kingdom, unite the species and form regions surrounding the stronger packs and keeping the smaller packs protected. The plan also uses the peaceful pack as a point of relief for the warrior packs. The peaceful packs will supply aid and temporary shelter as needed and receive the protection of the alliance in return. Their warrior will also get to train with the other packs so they can better defend their packs until help arrives. So far most packs have agreed to the restructuring plan and like the idea of connecting to the other species.

"Son, I am so proud of you." Alpha Connor says. "You have come a long way in such a short time."

"Thanks dad." Trevor says

I can see that Trevor really has grown. Even my dad gave Trevor a smile.

‘Trevor has done what not a lot of cadets at the academy can. He has impressed me, the royal beta and the Alpha King. We all thought he was going to be this spoiled self-center alpha b.rat, but he came in to the academy ready to learn from his mistakes and be a better alpha. I wanted to hate him for hurting my cousin, but I can see that he is truly remorseful and focused on protecting the kingdom. Now, we have not announced this, but since there is a real threat and all of the cadets at the academy have been immersed in dealing with this threat, they have all shown that they have what it takes to be the next generation of leaders, we will be having a secret graduation for them the week before Christmas. We are keeping it secret because we still need the cover of them being in the academy to keep moving our plans forward. Trevor will be traveling between the academy and my cousin’s location as our plan progresses. Seleste, are you going to be ok with working closely with Trevor?’ Maurice asks.

“Trevor and I have been friends since birth. We had a glitch in our friendship, but Tamaska and I have forgiven him and hope that we can rebuild our friend to a good level, so no, it won’t be a problem for me. Even if I hadn’t forgiven him, this is bigger than him and I, so I would have just dealt with it.” I say.

I can see that Trevor now has tears in his eyes. My father and alpha Connor are looking at me with pride. I guess I just showed them I can put on my big girl panties and handle business.

“Thank you Seleste for giving me this chance to earn your friendship back. I promise I won’t let you down and I pledge to work with you and the team and do all I can to keep you and the kingdom safe.” Trevor says.

“Thanks Trevor. I believe that you will be successful in pulling everything together.”

I shock everyone by reaching over and giving Trevor a h.ug. He freezes for a second and then return the h.ug. I feel a new bond forming between Trevor and I. Not a mate bond, but a bond similar to what I have with my inner circle. Trevor must have felt it too. He takes a deep breath. I can see many different emotions pass his face. First surprise, then excitement, then disappointment and finally acceptance.

“He thought the mate bond was reforming, but Convel told him that it’s a familiar bond, not the mate bond. Convel and I explained to him that he is

bonded to us as part of our inner circle. He was sad but accepts his role in our lives now.” Tamaska says.

“Now that we’ve done the housekeeping, lets talk about the sc.umbag who was following my baby girl.” My dad says.

The shifter was kept in the dungeon. So far, he has not said anything. They agreed to let me come with them. I had to promise to let dad and alpha do the talking. They don’t want to take any chances with me revealing myself to them if they don’t know who I am already. Maurice is going to listen, but not show himself. They don’t want to highlight our relationship with the Royal pack just yet. Trevor will be there as the future alpha. I will there in my role as the future gamma.

As we start walking to the dungeon, Tamaska tells me that we may be able to pick up some of his toughs and may even be able to read his mind. I link my dad to let him know what Tamaska said. My dad is going to rile him up so that he projects his thoughts.

When we walk into the cell area, the shifter just looks at us. He is not planning to talk at all. I can tell he is committed to their cause.

“So what are you, the welcome committee?” The shifter asked.

“Why were you following my pup?” My dad asks.

“Who was following anyone? I was just out for a run with friends before you all attached me.”

So you just haven’t to be running around a private airfield and running unto private pack lands just for fun?” Alpha Connor asks.

“Oh wow, you all pulled out the big guns and called in the alpha. I feel special.”

“Why were you trespassing on my pack land? You do know that I could k!!! you for less?

“Do what you feel you need to do alpha?”

Trevor stands up and walks next to his dad.

“Oh so now you bringing in the young alpha? I really feel special.”

"You need to watch yourself. I would have no problem k!lling you," Alpha Connor says

"And yet, I am still here and alive." The shifter smirks.

"I'm going to ask you one last time, why were you following my pup and her friends?" My dad asked

The shifter just looked at my dad and smirked

"How do you know I wasn't following you?"

"then why were you following any of us?" My dad says grinding his teeth.

"Gamma, I think he needs a little persuasion to talk." Trevor says.

"I'd like to see you try you mutt."

Trevor walks towards him, but my dad and alpha Connor holds him back.

"Don't let him get to you son. Let's start the fun part." Alpha Connor says.

Well T, I guess we will go and let the boys have fun."

"We've gotten what we needed from him anyway." Tamaska says,

I link my dad to let him know that I am leaving for this part and that Tamaska was able to get some information from his thoughts. I walk out of the dungeon and find my mom and the luna waiting.

"I guess the bays want to play with him a little." The luna says.

"Yep. I figure I would excuse myself so that they don't have to hold themselves back." I said.

We walk back to the back house and wait for them to finish. I let my mom and the luna know that Tamaska was able to gather information from his thoughts. Mom and luna tried to get me to tell them the information, but I'm not getting into it until the men are present.

After about an hour, the alpha links us and asks everyone to meet in his office. The men walk in looking a little frustrated.

"He did not provide much information. All we got was that he was told to watch our pack." The alpha said. "What did you get Seleste?"

"Tamaska was able to tap into his thoughts. He does not know who I am, but a source has told them that there is something special about me. Several groups have been tasked with watching me and trying to take me if they get the chance. They work in small groups. Only the leaders know the members of the other teams. This group was on a recon mission. They want to know our vulnerabilities. Someone told them that I have been training with different packs and other species. So far, they don't know about my abilities. That was as much as this one knew."

"So that means they have an inside source who is aware of your traveling, but not in our inner circle to know what kind of training you are actually doing." My dad said. "Did anyone from Alpha Carter's pack know about your elemental abilities?"

"Only the few elementals I worked with. The whole pack saw the physical training and meditation, but we limited access to all advanced training. All of his ranked member families were aware of my visit and my training with their pack as the famous Gamma True, but nothing else." I said.

"So it could have been someone from Alpha Clark's pack. Everyone from our pack knows that Seleste is the protector, so the traitor is not in our pack and outside of the Council, no one knows your training schedule." My mom says.

"True and I don't think it was anyone from the Coven either. Only the Royal family knew I was training with the Prince. Everyone else thought I was just visiting with Alpha Clark who is friends with the Prince. There was a lot of speculation about Alpha Clark and me being mates. We let those rumors flow while we were there since it gave some credibility to my being there. We will have to reach out to Alpha Clark and the other packs that are working with us to let them know we may have a traitor in the midst."

"Seleste, I think you should cancel your trip to the Bear's Den." My dad says.

"Daddy, I know you want to wrap me in bubble wrap and protect me, but this is my destiny. I have to do this. I will not let evil control my actions. I am surrounded by strong warriors who will give their lives for me. I will be ok."

"Seleste is right bae." My mom said. "We did not raise her to run and hide from trouble."

“I know, but you can’t blame me for wanting to protect my pup.”

‘I love you daddy and I will be ok. Evil will not win.’

We soon finished the meeting, and everyone retired for the night. Tomorrow is another day.

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The rest of the week at my pack is uneventful. I rested and spent a lot of time with my friends. Trevor and I truly made peace and are friends again.

Granted, we will never be the same as before, but we have both matured and are walking in our new roles. Trevor will meet me at the bear’s den. He will go back to the Royal pack today with my cousin and then travel to the den next week. Alpha Clark and Lacey will also meet me there. Rose will be traveling with me so she can be trained on the new technology we will be getting from the bears. It will also be nice for her just to get away from the pack and the pressure of not having a mate.

It is almost time for us to leave, I am in my room packing. I have a weird feeling that something is going to happen. Actually, I believe several things will happen. Not all of them are going to be good.

“T, do you know what is coming. I keep getting this weird feeling and I can’t pinpoint what it is?”

“I know Lettie, we are getting the same feeling. There is about to be a shift in this war. Something is going to happen soon. I don’t know what, but I do know that we need to be prepared for anything. We are going to discover a new power, but it will happen out of necessity. The moon goddess did not tell me what is coming, just that we need to be prepared. On a brighter note, there will be a couple more mate connections coming to our group over the next couple days.”

“That’s good news at least. I’m glad that we will be seeing Lacey and Alpha Clark soon. I miss our meditations and from the sound of it, we will need to stay centered and ready.”

I have at about 2 hours before I have to leave to go to the airfield. I think I will spend at least an hour in meditation before meeting up with my family and friends for breakfast. I link my parents and Rose to let them know that I will be

in meditation for the next hour so that they don't disturb me. Rose will meet me downstairs in an hour.

I can tell that I really needed that time in meditation. Tamaska feels more energized. My energies are all in harmony and I'm at peace with whatever comes our way. We are war ready. I wish I could tell my parents and friends that something is coming for me, but if I tell them, my dad would lock me away and never let me out of his sight. I know that whatever happened, needs to happen to help us ultimately win the war. I feel confident that Tamaska and I will be ok and make it out of whatever situation we find ourselves in.

"Good morning mom and dad." I greet my parents and sit down next to Rose at the table.

"Hi Rose, are you excited to be traveling with me to the bear's den. We are some of the first wolves to stay at their compound." I ask.

"OMG Lettie, I am so excited. You know the alpha usually does not let more than one or two of us travel at the same time. I'm surprised he let me go since the twins and Talia are already away from the pack."

"I think the alpha understands that we are moving the pack to a new era and the things we are doing and training you will receive is necessary. I believe it is all part of the goddess' plan."

"Whatever it is, I'm glad that I get to be a part of the action."

Just as we finish talking, my royal cousin walks in the room with a young man I have never met before.

"Hi family," my cousin says.

"Hi cousin, I thought you were back at the palace." I say.

I was, but I wanted to see you and Francis one last time before you leave. I have a feeling that our lives are about to become very hectic and it may be a long time before we get any quiet family time together."

"I agree." My dad says. "Who is this young man with you? He looks familiar and I can tell that he is a strong gamma. Is he family?"

"This is Gamma Torrence Richards from the Luna Moon pack." My cousin says.

"Isn't that another cousin pack to the royal pack?" I ask.

"Yes, he is a distance cousin to the twins, so in a sense, he is your cousin on your mother's side and very distant on our side."

My mom gets up and walks over to him and gives him a hug.

"I thought you looked familiar. You're Judy's son right?"

"Yes ma'am, I am. I have heard so much about you all. I'm glad to finally meet you all as adults. My mom and dad told me that we used to visit when I was a young pup." Gamma Richards said.

Just as we finished the introductions, Gamma Richards starts sniffing and looking around. Tamaska starts smirking in my head. We all look around to see who the gamma's mate could be as Francis walks in the room. Francis pauses at the door, sniffs the air and breaks out in a big smile. He and Gamma Richards makes eye contact and the next thing we all hear is "Mate". Tamaska told me that her mate would be another pure-blooded gamma. I had no idea he would be a distant relative. Francis and Gamma Richards come back into the dining room for breakfast. The mood is definitely high in the room.

"Congratulations Francis and gamma Richard I am so excited for you." I say to them both. "Francis, I know you want to spend time with your new mate, so why don't you ask alpha Clark to let you extend your visit? I know we had planned for you to travel with us today, but I would hate for you to have to leave so soon. Not that you would have anyway."

"Thank you Seleste. This all happened so suddenly, I didn't have time to think about anything other than my mate." Francis said.

"It's ok. Enjoy getting to know your mate. The rest of us will be leaving in less than an hour."

Talking with my royal cousin, we found out that gamma Richard is a gamma by blood, but is not the current gamma of his pack. He is the younger brother of the current gamma. I know that will make alpha Clark very happy. He will not have to lose Francis. Since she is the current gamma, traditionally, her

mate will relocate to her and become the gamma male for the pack. I'm pretty sure they will work it out. They look so good together in the short time that they have found each other. We all been linking each other betting how long before they excused themselves to go be alone. I said less then 10 minutes. My mom said 30 minutes. Everyone is was somewhere in between mom and me. Of course I won. In less than 5 minutes, Francis suggested we go call alpha Clark.

We called alpha Clark to let him know the latest development. He was excited about Francis meeting her mate and told her to take as long as she needs. Since we don't need to drop Francis off, we will be flying directly to bear country from here. The flight will take us about 4 hours.

After talking to alpha Clark, we all finished eating breakfast and got ready for Rose and I to leave. Rose Alpha Connor and Luna came to see us off. Alpha Connor joked about everyone finding their mates around me. He jokingly told Rose note to run off with a mate while she is away. Rose told him she couldn't promise him that, but this pack will always be home.

Rose and I say goodbye to our family and friends and meet the warriors and their mates. My father and Beta Vereen will take us to the airfield. Alpha Connor is sending more warriors in case we are followed again. We made it to the airfield without incident. That should have been a good thing, but I was still a little uneasy. I still know that something is coming. Since we made it to the airfield without incident, it will probably happen at the bears' den. I don't think it is related to the bears. Our alliance with them is solid, but from the information I received from the shifter, they seem to know my schedule so they have had time to plan something.