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I let her walk a step in front of me specially so I could check her out while she walked. She was still adjusting her bra and dress as we walked across the field and I couldn't help the smirk on my face as I watched. Goddess she was something else. I hadn't meant to go that far at all with her. I had literally woke up this morning telling myself to take it extra slow, to earn her the old fashioned way if need be and be patient with her. But one wiff of her arousal and I lost every ounce of control. 1

It has only been a few minutes since I was going down on her and I already am reminiscing. It's been a long time since I kissed or held anyone, let alone was intimate. Since Caroline I shut myself off in that way from everyone. Now I cannot stop thinking about burying myself deep inside Raine over and over.

"Can you stop staring at my ass and come walk next to me please?"

I am drawn out of my dirty thoughts by her sweet voice. I look up and see that she is still looking straight ahead. I catch up to her in one large step and look down to see her smirking. She side glances at me and I see her eyes dancing with amusement.

"So where were you this morning?" she asks.

“Well, I went down to get breakfast when I woke up for you, me and Coop. Then I got sidetracked by business, followed by the frustrating other events which led me to this field.” I explained to her. “I’m sorry for leaving you with Cooper though, was he a handful this morning? Did you guys sleep ok?”

“He was an absolute sweetheart. And Nel took him almost as soon as we woke up so he wasn’t too much at all. I heard him last night and I figured I’d let you get some sleep. He was back to sleep instantly. And thank you, for bringing us back to my slightly larger bed.” She chuckled.

“Anytime, baby.”

We walked in a comfortable silence for awhile until we finally reached the porch for the packhouse.

“So,” I started as I pulled to a stop outside the house.

She paused and turned, sensing I had something to say. She waited patiently so I continued.

“I am going, to make an announcement to the pack today about you. And me.” I wasn’t sure why I was nervous about telling her this.

“Really?” she asked. “You don’t worry it is too soon?”

“Um, no. I put a lot of thought into it, and I’ve asked for the opinion of several people in the pack and so far the consensus has been that everyone is excited for me. For us. And I want... to be able to move forward with you, not dwell on the past. I know that the pack will understand that.” I told

her confidently.

"Plus," I said, stepping closer and grabbing her hand. "I have to make the announcement about the rogue attack. And the truth is, it wasn't the first one recently, it was just the first one to cross the border successfully. It will help, to have such amazing news like this to close with rather than focus on that bad."

She smiled and nodded. "Whatever you think Alex, this is your home, your pack."

"It is our pack, Raine." I swooped in for a quick kiss before I pulled her into the house with me.

It was later that night and I was waiting impatiently at Raine's door.

"Ok, I'm ready," she says as she swings the door open. She looked stunning, in a flowy dress with a blue top and a floral skirt. She had on her ankle boots and a leather jacket. Her hair was down and curled. She was nervous but she was a knockout and I was half wondering if I could skip the barbeque already in full swing outside and just lock us in my bedroom.

Instead, I grabbed her hand and pulled her in for a kiss as we started walking down the stairs.

"Alright, relax Raine, It is going to be fine. Everyone will be super excited. And as soon as we get out there, I will make the announcements." I kissed her cheek again before we stepped out of the door.

Everyone was busy enjoying the crisp night. We didn't have

barbeques often enough I realized and made a mental note that we needed to do this more. Car came running up to us as soon as he saw us.

"Alpha, Luna," he nodded respectfully. I saw Raine look a little confused, but I knew she didn't understand. She may not be Luna yet, but she is my mate and it is inevitable, not a question of if, just when.

"Car, is everything running smoothly for tonight?"

"Yes, I tripled our presence at the border so there will be no gaps in overlap and visibility. I also did what Luna asked and organized the schedules so that the border patrols switch shifts at 9 instead of midnight so everyone can enjoy the barbeque tonight," he told me, gesturing between us.

"Wait, what? When did you guys discuss this?" I asked both Car and Raine.

"Well, I bumped into him in the kitchen while you were finishing your work this afternoon in the office. I asked him if there was anything I could help with and asked him if everyone was coming and such. One thing led to another and we were discussing the border patrol not being there so I suggested making a little change so they could be," she told me shyly. I think she didn't want me to know that had been her choice.


"That, is amazing. Thinking of everyone," I gave her a quick kiss on the cheek and couldn't help the look of adoration I had when I looked at her. She was going to be an amazing Luna.



"Alpha, I actually need to steal you away before the announcement, Alpha Garcia is here, he arrived a few minutes ago and said the other alphas will be coming in this evening as well throughout the barbeque. He just wants a quick word, says he has some updates of his own for you," Car informed me. I nodded in response and looked to Raine.

"Go," she said firmly. "I will be totally fine, I will find some of my family or mingle with the pack." She gave me a big smile and a gently push on my side to follow Car so I obliged my mate. I glanced back and saw her watching me walk away.

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