

## Chapter 48

Emily's pov

As soon as the water curled around me, there is an unmistakable burning feeling piercing my skin.

I could cry. I could shout. I could scream.

But that's impossible, because if I do, I'm exposing myself to more of that toxic wolfsbane that's in the water.

So I bit down on my pain, and tried to swim up.

But I'm struggling, because I'm not healing as quickly as other wolves would.

Just as I am thinking about how I should swim up, arms wrap around me and brought me out of the water.

Those sparks, the warmth. I knew it was my mate Bryson.

"Shawn help me get her out!" He roared the second we surfaced out of the water.

He's holding me tightly, but the strain of his hand shook as if he was frightened to even let me go.

I gasp for air, trembling as I looked down at my red skin.

Shawn rushed to the edge of the pool, looking both terrified and anxious. "How the fuck did the pool water end up having wolfsbane?!" He yelled, looking around and glaring at each wolf.

Everyone looked at each other confused, some shrugging while others stood watching silently.

Shawn shook his head and helped me out of the water, setting me down beside him as he tore his shirt off his body.

Bryson growled as he hopped out of the water, glaring at Shawn.

"It's just to wipe her off dude, calm down she's my sister." Shawn snorted and began to wipe the water off my face.

Bryson relaxed, coming to hold me but thought better of it when he realized he was still soaked from head to toe with the contaminated pool water.

"Oh my gosh Em. I didn't know the pool water had wolfsbane." Maya gasped as she kneeled beside me, her eyes shifting in worry.

Bryson marched over to her grip her arm roughly and pulled her up. He sneered, his face angry, his eyes blazing. Maya squirmed under his powerful vex gaze.

"Why the fuck would you push her in the pool in the first place Maya!" He growled, his wolf surfacing.

"It's okay Bryson." I shivered as the scorching pain of the wolfsbane hadn't let up yet.

Bryson looked over at me, searching my gaze before releasing Maya who stumbled back, wincing as she rubbed her arm. I noted how red it was where he held her.

He comes over to me, his gaze softening. It looked like he was going to pick me up but his eyes dropped to his wet clothes and he thought better of it.

"Get Emily to my room Shawn." He grumble, looking upset that he couldn't hold me yet.

Shawn quickly lifted me in his arms, holding me protectively as he nod at Bryson. "Yes alpha."

Shawn practically run to the pack house with me in his arms, and before I knew it I was in Bryson's room being placed on my feet.

"I'm so sorry Emily. If I had known there was wolfsbane in the pool I wouldn't have thrown that party." He sounded truly upset by it and that made me smile despite the pain I was currently feeling.

"You wouldn't have known Shawn." I whispered and looked over his shoulder when Bryson rushed in, his chest heaving as he tried to pull back his anger.

He rushes over to me, peeling off his shirt and tearing off his jeans.

"Woah woah man, I'm still here." Shawn lifted his hands up, his face scrunching in fake disgust.

Bryson spared him no glance, looking at me directly. "Then get out." He told Shawn who didn't complain.

"Okay, I can see I'm not wanted here. If you need anything let me know." Shawn snorted as he walked over to the door.

"Find out who put wolfsbane in the pool. They obviously had I'll intentions." Bryson said, eyeing my red skin in fury.

Shawn nod." Yes alpha."

He stepped out of the room, leaving Bryson and I alone.

Bryson lifted his fingers to brush over my red skin.

"It looks worse than it actually is." I tried to crack but winced.

Bryson of course notices.

"Take off your clothes." He grumble, glaring at the wet clothes that clung to me.

He helped me peel it off until I was bare naked.

And he removed the last piece of clothing he had on. His briefs.

Before he lifted me in his arms and walked to the bathroom. He padded to the shower and opened it until the soothing warm water washed over us.

"When I find whoever did this, I'll kill them." He sneered with fury, his voice dripping with promise.