

38. Scars

Dr. Kelly introduces herself then continues to check me poking and prodding at me and messing and checking the machines.

James holds my hand the entire time and when she goes to check my side she moves the blanket and the hospital robe I am wearing, I see a bandage with a lot of blood on it.

I start to panic and James put his hand firmly on my chin and pulls me to face him.

"Just look at me, she had to stitch it and you aren't healing as fast, you don't want to see it baby" he kisses my forehead and I close my eyes and take in a deep breath when she wipes around it. Probably trying to clean o more blood.

James gives me a small squeeze and I look up at him and he is looking down at me with a small smile on his face.

"Do you know how happy I am to see those gorgeous eyes again" he tucks a strand of hair behind my ear and runs his finger down my jaw.

I get lost in his eyes and try to give him a small smile back.

He whispers sweet things to me as the doctor cleans and rebandages my wounds, it stung a little bit but James was quick to distract me whenever he could tell it hurt.

He told me how glad he is that I'm awake, and how worried he was. I am too busy focusing on James and getting lost in his eyes that the next thing I know the Doctor is saying she is all done.

"Now you technically could go home tonight. However, I want to keep you here for a couple more hours of observation. Preferably over night but I know you have a lot of family to see. If I let you go tonight, you have to promise to come back if the stitches open, if you get dizzy, or if the pain in your side gets any worse." she pauses and looks directly at James.

"You have to be very careful. No sudden movements, it might hurt to move around, and take it easy. Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids and eat every meals and snacks in between if you can. You need to get your strength back up to heal quicker, understood?" she looks at me. I nod my head and she says a quiet okay then says a er dinner tonight I can go back to my family.

James spent the rest of the day with me. Cole and his mate le with the doctor and said they would see me later. I forgot to get his mates name but I'm sure I'll see her later. There is something just so familiar about her.

James had someone bring us lunch and he ate with me while we watched tv and cuddled.

I took a nap a er lunch and James woke me up around dinner time. He said the doctor said I could go back to my parents now and my mom brought clothes for me while I was sleeping.

I really wanted to talk to them considering I only got about five minutes before everything happened. That's when I remembered Molly is in this house. I look at the door panicked. Did James tell them? Was she going to be waiting for me when I got out there?

"Hey princess shh calm down, Molly is being held in a cell. I told your parents she was apart of you kidnapping and being held but I didn't tell them anything else. I promise, she won't get to you again." he kisses my forehead and I nod taking a deep breath. I notice the clothes sitting at my feet and look at James.

I decide I need a shower and mind link James and he nods his head.

I try to move to get out of bed and James quickly helps me. Once I am standing on my feet I can feel the sti nness and pain in my abdomen. I close my eyes and take a couple breaths before trying to walk.

It's di icult and takes a lot of energy but I can somewhat move on my own. I can definitely feel the toll its taking on my body trying to heal.

"Baby can you please just let me help you? I don't want you opening your stitches or getting more hurt. I promise not to do anything just please let me help you" he comes over and grabs my hand and wraps his other and around my waist on my good side.

I notice the clothes in his hand as we walk towards the shower. He helps me get the hospital robe o and he starts the shower while I lean onto the counter breathing.

He helps me in and I blush knowing this is the first time since we met he has actually seen my whole body naked. When he helped me take a bath I got into the water before he could see me and he didn't really stare with all of the bruises and cuts I had on me.

I look away from his face knowing I don't look too great the second time around with scars and now a huge gash on my side.

"Hey look at me" I look over to him standing out of the shower with his shirt o and only pants on.

He is too hot for his own good. I look back to his face with the blush on my face getting redder and redder.

"Baby you are gorgeous, every single part of you okay? I don't care about the scars or the cut. They don't matter to me. You are flawless and I would spend everyday staring at your gorgeous body if you let me" he says with a smirk at the end. I blush at the thought of James wanting me that way. I mean the rogues used me. But just because I was available and weak.

James actually WANTS me for me.

"Baby do you mind if I get in with you? I need a shower too and I can keep my boxers on" he looks at me and I nod my head closing my eyes and standing under the water as I hear him getting undressed.

He gets in and I lean back against him chest when he wraps his arms around me. He is careful not to touch the cut on my side and for a few minutes I enjoy the warmth of the water and James behind me. He grabs the soap and starts to wash my hair then his. He goes to wash my body and I blush but I can quickly feel myself starting to get tired from all of the energy standing here is taking out of me.

James goes to wash my legs and I look down and notice he did keep his boxers on but there is a noticeable bulge. It is probably taking a lot of self control to wash me and not do anything, but I appreciate him controlling his wolf. He get to my thighs and must have seen the scars on the inside of my legs because I look down and his eyes are dark black. He looks up at me.

"They did these too?" he practically growls out. I just stare at him hoping he doesn't lash out from anger.

I nod my head and take a step back and pull my legs gently from his grasp. He looks up and seeing me scared, I see him take a deep breath and his eyes go back to normal before he stands up towering over me.

"I'm sorry baby. It's just every time I see your scars it reminds me of how shitty of a mate I am and that I should have saved you. I'm really sorry" his eyes are watering but I can't tell if he is crying or it is the water from the shower as he leans down and hugs me, putting his head on my shoulder.

He is not a shitty mate. He saved me, he took care of me, he still does!

"No you are not. Never say that again please" I say out loud, knowing using my voice should get across to him how serious I am. James is perfect and has helped me so much. I would be dead without him.

I hear him growl when he probably hears my last train of thought through the mind connection.

I wrap my arms around his torso and we stand there for a couple minutes before he rinses both of us o and grabs towels. He takes o his boxers and I quickly look away and I hear him chuckling.

"It's okay Grace I have a towel on now" I turn to see the towel now wrapped around his waist. He helps me dry o , being careful around my cut, and puts a new bandage on it. Apparently the doctor filled him in on how o en it needed to be changed and how to wrap it securely.

He then helps me get dressed and we walk out into the room where there is basketball shorts with a tshirt that I'm guessing Cole brought him. He gets changed while I intently stare at the wall like it is some fine piece of art.

"Okay you ready? Everyone is making dinner right now, we can go eat with them" he says pulling me to his side again to help me walk.

"Are my parents there?" I ask in our minds.

"Yeah everybody is there. We can talk a er dinner and you can tell them what you want and what you want to do with Molly." I nod my head as I remember I still have my mean Aunt to deal with. I realize I never saw my sister and I have no idea what she looks like, she was six when I was taken.

"Is Adeline around anywhere?! I never got to see her! I hope she isn't out hunting and hurt!" I quickly mindlink him. I need to know how my sister is.

"Uh yeah she will be there. She is in the kitchen with everyone right now" he says somewhat hesitantly. Why didn't he say that earlier! I wanted to see her!