

Chapter 0169

Arella, Cassandra, and Ophelia snuck outside to watch early morning training again. Thea didn't need to be able to see the future to know they were going to do this every morning from now on. When they worked on Thea's gift, the girls whispered things in Thea's ear to try.

"How do you know what I can do?" Thea said on their walk to the dining hall for breakfast.

"We see you using your gift," Ophelia said.

"Hmm. That makes sense."

"Alpha Kai," Arella said.

"Yes?"

"Could you bring me back a tooth today?"

"Um," Kai paused. He knew he shouldn't say what he was thinking—these girls were little weirdos—but nothing else was coming to his mind.

"Hey," Thea thought to him. "Sometimes they say random things that don't make sense to us in the moment but might later. Remember they don't think the same way as us. They were trapped in one room

their whole lives. They don't know what's normal and what's not yet. Let's let the transition be gradual, though. Everything is new to them. I don't want to overwhelm them."

"Alpha Kai?" Arella said.

"What do you want a tooth for? Don't you have your own in there?" Kai poked her mouth with his finger.

Arella laughed. "Not for that."

"For what?" Kai said.

"A necklace," Arella said.

"The verdict is in. This kid is weird," Kai thought.

"It's not set in stone," Thea thought back. "Give her time."

"What kind of tooth are you looking for?" Kai said. "A shark's tooth? Mouse tooth?"

"Whatever you find."

"I'll try, Arella," Kai said.

"Thank you, Alpha Kai." She smiled big.

At school during lunch, Thea felt into the dark group of people. She sent her magic into the brains that felt off. She'd have to wait and see if it helped them

change their ways.

“My father is really happy to be in an official alliance with New Dawn,” Misty said.

“He and Alpha Knight were the first people to speak up and say they were with New Dawn,” Alaric said.

“Yeah, I hope he didn’t seem too overeager,” Misty said.

“When it comes to voicing support, I don’t think that’s possible,” Alaric said. “Someone has to lead the way.”

Misty nodded. “Have you guys tried anything from childhood to jog Thea’s memory yet?” she said.

“We started training again,” Kai said.

“What else can you try?” Misty said. “You guys know your childhood better than I do. I just remember you guys were always together. I’d see you guys walking together. Kai, you always had your arm over her shoulders. Conri, you always held onto the back of her shirt. Thea was always holding Alaric’s arm.”

“We still walk everywhere with her,” Conri said.

“But you’re holding hands and kissing,” Misty said. “You never did that before. Think about it. You’ve only

been together romantically for a few months. You spent your whole lives not holding hands and kissing but doing it the other way.”

“So you’re saying go back to that,” Alaric said.

“Not all the time,” Misty said. “But maybe when you’re walking around school, do what you used to do sometimes.”

“It’s worth a try,” Kai said.

“While you guys are figuring out how to get my memory back, I’m going to go to the bathroom,” Thea said.

“I’ll come with you,” Lizzy said.

“Me too,” Misty said.

They left the triplets.

“How are you doing? Without your memory?” Misty said once they were in the bathroom. “I can’t imagine how you’re dealing with everything. You have so much going on.”

“I don’t know,” Thea said. “I feel like an imposter. Like I don’t belong. Alaric, Conri, and Kai are the only things that make sense. Except they don’t make sense. I trust them, I feel good around them, but I

don't understand how they can love me."

"Everyone loves you," Misty said. She crossed her arms behind her back. Thea noticed she did that a lot. She wondered if it was a nervous habit. "You're such a good person. You're a good leader. Kind. Smart. Protective."


"Plus, the triplets are your mates," Lizzy said. "They're magically incapable of wanting anyone besides you."

"The mates thing is so weird," Thea said. "I feel it. I know it affects me. I have strong feelings for them. The pull to them is impossible to fight. I don't even want to fight it. I understand that the matebond would affect them too. It just seems like it shouldn't. It's like, I don't even know them—"

"Yes, you do," Lizzy said, hand on her hip.

"Okay," Thea said. "But I don't remember any details about them. I don't remember any specifics. Do they have middle names? What are their favorite colors? Favorite food? I know nothing. It feels like they can't know me either. I don't even know me. I understand we grew up together, but I don't remember it. I don't know if I'm the same person they expect me to be."

"You know it's real, right?" Lizzy said. "The


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matebond is one of the most sacred things to werewolves. The goddess makes people for each other. Her personal gift to each of us. Most people don't even meet their mates until they run into each other for the first time and sparks fly. Their wolves call out to each other. The mate pull is so strong, they instantly can't live without each other, and they're complete strangers. So, losing your memory of them is kind of like how everyone else meets their mates. It doesn't make it less real."

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