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"Can we go for a ride?" Arella said.

"Hold on one second," Thea said to the girls. She turned back to the refugees. "Get settled in. Go to pack training. We'll see you at pack dinner tonight."

The refugees nodded.

"Luna, Alphas, Alpha Sharpe is at the gates," one of the guards at the gate mind linked them.

"Send him through," Alaric said over mind link. "Dad, Alpha Sharpe is here. Meet us at the apothecary?"

"Be there soon," Alpha Ulric said over mind link.

Thea turned back to the girls.

"How did reading class go?" Thea said.

"I liked it," Ophelia said.

"We've never done anything like that. There were so many people," Cassandra said.

"What did you learn?" Thea said.

"We learned the Alphabet Song," Arella said. "And what the letters look like, and what sounds they make."

"We had to draw them too," Cassandra said.

"We learned how to hold a pencil," Ophelia said. "We traced all the



letters.”

“How do you hold a pencil?” Thea said. The girls showed her. “That looks really good. I think you earned a ride today. We need to take care of one thing first, but you can come. Let’s go.”

The girls jumped up and down, smiling.

Misty, Thea, the triplets, and the three girls went to the apothecary shop. Alpha Ulric, Alpha Sharpe, and his apothecary were already there.

“Hey, Dad,” Misty said.

“Pumpkin,” Alpha Sharpe said. He held his arms open, and Misty hugged him. He kept one arm around her. “I brought my parents and a few of their friends to talk to your men.”

Thea noticed the older people sitting in the corner of the apothecary shop.

“Thank you, Alpha Sharpe,” Thea said. “Let me call in the men.” Thea mind linked Delta team. “Hey, Alpha Sharpe brought people who might know things about Crescent Moon and the Alpha line. We’re in the apothecary shop. Who wants to talk to them?”

Garrin, Dolf, Callan, Dillon, Ryker, and Ethan walked into the apothecary shop a few minutes later. They made introductions then got right into business.

“Just to keep you up to date,” Alaric said. “Crescent Moon is on to us. Today, they tried to send one of their pack members as a refugee to spy on us.”

Everyone nodded.



"We'll be alert," Alpha Sharpe said.

"I promised these girls I'd give them a ride on my wolf," Thea said.

"Of course," Alpha Sharpe said. "This will keep us occupied for some time, I imagine."

Thea and the triplets left to go give the girls a ride while the rest of them talked shop. They undressed in the woods and shifted. Then the girls each climbed onto Thea's back. They took off at a slow trot through the woods, flanked by Thea's Delta team guard. Thea and the triplets chatted over mind link.

"What if we built a little cottage in the woods?" Alaric said. "We could have one on one time there when we need it."

"I like that idea," Thea said.

"I agree," Conri said.

"Me too," Kai said.

"There might be something already built that we could get set up quickly," Alaric said. "I'll look into it."

"My hero," Thea said. "It feels so good to run through the woods with you guys. I'm so glad I shifted. I knew I was missing something when I was just human."

"We're glad too. For ourselves, but even more for you," Kai said.

"We felt your pain," Conri said.

"And we feel your joy now," Alaric said. "This is preferable."



They let their wolves have some time in charge, making sure they were mindful of the girls on Zoe's back.

After a while, Thea felt a pull again.

"Hey, Zoe, do you feel that?" Thea thought.

"Yeah," Zoe said in her mind. "It feels like that same presence from before. Except now it feels like it's calling out to you."

"It feels like it needs help. We should check it out, right?" Thea said.

"Yeah."

Thea took control, changed directions, and made her way toward it. The triplets and Delta team followed her toward the border.

"Where are you going?" Conri thought to her.

"I don't know," Thea thought. "I feel something."

"I feel something too," Kai said. "That forcefield you put on all of us and around the border—it feels like it's buzzing. Like there's something at the perimeter."

"Maybe we should let Delta team check it out first," Alaric said over mind link as they approached the border of their pack lands.

Alaric caught up to Thea, got in front of her, and turned to slow her down. That's when he saw her necklace.

"Your necklace is glowing," Alaric said over mind link.

"That means—" Kai said.



“Vampires!” Conri yelled over mind link.



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