

Chapter 7

I jogged off happily when Theo's loud growl reached my ears.

Indeed, Nova created a baddie. I smiled and continued jumping on the broad path when a car honked behind me.

I turned to see my friends in Nova's old rickety car. They looked angry.

"What?" I tilted my eyebrows, gripping my bag handle.

"Get inside," Nova and Alice yelled

"O-okay," I shrugged before entering the car.

"You left us!" Alice attacked me immediately I sat "We came to school together!"

Nova held the wheels tightly and increased her car speed.

"Oops, I'm sorry," I murmured sheepishly. Heaven knows I didn't want their pity. I just wanted to be alone.

We got to Nova's house in no time and they escorted me inside. It was smart of them not to take me home.

My mother would burst into tears on seeing me. Olivia on the other hand would just stomp her feet against the stairs and enter her room. But later, I would hear her whimperings.

"Nova said you were avoiding her in class. But we are your best friends!" Alice whined again as Nova opened her room door. Nova's parents weren't home.

I sat on the bed.

"Are you going to tell us what happened to you?" Nova crossed her arms "I know you're starting to heal but obviously, you were beaten to a pulp. Who did it?"

"It's no one," I lied

"Don't lie to us, Eden!" Nova growled at me, her claws snapping out.

I suddenly felt guilty for avoiding them after school. They've been there for me through thick and thin. I shouldn't keep them in the dark.

"Who else?" I said quietly, not looking at any of them.

"Lyra," Alice whimpered and came to hug me tightly. I felt her tears on

my shoulders.

Nova's claws became longer. She was seething so loud, and furs were beginning to cover her skin. Her clothes shredded to the floor and Gem; Nova's wolf stood in her place

"Shit," I quickly stood up. Alice's eyes widened when she saw Gem.

I moved closer to the brown angry animal. I tried to soothe it "I'm okay, I'm fine."

"She hurt you! We need to kill her," Gem's voice came deep and raspy.

My eyes met with brown ones as I leaned boldly to caress her "I'm here, fine and alive,"

I crouched to the floor and patted the space beside me. Gem slowly crouched too, and let me snuggle into her bosom. I knew she wouldn't hurt me.

We had known each other's wolves since we were kids.

Gem is the fighter, while Cassie; Alice Wolf, and Tiara are the peaceful, regal ones.

I knew what Gem was feeling. I understood the bond we shared, and that this was a way of her expressing her pain.

Suddenly she starts crying. I heard the low cracking of bones, and Nova was in Gem's stead.

Alice cleaned her tears hard and brought a blanket to drape Nova's naked body.

"I hate what is happening to you. I hate that you are suffering and I can't do anything about it," she sobbed.

Nova never cries. She had always been the strong one, always consoling us when we were hurt. It dawned on me that this was affecting my friends as much as it affected me.

My chest constricted in pain and I released the tears. Alice held our shoulders and cried with us...

"We cannot give up," Nova said, immediately she left the bathroom. She was now showered and looking better.

I smiled.

"Yes, we aren't giving up. We are sticking to operation 3; Get you a

boyfriend, and sleep with him!" Alice concurred.

"It feels so good to know that you both have my back," I said and went to stand by the window "but let's just forget about it all,"

"No!" Nova argued "How much more can you take? Can't you see that they are killing you," her eyes glistened

Alice folded her fist "Look at your stomach, your skin, your hair!"

"Exactly, that is why I am letting this go," I said, looking out the window before looking at them again "I have decided to leave the pack and go rogue,"

Their eyes widened in shock.

"No no no no," Nova gasped, fighting the tears that threatened to spill.

"There's nothing for me here. No second mate,"

Alice stomped her feet towards me.

Whack! She slapped me "What?" I gasped in shock.

"You are being selfish. What about your mom, you don't think of how it will break her? And your sis? Nova and I?" She yelled, placing her hands on her hips.

Did Alice just scold me? I was dazed.

Nova and I exchanged glances, and we burst out laughing.

It was Alice's turn to furrow her eyebrows at us "What?"

"You and I switched roles. That's what happened," Nova smiled

"Whatever," she still points to me "you are not leaving this pack. You are either getting your mate back, or getting another, or dating a Hybrid,"

I gulped, remembering Eros' beautiful face. His breath on me...

"After all, we don't know if hybrids have mates," Nova chipped in. I gulped again.

"what do you think about Eros? Or Arthur or..." Alice was saying.

Oh, Eros.

My Eros.

I remember how his hands felt against my skirt pocket. The shrill against my thighs, how warmth settled in my belly and his blue eyes

held me bound.

How I resisted the urge to urge to run my hands against his sleek beautiful hair...

That reminds me, he still hasn't texted me.

"Eden," Alice calls suspiciously "why do you have that look like you are relishing the taste of waffles in whipped cream?"

"Uhm, nothing,"

"Are you perhaps liking a hybrid?" Alice smiled wickedly. I struggled out of her hold.

Nova grabbed me too "Spill," she coerced

"Fine! I may have agreed to go out on a date with someone," I said quickly.

"With a hybrid?" Alice squealed.

"No, with Tom."

The room went dead silent.



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