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I stood in my closet looking for something suitable for dancing but also for dinner. I couldn't find what I was looking for that blended

both together. Everything was either too formal, business, or relaxed. There was no happy medium and it annoyed me. I just decided to

dress in a business attire, that was appropriate for a Royal to wear during a dinner party. I will just have to come up and change clothes

after dinner I guess.

Dinner went by smoothly as everyone ate and made small talk. Plans were finalized on when we would be moving. News came that

Dexter had blown up the house of Everests cousin, Jeremy's, up in smoke and set the surrounding building on fire. Jeremy was left

seething in anger as he lost every possession he had. The only few things he didnt lose, was what he brought with him here.

"I am so very sorry Jeremy. But we will and can rebuild, I promise you that." I sat back in my seat and felt him calm down some. I knew it was hard for him to do.

"Thank you Avalynn. I know it is just the fact that we all worked so hard on that place. I am just glad we are all safe in the end. We can

replace the material things."

Everest looked over an nodded "We will be rebuilding anything that he destroys cousin. I promise you and everyone here that we will

rebuild."

"Thank you, cousin. I really appreciate you." Jeremy had a tight smile.

"So when do we leave again?" Brent asked.

"Tuesday at dawn. We will stop midway which should be just outside your pack Jeremy. From there we will split into our two groups.

We will go around one way as King Brent and his mate, Miranda, will come in the opposite way." Everest told everyone at the table. "We will have them surrounded on all sides."

"Okay, sounds reasonable to me. I just wanted to make sure so everyone is ready.

Combat training the next two days in wolf form?"

King Brent asked.

"Yes, you are correct. We will need to teach them as much as we can. We will also need to retouch on basics with them all." Everest

told him.

Brent leaned backnand took a sip of his wine and made an agreeable sound before speaking "Very good then."

"Miranda and myself will be working together on strengthening my ability to tap into stubborn minds. She is going to use her magic

to hide Amber and Claire's mind and I have to work to connect them to mine."

Miranda nodded "It isn't going to be easy to work around witches magic, but I am going to show her how to do it quickly. If she can

break through my magic, she will be able to enter any mind with ease from here on out."

"But it will be worth it in the end. It'll open up access to everyone's mind, like Sarah. I can read her only sometimes. A lot of the time she has shut me out completely." After dinner I went upstairs and changed into a black dress that hit at my knees, black heels, and pulled my hair up in a high ponytail. I looked at myself and nodded in approval. I felt good and I looked hot! This will definetly do!

I walked down stairs and ran into Miranda.

"I am so happy yall are coming with us." I told her.

"Me too. I don't think we will be out too late, the training is going to be mentally exhausting tomorrow and I will need my rest."

Miranda told me as we stepped onto the elevator.

"That is a good point. Dance a little, have a nice drink, then back home to sleep." I agreed with her. Trying to break through tough

minds to read their thoughts while in my human form was going to be difficult. We stood in a comfortable silence as the humming and

beeping from the floors were the only thing that was heard.

I wondered how Charlotte was able to tap into people's minds easily.

"Thats because it's harder to hide our thoughts from one another. We are all connected to the Moon Goddess." Charlotte told me.

Okay that makes sense.

The night was a good release of pent up nervous energy. We invited several members out with us and a good amount showed up. We

danced with our mates and had a few drinks before heading home.

When I got home I washed my face and took off my make up. I changed into my pajamas and climbed into bed. Everest was in the

shower and as much as I fought the sleep to wait for him, I fell asleep. I didn't even feel him get into the bed.

I woke the next morning anxious and excited. It was combat training with Charlotte first this morning. Then thus afternoon I would

be linking up with Miranda and the girls. We were going to work on getting into others minds better.

I got dressed, ate a protein packed breakfast, and went to training. Training was a breeze and Charlotte was an absolute Rockstar.

She seriously had some amazing skills. We have our shifting down, ready to fight in less than a second. I was doing so well they moved

from two lycans fighting me to three and threw in a wolf for fun.

It was difficult, especially when they all rushed me but I got the higher ground and when I snapped at the wolf, stopping at his fur line

he was ruled dead. I moved between the three lycans. I watched as they circled me and one lunged unexpectedly from behind. Charlotte

kicked, using the force to the launch herself forward and took out another lycan in the process. She turned to the only one left and they

crashed into one another; biting, clawing, and rolling in the dirt. Charlotte held nothing back and stopped at the fur line with a snap. She

won and had gathered a decent crowd around her. There was clapping and our eyes found Everest. He was wearing a proud smile and

nodded his head.

"You're ready, officially, with your combat with multiples. We are proud of you both. Now go ahead and go work with Miranda. She is

waiting for you on the outside yard of the garden." Everest linked us.

I shifted back into my human form and made my way to the garden. I walked along the pathway that weaved in and out of different flowers. It smelled absolutely wonderful out here. When I came to the end of it I saw Miranda doing her thing. I watched as Miranda was

practicing her magic with a few volunteers, she was talented.

She held them up in the sky and moving them about. It was weird because I could see the magic she was pouring out from her body. It was like rope that formed like a lasso around the bodies of the wolves she held in the air. She was speaking to them calmly, because

any other tone they would be freaking out.

"I can do this to multiples, I can create a force field bubble around all three of you like this.." She waved her hand through the air as a golden bubble drifted around and then formed around each one in the air. It was sort of beautiful to look at and witness really.

"Now if someone was to do anything at all to any of you, that bubble around you will protect you. It would not matter if they could

throw fire, it would protect you." I heard her tell them. I watched as she eased them back to the ground and the wolves who volunteered

to help were all smiles.

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"What? You could see them?" She looked at me confused.

"Well yeah.. Can't everyone?" I frowned a bit.

"No, they can't. It just appears like normal air to everyone. It's invisible to non magic eyes." She looked at me up and down.

"Are you sure you don't have any magical abilities other than reading minds?" She questioned.

"I mean no? My birth parents were murdered? I don't know a whole lot about them or my past, honestly." My hand went to my locket

around my neck and i sighed.

"Someone down your lineage may have a magical witch connection. You may possess a power you have yet to realize you even

have." She told me. "Can I see your locket 7"

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"Yeah, I don't have many pictures left from the fire but I am sure your mother was my mother's sister or cousin. They look a lot alike

but I never met her and the photos don't have names of who everyone is on them." She handed me the locket back to me.

I placed the necklace back around my neck "So you're saying we could be cousins?"

She nodded her head "We would have to compare the photos one day but it could be a possibility that we are cousins. I am about

eighty percent sure that is the same woman in a photo with my mother when she was in her late teens early twenties."

"That is insane." I looked at her with a frown. "There is a lot to uncover here for sure. We will have to do some digging. I am not from

the North so maybe the South has more information than the North." I shrugged.

"Maybe," She also shrugged.

When I thought about it, for a moment, it kind of made sense. Why I could go into people's minds and read their thoughts and see

their actions before they acted them out. It was only a second but it was just enough time to anticipate the moves from my

opponents.

"Well I guess we should get the show on the road." I told her.

She nodded her head "Yes, come over here." She walked over to a blanket and two pillows sitting across from one another.

I walked with her and she sat on a pillow and motioned for me to have a seat and I done as she motioned for me to do.

She inhaled deeply and exhaled slowly.

I moved around and made myself comfortable "So, what are we doing first?"

"First we are going to meditate and center our mind and body. To do this we will breathe evenly and relax. Close your eyes, inhale deeply, and exhale slowly." She told me."

I did as she told me and soon I felt more relaxed than I have in a very long time. The soft breeze kissed my skin as it blew. Even though imabouy an hour went by, it felt as if only a few minutes went by when she caught my attention.

"There. Now look at me." I looked at her and she had a glow about her. I looked at my hands and they had the same glow, not as

vibrant as Miranda's but still a small glow...

I heard Claire and Amber walking through the garden, on their way here.

"See if you can hear their thoughts." Miranda said.

I closed my eyes to concentrate and find my center. I felt the connection link to them as I dug into their minds. I reached Claire first

as I entered into her mind and private thoughts.

"I wonder what Miranda will do to block my thoughts? Will it effect all my connections? Will be able to communicate through my

link with Josh? Oh well he knows what we are up to and where we are."

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Amber's thoughts also drifted into my mind; "Oh. These flowers are beautiful. Azaleas. How beautiful. Oh. That would be a perfect

name for our pup if it's a girl!"

What!? I cut the link and looked at Miranda who had a confused look on her face. "You'll see in just a moment."

They both exited the garden and made their way down to Miranda and me. I stood and walked over to Amber and gave her a huge

hue. "Does he know?"

"He who and know what?" She frowned, obviously confused.

"Jameson. Does he know about the baby?" I smiled.

"Baby?!" Claire and Miranda said at the same time,

"How do you.. Never mind that would of been a dumb question. No he doesn't just found out this morning." Amber laughed.

I turned to look at Miranda "Is this sale for her to do?"

"It is Nothing will happen or put her or the baby in harms way," Miranda said. "But if she is not comfortable with it, I can always get one of the other volunteers from earlier to help,"

"No, no, it is fine. If you say it is safe then I trust your judgment." Amber reassured us all.

Oh! Congratulations by the way!" I hureed Amber again before letting her go. "Okay then let's get to work." I told everyone.

Miranda began with mixing a drink, like an herbal tea that strengthens the mind. It helps shield you from, what she said witches call

people like me, mind seekers. She walked the circle doing a chant and slowly I saw the tethers of her magic reach out to them both.

The tethers both shined and sparkled and had a different color. "Wow." I said softly and saw the confused looks on Claire and

Amber's face. I didn't pay it any mind. "Claire, Amber pick any color in the world and think on it hard. Practically scream it in your own

mind. Avalynn, tell me those colors. You both let me know if she's right."

I knew the tether was not strong enough as I heard them both scream the colors in their mind. "Purple!" "Navy!"

"Purple for Claire, navy for Amber." I told Miranda and she side glanced at them both as they nodded their heads.

"You're stronger than the average mind seeker, that's very good. Your Lycans abilities have probably moved to your human

capabilities." Miranda said as she continued to wrap them with her magic. It was now like a silver blanket or wall. That wall was connected

to the tethers that linked them to Miranda.

"Hmm." I mumbled and saw a smile form on Miranda's mouth. She knew what I knew and suddenly both Amber and Claire's

thoughts vanished.

"I can not hear them any more." I told all of them.

"Good. Now let us play a game. Well it is not a game for you but something you must do." Miranda looked dead serious.

"Okay, what is it?" I asked and felt my nerves begin to creep up.

"Let us say that they are in danger. A type of danger that if you don't tap through that wall Amber's precious life will be no longer."

Her facial expression was blank and I could see she was serious. "But in order to get to Amber's thoughts you must open Claire's thoughts first."

"Miranda you said it was safe!" I felt panic rise in me.

"It is, as long as you complete the mission. Time starts now." She started the watch on her phone.

I closed my eyes and dug deep. If I looked at Amber I may just panic even more. What am I going to do? s**t!

Then Miranda started coaching me. "It will be easier for you. You can make your own tethers. Picture it as a vibrant color and reach

out to them. Connect with their mind, their soul."

Well, that made some sense. If I had a magical background I would be able to make a direct link to them and so that is what I

did.

My tether was lime green as it stretched out to Claire first. I pushed myself to open the spell Miranda had cast. After only a few

minutes I was able to break down that wall Miranda put up and was able to hear Claire. I pushed the tether to Amber. Her wall was

stronger but it only took a little under a minute to reach her mind.

Miranda clapped her hands together and the spell she had around them disappeared. "They were never in danger. I just wanted to

give you motivation to work quickly. I am sorry." She apologized to me, "I didn't know she was pregnant but I did get together with them

earlier today to let them know I was going to fake put their lives in danger. I had to be able to sell it to you, because the enemy won't be faking you, it will be very real." She sighed.

I let out a long breath that I hadn't realized I was holding in and felt mentally drained. "Oh thank the Goddess above because I was so afraid I would of failed. Oh s**t, damn." I paced around where we were.

"Sorry Avalynn " Amber said.

"Yeah sorry. We just wanted you to be pushed to your limit." Claire also apologized.

"You guys, it is fine. I just, I am glad that I was able to do it." I told them.

"You did very well. Again apologies." Miranda said.

I could see why she wanted me to relax my mind and center myself, because I now wanted to take a nap. Well, eat some food then

take a nap. We all left the garden and went back inside and did just that.

I slept night to dinner and only woke up because Everest came to the room and found me by accident. Apparently when they came to

look for us and didn't see any of us all of our mates panicked. They sent search parties out into the woods and never once thought to

check our own bedrooms.

The spell took a lot out on all four of us. It was mentally draining and left me exhausted. To have to fight against witches magic, she told me on our walk back inside, is harder than reaching a blocked mind. That was comforting to know atleast.

Everest scooped me up in my arms and kissed my face and all over.

"Thank the Moon Goddess you are okay! We all thought you were all taken!"

"Oh we were just exhausted from our training session with Miranda. It was a lot and took a lot out on me. I was working against her

magic." I smiled at him as my stomach growled.

"Did it go well?" He asked.

"Oh it did. It was difficult but I did it, quickly too once I got through the first block." I told him and he smiled at me. My stomach growled again and I gave a small smile.

"It also apparently has made me ravenous. 'We had a snack and everything before I came up here to nap." I let out a small laugh. Dang, I was really hungry. So hungry that I could devour an entire horse or two.

"Come on. Get up and lets get dressed. Dinner will be ready shortly." He placed a kiss upon my forehead and got off the bed.

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The last couple of days I strengthed my ability to tap into people's minds. I was able to move through the barrier within a split second of one another. I was comfortable enough to be able to use it to our advantage in the near future. I still would like to test it out on one person I hadn't been able to fully read yet, Sarah. I needed to make time for that today.

We would be leaving tomorrow. We would be marching straight to Brennons group of men and stopping a little over halfway. There

we would face Brennon, Dexter, and Ryder. It had me wondering though if they were panicking or just delusional? Did they really believe

this war would be easy for them to win and conquer the entire North.

I shook my head slightly to myself as I looked up at the sky. The sun was at it's highest and the warmth felt nice against my skin. I

wanted to go on a walk to the quiet stream. I needed to center myself and prepare for the journey ahead. I needed to mentally ready

myself because there was no turning back.

I looked ahead and found a small trial and began my walk. The hiking trail was generally used to access to forest during a shift but

not today. Charlotte was resting up for the battle and journey ahead. I took my time and didn't want to rush through it. If something was

to happen tomorrow, I wanted to be able to remember every detail, and every smell I came across. I stopped and smelled all kinds of

different flowers, looked at different plants, bugs, and watched the wildlife. I touched the petals of flowers and felt how velvety they were.

Everything seemed so simple.

I paused when I came to the little clearing I had been searching for. Flowers had bloomed through it and many colors of various pinks

and purples were scattered about. I closed my eyes and listened to the earth around me. I heard the babbling sounds of the stream that

cut through the land, the wildlife around me moving in the trees.

I walked to the water and had a seat and watched the water flow through all of the rocks. I watched small fish swim along and resting

in the deeper pools, some swimming with or against the current. I heard a splash as a few geese entered down where it was deeper and

widened out. I smiled to myself and made the note if we came out victorious to make more trips here in the future

I laid back on the grass and closed my eyes. I inhaled deep and exhaled slowly. I repeated this several times. I want to be so relaxed

that I almost fell asleep. I was almost to that point of sleep, until the snapping of a few twigs caught my attention. I opened my eyes just

as someone had blocked the sun from reaching me.

I still needed to squint and moved a hand over my face to see who had disturbed me. "My Queen I am very sorry to have disturbed

you but I did not realize that was you." A deep voice said to me. When my vision finally came forth I noticed it was Jeremy.

"It is fine Jeremy. What brings you here?" I asked as I was sitting up fully.

He sat down next to me as he looked out at the water "I just needed to come here to relax. We will be having our dinner in the office

this evening and be finalizing every single detail about our journey tomorrow. What about you?" He looked over at me.

I could tell his thoughts as I watched his eyes move along my body. "I was just centering my body to the earth by using meditation. I have actually been gone a few hours so I must get back." I turned to walk away.

Theard him sigh "Can you really read people's thoughts?"

I turned back and looked at him "I can and you might want to keep some to yourself in my presence." I warned him and his eyes widened. Although the way he was looking at me would have given it away. He wasn't really trying to hide it.

"Oh. I am sorry. Please do not take any offense when I tell you what I am about to say. It is just you are very beautiful it is hard not to think." He paused as he had a smirk come to his face. "of ways to keep you happy. My cousin is very lucky to have found his fated mate. I am just jealous is all." i frowned at his bold statement.

He let out a small laugh and I let out a rumbling deathly growl as a warning.

He held his hands up in surrender. "I will keep track of my own thoughts. I just want you to know that if something was to happen to

Everest in the next few days, and I pray to the Goddess above nothing does happen to him, I will be here for you. For everything, for you,

My Queen." He told me before turning his back to me and looking back at the water.

I turned and walked away from Jeremy quickly. That was really weird, did he just do what I think he did?

"Girl, yes he did! I don't know if we should be offended or be thankful someone is here for us. It honestly gave me the creeps!"

Charlotte's thoughts drifted in suddenly.

"Yeah, same here. He has done nothing but watch me intently, follow me around, and now this. I bet anything that he didn't just run

into us there." I told her.

"I bet he followed your scent all the way here." She agreed.

"Probably did just so he could get me alone to tell me all of that. How annoying and so very disrespectful. Should Itell Everest?" /

honestly wondered if I should. I mean it was harmless but at the same time he was being disrespectful but again it was his cousin. I sighed

out of frustration as we were getting closer.

"I think we should tell him, but wait until we handle this current situation the three idiots."

I nodded to myself "Yeah, I'll tell him on our way back. I don't want him to be blindsided by someone challenging him. Do you think

it would come to that? His own family?"

"Hmm... I don't think he would but people are crazy. so who knows."

I was approaching the gardens as I looked and saw Everest standing talking to Josh, Jameson, Ted, and Daniel. I could hear them

discussing who would be staying behind to oversee the ones who could not fight. I decided to walk over and cutin. I didn't know if Amber

had told Jameson or not but considering she is technically my right hand and mate to Everests right hand, it is perfect.

"Hey guys." | said cheerfully and they all greeted me back. "What are we discussing?"

"Just can't agree on who stays with everyone who can't go and fight." Everest told me.

"Well, if I have a say then I nominate Amber. She's my nght hand and has high enough authority for people to listen and follow." |

said.

"Yeah we were discussing her as a viable option." Daniel told me and the others nodded.

"I am sure she would miss out on the fight but she wouldn't mind." I told them.

Jameson sighed and nodded "She would be disappointed at first but it gives me peace knowing that she would be here safe, with a

few warriors that we could spare of course. She could continue to run training on the newly shifted Lycans and Wolves while we are gone

too."

"That is an excellent idea! Avalynn do you agree?" Everest looked down at me.

"I do. I think it is an excellent plan." I confirmed. Of course I thought it was excellent, it would give Amber time to process her

pregnancy and how she would tell Jameson. I know shifting while pregnant would be dangerous and she could lose the pup in the process. I am sure she would have no problem at all with staying behind and keeping everyone in check.

I left them and walked back inside to go find Amber. I sent her a link "Hey, where are you?"

She linked me back "I am in the main kitchen grabbing some snacks."

"Okay, I will be right there."

I walked and made my way to the kitchen in search of her. When I walked in she was sitting on the

counter eating some chips and salsa.

"Hey! You want some?" She smiled and happily offered me some.

"Sure! Thanks! So I have some news for you." I took a chip and dipped it into the salsa as I spoke. "iinterrupted a meeting with the

guys." I placed the entire chip in my mouth and chewed slowly to be a bit dramatic. I could see it kind of annoyed her so I smiled.

"Oh? What was it about?" She continued to eat.

"It was about who would be hanging back and taking care of everyone and overseeing things here." I looked over to her.

"Oh yeah?" She shoved another heavily loaded chip into her mouth.

"I recommended you." I looked at her as she was going for another chip, she paused, bringing the chip away from her mouth to look

at me.

"You did?" She had a happy look on her face.

"I did. I didnt know if you have or haven't told Jameson yet. I knkw you wanted to make that announcement special for you both. I

also know shifting while pregnant can be extremely dangerous, let alone what we are going to do." I halfway smiled. "I hope you aren't

mad." I sighed and looked down at my lap.

"Mad? Avalynn why would i be mad?" She questioned me and sounded confused.

"Well because you're a beast on the battle field and I pretty much stripped away that option for you before asking if you would be okay with that." I looked at her and shrugged my shoulders.

"Avalynn you did the best thing a friend could do. You gave my baby a chance to live. It is early and I could still miscarry but this gives

my baby a better chance at survival. I could never, in a million years, be mad at that." She sat down the salsa and her bag of chips and

hugged me.

T returned the hug to her and felt relieved, "Okay good. So just act disappointed then when Jameson tells you. But not so

disappointed that he might change his mind." We both laughed.

"For sure. If I jump for joy he would for sure suspect something was up and it wouldn't be in my character to do something that is so out of palce as to who I am." She laughed.

She picked back up the bag of chips and moved the salsa in-between us. We happily ate in silence together. I could feel how relieved

she was and that brought me happiness. My feet swung back and forth, happily content on my proper decision.

The cooks began pouring into the kitchen shortly after we talked and we jumped off the counters. We needed to get out of their way

and not be a distraction for their work. I put the salsa up and Amber put up the chips. I grabed two bottles of water out of the fridge and

passed one to Amber, I opened the bottle taking a long drink.

We moved watched as our chefs and their assistants pulled out a ton of beef. Ahh, yes one of my favorite meals tonight. House salad,

ribeye steaks, twice baked loaded potatoes, corn on the cob, grilled onions, and smoked jalapeno poppers. It would be a while before

everything was ready.

We walked out of the kitchen together and Amber turned to me "Should we go and give that traitorous awful woman a visit?" She

gave me a grin.

"That sounds like a plan. We should check in on her. By checking on her I totally mean I need to see if I can tap into her mind." ||

agreed with a smile.

On our way there we ran into Miranda. "Well you two look like you're on an important mission."

"We are on the way to visit Sarah in the cells." I watched Miranda make a face. "What?"

"Oh I can't stand her. In our short time with one another she whined and complained. I believe she even slept with

him too." She

rolled her eyes. "I will leave you two to it, see you at dinner." She smiled.

"You don't want to come with us?" I asked and watched as she shook her head.

"I would rather wait until after the war to show my face around her." She shrugged.

I didn't blame her. I didn't want to go see Sarah but seeing how it was my duty to check in on her, lowed it to her and the people.

Mostly to myself to see if I had progressed properly, but whatever.

We parted ways with Miranda and head down to the cells. When we got there we checked in with the guard on duty. Two other

guards accompanied us to Sarah's cell. It was better than the other cell she had previously. She bowed her head but I tapped into her

mind as Amber talked and discussed how things had been.

She wasn't difficult like she had been previously for me to read. I strolled through her private thoughts and smiled at seeing how

much she truly loathed me. She had hoped that I would die, still. Everything she had told us was a lie and I knew she would never be able

to leave the cells. Not even to go back home, where she belongs. Although, there won't be anything there for her when we are finished. I

sighed and glanced over to Amber and linked her quickly "She still wants me dead. Everything she is telling you is a lie. If she ever gets the chance, she would not hesitate to murder me. We should go."

I watched a frown form on Amber's face and knew she was about to say something. I walked closer and held my hand for Amber to

pause for a moment. I felt her calm some and I began to speak to Sarah.

"Sarah, you can stop with the lies. I can see the truth in you. See, I have had time to properly train and have learned so much about

myself in the time since we last spoke. Your mind, up until now, has been difficult to open and read." She glared at me and I smiled and

turned to walk away.

I took a few steps and turned back to look at her, "Enjoy the cells."

Amber turned and walked with me as Sarah screamed at us in the background. A small smile of victory on my face. I felt Amber's

approval as we walked back up the steps.

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After dinner I needed time to be alone and to think about what I had learned from Sarah's thoughts. I sighed to myself as I began to

process what I learned. There were so many things about the day I was captured, that I hadnt knew about. Sarah knew more than what

she let on and her mind revealed all of her secrets about that unforgivable day. If I wanted to be spiteful, and no one would blame me if I

was, I would send her head to Brennon on a platter.

I closed my eyes and let the memories I found deeply buried in her mind play back to me. I skipped through her hooking up with

them both.

Sarah's Memories

I sat in the corner of the room as Dexter and Ryder talked about their plan together. Apparently Ryder knew of someone that could

make a potion that gave him the strength of two lycans. This potion was banned throughout the witching community and could land the witch in some hot water. It was rarely given to a wolf because it could kill them in the end, which was why this potion was not allowed. The wolf needed to be strong and with Ryder being of Alpha blood he would be able to sustain the strain it would put on his body.

I watched as Dexter and Ryder argued back and forth with one another. Dexter eventually gave in to the idea. Ryder had enough of this potion to take multiple times. It had an expiration time of twelve hours with nearly a week of recovery if it didn't kill them in

the end.

The potion made Ryder every single bit like a lycan. He was bigger, faster, and made zero sound as he moved. The herbal blend that

Miranda made for each of them hid his scent, which' is how he snuck past everyone and became undetectable to all. When Sarah let him

in through the passageways he was different, looked different. He scared her as he looked so unnatural, the wolf and lycan mixed and blended into one deadly beast. He was as sneaky as a snake and then all went dark and quiet.

Bak to Avalynn POV

Tassumed that was when Sarah was bashed over the head and Ryder went to kill the late King. I opened my eyes and felt someone

near, watching me. I looked up and saw Everest standing over me, looking at me curiously. I knew he could feel how I felt. I felt conflicted,

nervous, scared of what I had just replayed in my mind.

"Tell him. Tell him how it happened." Charlotte encouraged me. I listened to her and turned to look at Everest.

I let out a soft sigh. "Have a seat love. We have some things to discuss." I pat the ground next to me.

"I was just checking on you, can it wait until after Trevor's award ceremony." He asked.

"Tell him no." Charlotte told me before I could tell him myself.

"No, it can not wait. It may change the way we approach Brennon, Ryder, and Dexter." I told him and his eye brows shot up. "It won't

take long."

He sat down next to me "Go on my love."

"So before dinner we went to visit Sarah. You know I had trouble reaching into her mind?" I waited for him to acknowledge and

continued. "I was able to tap into her mind and find out what she really knows. She knew a lot more than what she let on, Everest." |

explained it to him, how it happened,

"All I know is that the other witch is someone who sheltered Ryder outside the pack until he made his move on the Kingdom.

Probably helped him after he left too, though thay is just an assumption I am making. She made this black listed potion for him and that

15 how he was able to one up on your father. He literally shifted into a lycan and was as strong as two lycans. We must warn the others

tonight. If anyone crosses him alone, it could be a deathly mistake. He has more of this potion on hand. It lasts around twelve

hours."

"You're sure of this?" He looked at me,

Inodded my head "It was in her memories. I found it and pushed my way out and we left her in the cells. I want her head." |

sighed.

I could feel his rage burning inside. "He is a dead man." I only nodded.

"Come we need to leave, we need to give Trevor his award and title." I spoke softly.

"Yes, of course. He deserves this." He smiled at me.

"Yes, yes he does." I agreed.

We walked back into the dining hall as all the dinner tables had been cleared and people were either huddled around talking to one another in little groups waiting for us to return. I looked around and spotted Trevor and walked over to him.

"Queen Ava! Hi!".He said happily and obviously excited.

"Hey bud. How's it going?" I asked and gave him a small hug. "As well as it could be I guess." He shrugged a little.

"Well let's get this going shall we?" Everest came over and I swear I saw Trevor stand taller, making me smile.

We all three walked through the room. We stepped up on the stage and Everest raised his hand. "Everyone will you please find a seat so we can begin please."

Everyone shuffled about the room. They made their way to the seats they were in before with family or friends. Once the room finally settled Everest began speaking again.

"As everyone in here knows it has been a rough few weeks for us in our territory. We as a Territory have been through so much

together. From the loss of a great King, the kidnapping of your now Queen, to the destruction of packs, and families torn apart. In the

disasters that has surrounded us let us not forget a true hero has shined through! Trevor, will you please join me up here." Everest

motioned him to the stage and he took his place in between the two of us. I could feel his nervous energy radiating off of him like waves

crashing on the beach.

Once Trevor was still Everest continued "You have seen this young man out and about in the Kingdom. You have heard stories, factor

fiction, they're all fantastic stories but here is the truth. Trevor is one of our rising selfless heros. He saw what the Royal Rogue was doing

and had to make a quick decision. This quick and smart thinking saved his two younger brothers lives. He almost lost his life in the process. Trevor, you may have lost a piece of yourself that day. But know this, you have gained so much more. I am starting the rebuild in your pack as soon as we are finished with the war. When you receive your wolf, train beside me, and come of age to become an Alpha, will name you Alpha of that pack. You may name your pack whatever you would like as this would be a new pack in the Northern Territory. Any members here who would want to join his pack when he

comes of age may do so without punishment no matter wolf or lycan. Yes, you heard that correctly, wolf or lycan. This will be a blended pack, the first in our territory. I will be taking him under my wing and training him. I, along with the help of his uncle Alpha Daniel, will be giving him everything he will need to know about pack business to succeed." The crowd erupted in cheering, clapping, and whistles. I saw Trevor smile at the reaction, almost laughing as he turned to look between Everest and myself. He couldn't believe what he was hearing and I gave him an encouraging nod.

Everests hand raised and the crowd settled down, "This evening we celebrate a hero who risked his own life to save others. As a child

with no wolf he stood against a grown rogue lycan and is living to tell the tale." Everest turned and walked over to a table and pulled out a

medal. He passed the heavy golden medal to me.

I walked up next to Trevor and began to place it around his neck as I spoke, "All actions have consequences good or bad, you are living proof of both. You are receiving the Queens Medal of Honor and Sacrifice due to your actions and quick thinking to save your family. With the Medal of Honor and Sacrifice you will be receiving whatever you need, cost free. Your medical, housing, and your needs

will be given to you with the crown picking up the charges. You will not receive a bill or expected to pay for any services regarding your healing."

I let the medal go and stepped back away from him as he picked up the medal off of him and looked down.

"You have showed everyone here today what it looks like to be a true leader and hero, to show true sacrifice, and putting others

Delore yoursell. Thank you for not only being your brothers hero, but mine as welll" i began to clap and everyone in the crowd done so as

well. I stepped back to Everest and cheered for our favorite young hero,

Everest stepped up and the crowd went quiet "Please enjoy the Heros festivities outside!" The staff opened the doors and everyone

began to leave the room.

"What is outside?" He looked over at me.

"Just a Heros Carnival. Go have fun!" He smiled, ran over and hugged us both.

"Thank you, thank you!"

"You have been cleared to ride whatever you want. Now go enjoy it." Everest told him and we both watched as he ran outside.

Everest leaned down and kissed me. "Ready to enjoy this evening before we have to finalize plans?"

I nodded my head "Yes, let's go. I believe if we do not show our faces everyone would be upset."

We walked outside and the carnival was packed as expected. I veryone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We rode on a few rides

and played a few games together. Everest was ultra competitive, naturally, and when I beat him at one game, he pouted like a child. After

a little over an hour we had to gather up the Alphas or leaders of the packs and groups.

We walked down to Everest office to meet them. Everest took a seat at his desk and I sat in a higher chair behind him, waiting,

"Nervous?" He looked over to me.

"Yes, I am. I am afraid I will lose everything and everyone I hold dear to me"I looked back down to him.

"Good will prevail. It has to." A knock sounded on the door and Everest cleared his throat. "You may enter."

I looked down at him weirdly and repeated the' You may enter' in my head. Odd choice of words by him. Charlotte cackled in my

head.

"That made him sound old." She laughed

I watched everyone enter the room and take their seats. Once everyone was settled into the room we began finalizing our plans. Thi

went from confirming who was with who, what times we should be at each location and times to depart every stop we scheduled. Once

everyone agreed to the times, groups, and scheduled stop locations we departed the meeting. We told them of the information I had

uncovered about Ryder and they nodded in understanding.

"Remember to stay aware of your surroundings the entire time and to expect the unexpected. Never let your guard down the entire

time and tell your warriors to keep an open link for communication." Everest told everyone. "If you come across Ryder, do not fight him

alone.

We watched as everyone left and I let out a yawn. We would be leaving at first light, just after five in the morning. I looked at my

watch and it was now eleven. "We need to get us some rest. We will be no good to anyone else and unable to lead properly being over

tired. Come on my love, let's go to bed." I took Everest by the hand and led him to the elevator. We took it to our floor and went into our

bedroom.

we laid in each other's arms and from time to time placing kisses on one another's mouth. Everests hand ran up and down my back

his fingers softly caressing my skin. I listened to the sound of his heart beating and soon fell asleep

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We had been trawling for seven hours now. We had been through some very rough terrain that was hard to navipite, even in our

shifted forms. The wolws were beginning to slow up through each mountain pass. We would need to stop and rest soon,

We left the Kingdomjusi alter live this morning. I veryone ate a hearty breakfast to ensure we had the necessary energy to make it

Through the mountain range, We decided to take the long way around. We did this because we would be less likely to be spotted by

anyone scouting the arcall was the safest option we had by lar.

I was behind i verest as we were climbing up the rocky side of the mountain. It was at this moment I was thankful for all the training

had been apart of for endurance, it wasn't easy but I was able to do it and keep up with i verest.

i decided to link the lycans "Please make sure we are helping anyone up through here. Watch your step, some of the rocks are loose."

As soon as I sent the link a rock slide happened i heard a crashing sound asrock crumbled and flew down the mountain side. No

one was injured or involved butil detinelly made sure that everyone was extracareut. We did not need anyone walling injured. We

needed everyone to be strong and ready. When we finally reached the top of the last large mountain the hills would be much easiciliom

here on out, I looked across the horizon and smiled to mysell.ibcard lootsteps coming up behind usandi verest and mysell luned

around.

Il was Jeremy, Daniel, and King Istent, Daniel was holding man in lois band, Daniel spreach out the map on the ground. We all

gathered around and looked at our map for an estimated location and wariver mer by. "Pertedi" i Michoutloud.

Everyone turned to look at me, We would need that for clueling everyone's water supply

"We can set up camp theie, Gelour water supply, hunt, and whatever we would need to do." I lold them all. It was like a light bulb

went off and I lield back the feeling of rolling my eyes. This river was about lilleen miles north from where Jeremy and hisiyansliad

lived. This was also the same river that we had discussed about King litent and Miranda splitting from and wiapping around the opposite

way. How did they not realize this? Did they plan on hiding in the woods?

We made our way there and I was contemplating on telling i velest soon what happened with Jeremy, I had time to think it over

during the hike and Charlotte was worried Jeremy may blind side him during the journey on while we were hiphiting. I verett detrived to

know exactly what happened, I would never be able to forgive myself it did not tell him and something.wlul happened to him, I tell my

brant clench at the thought of anything bad happening to him. That is the absolvie WORSE But wrenching feeling to have

I decided to link him and tell him, but with certain conditions of course, I sent out a link to only him and he acceptedil." Hey, I need

toidl you something pretly important III tell you this, you can not do anything. No blind rage, ripping someone's throat out

Nothing you can handle it after everything is said and done or you can just leave it be. It may just be harmless talk, but I need you to

know I want you to know. You have the right to know" I sighed as I looked back down at the ground, gulli washing over me should

have told him sooner. I guess now was boller than never?

I watched him closely and sawi verest side glance me. He had a nivous energy over what I was going to tell him.

"What is il

Avalynn!" He asked. He turned away and paid attention to where he was poing. He didn't need alree to take him out it would have to be

"It is just Well something happened with Jeremy the other night when I went on a walk. Me followed me out there. I believe that he

did that on purpose, following my scent. He told me all these things that made me leel a little uncomfortable Like of something were to

happen to you tomorrow he would take care of me, be there for me, etc. His thoughts were vulgar and he said he could think of ways to

keep me happy. I threatened his life of course and felt immediately. I want to say it was harmless and he was just being a flirt or just

talking upid "I watched as he suffened and a very low growl was heard from him.

7 will kill him why didn't you tell me sooner? I could have handled it back while we were in the Kingdom" He shot an annoyed glare

"Well because if he was working against you, which when I read his thoughts it didn't seem like it. I mean I didn't uncover anything of

that nature. I don't want him teaming up with Sarah. Or him breaking free. Or him having control in the Kingdom with all the innocents

there. I figured it would be best to keep him under our nose and to watch him closely." I told him honestly.

"Okay, yeah. That makes sense and is very smart. I just wish you could of told me before hand and we could have come up with a

plan together. But honestly whay the hell was he thinking?" He told me.

I knew I should have told him, but I was panicking. If I went to Everest in a panic he would of killed him on the spot. I didn't want

their to be bad blood in the family. I felt as if Jeremy just needs to find his mate and it would all go away.

"I am sorry, I just didn't want their to be any hostility I'm the family. I didn't want anything to blow up. You know if I told you when it

happened, something would have happened. Yeah also I have no clue what he was thinking. It was weird and off-putting to say the least."

I shuddered at the thought of him actually touching me.

"Yeah, you're right. I wouldn't of remained as cool and collected as I am now. Especially considering there would of been a lot of

people around."

We finally reached the river and we all shifted and pitched in to set up camp for the night. We started with starting a fire then

gathering water. We needed to purify the water before we could drink it. If not we could end up getting sick.

We set up several lookout groups so we could be protected throughout the night. Some went hunting, some went fishing, while

others set the rest of the camp up. Everest and I began helping getting dinner together when the hunters came back with a couple of

rabbits and deer. We had some stews made up to serve out to everyone.

A few members had loaves of bread with oil to go withtm the food and happily shared with others. We had a handful of leftovers and

smoked the fish that they brought back for breakfast in the morning.

We ate dinner and then made our rounds around the camp. We made sure no one was injured from the hike or needed any

assistance in anything. Once that was done we retreated back to our tent. We were both exhausted and fell asleep.

When we woke in the morning it was still dark. We got up and began to get ourselves ready. We left the tent and noticed other members were already taking down their tents. We still had a long journey ahead and would be traveling at a fast pace. Today we would

split and separate from the Southern Territory.

I met up with Miranda who seemed to be in high spirits. We talked about the day ahead and how she was ready to watch Dexter's life

come to an end. I was too and I know several others were as well.

Miranda, Claire, and myself walked around the pack passing out an herbal scent blocker. We gave every single person one and it

would allow us to get closer to them. We would be nearly undetectable, thanks to Miranda.

Everest gave another speech on keeping your eyes peeled and expect the unexpected. Never take your guard down because that is

when something could happen.

When it was time to go we hugged one another and we went on our separate ways.

The hike was not as bad as yesterday and not as long. We slipped in undetected and made our way closer to the city. We were careful

as we walked through together. It was hard to hide a huge group but with careful planning we did so successfully. We had his main

headquarters surrounded and waited for the link from King Brent that they were in place and ready to go.

When they finally linked they had the other side surrounded and hidden I looked over to Everest. A nervous energy crashed into me

and realized it was my own nerves. I shook it off and settled my mind down and was ready. Charlotte was ready, we all were ready.

Justice would be served today. Dexter's ending was near. Ryders end was near. Brennons end was near. They would all be but a normale

memory in the end.

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had a walkway where guards could walk to see out into the land that they controlled.

The gate started to hum and a cranking noise was heard as the gate began to slowly open. I looked across and a middle-aged man,

whom I assumed was Sir Brennon, stood on the opposite side. His face was unreadable and his demeanor seemed to be as cold as stone.

He was not approachable at all. He honestly looked like that bitter old man who would yell at kids to get off his lawn.

"Welcome, King Dexter." He motioned for me and my men to come in. "We have a lot to discuss."

We did. We needed a plan. My mind was racing at a million miles an hour, jumping from one thought to the next, trying to figure out

what the best course of action would be. The plan of all plans to take down the devil Everest and his companions is what we really

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I walked through the gate and Ryder and Rita were now right behind me, followed by the higher ranking warriors and then everyone else behind them. I looked around the Kingdom grounds, now that we were inside the lawn, as we stood in front of Brennon. His arm

outstretched to me and I took his hand in mine with a firm handshake. I glanced past him to look at the main house. It was huge and

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"Where should I direct my men to go?" I asked Brennon.

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"Yes, they need atleast a day of rest. It feels as if we have been traveling non stop these last few days. Thank you for having the guest

houses ready for my warriors. I am sure they are ready to utilize them immediately." I nodded slightly to Brennon.

"Yes, let me show you and your higher-ranked warriors to the main house. Just behind me, there are tables set up with the entry keys

to each home." Brennon turned slightly and motioned in the general direction before looking past us to the warriors behind me.

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We walked into the house and I looked around briefly. It had high ceilings, a large stair case in the front, perfectly centered as you

walked inside, along with an elevator next to the stairs. The floors were light colored wood and the walls were all white with large

paintings all around. It appears that the paintings were of Sir Brennon's past and current family members. There were plants in the

corner of the room to offer some sort of warmth and welcome into the home. Without the plants, I believed it would look as cold as

Brennon looked.

We followed Brennon up the stairs to the second floor. The hallways were large and lined in the center with some kind of weird red

and gold carpet. It was hideous. He showed my head warriors to their rooms and one by one they left to go settle in. When we finally arrived at my room, I walked inside after thanking him. It was surprisingly modern and updated, unlike the rest of the house. I had a light gray hardwood floor with a king-sized bed. There was a couch in front of a large flat screen TV, a coffee bar, a large closet, and an attached bathroom. I sat my stuff down and walked around the room. I finally made my way into the bathroom and opened the door. The

bathroom was spectacular. Marbled everything from the sink, to the floor, and the oversized shower. The shower had frosted glass

midway up the enclosed walls before going clear. There was a huge tub too. I smiled and thought of seeing Avalynn's naked body in that

tub. Soapy and pleasuring herself at the thought of me touching her, cleaning her dirty body. Touching every inch of her, exploring her. I

felt myself harden at the image of her doing this.

I turned and looked at myself in the mirror. I looked like a creature from a swamp. I had mud caked onto my body from running through the mountains. We ran through a rain storm and after that, everything seemed to stick to me. "Might as well utilize this fancy shower." I said outloud to myself.

Treached inside and turned the water on. I pulled my clothes off of my body and my erection sprang forward. I needed a release. I

stepped into the shower and let the warmth of the water wash over me. It soothed my aching muscles, and relaxed my body. I washed all

of the dirt off my body. I looked down and took my c**k in my hands. I gave myself the release I needed, cleaned myself off, and stepped

out of the shower to dry off.

I got myself dressed and walked downstairs to where the kitchen was located. A few of my warriors were already there and the

kitchen staff were happily giving out plates of food. Everyone froze and bowed their heads as I walked into the room. I walked through

the line of men and stopped in front of one young-looking girl. She had beautiful features. Her skin was a porcelain color with hints of

freckles on her nose and cheeks, her lips were a natural red and plump. She had a beautiful and curvy body with large t**s that looked like they were going to burst out of the buttoned shirt she was wearing. Her eyelashes were long and when she stole a glance at me her

eyes were a beautiful shade of green. I felt my beast stir inside of me, he wanted her naked and spread wide for his enjoyment.

"Hello Gorgeous." I saw her blush and look back down, keeping her head bowed to me.

"You can all relax." I told them, and everyone seemed to have a weight lifted off their shoulders.

"What is your name?" I asked her.

"Candace, your Grace." She spoke softly and I could feel her nervous energy coming off of her in waves.

I smiled at her and picked up a plate of food. "Thank you, Candace, for serving me and my men. I will have to thank you properly later. Would you care to join me this evening? You can show me the grounds personally."

glanced at the older woman standing next to her. I saw her eyes widen as she nodded her head to Candace. Candace looked back at

me with a smile. "It would be an absolute honor to show you around, Your Grace."

"Great, after dinner then?" I asked her.

She nodded her head. "Yes, Your Grace. Whenever you want."

I smiled at her and took my plate of food and walked away. I sat at a table in front of my men and ate my food. Ryder and Rita sat

down next to me. I glanced around the room and saw that none of Brennon's men were around us. I leaned over to Ryder and spoke

quietly "We need to have a plan to kill Brennon after the war. We will meet in secret tomorrow after training."

He nodded his head and took a bite out of the burger he was eating. I noticed that him and Rita were sitting pretty close together.

"So what is going on between you two?"

Ryder looked at Rita, who nodded her head. He turned to me to speak. "I am planning on marking her once the war is done and over

with. We have grown closer over the last few weeks and it just makes sense." He gave me a boyish smile. "Especially considering she is

carrying my child." My eyes widened in shock. I was not expecting that answer.

"Oh hell man, congratulations!" I clapped him on the back.

"Thank you. We are going to wait until after she has my pup, of course. Dont want to risk miscarrying the pup." I looked over to Rita, who was smiling widely.

"Congratulations, Rita." I smiled at her.

"Thank you, Your Grace." She bowed her head to me.

We finished eating our food and made our way outside the front of the main house. Brennon and a few other men were standing

there, waiting for us. I walked up and stood next to them watching all of the men and women around. We were here for the tour around

the area. We split into different groups and went separate ways. We were shown the training facility, the pool house with an oversized in-ground pool, and the obstacle courses that looked like they would be fun as hell during training. We walked down where there were

little shops that you could buy any necessities at, and a book store. We were all given a map of the grounds and surrounding area. The map showed different trails in the area so that we could set our beasts out on runs whenever we wanted to do so. While Brennon's group

was small and tightly packed, the grounds that he had to cover and protect were huge.

Topened my phone to look at the time and smiled at myself. It was getting close to dinner time. I was excited about what my dessert would be, Candace. I wondered to myself if she would be willing or excited to have her brain f****d into oblivion? I laughed to myself, of course she would be willing, she is a measly kitchen slut. Beautiful none the less and I couldn't wait to f**k her out in the night air for the

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world to see and hear her moans. If she was good and behaved I would make her my new mistress during this time. If she pleases me well

enough, I may just keep her. If she finds her mate, well, i'll kill him and make it look like an accident. An evil smile crossed my lips as!

headed inside to meet the others for dinner.

When I rounded the corner, I ran right into Candace. She bounced off of me and I caught her with my hands going to either side of

her waist. I smiled down at her and she smiled up at me. "Sorry about that Candace. Are you okay?" My hands never left her sides, as my

thumbs rubbed against her too tight shirt. I glanced down at her chest and wanted to bury my head in between her t**s, freeing them,

only to capture her n*****s in my mouth. Damn, this woman.

I felt her almost melt against my touch and I smiled down at her. "I am fine, thank you for catching me. That could have been super

embarrassing."

"Anytime, I will see you after dinner, yes?" I asked, my hands slowly moving along her sides, seeing if she would stop me. I was

pleased that she did not. Her breathing became more noticeable as I heard her heart racing. I let go of her sides and let my arms rest at

my side. She bit her bottom lip as she nodded her head.

"Yes, of course, Your Grace. Whatever you need." She smiled.

med the smile "Well, I will just see you then." I turned and walked away from her. I heard her take a deep breath and then start

walking in the opposite direction. I could not wait to see her late tonight.