

The Stained Omega by Elle T Jefferson

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Chapter 115

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I wait patiently outside of Thomas's bedroom door as Anna reads him a bedtime story, it's been a while since she's had the chance to do it so I figure I'll wait until she's done. There are only so many bedtimes left before they demand they are too old. She's only been gone for a short time but it will seem like an age to Thomas. I've tried to keep a video log of the stuff I thought she should see so then she doesn't feel so left out. I haven't really had a chance to see Anna to show her the videos, since the whole thing in the forest and with an Elder running around Patrick insisted I stay away from the Pack house, he finally gave me the all clear about an hour ago.

As Anna backs out of the bedroom closing the door softly I scrunch my nose up against the scents coming off her. She's wearing a simple white shift dress, it's one of those you can just drop the shoulders and it pools around your feet. Perfect for the run after the ceremony.

"He either pissed on you or you have been having some hot make up S**." I say plainly to Anna, she just shakes her head and holds her finger up to her lips. I follow her into her and Fraction's room, she doesn't speak until the door is firmly closed.

"I ache in places I never knew existed," I just laugh at her as she leans against the fanning her face.

"That doesn't explain the scent of James," I say sniffing a little. "Or do the Alpha and Beta like to share more than cake?" I wiggle my eyebrows at her as she leans forward to swat at me.

"It's not like that and you know it," Anna walks over to the wall

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"Nervous?" I ask her while taking a seat at the end of her bed.

“Not as much as last time, then I didn’t even know if I could do it. Now I’m more concerned about the run afterwards, Winter has been unpredictable lately.” I scan over her and notice the fresh mate mark and the angry red mark on her bare arm.

“She do that?” I ask, nodding towards the mark.

“Yeah,” Anna lifts her arm to inspect it. “I didn’t even feel it at the time, it’s healing quickly so she must be well but she’s not speaking to me.”

“Surely she’s not mad about the mating? You are fated after all.” Anna’s face is filled with worry lines.

“No it’s not that, she feels guilty about everything she made me do. At the time I didn’t even realise it was her, we sort of just melted together and I started making all these choices that were me but not me at the same time.” Anna shakes her head and looks away from her reflection, “nevermind. Let’s get going or Fraction will come looking for me.”

“Anna,” she stops walking towards the door and turns back to me. “I don’t know if anyone has said it yet.” I put my hands on her shoulders and look her in the eyes. “I’m so glad you are home. I missed my best friend and Luna and if you don’t mind, please take me off the nursery rota.” We both laugh at this, we keep laughing all the way to the kitchen, wiping my eyes I head for the door when I realise Anna has stopped moving.

“Second thoughts?” Anna just shakes her head.

“Fraction wants me to wait until he calls for me, you go ahead.” I smile at Anna as I quietly open the door and slip through.

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Taking my place on the porch I stand next to Patrick, his hand snakes into mine as I notice all of the wolves who have come to witness the ceremony. Every member of the Pack must be here, I even see the batty old lady who used to live next door to Leon and the kids, well until she forced the move.

“Swiftmane Pack.” Fraction holds his hands up and waits for silence to fall, he doesn’t shout. There’s no need, his Alpha voice carries where it’s needed, “tonight we are joined by Alpha Darryl of Swiftmane Pack,” Fraction gestures to the side where I see Darryl standing with a rather bruised dark haired male. “And by Elder Thomas.” Fraction

gestures behind him where an elderly man dressed in a black robe stands, he has a hood over his face so I can't see his face. "You might wonder why they are here although I think some of you might have already gathered by the link snapping a few nights ago." Fraction pauses for a second before he looks behind him, he quickly looks back to the crowd. "Luna Faye is dead, she was killed in self defence as she tried to murder my fated mate, Anna." There is uproar at this, people start yelling and shouting but none of them sound unhappy. They all seem glad Faye is gone and that means Anna will come home where she belongs. I zero in on Leon's old neighbour, she looks really sour faced and doesn't seem to be cheering as the others are. I nudge Patrick and nod my head towards her, he squeezes my hand letting me know he has noticed.

I must have missed part of Fraction's speech because when I next look at him Anna is standing next to him and he's moving her hair to show off her new mate mark.

"Anna is here tonight to reclaim her spot as Luna of this Pack and as my mate," Fraction turns to smile at Anna as the crowd starts to whisper and part to let someone through. I crane my head to see who it is but I can't quite see, damn being this short. Patrick squeezes my hand as all four of us wait for the person to make themselves known.

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"She will be Luna of no Pack. She killed my daughter and I challenge you for the place of Alpha in Swiftmane Pack." The guy standing forward looks no older than Anna and I swear I've seen him before. I stare for a while before I realise it's one of Faye's brothers, he was in the clearing that day of the challenge. I couldn't tell you his name even if I tried.

"You don't want to do that, Tray. Your father has sent you here to die, back down now and I will forget this." Fraction's voice is filled with so much force I almost drop to my knees, I see many people in the crowd take their knees with pain on their faces. Tray just stands there but I see the wobble in his legs, he's no Alpha. When Tray doesn't fall Fraction takes a step forward and pushes more of his Aura out, Tray drops to the floor and a whimper leaves his throat.

"Come out and face me Theo," Fraction roars as he turns in a circle, I look over at Anna and see her eyes are glazed over, she's either talking with Fraction over the Pack link or she's talking to Winter.

'Fraction says not to move, stay still kitten.' I hear Patrick's voice clearly in my head as a naked man with a pot belly comes walking through the crowd. I watch in disgust as he flicks his cigarette next to Tray before kicking the dirt at his feet.

"Waste of perfectly good seed," Theo spits at the floor.

"You've been hiding Theo," Fraction says calmly, he's acting as if the whole pack isn't kneeling at his feet watching the whole event unfold.

"I won't let you dishonour this Pack by putting that Omega back in power. I challenge you to be the Alpha of Swiftmane!" Theo roars at Fraction. Fraction looks over at Elder Thomas, then to Darryl and finally to Anna. He gives her a sad smile and a small nod as he turns back to Theo.

"I accept your challenge." I hear the Pack gasp as Anna sob out in

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pain, she falls to her knees as Darryl runs down to stand next to Fraction. I rush to Anna and rub her back as I watch the Alpha's and Theo whisper to one another. There is a quick handshake and Fraction is walking back towards us. I quickly move out of the way as Fraction sweeps Anna up into his arms and carries her into the house.

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"I just found you again," Anna whimpers into my chest as I carry her from the ceremony. I knew Theo would play his hand so, it was sort of obvious once we found out Theo was the one pulling Faye's strings. I had a feeling he would attack tonight, he wouldn't have been able to resist me making Anna Luna again, especially after all the fake Luna crap Faye was spouting all the time. I wish I had the chance to make Anna official but as the old Luna and my mate she takes the spot of Luna anyway, the ceremony is more for the Pack so they can see the Alpha is happy and strong. I'll plan a new one once this coward is out of our lives.

"Don't worry, little wolf. It will be ok," I whisper to her as I place her on our bed, I quickly climb in next to her and cradle her to me.

“You said I can’t leave you, well you can’t leave me either.” Anna leans herself up on an arm and looks me in the eye. “Promise me, promise you wont leave me.”

“I’m not going anywhere, Theo isn’t even a Beta on his best day. It will be over quickly and then that family will be out of our lives.” I cup Anna’s face and she closes her eyes before leaning into my touch and k*ssing the palm of my hand.

After a while Anna rolls off my chest as she falls asleep, this would usually be where I would roll over and tuck myself around her. Not tonight though, tonight I pull myself slowly from the bed and carefully walk across the room before sl*pping through the door silently. The house is deathly silent as I walk across the hall and open Thoma s’s door, I stand there for a while as I watch his little b*dy sleep. I soak in

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the image of him sleeping peacefully as little moon’s from his night light cast around the room, he’s such a good kid. He will be a good Alpha, I just know it. Even now at his young age he commands a room but remembers to include everyone as I’ve been trying to teach him. Lizzie is in his little nursery group and he always makes sure she has the same toys, snacks and crayons as the other kids. Technically Lizzie isn’t Pack in the conventional sense so many would see her as a runt of the Pack. Not my son though, no he sees her as another member of our Pack.

“There so much I have to teach him, you’ll guide him for me if the worst happens?” I ask James as I close the door, I felt him come up behind me but I just needed those extra minutes to soak up my son.

“You’ll teach him yourself.” James slaps me on the shoulder as we start walking down the stairs. “Are you sure you want to do it this way?” I nod my head at James.

“Yeah, if this goes south I don’t want Anna seeing me die. Theo is strong, he’s an Alpha in his own right,” so I lied to my Luna to give her some peace, not the worst thing I’ve done in my life.

“You have youth and speed on him, he’s flabby and old, you can take him.” I stop when we get to the bottom of the stairs and turn to James.

“Promise me, you will watch over them? Keep them safe for me? Anna could be pregnant now, it’s too early for even me to know but if she is you will watch over that pup too? Guide them for me?” I can feel a lump in my throat as I ask James to basically take my place as Thomas’ s father.

"Your like a brother to me, you don't even have to ask. I would do it anyway, they will want for nothing, but you will beat him." James gives me a sad smile as he goes to walk past me but I stop him with a hand on his arm.

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"I need you to know, Elder Thomas told me and Anna that," I rub the back of my neck with my hand. "That same S** fated mates do exist and you have a mate out there, he's out there James." James eyes go wide for a second as he soaks up the information.

"Leon?" James asks me and I shake my head. "I didn't think so. Well any mate better be prepared for me to bring a Luna and pups along, unless you want to get moving and beat this as s hole?" We leave the house in silence and don't speak again until we are near the clearing in the trees. I stop for a minute and look at the Pack laid out behind me. Some of the houses have their lights off and some are still on, the Pack is settling down for the night with no idea that Alpha is about to fight. for his life.

"Rick?" I ask as we break the tree line.

"He's with Darryl and Elder Thomas, making sure Theo doesn't pull any funny business." I nod at James as I start to pull my shirt over my head. I hand it to James who tucks it into the waistband of his jeans.

"If this does go our way but I'm hurt, make sure his sons are put in the cells until I can banish them." James just nods at me as we draw closer to the clearing, "and keep an eye on Anna. We think the mate mark calmed Winter but we don't know for sure." As we walk through the last of the trees I see Elder Thomas standing in the middle of the clearing and Darryl, Mac and Rick standing off to the side. Theo is standing next to his two sons, Tray and Simon, all three are staring daggers at me, Tray is now sporting a bust nose and black eye. Guess dear old father has a way with his fists. "And you keep Mac from my mate." I tell James, Mac must hear me because he coughs to cover up a laugh, he quickly stops when Darryl slaps him upside the head.

"Alpha," Elder Thomas tilts his head to me as me and James come to stop at the edge of the ring dug into the earth. "As this is an Alpha challenge this will only be to the death. Two walk in and one walks

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out, Theo has opted for human form. Do you agree?" I just nod my head at Elder Thomas. "I will reside over the challenge as the highest ranking shifter here, no

weapons and no shifting. May the best man win.” Elder Thomas walks from the middle of the circle as me and Theo both take a few steps towards each other.

“When I win I’m going to rip that little mate of yours apart.” Theo tries to bait me as he paces back and forth. I don’t move. I simply wait for him to throw the first punch. I’ve never seen Theo fight so I don’t know his style which makes me uneasy. He’s angry though which makes him. irrational and unpredictable.

“You killed my daughter!” Theo rages as he runs towards me, he bends. in half like he’s going to try and ram his shoulder into my stomach. At the last second I move to the left, cupping my hands together to make a big fist I throw it down on Theo’s back. Winded he falls to the ground but he quickly rolls and gets to his feet. He doesn’t hesitate this time as he throws his fist at me and clocks me in the jaw, he makes me see stars for a second which is long enough for him to sweep my legs out from under me. As soon as I’m on my back he’s on top of me laying punches into my face, I feel my nose burst and warm blood trickle down my face. After a few punches I manage to bring my arms up to block my face, Theo changes tactics and starts laying into my ribs instead. Bucking my hips I manage to off balance him and he topples to the side, I roll with him. Now on top I give his face the same treatment, he seems dazed as I grab either side of his head intending to smash it off the ground.

Two things happen at once, I feel a scaring pain in my side and the gush of warm blood and my name being screamed from a distance. I turn to Anna’s voice so quickly that I forget I have hold of Theo’s head, I hear his n*eck snap as he goes limp below me. I try to stand up but my b*dy doesn’t seem to want to work. Looking down I see a knife sticking out from between my ribs. I pull the knife with a yank and drop it to the floor as I watch Darryl and Rick run towards me.

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The last thing I see before everything goes black is Anna running towards me barefoot and waving her arms in the air. She’s screaming my name but I can’t seem to form any words, I feel the blood running down my face as I try to tell her I’m okay.

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Chapter 117

Alpha Down.

(Anna)

It's peaceful in the clearing, I can see Winter walking around at the other side, she seems to be patrolling for something but I figure I'll wait for her to come to me. For now I just lay in the grass and soak up the sun. It's always warm here, the sky is always blue and the grass is always a lush green. Considering this is where Winter brings me in my dreams this is where I always imagine her to be when she's not

bursting out of me. I feel her getting closer to me so I open one eye and look over at her, she's stopped maybe an arms width from me and dropped a rabbit next to me.

"Is this a gift?" I ask her while closing my eyes and aiming my face at the sun again.

"More of an apology." Winter says in a small voice, I've never heard her sounding so subdued before.

"I thought only cats brought dead things home." I chuckle at my own joke.

"Oh ha ha ha, I need something from you." This has me sitting up and looking at her, I cross my legs and start pulling at the grass around me. I'm purposefully trying to avoid looking at the dead rabbit, I know she means well but...ew.

"What could you possibly want from me?" I know I sound angry, it's hard not to be after realising how much she's been controlling me.

"Anna, I'm sorry. I wasn't in my right mind, Leo won't talk to me,' Winter slumps onto her front paws and lays down in the grass closing

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her eyes.

"I haven't even shifted with Fraction yet, maybe give us some time?" I lean back on my arms and point my face to the sun again, "it's not like you're hurting here in the time rain forgot."

“Me and Leo always talk, always have. He refuses to talk to me because it was my idea to take Thomas and run. He’s worried I still want to take our son away from him.” I sigh and look at her.

“That will take some time, the wounds will heal. Fraction understands. we aren’t going to do it so just give Leo time.” I go to lean over and run a hand through Winter’s fur when she sits up so suddenly she makes me jump. All her fur is on end and her ears are pointed straight up.

“Wake up Anna. Right now!” I jolt awake so suddenly I almost fall out

of bed.

Sitting up in the bed I let my eyes adjust to the darkness, once I can see clearly I realise Fraction isn’t in the bed with me.

‘He’s in the clearing, the challenge has started!’ Winter growls at me, I’m up and out of the bed before she has even finished speaking. I fly from the bedroom so quickly that I forget to put shoes on, dressed in nothing but the white shift dress I wore to the ceremony. I fly down the stairs and out of the house. I don’t see another person or hear any sounds until I’m part way through the forest to the clearing my challenge was held in..

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“You killed my daughter!” I hear someone scream in a primal rage. After a few more steps the smell of Fractions blood fills my nose.

“Fraction!” I scream Fraction’s name over and over again until my throat hurts. As soon as I break the tree line I start to scream and run

even faster.

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Fraction has Theo beneath him but he’s looking towards me, he’s so focused on me he doesn’t see the knife Simon throws to his father who plunges it into Fraction’s side. Fraction jolts and turns more towards me and Theo goes limp beneath him, I scream louder as James grabs me around my waist.

“Anna, you can’t.” James puts all his weight into stopping me from entering the clearing.

“Fraction, help him!” I scream over at Patrick, Darryl and Mac who are watching the fight with Elder Thomas. I think it’s about that time the males realise something is wrong because James lets me go as soon as Patrick and Darryl start running towards Fraction. I reach Fraction at the same time as James and I’m on my knees feeling him for the wound, I feel it gaping from between his ribs and I use my hands to try and stop the bleeding.

“Doctor Lee is coming, here Anna take this.” James hands me Fractions t-shirt and I ball it up and thrust it into his side.

“Wake up, you can’t leave me. You promised.” I whisper to Fraction as the tears start to pour down my face.

“Where did the knife come from?” Darryl asks loudly. It’s then that I remember seeing Simon throw his father the knife.

“Put Simon in the cells, he threw the knife. I saw it happen,” Patrick doesn’t even question me he instantly marches over to Simon and Tray. Simon looks like he’s about to run but when Mac joins Patrick he realises there’s nowhere to go. “Where’s the Doctor, the bleeding won’t stop.” I can hear the panic in my voice but I can’t seem to control it. My hands are shaking as I try to stop the bleeding with a now drenched shirt.

“He’s coming Anna, just keep pressure on the wound.” James tells me and Darryl and Elder Thomas stand off to the side whispering. I hear

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about the Alpha Heir being too young and the Luna being too inexperienced.

“Stop it! Just stop it, my mate is bleeding out. Now is not the time to worry about the Pack. He needs a Doctor now! Until he’s cold and has no pulse you have no right to talk like that!” I know I’m shouting but why aren’t they helping me more? “Can we carry him?”

“Don’t move him!” I hear Doctor Lee shout as he comes dashing through the forest. I’m in shock as I see Leon running behind him.

“Why is he out?” James asks with a snarl as Doctor Lee and Leon reach us. Search the (website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“For a wound like this I need someone competent. You can do what you like after he helps me save the Alpha.” I move to the side when Doctor Lee starts to move my hands. “You did good work Luna, I’ve got him from here. On the stretcher now Leon,” I watch Leon slide the stretcher pad under Fraction. “Ok you guys need to help me carry him to the medical centre,” Doctor Lee puts his stethoscope on Fractions chest and then looks up at me. “We need to get him there quickly, I think he has a collapsed lung.”

“Darryl, James, help them with Fraction. Get him to the medical centre, I’ll meet you there.” I’m amazed that none of them even question me. They instantly do as I tell them and within a minute or so Fraction is out of the clearing and being carried to the medical centre.

As soon as the clearing is clear except for me, Elder Thomas and the b*dy of Theo I lean over and empty my stomach into the grass. I heave a few times before I realise nothing else is coming up. I look down and my white dress is now red with Fractions blood, my hands and arms are covered in it.

“Anna?” I hear Elder Thomas behind me, I move so quickly I don’t

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think he even had time to react. My hand is connecting with his face, the slap is so loud it seems to echo around the empty clearing.

“You warn of Omega pups, of fated mates and you pass judgement on those beneath you. But you couldn’t give me a heads up about this? After everything I’ve been through I now have to lose my mate to some redn*eck as shole who has an Alpha ego?” I know deep down it’s not Elder Thoma s’s fault but the rage and grief inside me is all consuming. “You pretend to know everything but you’re just making it up as you go along aren’t you?”

“Not everything is written for us to see. We govern because we see a lot but not everything.” Elder Thomas holds his hands out to me as if pleading for me to understand.

“Yeah?” I scoff at him, “well I don’t recognise your authority. Feel free to leave, I have a mate to try and save!”

With that I turn from him and start sprinting back towards the medical centre. I know I’ve probably pis sed off someone who has only ever helped me but I needed an outlet and he happened to be there. I can only hope that when I’m ready to apologise he is ready to hear it. I run as quickly as I can with Winter/ whimpering and howling a mournful sound in my ears, I just hope I make it to the medical centre before it’s too late.

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Chapter 118

Down but not gone.

(Anna)

The run to the medical centre seems to take an age but I am eventually pushing the doors open, the first thing I notice is the crimson drops of blood on the white tiled floor. They look almost like they are glowing and I know without even smelling that they are Fractions. I don't have to walk far before I see James and Patrick talking with Darryl and Mac.

"How is he?" I ask as I walk over to the group of men, I don't miss how their eyes trail down me taking in my blood soaked form.

"Doc has him in surgery, he said he will update us when he knows more." I nod my head and drop myself into one of the blue plastic chairs that always seems to line the halls of this place. I place my head in my hands and cringe as the now drying blood flakes away onto my skin. "Patrick I need you to look into updating the locks on the cells, Doctor Lee might have done the right thing by letting Leon out to help but he shouldn't have been able to."

"Anna I don't think now..." Patrick is cut off by Darryl.

"She's right, there's only so much we can do here. Might as well do the things we can for now. You heard your Luna." I look up and give Darryl a small smile of thanks, Darryl comes to sit next to me as Patrick walks away from us with his phone to his ear.

"Why did he do this? He told me he would be fine, I assumed the challenge would be planned like my own." I'm trying so hard not to cry but I can feel the tears getting ready to fall.

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planned date. Fraction did what he thought best to protect his family. I understand you're mad at him but he was only thinking of you and the little man." Darryl puts his hand on my arm which forces me to look at him.

"I think I hate him a little bit right now," I whisper to Darryl, I see Mac and James look at me with shocked expressions.

"And that's ok, you can hate him a little and still love him a lot." Darryl smiles at me in a reassuring way. I take a deep breath and square my shoulders.

"Tray and Simon? Are they in the cells?" Mac nods at me before looking at Darryl.

"I thought maybe we could take Simon and Tray," I look at Darryl as Mac speaks. "I want to help and maybe take them off your hands. While your Alpha is down it's the way I can earn his forgiveness. We can hold them until the Elders pass judgement, it would give you some breathing room."

"You have nothing to be forgiven for." I say confused as to why he thinks he needs my forgiveness.

"Not yours Anna, he's in Fractions bad graces right now thanks to the whole key debacle." I lean my head back, of course Mac got the bad end of what I did. I nod my head at Mac before looking at James.

"What do you think?" James will know better than anyone what Fraction would do here, I might be Fractions mate but James has been at his side for longer. I won't ignore his experience or guidance.

"I think it's a solid plan, best case Fraction wakes up and they get brought back here. Worst case Darryl is the one to handle them. It's a win win," I nod my head at James and look at Darryl.

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"Alright you take them and do what you want, I appreciate the help." Darryl just nods at me before standing up and walking over to James and holding out his hand. They shake hands and he gestures at Mac to follow him.

"I'm only a phone call away Anna." Darryl calls over his shoulder, soon it's just me and James in the hallway waiting to hear about Fraction.

Now I am not surrounded by people, I let my tears fall, they come thick and fast and I do nothing to stem the flow. James hands me a tissue and I use it to wipe at my face, he doesn't offer me words of kindness. or comfort he just stands there letting me feel my

grief. I swipe at my face as the double doors at the end of the hall opens and Doctor Lee comes walking out with Leon beside him. Doctor Lee still has a surgical cap and gown on and there is blood covering the front of him.

“I stopped the bleeding and did a repair on his lung, now we wait and see if it takes.” I breath out a huge breath I didn’t realise was trapped in my chest.

“So he’s going to be ok?” I ask him needing to hear it confirmed.

“He took some punches to the head and has a small brain bleed but it should heal nicely on it’s own. Now it’s just a waiting game on when he will wake up. We will monitor him closely Luna.” I nod my head and stand up to shake the Doctors hand.

“And him?” James motions to Leon.

“All yours, I will say he was a huge help in there and I wouldn’t have been able to do it without him.” I lick my lips as I watch James grab Leon’s arm and march him down the hall.

“James.” I call after him, James stops and looks at me. “Maybe we can keep him here to help Doctor Lee?” James just shakes his head.

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“No. I need to keep you and Thomas safe and I can’t do that with a backstabber running around free.” I don’t miss the way Leon flinches and his face falls, he knows what he did and that it can never be fixed. I just nod at James, I guess he knows best in this situation.

“How long until I can see him?” I ask Doctor Lee when we are alone.

“Follow me, I’ve put him in the back rooms where he won’t be disturbed. Once word gets out the Alpha is here you will be thankful for the privacy.” Doctor Lee turns and holds one side of the double. door open for me. The room leads to a surgical room that seems to be all centred around a table which is currently being cleaned by some of the nursing staff. Doctor Lee walks me past a tray of bloody instruments and I have to put my hand over my mouth to stop myself from being sick. It doesn’t help much considering Fractions blood is still all over me. Doctor Lee stops at a door just round the corner from the room we just came through.

“There are two entrances to this room, one from here and one from the main corridor. That one is located right outside the nurses station which always has someone there.” I just stare at the door as Doctor Lee tries to reassure me Fraction is safe, he waits for a few minutes but when I don’t ask him anything further he stands to the side which

allows me to enter the room. I start to sob again as the door closes behind me with a quiet click.

Fraction is laid on the bed with various tubes and wires coming from different places and plugged into different machines. He's so still that I wouldn't even know he was alive if it wasn't for the beeping of the heart monitor. I rush to the side of the bed and lean over to kiss his cheek, his skin is clammy under my touch.

"Oh baby, what has he done to you?" I sob as I pull away from him, beside the bed is another of the really uncomfortable blue chairs so I drop myself in it. Putting my hand in his I curl my fingers so they are

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tickling his palm, I try not to think about how motionless he is right

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'Can you speak to Leo?' I ask Winter quietly as I watch Fraction's expressionless face,

"There's nothing. He's not just blocking me, he's just not there.' I feel

my tears start anew as Winter tells me this. I figured if Winter could at least speak to Leo or even sense him I would know it's all going to be ok.

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The Luna Alpha.

(James)

The beeping of the machines is slowly driving me crazy, each morning I come to see Fraction in the medical centre, normally during the shift change. The fewer people around that I have to speak to and the less questions I have to answer. Six weeks I've been doing this dance and I've had enough, today I've decided to come here to give my Alpha a piece of my mind.

“Alright, it’s time. You need to get out of this bed and come and deal with your Luna. If I have to walk in on her crying one more time I might actually start punching things, she’s talking about decorating the office in purple. Purple man, she’s actually asking my opinion on different shades of purple. You realise there are about a hundred of them?” I look down at Fraction but he doesn’t move a muscle, I start pacing the room, guess I need to bring out the big guns. “She’s pregnant, you know. You must have some super swimmers. One night. in the office and pup number two,” I run my hands over my face, I have the start of a beard it’s not a choice beard it’s more of a: I don’t have time to groom, kind of beard. “She hasn’t told any of us yet but I can see the changes in her b*dy. I don’t even think she’s seen Doctor Lee yet. I might have to force the issue.” I shake my head as I drop myself back into the blue plastic chair next to his bed. “Darryl took Simon and Tray to his Pack until the Elders have a chance to deal with them. Anna wanted them hung, drawn and quartered but that might have been the pup hormones. Anna is running the show with me guiding her as I promised,” I shake my head and look over at my sleeping Alpha. “You really need to wake up, she’s doing a great job but she needs you. Your Pack needs you.” I stare at him for a long time, I must zone out because I actually jump when the door is opened and Doctor

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Lee walks in.

“Morning Beta.” Doctor Lee says as he walks straight to the machine next to Fractions bed.

“Any change?” I ask him quietly, I know there isn’t but this is our morning dance. We both know it well by now.

“None yet, he’s improving well though. His lung is almost fully repaired and all of his scans came back negative.” I stand from the chair and start pacing again.

“Then why isn’t he waking up? Something must be wrong!” I can’t seem to stop the anger from bleeding into my voice.

“There are still things about the b*dy we don’t understand. I am confident that in time he will wake up,” Doctor Lee gives me a sad smile as he jots Fractions vitals on his chart before placing the cl*board in a holder at the end of his bed.

“I need you to see Anna, I’m pretty sure she’s pregnant but she seems to be avoiding the topic. She’s probably scared about doing this without. him.” I talk to Doctor Lee without taking my eyes off my Alpha. My hope is that he will hear one of our voices and follow it back to us.

“I’ll do a drop by the Packhouse in an hour, if the signs are that obvious I will be able to see them and I’ll take it from there.” I nod and pat Fraction’s hand before leaving the

room. Once in the hall I see nurses have started their morning shift, three of them are at the desk opposite Fraction's room and their eyes instantly turn to me.

Although a few people call out to me I don't stop to talk to anyone as I make my way out of the medical centre. Once outside I take a huge deep breath, ever since Leon's betrayal came to light I have found it so hard to be in there, it feels like I'm suffocating the longer I stay in there. Putting Leon to the back of my mind I quickly head to the back

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of the building, I usually walk home via the forest and that way I can check the boundary line as I do. It's really peaceful out here and allows me some much needed thinking time, with Fraction down for now and Anna running things it means I have to do more work. I don't mind but it means I have little down time. I haven't even really thought about this whole 'I have a fated mate' thing Fraction told me about. I know I should be making plans to visit neighbouring Packs but how can I leave Anna alone at a time like this? My family needs me and I won't be the as shole who abandons family.

The sounds of Thomas giggling up a storm tells me I'm home, walking out of the trees I see Winter in the grass with Thomas climbing all over her. I'm not sure Anna should be shifting while pregnant but I can't say I know that much about pregnant Omegas either.

'Any change?' Anna asks me over the Pack link, I just shake my head at her as I keep walking into the house. Sure I could sit down and go over all kinds of Pack stuff with her but why interrupt the time she has with Thomas, it's so limited lately with her doing the job of two parents and being both Alpha and Luna. The Pack house is weirdly empty as I make my way toward Fraction's office, Anna wants to start getting the kids over again but she also understands the Pack is grieving for the Alpha so she hasn't enforced it yet. She's giving herself and the Pack time to come to terms with the fact that their Alpha might not wake up.

Walking into the office I come to a stop when I see Patrick and Leon sitting in the chairs opposite Fraction's desk. Anna wants me to bring one of her own in here, she says she doesn't feel right sitting where sat.

"What's he doing out?" I rub the back of my n*eck as I try to avoid Leon's eyes, once I'm more in the room I catch a scent of Leon's blood and it makes every hair on my b*dy stand on end."What happened?" I snap at Patrick.

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“Tried to kill himself,” Patrick doesn’t sound all that concerned and doesn’t even look up from his phone as he speaks.

“You what?” I ask Leon in shock.

“I didnt try to kill myself. I cut myself on the rust bucket of a bed you gave me.” Leon glares at Patrick.

“No matter, Anna is on her way. She’s gonna be pi ss ed you cut her time short with Thomas.” Patrick pocketshis phone and looks at me, “any change?” I just shake my head as I go to lean against the wall next

to the door.

“I told you I don’t need to see her, let her be with her kid!” Leon is getting angry so I just glare at him, he’s halfway between sitting and standing but seems to change his mind before dropping himself back in the chair.

“Too late, I’m already here.” Anna comes strolling into the office in at simple blue wrap dress and bare feet. She closes the door behind her and smiles at me before walking over to the desk and sitting down. “Tell me what happened?” Patrick and Leon start talking at the same time so Anna holds her hand up, she points at Patrick and Leon sits back with an umph.

“Went down give him his lunch and there he was bleeding all over the place, lovely cut all the way down one wrist. It wasn’t deep so his wolf healed him.” Patrick explains to the Luna. SEAR*ch the Find novel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Jesus, Leon. I’ve been trying to secure you another place at a Pack and now I find out your suicidal. No one wants a suicidal Doctor, Leon.” I stand up straight as Anna says this, I had no idea she was planning such a thing.

“You are? I swear it was an accident! I’m medical trained, if i wanted

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to kill myself it wouldn’t fail, I know how to do it quickly and painlessly.” I have to admit Leon has a point, I can hear the hope in his voice. If Anna finds a Pack willing to take him then he won’t have to go rogue. Anna just sits and stares at him for a while nodding her head.

“Mac will be here in the morning for you and the kids, you’re going to Grey Pack to work under Darryl’s medical team.” I feel my breath leave me as Anna says this, “Leon, you

need to be on your best behaviour. Your reputation is going to follow you there and they will be watching you, it's taken every single string of influence I have to get you this place."

"Why?" Leon asks in disbelief.

"He might not be awake but you helped save his life. This isn't forgiveness Leon, it's redemption." With that Anna is done with the conversation, "take him back to the cells and let the kids know of the plan. Tell them they can have a sleepover with Thomas tonight." Patrick just nods as he and Leon stand and walk from the office, Leon tries to catch my eye as he walks out but I ignore him. It's just too difficult, the pain is still too fresh, the wound too raw.

"You didn't tell me any of this," I say to Anna as Patrick closes the office door. I take a seat in the chair Patrick vacated.

"Would you have listened? You are crazy deaf when it comes to Leon." I nod my head at her, she's not wrong.

"Doctor Lee is on his way over," Anna sits up straighter in her chair. "Not about Fraction, I've asked him to come and check you out."

"Why?" Anna tilts her head to the side, she can't really think I haven't noticed.

"Come on Anna, you're eating your weight in chocolate cake you throw up at the smell of fish and your tits are massive." Anna squints her eyes.

at me.

"You spend much time staring at my tits?" I bark a laugh.

"You really going to pretend you're not carrying pup number two?" Anna looks down at her hands and when she looks up her eyes are glassy.

"I wanted him to be the first to know," I give her a sad smile. "We didn't get to share the news of Thomas together so I wanted this to be for us. Please don't tell anyone else."

"I won't but only if you get checked out. I don't want him waking up and finding you unhealthy." Anna nods her head just as a knock sounds on the door. "That will be him now, I'll leave you to it." I get up from the chair head to the door, looking back at Anna I give her a small smile as I open the door to see Doctor Lee looking very windswept.

"Will you people stop blocking your links, Alpha is awake!" Anna is out of her chair and running for the door before Doctor Lee has even finished speaking. She pushes past us both so quickly Doctor Lee actually stumbles into me. "Yep, she's pregnant alright." He says as he stands up before running after her.

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Chapter 120

Tell me.

(Anna)

I slam into the medical centre so quickly that all the eyes of the people in the waiting area turn to me. I don't care, I don't stop to explain myself and I certainly don't slow down when one of the nurses calls my name. I run across the cold tile floor until I am standing outside Fraction's door. I come here every night, I have prayed he would wake up, I tell him all about Thomas and everything going on in the Pack. I am so mad at myself for not being here when he woke up, the only reason I closed the link was so I could speak with Patrick and Leon without interruptions, I don't close myself down often but of course he would wake up the second I do.

Taking a deep breath I push the door open, I don't know what I

expected to find but Fraction sat up in bed eating red jello is not one of them. I just stare at him open mouthed as he slurps a lump of jello into his mouth. The bed sheet is pooled around his waist, his chest is glistening with water dripping from his hair which tells me he's showered. I can see the scar from the knife wound still red and puffy. on his side, the wires and tubs that have always been present seem to be gone.

"Little wolf," he growls as he notices me standing there, I don't walk towards him. I just lean against the closed door, closing my eyes and sending up my thanks to anyone who is listening. I hear the clatter of metal on metal and then Fraction's gruff voice, "come here, little wolf."

"You're awake." I say still in shock, I open my eyes and take a step

towards him.

"I'm awake." Fraction's eyes narrow on me as I slowly walk towards

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him, as soon as I am within arms reach he grabs my arm and pulls me onto the bed. His hand is in my hair and his l*ps are claiming mine, I straddle his legs and instantly feel his co ck pressing against my centre. I push my hands into his wet hair and pull him closer as our tongues dance with each other. Fraction growls into my mouth as he rocks his hips up causing me to moan. It's been so long without his touch that it takes me a minute to remember he's still injured, taking my hands from his hair. I push gently on his shoulders until he's leaning back on the bed.

"You're hurt." I remind him, I climb from the bed and sit in the blue chair.

"Not that hurt, come ride me." I shake my head while smiling at him.

"I didn't think you would wake up," I feel a tear leave my eye and roll down my cheek, I quickly dash it away. "I've been so worried."

"I'm sorry it took so long to find my way back." Fraction smiles at me with a head tilt and a narrowing of his eyes.

"Something to tell me?" I watch his nostrils flare as he scents me, I bite. my l*p and look at him but before I can open my mouth there is a knock on the door and James is walking in.

James stops when he sees Fraction, he closes his eyes and tilts his head up to the ceiling, something tells me he's doing a little prayer of thanks himself. When he opens his eyes again he points at me.

"She wants to paint your office purple," my eyes widen and I burst out laughing, out of everything I thought he would say I didn't think it would be that. Fraction looks from me to James and back again not quite understanding what is happening.

"I said maybe!" I gasp out between laughs.

lake it everything has gone alright while I've been out?" Fraction asks still not getting what we are talking about.

"Yeah, I did everything you asked." James walks over and lays a hand on Fraction's shoulder, they seem to stare at each other for a minute before James drops himself in a chair on the opposite side of Fraction's bed.

"Tell me everything I've missed and where is my son?" Fraction looks. from me to James with a raised eyebrow.

"He's with your mother at the moment getting ready for a sleepover, the rest can wait. You only just woke up." I pat Fraction's hand but I can see he's not willing to wait. Ever the Alpha.

“Anna I’ve been asleep for six weeks, now tell me.” I sigh and nod my head at James.

“Anna has been doing great holding down the fort, she had new locks put on the cells. Turns out they were not as secure as we thought.” James smiles over at me.

“Did someone get out?” Fraction sits up straighter, instantly worried.

“The night you got hurt Doctor Lee let Leon out so he could help but I didn’t like the idea of just anyone being able to open the cells.” Fraction nods at me with a smile.

“Smart thinking, little wolf.” I smile back, I can feel the pride coming from him.

“I arranged for Leon to go to Darryl at Grey Pack, he did well helping you and I don’t think he should be punished for something his family did.” Fractions eyes widen at this and he looks to James.

“You didn’t tell her?” James shakes his head, “Anna, Leon is the one.

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who messed with Mrs Jacobs car. He’s the reason Thomas got hurt,” I feel my eyes widen at this information and I sit soaking in the information as James fills Fraction in on everything else that has happened within the last six weeks.

‘It doesn’t matter Anna, Thomas is fine and Leon has earned his forgiveness. Don’t let this change your mind.’ Winter whispers to me as the men talk.

‘He’s the reason my son was hurt,’ I can’t stop the anger bleeding into my voice.

“Then banish him from Swiftmane, don’t ever allow him back but don’t kill him Anna. If it wasn’t for him we might not have Fraction and Leo with us now.’ It’s unusual for Winter to be my voice of reason but lately we seem to be working together a lot better.

“I stand by my decision, Leon can go to Grey Pack but I want him. banished from here, I don’t want him near us again.” James stops midway through telling Fraction about Simon and Tray, he gives me a small smile which I know to be a thank you.

“Alright, little wolf. If that’s what you want,” Fraction smiles at me. “I’ m proud of you, you kept the Pack going while I was down.” I go to look at James but see the chair empty, he must have sl*pped out without me noticing.

“James helped, I couldn’t have done it without him.” I stand up and start pacing in front of his bed, “there’s something you should know. ” I stop and look at him before starting to pace again. “I pissed off an Elder, I sort of accused him of knowing this would happen and not warning me. I...erm...slapped him and told him I didn’t recognise his authority.” I stop pacing when Fraction doesn’t say anything, the room is silent for a long time before Fraction starts laughing a massive belly laugh. He grabs his side like it pains him so I rush to his side. “Are you

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ok?” I have my hand on his head and one on his arm, he stops laughing and looks at me.

“James already told me, little wolf. Elder Thomas spoke to James and told him there were no hard feelings. You didn’t piss anyone off,” I breathe a sigh of relief before sitting on the side of the bed. “Want to tell me anything else?”

“He hasn’t answered any of my calls, I’ve been trying for weeks.” Fraction puts a finger under my chin and drags my face so I’m looking him in the eye.

“Was probably his way of punishment, making you worry. Trust me, you could never be in the bad graces of Elder Thomas. Now do you have something else to tell me?” I smile a little but decide not to tell him what he’s hinting at.

“Thomas is starting preschool next week.” Fraction growls at me.

“Anna.” I look at him with my best puppy dog eyes.

“Hmmm?” Fraction grabs either side of my head and pulls me in for a k*ss, it’s a deep loving kind of k*ss. The kind that makes your knees week and your heart want to beat out of your chest.

“You going to tell me about the new pup?” he asks me with his l*ps. still against mine.

“Well now you’ve ruined it,” I smile against his l*ps as he lands another. peck.

“Another pup?” I smile at him as I launch myself at him and straddle his waist. I lay k*sses from the corner of his mouth down his n*eck and onto the top of his chest. SEARCH THE FindNOvel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Another pup.” I tell him against his chest, I feel him rumble his

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approval as I latch onto one of his n*pples and he bucks up against me. “Also I’m not wearing any panties.”

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Chapter 121

Mine, always.

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Aurora, that was the name Anna chose and after thirteen hours of labour and six stitches I can’t say I argued much if at all. I have to say the name suits her perfectly, I was a little worried how Thomas would feel about a new baby in the house but he dotes on her. If she needs anything he does all he can to help get it, she has us all tied around her little finger. Even at eight months old she knows her power as the baby Omega, Anna swears we are spoiling her but I keep telling her there is no such thing. Leaning over the crib I **lay** a small k*ss on her head, careful not to put too much pressure and to not let my beard scratch her. From the second she was born I vowed to protect her against anything and everything, if her mother has taught me anything it’s that Omegas are to be treasured and cared for. Aurora will never know any pain, torment or sadness and hell be damned to anyone who thinks differently.

Creeping from the room I close the door as quietly as I can, waiting for a minute to make sure the click hasn’t disturbed her. When she doesn’t cry out I walk to Thomas’s door and open it a little to see he’s sleeping soundly within his bed. Entering the dinosaur themed room I pull the cover over him and lay a small k*ss on his head before leaving quickly. I’m two for two tonight which is a rarity, two pups are definitely more of a handful than one. Anna has been talking about a third but I am trying to hold her off until Aurora is walking, she keeps telling me her clock is ticking, she shuts up pretty quickly when my tongue hits her clit though.

“They are both down, I figure we have about four hours before

your boobs are needed,” I hear a soft giggle come from the bathroom as I close our bedroom door. Pulling my t–shirt over my head and tugging

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my boots off I leave them on the floor and pad over to the bathroom door. Leaning against the doorframe I watch Anna slide herself under the bubbly water and remerge a minute later completely wet.

“And you said bedtime is hard.” Anna holds up a handful of bubbles. and blows them towards me.

“You’re the one who complains Aurora is nursing herself to sleep, you want some company?” Anna nods her head so I start to drop my jeans, showing her I didn’t put boxers on today. The second I am n*ked in front of her my cock grows and shows my appreciation for her wet sl*ppery b*dy.

“She only wants me for my boobs,” Anna pops her bottom l*p out as she slides forward making room for me behind her.

“Can’t say I blame her.” I mutter as I sit in the warm water and bring my hands to her front to cup her breasts, Anna hisses and leans her head back on my chest.

“Careful,” she whispers as I squeeze a little. I love her breasts like this, full with milk and ready to be drained, it makes them much bigger and more of a handful. I hum my appreciation into her n*eck as she lifts herself so my cock settles between her legs.

“Want something, little wolf?” I whisper into her n*eck, she doesn’t answer me. Instead she brings my hand from her breast and pulls it beneath the water until I make contact with her centre. Using her wetness I drag a finger through her folds until I find her clit, I press down hard adding in a little wiggle, the feeling of her shivering in my arms does things to me, I can’t even describe. [SEARCH on GøøGLE to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Moving from her clit I find her entrance and instantly slam two fingers into her until my knuckles stop my movement. Her back bows as she lets out a moan, I start to move my fingers in and out hard and fast, I add in a little twitch every now and again just to tease her g-spot.

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“More,” Anna moans as I bring my other hand up to her n*eck and hold her against me, taking my fingers from her, I leave k*sSES along her n*eck and use my legs to spread hers more. Once she’s open to me I line my cock up with her entrance and keep her

balance so just the head of me is touching her. "Please," Anna whimpers out as she tries to push down on me.

"Are you mine?" I whisper into her ear.

"Yes." That's not enough for me. I ask her again as I rock myself slightly, I am on the cusp of entering her.

"Are you mine?" I growl against her n*eck feeling Leo come to the surface.

"Always," I hear Winter in her voice as she relaxes against me.

"Always." I growl as I slam myself into her, I roar as I am instantly balls deep within her. Taking my hand from her n*eck I tilt her head so she's looking at me, her pupils are huge and blown in pleasure as I rock myself deep within her. Claiming her mouth I pour all I feel for her into an all consuming k*ss, we don't break apart until Anna needs air.

"Mine, always." I growl as I feel her clench around me and become impossibly tight.

"Yours, always." She moans back at me as her orgasm rocks through her b*dy, using my hands on her hips I pull her off me and slam her back down a few more times until I am holding myself deep and releasing my seed within her. Knowing my luck, pup number three will be in here in a few months, although as Anna pants to catch her breath and I trail k*sses down her wet n*eck, I can't help but want to do it all over again.

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Chapter 122

Halloween.

(Anna)

Halloween has to be the worst time of year, for a solid week Thomas and Aurora have been all hopped up on candy. Just when I think I've got a handle on it Fraction is

handing out more sugary goodness, I can tell you this; the world does not need a six year and a four year old on a sugar high.

“Hold still,” I should a wriggling Thomas as I try to get the pumpkin stalk to balance on his head.

“I don’t want to be a pumpkin, Andre is going as a Gun Slinger!” Nomad’s new favourite thing is to compare everything I do to his best friend Andre’s.

“And if Ander’s jumped off a bridge, would you?” To my horror he actually stops and thinks, “the answer is no Thomas.” I hear a chuckle from behind me and see Fraction leaning against the door frame to Thomas’s room.

“And what are you meant to be?” Fraction is wearing a pair of Levi’s that are riding so low on his hips I know he’s not wearing anything underneath and nothing else. His chiseled chest and broad shoulders. are on display for anyone and everyone to see.

“I’m an Alpha.” Fraction declares spreading his arms wide.

“Why can’t I be an Alpha! I want to be an Alpha!” Thomas starts squirming again as I try to pull the bottom of the pumpkin below hist little tushy.

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“Thanks for that,” I snap at Fraction, it only annoys me more as he smirks at me.

“Little man, hold still for you momma.” Thankfully the father tone seems to do the trick and Thomas is finally dressed and ready for the cuting.

“Ok, be free.” I give him a little push and he scatters the second I do, ast he runs past Fraction I don’t miss the candy bar he gets handed..

“All his teeth are going to rot away,” I tell Fraction once we are alone.

“You worry to much little momma.” Fraction tells me as he walks into the room and pulls me into his chest. Now that I am close I can see some kind of oily substance on him, poking him with a finger I can feel a thin layer of grease al over him.

“Is this baby oil?” I ask him while sniffing my finger.

“Adds to the costume.” Fraction tells me as he k*sses the top of my head, “you best get ready the kids are dying to get into the forest.”

“What costume? You’re wearing your everyday jeans.” Fraction just laughs as he strolls out of the room leaving me alone surrounded by dinosaurs and toys.

I grumble all the way to our bedroom, when I open the door I burst out laughing. I laugh so hard I have to grab hold of the doorframe to stop myself from sliding to the floor.

“What...” I gasp for breath as I look at Eliza again, “what the hell are you wearing?” I actually snort as I take in her full b*dy cat costume. We aren’t talking S**y little kitten, this is a full on bright orange furry full b*dy costume.

“It was meant to be cute!” Eliza stamps her fur covered foot and I just

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laugh harder, “Rick is never going to let me live this down.” I try to stop laughing but each time I look at her it starts up again. The damn thing is so bright it pretty much glows in the dark.

“Well at least we won’t lose you in the forest.” Eliza tries to put her hands on her hips but her costume is so puffy she can’t actually make the move, my laughter increases.

“Please, let me know when you’re done laughing at my expense.”

Sucking in a breath I try to look at her without laughing, I manage but I can’t seem to take the grin off my face.

“Why exactly did you pick this?” I wave my hand up and down gesturing at her outfit.

“Rick got it, it’s sort of an inside joke. When he told me I figured it would be a S**y kitty not this polyester monstrosity. What’s your costume?” I walk over to the cupboard but part of me doesn’t want to take it out, I know it’s going to make her feel bad.

“A witch, nothing bad.” Eliza narrows her eyes at me.

“If you pull out a S**y witch costume I’m actually going to murder you,” I put a hand over my heart feigning shock. Search the website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“You would kill your Luna?” Eliza just stares at me, I swear if looks could turn a person to stone I would be a statue around now.

“Show me.” Pulling my shirt over my head I drop it on the floor and go to open the garment bag holding my costume.

“Goddess,” I poke my head around the door and look at Eliza with a raised eyebrow. “Remind me to take you shopping, mom bras are not S**y.” I look down at my plain white bra, sure it’s a little on the full cup side but Fraction never complains.

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I don’t let her know I heard her comment, instead I focus on getting dressed. The damn costume is more elaborate than I thought, I manage to get the garter belt, stockings and skirt on but I start to struggle when I get to the corset.

“Help me?” I plead with Eliza.

“Fine but you’re going to have to come and unzip me so I can use my hands,” stepping from around the door I watch Eliza look me up and down. She doesn’t say anything although I can see the annoyance all over her face. Patrick really messed up this one, “turn around.” I tell her as I drop the corset on the bed. Once Eliza’s hands are free she picks up the corset and undoes the ties until it’s laying flat.

“Ok the mom bra needs to go,” the bra is front fastening which seems to amuse Eliza as she giggles when I take it off. “Ok turn around and arms up.” I do as Eliza tells me, and put my arms down when she’s covered my front with the lacey bodice. “I don’t know why you even bother with a bra, those things are perky enough to stay up on their own.”

“Try...ow.” I gasp as Eliza pulls the strings, “try nursing two kids, it’s like nature’s boobjob.” I feel Eliza’s hands still as I say this and I am instantly filled with regret. “Shit, Eliza I’m sorry. I didn’t think.”

“Don’t worry about it, if I could nurse two kids I would. You’re all done, let’s see.” I turn around to show her the full effect, “you need some boots, maybe some knee high ones. Also don’t go bending down in that skirt.” I chuckle as I head back to the cupboard.

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“You know I have some black dress, makeup and some makeshift ears and we can make you a S**y kitten?” I tell Eliza as I root through my shoes, for some reason I have about six pairs of black boots. I

decide on the ones that lace all the way up the front and come past my knees. I hold the boots up to Eliza and she nods.

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"I don't want to piss Patrick off, he was excited about this costume." Eliza looks in the mirror and starts pulling at the costume to put it back in place.

"Well tell him the costume pissed you off," Eliza looks at me in the mirror, I watch as she bites her lip and nods.

"Alright, let's do it." Putting my boots on I point to the cupboard at the far end of the room.

"You pick a dress and I'll get the makeup and headband." I tell Eliza as my heels clack on the floor as I run.

By the time I come back to the bedroom armed with goodies Eliza is pulling a black strappy dress over a red lace bra and matching french cut panties. I smile at her as she sits on the bed and lifts her face up for

make her look like a really S**y kitty.

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Chapter 123

Stolen Glances.

(Fraction>>

"Ander will be here soon, you don't want him to see you being **all** grumpy do you?" I am keeled on the kitchen floor trying to plead with my six year old to go outside and join all of his friends. We have most. of the Pack over for a Halloween cookout, Anna has gone all out for the kids she is determined our Pack house rivals Darryl's.

“Alpha’s don’t get grumpy.” Thomas tells me in a sullen voice with his arms crossed over his tiny chest.

“You’re going to squash your pumpkin,” I tell him, pulling his arms down by his sides. I see James come into the kitchen and open the fridge out of the corner of my eye, “even James has a pumpkin on.” I nod over at James who has a pumpkin face painted onto the side of his cheek, I have no doubt this was one of the mother’s trying to get him involved.

“Don’t care.” standing up I rub my hands through my hair and look at James with a: help me, kind of look.

“What’s up little Alpha?” James asks as he pops open his bottle of beer.

“Don’t want to be a pumpkin, I’m not a baby!” I almost laugh as he says this with an actual foot stomp.

“Well what do you want to be?” James asks diplomatically, honestly when it comes to Thomas he’s a miracle. He somehow speaks six year old better than me or Anna.

“Ander is a Gun Slinger,” James scrunches up his nose in disgust.

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“You mean leather pants stuck to your ass and a loaded weapon on

your hip, mate you’re an Alpha. You don’t need a gun,” I suck my l*ps. in as James tries to talk Thomas round..

“I don’t look like an Alpha,” Thomas points at me **in** my jeans and nothing more. Honestly I just didn’t want to let Anna down so I figured I’d go for my usual after shift look.

“Little T, come here.” James crooks a finger and Thomas goes running over to him, James instantly drops down so he can whisper in his ear. “Wear the pumpkin this year and I’ll talk to you momma about a better outfit next year. We gotta make the women in our lives happy.” I watch as Thomas contemplates what James has said. I know the second he has decided to suck up the costume because he squares his shoulders, nods and runs from the kitchen into the back garden.

Walking over to James I accept the beer he hands me, I clink my glass against his. “You realise that you’re screwed when I go away.” I smile. around the bottle.

“Yeah, I think I need to put a stop to that trip until Thomas is at least. eighteen.” I’m only half joking with him, James has made plans to go. and visit other Packs. He hasn’t outright said it but I think he’s going. looking for his mate, I won’t deny James his chance of finding him.

“Then you will have Aurora and all the males sniffing around her,” I feel my eyes widen as James says this.

“I’m not letting her date until she’s at least thirty, no males.” I’m not even joking, I can’t see a time I will let any male sniff around my little girl. She hasn’t presented a designation yet but if Elder Thomas is right then she’s a little Omega so she will need protecting. “Where’s Rick?”

“I think he’s hiding, he was put in charge of costumes. He ordered Eliza’s and to say it came wrong is a huge understatement.” I just

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glance at James confused, “let’s just say it was big and orange. “I grimace and down the last of my beer. I can’t imagine Rick **will** be getting any love in the forest tonight.

“Come on, let’s go and join the kids. Anna will kick my ass if she comes down and I’m hiding in the kitchen.” James downs the rest of his beer and starts for the back door.

The garden is like a war zone, only instead of dying warriors there are screaming kids all hopped up on sugar. I nod at a few of the parents as I look around to see where Thomas is. I spot him near apple bobbing station with Ander. Those two have been glued to the hip for the last year or so. their friendship reminds me much of me and James when we were young. Spotting Rick at the grill I walk down the steps of the porch and weave through all the kids and mother’s to get to him.

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“Luna has some impressive ideas.” Rick tells me as he swipes a hand at his sweaty brow.

“Just think. soon it will be us and a bunch of kids in the middle of the forest.” I clap Rick on the back. he turns to look at me but he doesn’t say anything. For a minute I wonder what he’s looking at but when I turn to see what’s behind me I see Anna and Eliza and I can’t help but stare at myself.

“That ain’t no orange catsuit.” Rick says, sounding a little breathy. I feel a little short of breath myself. Anna has somehow made her little witch costume look like the most enticing thing in the world. Don’t get me wrong. she would look amazing in a brown paper bag but this outfit is on another level.

The simple black vest top from the online photograph has turned out to be a boned corset that not only shows Anna's slim waist but also pushes her breasts up to such a height that they are just begging for my mouth on them. Every step she takes down the porch stairs I see the strap of the garter belt playing peek a boo and the stockings they are

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holding up make her legs look like something from a pin up poster.

Shes teased her hair to give her that just fucked look and shes done some kind of smokey black thing around her eyes. I expect her to make a beeline for me but instead she gives me a sultry smile and walks over to talk to one of the mothers from the play group.

"That's not fair man, we are going to be surrounded by kids all night. How am I meant to make use of that outfit?" Rick sounds pained at the thought of not being able to touch his mate while she's so glammed up.

"It was meant to be a simple witch outfit," I mutter under my breath as I watch Anna laugh at something one of the men at the table says. Any other man would be jealous watching his mate laugh at another man but I see the way Anna angles herself away from him and how her eyes keep flicking to me. She's checking I'm watching and she's loving that I am. I can see her legs getting tighter as she presses her thighs together and the way her breasts bounce as her breathing gets deeper.

Deciding enough is enough I walk away from Rick without a single word and head for Anna. The little minx actually gets up from the table and starts to walk around the group and towards the side of the house and then the cluster of trees just beyond it. Looks like the Alpha is hunting a witch tonight, I follow Anna from a distance until, I can only just hear the kids in the garden.

"Come out, come out wherever you are." I tease Anna as I stalk through

the trees.

"What will you do with me when you have me?" I hear Anna ask, her voice comes from behind me so I spin around to see the S**y little witch standing with her arms crossed and biting her lower l*p.

"Well, I could eat you up." I lick my l*ps as I step towards her but she takes a step back.

"We can't, the kids will hear us." Anna takes another step back from

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me and I take another towards her.

“I can make you be quiet,” I tell her in a seductive voice.

“Is that what you wanted when you bought me this?” Anna runs a hand down her corseted stomach, she trails it along the front of her skirt and starts to finger the edge of it.

“Honestly,” I shake my head as she keeps playing with the skirt. “It looked a lot less S**y on the website.” Anna laughs at me before letting the skirt go, she walks over to me and places both hands on my chest. before leaning up and placing a k*ss on my cheek.

“Be a good Alpha and help me with the kids and I’ll make it worth your while,” Anna whispers in my ear. I feel her face brush against my cheek as she rubs her face into my beard, I let out a moan just as she jumps back and starts back towards the house.

“I’m going to hold

she has an extra su to that!” I shout after her, I can’t help but notice

she has an extra swing to her hips.

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Chapter 124

Ghost stories.

(Anna)

I back out of the tent as carefully as possible so I don't wake Thomas and Ander. After the cook out I thought it would be a good idea to bring Thomas and a few of his friends out to the forest just past our guard for a little camp out. Now the kids are all tucked away in their tents, we adults can have a little fun, zipping the tent up. I see Fraction, Patrick, Eliza and James all sitting around a small campfire drinking beers. I smile as I watch my family all laugh at something Patrick says, Fraction turns to me and holds his hand out. As soon as I am close enough he pulls me down to him so I'm sitting between his legs.

"Ok, let's do some adult ghost stories." Patrick says as he swaps Eliza's empty beer for a full one.

"Are you trying to get me drunk?" Eliza asks around a laugh.

"Always, kitten." I smile at them suddenly understanding the inside joke she was talking about before.

"Wait, Anna won't of heard The Shalamayne story before." James and Fraction both groan as Eliza gets all excited, she sits up straighter and moves her hair from her face.

"What's that?" I ask looking around at them all.

"A story to keep wild shifters in line," Fraction whispers in my ear.

"If you're bad enough, The Shalamaynes will come for you," Fraction, Rick and James all say at the same time before howling with laughter. I

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can't help but feel like I'm missing out, it's not like I grew up around these kind of stories.

"What's a Shalamayne?" I ask looking around at the group, Fractions. arms snake around my waist and he gives me a slight reassuring

squeeze.

"Go on then, tell it." Fraction says to Eliza, I watch James drop back so he's holding himself up on his arms with his legs spread out in front of him.

"You don't have to if you have all heard it before," the last thing I want is to make them all bored when I've pretty much forced them all to be here. Eliza waves her hand in the air and clears her throat.

“So the story starts way back when shifters first came to these lands. Apparently this was when they lived in mud huts and instead of Packs they had villages, well apparently then they also had royalty. One Alpha that ruled them all, only back then you couldn’t be Alpha without a mate and Felro, had no mate.” Eliza is using her best storytelling voice as we all listen to her.

“Felro?” I can’t help but question the absurd name.

“Shush.” Patrick shushes me with a broad smile on his face, clearly getting into the story.

“So Felro set out on his journey to find a mate, he travelled from village to village. Until one day he came across a woman who smelled. like the very Earth itself, she was everything he had been looking for except she wasn’t a shifter. She was a human who knew nothing of our world, as he got to know her he found her to be caring and kind. Instead of telling her about his true nature he hid it from her, he would take care of his Alpha duties by dead of night and be a dutiful human husband during the day. It wasn’t long before his human was round **with** baby, however the woman was no fool and knew her husband was

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sneaking off somewhere in the night.” I **squint** my eyes at Eliza not really seeing how this is meant to be scary. It sounds like any other wolf looking for his mate just a long time ago. [SEARCH The Find_Novel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

“This isn’t much of a ghost story.” I say in a whisper to Fraction but I see Eliza stick her tongue out at me so I give her a wide smile and a nod to carry on.

“It gets better, little wolf.” Fraction k*sses the top of my head, “go on Eliza.”

“When Felro was doing his night time jobs he came across a small Omega called Bethel. Turns out this Omega was his fated mate so he started to court her, eventually Felro had his human wife by day and his shifter mate by night.” Eliza smiles at me as she mentions an Omega and I just roll my eyes. “One night his human wife followed him and saw him entangled with his Omega. She watched as he made love to her over and over again. Hatching a plan she went back to their little hut and created a meal especially for her lover, in the meadow not too far from their home a purple plant grew that she knew her husband was allergic too. Little did she know it was wolfsbane, so when he ate the laced food the next evening he became very ill and was unable to make his nightly visit to Bethel.”

“So this is a woman scorned story?” I ask as I empty my bottle of beer and hand it to Fraction.

“Anna.” James complains from his lounge position, for someone who didn’t look interested he’s paying attention now.

“The human woman, heavy with her baby, walked back to where she had watched her husband with this other woman. She was armed with nothing but a simple silver knife, she had been gifted it by her father on her wedding night. She crept into the hut where the Omega slept and slit her throat, the woman never woke. Confident that justice had

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been done she made her way home, when she got there Felro smelled the blood of his mate on his wife and in a blind rage he shifted into his. beast.” I gasp as Fractions hand tighten around me, “blinded in grief Felro killed his pregnant wife.

“Wow that was awful but not exactly...scary.” I can’t imagine the anger a mate must feel when they find out someone has killed their other half. I can’t help but feel Felro’s rage was justified but then again the poor human was pregnant.

“Tell her the rest.” Fraction mutters as he rests his bearded chin on the top of my head.

“Well, apparently after he killed his wife the villagers chased him away and tried to save the woman. She was too far gone and soon died but they did manage to save her baby, as the child grew it became clear that he was no shifter but he was also no human. He was something in between, a cross between the two. All the power of a shifter without the animal to hold him back, he spent years learning about his past and his father. They say that his bloodline still goes on today, they hunt. shifters and punish them for Felro’s wrong doing all those years ago. Apparently, if you are bad enough...” Eliza looks at each of the guys. and pauses.

“The Shalamayne will come for you and your loved ones will never see you again.” I actually jump as all of them say it unison and then burst out laughing.

“You guys are awful!” I say slapping Fraction hand nestled against my corseted stomach.

“Good story though, right?” I nod at Eliza as I let out a yawn.

“Oh no you don’t, you made me a promise.” I feel my thigh squeeze together as Fraction stands and pulls me up with him. “Time for sleep I

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think.”

“Sure, sleep.” James laughs as we walk over to our tent, I turn back to look at James and I see the broad smile on his face.

“Where are you sleeping James?” He didn’t bring a tent with him and I can’t see him sharing a tent with the kids.

“Someone has to keep watch while all of you get your...sleeping done.” James winks at me.

“We can stay with you.” I say trying to pull myself out of Fractions. hold, his grip gets tighter as he pushes me towards the tent.

“Don’t worry little wolf, he’s being paid handsomely for his time.” I don’t get to argue more as Fraction pushes me. into the tent and I land on my hands and knees. “Oh, don’t even think about moving.” I shiver as I hear the tent zip being pulled closed and the crinkle of Fraction’s jeans as he pulls them off.

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Chapter 125

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G-strings.

«Fraction)

On her hands and knees, looking back at me while biting her bottom. I*p I think right this second is the most S**y Anna has ever been to me. Don’t get wrong she is always incredible but right now she’s the cock throbbing, cum about to burst out of me, kind of S**y. With her on her hands and knees her skirt is rising enough above the swell of her ass that I can see she’s not wearing much in the way of panties.

“You’ve been wearing this **all** night?” I ask Anna in a low voice as I move her skirt slightly to show the black g-string currently nestled between her ass cheeks. Using my finger tip I start at the bottom of her back and follow the trail of the string all the way down to her sopping wet entrance. I see a shiver work its way through Anna’s b*dy as my touch sets her on fire.

“I asked you a question,” I say as I lay a light slap on bare left ass cheek, it’s not hard but enough to push her forward just slightly.

“All night.” Anna tells me as she looks over her shoulder, “I need.”

“You need?” I put my tongue between my teeth as I trace the lace of her garter belt down the back of her thighs, “you’ve been walking around all night with nothing but a scrap of fabric between everyone and what’s mine.” I sit back on my feet and grip my hard cock in my fist, squeezing tight. I punish myself to try and keep myself focused on Anna, if I had my way this would be over in two strokes.

Anna licks her l*ps as she watches a drop of pre-cum fall from the head of my cock to the floor of the tent. She looks like she is about to move so I make a ‘tut tut’ sound and shake my head. I’m enjoying her laid out

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like this before me and I’m not ready for it to end.

“I bet all the males could smell you,” I sniff obscenely loud as I take in her scent, my nose is instantly filled with fresh mowed grass, dark roast coffee and something sweet that I know is Anna’s arousal. “Maybe I should take care of myself and keep you wanting, teach you a lesson about appropriate underwear.” Anna visibly shakes as she watches me stroke my cock once and twist my hand as I get to the head. I hiss as I see Anna bite her lower l*p hard enough to leave an indent of her teeth. “Show me how much you want it,” for a second she just watches me and then slowly I see her shift her weight so she’s balanced on one hand. Looking between her legs I see her hand snake into the triangle of fabric covering her from me. I know the second she makes contact with her clit because her breathing gets heavy, her scent fills the tent even more and she lets out a long drawn out moan.

I don’t watch long before I need to see more, letting go of my cock I tangle my fingers into the sides of her g-string and pull, they give with very little resistance and then the black fabric is pooling under her. Anna gasps as she feels the snap against her skin, as she looks back at me I see her face is flushed and her pupils are blown, she’s loving every second of this.

“Keep going. little wolf.” There’s not much room in the tent but I manage to lay myself on my stomach and hold myself up on my forearms so I can get an up close look at my final goal. My cock is.. trapped between me and the ground, the pressure hurts but in a good way, it’ll help me keep from slamming deep within her and making this end all too soon.

“I’ll cum,” Anna gasps as her finger dips into the pool of wetness and she draws it back up to her clit.

“No you won’t.” I know Anna, she would always prefer coming on my cock or tongue than her own finger.

“Please,” Anna starts to rock her hips as she sl*ps two fingers into

herself, watching her fuck her own fingers while shaking her ass at me has to be one of the most erotic things I have ever

ver seen.

“Stop.” I tell her in a firm voice as I see her start to clench up, she shakes as she takes her fingers out and just holds them before her entrance. Leaning all the way down I draw her fingers into my mouth getting my first taste of the night. I moan around her digits, her taste bursts across my tongue and I instantly want more.

Opening my mouth she pulls her fingers from me and places her hand back on the ground to support herself. I use my hands on her hips to pull her closer as I latch my l*ps onto her clit and suck, hard. She cums instantly, I know she’s muffling herself somehow because the sound is muted but I know from the way her thighs clench around my head and her whole b*dy shakes. Her juices start to flow freely down my chin and I listen to them drip onto the plastic tent floor below us.

“Too much,” Anna gasps and I suck even harder trying to draw her clit even further into my mouth, using my tongue I press down hard and I feel her shiver again. Easing back slightly I use my tongue to trace every inch of her p**sy, I purposely avoid her clit until she starts to rock back on my face. Finding her pool of wetness I dip my tongue inside and then thrust it in as far as I can go, I start tongue f**king her as she brings her hand back and starts to strum a finger over her clit. As her second orgasm hits I’ve reached my limit, I drop my hands from her hips and scramble up to my knees.

“You ready little wolf?” I don’t even know why I bother to ask, I might have let her go but she’s still going crazy on her clit. I watch for a second as she rocks her hips back and forth trying to find another release, lining my cock up with her entrance. I place a hand on her back and push her down until she’s got her head and shoulders on the floor and her ass is raised even higher in the air. I don’t give her any warning as I slam my cock into her in one thrust, she doesn’t have time

to adjust to me as her b*dy is wracked with her third orgasm of the night. It must have crept up on her because she doesn't muffle herself, she screams into the night as she clenches my cock so hard I think it might snap off.

I hold myself still, deep within her waiting for to subside.

her wasm so I can begin my ride.

"Hold tight," that's all the warning I give her as I use my hands on her hips to hold her still and I draw myself out until only my cock head ist in her. Snapping my hips I slam into her and draw back out, I pull her onto me as quickly as I thrust into her. Anna is gasping and moaning as I slam in and out over and over again. I angle my hips slightly down and I find her magic spot, I start thrusting into her hitting the spot over and over again.

"Fraction!" Anna starts to grab at the floor under her, I can hear her nails digging into the plastic covering of the tent as I shift her whole b*dy forward with each thrust.

"Come for me, little wolf," I gasp as I feel myself getting close. I throw my head back as I feel her clench me even tighter as her fourth orgasm hits, holding myself deep I spill into her. I feel my cock kick within her over and over again, I can barely catch my breath by the time I'm done.

I fall forward and catch myself on my hands just before I crush Anna, I leave k*sSES along her sweaty back as I try to calm my heart beat. With a final push into her I grab Anna by her waist and roll us so we are laid on our sides, Anna's back pressed against my front I close my eyes and enjoy the sensation of her warmth as I slowly shrink and fall from her.

"Love you little wolf," I whisper into her n*eck, Anna doesn't say anything but she sighs contentedly as her eyes start to close.

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Chapter 126

Hidden.

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There is a perverse pleasure in hiding on a shifters land so you can watch them, it's like playing a game of see me if you can. They won't though, I'm too good at what I do and armed with a hunting spray to hide my scent from my prey they can't even smell me.

We have been watching The Swiftmane Pack for just over six years now, it's not always me but I do volunteer for the job whenever opportunity arises. As soon as the second pup was born we made our move, you see an Alpha and Luna having one pup; that's just carrying on the shifter line. Two pups is a gateway to overpopulation. There is a reason most shifters don't have siblings and it's normally because we interfere and remove the parents from play. Occasionally we will come across the odd parents who will just hand over the pup and not have anymore but those parents are few and far between. We only really bother with the big ticket shifters though, the Alpha and Luna's. They set a precedent for the rest of the Pack, if they see the Luna popping pups out then they think they can too and before you know it the human species stops being the dominant species on the planet.

We started to watch Fraction and Anna soon after she was brought back from her brother's pathetic attempts at containment. He could have killed the Luna and our job would have been done but instead he took the Alpha too which led to John being dead and buried. The only reason we became aware of them was because of their Pack size, for some reason shifters seem to flock to this Pack above all others. The only other Pack that rivals this one is Darryl's, we leave him alone. because he has no Luna and is known to be the head Alpha of America. He's basically a King without the title, it makes sense for his Pack to be bigger than all the others. My bosses were concerned

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Fraction was building an Army but that seems to have been unproven so far, they seem like a normal couple and we were ready to leave them be until Aurora was born.

We got a tip about the female pup possibly being an Omega and the only thing my organisation hates more than shifter breeding is Omega's. They are dangerous, given half a chance they will spread their sickly sweet lies to any shifter they meet. So the stories go, if enough shifters follow an Omega they become more powerful than any other shifter. They have the power to control the emotions of those around them and some are even rumored to be able to dream walk.

We haven't been able to determine the pups designation which is the only reason we haven't made our move yet. It's also why I am in the middle of a forest on Halloween listening to what I can only assume is a damn orgy. The two warriors left and started going at it in one tent and Fraction and Anna went into another. The Beta, James, was left alone next to the little campfire, how he can just sit there listening to people fuck is

beyond me, it's not like they are being quiet about it either. It sounds like the two males are having a damn contest of who can make their female scream the loudest. After a while it goes silent and I almost pack it in for the night but I spot a sandy brown wolf walking behind their little camp so I decide to wait and see what happens. People say the most interesting things when they think they are alone.

I watch James take an airpod out of his ear and look around, he must have sensed someone nearby because there is no way he heard anything with those things in. Him being able to sit there while his Pack fucked around him makes a little more sense now.

"Who's there?" James asks, standing up and turning his back to me, I watch the sandy brown wolf change into a six foot something fully n*ked man.

"It's just me, don't attack." James must know who he is because I watch

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his shoulders relax as the man comes closer.

"What are you doing out here? It's what..." James looks at his wrist, "Jesus, three am. You often go running in the trees at three am?"

"Only when I know there is a Beta not watching his back," the man smiles at James as he gestures to a pile of clothes. "Can I get some shorts?" James hands the unknown man a pair of shorts quickly and waits while he covers his nudity. Search The FindNovel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"What's wrong Bellamy?" James asks Bellamy as the man sits down next to the dying fire, he picks up a stick and pokes at it.

"I thought you might want some company, can't be fun being out here with two warriors, an Alpha and an Omega." Bellamy smiles up at James and nods to the floor, James just crosses his arms over his chest and looks down at him. "Figured you would want some company instead of being a fifth wheel."

"Don't need company," James grunts.

"I heard you were leaving to visit other Packs, that true?" James just nods his head, "you're going looking for another mate?"

"I don't have a mate," Bellamy laughs as James grunts this.

"We both know that's not true, how long are you going to avoid what we have?" I feel my eyes widen as I realise what's going on, it's not everyday you hear of gay shifters.

Sure it's common and even normal in the human world but shifters are different and normally exclusively heteroS**ual.

"We don't have anything, it was a drunken night. One night Bellamy, it meant nothing." Bellamy stands up and gets really close to James, for a second I think he's going to k*ss him but instead he just sniffs him.

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"Coward. You felt it as much as I did, I didn't think people like us had mates and then there you were. You don't need to fight this hard James," Bellamy steps back before taking his shorts off. "When your decide to stop denying yourself you know where to find me."

"Go back to your bar Bell, there is no me and you. Never will be." I listen to Bellamy laugh as he shifts back into a sandy brown wolf, he brushes himself against James's side. James closes his eyes as he drops a hand to softly brush through Bellamy's fur before he runs off into the trees the way he came.

Kind of glad I didn't turn in now, guess I need to call the big guys. Not only have I learned the Beta is gay but his partner also let sl*p a tid bit we didn't know. How it was hidden from us for all this time that Anna is Omega is beyond me, someone has dropped the ball here. Packing up my little sleeping area I creep through the trees knowing that the next time I come back we will have a new Omega to add to our collection. And maybe a new Beta toy if I have my way.

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Chapter 127

Fighting the bond.

«Fraction»>

"I could take her to the mall with me and she could sleep in the stroller," I'm shaking my head no before Anna even finishes speaking.

“She’s fine with me, I have meetings all day so she can just chill here.” I look down at Aurora sleeping in my arms, she normally naps in her little bed but whenever I think I can get away with it, I carry her around with me.

“You’re going to spoil her.” Anna says as she leans over and k*sses my head, “call me if you need me.” She quickly leaves the office heading towards the front door. I don’t know what the urgency is with the mall but she and Eliza have declared today a girl day. No Alpha’s allowed, Patrick is with them so I’m not too concerned.

At three years old Aurora is at the age where she can still sleep in my arms without being too much of a bother. I think she’s going to be on the small side like her mother. I’m so busy looking down at her that I don’t realise someone is at the office door until a throat clearing reaches my ears. Looking up I see one of the males I swore in about a year ago, he and his mate run the small bar at the edge of the Pack. Anna wasn’t a fan of the idea of a bar but it’s been hit with the Pack so far and bringing in a decent income.

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“Alpha?” He asks, he looks at Aurora and then back at me as if asking if it’s ok to come into the office.

“Bellamy, right?” I hope I get his name right as I wave him in and gesture at one of the chairs in front of me.

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“Yes, Alpha.” Nice to know I’m not so wrapped up in my family I still remember my Pack members names.

“Have a seat, what can I do for you?” Bellamy walks into the office, he’s wearing a simple pair of dark jeans, black boots and a dark blue t- shirt. Before sitting down he pops a piece of paper on my desk and spins it around so it’s facing me.

“I have come to apply for the dissolution of a chosen mating.” I nod my head as I look at the official form sitting in front of me.

“Your mate is **in** agreement?” All Alpha’s have to agree to any mate pairing being dissolved whether fated or not. If the Alpha does not agree then it doesn’t happen, we have the final say on these things.

“She is, we only mated to make it easier to find a new Pack. We had no idea Swiftmane was so open minded,” I’m not sure what he means by open minded but I don’t interrupt him. “We both agreed that should we find our fated mates we would dissolve what we have.” It’s not unusual for chosen mates to make this kind of Pack but most never do find their

fated mates.

“If I remember right, there are no pups from the mating?” The last thing I want to do is break up a family if I can avoid it.

“That’s correct.” I nod my head and using the hand not holding Aurora I pick up the form and slide it into the top drawer of my desk.

“Alright, well I’ll chat to...” I check the form again before closing the drawer. “I’ll chat to Lillian and once she’s confirmed all of this I will process the dissolution.” Bellamy smiles at me, that alone tells me, my chat with Lillian will be quick and easy. No man is this confident without reason. “Who is the lucky female out of interest? I need to make sure she’s not on my list for the Moon Fall Ceremony.” We have the ceremony in two weeks and I have a list of females and some males

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who want to come with the hope of finding their mate.

“I don’t believe he is Alpha.” I school my features as I try not to react to what he’s saying. It’s not that being gay shocks me, it’s more that he chose a female chosen over a male one.

“I see.” My mind starts whirling with thoughts faster than I can process them. “Well, congratulations to you and your new mate. I’ll come to the bar and toast you both at some point.”

“Thank you for your time, Alpha.” Bellamy stands from the chair and holds his hand out to me, just as I lean over to shake it Aurora opens her little eyes and looks directly at us. I smile down at her as Bellamy leaves the office.

‘James?’ I ask over our mind link as I get up from my desk and make my way quickly to the bathroom at the end of the hall.

‘What’s up? James answers me quickly.

'Mind bringing me a coffee?' He knows Anna is out today and I'm alone with Aurora so I'm sure he was waiting for me to ask. He doesn't answer me so I pop Aurora on the potty to let her do her business.

"You want some toys?" Aurora makes a grab for my beard as we walk back to the office. "Alright little one. here you go." I pop Anna on her little play matt I have set up at the side of the office.

"Why Alpha, what a busy day you are having." I turn laughing at James accepting the big cup of Columbian Roast he offers me.

"It's a rare quiet one and I'm taking full advantage." I use one hand to move one of the chairs so it's facing Aurora before sitting down and sipping at my coffee. "What's this?" I nod my head at the paper in James' hand.

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"My itinerary for my Pack tour, it will let you know where I'm going to be and when." I take the paper from him and give it a quick glance before looking back up **at** him.

"Six months. I thought we agreed on three?" Six months is a long time. to be without my Beta.

"I've added more to the list, if you need me back in three I can make it work but I don't want to miss anyone, miss my mate." I notice he's added some of the English Packs and even two of the Irish Packs.

"Your other mate you mean?" I take a stab in the dark but I know I've hit the nail on the head when James drops himself in the other chair sighing. "Bellamy came to see me to have his chosen mating dissolved. You're the only other gay member of the Pack James."

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"Idiot. It was one night, he's not my mate. He can't be." James doesn't look at me, instead he watches Aurora put some stars in a wooden block like it's the most interesting thing in the world.

"And why can't he be?" James hasnt stopped talking about his trip for weeks now but I don't understand why he wants to go if he has already found his mate.

"He's straight and in a relationship with a woman, we had one night together about eight months ago. It wasn't even a full night, I had to leave before his mate came back."

James's nose scrunches up which lets me know how he feels about having to sneak behind a shifter's back.

"I think Uncle James is being silly, don't you?" Aurora makes grabby hands at James and he hands her a small teddy next to his feet. "See, even Aurora agrees. Did it feel different?"

"Different as opposed to what? It's not like I'm swimming in past lovers." I can't argue with that, I can probably count on one hand how

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many boyfriends James has had over the years and most of them were human and only lasted the night.

"Well, did it feel different to Leon?" I watch James flinch as I mention his ex. we don't talk about him much but he was James's only serious. relationship.

"It doesn't matter how it feels, I have no desire to be with a man who has pretended to be straight his whole life." James stands from the chair and looks down at me, "I'm done talking about this Fraction. You have my itinerary unless there is a problem. I don't want to hear another thing on the matter." With that he walks from the office. without another word.

"Alright then." I whisper to his retreating back, James seems to be really wanting to avoid this whole mate thing and I guess it's not my place to force the issue.

Looking at the paper in my hand I smile, I might not be able to force the issue but I can limit how much time he has to look for a second mate. Downing the rest of my coffee I pull my phone out of my jeans, I'm going to need Zoe, our babysitter, to come and watch Aurora while I make some phone calls.

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Chapter 128

Shattered glass.

(Anna)

“A little help?” I call out as I open the front door, the house is surprisingly silent. Normally people are coming and going and there is often a pup or three running around getting underfoot. I hitch my shopping bags up and waddle into the kitchen, as soon as I see Zoe the lack of people makes sense. Fraction must have needed to do something for him to call in the babysitter.

“Did he have to go out?” I ask Zoe, she jerks her head up from her textbooks spread across the kitchen table. She looks shocked that I’m standing in front of her, she must have been really absorbed in her book.

“Sorry Luna..I must have zoned out, yeah Alpha went out about an hour ago. I just put Aurora down for the night and Ander’s mum called and asked if Thomas could stay there,” I nod my head as I look at my mountain of bags.

“Did Fraction say when he would be back?” Zoe just shakes her head as she starts to put her books back in her bags. “Damn it, any idea where I can hide all of this?” Zoe just laughs at me as she gets up from the table and pops her bag on her shoulder.

“Good luck,” she calls as she walks past me.

“I’ll get Fraction to put the money in your account.” It’s how we normally pay her for her service, even at sixteen she should be paid for her work.

“Luna, I don’t...” I hold my hand up and end her normal tirade.

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“Go home Zoe and good luck on your paper.” Zoe just smiles and heads out of the Packhouse.

Zoe is a rare one, Patrick found her in a rogue nest about two years ago, she was just there with no one else around her. When we asked her where her family was she said they had died, I pleaded with Fraction to take pity on her and now she’s our most reliable babysitter. Gathering my bags up I head up to the bedroom so I can try to find somewhere to hide the shopping bags, Eliza talked me into spending way more than I wanted.

Once the bags are securely in my cupboard I quickly nip next door to check on Aurora. This was James's room but he moved to the warrior floor when she was born, he said it wasn't right to make the pups share. I have to agree that it is nice having my family all on one landing.

"Sleeping soundly?" Closing the door I see Fraction leaning against the wall with a smirk on his face.

"What's so funny?" I narrow my eyes at him and cross my arms, the smirk on his face has the hairs on the back of my neck standing on end.

"I like your attempt at hiding these." Fraction holds up his hand and there dangling from his first finger is a pale purple lace French cut panties. I got them because the colour looks great against my pale skin. and the lace as a flower pattern that has a really cute peek-a-boo effect. I go to grab the panties but he just holds them above his head out of my reach.

"I didn't even hear you come in," I whisper yell at him as I jump to get the panties.

"You're oddly obvious when you're around the pups, the cupboard was not a bad hiding spot. I found these in like three seconds." I stamp my foot slightly and then turn and start walking down the stairs, if this keeps going we will wake Aurora and I really don't want to be up all night.

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"How did you know anyway?" I ask as we walk into the kitchen, I mean I did hide them as soon as I got home so unless Eliza spilled the details I'm unsure how he could have known I bought anything.

"There is this genius thing where banks text you as you spend. Turns out I spent a lot more than normal today," I stop as I lean up to get a glass for some water and drop my head a little.

"I'll take them all back, Eliza made me buy a lot of them anyway." I turn around to see him holding the panties up between his two hands. and he's looking at them like he's imagining how I look in them.

"Nope." Fraction says, he pops the 'p' as he smiles at me.

Three things happen all at once; Fraction's smile falls, I hear glass shattering and then I'm on the floor with a searing pain in my shoulder. I try to get up but the weight of

Fraction is keeping me down, I look at him to see his eyes slightly glazed before he looks down at me.

'Stay down, little wolf. The warriors are doing a sweep,' he cups both of my shoulders but something is wrong with my left one and I cry out. as soon as he makes contact with it. I see Fraction bring his hand up in front of me and it's covered in blood. "Shit, you got hit." Fraction. growls as his eyes glaze over again.

"Got hit?" I'm so confused about what's happened.

"Shush, stay quiet." Fraction just lays there on top of me as we stay still on the kitchen floor surrounded by glass.

"Aurora!" I say in panic as I try to scramble up from the floor, Fraction puts a hand on my stomach to keep me in place.

"Two warriors are already outside of her door, no one is getting to her. Now stay still before you lose more blood," I lean my head back on the floor for a second before remembering there is glass everywhere.

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Looking up at the window I see one of the panes is completely shattered like someone threw a high speed stone through it.

"I got shot," I can hear the panic in my voice but I can't seem to calm it.

"You're going to be ok, as soon as the warriors give the all clear Doctor Lee will be here." Fraction is all Alpha right now, his eyes keep glazing over so I know he's mind linking with someone.

"Someone shot me!" I shout loudly to get his attention. His eyes are still glazed over when I hear boots running down the hall and into the kitchen.

"All clear, Docs here." Patrick says a little out of breath, he's wearing a pair of shorts and nothing else.

"Help me get Anna up, there's glass everywhere." Fraction says as he goes to his knees. "careful of her shoulder, she got hit." Between Fraction and Patrick they have me off the floor and standing up away from the glass. Looking back I can see a pool of my blood surrounded by hundreds of pieces of glass.

"Wow, that really shattered, didn't it?" I say to neither of them in particular.

“She’s in shock, let’s get her to my office.” I feel a hand on either of my arms as I’m pulled from the kitchen. I can seem to take my eyes off all the blood on the floor and even as we leave the kitchen behind I can still see it seeping across the hardwood flooring. All I seem to be able to think is; that’s going to be a b*tch to clean up.

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Chapter 129

My Job.

(Patrick)

Swiping my hand across my shots I try to rid Anna’s blood from my hand but it’s no use. It’s already dried so it’s going to stay there until I actually shower or at the very least wash my hands.

“How is she?” Eliza whispers coming up behind me, I look at her and see she’s in a similar state of dress as me.

“I told you not to come.” I use a low voice so as not to disturb everyone helping Anna.

“Like I’m going to stay back while someone is using a gun on

Packland. I’ve never heard of a shifter using a gun before,” I look over at Doctor Lee as he makes a victory sound and holds up a small bullet in between some tweezers. I’m instantly moving forward in confusion, I need a closer look because I swear that bullet is blinking.

“Any deeper and you might have needed surgery but as it is, a few stitches and you will be fine.” Doctor Lee says to a dazed and pale looking Anna, “someone get this Luna a stiff drink while I sew her up.” Doc turns and drops the bullet in a little dish before turning to grab his sewing stuff.

“Listen, I’m no bullet expert.” I hold the little tray up to my eye and see. I’m right, there is a little blue light blinking at the end of it. “But I’m pretty sure they don’t have lights on them.”

“Let me see,” I pass the tray to Fraction after he hands Anna a glass of whiskey which she just holds in her shaking hand. “It doesn’t look like any bullet I’ve ever seen.”

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“It’s a tracking bullet,” me and Fraction both look at Eliza. “My papa used to hunt **with** a group of humans and they used bullets like these so they could track their prey.” I scrunch my nose up at the idea of shooting a deer, I’ll take claws over a gun anyway.

“So you can buy them at any hunting shop?” Fraction asks Eliza while sipping on his own whiskey.

“If they sell hunting guns then sure but you know what this means right?” Eliza asks as she curls herself into one of the chairs in the office.

“Someone shot Anna to keep tabs on her not to kill her,” I mutter as I look at the bullet again. “Who have you pissed off?” I ask Fraction.

“Ow! That hurt!” All of us shoot our eyes to Anna who is batting at the Doc trying to place the last stitch. Her glass is empty and she’s just clutching it like it’s the most precious thing in the world to her. “I want Thomas home, now.” I smile at Eliza, thankful that I was able to guess my Luna’s thoughts.

“Already tucked up his bed, I’ll take a thank you in the form of my own drink.” I shake my head as Eliza holds her hand out to Fraction.

‘Anything? I mind link with James as the Doc tells Fraction how to change Anna’s bandage now he’s done sewing her up.

‘Nothing, not even the scent of gunpowder.’ James sounds annoyed that his search has not brought anything up. I watch the Doc sl*p from the office and close the door behind him.

‘You checked around the trees in the back garden? It came through the kitchen window.’ I rub my fingers on the bridge of my nose, how can there be no scent of an intruder.

‘Yeah, maybe it was a hunting shot gone wide?’ I snort at this. [SEAR*ch on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

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“Not likely, it’s not hunting season. Doc is done, the warriors will stay out, you come back here.” I instruct James as I close the link, he might be the Beta but this situation is my job, I call the shots.

“I don’t want Anna or the pups anywhere without an escort until we find who did this.” I tell Anna and Fraction as I perch against the desk.

“A bit dramatic.” Anna’s words are a little slurred, I’m guessing the pain pills, shock and whiskey are taking effect.

“No, he’s right. I also don’t want you off Packland until I know what’s happening.” Anna smiles as Fraction tells her this.

“So no Moon Ceremony?” She sounds a little too happy about this.

“Nice try, you’re coming. We will have enough warriors to keep you protected.” Fraction just stares at Anna and they seem to have a silent conversation. I watch Anna’s shoulders slump as she realises she’s got no choice in the matter.

James walks into the office closing the door behind him, he’s wearing jeans, a red button down and boots. I guess he dressed before coming. In because I know he shifted to help in the search.

“Where were you?” Fraction is on his feet the second the door opens.

“Out. I shifted and joined the patrol as soon as you linked.” James says, coming to a stop and staring at our Alpha.

“Out? My mate got shot in our own home and you were out?” James bites his lip as our Alpha chews into him, as Beta he should be here all the time unless Fraction knows about it beforehand. “Was he worth

it?”

“What’s happening?” I ask, looking between James and Fraction in confusion.

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“James found his mate but he’s fighting it and now he’s so busy with his mate he can’t be here to help when he’s needed.” Everyone in the room is instantly at attention, James finding a mate is a big deal so I don’t know why he’s fighting it.

“That’s not fair, me being here wouldn’t have stopped Anna from being shot!” He’s right but Fraction isn’t exactly seeing sense right now.

“Both of you need to calm down,” I look between both of the guys. “We need to figure out who did this. James maybe start making some calls, see if anyone knows of any rogues who use guns?” James just nods before storming from the office. “Fraction, maybe it’s worth taking Anna to bed?” I nod my head at Anna whose head is falling forward onto her chest, the shock has worn off and she’s crashing.

“Fine but I want an update by morning,” he comes around his desk and scoops Anna up into his arms. “Keep a warrior on each of the pups.” He takes a few steps before looking at me, “make it two a piece.”

Once alone with Eliza in the office I walk over to the liquor bar and pour myself a decent size drink before slamming it down, once it’s empty I pour another.

“What was all that?” Eliza asks me as I pour my third drink.

“Things are changing.” I mutter into my glass.

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Chapter 130

Distance.

(James)

“How is it no one has heard of a rogue using guns?” I move to the left quickly as Fraction throws a glass paper weight at the office door. It shatters as it hits the wood and scatters across the floor. It’s been a stressful week around here, Rick has everyone either on lockdown or being shadowed by warriors. The patrols are being tripled and poor Anna is basically a kept woman now, if she’s outside of the Packhouse for more than fifteen minutes Fraction goes insane.

"I spoke to all of the Head Warriors in the surrounding Packs and none of them have ever come across a rogue who uses guns. It's just not done, why use a gun when we have our wolves?" Rick is sitting in the chair opposite Fraction, he seems rather relaxed considering our Alpha has taken to throwing items around.

"Could it have been a human bullet? Gone wide while hunting?" I ask, stepping forward, I freeze as soon as Fractions' eyes are on me. Lately he seems pissed at me and he seems to be blaming me for stuff I have no control over.

"Sure, a human. A human hit Anna with enough accuracy to not kill her but to only wound her. Oh and let's not forget they also somehow covered up their scent and were hunting on Packland in the middle of the winter months." Fraction rolls his eyes at me as he slams himself back into his desk chair, "go and find me some answers."

Having been dismissed Rick gets up and leaves the office with nothing more said. I don't leave, I need to know why my Alpha is so angry at me in particular, it's not like I shot his Luna. I'm standing there for a couple of minutes with Fraction just staring at me before he sighs.

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"You can leave James." Fraction says pulling his coffee cup to his lips.

"No." My voice shakes and I struggle to get control of it, standing up to my Alpha is not easy for me.

"No? Got some other disappointing news to tell me?" I drop myself into the chair Rick vacated and just look at Fraction. He has bags under his eyes from lack of sleep, he is wearing the same clothes as yesterday and his desk is littered with empty coffee cups.

"How can I help?" I ask him in a pleading tone, I'm a Beta, helping my Alpha is literally my whole being. And right now he's pushing me away so hard I physically feel the distance between us.

"I can't trust your judgement so just stay back while I work." I flinch at this, me and Fraction have always been a team so for him to tell me he can't trust me is a huge blow.

"You can trust me with anything." I tell him leaning forward and looking him in the eye.

"How can I trust someone who doesn't trust themselves?" I sigh as my shoulders slump, this all comes back to Bellamy.

"How is me not accepting Bellamy as a mate a reflection on who I am?" I ask him.

“Refusing to believe you have one is offensive to me, all the shi t I went through with Faye and Anna.” Fraction shakes his head and runs his hands through his hair. “all that and you still want to throw your mate into the wind. It’s selfish James. That poor guy will suffer because you refuse to open yourself up to a gift.”

“I don’t think he is my mate though, it doesn’t feel like we were told when we were kids.” I stand from the chair and go to walk from the office. I don’t really want to talk about Bellamy and whether he’s my

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mate or not.

“Elder Thomas already said it will feel different until the mark is in place, you just need to trust yourself. Until you do, how can I trust you?” I slump my shoulders as I leave his office.

Not really wanting to be around people I shift as soon as I am outside and let Zeus take over. As soon as Zeus runs us into the trees I feel myself becoming more relaxed, I just wanted a quick run but Zeus starts sniffing around so I guess he has other ideas.

‘What are we doing?’ I ask him as he runs from tree to tree.

‘Maybe if we can pick up a scent the Alpha will stop being mad,’ Zeus sounds like a sad child who has just been scolded by his parents.

‘He’s not mad at us Zeus, he’s mad at me for refusing to accept Bellamy.’ I tell him, I don’t want my wolf thinking he’s disappointed our Alpha. That could lead to some major issues with my wolf.

‘He’s out here.’ Zeus tells me, his voice is filled with excitement.

‘Fraction? I just left him in the office.’ It’s official, my wolf is losing his mind.

“James?” I feel Zeus turn towards the person shouting my name and there stands Bellamy in jeans and nothing else. The tribal tattoo’s along his left arm standing out beautifully against his sun k*ssed skin, his chocolate brown hair is standing up on end so he either shifted recently or he’s been running his hands through it alot. “What are you doing out here?” Zeus tilts his head to the side, with no way to answer him unless we shift this is the best he can do right now.

‘Just turn around Zeus, just leave.’ Zeus ignores me as he sniffs towards Bellamy and then takes an unsure step towards Bellamy. When he doesn’t move or break eye contact with us Zeus moves

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quickly towards him and starts sniffing around his feet. Search The FindNovel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Hi boy, what beautiful slate fur you have.’ I feel Zeus pull himself up at the complement and push himself against Bellamy’s jean clad thigh. “How about you let James out and I’ll let you play with Ru later?” I can feel Zeus become excited at the idea of playing with Bellamy’s wolf but he wont let me out.

‘Come on Zeus,’ I groan at him. Zeus does a full circle of Bellamy, he stops to sniff at the back of his legs and to my embarrassment he even sticks his nose into Bellamy’s jean clad as s.

“Hey now, how about we have some manners?” Zeus hulls out a breath and keeps doing his circle around a still standing Bellamy. When Zeus gets to the front he sits down and looks up at Bellamy, I feel his tongue fall out and he notices Ballamy’s bulge behind his jeans. “You want to do something about it, you’re going to have to shift, all those teeth don’t do much for me baby.”

Just as I feel Zeus about to let me out I hear it, a loud popping and then a whooshing sound a split second before Bellamy hits the floor roaring in pain. Zeus spins around snarling and growling looking from where the shot came from, the smell of Bellamy’s blood invades my nose and it must upset Zeus because he instantly lets me back out.

“Bell.” I’m out of breath after doing the fastest shift of my life. “Bell talk to me? You ok?”

“I’m fine, it’s just my shoulder. Where did it come from?” Bellamy is talking between his teeth so I know he must be more hurt than he’s letting on. I don’t take my eyes off the tree line though, I’m doing my third scan of the trees when I see them. Three guys wearing full army camo gear holding massive assault rifles are barreling towards us, I hear the popping just as one of them takes aim and I manage to move just in time for the bullet to hit the tree behind me. I don’t see the

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second one so when it rips through my shoulder I roar in pain as I hit the floor next to Bellamy.

“Base this is Eagle Four, two males subdued.” One of them says into a radio as the other two come over and start to tie our legs and hands.

“Who are you?” I shout as one of them puts a fabric bag over my head.

“Let us go!” Bellamy roars before I hear skin hitting skin, I thrash against the hands on my arms and legs before I feel something sharp on my thigh and then I don’t feel anything at all.

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Chapter 131

Moon Ceremony.

(Anna)>

“Who are we waiting for?” I ask Fraction as he leans against the railing of the wrap around porch of the house. All the females and males. joining us at the Moon Ceremony are currently settling onto a bus, it just makes the journey easier than taking twenty different cars.

“James and Bellamy.” Fractions eyes glaze over as he tries to link with James again but they quickly come back:

“You invited Bellamy? What game are you trying to play?” I switch Aurora from my hip to the floor so she stops pulling on my hair and she starts waddling around looking for some toys.

“I just want him to stop denying what’s in front of him.” Fraction looks at his watch, “he should have been here twenty minutes ago.”

“He hasn’t been home for two days, maybe he and Bellamy are held up somewhere? Lillian did say he hasn’t been in the bar for a bit.” Fraction smiles at me before leaning down to scoop up Aurora, I smile at the way she tugs on his beard and she just giggles at him when he pretends to try to bite her little fingers. Search The FindNøvel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Alright let’s say bye to grandma and then get going, maybe you’re right but we can’t wait anymore.” Fraction k*sses Aurora on the cheek as he heads for the front door.

I don't feel comfortable leaving Thomas and Aurora at the Pack while we are away but Fraction and Patrick have assured me they have plenty of protection. My arm is pretty much healed thanks to Lexi but it still aches if I put too much pressure on my shoulder. Things have been at

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Moon Ceremony.

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little claustrophobic lately, what with me being followed everywhere I go and not being allowed to leave the house without Fraction. I can't say I disagree with the safety measures, it's not everyday a shifter gets shot. Every now and again you will hear of a human hunter hitting one of us by mistake but this was no mistake. Someone took aim and shot me through our kitchen window, that alone is enough to make me listen to Fraction and do as I'm told. I have no desire to be held captive in a cell again or worse, dead.

The journey to the Moon Ceremony is much different to the last time, then we were on the way to Callum's trial and execution but this time. it's a chance for the Packs to gather together. They do trades and bring single shifters in the hopes of finding mates, from the way Momma Beth tells it; it's an amazing thing to see.

"What if he's there?" I ask Fraction as he pulls the SUV off the highway, the coach is behind us with everyone else on it.

"Then you say hello and he will flirt with you, as per normal." I laugh as Fraction winks at me.

"He never flirted with me and I'll be surprised if he doesn't attack me after the last time I saw him." Looking out of the window I see we are hitting the massive national forest the Moon Ceremony is in.

"He isn't going to attack his 'little Omega'," I don't miss the way he scrunches his nose up as he says this. "I doubt he holds it against you Anna. You were highly stressed and in a lot of pain," Fraction reaches over and squeezes my hand. "Don't worry little wolf. Elder Thomas won't still be mad."

"He never flirted with me," Fraction just laughs at me as he turns us onto a dirt road. I see Darryl with a fair haired man I've not met before, from the pictures I saw around the Grey Pack though, I think this is Lewis. While I was there he was off visiting some other Pack.

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“Did you bring the full Pack?” I hear Darryl laugh as Fraction opens the door and steps out. I quickly scabble out of the car and run around to see Lewis and Fraction sharing a back slapping man hug.

“Anna, this is Lewis, Darryl’s Beta.” I hold out my hand and his massive one dwarfs mine as he gives it a firm shake.

“Nice to finally meet you.” Lewis says with a toothy smile that stretches all the way to his hazel eyes. “No James? I was hoping to pick his brain about something.” I glance a side eye at Fraction to see his happy face turned down in a frown.

“He’s busy with Pack stuff, so you just have me and Anna this time.” I’m confused as to why Fraction just lied to Darryl’s Beta.

“Lewis, go check on the females. I thought I saw Sibi wandering off into the Bear camp before we came over.” Lewis curses under his breath before running off towards all the tents I can see just past the

cars.

“Bears?” I ask with a little alarm in my voice, “are there bears in this forest?”

“Bear shifters, little wolf.” I feel my eyes widen as Fraction k*sses the top of my head. I had no idea there was such a thing as Bear shifters. I make a mental note to ask Fraction about it when we are alone. I don’t want to look stupid in front of Darryl.

“How’s the arm?” Darryl asks me as Fraction wanders over to Patrick to help organise the Pack into different tents.

“It’s fine, it aches a little but otherwise I’m fine. Our Doctor sewed me up pretty quickly.” I perch myself against Fraction’s car as I wait for him to come back and start kicking at the stones little in the mud path below my feet, “is Elder Thomas here?”

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“He is,” I let a sigh fall from my lips, of course he’s here why would luck not be on my side. “I heard what you did, slapping an Elder is a pretty ballsy move.” I look up to see Darryl has a huge grin on his face.

“He’s probably really pissed at me, I’m surprised there hasn’t been any repercussions to be honest.” Darryl laughs as he waves at someone. stepping off our coach.

“He won’t be mad, you thought your mate was dying. Anger is a normal reaction to that situation.” Darryl waves at someone else and then stands starts walking away from me, “just enjoy the Ceremony Anna.”

Alone I watch all the different people getting out of their cars and vans. I never realised how many people came to this thing. I’ve managed to avoid it the last few years claiming the pups were too young to be away from me but with me being shot Fraction refused to have me out of his sight.

“You ready?” Fraction asks as he walks back over to me.

“For?” I ask him standing up straight and taking the hand he’s holding out to me

“You’ll see, come on little wolf. Believe it or not, we are allowed to have some fun.” I laugh as Fraction leads me through all the cars and towards the big pavilion style tents in the distance.

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Chapter 132

Locked Away.

(James)

“Bell?” I shout around the bag over my head, my hands are tied behind my back and I think I’m inside of a cage. Every now and again my b*dy keep being thrown into a cold surface and being n*ked I can feel every bone chilling part of it. The floor below me is vibrating so I assume we are in some kind of containment vehicle.

“I’m here,” Bellamy answers me. His voice sounds a little off, like he’s not opening his mouth all the way, he at least sounds close by so they haven’t split us up too much.

“You ok?” I try to pull on the ties on my hands but they are really strong and wont give an inch.

“Bastards broke my nose, I can’t feel my wolf James. Something ain’t right here.” I furrow my brows as I try to call on Zeus but just as Bellamy said, he’s not there.

“Me either, did you get a look at them?” I need to know who we are dealing with, this was no random attack, they were organised and fast. It was planned and planned well.

“No, they had all that gear on and then they put this stupid bag on my head. Where do you think they are taking us?” I shrug my shoulders before I remember Bellamy can’t see me.

“I don’t know, our blood is on the forest floor though. Someone is bound to realise we are missing and come after us.” I again try to pull on the ties around my hands just as the vehicle turns and slams me shoulder first into the side of my cage, I shout out in pain as I feel my

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shoulder pop out of its socket. “Mother of all...that’s going to hurt.”

“No one is finding us James.” Breathing through my nose to try and ease the pain I register what Bellamy just said.

“What do you mean?” I ask him confused, there is a tone of blood on the forest floor. There is no way that can be missed during patrols.

“James,” we turn again and I hear Bellamy grunt in pain. “We were six miles past the Pack border, no one is finding that blood unless they have a reason to go looking.”

“What the hell were you doing that far from the border?” I ask Bellamy, there’s no way Zeus took me that far out, I can’t say I was paying too much attention though.

“What were you doing? It’s not like I have to stay at the border.” I grunt as the vehicle turns again. I’m thrown onto my ass, I decide to stay here rather than standing up again. My shoulder hurts and I can’t see a damn thing through this bag.

“Our Luna has just been shot so you decide to go wandering off on your own, are you insane?” I can’t believe he would be so reckless.

Before Bellamy can answer the floor stops vibrating telling me the vehicle we are in has stopped. I listen with everything I have but I can’t hear anything other than my own heart beating a drum and Bellamy’s loud breathing. After a minute or so the light beyond my bag gets a little lighter and I hear footsteps as the floor below my ass dips a little.

“Alright lads, we are gonna take this nice and easy and no one needs to get hurt. Do something stupid and I’ll put you down like the rabid wolves you are. Understand?” The male voice sounds like he’s used to giving orders and having them followed. I sniff to try

but I can't sense any shifter qualities about him. When neither of us answer him, he must take that as compliance because there is a metal on metal grating

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sound that then a hand around my arm just before I'm being lifted up.

"Command this is Eagle Four," the sound of a static radio crackles as he speaks while making me walk along a metal floor. "Moving male target one and two to containment."

Once we are outside of the vehicle I can feel the grass between my toes but I can't hear anything else. No people, no cars, nothing at all.

"Where are we?" I ask aloud, I don't expect an answer and I don't get one. I feel something cold and metal press between my shoulder blades and push slightly. I take this as an indication to move forward. "Bell?" I need to know he's nearby, they might split us up and something is telling me to keep Bellamy as close as possible.

"I'm here." I hear grunted from somewhere on my left, I'm poked again with something metal. This time it's slightly off centre and I feel the pain radiate down my entire arm as it aggravates my shoulder, I don't let on that I'm in pain though, I figure the less these guys know the better.

It isn't one before the warm grassy outside is replaced with an air conditioning inside, we don't move for long before I am pushed into somewhere and fall flat on my ass. I roar in pain as I land on my shoulder just as I feel something sharp around my hands and then a door being closed. I use my good arm to rip the bag from over my head, I'm not ready for the blinding light to hit my eyes so I squint against it until I make out the jean clad figure of Bellamy just across from me.

"What the hell?" Bellamy asks as he stands from his spot on the floor and holds a hand out for me. Cradling my arm I see what he's gasping at, we are in a simple room with a bunk bed, a metal toilet and a sink. The walls are all hard concrete except for one hitch is glass with the occasional metal bar running through it.

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"Bell, where are we?" I don't exactly expect an answer as he doesn't know anymore than I do. I stare through the glass and all the other containment areas I can see, all have glass fronts and all of them have people inside. There seems to be a mix of male and females and as I look out the window I can see the rows are at least twenty long and six high.

"There must be hundreds of people here," Bellamy whispers as he presses his nose against the window to try and see further.

“Not people.” I say in a whisper. “Bellamy, these are all shifters. This is a shifter prison.”

“There’s no such thing.” Bellamy says as I walk away from the window and sit my n*ked as s on the bottom bunk.

“You’re going to have to help me with this.” Bellamy turns around and sees me pointing at my shoulder. SEARCH THE (website on GØØGLE to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“James, how is there a shifter prison?” He hasn’t moved from his spot at the window, he keeps casting a worried look outside before coming back to me.

“I don’t know, I’ve never heard of one. But they were organised,” I grimace in pain as I try to readjust myself. “They knew who we were and what we are, they had this all planned and looking out there,” I nod my head towards the window. “It isn’t the first time they have done this. Now please, help me pop this back in.”

“Like some kind of government black hole for shifters?” I roll my eyes

Bellamy presses his nose against the window again.

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“Bellamy!” I shout making him jump, “help me.”

“Right,” Bellamy shakes his head as he comes over to me. I try not to cry out in pain as he takes the wrist of my left arm in his hand and then

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carefully places another hand on the top of my arm. “Ready?” I just nod my head as he looks me in the eyes and pulls on my arm as hard as he can, he has to brace a foot on the edge of the bed to aid him in the pulling. The pain is instant at the all consuming, I roar out loud as I feel tears escape my eyes.

“That should do it, I don’t think you should move it too much though.” James gently strokes my arm as I try to gather myself through the pain. “James, how are we going to get out of here?”

I watch a camo clad guard walk past our cell, he has full army gear on, complete with gun and teaser. His full hat is covering his face and a gold cross dangling from n*eck, the only thing that doesn’t belong is the red ‘S’ which seems to be sewed into the top arm of his uniform. He doesn’t stop. he just uses something in his hand that I can’t see before moving along the row

“I don’t know Bell, if we can’t get out how is anyone going to get in?” Bellamy sits down next to me and drapes a cover over my legs, looking down I see the top sheet from the bunk above me now covering my n*kedness. I smile at Bellamy before we both go back to looking outside of the window of our new home.

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Chapter 133

Beta Missing.

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Watching Anna interface with the Bear shifters is hilarious, she was super cautious at first but as soon as they mentioned honey she opened up to them like a flower blooming in spring. Sometimes I forget how sheltered Anna was as a pup, there is so much about our world she doesn’t know and I guess I’ve dropped the ball in not educating her.

“Your Omega seems very content Alpha,” I feel Elder Thomas come to stand beside me as I watch Anna sample the different honey at the Bear stall.

“It’s impressive how far she’s come along when she’s not being kidnapped and beaten.” Elder Thomas lets out a small grunt like laugh. “She’s worried she angered you the day of the challenge.”

“Your Omega could never anger me Alpha, grief does strange things to us all.” I smile as I see Elder Thomas make his way towards the Bear stall. Anna goes so pale she’s almost see through once she sees who is standing next to her. I decide not to intervene and to allow Elder Thomas the time to speak with Anna alone.

My phone vibrating in my pocket pulls me out of my people watching, I’m shocked I have a signal. Most of this forest is a dead zone and it makes you completely unreachable. Looking at the screen once I’ve pulled it from my jeans I see Eliza’s name, she’s probably looking for Rick so I quickly scan the crowd but I don’t see him anywhere.

“Eliza.” I answer the call.

“Alpha,” her tone has the hairs on the back of my n*eck on end

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instantly Me and Eliza are close enough for her not to use titles, if she’s using it now it’s a dire situation..

“Are the pups ok?” I cut her off before she can say anything else.

“Pups are fine. Alpha we found...” there is static over the line and I curse as the line drops. Pulling the phone from my ear I see Lewis and Darryl at the stall next to Anna.

“Darryl.” I shout over the crowd, I quickly work through all the people to get to them.

“What’s up?” Darryl asks, lifting a candle to his nose and then quickly putting it down.
“How is that the smell of my mate?”

“I need to make a call, keep an eye on Anna for me?” I ask in a rush. I’m nasty to get to an area with a signal.

“Sure, everyone ok?” Darryl instantly flicks his eyes to Anna and nods. at Lewis who puts down his candle and sets off over to her.

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“I don’t know. I won’t be long.” I set off in a jog away from all the stalls

and tents.

The only place to get a signal in this place is back where all the cars are parked. I spot Rick with a group of our females and I wave my hand at him pointing towards the cars, I don’t stop to see if he’s following. Once I see the signal bar on my phone hit two bars I start failing Eliza’s number.

“What’s happened?” I ask as soon as the phone is answered.

“We found some blood, well a lot of blood. About five or six miles from the border line.” I rushed for a blood pool that’s not even on our land, I swear if she wasn’t Rick’s mate I would strangle her.

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“Blood outside of our land doesn’t have anything to do with us Eliza why are you patrolling that far out anyway? I see Rick walking

towards me. he tilts his head towards my phone so I angle it out a bit so he can hear what Eliza is saying

“One of the guys had an idea that the shooter might have been less careful off Pack land so I was following a hunch Alpha, the blood is James’s and there was a lot of it.” Rick goes stock still as he hears what Eliza is saying. I feel a flood of panic through my whole b*dy as I enter Alpha mode.

“How old is the blood?” My voice has taken a hard cold tone. if James is hurt or even dead then I need to distance myself so me and my guys find him.

“Alpha. I don’t know” Eliza’s voice starts to shake so I do the only thing I can think of to get her thinking on the right track

“Warrior.” Rick is nodding beside me so I know I’ve done the right thing “Your Alpha asked you a question. how old is the blood?”

“Two maybe three days. there was another scent mixed in with it. I know it’s male and a Pack member but I don’t know the person’s name. I furrow my brows as Eliza speaks over the phone.

“Was it musky? Could you smell hops and yeast?” If he was with Bellamy then the situation may not be as dire.

“Yes Alpha. there was boot prints in the mood as well that belong to neither male.” I nod at Rick and he quickly runs off back towards the tent, he knows what I need without me even telling him.

“Eliza you did well.” I hear her let out a breath as I praise her work. “I need you to ensure my pups are secure and safe. I then want the patrols to be paired up, no one is to be alone. I will be home in just under six hours, maybe less if I can push the car.” I slam my phone into my jeans

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before she can answer me and set off running back towards where I left Anna with Darryl and Lewis.

‘Three days, he’s been missing that long.’ Leo growls in my car.

‘I know, I thought Anna was right and he was with his mate. I should have checked on him,’ I’m mad at myself enough I don’t need my wolf berating me too.

'Yes you should have, you dropped the ball on this one.' I skid to a halt in front of the bear stall but Anna isn't here.

"My Luna, where did she go?" I demand from the mountain of a man behind the stall.

"The other Alpha said something about coffee so I think they went to the main tent." Instead of running through all the people I shift through my mind links and find Anna, thankfully she is wide open.

'Little wolf, I need you back in the car right now.' My tone leaves no room for discussion and I start moving back the way I came.

'I'm with Patrick now, what's going on? Anna sounds panicked and I know she's thinking it's the pups the same as I did.

'The pups are fine little wolf. I'll explain in the car.' I feel Anna close. the link as I push through the crowd of people.

By the time I make it back to the car park I can see Rick loading our Pack back onto the coach. I know a lot of them are going to be upset. we have been here less than a day and all of them were hoping to find their mate this week.

"Tell them there has been an emergency that can't be avoided." I say to Rick as I run past him and slam myself into my SUV.

Buckle up. little wolf I tell Anna quickly as I put the car in drive and peet our of the parking spot.

"What's happened?" Anna asks in a worried voice as she grabs the 'oh shut handle above the door

"Eliza found a pool of James's and maybe Bellamy's blood just off the Pack land. They are either badly hurt or something worse. I need to get Back, my Beta needs me. I feel Anna's little hand cover my huge tattooed one over the gear stick

"Drive faster then. "I look over at her and smile as I put my foot on the gan and push the SUV as much as I can

"I should have listened to you." I look over at Anna as we hit the highway I can see a steady stream of tears rolling down her face, she's pretty close to James so of course she would feel bad that he's hurt. "We shouldn't have left until we spoke to him."

"It's not on you, little wolf I should have known something was wrong. I was too busy punishing him and pushing Bellamy on him to notice anything was wrong "I can't seem to get the last words I told James out of my head. "I told him I couldn't trust him anymore." I slam both of my hands on the steer wheel so hard I hear it creak under the

pressure.

“He will know you didn’t mean it, you can tell him when we find him. We will find him right?” Anna’s voice is shaking as she tries to control her emotions.

“The man is more than my Beta, he’s my brother in every way but blood. I’ll find him,” I reach over and pull Anna’s hand to my l*ps. laying a k*ss upon her knuckles. “I found you didn’t I? Finding those we love is what we do.” Anna just beams at me as her tears fall silently down her face.

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I’m coming James, no matter where you are or how hurt you are, I will find you. And I pray to the Goddess for anyone who stands in my way, with my mate by my side I know there is nothing that can stop us.

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Chapter 134

CCTV and Camoflague.

(Anna)

Just as I’m closing the door on Thomas. Aurora and Zoe I hear the front door being slammed open and the stomping of feet. Turning from the lounge door I see Fraction, Patrick and Eliza looking very grim and heading from the office. I jog to catch up with them and manage to get to the office door just before Patrick closes it.

“Well? Was it James and Bellamy?” As soon as we got back Fraction insisted on being taken to the blood so he could scent it for himself.

“It was both of them and there was a fair bit of it as well.” Fraction tells me as he sits himself behind his desk. he holds his arm out to me and I go to him willingly. I climb onto his lap and nuzzle at his chest. I understand he needs my comfort right now so I focus on happy.

comforting emotions and I try to push them on him. I know it’s working when I hear his heartbeat slow a little.

“What now?” Eliza asks as she chews on her finger nails, I know she feels bad for being the bearer of bad news.

“Just past that stretch of forest is a farmhouse. I know for a fact they have CCTV. I’ve already sent one of the warriors to ask for a copy, if the people who left the boot prints behind took James and Bellamy maybe they had a vehicle we can track.” I’m actually surprised at how well Patrick is handling everything. “don’t look so shocked Anna. I’m Head Warrior for a reason.” I smile at Patrick as he goes to answer the knock on the office door.

“Two tapes, one for the front and one for the back. Jon said we owe him one of Momma Beth’s pies.” I hear a male voice speak through the

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partial open door.

“Whose Jon?” I ask Fraction quietly.

“An older man who owns the farm just passed the East of our land, he’s a nice man and Momma Beth goes to talk with him sometimes.” Fraction tells me in a quiet whisper.

“Human?” Fraction just nods his head as he holds his hand out for the tape, the one wrapped around me and settled on my hip doesn’t move. He’s keeping me close, I get that he’s worried so I won’t argue the matter. Using one hand, Fraction loads a disk into his laptop and I see the screen come alive showing a field with a few cows in it, the image. starts to speed up when Fraction clicks something and after a few minutes it ends on a black screen. He makes quick work of loading the second disk in and speeding it up again, I see a white unmarked van pull up in front of the camera and Fraction slows the speed down.

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“Got it,” Fraction mumbles as Patrick and Eliza come to stand behind us so they can watch the screen.

I watch as five male figures get out of the van, all of them are wearing camouflage gear, they have helmets on covering their faces and each one has a massive black gun in

their arms. They disappear off the side. of the video for about twenty minutes, there is no sound so when they reappear me and Eliza both let out loud gasps. I feel Fraction suck in a breath and something behind me shatters. looking behind me I see Patrick holding a broken whiskey glass. The men have come back but they aren't alone, they have two males with them, both have zip ties on their ankles and their hands are bound behind their backs. I know which one is James because the other has a tribal tattoo down his arm and along his chest, his skin so sun k*ssed compared to James's pale skin.

"Someone really took them." Eliza whispers behind me, I hear a small sob as we watch Bellamy get thrown to the floor and his head bounces

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off the step into the van.

"James is n*ked, how did they get him to shift back? Zeus is a strong fighter, I've trained with him before." Patrick sounds angry that someone got the better of his friend.

"Pause it!" I yell so loudly that Fraction nearly pushes the laptop off his desk in his rush to pause the video, "there look." I point at the still picture of the van getting ready to pull off. "That's a license plate, we can track that right? At least find out who owns it?"

"She's right, write it down for me Anna and I'll get on it." Patrick says and I feel myself sit up a little straighter proud that I did something right.

"This was planned, Rick. They were very organised." I hear Fraction tell Patrick as I go to get up but Fraction's hand keeps me in place. instead I opt for rooting through his desk drawer to find a pen and piece of paper. "I want the Pack on lockdown, no one leaves the border unless I say so. Patrols are to be three man teams, they took Bellamy and James as a double so we need to assume they know how to handle a wolf."

"I agree, if you don't mind I'm going to move Lizzie into here and then I know she's covered while me and Eliza patrol." Patrick says quickly. Search the Find novel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Of course we don't mind." I say before Fraction can answer. "She can sleep in Aurora's room. I'll get an extra bed put in there. That way I'll be there when Fraction is helping patrols and she will have the protection of the warriors you place on their door." I turn around handing Patrick the note with the license plate number on it.

"Thanks Anna, I'll go get her sorted now." Eliza squeezes my shoulder as her and Patrick quickly leave the office.

“Tell me he’s still alive.” I know it’s needy but I need to hear the words. out loud. I lean back on Fraction so my back is flush with his front.

“He’s alive, he needs us to find him though. And his mate.” Fraction lays a k*ss on my n*eck and I close my eyes savoring his touch. “thank you for offering a space for Lizzie and not arguing about going on patrol.” pushing Fraction hands off me I stand and turn around, putting a leg on either side of his. He helps me to settle so I am straddling him, grabbing either side of his head I pull his face to mine, he opens his mouth willingly as I give him a deep k*ss.

“I have no desire to patrol, I know I’m not a fighter and you will let me help when I can.” I tell him as I break the k*ss, he’s breathing heavily with his eyes closed. “Just promise me that when I can help you will let me?” Fraction opens his eyes and looks at me with a smile playing on his l*ps.

“We are stronger together, when there is something you can do I will tell you. For now though.” he give my as s a gentle tap and he pushes me up off him. “Why don’t you go and see the pups while I call around the Alpha’s. I want to see if any of them know who these ba st ards are.”

“You don’t want help with that first?” I bite my l*p eyeing the erection currently jutting out against his jeans.

“Later.” I smile at him as I turn to leave the office.

“I’ll hold you to that.” I tell him just as I close the office door and head down to the pups.

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Chapter 135

One Job.

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The ding of my phone wakes before the sun is even up, whoever is texting me is sending one after another because it keeps beeping in that annoying way only a stream of messages can create. Rolling from my bed I walk across the room and snatch my phone off the drawers where I left it to charge. I don't have to worry about privacy here, none of the other kids come in my room as per the rules of the house.

Today My heart sinks as I see the first message that has been sent to me.

*We have the gay ones, now it's your turn. I feel my stomach drop as the realisation of what I'm about to do comes crashing down on me. Sitting on the end of my small bed I start to type out a message.

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I know they won't accept that as an answer but I have to

*Today, wolf There is never any room for discussion when he calls me wolf, it's like my body and mind know instantly to listen to him. Thanks to years of conditioning I don't think I could actually do anything without his approval.

Putting the phone on my bed I make quick work of dressing in some leggings, a t-shirt and a simple pair of white trainers. I don't have much but what I do have has been provided by the Pack. Looking in the mirror I take in my pale complexion, I somehow look paler today which makes me look almost ghostly with my long black hair. My emerald green eyes are wide with worry and I try to relax them before someone notices something is wrong.

I know what I need to do but it doesn't make my role in this any easier I've been raised to believe that Omegas and shifter Packs are the

scourge of earth, that one day their breeding will

repopulate the human species. It's been drilled into me since I was a little girl that what I am is wrong and an abomination. Since getting to the Swiftmane Pack I can't help but feel what I've believed my whole life is not completely accurate. The day I was found in the rogue den was the day my life changed drastically. I expected the warriors to attack me because I smell like a rogue but instead they brought me back to Pack. They gave me a home, a bed of my own, warm food in my stomach and even an education. When Anna realised how lonely I was she reached out to me and offered me a babysitting job, it was the one I was told to look for. All I had to do now was keep playing my role and wait to be told when to move. I didn't think I would feel this guilty when the message came through though.

“Do your job.” I tell my reflection in the mirror before grabbing my backpack and leaving my bedroom. I have everything I need in here as I won't be coming back, that alone is almost enough to make me second. guess myself. When I get home I will have to share a communal bedroom with eight other females and six males. no splitting of the S**es in our community. Ignoring everyone in the shared house I quickly leave through the front door and start walking down Main Street to get to the Pack house. I haven't been called to babysit but. with the Beta missing it's all hands on deck so I doubt I'll be turned

away.

“Zoe?” I hear shouted behind me but I keep walking with my head down. Zoe isn't my given name but it's the one they know me by. “Zoe. wait up.” I stop when I realise it's the Head Warriors mate shouting at me, it will look suspicious if I openly ignore her. Slapping a smile on my face I spin around to see the tiny dark haired woman running across the road to me. “I have to get to Patrol, do you think you can walk Lizzie back to the Pack house for me?” I glance down and notice a small girl wrapped around Eliza's legs, I keep my smile in place and

hold out my hand to the young girl.

“Of course I can, I was just heading there anyway” Lizzie takes my hand as her mother bends down and k*sses her on the head.

“Be good, daddy will be there in a few hours.” We both stand and watch Eliza run back down the road.

“Alright kid, let's go.” Having Lizzie works well for me, hopefully I can. use her to distract the others while I carry out my part of the plan. It doesn't take long for us to reach the Pack house, the front doors are wide open and people seem to be coming and going more than normal. I guess a missing Beta means you need more people around.

I don't speak to anyone as I enter the red Victorian style house, I keep hold of Lizzie's hand as I make my way through the crowds to the Alpha's office.

“Just a quick stop and then we can go and see Thomas.” Lizzie beams up at me as she nods her head. She doesn't talk much but when she's with Thomas she giggles and laughs up a storm. I knock on the office door firmly and wait. this was part of my training, never enter an Alpha's office unless invited. You never know what's happening in

there.

“Zoe?” Anna's surprised face comes into view as the office door is opened. I guess I disturbed something because her white blonde hair is sticking up on end and she's clearly not wearing a bra under the sheer blue top.

“Eliza asked me to drop Lizzie off and I thought while I’m here I could offer my services?” I beam at Anna with ease, she has this way of making anyone and everyone feel welcomed. I try not to let the guilt show on my face as I squeeze Lizzie’s hand a little tighter in mine.

“Oh, that would be amazing. The pups are in the lounge with Momma

Beth. I’m sure she would be grateful for the break. “Is everything okay?” Anna’s eyes narrow as she scans my face.

“Just stressed with school, they have us doing algebra and I can’t wrap my brain around it.” Anna’s face softens as soon as the lie has left my mouth.

“I’m sure you’ll get it.” Anna looks behind her as someone speaks in a voice too low for me to hear. “Have fun with the pups and let me know if you need anything.” As soon as the door closes I pull Lizzie along the hallway and into the lounge. I would have preferred the pups be elsewhere but I can make this work. Search The (website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Walking into the lounge I see Thomas showing Aurora how to stack some blocks, she doesnt seem to get it though as she keeps knocking them down. Thomas just shakes his head and starts rebuilding the tower all over again. Beth seems to be sleeping in the armchair so I let go of Lizzie’s hand and head over to her. The tower is soon forgotten when Lizzie joins the little group and as I hope Aurora comes waddle

over to me.

“Beth?” I put my hand on Beth’s shoulder and her eyes flash open. “Anna said to come give you a break.”

“Oh good. I’m going to take a nap then.” I nod my head at her and look down at Aurora who has now sn*ked her hand in mine. “Mind just holding fire while I take this one to the restroom.”

“Of course I can.” once Beth has given me the all clear I pick up the squirming three year old and carry her from the room. Now for the hard part. I need to get outside without anyone seeing us.

“You want to play a game?” I ask Aurora in a low voice, she just nods. while pulling on my long hair. “Okay, well you have to be as quiet as possible, we are going to hide and then mummy and daddy will come

find us” Aurora beams at me as I hitch her on my shoulder and quickly walk through the house. No one stops us, they probably assume I am just taking her outside for a little fresh air.

Once outside I turn left and head for the trees, there will be a van waiting for us just beyond the trees. I'm almost home free. I just need to avoid any patrols or wolves wandering around,

"Zoe!" I hear yelling behind me, I look over my shoulder to see Beth running towards me waving her arms in the air, she has a smile on her face that soon falters when she sees I'm not stopping. "Help! Someone help!" I don't stop to see if anyone helps her. instead I pick up my pace. and start running as fast as I can. Aurora is bobbing around on my hip and giggling like it's some kind of game. I hear twigs snapping behind me as I see the edge of the trees and the white van just beyond it. I keep going and don't stop when I see a male dressed in camouflage step from the van and hold up a gun, the shot rings out so loudly that Aurora screams and tries to pull herself from my grip. Looking behind me I see Beth was getting close to me and she's now on the floor with blood pooling below her.

"In the van. wolf." I'm too busy staring at the mess that is now Beth to register what the male says to me. I use my hand on Aurora's head to make her look away from her grandma laying on the floor. "Now." Blinking my eyes rapidly I do as I'm told, climbing into the back of the van I hold Aurora to me as we quickly speed away from the Pack.

her back and do

"Mummy." Aurora whimpers into my n*eck, I just pat little shushing sounds. I don't know how to tell a three year old she's never going to see her family again, hopefully she's like me and will forget what they look like over time.

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Chapter 136

Mother Down.

(Fraction)

"Don't stop." Anna breaths out as she pulls on my hair while grinding herself against my mouth. I have her on my desk with me in my chair, her legs are draped over my shoulders and the closer she comes to her or ga sm the tighter she squeezes me. Taking my hand off her thigh I slide two fingers through her juices and rapidly thrust into

her, I crook them slightly and find that spot that makes Anna scream. I slow my tongue and my fingers as she starts to shake all over coming down. from a powerful org asm. standing up from my chair I keep my fingers lightly thrusting into her as I undo the button on my jeans with my other hand.

“Ready, little wolf?” Anna just smiles up at me as she rides the high I’ve given her. I’m just about to shuck my jeans when my office door slams open. I don’t think I just throw myself over Anna so my hands are on either side of her head and my b*dy is covering hers. A growl rips from my l*ps as I look up to see who dared barge into my office.

“Out!” I snarl as Rick raises his hands in front of him, he’s lucky he turns around so he’s facing away from us or I think Leo would have ripped him apart.

“I’m sorry Alpha.” Rick’s voice comes out rushed and I try to keep Anna covered as she tries to push me off her. “There has been a situation, it needs your attention now.” Sighing I lift myself off Anna and pick her panties up off the floor where I dropped them. I make quick work of sliding them up her legs before helping her off the desk so she can put them in place. The blue dress she is wearing does little to hide her arousal thanks to how sheer it is, breathing deeply I can still smell her arousal as I fasten my jeans back up over my now

deflated cock. Search the Find_Novel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“You can turn around,” Anna says in a small voice while taking a seat on my knee once I’m sitting in my chair.

“I’m sorry, I would never have barged in...” I hold my hand up, cutting his apology short.

“This better be good Rick.” I stare at him in a way that tells him to get to the point, I don’t appreciate my alone time with Anna being interrupted.

“I don’t know how to say this.” Rick runs his hands through his hair as he starts to pace along the front of my desk. he’s really agitated as I get the feeling I’m not going to like what I hear. “Eliza found Momma Beth while on patrol, she was shot just inside the border. She’s with Doctor Lee now but it doesn’t look good,” I’m standing from the chair and heading for the office door with Anna on my heels when she stops me by pulling on my hand.

“Why wasn’t I called immediately?” I roar loudly, of course I know why. Me and Anna walled ourselves off so we could have a ten minute. break from looking for James.

“The pups.” I look to see Anna’s face is a mask of worry. “They were with Momma Beth until Zoe got here.”

"We have Thomas and Lizzie but I hoped Aurora was with you." Something inside of me snaps as Ricks says this in a quiet voice, I take a few steps over to Rick before grabbing him by his red shirt and slamming him into the wall.

"Fraction!" Anna squeals as Rick lets out a small growl.

"Wanna growl at me again?" I push my Alpha Aura out and I watch Rick try to curl in on himself but he can't thanks to being pinned to the

wall. "Where's my pup!"

I'm sorry Alpha. We don't know, I have warriors looking for Zoe now. The answer is not good enough for me or Leo so I lift Rick up and throw him into the wall behind my desk. "I'm going to the medical centre and when I get back my pup better be in your arms."

"Fraction." Anna is whimpering with tears streaming down her face.

"Let's go and see if my mother knows anything." I walk over to Anna and wipe at her face in an attempt to stop the tears, it doesn't help. They just keep coming. I don't look back to see if Rick is okay, I grab Anna's hand and I practically pull her through the office and into the rest of the house.

Once we hit the hallway Anna digs her heels in and I have no choice. but to stop to see what's wrong.

"Anna?" She's not looking at me, instead her eyes are going from

warrior to warrior who are currently walking in and out of the house. I watch her beautiful blue eyes change yellow as Winter makes herself known.

"What are you all doing?" Winter roars with such pain I want to just tuck her into my side and ease all of her anguish. The warriors around us stop and stare at their Luna, "my pup is missing! Go and find her!" Anna puts a hand over her mouth as her eyes fade from yellow to blue. You could hear a pin drop in the hall with the silence that follows her outburst.

"You heard your Luna, find our pup." I roar, each one of them quickly runs towards the front door. "Anna, let's go." She just nods her head at me and holds out her hand which I gladly take. I race out the door after the warriors but instead of heading for the forest I run straight onto the main street and make for the medical centre.

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I can smell my mother as soon as I push the medical centre doors open, there are little blood splats all over the floor so I follow them down to the same surgical ward I was in

when I got stabbed. Normally I would wait for Doctor Lee to come out and speak to us but with my mother on the line and my pup. I just don't have the patience to wait.

"Alpha, you need to wait, you can't go in there." I hear a nurse shout.

"Fraction, maybe we shouldn't." Anna says around small so bs, as I slam my hands on the double doors and push them open. I am instantly overwhelmed with the smell I will always associate with a medical environment and my mothers blood. I see Doctor Lee doing chest compressions on her lifeless b*dy. I stop in my tracks as I watch the nurses assist him in saving her life. My whole world slows when Doctor Lee looks at the clock and then looks over at me.

"It's been twelve minutes." his sad eyes flick to mine and my world. slows even further as Doctor Lee steps back from the table and nods at the nurses "Time of death 16:341" I don't remember getting on the floor but Anna is suddenly holding my face to her chest as I scream out in pain. I don't care who sees as I sob out my pain on the floor of the room where my mother has just died. "I'm sorry Alpha." I feel a hand on my shoulder which squeezes slightly as Doctor Lee starts to instruct the nurses on how to help clean up my mothers b*dy.

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Chapter 137

For Momma Beth

(Anna)

I should get Fraction out of here but I can't bring myself to move, I can count on one hand the amount of times I've seen Fraction cry or get truly angry. So to see him going through this turmoil is killing me. I try to find a slice of calm or even peace, so that I can feed the emotion to him. It's proving next to impossible though with Momma Beth dead. and being sewed up by nurse and Doctor Lee just in front of us and Aurora missing I can't seem to find the emotion for myself let alone. him.

I can hear my heart beating a drum as the tears stream down my face to land on Fraction's head, I have him cradled to my chest as he lets out. the pain he's feeling. Each time I try to stand he grabs me by my waist and holds me to the floor. He's not ready to move but I need to do something. Anything. I watch through blurry eyes as the

nurses pull a white sheet up to Momma Beth's chin and then quickly leave the room. Now that there is only me. Fraction and Doctor Lee in the room. Fraction really lets himself go. I expect more tears but what I get is anger, he lets me go with a little shove and jumps to his feet. He's still shirtless from our fun in the office, standing there under the fluorescent lights in nothing but a pair of dark Levi's and socks he looks like an avenging angel.

"Fraction?" I ask in a low voice, I'm trying not to spoil him as I can. see the emotions literally vibrating off him in waves. When he turns to me I see his green eyes have turned yellow. I yelp when he charges. past me and picks up a medical trolley throwing it at the wall, Doctor Lee flinches slightly but otherwise doesn't move. Fraction goes on a wave of destruction through the room, cabinets get fl*pped, drawers get tossed and scalpels get thrown at the wall.

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By the time he's done the room looks like it's been hit by a hurricane, the only thing untouched is the metal table Momma Beth is laid on. Fraction's tattooed chest is rising and falling as he tries to catch his

breath

"Pup?" Leo's voice is gravely and sends shivers down my spine.

"The Pack is looking." Leo's eyes turn on me and I take a step back. I can see the rage burning within.

"Why aren't you?" I try not to take it personally, I know why he's asking. I've been asking the same thing of myself.

"Because Momma Beth needed." I gulp casting an eye over her still form. "needs us."

"She needs nothing, her link is gone." There is no emotion in Leo's voice as he says this. Fraction has reverted in, the pain being too much

for him.

"Give me Fraction back. I'll help him grieve for his mother but I need him to help me find our pup." Leo walks a few steps over to me and cups the side of my face brushing his finger under my eye to wipe

away a tear.

"And Beta?" I nod my head while leaning into his touch.

"I swear it." I tell him while looking into his yellow orbs. It takes a while but soon Leo retreats and his yellow eyes turn green once more.

"I don't know how to do this." Fraction tells me, I can tell from his voice he's trying not to break down again. Search The Find novel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"We take it one day at a time. For now, we should say goodbye." I take his hand from my face and clasp it in mine. Slowly I turn us towards the only mother I've ever known.

Walking over to the table the first thing I notice is how completely still

she is, people say that a dead b*dy looks like they are sleeping but I know she's not. All of her warmth and infectious joy is gone, her face that once lit up with a smile so wide you couldn't help but smile at the time is now blank and devoid of anything. The more I look at her the more I can tell, she's not there anymore. Fraction runs one of his big hands through her salt and pepper brown hair, he starts whispering low to her but I block him out. It's a private moment between mother and son and I have no right to be a witness to it. He leans down and k*sses her cold pale forehead before looking over at Doctor Lee.

"You'll keep her safe until I can make arrangements?" I close my eyes. as Fraction discusses his mothers funeral.

"Of course Alpha, no matter how long it takes." Doctor Lee sounds like he's trying to contain his own emotions and when I look over at him I see he has unshed tears dancing upon his lashes. It's a huge

compliment to Momma Beth that even someone who is trained to deal with death can't contain his emotions for her.

Fraction takes my hand and pulls me through the room, for someone who didn't want to leave he now seems to be in a massive rush.

"Fraction. wait." I whisper as I pull his hand from mine, he keeps walking a few steps before he realises I let go. Turning back to me he has a confused look on his face.

"What is it?" He walks back to me and there we stand in the corridor. I have so many bad memories of this corridor.

"We can't leave her here, surrounded by ghosts." I shiver as I remember all the times I've been in this place and the reasons why.

"Doctor Lee will look after her until we can bury her properly." He's trying to bury his grief, I know as soon as we get back to the Pack house he will drown himself in whiskey though.

“What do we do now?” I ask him.

“We find Aurora, we find James and we bring our family home. That’s what she would have wanted.” Fraction takes my hand in his and this time he slowly walks us through the medical centre. I can’t help but notice all the medical staff and patients seem to be gone.

Once we reach the main doors I realise why they aren’t there, Fraction opens the door and we are instantly met with a hushed silence. It’s like the whole Pack has turned out, all but the warriors I scared into looking for Aurora. I know I should feel guilty about that but I can’t. Each person is holding a candle and I see some on the bottom steps off the entrance. Fraction just stands there, shoulders slumped and a sad look on his face, he seems to be scanning the crowd but I don’t know what he’s looking for.

“What you’ve heard is true.” Fraction’s voice seems to bellow out as he speaks although he’s not shouting, “tonight someone stole Aurora I don’t know anymore than that. I presume while trying to stop the kidnapping my mother was shot, she died a short while ago. I appreciate your gathering but right now what we need is support in finding Aurora and James.” He looks around the crowd while giving them time to soak up the information, “we will bring them home. For Momma Beth, we will bring our family home.”

“For Momma Beth!” The crowd roars back in unison..

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Chapter 138

The mating room.

(James)

I don’t know how long we’ve been here, each day is bleeding into one and it’s not like there are clocks here so we can tell the time. The door to the containment unit hasn’t opened once since we were put in, it’s just been me and Bellamy with a hatch that opens in the wall to deliver food. It brings a whole new meaning of being forced together. It’s not like we haven’t had any entertainment, every now and again whoever is keeping us here sets off a prayer of some sort into the room, the meaning is always

the same. Being gay is wrong and an abomination, it's safe to say I figured out why I'm here but not Bellamy, other than one night the man is as straight as they come.

"If a man lies with a male as if he were a woman, both men have committed a detestable act: they shall most certainly be put to death; their blood is on them." The speaker I haven't been able to locate cracks and cut off. Laying on the bottom bunk I can hear Bellamy waking up above me.

"You reckon with enough prayers they think they can pray away the gay?" Bellamy's voice sounds like he's between awake and sleep.

"Maybe, who knows. Would make life easier if they could." I answer while looking at the guard walking past our unit while clicking a little clicker. I've come to realize it's a number counter, he's counting how many of us are here and that we are still here.

"You know there is something sad about a self-hating gay man." Bellamy's head appears over the edge of the bunk, his hair is a mess and his eyes look puffy from sleep.

"I don't hate myself. I'm just pragmatic. Being straight as a shifter would make my life a hell of a lot easier. You can't tell me your life hasn't been easier than mine as a straight man." Bellamy disappears from view, the bunk rattles and he's suddenly standing next to my bed, he ducks his head so he can sit on the edge of my bed.

"What part of me makes you think I'm straight?" Bellamy's hand is on my thigh and thanks to the lack of clothing I can feel his warmth soaking into me. I try not to let it affect me but I can feel my cock waking up. "Was me taking your cock so far down my throat I was gagging not gay enough for you?" I hold my breath as his hand slides up my thigh. "Or how about when I bent over the bar and took this," he grips my now rock-hard cock in a punishing grip. "So far into me I could feel you in my stomach." I hiss out a breath as Bellamy slides his hand up my cock once before letting go and standing up from the bed. "Don't presume to know who I am, James." Closing my eyes I try to get control of my b*dy. Inside I'm screaming for him to come back and finish the job.

"You have a mate." I say between clenched teeth, I roll over on the bed to trap my erection between me and the thin mattress below me.

"Alpha Fraction dissolved the mating, the only reason we mated was so we could join a Pack. The Everfur Pack wouldn't take us in because they knew what I was, Lillian suggested it so Alpha Fraction would take us in." I look sideways at Bellamy to see he's staring off into space while leaning against the wall.

"You tried to join Everfur? Alpha Steven is the most biblical arsehole I know of. He could make a priest look like a sinner with the shit he spouts off." Bellamy just nods.

“Yeah it wasn’t fun, I’ve been an abomination my whole life. At least in South Claw I could keep to myself but when those ars eh oles killed our Alpha I was cast into the wind. The only person I had was my best.

friend, she helped me hide who I am. What I am.” I get up from the bed, my c ock is now under control and laying flaccid between my legs. Walking over to Bellamy I put a hand on the side of his face.

“I’m through that, I’ve been lucky. Other than my

sorry you had to go parents I’ve had it quite easy I guess. I didn’t realise Lillian was a cover.” Bellamy just smiles at me as he leans into my touch. Brushing a thumb over Bellamy’s bottom l*p I’m entranced when he sucks it into his mouth and runs his tongue over the pad of it. I’m so absorbed in Bellamy doing this that it takes me a minute to realise there is a beeping coming from somewhere.

Jumping back from Bellamy I go on the alert as the containment doors start to slide open. I can feel Bellamy at my back just as alert as me, I’m ready to fight. I get my stance ready for an attack but I relax my shoulders when a small dark haired pale skinned girl walks in. Behind her is one of the camouflaged geared guys,

“That one.” The female points at me and it takes me a minute to place her, she’s wearing a simple beige dress that does nothing to show her shape. I’m used to seeing her in joggers and a t-shirt, paired with a smile and happy Thomas or Aurora on her hip.

“Zoe?” Zoe doesn’t even acknowledge me as she walks from the room and the guy walks in, he’s covered in head to toe but I can tell he’s a beefy bloke. He doesn’t say anything as he grabs my arm and tries to pull me from the room.

‘Get off me.’ I shout as I try to dig my bare feet into the tiled floor, it loes little to stop the guy from pulling me.

Leave him alone.” Bellamy tries to grab my other arm before he’s on he floor screaming in pain.

Bell?” I shout out trying to get to him, another guy joins the first and I’

m pulled from the room as Bellamy writhes on the floor in agony

“What did you do to him?” I roar as I’m pulled along the metal walkway outside of the containment units, the people inside seem to avert their eyes as we pass. Like they know what’s going to happen and they just can’t bring themselves to witness it again. “Where are you taking me?” My questions seem to fall on deaf ears as I’m dragging down some metal stairs and into a white corridor, there are doors off the hall and every now and again there is a cross.

They don't drag me for long before I'm shoved into a room, landing on my hands and knees, the door slammed closed behind me.. Search the FindNovel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"There's no point in fighting it James." I look up from my spot on the floor and see Zoe sitting on a double bed. The room itself is bare but for a cross, the bed and her.

"What is this?" I ask Zoe from my spot on the floor. being n*ked I really don't want to stand up in front of this pup.

"It's a mating room. it's my first time here." I can see a slight tremor working its way through her young b*dy as she stands and drops the beige dress so it pools at her feet, I instantly look at the wall to the side so I don't have to see her n*kedness. "Be gentle ok? It's my first time."

"I'm not mating you Zoe, my wolf wont allow it and neither will I. You're just a pup and a girl, trust me, you're not my taste."

"But this is all I can do for them now, I did my other job now I need to do this one. Provide them with more young wolves to mould." I look up at her as she sniffles around her words. I try to keep my eyes on hers, the last thing I want is to take advantage of a vulnerable pup.

"What did you do Zoe? How are you even here?" I think I know the answer but I need to hear it from her.

"This is my home, has been for as long as I can remember. I was trained to be able to enter Packs and take the children they aren't meant to have." Her voice is low and I don't think I would even hear her if I wasn't a shifter.

"You were at Swiftmane." I stand from the floor, forgetting my nudity. "Which pup did you take Zoe?"

"They gave me no choice. they said she was going to be an Omega and they hate Omegas. Please James if we don't mate they will punish me. Zoe gets up from the bed and tries to push herself against my n*ked b*dy. I can feel the terror snaking its way through her. Gripping her by the shoulders I hold her out from me.

"You took Aurora?" Zoe nods her head as tears start to fall, "why would you do that."

"They told me I had to, they need to control how many shifters are in the world and they hate Omegas. I don't understand it, after meeting Anna but they said they were dangerous." Zoe tries to get close to me again as I tighten my hold and she whimpers a little.

"Who are they?" Zoe gulps before looking me in the eye.

“They call themselves The Shalamayne’s, they are freedom fighters.” I feel my brows furrow in confusion.

‘A cult? They are a cult based on a pup’s ghost story?’ I can hear the confusion in my own voice.

It’s not a ghost story, she was very real. They preach about her all the ime. James if you don’t f uck me they will punish me.” I let her go and tep back until the door is at my back.

Then count yourself lucky it’s them doing the punishing and not raction or Anna. I won’t touch you Zoe, not only are you a pup but I’m

as g ay as they come.” I wave my hand down her b*dy and then down my own. “it does nothing for me sweetcheeks.” I see her blush as she looks down at my flaccid co ck.

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Chapter 139

Punishment.

(Zoe

With my hands flat on the wall I spread my legs so they are as far apart as I can get while still standing. I hold my breath as I feel my beige dress cut from my b*dy, n*ked and cold I shiver as I wait for my punishment.

“You failed.” I hear him say from behind me a split second before the lash swooshes down on my back. I bite my tongue to stop myself from crying out, I learned long ago that crying out or showing any weakness. just results in more punishments. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all

unrighteousness.” Another lash blows down on my back as he recites. his scripture. I lose count of how many blows he bestows upon me. I feel blood trickle down my back and drip to the floor as he splits the skin open on my back.

“It wasn’t my fault.” I cry out as a particularly hard whip slices through my skin.

“Not your fault? All you had to do was use the form that was given to you to provide us with a new mind to mould. A new b*dy for our cause.” He’s angry with me, his voice is getting lower the more whips he lashes upon my back. “Beautiful,” I feel his fingers work through the wounds on my back, I can’t stop the hiss of pain that leaves my mouth. “The only place for a wolf such as you is on your knees painted in wounds of man.”

“I got you the child, I did what you asked. No one ever mentioned having to mate with another for a child.” He must put his hand flat on my back because suddenly the stinging is unbearable, it takes

everything I have to keep myself up right.

“Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth.” He whispers in my ears, “children will be our greatest weapon. They will help us multiple and take over the shifters plaguing this earth.”

“How is making more shifters going to plague the world of shifters?” Before Swiftmane Pack I wouldn’t have dared ask the question but so much doesn’t make sense now.

“We will fight fire with fire and when the war is done we will dispose of our warriors, we will live in a world of peace once the great battle is won.” I bow my head down. It’s no use questioning him, he will always answer in riddles I don’t understand. As a woman I’m meant to be obedient and never have questions but I have so many questions, they tumble around my head in a mix of words so jumbled together I can barely form them.

“You will go now, pray for forgiveness. Tomorrow you will try again.” I listen to his retreating feet and wait a few minutes to make sure I’m alone. I listen as the blood slowly stops dripping to the floor from my back.

Once I’m sure I’m alone I carefully bend myself to pick up the torn garment. I try to wrap it around my b*dy to hide my nudity but it’s no use. I’ll have to find a sewing needle to fix this mess, I won’t be given another just because I’ve been punished. The walk back to the communal bedroom is an uncomfortable one, as a shifter I’m easily recognised by my beige outfit, the humans wear red, the colour of the victorious. I’m even more recognisable because of my flayed back on display for them all to see, as I walk across the fields I can see people stopping and staring, some are even openly pointing and whispering. It’s nothing new to see a shifter punished but it’s not common for us to walk around n*ked.

“I take it that cherry didn’t get popped then?” Dean asks me as soon as I walk into the bedroom. I look over and see the middle aged man sitting on a bed, wrapping his feet in bandages, His hazel eyes are laser focused on his task and he doesn’t even look at me, I see his nose

twitch though as he picks up the scent of my blood. Of all the people who share this room Dean is probably one of the only ones I can talk

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“Apparently he’s gay, none of it went like I was told.” I tell him as I try to sit on my own bed, the bending seems to stretch my wounds though so I quickly stand back up. “I need to fix my dress.”

“Give it to me. I’ll get it fixed up once I’ve sorted these.” I slowly walk over to his bed and lay the tattered dress down carefully.

“What happened?” I ask him as I look at the feet he’s wrapping, he looks like he’s walked across a bed of nails.

“Told one of the human kids off, apparently his parents didn’t take too kindly to that.” Dean is smiling even though I know he must be in a lot of pain.

“You know better than that Dean.” I sigh as I pass him another bandage. “Why did you do it?” Search The FindNovel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“You know why.” Dean looks at me and twirls his finger, I spin around to show him my back. “He didn’t go easy this time, I’ll try to steal you some antibiotics.

“You know while I was at the Pack their Luna got shot and within a day she was up and around. I think our wolves do more than they tell us.” Dean smirks at me as I turn back around to look at him.

“Yeah they do, I’ve told you this. If it wasn’t for this,” he runs his finger across the small bump in his shoulder. “We could do so much more. We aren’t meant to be locked up like this. You should have done as I

told you and ran once they let you go’

“They would have found me.” I run a finger over my own bump. I can feel it just under my skin. “You know there is no hiding from them.”

“And now you won’t ever get the chance again, they won’t let you back. out into the world now you’re a woman. They will keep you here like a broodmare to fill their righteous army.” Dean’s tone is harsh but I know he’s right.

“I could take the kid back to them, maybe then the Pack would take me in? Protect me?” Dean laughs as he finishes with his feet and pulls at needle and some thread out from under his bed..

“Why would an Alpha and Luna whose baby you stole give you protection? You’d be lucky to be able to cross their border without dying.” I know he’s right but I can help that little flicker of hope in my chest.

“You didn’t see them, I’ve never seen anything like it. They were a family Dean, an actual family of shifters, it was everything we have ever dreamed of. Did you know there is such a thing as a fated mate?” Dean shakes his head as he focuses on my dress. “I just can’t help but wonder if this is all there is?”

“Those are some dangerous questions kid.” Dean tells me as he hands me back my now fixed dress. “Get a shower and I’ll go find you something for your back.”

I watch him leave the bedroom leaving me alone, I walk back to my bed and drop the dress before picking up my towel and walking over to the shower. Until a week ago I thought my life was all mapped out before me, do my chores, turn sixteen and then help the community in birthing children. After Anna, I can’t help but wonder if there is maybe more to life than being on my back with some random male prisoner

rutting away on top of me.

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Chapter 140

Dropping the ball.

(Patrick)

“You don’t have to do this.” Eliza tells me from her spot on the armchair in the corner of the bedroom. I glance over at her and shake my head, I return to packing my bag with everything I might need. “You don’t even know this information is good, what happens if you get into trouble out there?”

“Kitten.” I sigh, dropping some jeans into my bag. “Fraction is drinking himself into an early grave and wont let me within a mile of the Pack house. Anna is beside herself and won’t get out of bed. I need to find Aurora, if it wasn’t for me Zoe would never have gotten as far as she did.”

“It wasn’t just you.” I know Eliza shares my guilt but I won’t have her coming with me.

“The information Mac gave me is solid, if it turns out the van went to this town then maybe that’s where these people are settled. There is at strong chance Aurora and

James are there.” Mac called last night, thanks to Jefferson they were able to track the license plate number to a small town about fifty miles from us.

“And if they catch you? What will I do then?” I zip my bag up and walk over to Eliza, crouching down I put my hand over her still flat stomach.

“Then you raise Lizzie and this pup to be as strong as me and you, they will be surrounded by family here.” It’s a miracle we never thought would happen but I can’t say I’m unhappy about it, “it’s our fault Eliza, if we weren’t with Doctor Lee getting the scan then we would have

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been on that stretch of land. She would never have gotten away, I’ll forever carry the burden of Momma Beth’s death.”

“I’ll carry it too.” Eliza cups my face and I lean into her touch.

“No. You let me carry this one,” my poor mate has had enough heartache and pain for multiple life times. I won’t let her burden this. pain too.

“Promise me you will come home.” I smile at her before standing and placing a k*ss on top of her head.

“I’ll do everything I can to get back to you.” It’s the best I can do and she knows it, I won’t make a promise to her that I’ll end up breaking if things don’t go my way.

“Go to the Pack house. Fraction won’t turn you away if I’m not there. I don’t want you doing Patrols, if you have to, you tell Fraction and Anna about the pup. Your job is to protect our family, you understand?” Eliza nods at me as she wipes at her face.

“I understand, I love you.” I smile at her as I pick my bag up from the bed.

“I will always love you, kitten.” I leave the bedroom quickly knowing that if I stay any longer then I won’t leave.

Once I’m outside of our little cabin I jump into the SUV and drop my bag on the passenger seat. As I plug in the GPS coordinates that Mact gave me I try to contact Fraction one last time. Leaning back in the car sc at I close my eyes and try to find his link, it’s there but it’s fuzzy which tells me he’s hammered.

‘Alpha?’ He doesn’t answer me but I can feel him listening, I’m leaving. I have a possible lead on where the van went with James and I’ m hoping that’s where they took Aurora. I’m leaving Lizzie and Eliza

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here, please protect her.' I feel him close the link once I'm done, the fact that he doesn't answer me is a true testament to how much I've messed up here. Putting the car in drive I look out of the window and see Eliza looking down at me from the bedroom. I leave as quickly as the car will let me.

Although I've been away from the Pack before leaving without knowing if I'm going to make it back is not something I have ever done. The thought of James and Aurora is enough to fuel me forward, I drive until the sun starts to set. It isn't until I am on top of the GPS dot. that I realise something might be wrong. The town that's meant to be here isn't here, instead there is a massive eight foot wire fence filled with 'No Trespassing' signs. Double checking the GPS I pull my phone from my jeans and call Mac.

"What?" Mac sounds annoyed, I guess I interrupted something.

"This GPS, it's brought me to a damn fenced area. I thought you said it was a town?" I can hear people in the background before the clicking of a door tells me Mac has stepped somewhere more private.

"It's meant to be a town called, one sec let me look." There is some rustling and then I can hear the creak of a chair. "Alright it's meant to be a town called Moonrise, with a population of around 3000 people. Jefferson's police contacts were pretty solid on this.

"Great, another dead end." I say slamming my head back on the chair.

"Maybe not, might be worth a look around while you're there, want some back up?" I almost laugh at him, what exactly does he think going to get me out here in the middle of nowhere.

"No, there's nothing here. I'll poke around a little before heading back. How's everything on your end?" So far it seems only Swiftmane has been affected by the abductions but I've been keeping tabs on the other

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Packs just in case.

“Still got Patrols going but so far we haven’t had any issues.” I nod my head before I realise he can’t see me.

“Call me if anything changes.” Hanging up the phone I quickly put it on silent before jamming it back in my jeans. If I’m going exploring the last thing I want is my ringtone letting people know where I am.

Stepping from the car I pull on a coat and my backpack, it’s not that I need them but if someone sees me it’s easier to pull off the whole hiker thing if I look the part. I lock the car up and then set off around the edge of the fence, none of it seems all that special, it’s just a fenced area surrounded by dense trees. It isn’t until I’m about halfway round that I hear what sounds like music. I push through some hedges so I can see through the holes in the fence. I see what looks like a bunch of houses, they seem pretty basic and nothing like I would expect to see in a town. There is also no way there are only 3000 people in there, with the amount of homes I’m seeing there has to be at least double that. The singing gets louder as the doors to one of the bigger buildings opens and the grassy area is flooded with light. From what I can see there seems to be a man up front carrying what looks like a young woman. I can see her blonde hair moving in the wind as the man moves her up to a wooden stage I hadn’t noticed in the dark. The rest of the people are still singing while they gather around the stage, it’s then that I noticed the young woman seems to have what looks like a very large bump around her stomach.

“Gather to witness the birth of a new member of our fight, we will mould them to do our bidding. With the blood of an Omega and a Beta this child shall rise among the rest.” The man shouts out as the crowd hushes, it’s then that I notice the young blonde is gripping her stomach. I watch in horror as the woman goes through a long and painful labor, the baby is picked up by its feet and shown to the crowd still covered in blood and attached to its mother. “A female, most likely an Omega

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like its mother.” I turn away as the man raises a knife, I can’t watch this man kill a newborn. I just can’t do it. “The female shall rest for seven days before being put back to work and this time she will provide a male for The Shalamaynes.” I barely hear the man over the scream of the woman, her pain is understandable if she’s just watched her newborn be killed. I don’t wait to see what happens next, I quickly push off the fence and run back to the car. There is no doubt in my mind that these are the bastards that have James and Aurora, I just don’t know why they are quoting the name of one of our ghost stories.

I'm slamming the SUV into drive as soon as I close the door behind me, putting my phone on speaker I dial Mac.

"What? I'm busy." I can hear a female moaning in the background.

"Put your cock away, Swiftmane needs help." I snap at him as I drop the phone into my lap.

"You found them?" I can hear a female mumble before a door clicks.

"I found something, I don't know what it means yet but I do know Swiftmane doesn't have the numbers to fight them alone." I tell Mac as I pull onto the highway, I keep checking my mirrors convinced someone will follow me but so far I seem to be alone in the dark.

"I'll talk to Darryl, we were coming this week to pay our respects anyway." Mac disconnects the call and I put my foot down, I need to get home and plead with my Alpha.

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“Mac go and check on Anna, lsy as soon as I att out of the car and Muc is out of his Fraction will be on edge so do not enter that bedroom understood Mac just rods before rumming into the house Le s go and find Thomas, make sure the kid has everything he

“Babysitting” We drove for six hours for me to babysit” His attitude doesn’t surprise me, we have our own thing going on at the moment and he doesn’t think we should be here I disagreed so here we are

“In the span of two weeks that kid has lost his Uncle, his grandmother and his sister. His parents are catatonic in grief and now his other Uncle has gone off, so yeah. I want you to go and babysit.” Lewis doesn’t argue further as I put a little more authority around my voice, he just tucks tail and runs into the house.

I expected more people to be around.” This comes from Cas as he

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walks over to me. Cas always reminds me of the avenging angel he’s named after. His parents are religious as hell and thought it was great to name their kid after a warrior of heaven. He has this whole giant thing going on, standing at six foot five he’s without a doubt the tallest guy I know, his dark hair is cut short but always seems to have this just ruffled look like he’s always running his hands through it.

“The warriors are out on Patrol.” I nod towards the house and Cas follows me, our warriors will wait out here until we give them the orders they are waiting for “I think the rest of the Pack is giving the house a wide berth. Can’t you feel it?”

“I can, it’s the Omega right?” I nod my head at Cas as I lead him towards Fraction’s office. “It’s suffocating, is it always like this?” I don’t think Cas has ever met an Omega before but thankfully he’s more open minded than his parents

“No, this is rare. Anna is pretty good at controlling her emotions, Fraction helps her. With both of them down though I think she’s a little. out of control.” Cas just nods at me, he might not understand but he’s a wait and see what you show me before I pass judgement kind of guy

Once we are outside of Fraction’s office I square my shoulders and pray to the Goddess that we can get him back on his feet before Rick gets back. Pushing the office door open the first thing that hits me is the smell, it’s like old gym socks and whiskey, just as I expected. Fraction has been drowning himself in drink. I doubt he’s left the office in days.

“Sh it.” Cas breathes out as he walks into the office behind me. Fraction. is slumped over his desk, the bottle of whiskey he was emptying is knocked over and I can smell where it’s soaked into the carpet next to

his desk.

“Let’s get him up, the warriors have a communal shower. Let’s get him.

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cleaned up.” Cas doesn’t say anything as he walks around the other side of the desk and gra

one of Fraction’s arms. I grab his other and we both heave Fraction into a standing position, he’s not the easiest guy to move thanks to how bulky he is. His feet drag along the floor as

pull him out of the office.

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“Alpha?” I turn to the small voice seeing a young woman in a pair of leggings and a t-shirt, her short brown hair sitting just above her shoulders.

“We are just going to get your Alpha cleaned up, maybe some coffee?” The young woman just nods and runs off towards the kitchen. Hitching Fraction up slightly, me and Cas start walking towards the stairs, it’s not until we get there that I realise we have a problem. “How the hell are we going to get him up there?”

“Watch out. I got him.” Cas says as he bends his knees and puts his shoulder in Fractions stomach. I was as the giant picks Fraction clean. off the floor and carries him up the stairs. I don’t know how he does it but the man doesn’t even break a sweat at carrying a full grown Alpha. Quickly running after him I led the way to the communal shower room. I’ve used this room myself once or twice so I know it’s more than big enough for the three of us.

“Drop him there.” I point under one of the shower heads and watch as Cas carefully places Fraction on the white tiled floor. He leans his back against the wall, Fraction’s head falls forward in a comical fashion but it’s anything but funny.

“Now?” Cas asks as he steps back once he is sure Fraction is not going to slump to the floor. I don’t answer him, using the dials on the wall I pick the coldest setting possible and let the shower rain down on the comatose Alpha.

Just as I expected Fraction jolts awake and immediately stands, he's

roaring and shouting incoherent words. I nod at Cas and he puts a hand on Fraction's shoulder pinning him under the water.

"What the hell?" Fraction gasps as the cold water pours down on him, Cas looks like a drowned rat as well but he keeps a firm grip on Fraction. He knows we need Fraction with all his faculties so he will do what's needed, regardless of a little cold shower.

"You hearing me?" I ask Fraction, his eyes flash to me and I see Leo flickering behind them. "I asked you a question. Alpha."

"I hear you." Fraction spits some water on the floor and pushes Cas's hand off him. He doesn't move from under the water though, he has a slight wobble to his stance so I don't think he can move if I'm honest.

"It's time to get your shi t together." I tell him simply, taking a step closer to him. His eyes are trying to focus on me but his wobbling from side to side is making it difficult.

"You don't understand. how could you? You don't have a pup or a Luna!" He roars at me. I know he's trying to hit me where it hurts but I let his words roll off me like the water rolling down his b*dy.

"You're right. I can't know what it's like to lose a pup but I do know what it's like to lose a mother." His eyes grow sad as I bring up Momma Beth. "I get that you're grieving the loss of your mother and your pup but it's time to pull your head out of your ass." Fraction just huffs at me. "Your Head Warrior has found a lead."

"Don't talk about that ars eh ole to me, if it wasn't for him my pup would still be here." I don't see Fraction move, one second he's under the spray of cold water and the next he has me pinned to the tiled wall. Cas is just standing there with a look of amusement on his face.

"He might have found James and Aurora, we need you sober and functional. Unless you want me to leave your family with a bunch of

shifter hating Bible thumpers." I see Cas flinch out of the corner of my eye, he might not agree with his parents but he was raised with a certain amount of respect for the Bible.

"Where are they?" Fraction's hands loosen on my shirt, he doesn't step back but he's not holding me as tightly as he was.

"Get cleaned up. then get your Luna and we can talk. I've spoken with the Elders and I have some information that will help us win this battle." Fraction just stares at me for a long time before taking a step back and lifting the sodden wet shirt over his head, he shucks his jeans and walks back over to the shower. He places a hand on the wall as I

press a few buttons and change the water so it's slightly warmer, Fraction tilts his head down so the water runs a river down his tattooed back, his 'Little Wolf' tattoo standing proudly as his most recent addition. Nodding at Cas I walk from the shower room and make my way up to Anna.

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Chapter 142

No words.

(Anna)

There are no words. How do you describe to someone the pain that consumes you when you lose a child? I want to keep looking but I feel like someone has dropped a house on top of me and then set it on fire. I'm wearing my grief like a blanket and I can't seem to stop it from seeping out from me. I know I will be affecting the whole Pack but I can't seem to stop the grief from consuming me. Each time I think I can get up the night seems to roll around in the blink of an eye and then I wait for the next morning. I'm not sure how many times the sun has risen and set since I found my way into our bed, one of the Pack girls comes in and leaves a tray of food a few times a day but I don't remember eating more than a bite or two.

"Anna, it's Mac." I pull the pillow over my head as a soft knock sounds. through the room, "Darryl is here and so is the Alpha Heir from the Everfur Pack. We've come to help. how about you come out?"

"Go away." I grumble, I don't think he hears me because the knocking keeps coming. Eventually it stops and for a while I think he's taken the hint and left, it isn't until I hear the door creaking that I realise he's just given up on being invited. The duvet is pulled from me so quickly that I don't even have time to grab onto it, laying there with my head under the pillow. I just sigh and wait for him to say whatever it is he's got to

say.

"Wakey, wakey Luna." Pulling the pillow from my face I roll over to see Darryl standing at the end of the bed, looking over to the door I see Mac standing there with his hands

on the top of the door frame. He's leaning his b*dy in as far as he can without actually being in the room. "You stay there." Darryl points at Mac, "the last thing I need is a

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murderous Alpha on my hands." I just huff as Darryl warns Mac,

Fraction won't be murdering anyone. From what I understand he's busy drinking the entire Pack dry.

"Go away." I grumble as I roll over and curl into myself.

"Time to get up. Patrick is on his way and I've done some digging with the Elders. I'm pretty sure we know where James and Aurora are." Hearing Aurora's name I uncurl myself and sit up on the bed. Search the Find_Novel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"You found her?" I can't keep the hope out of my voice, "where is she?"

"We think we've found her." My shoulders slump as I realise he has not idea where she is.

"We looked, there is no sign of her. We looked for days, Zoe took her from the Pack house then ran through the forest and that's it. She's just gone." I can't stop the tears from rolling down my face.

"I'm so disappointed in you." My eyes flick to Darryl and I see he has his arms crossed over his chest and a stern look on his face. "You were doing so well, you were becoming one of the strongest Luna's in the area and now, you're taken down by a pup?"

"I am strong." The words sound feeble even to me.

"Then get out of this bed, shower and come down to the office. We have work to do, unless you don't want your pup back?" He doesn't wait for me to answer, he just shakes his head before leaving the bedroom. "I'll check on Thomas, unless you've forgotten you have another pup?"

I have to give it to Darryl, he knows how to push someone's buttons. I'm not sure if it's anger at Darryl, the hope that we have a lead on Aurora or that I've been neglecting Thomas but for the first time in a long time I put my feet on the floor and slowly shuffle my way to the

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bathroom. Once I'm in the bathroom I drop my pajama pants and pull my vest top over my head I try to avoid looking in the mirror as I lean into the shower to get the water flowing. I have no desire to see how I look at the moment I know my face is pulled from all the crying and I bet I'm rocking some serious bed hair after my lay in.

Showered and dressed I feel a little more human so I leave the bedroom with the intention of finding Thomas Darryl was right. I have been holding myself up and I'm ashamed to say that means I've been neglecting Thomas in the process Opening the bedroom door I

I see Mac standing against the wall waiting for me to come out.

"I'm going just nods at me as I look at the floor, I'

to see Thomas N m ashamed Darryl and Mac saw me in that state.

"Lewis has him in the kitchen, maybe we should go to the office. Rick called, he's only twenty minutes out." I want to argue that Thomas needs me but my desire to find Aurora wins out, it's not that I'm choosing Aurora over Thomas it's just I know he's safe in the kitchen, I don't know where my daughter is. I hold my breath as Mac leans forward and brushes a hair out of my face tucking it behind my ear, lean away from his touching knowing that Fraction won't like his scent

on me.

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"Get off my Luna, warrior." I look around as Fraction's voice sounds out but I don't see him, "get your butt down here, little wolf." Jumping back from Mac I quickly dash down the stairs and see Fraction standing on the landing for the warrior quarters in nothing but a grey towel. His beard and hair are wet and the water is dripping down his chiseled tattooed chest.

"You showered." I say when I reach the bottom step.

"You too, we should get to the office." Fraction holds his hand out for me and I notice a slight shake to it, the last week or so of alcohol has

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taken its toll. "Anna?"

"How are you feeling?" He glances down at his hand and quickly drops it to his side, clenching it into a fist.

“About as well as you. let’s go.” There is a distance between us that I don’t know how to close, I have a feeling it won’t be fixed until our family is whole again.

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Chapter 143

Leads and Stories.

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“Start talking.” I say to Darryl as I sit down in my office chair, is littered in empty and part empty whiskey bottles. I’d feel a little ashamed of the state of my office if it wasn’t for all the other sh it on my shoulders at the moment. Cas and Darryl are leaning against the wall and Anna is sitting in the chair opposite looking anywhere but at me. I’ve dropped the ball where she is concerned, I know she has needed me but the grief of losing my only remaining parent has cri ppled me more than I can put into words.

“How much do you know about The Shalamaynes?” Darryl asks me

and Anna.

“You mean like that ghost story Eliza told at Halloween?” Anna asks, looking over her shoulder at Darryl.

“Yes and no. it’s been diluted over the years to become a ghost story but there was an Alpha who fell in love with a human but then found his fated mate who turned out to be an Omega.” Darryl comes and sits. on the chair next to Anna. Search on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“So it’s true? He killed his pregnant human mate?” Cas shakes his head with a smile on his face as Anna asks the question I was thinking.

“No, she had already had the baby. The village she belonged to witnessed the killing and they secluded themselves away from everyone else raising their children to believe

shifters, especially Omegas are dangerous and need to be contained.” Cas explains to us in a voice that tells me he’s heard this story many times, “my mother used to tell me that if a shifter stepped out of line The Shalamayne would

step in and contain the shifter.”

“Surely we would know if a cult was picking off shifters?” I ask, confused as to how this is the first of these I’ve heard of

“Of course we would but they are stealthy and they move every few years so the Elders have never been able to pin them down. I spoke to Elder Thomas who said they have hunted them for a long time, a long time ago they were the reason Omegas were hunted and killed.” Darryl tells us.

“So what? They have just decided Swiftmane is on their list?” I lean back in my chair as Cas nods his head at me.

“You are an affront to everything they stand for, you have an Omega mate and Luna, your Pack is growing and you have more than one pup. They see you as someone who is trying to grow a Pack large enough to overpower the humans.” Cas explains and that just confuses me more.

“I have no desire to overtake the humans, I just want to run my Pack and look after my pups and mate.” Anna nods her head in agreement with me. “That also doesn’t explain James, why take him and Bellamy?”

“Trust me when I say that religious nuts have a serious hatred for gay people, I wouldn’t be surprised if they took them just because of their S**uality.” I know Cas’s parents have a serious hatred for gay people. and anyone who doesn’t fit their religious beliefs, if anyone should know how these kind of people feel it would be him.

“So what now? This cult has come out of the woodwork for a major hard on for me and my family, what’s our next move?” I ask Darryl, I honestly don’t know what to do with something like this.

Darryl leans across my desk and unfolds a map, it’s a map of the world except there are red crosses that shouldn’t be there.

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“I spoke to the Elders and these are all the known locations where The Shalamaynes have been over the last fifty or so years. Whenever a Pack gets close they pack up and move on.” Looking at the map closer I see they have been all over the world, not just

America. “Rick thinks he might have found their current camp, if he’s right then we might have found them before they move on.”

“Which gives us a chance to get Aurora, James and Bellamy back.” Darryl nods at me sitting back in his chair. “I need more information on these guys, how are they able to contain a fully grown shifter? James is no warrior but neither him nor Zeus are a pushover. He should have been able to take some humans.”

“I agree, we’re missing something. Elder Thomas and Iris should be here in two days, hopefully they can fill in some of the blank spots.” I nod my head trying to make a mental plan.

“Alright, I think the best play is to keep an eye on these guys. The last thing we want is them packing up and moving on before we plan to make our move.” Darryl nods at me with a smile and I see Cas pull out a notepad.

“Shoot.” Cas says ready to write down my instructions.

“I want groups of ten to be sent out, have them in human form though. If these guys are looking for shifters the last thing we want is for them to see a wolf around their camp.” Anna sits forward in a chair as Cas starts writing.

“I want to go.” I close my eyes knowing that Anna would want to go.

“You can’t Anna.” I’m thankful Darryl is able to say it because I’m not sure I could say no to her right now.

“Why not?” Anna asks, getting angry.

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“If you see Aurora could you stop yourself from attacking to get her back?” Anna shakes her head as Darryl points out the obvious to her, “we will get all of them back but having you there and seeing Aurora will not be helpful. At most we can have our guys snap some pictures if they see her. At least then you will know if she’s ok.”

I’m about to get out of my chair when a loud firm knock sounds on the office door. I know it’s going to be Rick and I stamp down the anger I’m feeling towards him. He has something I need, I can kick his ass

later.

“Come in.” I shout out making Anna jump, when the door doesn’t open I nod at Cas who walks over and opens it. I watch as Cas’s shoulders square and his back seems to get straighter, the room is suddenly filled with a tension I can’t explain.

“Cas?” I ask just as he steps to the side showing not only Rick but Zoe as well. I’m standing just as Anna jumps out of her chair and runs for the young woman. Darryl is quick and grabs Anna around the waist as Cas moves back in front of the two as if to try and protect them.

“What is she doing here?” I roar so loudly that Zoe covers her ears, “did you know about this?” I ask Darryl who quickly shakes his head

no.

“Alpha, let me explain please.” Rick’s voice sounds small like he’s trying to show submission through his voice.

“You have two minutes before I let Anna rip her apart.” I nod at Cas who looks over his shoulder before stepping to the side to let Rick and Zoe walk into the office. Rick has his hand on Zoe’s shoulder as if to keep her from bolting, I can see her visibly shaking, she’s wearing a tattered beige dress and her feet are bare.

“Tell him.” Zoe looks up at Rick before nodding her head, she looks at her feet as she speaks.

“I can help you get Aurora. James and Bellamy back.” I sit down in my chair and hold my hands out for Anna, Darryl lets her go and she quickly runs around to me throwing herself on my chest.

“Why should we trust you, you stole her anyway.” Zoe flinches as Anna sob harder into my chest.

“You can’t trust me but I want to help. I wish I hadn’t done it. I never knew shifters could be like this until you took me in. I just want a chance to put it right.” I look to all the males and then down at Anna before nodding at Zoe, she seems to release a breath as Rick pushes her into a chair and Cas closes the office door.

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Chapter 144

Eva.

(Anna)

The second I see Zoe my whole world turns red, all my grief and pain has turned into rage. Darryl has to hold me back from attacking her, I know people are talking around me but I can't hear them, it's like a White noise is rushing through my ears. Even Winter wants to rip her apart. I haven't felt this kind of rage before, not even with Faye. When she walks into the office and sits in a chair I go to Fraction, I need to put as much distance between me and this pup as possible. The guys all seem ready to handle it if something happens though, Fraction is sitting up and I can tell by the set of his jaw and shoulders that he's on high alert. Rick and Cas seem to be hovering behind her chair waiting for her to make a move. Darryl is sitting to her right on the very edge of his seat, he looks like he could be up and on her within a second.

"There is no putting it right." I hear Fraction spit at Zoe, "there is a chance for you to live a little longer, by telling us where our daughter is Zoe."

"My name isn't Zoe." I just stare at the dark haired raven I let into my home, around my pups. I don't even know her real name, they trained her well.

"Is there anything you didn't lie about?" I ask her with my jaw clenched.

"My name's Eva, I was taken from my home when I was just a child. My parents were given a choice, hand over their second born to be raised within the community or have their Pack wiped out." I look at Eva and try to picture her as a pup but I just can't do it, all I see is the girl who ran with my pup and got my mother killed. "I think they

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thought I would be safer, at least the Pack would be My mother and father handed me over and I haven't seen them since

"Where are you from Eva" look at Darryl as he asks the question and I tilt my head at him, why does it matter where she's from

"I've travelled many places with The Shalamayne but I'm originalis from Russia. I don't remember much more than that. I was very young when they took me "Eva hasn't looked up from her hands the nine time she's spoken, not even when she's being asked a question

“You don’t sound Russian How come they are in America now? Way are they suddenly attacking our Pack Eva looks up at Fraction with her brows furrowed as if she doesn’t understand the question

“They were called “Eva says as if it’s obvious, they haven’t been to America in about forty or so years but some lady called them and they packed us up overnight and brought us here”

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Someone called them, which means some brought them here, someone brought them to our Pack knowing they would hurt us. I can’t anyone in our Pack who would want that kind of pain to happen to anyone let alone us.

“Leon?” Fraction asks Darryl in a low voice. Darryl just shakes his head no. He doesn’t offer anything further so I make a mental note to ask him later. “Where is my Beta and pup?”

“In the compound Rick found, Aurora is in the nursery and will be until she’s of age. She will be easy for you to get to. James and the other man won’t be so easy. They have been locked in the procreation prison, they are guarded all the time and the trackers won’t let them get far if they do escape.” Fraction tightens his hands on my waist and pulls me more onto his lap.

“I’ve heard enough for now, Rick take her down to the cells.” Rick just

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nods at Fraction but when he goes to put a hand on Eva, Cas steps forward and a small growl leaves his throat. “Problem Cas?”

“I just figured that maybe I should take her down while Rick gives you the information on the compound.” I narrow my eyes as Darryl turns around to look at him in a questioning manner.

“I can tell you where the compound is.” Eva says in a small voice. Search the FindNovel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“You will shut up unless spoken to and be thankful you’re warm and will have three square meals in your stomach.” Fraction growls at her, I’ve never heard him speak to anyone like that before. “Take her down Cas, the warriors on the door will give you the code.” Darryl stands from his chair at the same time Eva does and he follows her and cast out of the office, he doesn’t offer an explanation he just leaves.

“Sit.” Fraction says with his jaw clenched, the hands around my waist are becoming tighter so I put my hands on his and push slightly. He must take the hint because he loosens up a bit. “Talk.”

“Mac called, Jefferson managed to locate who owned the vehicle the licence plate belonged to.” Patrick’s tone sounds so depressed that I just want to walk over and hug him, he isn’t looking at either of us rather he seems to keep his eyes trained on one of the many empty whiskey bottles on the desk. “It was a loaner van registered to a Samuel Janssen, he got the address and I followed the trail from there.” I have to admit it was good, I had no clue we could learn so much from a licence plate number.

“Well that’s great but not exactly what I want to hear right now.

Fraction says, I understand what he’s getting at so I try to stand so I can leave the office. Fraction keeps his hands tight on my waist making it clear that I’m not going anywhere.

“I don’t know what you want me to say, Alpha.” Patrick admits in a small voice.

“I want to know where you were, it was you and Eliza who should have been on that section of the border.” I let out a small gasp, I had no idea it was them who were missing from the patrol. “It’s your fault that my mother was killed and my pup was taken, give me one good reason why I shouldn’t banish you both from my Pack right now!” Fraction is yelling and I can feel his breath whooshing out of him under me. The silence that follows is deafening, eventually Patrick looks up at Fraction and his eyes flick to me before he closes them and nods his head.

“I have no excuse.” Patrick tells us both in a clear voice, “I was concerned for my mate. She had started bleeding so I needed to get her to Doctor Lee to make sure she was ok. Thankfully she was fine and so is our pup but I had to act, please understand Alpha. I had two choices. ahead of me, my patrol or my mate and pup.”

“Eliza’s pregnant?” I ask Patrick before Fraction can say anything.

“She is.” Patrick confirms with a small smile.

“I thought she couldn’t?” Patrick just nods.

“A miracle, we aren’t exactly questioning it.” Patrick is beaming now then it seems to accrue to him that he might not have a reason to smile and it falls from his face.

“So you what, I’m supposed to just forgive you now because you had good intentions?” Fraction asks Patrick, his gaze leaves us and lands on the bottle again.

“Yes, that’s exactly what we are going to do.” I say before I can stop myself, “he’s going to live with this guilt for the rest of his life. He was doing what he thought was right and there has been enough loss.” I get up from Faction’s lap and walk around the desk, “now you two are

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going to drink, slap each other or hug...I don’t really care. But fix this and then find my pup and friend. I’ll be with Thomas when you’re done.” My tone leaves no room for argument, I’ve used my full mother and Luna voice and now neither of them will look at me. “Am I being listened to?”

“Yes, Luna.” Patrick says at the same time as Fraction, I see Patrick’s eyes flick up to him and they both have a stupid smirk on their faces.

The night thing

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Chapter 145

The right thing.

(Eva)

“What’s going to happen to me?” I ask the one up front, he’s super tall, tall enough that I would have to crane my n*eck to actually look him in the face.

“Just keep walking, kid.” The older man behind me says as two men open a door that leads down some stairs. I’m instantly hit with the smell of urine, blood and sweat, when we reach the bottom of the steps I realise why. They have brought me to the cells. I’ve traded one prison for another. It’s not like I can blame them, I did steal their child so of

course they would see me as a threat. The tall one with dark hair opens one of the cells and I take that as my cue to get in, walking in I notice there is a sink, a toilet and basic bed. That's all, I think if I stretch out my arms I could touch either wall, the door closes with a deafening clang and the two men leave me alone.

Sitting on the bed I can't help but think this is better than I deserve, I half expected Patrick to run me down when he found me in that gas station. I took my chance during shift change and ran. I wanted to grab Aurora but I was worried I wouldn't be able to get into the nursery and get out. I figured this way I could at least lead the Pack back to the child.

"Are you cold?" I jump a little at the gruff voice, I was so lost in my own mind that I didn't hear the tall one come back. Looking over at the cell door he's standing there holding a pink blanket, it looks really fussy and warm. Slowly standing I reach out a hand and he passes the blanket through the bars.

you." I say as I wrap the blanket around myself.

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"Cas, my name's Cas." I smile at him, it's an odd name but it's not like I'm in a position to judge.

"You're an Alpha?" Even someone as untrained as me can sense the power surrounding him, it's like a cloak hanging off his shoulders.

"Alpha Heir, my father is Alpha." I don't miss that he doesn't tell me which Pack, he's being cautious which I can understand, "I'll be Alpha soon, my father is sick."

"I'm

sorry." I sit on the bed nuzzling myself further into the blanket.

"Trust me, it's no loss. Eva, we need to know more about the tracking device you mentioned." His tone tells me he's done discussing his family, "can they be turned off?"

"I don't know, I just know they are on these special bullet things. I think they buy them but I don't know where. It's not like I'm kept in the loop, shifters aren't exactly treated well there." There's no point in hiding anything anymore, they are going to need to know everything to get their people back.

"They hurt you?" I nod my head slightly, "I'm sorry you went through all of this Eva. You're just a pup, you should be in school, making friends and pushing boundaries." Cas shakes his head and it draws my attention to his hair, it has this just tousled look and I long to run my fingers through it.

"I don't have a place anymore, I was meant to procreate to give them more shifters but the males they made me choose between were gay so that was a no go." I see something flit across between Cas's eyes as I say this, I can't be certain but I think he's angry.

"How old are you?" I see his nose flare as he sniffs, "can't be more than sixteen. You won't be procreating with anyone at your age."

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"You're right, I'll be dead soon." I'm not being morbid, it's just a statement of fact.

"I don't know what you've heard about us but we don't normally make a habit of killing pups. Sit tight Eva." I close my eyes as he walks away, savouring the way my name sounds in his voice.

For so long I've been Zoe and had to be the meek little shifter surrounded by humans, it's been so long since anyone has called me by the name my mother gave me. I can barely remember their faces, I can't recall the Pack name and I don't know exactly where they are but I remember my name clear as day. When The Shalamayne took me in they gave me a name based on when I joined, each shifter is provided with a name depending on what letter of the alphabet they get brought in on. I was unlucky enough to be number twenty-six, twenty-six children taken from a Russian Pack, this left me with Z. Search the (website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Hey kid," I look around but I don't see anyone but the female voice is clearly coming from somewhere. "Don't bother looking, I'm in the cell next to you."

"Oh." I lay back on my bed, I don't know if having company is a good thing or not.

“They might not kill pups but they will leave you down here until you come of age.” The voice sounds tired and raw, like she doesn’t talk all that much, “I’ve been down here for years. Once that door locked behind you, trust me kid, the worst thing you ever did was walk into that cell,”

“Stop talking, Eve.” I jump up from my bed when I hear Anna’s voice, seeing her at the cell door I instantly drop my eyes to the floor. “Sit down, Eva. We need to have a talk.” I sit on my bed and face the wall, looking her in the eyes is just too hard. “I need to understand why. why you took my pup and why you came back and don’t give me the

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whole I want to do the right thing speech. The men might see a cute

lice and believe you but I know there has to be more ” Anna sounds so much husher than I remember her being

“You were kind to me” I say to my hands

“Apparently for Lund ” Anna spils

“Until you and Fraction I never knew shifters could be like this. I was raised to believe shifters were vicious killers who want nothing more than to f uck and kill “I look over at Anna to see her brows are furrowed

“So let me get this straight, they take you as a pup raise you to hate your own kind and then sick you on us?” I nod my head, it’s a

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simplified version of what they do to us but if I started talking about it all I don’t think I would finish any time soon.

“The females are used to help create their army, they use the strongest females they can capture and they force them to mate with us.” It feels weird explaining this to a grown woman, “the men are trained to fight.”

“So where does the kidnapping come in?” I start picking at my handst when she asks this, I knew she would but it doesn’t make it any casier.

“Some of us take special lessons on how to infiltrate a Pack and gain their trust for whatever reason they need at the time.” Anna slumps to the floor just beyond my cell.

‘So you planned this?’ I shake my head as I resume picking at my ingers.

I didn't know it would be you or this Pack, I didn't want to do it but hey left me no choice. When I couldn't do the mating part of my job I was punished." I stand up from the bed, for a second I consider howing her my back but I think better of it. I don't need her sympathy.

"Anna, I just want to put right what I broke."

"How do you plan on fixing Beth? She died, Eva, you stole my pup and killed my mate's only parent. You didn't break our world, you dropped a bomb on it, there's no fixing this mess kid " Anna stands from the floor and brushes herself off. "I pray to the Goddess I get my pup back or I won't be held responsible for my actions, or Winter's " As Anna walks away the tears start to flow freely. I curl myself up in the blanket Cas gave me and cry myself into a fitful sleep.

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Chapter 146

Vulnerable Alpha.

Fraction)

A cult, an honest to Goddess religious shifter hating cult, right in my back garden. I don't know whether I'm coming or going at the moment, thanks to Grey Pack and Everfur Pack I have a house full of angry Testosterone filled warriors. They all want blood but right now they are sitting with their thumbs up their asses. I've got groups of twelve doing two day recon before swapping with another twelve. Darryl had to go home and deal with something, he didn't say what but he left me his warriors, Mac and Lewis and told me to call when we are ready to move. He'll be there to have my back as always.

Looking at the clock I see it's gone two in the morning, rubbing at my eyes I stand from my desk and head to the kitchen for some coffee. I half expected the kitchen to be empty at this time of night but I see Cas coming out of the basement just as I walk into the room.

"Alpha." Cas nods at me before walking over to the half filled coffee pot, "want one?" I just nod my head while looking at the basement door, he has no reason to be down there.

"If I go down there am I still going to find two prisoners?" Cas gives me an odd look before filling two cups and passing me one.

"I realised something. Eva mentioned that the prisoners have trackers." I nod at him while I sip my coffee and lean against the kitchen island.

"Yeah and?" I'm feeling every tired bone in my b*dy at the moment. and I can't keep the exhaustion from my voice.

"It made me think, if the prisoners have trackers it would make sense to

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track their shifters tow right?" I stand up straight suddenly, very alert, that had occurred to me "Don't feel bad, I didn't think of it until an hour ago You're exhausted and could use a few days of sleep, you can't be judged for missing something"

"Does she have one?" I ask him, I assume that's where he was while in

the basement

"No, I mean she did but she said one of the other shifters helped her cut it out Saw the wound for myself, it looks infected though, might be worth getting the Doc to come check her out "I don't understand his concern for her but the fact that she's a pup makes me inclined to

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"I'll call the Doc in the morning, he can give her the once over. She's not leaving the cell through Cas, unless you've forgotten I still have a pup around here." Cas looks like he wants to argue before he dumps the last of his coffee in the sink and then walks past me

"Just remember she's still young, she's messed up in the head Fraction It's not her fault how she was raised, trust me, just because someone believes in the Bible it doesn't make them kind." I don't say anything. I just down my coffee as he leaves, I find myself wishing James was here. I could use his advice right about now

'Come to bed.' I hear Anna say over our link, she sounds half asleep like she's just woken up to realise I'm not there.

'Can't, little wolf. Got tons to do.' I close down the link before she can ask me again, I don't feel right going to her when we are still a pup down. Refilling my coffee I walk back to my office, this has become my safe haven while I handle my grief, who am I kidding. I'm not handling it at all. Dropping myself into my desk chair I contemplate pouring some

whiskey into my coffee cup when the office door opens and Eliza walks in. She looks as tired as me, in her blue pyjama bottom

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and white top I can just about make out the small bump of the pup growing within her.

“Little late Eliza ” I say putting the whiskey bottle down. Eliza doesn’t say anything she just hands over her phone, taking it from her. I see an elderly man holding a small girl with blonde curls. Pinching the image I zoom in and suck in a breath when I see Aurora’s smiling face.

“When?” Task her while forwarding the picture to myself.

“I got it around seven this evening but I must have had my phone on silent because I only just saw it. Morning sickness is a bi tch, not that I’ m complaining.” Eliza sits in one of the chairs opposite me, curling her feet under her. “he’s gotten the proof you wanted, can he come home now?”

“I haven’t sent him away, he chose to stay there.” I tell her while putting the phone on the desk as my own beeps letting me know the image has been received.

“That cra p and you know it, he’s trying to make some kind of amends for what he did. He’s doing what he thinks is right but I need him home, if he gets caught...” she doesn’t finish her sentence she just shakes her head and looks down at her hands before looking back up at me. “Just tell him to come home.” I just look as Eliza smiles at me and then stands from the chair collecting her phone from the desk she leaves the office.

I don’t know when life became so messy, once I had my two best. friends beside me and it felt like we could take on the world, Now I have one locked away by a crazy cult and another a few hours away trying to make amends for something I’m not even sure I blame him for anymore. Digging into my jeans I pull out my phone and pull up Rick’s number, my thumb hovers over it for a few minutes before I press it and wait for him to answer. Search the FindNøvel.net website on Gøøgle to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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“Alpha.” His voice is clear, at this time I half expected him to be asleep.

“Come home with the next swap, your mate needs you home.” I hear some rustling as Rick gets himself somewhere he won’t be heard, my guess is he’s close to the compound.

“Is she hurt? Is the pup ok? Lizzie?” He shoots the questions off in rapid fire, his voice betraying his concern for them.

“They are fine, your mate misses you enough that she came into my office at butt o’clock to give me a dressing down.” I pinch the space between my nose and dip my head down, “I need you home too. I don’t have James and I need someone to help me figure this cult sh it out and how we are going to work this plan.”

“I’ll be back the day after tomorrow, hopefully we have heard or seen something that can help.” He doesn’t call me on my vulnerability he just accepts it and disconnects the call.

As an Alpha it’s hard for me to admit I need anyone for anything but the truth is, no Alpha in my lifetime has had to deal with anything even close to this. For some reason I get the feeling things are changing for the American Packs in a big way, the way I handle this. will set a precedent for the next Alpha’s who have to deal with The Shalamayne.

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Chapter 147

Watch & Wait.

(Patrick)

‘James?’ Using our Pack mind link I try to contact James as I walk around the edge of the fencing. Each time I do my rounds I try to speak to James in the hopes I will get in range, so far I’ve had no luck. The community itself is set about five miles from the fence so they haven’t spotted us yet. For a human it would be impossible to hear anything that is happening but for us shifters, well we can hear them as well as if they were standing next to us.

‘Boss, you might want to make your way to the West side, somethings happening.’ One of my warriors says over our Pack link, I quickly turn around and carefully make my way back the way I came. We don’t speak while we are out here, we figured using our link is

the best way so we only send warriors from the same Packs. It makes it a little tougher for me when I'm the only Swiftmane but I make do.

'What's happening? I ask as I walk up next to two of my warriors, both young lads at around twenty five years old, both are perfectly capable at handling themselves.

"There, through the houses, do you see?' I don't answer as I let my wolf forward so I can use his eyesight, there in between the two houses there seems to be a gathering of around twenty or so young adults, perhaps even teenagers. All of them are dressed in either beige dresses or beige pants and shirts, they all have their heads cast down as a man in a suit pulls one of the boys onto a raised platform.

"Look at me," the man commands in a booming voice, whatever is happening he's clearly pissed. "This male thought he would help at female escape, now we are a womb short. All of you know that all

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incubators are valued, all are needed." He grabs the boy by the back of his neck and forces him to look at the crowd. "Dean was the fourth son provided by the Swedish Packs and today he will be the first to show you how we deal with treachery "He pushes the boy to his knees and a blade appears in his hand as if from nowhere. It's a long blade that seems to shine in the moonlight. The people watching haven't moved or said a word the whole time he speaks. "you are all shifters Each one of you is lower than dirt, worthless to the human world and the makers of the great deceivers of men. You were born to serve us, to fight for us." I start to get angry as the man lifts the boy's head by his hair and holds the blade to his throat "You rise above us and we will cut you down, we will always fight harder, we will always be stronger" The man moves his hand and when I can see the boy again he has a river of blood flowing down his throat, he seems to gasp and try to grab his

(pant neck before falling forward, again no one makes a sound or a move to try to help the boy "Never forget your place, now go to your masters. We leave this camp in one week, anyone not pulling their weight will meet the same fate as this traitor." He kicks the boy's body as he walks off the platform. I'm lost for words, I don't understand how all those shifters have just stood there and watched one of their own be killed.

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Once the young people start to disperse in different directions I call my wolf back and head back to where we are camped. I can feel the two warriors at my back, my mind is swirling with information so I stay silent as I try to process it

"Why didn't they fight back?" Sam, one of my younger warriors asks, he sounds just as pissed as I feel.

“Didn’t you hear him? He has them thinking they’re useless, I doubt any of them know their true power.” Jack the other warrior says as we

reach the camp.

“If they are anything like Eva they were taken as pups and have been raised to hate everything we are, they are. We need to pack up and

head back, Sam, Jack, you two stay here and watch for movement. If they are moving we need to strike soon.” Both of them nod as they head off to tell the other ten wolves currently around the perimeter. Looking at my phone I see it’s live in the morning. I guess I can try getting a few hours before hitting the road.

By six I give up on sleep and pull myself from my tent to see the other ten warriors all packed up and ready to go. I don’t speak to any of them as I make quick work of my gear and then start off towards the cars. We parked them about twenty miles from the compound just to be safe, it’s a decent walk to get to them but so far it’s worked well for us. We have a few cars with us and because I haven’t left since I got here it means I have no one else in my car so for the first time in a while I’m actually going to have some peace and quiet.

Once I hit the highway I dial Eliza’s number but it goes straight to voicemail. the same happens with Fraction so I try Anna while I squash the concern rising in my stomach.

“Patrick?” Anna’s gentle voice sounds through my speakers.

“I tried to call Eliza but it went to voicemail.” I say without offering a greeting. “I’m on my way home and I wanted to tell her.”

“She’s in a meeting with Fraction, I think they are going over possible. plans from all the stuff the guys have gathered.” I sigh as Anna says something to Thomas about a cookie.

“Can you take me to them? I have information that can’t wait.” If they are planning then they need to know about last night and their plan to move. I hear some rustling and then a door being opened.

“Your on speaker Rick, it’s me and Eliza here.” Fraction tells me, his voice sounds like he hasn’t slept, the poor man must be losing his mind with all the stress.

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“We had a development last night, some guy killed one of the shifters.” I hear Fraction curse as his chair creaks. “it was a warning. I’ll give all the money in my account to bet it was the one who helped Eva escape. That’s not all though.”

“There’s more than a dead shifter kid?” Fraction asks me.

“They know Eva is missing which means they know we know where they are.” I tell Fraction knowing he will understand.

“When are they moving?” Fraction asks quickly as he rustles some paper. I assume to write something down.

“He said one week.” I check my mirrors and see the warriors are still following me in their cars so I put my foot down to gain more speed.

“Then we have to make a move soon, moving could work well for us: If they move it means they have to move the prisoners. When will you be back?” I’m nodding my head before I remember Fraction can’t see me.

“I agree it could work in our favour, I’m about an hour out. I’m bringing everyone back but Sam and Jack, they’ll call if anything changes.” Fraction disconnects the call which I take to mean to get there faster so I put my foot down and break every speed limit known

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Chapter 148

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(Anna)

Waking up alone has become a regular occurrence, no matter how hard I try Fraction will not come to bed. It’s almost like he’s punishing himself by denying himself any form of comfort, I wish he would allow me in but ever since Momma Beth passed and Aurora was taken it’s like there is a wall he’s built up around himself. It made sense to me at first because of the grief I’m sure he is feeling but when the hope of Aurora came I

figured he would ease up a bit. I have to admit I don't fully understand why he's punishing himself like this, he didn't do anything wrong.

'Elder Thomas is here along with Elder Iris.' Fraction says through our mind link.

'I'll dress and be down. Are you in the office?' I ask him as I climb out of my bed and start stripping off my sleepwear.

'Yes.' His tone is clipped as he cuts off our link, shaking my head. I dress quickly in some leggings and a baggy white t-shirt. Leaving my bedroom I quickly walk along to Thomas's room and open the door to see him showing his dinosaurs to Lewis, honestly Lewis is amazing with Thomas.

"Lewis you all good for a little longer while I met with you know who downstairs?" I ask Lewis as I walk over and kiss Thomas on the head, he barely even registers me as there.

"Sure, I've got this. I think Lizzie is coming up soon too." It must be a Beta thing because James is amazing with kids too, I wonder if it's the laid back nature. I spend a few minutes watching Thomas and Lewis

play dinosaurs before I slip from the room

I pass a few warriors on my way down to the office. I swear some of them are meant to be out on recon this week but to be honest I could be wrong. It's hard to keep track of not only our own warriors but Grey Pack and Everlin Pack warriors too. Once I'm at the office I don't bother knocking as Fraction knows I'm coming so I open the door and see Elder Thomas sitting in the chair opposite Fraction's desk. He beams at me as I close the door, I smile back walking over to Fraction and I notice the elderly looking lady sitting in the other chair

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"Anna, this is Elder Iris" Fraction introduces the woman, she reminds me of a much older Momma Beth, her face is covered in lines and her hair is wiry and almost white Her green-blue eyes give away her kindness though, they just have a softness to them that I can't really explain

"It's nice to meet you." I go to sit on Fraction's knee as normal but he tucks himself further under the desk. I look at him in confusion but he gives me a gentle shake of the head

"I'm sorry to hear of your troubles, Luna. We set off as soon as we heard of Beth but we did not realise your pup had been taken too. Elder Iris has this raspiness to her voice that I was not expecting, it's almost like she once had a twenty a day smoking habit.

“Why didn’t we know about The Shalamayne?” Fraction asks them. both clearly done with the greetings part of the conversation, usually I would scold him on politeness but I want to know the same thing. I just look at Elder Thomas and wait for him to speak, the two Elders look at each other for a second before Elder Thomas sighs.

“They have never been an issue for the American Pack’s so there has been no reason to tell you about them. Why scare people with something that has never come to pass.” Elder Thomas sounds like he’s reading from a script, his tone is very monotone like he has to weigh

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every word before he says it.

“Elder Thomas, with all due respect, that’s some cr ap ” Fraction turns to me with wide eyes, “You as a group decided to keep this

information from the American Pack’s and now we have a missing Beta, his mate and my pup, if we had known this was even an idea of a threat we wouldn’t have been chasing our tails for weeks. One of our own died trying to save my pup.” Fraction grabs my hand and squeezes it a little, I know it’s meant to be comforting.

“Little Omega,” Elder Thomas starts but Elder Iris coughs and gives him a stern look. “I mean Luna. With all due respect the Elders do not have to share every detail of issues that affect Packs on a global scale, we govern the American Pack’s and we share what is needed. And nothing more.” Again Elder Thomas sounds off’ and his gaze keeps flicking to Elder Iris, I take a stab in the dark and hope I don’t land the Pack in more trouble. Fraction leans forward like he’s about to speak. but I squeeze his hand telling him to stop.

“And if Elder Iris wasn’t here listening to every word, what would your say then?” I look at Elder iris and raise an eyebrow, “that is why you’re here right? To make sure Elder Thomas doesn’t share too much?” Elder Thomas gets a small smirk on his face as Elder Iris tries to look appalled before dropping the act.

“When it comes to the Swiftmane Pack, Elder Thomas seems to forget his place. He offers too much of himself in return for nothing but a kind smile, I am here to ensure he does not share things he is not meant to.” Elder Iris directly at me as she speaks and then her eyes. flick to Fraction before coming back to me.

“I don’t understand.” I say looking down at Fraction.

“I do, Elder Iris is implying that Elder Thomas is sweet on you so he gives you special attention and information.” I feel my eyes widen as I

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look at the sweet old man I've come to think of as a friend. "That couldn't be further from the truth though, if you think for one second I would allow any male around my mate and Luna who ever thought they had a chance then you're going ba tty with age lady." Fraction leans forward and looks directly at Elder Thomas, "how about you start spilling some truths before I do?" I watch Fraction and Elder Thomas have some kind of staring contest before Elder Thomas breaks the contact by looking at his hands laid in his lap.

"We knew The Shalamayne were here," Elder Thomas says quietly, I gasp at the same time as Elder Iris stands from her chair.

"I forbid you to say more." Elder Iris shouts angrily.

"I refuse to put my great grandpups in more danger than they need to be!" Elder Thomas roars, I feel myself falling as Fraction catches me and cradles me in his lap.

"Great grandpups?" I had no idea Fraction and Elder Thomas were related, for a second I feel joy for Fraction as now he has someone to share his grief.

"He was Lily's father, he took the oath of the Elders when she was taken. When he couldn't find her he presumed her dead until you showed up." Elder Thomas looks at me with sad eyes as Fraction tells me I'm related to the man who has guided me so much.

"I don't...I can't process this." All three of them start talking at once, each try to talk over the other to the point where I can't even hear what each one is trying to say I slam my hands on the desk and all three of them stop and look at me, "stop it. I don't care, I can't think of this right now. My pup is missing, can you help or not?"

"I can." Elder Thomas says quickly, I refuse to think of him ast grandfather, my brain is whirling so fast I need to focus on just one.

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"Then Elder Iris, you are no longer needed. Please leave." I stress each word so she knows there is no room for argument. When she doesn't move Fraction shifts slightly, readjusting me on his lap.

"You hear my Luna, please leave Elder Iris." Elder Iris looks at Elder Thomas before stomping from the office. Taking his seat the three of us just stare at each other while I try to figure out my next move. I don't understand why Fraction kept this from me and I really don't understand why Elder Thomas kept it from me. What else are they lying about?

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Chapter 149

Forgiveness.

(Fraction)

Watching Anna take charge has me hardening beneath her ass, I can't help it, watching her pull full Luna on people has that effect on me. She's grown so much but it still shocks me when she suddenly uses the authority she's been given. Honestly, if I could I'd throw her down on my desk and fuck her until I couldn't move anymore. I can feel the nerves running through her b*dy as the slight shake gives her away, she conflicted with the information thrown at her which I can understand. It's not that I knew Elder Thomas was related to her but I had a very strong suspicion, it's just that he's so kind to her and I've never seen that side to an Elder. Elder Iris is more of the Elder's I

know and loath.

"Tell me, what do you know that we don't?" I need to understand why the Elders have kept The Shalamayne a secret because it's not just our Pack who didn't know about them.

"They

ey came here about fifteen years ago, they stayed relatively quiet and used their prisons to contain some of the rogues around." Elder Thomas is trying to catch Anna's eye but she's purposefully not looking at him, "they came when a set of twins were born in The South Claw Pack one of them was an Omega and the other was not. This was enough to spark their interest, from what I understand the family gave over the Omega." I feel Anna draw in a breath as she listens to an Omega just being handed over so casually.

"And you just let them take her? How old was she?" Anna sounds particularly upset which I can understand as this is just yet another young Omega left with a shitty upbringing.

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“From what I understand she was barely two, at the time I was just an initiate so I had no say in this matter. Anna, please understand.” Anna cuts him off by holding up her hand.

“Did someone sign off on them taking Aurora and James?” Elder Thomas is shaking his head before Anna has even finished. Search the FindNovel.net website on Google to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“No, from what I understand a female called them from this Pack after a death in her family.” I have no idea who this female is and I can feel the tension getting worse in Anna so I decide to give her an out.

“Little wolf, why don’t you go and see Thomas while me and the Elder chat?” Anna shakes her head before crossing her arms and leaning back against my chest. “We haven’t had any deaths in the Pack so I don’t think it’s possible for the call to come from this Pack.”

“I don’t know what to tell you, Alpha. That is all I know about them,” they shroud themselves in secrecy. We didn’t even know they were back in the country until last month.” The pleading look on his face makes me want to believe him but how do you believe someone who is you believe someone who is so cryptic, “I understand you have one of their female shifters?”

The change in subject has Anna standing from me and walking around the desk. I thought she was about to leave but instead she heads for the whiskey and pours two glasses before bringing one back to me. Anna and drinking is never a great idea but I let it go given the information dropped on her today.

“What about her?” I ask Elder Thomas.

“I know what she did but I ask you to please consider your own mate’s upbringing before condemning her.” Anna scuffs as she downs her drink, “don’t make that noise, you of all people know that we can not control how we are raised in this world. Do you think that young female asked to be raised in a cult where she would be trained to do

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unspeakable things?”

“So we are meant to forgive her for taking our pup? She has her own mind and can make her own choices!” Anna is getting angry now and I fully understand why.

“Could you have all those years ago? While under the rule of your father or John? If they had told you to do something could you have refused?” Anna goes to say something but she must think better of it as she closes her mouth and leans against the desk..

“I don’t think Anna’s upbringing has anything to do with this.” I say in defence of my mate.

“The female made the right decision in the end. Is she not sitting in your cells aiding you in anything you ask? All I ask is that you don’t condemn someone who has yet to make their own choices.” I get what Elder Thomas is hinting at but I don’t know if I have it in me to forgive Eva.

“Why don’t we table this for another time? Unless you have something more to tell us about The Shalamayne then I think we are done now. Elder Thomas stands but doesn’t make to leave, I raise my eyebrow at him but he just looks at Anna.

“Luna, with your permission I would like to stay and aid in laying Beth to rest. She was a good friend of mine and I would like to say goodbye.” Anna doesn’t answer him but nods before looking away from

him.

“Find Eliza, she will get you a room.” I tell Elder Thomas, he looks at Anna again before getting a sad look on his face and leaving the office.

Once we are alone I get up from my desk and walk over to the door, sliding the lock in place I turn to Anna and cross my arms. Now we are alone I’m sure I’m about to get shouted at.

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“How long did you know?” Anna asks in a whisper.

“I didnt for sure, I guessed. He either wanted you or knew you better than he was saying.” I walk over to Anna, putting my finger under her chin. I tilt her face up to me, I see the tears balancing on her lashes and carefully wipe them away. “This is a good thing, little wolf. You have more family out there, how could that possibly be bad?”

“He lied to me.” I understand her feeling of betrayal, it seems everyone in Anna’s life has lied to her at some point or another, myself included.

“How about we focus on getting Aurora and James home, then we can deal with Elder Thomas and how or if you want him in your life?” Anna takes my hand and brings it up to her face before nuzzling into my palm.

“I’m so tired, Fraction. I just want my family whole. Why is that so hard?” I swipe my thumb across her lips, I take a deep breath in as she opens her mouth and sucks on the pad of it.

“Once we have them back I’ll show you the normal life you can have.” My eyes focus on her sucking on my thumb as she looks up at me through her lashes. “Now isn’t a good time little wolf, Rick should be home anytime soon and he has information on the group moving.” I feel myself harden as she starts to use her teeth on my thumb before letting it fall from her mouth.

“You need to stop punishing yourself, I don’t blame you for Aurora.” I take my hand back and go to turn away for her, I’m not ready to hear her forgive me for failing her. “Don’t.” Anna grabs my arm to stop me, “you didn’t do anything wrong. Neither of us did.”

“I love that you can forgive so easily but you’re wrong,” I kiss her forehead before stepping back from her. “I pushed James away and he was taken. I was busy buried in you when Aurora was taken and my

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mother was killed, trust me Anna, this is my fault. I will make it right. though.”

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Chapter 150

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(James)

“Wake up,” a hand on my shoulder shakes me awake and I come up fighting. “Woah, it’s just me!” Bellamy is standing next to my bed with his hands up to show me he means no harm.

“Sorry Bell.” I’m breathing heavily having been woken up so abruptly. “What’s going on?” I ask him while rubbing at my eyes. I never know if it’s day or night here so I just sleep when I’m tired, which seems to be more and more each day.

“Something’s happening, babe. Come and look.” I don’t know when he started calling me ‘babe’ but I can’t say I hate it. I might have been conflicted before but it’s safe to say me and Bellamy have become close while locked away together. If it wasn’t for the fact that we are surrounded by enemies and in a glass box I would probably have him pinned to the bed day in and day out. Stretching as I stand from the bottom bunk I don’t miss the way Bellamy’s eyes slide down my n*ked. b*dy, I feel my co ck twitch with interest as I walk over to the glass. walled door.

“What am I looking at?” I ask standing behind Bellamy and leaning my head on his shoulder.

“Down there, look at the females.” I put my hands on Bellamy’s waist as I look down at where he points. There on the lower levels the guards. seem to be leading the females out of their units, I’m glad they all seem to be females, I don’t think I could stand seeing anymore pups. degraded like Zoe in the mating room. Some of the females are n*ked. like me and some are dressed, all of them are being led out of the containment units and off to a place I can’t see from here. I squint my

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eyes as I notice one of the blonde females start to argue with one of the guards, I swear I know her.

“See the blonde, the one arguing with the guard?” I say to Bellamy.

“Yeah, the one who looks like she’s about to get her ass beaten?” I nod my head against Bellamy’s shoulder.

“I’m pretty sure that’s Sarah. she was Fraction bit on the side before he met Anna.” I squint my eyes some more and the more I look the more I’ m sure it’s her.

“Goddess. how long have these arseholes been taking Pack members?”

I shake my head.

“She wasn’t Pack, she couldn’t handle Fraction and Anna together so I made her leave. I don’t think Fraction or Anna know,” Bellamy turns around in my arms and looks at me.

“A Beta’s job is never done?” I nod my head before dropping a quick k*ss on his l*ps.
“Where do you think they are taking them?”

“Can’t be anywhere good.” I tell him as I watch the guards walk up to the next level,
“and it looks like we might be soon.

I pull Bellamy away from the door as the beeping starts which I now know to mean the door is opening, once it’s open we both just stand. there unmoving.

“Out.” One of the guards grunts at us, the gun in his hands leaves very little room for argument, I feel Bellamy sl*p his hand into mine as I lead us from the place that has been our home for only the Goddess knows how long. The sounds of chatter are loud now the door is open which tells me the rooms must have some kind of sound proofing. Some people are shouting and some are arguing, a few of the females. are crying and some of the males look like they are trying to hide that

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they are too. Following the guard in front of us, we follow a line of males down some stairs and along the bottom floor, this is a different path to the way they took me last time. The guards push open some doors and for the first time in ages the warm sun beats down on my n*ked skin. Lifting my head I soak in the sun for a second before the person behind me stumbles and knocks me forward.

‘James!’ I hear someone connect to me over the Pack mind link, it shocks me at first. I haven’t felt Zeus in a long time so I assumed my Pack link was severed too.

‘Who is this?’ I ask not recognising the voice.

‘It’s Sam, we are here but hidden. It’s so good to finally lay eyes on you, you’ve looked better though mate.’ I look down at my n*ked b*dy and see that I am in fact filthy, it’s not like I’ve had the chance to clean up in the time I’ve been here.

‘Is the Pack here?’ I ask him quickly as I follow Bellamy, he’s made a face that tells me he knows what I’m doing. Bellamy has taken the lead and is guiding me with his hand in mine.

‘Not right now but they are coming. Alpha is making a plan, don’t let them move you out of the compound James, not until we tell you we are in place.’ I roll my eyes at the young warrior.

'Not like I have much of a choice here.' I tell him sarcastically.

'If you've been shot you will have a tracker in you, you need to find a way to take it out so that we can get you away quickly.' I know the place he's talking about because me and Bellamy both noticed a bump under the skin on our shoulder, the exact place where we were shot in the forest the day we were taken. 'Just listen for us, Fraction says you will know when it's time.' The link is closed as we are pushed into a

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The room itself is unremarkable except for the sixty or so shifters now cramped inside of it. The guards hold the doors open and we pile in before the doors are closed. I suddenly start to feel very nervous, they could do anything to us here. With no access to Zeus I'm kind of stuck between a rock and hard place.

"James?" I hear screeched from across the room.

"I think blondie has clocked you." Bellamy whispers from next to me, I watch as a very ragged looking Sarah pushes through the crowd to get to me. She stops for a second taking in my n*ked form before shaking her head and carrying on. She looks thinner than I remember and her once bright blonde hair is now dull with brown roots.

"Sarah, what are you doing here?" I ask once she reaches me.

"They caught me in New York, when I left the Pack I didn't know where to go so I thought I'd give the human world a try." Sarah huddles in closer to me and Bellamy as more shifters walk into the room. "I got a job and an apartment, I met this guy who was really sweet and kind but turns out he worked for these guys. Once he confirmed what I was, I was in cuffs and being Packed into here." Looking around the room I again notice that all of the shifters here seem to be adults, there isn't a single pup in the room. "Why are you here? I can't see you leaving the Pack?" I just look over at Bellamy and Sarah's eyes widen. "Oh you're one of the g ay ones?" The way she says that makes me look at her harder.

"What do you mean? Are there more?" Sarah nods her head.

"They love the g ay ones for some reason, you guys and Omega's by the looks of it. Take a smell, can't you smell all the Omegas in here?" I sniff and I realise what she means, the room stinks of Omega. Having been around Anna for so long I know the

subtle sweet smell they carry with them, I've become so used to it that I barely even notice it

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"What do they want?" Bellamy asks Sarah, it's not like we know much having been locked in here.

"No idea, they locked me in that cell and other than being allowed out. now I have never left. They tagged me as dangerous, I have no idea why." I think I understand now, whoever The Shalamayne are, they are trying to control the shifters of the world but I don't understand why. I can only hope Fraction has some clue about what is going on and the numbers in here.

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