Now everything became quiet and all the guys stare at Ben, wondering what he will do. Ben growls loudly and shifts into his lycan and takes off to the forest.

"Well he will have a hard time now, deciding" Andrei say

"Yeah but please tell the brats to piss off so we can spend some time with Nora instead. I can't stand the sight of these idiots any longer." Linus says and points at Emily and the triplets.

Daniel growls even higher and all four girls get the hint as they run to the car and drive off. Daniel carries me inside still in his lycan form which is huge. But my fear dies out as he seems just as comfortable in this form as well. He walks past things without destroying them.

Daniel puts me down gently on the lounge before he wanders off and Linus comes and sits down next to me.

"He will get dressed and then he will come back" he says and I nod.

"Where are the others?" I ask him.

"Well some are chasing Ben and the others are trying to find our lost friends. They were supposed to meet them this morning but they wanted to see that you were okay first." Linus explains and I just look at him in shock.

"Oh, okay. Can I ask why Ben reacted so strongly against Emily and the matebond? I thought it was really rare for you guys to find your mates?" I asked him as I was so confused by Ben's behavior.

"Ben's little sister was also bullied and she died when she was gangraped by a pack of rogues. She was tricked by a couple of females in our pack" Daniel explains while he walks inside.

I stare at him in horror. What is wrong with people?

"You remind Ben of his little sister but not because of your appearance, you don't look alike but your personalities are really similar and she was also a bit weird" Linus says and Daniel chuckles.

Daniel takes the seat on my other side and puts his arms on my shoulders. I take a deep breath and smell his scent and let it comfort me.

"Andrei and Ben told me that you have been thinking of bringing me to the lycan

kingdom and taking me as your chosen mate" I say and look at Daniel.

"Did they say that? Traitors." Daniel muttered and blushed slightly.

Linus chuckled.

"It isn't so bad actually and you won't die because the bond will be artificial"

"Artificial?" I ask and look at Linus in confusion.

"Yeah, with a witches help" Linus winks at me and earns a growl from Daniel.

Well it is tempting but I don't know if I want to live another life with Emily again, sigh.

"Let's not talk about this right now. Let's

take a swim instead" Daniel say and pulls me up in his arms

"But I didn't bring a swimsuit" I protested and tried to get down and Daniel just smiled at me.

Linus laughed and followed us outside and I really tried my hardest to get down from Daniel's arms when I suddenly was airborne and then I hit the water. I will kill him.

I force my body to relax and I sink to the bottom of the pool and lay still. I could hear Daniel and Linus shouting my name but I didn't move at all, I even closed my eyes and relied on my senses and my wolf.

Both guys dived into the pool but Linus reached me first as he grabbed my head and forced it up, probably to look in my

eyes. Daniel grabbed my arm and turned me over and I let him when I felt Linus touch my lips with his thumb I opened my eyes.

Linus screamed underwater although only bubbles came out but he didn't move away fast enough as I headbutted him hard enough to draw blood. I started to spin my body around and flung Daniel into Linus' body and they crashed into the wall. They tried to untangle themselves from each other and I swam up to the surface in the meantime.

As I broke the water surface and took a deep breath I was lifted by a pair of strong hands, Ben.

"Impressive water dance. Are you perhaps a mermaid?" Ben chuckled.

"Yeah, almost. I have always been really good at holding my breath" I say and shake my head and splash some water onto Ben that is blushing real hard.

"Your tank top made your skin visible" Linus said as he climbed out of the pool. I looked down on myself and noticed he was indeed right.

"I will go get you a shirt," Daniel said while Ben turned around.

"He will probably get one of his own to drench you in his scent. By the way, Nora, what is that scar on your back?" Linus said and I frowned but touched my shoulder.

"Oh, that. Well I told you guys that I am one of the top warriors in this pack and one day on training I encountered rogues and a lot of battle happened. Then

someone slashed a silver knife down my back and I was put in a coma for roughly a week to be able to heal myself" I explain and look away just as Daniel comes back with a black shirt in his hand.

Linus was right, the shirt had Daniel's smell on it and I chuckled at the thought. All three guys had turned away from me now so I could change my tank top. Cute.

"Ben? If you don't mind that I ask but what are you going to do now? With Emily I mean." I ask him when I have finished changing and Ben looks back at me.

"I don't know. We don't get a second chance mate like regular werewolves do but neither me nor my lycan likes her. She is mean and superficial." Ben growled and looked away with a sad expression.

"You know, Emily hasn't always been this mean. When we were younger, we were best friends but I think that the pressure from our school friends and her dad turned her into a mean bitch." I explain and now all three guys stare at me.

"Don't defend her, Nora. she isn't worth it, our lycans can sense when someone is rotten and Emily is rotten to the core. She will never change." Daniel growls low and Linus nods his head.

"So how about we go inside instead and play something? Forget about the boring stuff for a while. I know they have some cool stuff inside that I want to try atleast once." I say and all three guys agree with me. I push away the thoughts that invade my mind. If their lycans can sense that about Emily, then what do they sense

about me? Sigh.

The rest of the day was absolutely one of my best. We played a lot of games, the xbox is my favorite so far although I always lost but it was so much fun to play with others. Then we laughed a lot so my stomach started to hurt but we cried even worse when Linus brought food that he cooked.

The other guys came and joined us two and I finally got to meet two of their lost friends, Fred and Nick. They complained about the food so I offered and made enough sandwiches to feed half of the pack. I was highly praised by the guys and Daniel was busy growling at all the guys when they touched me. We all laughed at him and he blushed as he couldn't control his lycans possessiveness.

"Hey Nora. I know this isn't my place but the time has really flown away and shouldn't you do some girly stuff before the ball?" Grey asked me and I gasped in horror. I had put up a mental block on the mindlink, not wanting anyone to disturb my fun time.

And as I drop the block, I also drop to the floor clutching my head as my moms loud voice is ringing through it.

NORA! Where in the world are you? Young lady come home this instant or you will regret it

I whimpered at her voice and answered. *Yes, mom*

Once the ringing stopped I opened my eyes and looked up into Daniel's gray eyes. He had catched me before I crashed onto the

floor. I noticed that all of the guys looked concerned for me.

"I'm okay but I should get home or my mom will kill me. I will see you guys tonight? At the packhouse?" I say and give them a small smile.

" Yeah we will see you later. Can we meet by the forestline?" Linus asks and all guys relax as I smile and nod.

I practically ran home and to say that my mom was pissed off was an understatement.

"You go take a shower and shave, we don't have much time to get you ready for tonight. Only 45 minutes. Hurry!" my mom said and looked on the verge of a breakdown.

It was my absolutely fastest shower and shaving in my entire life. My mom was satisfied and started with my hair by curling it. Then she tried to do the makeup and after a bit of arguing that I won, she didn't put so much on my face. Some eyeshadow and lipgloss.

Then she showed me the dress, it was stunning. A deep emerald color, one shoulder and the skirt flared a bit but stopped around my knees. Mom put my hair onto the shoulder that was bare and covered my scar elegantly and also made sure my scent could be smelled by ease.

My mom took a pair of flats out that were decorated by green rhinestones.

"Come, let's show your dad" mom said and I nodded my head with a bright smile. Even I think that I am beautiful.

"You are so beautiful, my baby girl. But you really need to go now or you will be late" dad said and hugged me.

As I walked down the stairs and out of the packhouse I was ambushed by Emily and the triplets. They kicked me behind the knees and I fell down in the dirt. When I tried to get up Emily growled and took out a knife. The triplets held me down while Emily cut my dress into nothing, she even cut my skin so I bled all over it.

I trashed against them but I was tired and slow in my movements, the knife, it must be silver plated.

"This is your own fault. You little slut. That lycan is my mate and you will not be in my way, do you understand" Emily growled and stomped down her shoe in my face before kicking me in my stomach.

Emily and the triplets walked away laughing, they left me there bleeding and crying. My dress was destroyed. I cried more as I once again showed them that they could trample all over me and I couldn't even defend myself. Weak and useless.

A low growl came from the forestline. I had forgotten about the guys, they couldn't see me like this but as I tried to move Daniel was crouching beside me. He wiped away my tears.

"I have decided now. I am going to reject her." Ben growled and I didn't say anything. I noticed all the other guys coming out too. They either gasped or growled when they saw me.

Linus came over and put his jacket on me to cover me and I nodded weakly at him.

"Take her back to the mansion and heal her" Ben said and I felt Daniel as he lifted me up in his arms.

I put my face in his neck and cried in silence.

"Everything will be okay Nora. Let us deal with this." Linus said and Daniel started running.

As we came up to the mansion my wolf woke up and sniffed around. Something smelled nice but I couldn't put my finger on it.

A new face greeted us and Daniel told me it was Tristan and I nodded and mumbled a hello. Tristan took the jacket away from me and his eyes flickered black as his lycan looked out.

"I will fetch the balm" Tristan said while Daniel put me slowly and gently down onto the lounge. I took off my torn dress and looked down on my wounds just as Daniel growled low at them.

Tristan came back with the balm and gasped when he saw me, both him and Daniel helped rub on the balm and made the wounds close themselves.

"Well you can't wear this dress anymore, pity because it was very pretty. But you know I actually have a dress with me and I think it would fit you perfectly, miss Nora." Tristan said and I turned to look at him and shook my head slowly at him.

"Don't bother, I am not going there anymore." I say and Tristan looked at Daniel.

"Yes you are. Because I want to have your first dance you know." Daniel says and lifts my chin so I look directly in his eyes.

"You should go, miss Nora. To show them that you are not easily broken down. Show them how strong you are." Tristan encouraged me.

"Thank you. Yes I should go but I don't have another dress and my hair and my makeup is destroyed so it's not any use for me to go there" I say and stare at my hands.

Tristan takes one of my hands and kisses it slowly, earning a growl from Daniel.

"I have everything you need so come with me and I will make you shine like the star that you are, miss Nora"

I giggle at him, he really is nice. I follow him to his room where he shows me the dress and helps me with my make up and my hair and then helps me with the lacing on the dress. When we are finally done Tristan helps me down the stairs where we meet Daniel and he smiles.

When we made our entrance at the ball everyone went quiet and the whispers were louder than I thought.

"Who is that?"

"Are they lycans?"

"Isn't that Nora?"

"Is she mated to both of them?"

"Lucky her"

And so on.

"Nora, may I have your first dance now?" Daniel asks and I accept.

We take place on the dancefloor and we start to dance. It's a very calm and slow dance and I can hide from everyone that stares at me. Daniel chuckles at me and I turn my face up to him and he bends his head down to me and places a soft and gentle kiss on my lips.

A roar is heard and Daniel is ripped away from me by a man that smells divine. The strange man growls one word that makes me freeze along with everyone else here.

"Mine!"