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She probably thinks she is hiding it from me, but I can tell something is wrong with Ayla. Ever since Hannah begged her to reconsider her punishment it is as if she has grown a little dull. Almost like she was muted, I can only hope she brings it up when it is just the two of us. That would mean she trusts me enough to let me in. To tell me what is bothering her. I know she trusts me and will tell me eventually. I just hope that she will tell me soon so I can be there for her. She has known Hannah her entire life and I know it must be hard for her to deal with Hannah being a rogue now “because of her decision”

Surely, the other option would have been worse. I had good reasons to believe that if it hadn't been for Ayla requesting such a lenient punishment. Hannah would have been executed. It was the punishment Dad told me he would have asked the Council of Elders for if it was not for Ayla, wanting to spare her life. That's why she wanted to see Hannah two nights ago. If she hadn't been pregnant I was fairly sure Ayla would have agreed with having Hannah executed. Hannah should thank the Moon Goddess that my beautiful mate was so warm and kind-hearted that she not only spared her life. But even allowed

her to live out the rest of her days in freedom. Where she could build a life with her pup.

Granted it was not ideal but rogues have been known to go and live amongst humans. As a wolf, you can even find a way to make sure you don't lose your wolf. All you needed to do was to go on regular runs. In your wolf form of course but with a little planning, Hannah would be able to. She could tell her pup all about werewolf culture, and teach them how to shift. Take them on runs and in the end let them travel some packs to find their mate. Granted, it wouldn't be the best life for a young wolf. It would or could still be a fulfilling one. David and

Hannah were the only ones responsible for the fact that their pup had

no pack to grow up in. No other wolves, that wanted to be in their or their pup's life. Like how David was the only one responsible for the fact that his firstborn would grow up without a father.

Maybe this was easy for me to say though. All I saw when I looked at Hannah was the she-wolf worried about the wolf that mistreated her and all of her pack and family members. The monster who killed his

family just to try to get the mate that he rejected back. Ayla being my second chance mate was only

part of it. Nothing of what David did, what Hannah supported was okay. Maybe it would be less

personal if it wasn't my mate. The one I loved so much. But I would have petitioned the two of them to

be executed.

Ayla was different though she was far more forgiving and kind-hearted than I am. It was something I loved her for. Something that I admired but I know sometimes it was hard on her. Even without her telling me I knew she was either doubting her decision or feeling guilty about it. She shouldn't be, not when the woman she was feeling sorry for tried to ruin her life. Hannah told Cynthia to be careful not to become like her. Everyone found it odd that Cynthia was the one who helped Hannah get her things in order until Mom pointed out that the two of them had spent some time being locked up together. With Ayla as a common enemy of some sort.

Mom figured they might have formed a kind of friendship, something we all agreed on after we thought about it. Hannah's warning to Cynthia should be a warning sign to Ayla. Proof that the two she-wolves had spoken about her in some unkind way. After all, Hannah warned Cynthia to let it go and not end up like her. Yet all it seemed to do was make Ayla feel worse.

The second the gates to the pack ground closed Hannah standing on the other side and grabbing her chest as the hurt of becoming rogue coursed to her body. Ayla had gone to her office saying she

needed to

study for her education to become a Queen. At first, I figured she did not want to see Hannah going

through all that pain. Even if I felt it was deserved I walked away too. I would never watch another wolf

suffer.

But with the trial starting directly after the heat, Ayla hadn't had the chance to schedule a new

appointment. Let alone attend one, meaning she has been without therapy for three weeks. Both for

her mental well-being and for her physical well-being. When the last days must have taken a toll on

her physical and especially mental health. I wanted her to eat and I wanted to cheer her up without

making it too obvious I was worrying about her. Knowing her she would just feel bad about it again.

“Darling, I got hungry and I realiii..” I started to tell her my excuse as