

Werewolf 531

Chapter 531 The Last One

It hadn't been too long since Gary had set foot in this place, the Wolf's Pool Club, yet he had found himself back here again and sooner than they expected.

Not only was Gary present, but all of the core members from the Howlers were upstairs playing pool with each other.

It turned out yesterday was an exhausting event for all of them. Although they had been able to defend the factory with ease, they were silent on the car ride back with each other.

When they got home, they had all fallen asleep immediately. As for Gary, he had given his sister another surprise visit and stayed over.

The thing was they had slept till midday, nearly all of them, until they had received a message from him for all of them to meet at the Wolf's Pool Club.

It was closed for the day stating that there was a private work event and the whole place had been booked out.

"You should all enjoy today." Kai said, as he threw a small cocktail sausage in the air and caught it in his mouth. "Everyone did a good job yesterday and we don't know when they will attack again."

There were smiles all around and the others couldn't stop commenting to each other about their skills.

"Hey Marie, do you think maybe you could show me how to use some of those Altered weapons?" Tyler asked. "I mean for self defence, of course."

"I mean, sure, I would be happy to. I'm not too busy these days." Marie replied.

"If you want to learn self defence then you should learn to fight using your bare hands first." A deeper female voice said, which caused tingles to run up and down Tyler's spine. "If you lose your weapon, then what are you going to do? You should come practice with me."

The boys were smirking at the suggestion, in their head they could just imagine Tyler getting whipped by Olivia every time he did something wrong.

"Gary you must have gotten even stronger right? For you to take out all those guys on your own, are they feeding you some type of special juice at that academy?" Innu asked.

Gary was nervous to answer because, in a way, Innu was right. One of the main reasons for his growth was due to him eating others and the beasts in the special lessons.

"It's a shame we didn't see you fight." Austin commented. "I would have liked for you to have seen my Altered form, and hearing about what you did, I would have liked to have seen it in person."

When Gary had first arrived at the scene of the factory, he was only going to help out to the point where the others didn't get hurt.

However, he had received a specific quest to take out fifty percent of the attacking forces. This made him act quickly and display more of his powers than he would have liked.

It was no wonder that the others had heard of what Gary had done before he was even able to explain it himself.

In the end for completing the quest he had received a single pawn point, which he thought was a bit cheap, but then again due to the level of opponent he was going against, it made sense since the job wasn't hard by any means.

As the day went on and the group were enjoying their celebrations, the sky was quickly turning dark. Gary stayed mostly by Kai's side as they talked about what was going to happen next.

What was amazing to Gary was that Numba had a relationship with the Cardenez group. He realised where he had heard the name before.

The fact that Kai's plan and Gary's wish to help Numba lined up with each other was perfect.

"I'll be honest, I felt bad asking the gang to help out in a personal matter, so it does make me feel a bit more at ease." Gary said.

"These people have already gone through a lot of troubles Gary. Also they joined the gang knowing full well that they would do these types of things. If anything, I would like you to be more honest and utilise us more when you need it. You have to understand that it's because of you this gang exists."

It was nice strong words that certainly made Gary feel like the entire group was stronger and closer together compared to before, he felt like he was missing out a little.

"Speaking of your friends, or maybe I should say the friends that were at the other factory along with us, I was surprised that they were all quite skillful. You having gone to that academy may have improved the gang in more ways than you realise. Also I was wondering, do they know you're the leader?"

Gary shook his head.

"I didn't tell them anything and was surprised to hear they were here to be honest. They think the Howlers are just a group that sponsored me."

"Well, if you trust them, you're free to tell them what you like but if other students find out who you really are it might cause a problem, maybe even for the academy."

Gary would keep this in mind, as there were already enough people that were keeping an eye on him at the academy.

Eventually it started to get late, and one by one everyone began to head home. Even Marie and her mother had headed back, leaving only Kai and Gary alone together.

"You don't have to stay and baby sit me. I looked after myself for a long time before I met you. I have a lot of paperwork to do, so you go ahead."

They were in Slough and Kai was as strong as any Altered, so he felt like he didn't have much to worry about as he went ahead and left Kai downstairs in the office on his own.

An hour later, Kai started to yawn. Looking at the time, it was 11 PM. It wasn't too late, but the party must have taken quite a bit out of him.

Just outside on the empty street, footsteps could be heard.

"So this is the place, the Wolf's Pool Club."

Chapter 532 The Wolf's Break

Thanks to his enhanced hearing, Kai was able to make out the sound of someone being at the door, even from downstairs in his office. Wondering who it might be at this late hour, he decided to take a break from the paperwork and find out.

It was only when he was at the stairs that he noticed that the noise didn't belong to a single individual, but a small group. Not fearing for his own safety, the Werewolf opened the door.

"It's rare to see visitors at this time of night." Kai stated as he got a good look at the three before him. After a slight moment of surprise from suddenly having the door opened from the inside, the visitors immediately bowed down.

"W-we are so sorry for disturbing you late at night...sir." A female voice stuttered.

"Don't you think that's a bit much? He looks the same age as us." A male voice spoke his mind.

As a result, the boy received a kick from his female companion, making the other boy shake his head for ruining their first impression.

"Your friend is right, there's no need to address me as sir. Now, how about we take this talk inside." Kai suggested, trying to keep a smirk off his face over their antics.

Entering the Wolf's Pool Club were naturally none other than Numba, Izzy and Ian. They had been told by Will that this establishment was seemingly the main meeting place of the Howlers' gang.

Although it was quite late, gangs weren't exactly limited to operating during business hours. Unsure whether it would be more respectful to greet the Howlers now or later, they eventually decided on the former. However, while they had still been making up their mind what to say, Kai had surprised them.

Like a good host, he went ahead and got the three of them some pop drinks from behind the bar. After that the blonde teenager gestured them to take a seat on the bar stools, already having a good guess as to why they had come to Slough.

"As you can see, this place is empty, but something is telling me you aren't here for a game of pool or drinks." Kai suggested.

"We... We heard that this place belongs to the Howlers. Are you part of their group, by any chance?" Numba asked politely again.

"Ah yes, I suppose you don't recognise me looking like this." Kai chuckled. The next moment he transformed part of his arm in front of them, showing his grey fur. "Well, at least I can be sure now that the masks do their job."

The three weren't gang members, and their groups' interests aligned for the foreseeable future, so Kai didn't mind revealing this much as a sign of goodwill. He knew them to be friends of Gary and Kai trusted in their leaders judgement of people.

"Y-you're that grey Altered from before!" Ian's eyes widened. "I am so sorry for being rude to you earlier, I thought that would have been an old man... or like an older teenager or something."

"It's okay." Kai replied. "You behaved without taking into account our positions, and frankly I'd prefer you continue doing that. Anyway, you still have yet to tell me what brings you over."

Numba's face changed, now that he knew that he was actually talking to a high ranking knowing member of the Howlers, and most likely a top one as well.

"We were sent here by the Cardenez group, to support you from a possible attack for the Scatterbugs." Numba proudly said. "Although, we don't think you will have any trouble dealing with them. We believe that it is not right that the Howlers take on all the risk, that we should have some part on the line as well."

Kai nodded as he heard these words. If it was a large-scale attack, then of course having three Altered, especially talented ones like these, would always be a welcome help.

"I assume that you came here directly because you wish to meet our leader as well? Perhaps to personally thank him?" Kai asked and the three nodded in unison.

"That's too bad. Unfortunately, you just missed him. However, I will happily pass on the message to him."

There was a nervous pause as the students didn't really know what to do now. They had money for a place to stay and so on, but there was one more thing on their mind. It looked like Numba felt uncomfortable to overstretch Kais hospitality, so Izzy decided to do so instead.

"Gary Dem." Izzy started off. "He is our fellow student from the AFA. We wanted to ask if you know where he is. You see, we are quite close with him... and wanted to also know if he asked the gang for help. We just hope that he won't get in trouble or has to do some crazy deal to get you to help him."

Kai couldn't help but smile at this sweet statement. 'How did you manage to win over a bunch of students like this? Gary, you really do have this natural nature as a leader to attract people around you.'

"Don't worry, Gary has quite the special status in the Howlers and I'm happy to learn that he has made such caring friends during his stay." Kai stated. "Tell you what, if you come here tomorrow, I'll make sure to arrange a meeting with Gary and our leader. Also, if you guys don't have a place to stay, then I can take you to one of our hotels we have part ownership in, let me just grab my things."

Kai went downstairs and the three students were happy to know that the members of the Howlers were kind people. They knew that gang members were hard to deal with, but it didn't seem to be the case here.

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"Did you hear that?" Ian asked, turning around, toward the door and could see the handle moving up and down.

"I think someone is trying to get in." Izzy answered as the door continued to be rattled around.

The next second, the door was kicked right off its hinges and went flying towards the group. Numba quickly stood in the way and knocked the door to the side.

Standing at the entrance was a man in a Hawaiian shirt.

Chapter 533 Three Altered Unite

In the middle of the night, in a place like this, Numba didn't expect to have to fight. Neither did he expect to get a door slammed into his face, and he wasn't too pleased about it. His instincts were telling him to transform, as the person in front of him clearly had no good intentions coming here. The horns grew from his head and the shape of his feet were changing slightly already breaking through his shoes.

"Who the hell is that guy?! Why did he do that?" Ian asked puzzled about the sudden intrusion.

"I don't know him, but we can be sure that he's not a friend of the Howlers based on his entrance." Izzy commented, as she started to transform as well. The hair on her head started to clump together, growing larger, turning into six separate hands.

"Should I transform as well? Isn't that overkill against just one guy?" Ian commented. "Besides, maybe this is just some sort of giant misunderstanding?"

"Where are they?" The man in the Hawaiian shirt questioned them. "Where are the people in the masks? I need to get rid of them all."

“Okay, scratch that, he's clearly an enemy!” Ian sighed.

At that moment, the man at the entrance ran forward toward them. The floorboards underneath his feet broke. Rather than running across the floorboards what they were looking at now was somewhat more of a leap.

A strong powerful jump went across the entire length of the room, and while he was midair, his eyes started to glow yellow, black fur started to grow across his face and arms. His attack targeted Izzy first, her hair stretched out, aiming for the hands and legs of the attacker.

The female Altered attempted to wrap the person up, which would allow for Numba to strike at him with his strongest attack. As soon as her hair got close though, the hands of the attacker turned into sharp deadly claws, and swinging his hands the hair got ripped through.

“ARGHH!” Izzy shouted in pain. She was in her transformed state, and although it looked slick, the hair's durability was able to rival steel. And yet, the man had severed it like it was nothing. Unfortunately for Izzy, all those hair extensions had a ton of nerves inside of them, making her feel as if someone had pulled out all her teeth.

After slamming through most of the hair strands, the man then allowed for one of the clumped up parts of hair to wrap around his wrist. He then twisted it around a few more times before pulling forward, causing Izzy to be lifted into the air.

“Let go of her!” Numba shouted, as he exploded in speed and was right in front of the man. The Goat Altered delivered an explosive punch right into the man's stomach. A shockwave was sent out as the man's body was lifted in the air slightly and his grip on Izzy's hair loosened for a bit.

However, a smile appeared on the man's face, as he swung his leg, kicking Numba right in the face. The Altered crashed into one of the pool tables, breaking it on the spot, yet after a few seconds he got back up.

“I see that you are quite a strong one.” The man admitted. “Out of respect for you brave young fighters, I shall tell you my name. I'm Midwak Convel, the person who will send you to your graves!”

Midwak then quickly jumped in the air once again. He leapt up as he was ready to land on top of Numba, grabbing both hands together ready to slam them down, but as he did, another person dove right on top of Numba, his back facing away.

Then, straight out of his back, large golden colored bristles came out. Midwak ignored this as he slammed his hands through the brittle tore right through sticking out on the other end. It didn't pierce his bone, but it had moved them to the side as it stuck out.

The attack had still managed to crash into Ian's back, at great strength but Ian used all the power he could, to not crush Numba any more than he could.

"Ian, what are you doing?!" Numba asked.

Blood was pouring out from Ian's mouth.

"My name... I'm going to tell that bastard my name!" Ian shouted at the top of his lungs, his back started to shake and so did the bristles. Midwak could sense something was going to happen as he pulled both his arms out. Seconds after and the bristles started to shoot out heading straight towards him.

Lifting his arms in a cross, he covered his face, but the hard, thick bristles still manage to hit different parts of his body. Eventually, Midwak moved and jumped back, and was back to the entrance of the place.

Numba got up off the ground, and helped Ian as well, who seemed to be partly exhausted after the little attack of his. The good thing was, it looked like Izzy wasn't badly injured either as her hair had regrown to what it once was, and the three of them stood there looking at the attacker.

"My name... my name is Ian! And you fucker don't even deserve to know my last name! Just remember that I was the one to kick your arse." Ian shouted, his words weren't so convincing as a small amount of blood spilt out of his mouth.

It was then, that Midwak let out a large almost howl like noise, as his eyes began to glow. Bristles shot out of his body onto the floor and the surrounding area. Right in front of their eyes, the wounds that he had suffered, starting to heal up at a visible pace.

With no use for the shirt anymore, Midwak decided to just rip it off, bearing his chest to them all. After healing his wounds, his arms were transforming more than before, being covered in fur and the eyes were memorising as in the backdrop the yellow glow from them could clearly be seen.

“Guys... am I going crazy, or are there more and more Wolf Altered showing up recently?” Numba asked, gulping down hard.

“He must be an exiled member of the Howlers. The claws, the transformation, the crazy healing factor and physical abilities. We need to work together, because right now it feels like the time the three of us were going up against Gary!” Izzy cautioned them to be careful.

Midwak continued to walk toward the three with confidence. “You three were just collateral, but I'll make sure to ask my employee for sufficient compensation for all of you. Especially for you, lamb!” A deep smile appeared on his face, and it was starting to transform even more, as it was elongating, turning into a type of snout.

Amidst his transformation, a grey blur passed by all three of the Altered, crashing into Midwak. As it did, the other side of the pool club was thrashed, and seconds later they could see what looked like a large Altered wolf like human lift the transformed man into the air and slam him onto the ground.

“Those clothes... they're black and gold... is that the guy from earlier?” Izzy asked, her mind unable to process all these changes.

Kai's eyes were shining blue, as he took a step back. Breaking through the broken pool table parts, a full-blown Werewolf fully transformed had come out, his yellow eyes challenging the teenager.

What the hell is another Werewolf doing here?!" Kai wondered.

Chapter 534 Beta Vs Omega

During their time at the academy, the three Altered students had seen Gary transform his appendages many times. They still recalled how shaken up they had been seeing it for the first time, yet without realising it they had grown used to it. As such, seeing Kai and Olivia do the same during the gang war had not really phased them.

Thanks to that experience, seeing Midwak to do the same and attack them with his deadly claws and strength, the trio hadn't been frightened into inaction. Nevertheless, all of that changed now as they stared at his bestial form. From head to toe, it felt like they were staring at a wall of muscle.

In his full Werewolf form, Midwak was around eight feet tall, his head only around a foot shy of touching the ceiling. His razor sharp teeth had bits of saliva dropping off its teeth onto the floor. Their natural instinct told the three Altered that they should run away, rather than face such a creature.

"They're in full Altered form!" Ian shouted as he pointed at the two. It wasn't just Midwak that was giving them a strange feeling because they could see the blonde teenager had fully transformed as well. If it wasn't for the fact they could still see his black and gold uniform that had stretched to fit his new size, there was a good chance they wouldn't have recognised him either.

For a moment, nobody moved. A heavy, deep breathing could be heard from the two Werewolves in the room.

'It will be my first time fighting against a Werewolf who isn't Olivia or Gary.' Kai thought to himself as he continued to observe the intruder. 'Unlike with Olivia or Gary, I don't feel any sort of connection to him, so he could be from another Pack. I have no idea how old that guy is, but he doesn't seem so surprised to see that I'm also a Werewolf. I have no idea what he is capable of, so I need to be careful, especially with Gary's friends still around.'

"You." Midwak pointed with a long finger and a sharp finger nail. "Your eyes... you're a Beta. You're not worth my time! Bring out your leader!"

There was a heavy growl with his voice. It shook what was left of the furniture and the students couldn't help but gulp. They even had to remind themselves to breathe in this situation.

"Fine, if you don't want to call him, I'll give your Alpha a reason to show up!" Midwak smiled as he charged at the grey Werewolf. Once he was within range, Kai swung out his leg, aiming for a kick to the face. The muscles of his physical werewolf body along with the speed were great.

It hit the side of Midwak's arm, who grunted a little bit and placed the leg under his armpit as he grabbed on and lifted Kai's entire body, slamming him into the floor.

"W-we have to help!" Numba stammered, yet still exploding forward. A large sound was made from the floorboards as Numba launched from his position. Although his attention had been on Kai, Midwak who leapt up in the air and grabbed onto the ceiling with his legs and arms.

Meanwhile, Numba continued forward and hit nothing, making him unable to stop. That was the problem with his Altered form. His explosive power was as much a boon as it was a downside when he missed.

"I don't need you annoying flies anymore. " Midwak growling as he jumped down from the ceiling and went toward both Ian and Izzy. Seeing this once again Ian was ready to sacrifice himself as he activated his Altered form standing in front of his childhood friend.

The large arm was raised and at a speed beyond Ian's ability to follow he felt a heavy backhand hit his face and his whole body was chucked in the air with it. The Altered looked back while in the air and he could see the Werewolf standing right in front of Izzy who was shaking with fear. The girl hadn't transformed, nor had she moved from her spot.

'Move! I have to move! Why isn't my body listening to me?!' Izzy's mind was ordering her feet to do as they were told, but nothing was happening. 'Everyone else was able to move, so why can't I?'

Opening its large mouth, Midwak bit right down on Izzy's shoulder. His teeth easily sunk into her flesh and as the boys saw this, they screamed at the top of their lungs.

Izzy looked at both of them. She only felt a sharp yet dull pain in the area. A breeze of wind seemed to go past Numba just then, as he saw something else leap up and open its mouth wide.

It bit down hard right, on Midwak's neck it had clenched down hard not letting go and twisting its head.

'That's a... grey wolf.' Numba was baffled as to where that creature had come from. With Altered being an accepted part of society it wasn't too strange for two people to transform into wolf-human hybrids, but this was undoubtedly a wild animal, a large one at that which had appeared out of nowhere. Yet, it had some strange items of clothing on it as well.

Eventually, Midwak was forced to let go of Izzy, shifting his attention to the grey wolf. It was on the floor on all fours and the wolf began to run right toward Midwak when it leapt up in the air it where it transformed back into a Werewolf crashing right into the black furred giant, piercing his stomach with his sharp nails.

Kai's Werewolf form was hovering above him, who knelt on the floor putting pressure on the wound.

"You, Goat Altered, take your friends out of here!" Kai ordered in a growling voice. You're no help in the fight, and are more of a hindrance. If you want to help, call Gary!"

Midwak lifted his hand off the wound that had already healed and his nails that pointed at Kai flew through the air like projectiles embedding themselves in the grey Werewolf's chest. He was bleeding profusely, but not stopping there the black Werewolf jumped from the floor and landed right on top of Kai.

"Just get out of here, and look for Gary!" Kai shouted as the two Werewolves were wrestling on the ground. "Tell them what is going on and to get Olivia and the others! HURRY!!!"

Chapter 535 A Call For Help

Numba was reluctant to follow the orders from Kai. Who in their right mind would send away three Altered, much less if those happened to be talented AFA students? Sure, the Goat Altered had to admit that the grey Werewolf was faring better against Midwak than their trio, but... was that really the right thing?

When he looked at the condition of Ian, who had been hit twice, most likely suffering internal damage, and the side of his friend's face was swelling up, it became clear that the three of them were not really in fighting conditions anymore. Then there was Izzy whose shoulder was bleeding quite badly. Her clothes had already been dyed red, and would have to be discarded later.

'I don't want to leave him on his own... but I need to look after my friends. They came along with me just to help out, I can't let them die.' Numba, almost closing his eyes, ran to his allies because if he could see what was going on, he thought there was a higher chance for him to jump in.

He picked up Ian first, and then went next to Izzy, and all three of them started to head out of the door. The good news was that both of them, although hurt, were conscious and still able to move. They were

moving fast down the street, but as they did they could hear loud crashes and bangs from behind. They were clearly coming from the club, and they could only imagine the destruction that was going on.

"Ahhh!" Izzy shouted in pain as she tripped over her own leg and fell onto the concrete, her knees had banged against the floor, but the pain coming from her shoulder was hurting far more. "This bite... it stings like crazy!"

"Should we... head to the hospital or something?" Numba asked, panicked and unsure what to do. He was even looking around to see if there was anyone on the street, but it had to be close to midnight, and this wasn't really a popular area for people to be at this time of day.

"I'll be okay... I can bear with it... for now." Izzy said through gritted teeth. It was hurting a lot, but the girl felt like she had only been a burden so far, so she couldn't get in the way again. They needed to help Kai, who had risked his own life to allow them to get away with their lives.

"That guy... he told us to find Gary, right?" Izzy asked.

"Yeah, I thought that was strange as well." Ian mentioned. "Shouldn't we be looking for a member of the Howlers, or maybe try to find their leader? Why would he ask for Gary specifically?"

Izzy thought about it for a while, but Gary also had a similar form to all of them. At first, she thought the attack might have been to do with the Scatterbugs, but maybe this was something else. Had someone sold the Howlers all the solution, and now there was a disagreement.

Perhaps, the teenage boy was asking Gary not for help, but for him to run away, or know the right thing to do.

"At the moment, we really don't know anyone in the Howlers in the first place." Izzy pointed out. "So the best thing we can do is try and listen to that guy and do our best to get in contact with Gary."

Scanning through her pocket, Izzy was trying to look for her phone, but she couldn't find anything. Her best guess was that it must have fallen out of her pocket when they were fighting earlier. Ian, understanding what she was doing, went ahead and searched through his pockets. He felt a small prick,

and when pulling it out from his pocket he found out the reason. It turned out his phone got completely smashed up and in pieces.

Then there was one, they could at least try calling him, when Numba looked, surprisingly he still had his phone. There were smiles on their faces but when he scrolled through his list he realised something.

"I... I don't have Gary's number." Numba said in a quiet voice, earning him strange gazes from the others. "We were without our phones for so long, and we were seeing each other every day, okay? I never thought something like this would happen, so I didn't ask for his number."

"We have to do something!" Ian said, as he turned to Izzy. "You're the smart one, we have no phone, and we're in a foreign town in the middle of the night, so how do we contact Gary?"

There was a worried look on Izzy's face, because in the end she could only come up with one desperate answer. A few moments later, running down the streets of Slough, without any shame, or any concern at all, they started to shout.

"Gary!!! Gary, are you out there?!" They shouted at the top of their lungs.

"We need your help, Gary! Does anyone know Gary!" They continued to shout.

It didn't seem to be working, apart from a few people turning on their lights from their apartments wondering what the commotion was about. Many even opened their windows, shouting at them to shut up, but this didn't stop the trio.

"Howlers! We need your help! One of your leaders is in danger!" Izzy screamed at the top of her lungs, it was a desperate plea, but they needed help.

After travelling so far, shouting Gary's name, they thought it was useless, and they were about to give up, come up with another tactic, until.

"You three are hurt..." A voice said.

Looking up, it was a young, handsome boy in front of them. "Those wounds, they don't look like they were done with weapons... it almost looks like bite marks. Were you attacked by an Altered?" The young man asked.

The three didn't know how to answer, what if they were to call the police, wouldn't that make the situation worse.

"Gary." Ian blurted out. "We are looking for a teenager, about this tall, green hair."

The young man's eyes lit up. "Gary... as in Gary Dem?"

"YES!" Numba excitedly jumped up and down. "Please, can you help us get in contact with him?! Better yet, do you know where he might be? One of his friends needs immediate help. It's literally his life on the line!"

The young boy looked at the three of them and their wounds.

"I... I don't know where Gary could be right now, but... maybe I can help you. Take me to the Altered that did this to you."

Chapter 536 Slough Gathers

In the first place, the chances of running into someone who would perhaps know Gary were low. Sure, he was a member of the Howlers, the gang that controlled the city, but that was exactly it. As far as they knew, he was just a member, nothing more, nothing less. Yet, their desperate pleas had been heard by a certain someone, and at the same time, the wounds on their body had caused a certain person to be interested.

'What are the chances that this crazy idea actually worked and we not only found someone who knows Gary, but can also help us out in this situation.' Izzy wondered. The three of them were Altered from the AFA, so how much help could a random passerby actually be in this situation, but then again, now wasn't the time to question those things.

"I don't know where he is, but I have his number. Let me text him... you said to tell him that he's urgently needed at the Wolf's Pool Club, right?" The stranger replied, as he was already sending a text.

"Yeah, that's correct. Can you add that the blond guy is in trouble, and to also inform some Olivia?" Ian repeated Kai's request.

"Alright, the message is sent. It's best if you guys stay on the path to the Wolf's pool club if you hope to run into Gary." The stranger advised, as it looked like he was ready to take off.

"Wait!" Numba shouted. "Why are you heading toward the pool club? Don't you understand that the one that hurt us was an Altered?! Are you really planning to go there?"

"Yes." The stranger answered and resumed running off in the distance.

The three stared at the stranger from behind, too injured to really follow after him, and if they were to return, along with anyone but Gary or other members of the Howlers, they felt like it would be pointless.

"Hey... did we just send a random person that knew Gary to his death?" Ian asked with a gulp in his voice.

"I... I'm not too sure." Izzy replied. "Let's just hope he isn't crazy and actually knows what he is doing."

She kept a close eye on Blake as he ran, and somehow, he was able to run faster than a human would. Was it possible that they had run into another Altered? Just how many were there in the place of Slough?

Continuing to run to the Wolf's Pool Club, loud destruction could be heard. The strange teenager that they had run into wasn't out this late at night for no reason. He was searching for information, which was why he had a few items on him.

Pulling out from his back, a black mask was placed on his face. Attached around his back were two almost red-like weapons. Underneath his shirt was armour, the type that only the Altered Hunters would wear.

'If I bring back down another Altered, maybe I can prove to the association that there is no need for them to send me a partner....'

The three students continued to head down the street, hoping for the best from the stranger. At least they knew that Gary has been made aware of the situation, but he alone might not be enough.

"We need to look for other members... others from the Howlers." Numba said. They continued down the street, and not long after, a figure leapt out from one of the alleyways. It was a woman, wearing a tight-fitting uniform in black and gold. However, there was no mask on her face, and she looked panicked. She seemed to be sniffing the air and noticed the three that were in front of her.

"The smell of blood... it's from you." The woman stated, seemingly unsurprised about their sorry state..

"Hey... she has to be a member of the Howlers!" Ian claimed. "I recognise the uniform and figure!!"

Ian had immediately noticed the figure, it was the female that could somewhat transform into a wolf as well. The two boys would never forget the curves they had seen on her body, and there was also the trusty whip they could see that gave things away.

Giving them another look, Olivia Pearl realised that she had seen the three of them not too long ago, having fought on the same side as them.

"What the hell are you guys doing here, and who injured you to this degree?" She asked immediately.

Without realising it, Olivia's eyes started to change slightly as she looked at the three, her eyes starting to glow blue, something they had seen on the blonde boy as well. At the same time, Olivia started to squint as if she was in pain and her chest seemed to be slightly hurting.

"Your friend is in trouble, he was attacked by a Wolf Altered, or a Werewolf Altered!" Ian shouted. "The one with the fox mask, he turned into a wolf and was attacked by another guy who turned into a

Werewolf. How come there are so many Wolf Altered in here?" Ian blurted out, as he came to the realisation the others had long since made.

"He needs help." Numba stated. "He told us to look for Gary. We met another teenager who wrote him a message, but we don't know if he saw it yet, and that guy also headed towards the pool club."

Olivia bore through the strange feeling she was experiencing and took in what the others were saying. The blonde boy could only refer to Kai, especially since they had seen him turn into a wolf. If he chose to reveal such a thing, it could only mean that he must be seriously in trouble.

In his absence, the two Beta Werewolves would often spar against each other, and although she would never admit this, after the first few times, it became obvious that the teenager seemed to be better suited to fight as a Werewolf. Even though she might be stronger, he had always found a way to outsmart her in their matches, so for him to say he needed help... Olivia wondered if she alone would be enough.

"Gary... I don't have my phone with me, and we don't have the time to look for him. We can get to him after rescuing that guy!" Olivia stated, ready to transform and rush off to the place.

Just as they turned, though, from above, seemingly out of nowhere, a person landed right in front of them. The others braced themselves as they thought they were under attack. The ground cracked somewhat, and dust was rising. Through the dust, all they could see was a pair of red glowing eyes. At first, all the hairs on their body stood up.

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A heavy figure had landed in front of them, causing a cloud of dust to rise up, like in a superhero movie. However, the group wasn't yet sure if the figure with the red, glowing eyes was a hero or a villain.

"Gary!" Numba called out as he recognised the figure.

The Alpha Werewolf had noticed the others from above, the truth was he was in his fully transformed state heading to a certain location. He didn't care for his Energy because he was in a desperate situation, but when seeing the others, he thought it was best not to frighten them in his full form.

Gary had noticed the others from above as he had been heading towards a certain location in his fully transformed state. He was in a desperate situation and didn't care about conserving his Energy, but when he saw the others, he still thought it was best not to frighten them with his full form, thus reverting to his Controlled Transformation.

"You're bleeding," Gary said urgently, mostly concerned for Izzy. "What happened?" He was surprised to see the three of them in the same city, especially since they were traveling with Olivia, but their injuries were a more pressing concern. The bite marks on their bodies were large and deep, causing Gary to worry.

"We were looking for you everywhere!" Ian replied. "Did you get the text message from that guy? Is that why you're here?"

'Blake sent me a message at this time? Just what is going on today?' Gary wondered as he quickly scanned the text message from Blake and saw that it was an urgent request for help. 'I just came here because I had a bad feeling, an instinct that told me to hurry over in this direction. It was as if something was calling out to me.'

"Gary, you don't have time to worry about us!" Numba said in a pained voice. "One of the Howlers members, the blonde guy who can transform into a grey wolf, he was attacked in the pool club! The guy who attacked him was able to transform into a black Wolf Altered!"

In response to what he had just heard, Gary's heart started to pump louder and faster. With Billy dead, the only black furred Werewolf should be Olivia, but the woman was clearly in front of him. For there to be another 'Wolf Altered', it meant that an actual Werewolf had come over to Slough. This was very bad news, since the members of his Pack were all relatively young, and their experience fighting other Werewolves was quasi non-existent.

"He told us to come and get you and tell you what was going on." Izzy explained.

Without wasting any more time, Gary immediately took off running down the street, his body transforming as he went. Olivia chased after him, struggling to keep up with his speed.

"Gary, are you just going to charge in there without a plan?" Olivia asked, panting as she tried to keep pace with him.

"What choice do I have?" Gary replied, his voice urgent as he picked up the pace.

Olivia was worried because she knew Kai was strong and had seen the three Altered students fight. They were quite formidable opponents, and she wasn't sure if Gary, who hadn't shown her his strength since returning from the academy, had improved enough to handle the situation. As she watched him vanish from sight, she could only hope for the best.

The three students from the AFA were unable to make up their minds about what to do next. They had informed Gary, and just like they had feared, their friend had thrown caution out the window and simply run off to help Kai.

"This is why I didn't think it was a good idea to tell Gary." Izzy shook her head. "I knew he wouldn't go to the leader or call the other members, he just rushed in there himself."

"At least he isn't alone. He is with that woman Altered, and there is also the guy who rushed in earlier. With all of them working together, don't you think there's a chance they can do something about that Hawaiian shirt guy?" Ian tried to see a silver lining in the situation.

"Well, I'm going to help as well!" Numba decided as he hurried down the street from where they came.

Both Ian and Izzy looked at each other and let out an exasperated sigh. They had managed to heal slightly from their wounds, not enough to be in any real fighting situation, but at least to the point that they could follow after Numba. They knew that this was stupid and went completely against Kai's orders, but they couldn't just stay away when all their friends were risking their lives.

As they approached the club, they noticed the windows had all been smashed and there were multiple holes in the building. The destruction had spilled onto the street, with debris and broken glass littering the ground. The once lively and vibrant club now seemed like a desolate and abandoned place.

Ian and Izzy looked at each other with a mixture of shock and worry on their faces. They had never seen such destruction before and couldn't even begin to imagine the kind of power and strength it would take to cause such damage.

Numba, on the other hand, seemed determined and undaunted. He took a deep breath and charged towards the club, ready to face whatever lay ahead. Ian and Izzy exchanged a quick glance before following after him, ready to support their friend and fellow Altered.

"What is going on...did they do it?" Ian asked.

There was only one thing they could do. The three of them slowly walked to the entrance of the pool club, the door was broken. One half of it is hanging on. Still not being able to hear anything, the three of them entered the inside of the place, and the first thing they could see was blood.

There was blood all over the place, on the floor, scattered around the area, then they could see, Gary was standing there in place, by his side was Olivia, and a strange man dressed in black armour and clothes. The three of them were staring at something, something that was on the wall.

The three AFA students move in closer, and when they went to the others, they could finally make out what the others were looking at. All three of them covered their mouths. Out of shock, trying not to make any noise in this situation, tears started to flow out of Izzy's eyes.

"I'm sorry, Gary." The masked man said. "When I got here... he was already like this. The guy who did this to him is gone. You arrived seconds after I did."

Gary walked forward, to what was on the wall, his own body functions were out of control. His face, his arms, they were transforming and reverting as he moved forward. It was a true show of his emotions.

When entering the Wolf's Pool Club with Olivia, they had all seen it. Kai was pinned to the wall, hanging up in the air by some string nails. His body had been cut and ripped to pieces, blood was dripping onto the floor, creating a pool from where he was.

He was no longer transformed, back in his human form, riddled with wounds, with the objectively worst one being mouth, or lack thereof. Parts of his teeth could be seen through the muscle, and his ripped off jaw was seen lying there on the floor.

"ARGHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!" Gary's cries of anger echoed throughout the neighbourhood as he stared at the gruesome sight of his friend.

On Kai's chest, there was another fingernail that had a card attached on it, with a picture of a single hercules beetle, it was the sign of the Scatterbugs.

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It was hard for one to look at such a sight, yet at the same time everyone there felt like they needed to. The entire pool club had been destroyed, the glass, the bar, every inch and corner. It was unrecognisable compared to the place it was once before.

At the same time, there were markings of blood in every area, and the same could be said about Kai's body. Deep cuts had been made, tearing through his skin, and a lot of blood had been lost.

The others didn't want to say anything, as they looked at Gary just standing there. He was looking at the whole scene for a few seconds, and then suddenly opened his mouth after the cry.

"Call the hospital and get an ambulance here immediately!" Gary shouted. "One of you, go get some food, it's vital for him, and I'll take him down!"

Gary quickly rushed over to Kai, he first pulled the nail that was located in Kai's chest and threw the piece of paper to the side, and soon got to work pulling out the other nails.

"Wait... is he alive?" Ian asked.

Looking at the scene in front of them, he thought there was no chance for Kai to be able to live through such a thing, even for an Altered to survive something like this was crazy. Perhaps a lot of people would think the same, but not Gary.

Because Kai wasn't an Altered, he was a werewolf, and one of the strongest traits that a werewolf had was they were resilient, they were fighting warriors that could keep fighting even with missing limbs.

Finally, Gary had taken all the nails out of Kai's body, and started to gently carry him. Blake had called an ambulance from his phone, and Olivia had gone running out of the place to search for some raw food. She knew how important it was for his healing to kick in.

Now seeing Kai up close like he was, Izzy had noticed something she thought was strange. Although there were many deep claw marks, none had been made too deep on his stomach to the point where his guts were spilling out. If anything, the most lethal thing that had occurred was the other's jaw had been ripped out.

"Kai, you have to fight, your time in this world is not over!" Gary said, as he practically shouted at the body in his hands.

Due to the time of night, the ambulances were able to move quicker and they could be heard off in the distance.

'The system, you are still a member of my pact in the system... If the system is still showing that you are there, then that means you are still alive!' Gary thought.

At first he was in a panicked and angered state like everyone else, and just like the others he thought that not even Kai could survive this. In fact, the werewolf that was able to do this to Kai, meant he was able to finish him off, and it made sense for him to.

After all, was there any reason for a werewolf to attack Kai and allow him to live? Not any that Gary could think of, but then the system had come to mind, and that's when Gary made his move.

Olivia had returned with food, with his sharp nails he shredded it as finely as he could, after all, Kai didn't seem like he could use his jaw in any way or form. After it was finely shredded, it was mixed with some water, and slowly was poured into his throat at an angle.

"You promised me that we would go to the top together. This is an order, you are not allowed to die here!" Gary said.

The food was washed down, and as the substance hit the back of his throat, the muscles had moved slightly, taking it in and going into his stomach. It gave some of the energy he needed. As the food was finished, the ambulance had soon arrived.

Gary quickly walked out of the place, and went inside the ambulance with Kai, whether they wanted him to or not.

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The group were taken to the closest hospital and the paramedics had picked up part of Kai's mouth and jaw. They weren't too hopeful they could reattach it, but Gary insisted that they took it anyway.

Telling them that Kai was an altered so there was a good chance that they could do something. When arriving at the hospital, Kai was taken into the emergency room and he was left waiting outside.

"Sh*t!" Gary said to himself, as he paced backwards and forwards. "What the f*ck happened. How am I in the same situation again? I thought, after getting stronger and learning how to use my powers, that I would never be in a hospital again, waiting like this."

Eventually the others had arrived, Blake was no longer in his uniform but felt like he should come in. The other altered had been asked to go for a check up, and Olivia was there as well.

"Gary, just sit down for now, there is nothing else we can do." Blake said.

All three of them sat down, the hospital wasn't too busy and the reception staff were having a nice chat with each other.

"What... happened? The others, they said it was a werewolf that attacked Kai? Why?" Gary asked.

"On the way here, we both asked a few questions of the others about what exactly happened." Blake explained. "Because the way Kai was put up like that, it was strange, and I wanted to give you as much information as possible."

"I don't know much about werewolves but I do know quite a bit about gangs and altereds. That werewolf was able to leave Kai in such a state, which meant he didn't just beat him, but he overwhelmed him with his power.

"Which is why it's confusing to leave him in such a state, where he is barely alive. The piece of paper that was left behind, it was from the gang, the Scatterbugs."

The whole of Gary's body tensed up as he heard these words. The Scatterbugs were the ones that Kai said was likely to attack them, but he never expected them to have a werewolf.

Did this mean that the Scatterbugs were a tier-2 city due to the werewolves they had. Did they have an entire pack?

"Leaving Kai like that for us, was it a warning for us to not get involved?" Gary asked.

Blake shook his head.

"That's why I am confused. Killing the messenger sends a stronger message than letting them live. I can only guess that the werewolf left him alive because of a werewolf thing, rather than a gang thing."

Unfortunately, Gary didn't know much about werewolves, because his own situation wasn't very traditional in the first place.

"I know what your thinking." Olivia chimed in. "But I don't believe the Scatterbugs have a pack of werewolves or are in the same situation as us. In the first place, it is quite easy to find out information on the Scatterbugs' altereds, and there has been no talk of a wolf-like altered.

"However, from the piece of paper that had been left, it's very clear that he was sent by the Scatterbugs, but my last guess as to why he was working alone was because of what those kids said. The werewolf's eyes... they were yellow."

Instantly Gary remembered some knowledge that Tom had passed onto him as well as his own eye colour change. Yellow meant an Omega wolf, which was a lone wolf not belonging to any pack at all.

'The Scatterbugs are able to have someone like that under their control... but it doesn't change anything.'

It was then that a tired looking doctor had come out from the double doors. Gary was getting a serious sense of Deja Vu all over again. He was just hoping that the news wasn't going to be the same.

"You were the young man who brought in your friend, correct?" The doctor said, as Gary had rushed over to him with the others.

"I have some good news for you." The doctor said, "Your friend, he is healing well. His condition has stabilised. However, at the moment, it doesn't seem like he is waking up."

A dreaded fear started to overcome Gary, it felt like a darkness was creeping up his throat, as he said the words.

"Like a coma." Gary replied.

"Not quite." The doctor replied. "His brain is quite active and wasn't badly damaged. Everything is healing well, but the healing process in certain parts looks to be taking longer. We have seen some cases with Alterededs like this before. I think at most, it will take a week for your friend to wake up."

Gary fell to his knees right there and then, with his head towards the floor.

"Thank you... thank you... thank you."

Chapter 539 The Leader Of The Howlers

The three students from the AFA had decided to get a check up as well. It looked like the doctors already knew that they were altered while treating them, and they assumed that this had to be a hospital that the Howlers had been dealing with.

It was common for gangs to have relationships with hospitals because a lot of their members would end up coming there. The one that was giving the doctors direction and had informed everyone of everything was Olivia.

Kai, Marie and Olivia, were the three that knew about the Howlers' businesses the most, and with Olivia having handled a reasonably large gang herself in the past, Kai had always asked her opinion on things, which was why she was taking over now.

At first she thought it was quite a pain, their leader was off at the AFA, while the two of them were practically running the gang. It was a strange set up, to say the least, but maybe it was the werewolf part of her... lately she had been finding it harder and harder for her to hate Gary in his position.

Izzy had just finished having a checkup and bandages had been wrapped around her shoulder after it had been disinfected and it looked like the doctor had a few words to say to her before leaving.

"You're an altered, so it's expected that your recovery is quite fast. There is no need for you to stay at the hospital." The doctor explained. "However, as you might have noticed yourself, for some reason the direct wounds on your shoulders are struggling to heal. They are healing, just at a slow rate.

"Although I hardly get the chance to treat altered, from the data we do have shared across hospitals, it is a little unusual, but I would say it's nothing to worry about. Just if the problem persists I would get it checked, perhaps by the medical staff at the AFA, it is more likely that they have a better understanding of what is going on."

Izzy wasn't particularly concerned about her wounds so much. Her body felt fine, a little weak, but it was expected after being involved in a fight for her life. At the moment, she just wanted to know how everyone else was.

When leaving the room, Izzy could see that in the seats there were two others that had been waiting for her, Ian and Numba. Ian's head was on Numba's shoulder, it looked like he was patiently sleeping away with dribble running down the side of his mouth onto Numba.

It was safe to say that she didn't need to ask if Ian was okay, as he was back to his usual self already, but Numba didn't look the same, because he was just looking dead straight ahead, not even looking at Izzy and not noticing the pool of spit that had built up on his shoulder.

Eventually, the two of them made eye contact.

"Hey... you still have bandages on you. I thought you would have been healed by now." Numba commented.

"It's okay, it's just a precaution." Izzy replied. "What about Gary... have you gone to see him yet, or talked about what he's going to do? I'm not sure about the relationship between him and the Kai person, but the two of them seemed to be pretty close."

For the three at the AFA, they were always classified as different at their schools, to the point where they didn't make many friends. It was safe to say that Izzy, Ian and Numba, along with Gary, were the closest friends they had.

It was to the point where they had almost forgotten that he had a life outside of the academy. It looked like Gary didn't just work for the gang, but he was a big part of them. It reminded Numba of himself, because it was the same for him.

Hearing Izzy's question, Numba started to think back to a call he had not long ago with his father. He had updated his father on the situation, how the one with a fox-like mask and grey fur had been attacked quite badly, and seeing the note it was certainly an attack from the Scatterbugs.

"I imagined that the Scatterbugs would have acted but I thought they would have sent a full force to deal with the Howlers. That young one was a talented member of the Howlers gang and he had a good head on his shoulders." Harry stated.

"If I was to guess, an attack will eventually come. They have weakened the Howlers quite a bit with this one move, and weakened their confidence. I'm sorry to hear about the situation you have been put in... I will leave the decision of what you wish for you and your friends to do in your hands."

Numba thought about it for a while, he was hesitant, an attack from a single person... Was this something that the Howlers could survive, and what about Gary? Surely he would stay to protect his hometown, there was no convincing him to come back to the AFA for safety.

"I can tell your hesitating." Harry added. "But let me tell you one thing. This attack, it was most likely more of an assassination attempt on the leader of the group. That Kai fellow had made the biggest scene, it was almost as if he wanted them to believe that he was the leader of the group.

"I have a feeling that the boy also predicted that this would occur as well, but remember, the Howlers still have a leader. Someone that all of those strong people we met, including Kai, choose to follow. There has to be a reason for it."

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It was the one thing, the Howlers were a strong group, they didn't just have Kai, so it always made Numba wonder where was the Howlers' leader? At a time like this, when one of his members was in the hospital, why hasn't he made an appearance, or decided to do anything?

If his leader was this type of person, then Numba didn't have much hope in the group after all.

When the three walked back to the main reception area of the hospital, the automatic doors had opened, and a group of people had entered. The three of them had paused because they had recognised the gold and black uniforms, and although they hadn't seen their faces, they did somewhat recognise the body shapes of the others.

Innu, Marie, Tyler, and Austin had entered the hospital. Every single one of them with a serious look on their face.

"Those guys... they must be the ones that wore the masks and were with us at the factory right... it has to be them." Ian said.

Out of all of these here though, there was still no sight of the Howlers' leader, which was just making Numba even more infuriated.

Chapter 540 It's An Order

If before the trio had been unsure about the identity of the group of teenagers who had appeared at night in the hospital, it became obvious enough that they had to be members of the Howlers when Marie asked for the room of Kai. A few moments later, their small group headed in the direction the receptionist had pointed them to.

Come on, let's go with them and see Gary. Numba suggested to the other two.

Are you sure that's a good idea? Shouldn't we like leave gang business to the gang members? We might be close with Gary, but we don't really know any of the other members. Heck, around an hour ago, we didn't even know that Kai guy. Ian wasn't too keen to interrupt their group, especially given the circumstances of their visit.

We've risked our lives not only by coming here, but we also fought that guy. We did the best we could to help out Kai. That should be worth something. Numba argued. Besides, whatever they're going to talk about we need to hear it as well. After that, I also have a lot of questions I would like answered, and depending on what those answers might be... we might need to find a way to pull Gary out of this gang.

The three started to follow the Howlers down the hallway, but it didn't take long for one of them to notice. Innu stopped and turned around, hearing the footsteps of the Altered trio behind them. It took him a moment to recognise them without their clowns' makeup.

Oh, it's you guys. Innu said. We heard the gist of what happened. It's great that you three were there, otherwise, Kai might have been in even more trouble. We've been told that he isn't in any condition to speak right now, but if you guys want to come in and see him as well, feel free to join us. I don't think he would mind you guys seeing him, not that he can say anything anyway.

It was an unexpected response, because the students just never thought that gang members, especially the ones that they had seen breaking bones so easily, would be so nice. Then again, they hadn't exactly expected the Howlers members to be this young, either.

Thank you. Izzy answered for the group, since Numba was at a loss for words. The Goat Altered's anger had been building up, yet this kind of response had caught him off guard.

As they joined up with the Howlers group, they heard the sound of sniffles, coming from the black haired girl with pigtails. She kept wiping at her face as she got closer and closer to the door where Kai was resting.

You have to be strong, Marie. Austin told her. We all have to show strength in this type of situation. Remember what the receptionist said, he will leave... even if he will likely end up with scars.

What was coming out of the students was how close-knit this gang seemed to be. Expressing these strong feelings, it didn't feel like a gang at all. It was clear to them how much they thought of this individual Kai as well.

When entering the room, Marie somehow managed to stop her tears and Tyler held the door open for the other three students. The room was relatively large, but with all of them inside there wasn't much room for them to move around.

Gary was already inside, sitting by Kai's side on one of the few chairs. Olivia, and Blake were with him in the room but they were standing by the wall away from where Kai was, they had already been in the room for a while, and Gary had yet to move from his position.

The teenager himself was covered under the bedsheet, so the most prominent thing they could see was the large bandages around his face, as well as tubes attached to him. There was a type of stitching around his jaw, no doubt from the surgery to reattach his jaw.

While it was apparently successful, it was also obvious that there were clear imperfections. Altered or not, it was practically guaranteed that even if he healed from this, it would leave behind obvious scars, perhaps even disfiguring the previously pretty boy.

Those that had just entered the room went to get a close look at Kai, they could hear the monitor, the sound of his heart beating still there, but they were unable to see Gary's face that was looking down on the floor in a hunched over position.

The students decided that this wasn't the best time to talk with him, so they stayed at the back with the others, giving the Howlers a chance to deal with the situation.

In the end, looking at Kai's miserable state, Marie couldn't hold back her tears any longer and her sobs turned into a loud cry. There was nothing anybody could say to make her stop, making this the only sound that filled the room. After a few minutes, Marie quieted down, and the others silently helped walk her toward the back of the room with the others so she wouldn't have to look at Kai.

The silence felt deafening and the pressure was tense. A few times Numba opened his mouth to say something, only to close it again, since the timing felt horribly wrong.

The Scatterbugs. Eventually Gary was the one who broke the silence, his head still down. They're the ones responsible for him lying there. They ordered a hit and went for Kai's life. I'm going to take them out... I'm going to take out every single fucking one of them and rip them to shreds, just like they did to Kai!

Numba could tell from the pain in Gary's voice, that his friend was serious and intended to put his words into action. He himself he couldn't help but feel guilty, after all, this entire situation came about because the Howlers had decided to help his father's company.

I get how you're feeling, but attacking them outright was not part of Kai's plan. Olivia chimed in. His plan was to defend against an attack from the Scatterbugs, before we take the fight to them before they have any chance to regroup. This attack on him wasn't that, they will surely come for us soon, and it is always easier to be the ones defending a location, rather than be the invading force. They're a Tier-2 gang, in a city none of us ever visited.

Gary then stood up from his seat, and turned his body towards them, but was still looking down at the ground with his fists tightly clenched.

I don't care! The Alpha Werewolf practically growled. The guy who did this... he is hiding behind the Scatterbugs, and knowing this, how can I just stand by and do nothing?!

Gary Numba finally spoke. I know how you feel... I know you're strong, but you can't just attack the Scatterbugs on your own. Going into a city without anyone there to back you up is suicidal.

There was a pause, Ian and Izzy agreed with Numba. They were just too shy to say it in this situation.

He's your friend, but do you really think all Howlers will go on a vendetta just for one guy? Your gang won't start a gang war over one person... Please, Gary, just come back to the academy. It will be safe there.

Gary finally lifted his head up, and when he did, his whole face was scrunched up, his teeth were elongated, and his red eyes were glowing, looking at all of them.

Ill be going to attack the Scatter bugs tomorrow. Inform everyone in the Howlers, anyone who wishes to come with me, should be in front of the Wolfs Pool Club at 9:00. This is a direct order. Gary stated.

Hearing those last words, those in the room knew how to act, Gary rarely used those words, and it meant he had made his decision, so there was only one response they would all give.

Yes, boss! They all replied in unison, bowing down their heads.

Boss? Numba repeated.