

## Chapter 176 Jake

I was impressed with Manuel’s bravery at suggesting we just attack while they weren’t expecting it, while they had their back to us. It probably gave us our best chance, and meant any back up hadn’t got here yet.

As soon as Alpha nodded, we all knew what was about to come. I just hoped it went our way and we didn’t lose anyone.

In a flurry of confusion and bodies, we moved forward. I could hear as bones were adjusting and cracking into our wolf forms around me as we moved. Many years of practice allowed us to be quick in our shifting and able to do this while moving, so we were already fast on our way to where the group of Crimson Night men stood.

Lola run now, while we are distracting them, hunni. I link, unsure if Manny had given her the signal to go or not, but now seemed the best time.

She did exactly what I said while we blocked the view of the exit of the room, so the group of the men had no clue. I hope this meant she has a good chance of getting to safety now. She knows her pack and should know the quickest route off the packlands.

The Crimson Night men had now realised what was happening, seeing a pack of shifted wolves coming at them and were turning to react. Many beginning to shift on the spot, others running towards us, not shifting, which seemed odd in itself. This pack did not seem well trained.

And the Alpha, Alpha Jace literally stood, and walked from the lounge. I urged my wolf, Jaxx, to run after him to make sure he did not follow Lola. As one thing Manny was terrified of was them hurting her and he would be a risk to himself and to us if he thought she was at risk and was not safe. We did not want that.

Jaxx was quick on his feet and was soon behind the Alpha, who strangely walked down the corridor and appeared to shut himself in what looked like an office. Was he abandoning his men to hide in his Alpha office?! Wow, what an absolute dick!

I will be needed back with the others then, if the Alpha plans to fail his Beta, Gamma and warriors in there by deserting them and leaving them to fight this fight for him, while he hides in his office. Then I was of better use fighting them and making sure the rest of my men are ok.

First I need to make sure Lola is ok.

Lola, you ok hunni? Let me know once you are off parklands, please, or let Manny know at least so he knows you are going to be ok. So he can focus on this fight here. Let Lilah know as soon as possible so we can get the council here. They need to deal with this sooner rather than later. Maybe then we can take your family back with us too. I link her.

Jaxx is trotting his way back to the lounge, alert to every noise and movement around him. He is taking this mission as seriously as me. He knows how important this is. He is a model Beta Wolf, and I am lucky to call him my wolf.

Over the border now Jake, Sorry Beta Jake. Lola links, still running, so will update when at hotel if I can.

Jake is fine hunni, you are mate of my best friend. And good, be safe. Let us know when you are there, but call Lilah too, that is vital. I link back, so relieved she appears to have got off the pack safely.

As Jaxx enters the lounge, the smell of blood hits me immediately through him as his senses are heightened. That is never a good sign, people or wolves I should say are injured to the point of bleeding. A full on attack was ensuing and wolf on wolf battling was spread across the room. The remaining crimson night warriors who hadn’t shifted were now shifted, so the room was full of wolves in a full on conflict.

Maybe we should start retreating a few at a time like planned, especially if Alpha had gone to hide and I know now Lola is out of the packlands.

Planned withdrawal starting I order through the link to all of the men. Mateo and Javier withdraw when I come to assist, head for the door and toward vehicles as planned. Rest of you wait for the next withdrawal order after this. Lola over the pack border now.

Let's go help ‘em Jaxx I urge my wolf.

With pleasure boy. He responds. Anyone would think he was looking forward to a proper fight.

He is across the room in a flash, and by the sides of Mateo’s wolf Nyko and Javier’s wolf Nero.

Both a deep brown colouring, Nyko had a lighter brown undertone to his fur and amber eyes. Nero had a darker brown undertone to his fur and deep brown eyes. Both wolves are familiar to me as they were warriors when I first shifted at the age of 17, not to mention close friends of my family. I had trained with them many times and knew they were skilled fighters but they were to be the first to leave this fight as arranged, which I knew would drive them crazy.

They were standing off against two deep grey wolves, both slightly smaller in build to Nyko and Nero, but still no less intimidating to most I would assume. But them as warriors and me as a Beta meant they did not bother us. Jaxx edged his way forward snarling as he did, snapping his jaws at the two to distract them from the wolves they had previously been standing off with.

Now their attention was on Jaxx, and Jaxx alone. A warrior wolf from our team came suddenly across the room to stand by my side. I instantly recognised it as Cade, the wolf of Ashton, a friend of Manuel. He was snarling and snapping at the legs of one of the wolves and making a whole lot of noise while doing it. He was doing a good job of causing a distraction.

Mateo, Javier, go now. I link. Let me know once you are out.

Will do son. Mateo links.

As out of the peripheral vision of Jaxx I can see Nyko and Nero edging slowly from the room, while Cade is continuing to make a whole scene snarling, snapping and howling loudly at the wolves in front of us, making the other wolves turn to look, distracting them. He was good.

I know he does not normally fight like that, so he has improvised to cause the distraction for the others to get out, which definitely helped.

Cheers dude. I link him to let him know I appreciated his help.

Sounds like I am losing it right? He laughs through the link.

Just as he ends the link, one of the grey wolves lunges at him and goes to bite his lower leg. Jaxx realised immediately what was happening and lunged in front, knocking the grey wolf over quickly. Cade swiftly recovers himself and jumps onto the grey wolf, going straight for his neck. He stood no chance as I heard teeth hitting bone and artery.

The second wolf came for me, realising his fellow warrior was no longer saveable. I too went for his neck, but in a position which was not with the intention of ending his life. I wanted to wound him to bring him down if could. These warriors deserve a chance of freedom too, given a chance of being out of the control of their dictator of an Alpha.

The wolf swung his head from side to side trying to fight me, but Jaxx had a good tight hold of the scruff of his neck. He pulled him down, sinking his teeth lower into the flesh. I could smell the blood, and felt the wolf weaken. He wasn’t dead, but he was not up to fighting as easily now. Jaxx could sense that and knew his purpose had been fulfilled.

Jaxx looked up, the other wolves were fighting well. All our wolves seemed ok, no major injuries I could see. Though the smell of blood was overpowering in here. Miko, Alpha Jacob’s wolf was dominant at the front, taking down a wolf easily, he clearly hadn’t lost it.

I think it was about time for the next phase.

Next phase of withdrawal. Alpha and, Manny you make your exit as soon as you can. I will follow soon after, out of the large window Lola opened while standing there earlier. Warriors, you distract as much as you can, then you follow and withdraw either via door or window, whichever is easier. Spread out like planned and head back to your cars. Notify when there. Wait until given further instructions. I order them all.

I want to wait with the team, I am one of them. Manny links.

No, this is going against the plan. This is not what we had planned.

He wouldn’t like me for this but he was going to have to suck it up.

Unlucky Manny, I am telling you as your Beta you will follow the order. I link. We are following the plan we made.

I hear a snarl from Rey, Manuel’s wolf. Yeah, he was pissed.....