

## Chapter 177 Manuel

That fucker using his rank against me. I wanted to stay with my team and he wasn't going to let me. I want to make sure they are all ok, and he knows it.

Rey bit down hard on the flank of the wolf in front of us, biting hard enough to break the flesh open, pulling hard to leave a gaping wound. Yeah, Rey was not happy..... These warriors were holding us back from what we needed to do. They were working for that psychopathic Alpha and, for all I knew, have the same evil and depraved views that he did.

Lola's parents had fled the second we had begun fighting as I had instructed them, Lola telling them beforehand quietly to head home, find their son and gather some basic belongings in case we have the opportunity to fetch them back with us. I have to be able to carry through that promise to my girl.

I was relieved to hear she had got off the packlands, I just hope she was at the hotel now, though I know her priority was speaking to Lilah to get the Council here.

This Pack needed punishing, needing shutting down, and then once the Council had investigated and punished each and every individual involved in the vile way in which they had been running the pack for the past 30 years at least, they should burn the fucking place to the ground. Let all the remaining pack members build fresh lives, new memories, happy times and know how life should be in a good and honest pack with a decent and caring Alpha and his team.

A tan-coloured wolf suddenly jumped at Rey, but he was alert and was straight to defence, managing to dodge him so he only caught his paw slightly, though he was bleeding now. That wasn't good. Rey was pissed now. I could feel it through our connection.

That fucker going to get it....Rey snarled to me.

And he lunged, the pain from his paw likely spurring him on, he had the wolf's front leg in his mouth within seconds, the sound of snarls and muffled howls or growls from the other warriors and wolves around me clearer through Rey's hearing. Rey clenched his jaw and swiftly shifted his head, snapping the leg of the wolf, he let out a pained whine. While Rey simply dropped the leg from his grasp and moved away, knowing the wolf was not able to follow now.

Right, Rey, we best go, got to follow Jake's orders, and we can go now. I tell him. Knowing he wants to stay and fight. That is the warrior in him, and me, we are trained for this, we need to make sure our team are ok. Fight until we are all safe. Or fight until we can't fight anymore.

So leaving right now is going against our instinct. But this is what they planned, this is an order and I have to follow it. I edge to the corner of the room, moving away from the group of the fighters, Cade again making plenty of noise as he is attacking, to try to distract the warriors. This is a new technique he is trying apparently. Seems to be working well.....

Rey bolts for the front door of the packhouse, which Lola must have left open for us as she left, and being fast and light on his feet, is soon outside. Rey heads towards our car, and I push myself forward and Rey back, forcing a shift. My bones crack and snap as they align into my human form again. I feel under the back tyre where we had left the car key and unlock the car. I find some shorts and throw them on.

I climb into the car, and lock the doors. Thankfully, the car has tinted windows, so anyone walking by would not know I was here. So I should be safe. Every little detail of this mission carefully planned out to the finest detail. Now I have to wait as planned, hoping it won't be long now until the others arrive. At least now I can contact Lola and see if she is ok.

I am out J. I link Jake.

On my way in a minute, Alpha just left. Jake replies.

Good, this seems to be going as planned. But we can never be too sure. Their warriors did not seem well trained, I have to say, though Knox and Alpha Jacob were strict with our teams and we followed a strict training programme, ensuring a well maintained warrior group within our pack. I was confident in saying that I think we have to be some of the best in the country. And that was through how our Alphas chose to train us. The warriors here, however, not so much.

I heard the car door next to me go, which made me think Alpha Jacob must have got in, though Dad and my Uncle would be in there too. I hadn't even thought of them when I came out. My mind had been so focused on shifting and being pissed off at Jake.

Just Jake to come now and then we would drive up to the main gates to wait for the council to arrive. Or that is what I think is happening from what Alpha had said. First I want to call Lola.

I find my phone under the car seat where I left it. And dial her number.

It just keeps ringing. Why isn't she answering me?! Oh goddess, she had got to the hotel ok, hadn't she?

I could ring Lilah and ask if Lola had rung her, as that was the first thing we had asked her to do when she arrived at the hotel. I was just bringing her number up when my phone buzzed with a text.

It was from Lola.

Manuel.

Alpha Jace has me. He caught me past the borders.

You should go home as he plans to hurt you all.

I am sorry. I will try to stay safe for you until the council come.

Lola.

Rey let out a pained whine through me as I felt tears coming.

No, just no.... this can't happen. I will not leave her.