

A Pack of Their Own

I watched as we were driving away to go park 101

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KESKA: "Well, yesterday, on the way to aikido lessons, the princes' helped this lady against a group of bullies, let me be

clear, bullies not rouges but I will let her tell you her story, I brought her here to stay until we could figure something out

for her, father doesn't know about her, and as I said you will have to talk to her to get her story and her bio, but it

appears that she is his mate." I tell him with a nod in the direction of Ailea, sitting at the table with her mate. "Thank you,

I will have a chat with her." "Let me introduce you to her, she has been through a bit of trauma." I tell him. He nods. I lead

him inside and I step over to the table. "Ailea, this is alpha Camron, he is your mate's alpha, please tell him what you told

me, he will be able to help you." I tell her. I look at the rest of my group and motion to move outside to let them talk in

private. They follow me out.

CAMRON: I get a very strange link from one of my warriors, seems he and a buddy along with two others from a different

pack were out for a walk and one of them found his mates in a cabin in the woods. Then he says that a pup about 16 wants to talk to me, he said, she said something about me having a black eye. I have to chuckle, wondering what she is

up to now. "Is it the cabin we passed on the run yesterday?" I asked. "And be respectful to her, she did give me a black

eye." I send back to my man. "Yes." He sends back. Then after my brief conversation with Kes I come inside and sit

down at the table with Ailea and her mate, one of my other warriors. "Ailea, I am alpha Camron as Kes said, I want you to

tell me what happened to you, and how you ended up here." I say softly to her. She nods her head. "You need to meet my son." She says. I nod and so does my warrior. "Joey, come meet your new papa, and alpha." She calls. We see a pup

maybe about 4 come from what looks to be maybe a bedroom. "Mama?" She waves him to come to her, and he runs to

her and wraps his little arms around her. "Hi." I hold out my hand to the little boy. "My name is Camron." He looks to his

mother; she nods to him, and he shakes my hand "I'm Joey." He says. "Hi Joey, I'm Smith." My warrior introduces himself;

I watch as Joey shakes his hand. I link my man. "Take the boy outside and bond with him, I need to get her story, and I

think she needs some time to adjust to having a mate." I tell him. He nods at me. "How would you like to go outside

and come play with me and my friends?" He asked the little boy. Joey looks to his mother. "Go ahead baby, I will be right

here, and we will leave the door open so you can see me." She tells him. I watch as Smith get down to the boy's level, would you like to meet my wolf?" he asked him. I see the little boy's face light up and he nods his head with enthusiasm.

They leave the cabin, leaving the door open. I am going to have to take notes, I know, so I asked her if there is any paper

around. She hands me a sheet that has been colored on. "Sorry it's all I have." I turn it over and write on the back side of

it. I start to ask all the pertinent questions needed for the records. Then I ask her to tell me her story. I know the

reputation of the stone claw pack, but I never thought that it was as bad as what she is telling me. I have a pretty strong

pack, and my warriors train every day, I have even gone so far as trading trainers with some of the other packs near me

to help strengthen all our packs. So, I'm not too worried about Stone Claw, but I also know they don't play by the rules,

so I am going to have to talk to Alpha Drake about doing some cross training with his warriors and maybe even have a

few on loan down the line if need be. After hearing Ailea story my mind starts going into overdrive, I have an idea, but we will all need to be on the same page, that includes the other two warriors I link Smith. "Send one of the other warriors

from the other pack in." "Yes Alpha." "Ailea, I need you to go pack yours's and Joey's things. I tell her. "Kes please come

in." I call out. She comes in with the warrior behind her. "Just how much need to be kept secret?" I ask her. "That she

stayed on pack land, the fact that we helped her is of little issue, he knows we go off pack land for our lessons, but the

fact that the princes' were with us might get me in hot water." She says. "Ok, I can work with that." I say. "What's your

name?" I ask the warrior. "Parker." He answers. "Please link your Alpha, and have him come here, I need to discuss

something with him." I say to him. He nods and I watch as his eyes glaze over. Soon Alpha Eric from Midnight Sky Pack

shows up. I step out of the cabin and send Smith and Joey back in, so that they can talk and get to know each other, and

she can share her story with him. I walk up to Alpha Eric with my hand out to shake hands with him and introduce myself

to him. "So, what's so secret that we need to meet out in the middle of nowhere?" He asked. "Well, I need your help in

keeping a certain young lady from getting into trouble." I tell him, with a nod in Keska direction. "And just what kind of

trouble would she be getting into?" "She helped a she-wolf yesterday, and gave her shelter, without her Alpha's

permission." I tell him. "Along with the princes' help." I add. So, he knows the seriousness of the issue. "Tell me the whole

story." He says. "Happy to do so." I give him the cliff notes version of the story, leaving out Ailea's personal issues. "Keska

takes Aikido lessons and leaves the pack lands to do so, yesterday the princes' were with her and helped to save a she-wolf, and Keska gave her a place to stay to help keep her safe, then today as our warriors were out exploring the grounds,

Kes was here to bring her some staples and as she opened the door our warriors passed by the cabin, and she is mated

to my man. I can take care of the details of getting her back it's just the details of where they found her that I need your

help with." I say to him. He nods his head in understanding. "So, what's the story going to be?" he asked me. "There is

the human town about half mile up the road where Kes takes her lessons, I propose that they leave pack land go into

town and say they found her in the restaurant or bakery." I say, "and that will save the young lady in question from

having to deal with any fall out and also keep the princes' out of it as well." I say. He nods in agreement

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ALPHA ERIC: After talking with Alpha Camron, I look around at the group of people standing around. I notice one of the

princes standing behind a pup that looks to be about 16, and another girl that also looks to be about the same age, with

a ranked wolf standing behind her. As I watch both men wrap their arms around the girls protectively "No need to worry I

have my mate." I say to them. They both nod at me. I am assuming that the blond is Alpha Drake's daughter. I approach

her. "So what part is the secret? The fact that you leave the pack grounds, or the fact that you brought an unknown wolf

onto pack territory?" She looks to the other girl who just nods. "The later, the Alpha had us followed a while back, so he

knows we leave the territory for our lessons." She answers my question. "You call him Alpha, not dad or father?" "No,

because he is not my parent, he is my alpha." She answers again. Now I am confused. "You are not the alpha's

daughter?" "No alpha I am not." I watch as her eyes glaze over. Then she smiles, trying to contain her laughter. "What am

I missing?" I asked. "It is the first time someone has mistaken Mackie for the alpha family." I hear from behind me. I turn

and see the auburn-haired girl speaking. "You are the alpha's daughter?" She in turn nods her head at me. "My

apologies." I say to her. "No need to apologize to me, alpha." She says. I get the feeling that most don't realize she is

alpha blooded. "I made the mistake of assuming she was alpha because of her hair color." I said. She again smiles at me.

"Again, no worries alpha. Most don't realize I am from the alpha family due to my coloring." "So, your father knows you

leave the pack lands to go to aikido lessons? What exactly is aikido?" "It's an oriental martial arts form of defense." She

says. "He allows you to leave?" "It's a long and complicated issue Alpha, he didn't know at first, and then he had me

followed, that is when he learned about it." She tells me. I get the feeling that she doesn't really want to tell her story,

afraid to make her pack look bad. So, I don't push beyond what I have. I go to my men. "We will help them out, and how

you came about finding her will also change." I tell my men. We will keep the secret. I tell them. "Yes Alpha." They say.

“You all will go to the human town that’s just up the road, I believe that the young prince and the others will be going as well, the story will be that you accompanied them on their outing, and he found her in the bakery. Understood?” “Yes

Alpha.” “Good.” I then walk back to alpha Camron, “My men are on board, the story is that they accompanied the prince

and his companions on an outing to the human town and they found her in the bakery.” He nods his head.

CAMRON: “Ok everyone, here’s how this is going to play out, to minimize the blow back. You accompanied the prince,

and the alpha’s daughter on their outing, she wanted to go to the town to get things for a picnic lunch, you all went with her, and came across Ailea and her son in the bakery. Instead of coming back to the cabin you will go to the front

gate to come back onto pack territory so she can be recognized as Smith’s mate.” I tell the group as a whole. They all

nod at me, in understanding. I watch as they all leave following Keska to the border where they could cross it to get to

the town. I then turn back to alpha Eric, “I have one more request, or favor to ask of you, if I may?” “Ask, I can’t promise

anything until I hear what it is.” He says. I motion for us to head back towards the pack house. “I will not repeat her full

story to you, but I will tell you she is from Stone Claw Pack.” He whistles. “She’s a long way from home.” I nod. “Whith

good reason, there in is the reason for the request, I would like to trade lead trainers, just for a month, so that my men

and women can be well versed in different fighting styles and techniques.” I say to him. “You expect trouble from them?”

“Unfortunately, I do.” I say. “I would be more than happy to trade lead trainers for a month. It will also help my pack be

better as well.” He says and I nod. We get back to the pack house and go about our business before we get the call to

head to the front gate.

DRAKE: I get a link from the guards at the front gate. "Alpha, we have some people here at the gate that say they are part

of the ball." "So, what seems to be the issue than?" "They didn't leave through the front gate, or any of the other gates."

"On my way." I close the link and head down to the front gate. I see the youngest prince, his best friend, 4 warriors,

Keska, Mackie, and another female I don't recognize. "Keska care to tell me what is going on?" "We went for a walk, and I wanted to go to the hunting cabin, and have a picnic lunch, so we decided to head over to the town to get stuff for our

lunch and Alpha Camron's man here found his mate." She tells me. "You didn't think to link someone to let them know

what you were doing, or where you were going?" I ask her. "It has never been an issue before." She says. "You have never

taken a prince with you before, what if there would have been trouble?" "We were there Alpha; they were not alone." One of the warriors speaks up. "What packs are you from?" "Harvest Moon." The warrior with his mate says pointing to

one of the others, "Midnight Sky" one of the others says. "Please link your Alpha's to come to the front gate." I tell them,

and watch as their eyes glaze over. We only wait about 5 minutes before Camron and Erick show up. "What's going on?"

Erick asked. "Just want to verify that they are your men." I say to him. He scans the group and points out his two warriors.

"Yes those two are mine." He says. "Those two are mine." Camron says pointing at his two. I nod and wave to let them

back onto pack land. I turn to Camron "He claims she is his mate, let me know if you need help sorting that out." I tell

him. He nods his understanding to me. "Kes my office." I say to my daughter. "Yes father." She moves to follow me, as

does the prince. "I need to speak to her alone your highness." I say to him. He glares at me but stays put. I can feel

several sets of eyes on me as I turn and head back inside and up to my office with Kes following me. I close the door

behind us. “What were you thinking?” I asked her “I was just thinking that it would be kind of fun to have a picnic, but we

didn't bring anything with us, but I knew we could buy the food that we wanted at the store in the huma

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DRAKE: “Kes it's one thing for you and Mackinzie to go off and do shit like that, ****BUT NOT**** when you have the prince

with you. Their safety is on me when they are on our territory, you can't just go off and do whatever you want and drag

him along.” “Yes father.” She says to me with her head down. “May I have the hunting cabin” She blurts out at me. “Why would you want the cabin?” I asked her. “It's in a nice spot, it's pretty, and it's quiet, the patrols don't use it and don't

bother with it, I could fix it up and Mackie and I could rent it out for weekend get aways, or week vacations.” She says

with a bit of hope in her voice. “I will think about it.” I tell her. “Yes father.” She says with a dejected tone in her voice.

“May I go?” she asked quietly. I nod and watch as she gets up and walks out. *(“What do I do with her Helios?”) (“Give

pup what she asked for, show her that you are trying, you did not give her a gift for her birthday, tell her it is a late

birthday gift, and tell her that you will help with the upgrades that she wants to make.”) (“Why didn't you say anything

sooner?”) (“You to still need to remember that you have 5 children, and stop forgetting about her.”)* He tells me, and I

know he is right. I link Carla. **"We didn't get Keska anything for her birthday."* "Oh, crap Drake, and I think I even had her working on the invitations for the ball on her birthday. But she never asked for anything." "I know, and I think that is

partly why we didn't get her anything because she never asks for anything." "She probably feels why bother she wouldn't get it anyway, because she isn't Jessie."* Carla sends back to me. **"Well, she just asked me for the hunting*

cabin, she wants to fix it up and rent it out." "That's an excellent idea, wish we would have thought of that. But we can't

take her idea away from her. It will give her some income and allow her to keep earning her own money, something the

other kids never did do." "Liam is starting to though." "Are we really going to let them get a job off pack lands?" "right

now, I don't see away around it, if we don't want to completely lose her, we have to trust her. Plus, I have to look into

getting her a driver's license." "I guess, give her the cabin, put it in writing that it is hers, and that she is than responsible

for the upkeep on it. I know that it may sound a bit harsh, but she needs to understand what she is asking for as well." "I will get the deed drawn up for her to sign. I will have to get James in on it as well." "Ok dear."* I close the link with Carla

and open one to James. **"James are you busy?"* "Not at the moment, why?" "Well, I screwed up again with your sister,

and we did not get her anything for her birthday, but she just asked me for the hunting cabin that Jessie was going to

hold her in." "Why would she want that, I would think that she wouldn't want anything to do with it after what

happened." "You'd think, but no, she wants to fix it up and rent it out as a mini vacation spot." "Damn! wish I'd have

thought of that." "Your mother and I both had the same reaction to it as well, but I feel that it may go a long way in

making amends with her, but your mother feels that it needs to be done in a legal fashion, to make her understand that

she is completely responsible for it, and it is all hers, that means that you will also have to abide by what we put in that

deed.” “Honestly, I have no problem with it. I too have plenty to make up for with her.” “I will have everything ready to

sign by the end of the ball.”* I tell him and close the link. I pick up the phone and call the pack lawyers to get the ball

rolling on getting the cabin transferred to Keska.

KESKA: Well, I asked for the cabin, which is all I can do. I feel the need to shift and just run, I never thought that I was

putting Trever in danger, he never said that we need to have security with us. If something would have happened, then we would be in trouble, and the royal pack would come after us, and I would be the reason that the pack was at war, or

that Uncle Carson’s dream would be destroyed. I feel like crap, I can’t face any of them right now, I just need to run. I

leave the pack house and head east, towards the lake. When we get to the forest I just let Corla take control, I don’t care

that my clothes are shredded I just take a back seat and let her run. We get to the lake, and I just take a high jump right

into the middle of it. And let the quiet of the lake and the forest sounds try to sooth me. \[“Was I wrong Corla, did I put

us in jeopardy?”\] \[“If the prince thought that we were ever in jeopardy he would have linked for help, even when they

helped Ailea they were in complete control of the situation, if they felt that they needed help they would have linked

their people. Their link reaches farther than ours.”\] \[“Why didn’t father punish me for putting the prince in danger?”\] \

[“I don’t know, maybe because of the ball to many eyes.”\] \[“But if I was in the wrong it would show them that he would

still punish his own even if they messed up.”\] \[“Probably figures that you have been punished enough for things that

you didn't do." \["He is confusing me." \["Maybe he is trying to make amends." \["Why? He hasn't shown any kind

of remorse towards me before, why now?" \["Because he has finely seen the error of his actions, and realizes he has

been in the wrong with you. His wolf wants his pup back, wants to be called daddy again, and feel proud of the fact that

he has won you back." \["He should have thought of that when father was punishing me for all the things that Jessie

pulled, he should have pushed harder to make father ask me back then." \["He knows he has to make amends as well." \] She says to me. \["What does that even look like Corla? I mean after everything, how do we, I forgive him?" \]

["One step, one thing, one issue at a time." \["What do you think about the whole Jessie issue? I mean I don't feel like

it's fair that she gets out of her punishment early, but if it gets her out of the pack then she can't blame me for her crap

anymore, I guess it's a good thing." \["Yes, father and James have that right, plus with her being gone they will see that

she caused a lot of drama for the sake of getting you in trouble." \["Let's just hope they do realize that, and that Lissa

doesn't follow in Jessie's footsteps." \["Humm, I'm hungry, I think I want fish." \] Before I could say anything more she

puts her head under water and goes fishing. Catching a walleye, she comes up and heads for the shore with fish in

mouth. I just let her have her meal, as I am not keen on fish.

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DRAKE: I get a link from one of the guards on patrol. *Alpha there was a strange colored wolf heading towards the lake."

"What do you mean strange color?" "Like reddish/orange." "Leave it, I will take care of it." "Yes Alpha."* I link Mackenzie.

"Go to Keska's room and get her some clothes, she is at the lake and will need them." "Yes Alpha." I close the link. I

leave the office and head out of the pack house. I strip and shift into Helios, He is huge, he stands head and shoulders

above all of the other wolves in the pack. He is black with a white diamond shape on his forehead. I head to the lake.

KESKA: I hear the sound of paws hitting the ground and I know someone is coming, I head to the tree line, and shift back,

I climb the nearest tree to me and stay out of sight of whoever is coming. I see Helios enter the clearing, he is looking

around and sniffing the ground and the air, he is looking for me, great now what did I do. *Corla, Keska come out

please."* I hear in my head. I climb back down and shift back into Corla, I was not in the mood to let father see me

without clothes, even though it is natural for us as wolves. If he was going to scold me again I wasn't going to take it

standing in front of him naked. Helios came over and nuzzled Corla and kissed her. We were both shocked to say the

least, and I think it showed, because he whined like we had hurt him. *{"Sorry father, I did not mean to hurt you, or upset

you."}* Corla says to him. He just nuzzles her, and kissed her again, this time she bows her head to him. He sits down next

to her. *{"No, my pup it is I who need to apologize to you. I did not make my human pay attention enough and that is

what got us to where we are, and for that I am sorry. I will endeavor to do better, make him pay attention."}* he tells her. *

{“It will not matter as much with Jessie gone, there will be less drama, and less of an issue of getting Keska in trouble.”}*

She tells him. We hear footsteps behind us, we both turn to see who is there. We see Mackie, Trever, and Dutch. “I

brought clothes.” Mackie says a little hesitantly, seeing Helios with Corla. Even the prince stops short. Helios is very

impressive, even to the Lycan prince. He stands and walks towards Mackie; they get to see just how tall he does stand,

and she bows her head and offers her neck to him. **“Go give her, her clothes so she can change.”** He says through the

mind link. Then he just stares at the guys with an eyebrow raised. “Umm yeah right.” They both turn around and Mackie

comes over to me with my clothes. I shift quickly and get dressed. “I’m dressed.” I call out. And the three of them turn

back to me. Helios comes over and nuzzles me just as he did Corla, it’s been a long time since he has done that, and it

makes me cry, I was ugly crying and I hated it, if he had scolded me again I could have handled it, but he didn’t and I

didn’t know how to handle that, and Helios just keeps kissing my tears away. “I’m sorry, I didn’t mean to put him in

danger, I’m just so used to coming and going without anyone caring that I did, I didn’t think.” I said to him. “And then

you didn’t punish me, you confused me. I didn’t know what to do.” I just cried and buried my face in his fur. I felt a wet

spot on my shoulder, and I looked up to see he was crying too. I just hug him, with my face buried in his chest and my

arms around his neck.

TREVER: I hate seeing her crying like that. I just want to go hold her, rock her, comfort her, but I also know that her father

did this, he is hurting just as much as she is, maybe even more than she is right now, because he knows that he is at fault.

Regardless, it doesn't change the fact that it is killing me not to be close to her to hold her to help her, to ease her pain. I

am also very much aware that his wolf is larger than an ordinary Alpha wolf. I link my brothers. *
"What do we know about

the Sutter line?" "What do you mean?" "Well, I am at the lake right now and the Alpha wolf is here, and he is no ordinary

Alpha wolf, he would come up to above my waist in beast form."* I tell them. *
"We will have to look into it when we get

home."* Berrett says. I take a chance and approach them slowly. Alpha lets out a low growl at me, "I do not want to take

her away, I just need to be near her to help ease her pain, I can feel it through the bond, and it hurts me as well." I say to

him. He in turn just watches me as I approach her from behind, I sit down cross legged behind her and just rub light

circles on her back to help to ease her. After about another 15 minutes she starts to calm down.

KESKA: After my bout of crying, I wipe my eyes, and I look at Helios "I do love you." I tell him. He licks my whole face

after I tell him that. "I need father to hear me." I tell him. "I am here Keska." I get the link from him. "I want you to let

Jessie out of the cells." I tell him. "That's not going to teach her anything, and enforces the fact that she can get away

with the stunts she's pulled." "Let her out, I will go to the cabin, so she doesn't have the chance to see me, and not be an

issue. She will continue to pull stunts if I am around, she hates me, why I don't know, that is her problem to deal with,

once her mate claims her she can leave, and I will come back to the house after she is gone." "Are you sure that is what

you truly want?" "Yes, as long as Mackie, Trever, and Dutch are able to be with me." "Don't you think you should ask

them if that is what they want to do.” He sends back to me. I turn my head and look at them sitting there waiting on us.

“Trever, Dutch, Mackie would you guys want to go to the cabin for the next 2-3 days?” I asked them. “I’m down for it.” Mackie says with a grin. I see the guy’s eye glaze over, so I know that they are linking back and forth to each other, and

maybe Trever’s brothers. “You two will have to be around the house and grounds during the day so that y

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TREVER: I am happy now that she has calmed down and is no longer crying. She sits back on my lap while she is linking

with her father, I just wait, I am not going to rush them, as I know something important is happening right now, and I am

not going to mess up the moment. After she asked her question of us wanting to go to the cabin with her, I was ecstatic,

a chance to be alone with just them! Yes please, but I also know that I would have to let my brothers know what we were

planning. I link Barrett. *‘‘I am going to spend the nights at the cabin in the woods with Keska and I will come back

during the day and be seen around the house and pack grounds.’’ ‘‘You know that you need to wait to mate with her.’’*

Barrett sends back. *‘‘I know, but I have a feeling that this has something to do with her sister, and she doesn’t want to

be around her. I still don’t have all the pieces yet to her story, so I think that this would be a good way to get her to open

up to me. I will tell you this, as long as you only let Trent know, She has her wolf, and she is a hybrid.” “What? Isn’t she

too young to have her wolf?”* He sends back. *’It’s part of her story, and I think once I hear the whole thing I may just want to kill something or someone.” “You will not be killing anyone, but if you think it will help her then I don’t care if

you stay with her, just remember NO MATING!” “I got it, I got it.”* I link Dutch. *’What do you say?” “I say hell yes.” “I

just got reminded, NO MATING.”* I send him. *’I know.”* He sends back. “Alpha, I would love to stay with her, and I give

you my word, on my family honor NO MATING. Besides, I don’t want Lilly’s wrath directed at me.” I say with a straight

face. “I know what that woman is capable of, and I don’t want it pointed in my direction, not to mention her cousin Marsh, he would beat me bloody.” Keska just turns to look at me. “Nana wouldn’t hurt you.” She says. “Yes she would

beautiful, if she thought that I or anyone else was hurting you, she would go full on warrior mode, and because she

knows how to take one of us down, NO THANK YOU.” I say again with a straight face and Dutch nods in agreement. She

just smiles at me. I love the way her face lights up when she smiles, it’s like her whole demeanor lights up from within,

like the sun shines through her.

DRAKE: I link Keska. *’It’s past lunch, and none of you have eaten anything since breakfast, it’s time we head back, so

you can eat something before we have a discussion about the cabin and Jessie, I am not saying no, but we do need to

talk about it all.”* I say to her as I seen her mood start to change. “Father says we need to head back.” She tells the

group. They all stand up and head back towards the pack house. I link James on the way back in. *’Keska has changed

things on us, meet us in my office in 20 minutes.” “Is it ok if I bring Janica? If it has something to do with Jessie she

should know.”* He tells me, and it makes sense as she will be the next luna. *”Yes, and tell your mother as well.” “Ok.”* I

close the link.

JAMES: After getting the link from dad I head over to mom’s office, as I know that Janica has started her luna training. I

knock and wait for mom to answer. “Come.” She call out. I enter and kiss her cheek and go kiss my mate. “I just got a link

from dad, he wants us to meet in his office in about 15-20 minutes, He is with Keska right now, and this meeting pertains

to the Jessie issue.” I tell them. “Oh, goddess what now? Has Jessie done something again?” Mom states. I just have a moment of clarity after that statement. “James, are you ok?” Janica asked me. “Yeah, I’m ok, it’s just that 3 months ago

she would have said that exact same thing about Keska, not Jessie.” I say, and even mom looks at me, with that same moment of clarity. She just shakes her head. “I don’t know whether Jessie has done anything or not, I just know that dad

said that Keska has changed things up on us. So, I am in the dark just as much as you.” I say.

JESSIE: I am watching the kitchen closely to make sure that Keska get that salad, but I didn’t see her at all during lunch,

where is she, she never misses helping with meals, and come to think of it I haven’t seen the youngest prince either. Well,

if they are mated then he will have to fight her off, after 4 days of that salad, and I will make sure she gets it with both

lunch and dinner in some capacity or other. She deserves it after making me have to spend all this time in the cells, the

little bitch.

DRAKE: When we get back to the pack house I shift back and get dressed. “The four of you go get something to eat.” I

tell them. “Kes when you are done, please come to my office.” I say to her. She nods to me and heads to the kitchen with

the others following close behind her.

KESKA: I go to the kitchen and Sarah is there working on the dinner menu. "Hello Sarah, is there anything left over from

lunch?" I asked her. "Yes plenty, come sit all of you." She tells us. I start helping get plates and cutlery out for everyone.

"What are you doing?" Sarah says to me. "Helping like I always do." I say to her. "Not today you don't." she says. "Why?

It's not my birthday that was a couple weeks ago, and it's not the holidays, we have several more months for those." I

say to her. "Just because I said so." She says to me. I don't argue with her, I just take me seat between Trever and Mackie.

A salad gets put down in front of me. Arugula, spinach, basil, asparagus, white truffle mushrooms, fried oysters,

pomegranate, and pumpkin seeds, dressed with a honey and balsamic vinaigrette. It looks amazing. "Sarah where are the

other's salads?" I ask her. "We didn't have salad for lunch." She says, "I thought that you had asked for it, it was in the

back fridge with your name on it." She says. "No, I didn't ask for a salad, but it looks amazing." I say, "Well then go ahead

and eat it." She says. As she heats up the leftovers for the others. "Is there any of the smoothie left from this morning?" I

asked her. "You are funny Kes, I didn't make you a smoothie, I only do that when you have asked for it." She says. "But if

you want one, I will have one of the staff get it for you, just tell me what was in it." She says. "Strawberries, cherries,

bananas, figs, cinnamon, honey, in yogurt." I tick off to her. She puts one of the omega's on making me the smoothie.

The others get their meals, and we all eat in relative quiet, or at least as quiet as a busy kitchen can be. We finish eating,

rinse our dishes, and put them in the washer to be done with the prep dishes. And head out of the kitchen. I head

towards the stairs and go up to father's office. I knock and wait for him to call out to let me in. Trever followed me up. "I

am coming with you, the last time you had a meeting with him you were a mess for over an hour, not again, not on my watch." He tells me. I just si

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DRAKE: I can smell Keska, and Trever, I get it he is her mate, but seriously? "Come." I call out. Keska and Trever enter the

office. James, Janica, and Carla are already in attendance. "Umm what's going on?" she asked looking around at

everyone that was there. "We are going to discuss the Jessie issue, and what you said you want to have done." I say, "And

since your brother will be the next Alpha, Janica will be the next Luna, I felt that it was only right that be in on this

discussion as well." I say to her. "Does she know the details of the Jessie issue?" she asked me. "And not to mention that

Trever doesn't know everything, are you sure about this?" she asked. "Well, he is going to know sooner or later, and

Janica has a fair idea about Jessie, considering it was due to her that we actually got some of the information we got on

Jessie." I tell her. She just nods her head. She and Trever take seats on one of the couches. "Keska I want you to repeat

out loud what you said to me at the lake." I say. She takes a deep breath and lets it out slowly "I want Jessie released

from the cells." She says. "WHAT? WHY?" James asks. "Because it isn't teaching her anything anyway, and she will only

hate me more than she already does, keeping her in the cells isn't going to change her." She says. "She will try to pull

some stunt and blame you." James says. "Maybe, but she can't blame me if I'm not here." "And where would you be? If

not here?" Carla asked. "At the cabin that she was going to keep me in anyway." She says.

CARLA: "You can't stay there by yourself." I tell her. "I won't be by myself, Mackie already said she would come with me,

and so did Trever and Dutch." She says. "Mackie needs to ask her parents if she can stay." I tell her. She stays quiet after

that statement. "As for the prince and Dutch, they too need to understand the ramifications of being alone with someone

or some ones underage." I say to them. "I know my words seem harsh but you both need to know the seriousness of the

issues, if it were to get out, your reputations could be irreparably damaged, and that would not be good for the royal

house." I say. "What if we take Liam with us? He could be a chaperone." Trever speaks up to say. "Then there will be no

irrefutable evidence that something might have happened, and therefore keeping the reputation of the royal house clean

as well as Keska's." He says.

KESKA: I just want to scream at mom, she doesn't realize that she and father are not the only ones in this pack that

ignore their children. But I don't say a word. I can also feel the anger coming from Trever, but he is keeping his cool,

about everything. They are just such hypocrites. I just can't wrap my head around it. "If I may point out, that Jessie was

going to leave me there with not one but two males, by ourselves, she didn't care about my reputation or theirs, and I

probably would have ended up in a worst situation if that had gone the way Jessie had wanted it to go, at least this way I

am not going to be in harm's way, and I will also be out of Jessie's sight, and out of her mind, if there is nothing or no

one around to remind her that I am alive and well." I say, and I watch as they all shiver at what I just said. Not liking the

mental picture, I just painted for them. But I know how Jessie ****doesn't**** think things through, and that she wouldn't

have cared if they had raped me or not. I feel Trever wrap his arms protectively around me. I just rub circles on them to

calm him. I watch as James gets super pissed, along with Janica. Mom moves to go sit with father. They all know what wasn't said. \["Yes, that they would have been clueless, and wouldn't have even cared either."] Corla pipes up in my

head. \["Corla it's not fair to lump Janica in with the others, she wasn't here, she wasn't a part of it."] I tell her. \["Ok, so minus Janica."]]

TREVER: Goddess I am so pissed at them right now, I feel like I could shift and rip them all to shreds, if it weren't for

Keska's soft touch on my arms, I probably would do just that, Barrett be damned. I wish I could link with her. I wonder if

what she and Mackie did would allow for that to happen. I will have to look into it, because if it does she and I will be

doing the exact same thing. I hate not being able to link with her, short of doing what we can't do until she is 18 I don't

know of any other way. Speaking of links, I get one pushing in my head. I open it. ****Dude, what is going on? Mackinzie is**

pacing like crazy, like she is worried." "It's me, Kes is keeping me down, I feel like shifting and ripping through these

idiots, this conversation is about her sister Jessie, and some bullshit scheme she tried to pull, which could have got Keska

raped."* I send him. ****She is probably getting Keska's feelings and her antsiness, at trying to keep me down." "Trever, man you need to chill." "I'm trying, I really am, but these assholes are making it hard for me to do that."*** I send him.

JAMES: I know that both the males in question are still in the cells, and I just want to go down there and beat the living

daylight out of both of them, after what Keska just said, but I know I can't do that, and considering it was Jessie that

instigated the whole mess, and now Kes wants her out of the cells while she goes into hiding, it doesn't make any sense

to me. Janica moves closer to me as if reading my mind to wanting to go beat the crap out of Kirk and Rodney, she puts

her arms around me to help calm me. The way I'm feeling right now Wednesday can't come soon enough, I need to be

able to feel the bond like she can, take in her scent to sooth me.

KESKA: "Look, Jessie is not getting anything out of being in the cells, it's not going to humble her, it's not going to teach

her to be a better person, or learn to care about others, all it's going to do is make her resent me more, and while I could

care less what she thinks of me, do you all want her to hate all of you? Because that is what will happen if she stays in the

dungeon." "But this way you get to keep your hero stasis and your shining armor in tacked, I will be out of the picture,

and she won't have any clue about me, as long as no one says anything." "And I can stay alone if I have to, it's not like I

haven't done it a million times before." I say, not that I really want to remind them of how many times they left me

behind when they went on trips, but if the shoe fits, especially with mom. "You were here, there were people around."

"Not any that gave a crap about me, except for Mackie." "I don't want to argue with any of you, but I just think that this

is the best way to go forward, with the least amount of resistance from her, and you won't have to try to keep as tight a

reign on her." "And if need be, say that my mate found me and took me back to his pack to finish school, and live there,

until I am 18 and he can mark and mate me, and with the prince still being around she won't have any reason to suspect

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JANICA: "I know that I am new to all of this, but I think that Keska has a point. I have heard what Jessie dose to the

people that she thinks are against her, this way the rest of the ball can continue with the least amount of drama from her,

then on Wednesday she can leave, and Keska can come back to the house after she is gone with her mate." I say to them

to bring them back to the issue at hand and not go off on a tangent that has happened in the past that they all have to make up for.

JAMES: "Janica is right, and if it is what Keska wants, then who are we to say no, it was Keska that was wronged so it

should be up to her to decide what happens to them." "I may not like it, and I know that I have a lot to make up for

myself, but this is Keska's call to make." I say. "But I will say this little sister, the other two, stay put. They don't get a pass,

and no it's not because of the fact that they are not family, it's because of what you said, what they would have done to

you, the fact that they didn't tell someone what Jessie was planning, that they are mean, and not nice guys to begin with,

that is why they don't get a pass." I tell her.

DRAKE: "I can't argue the logic, I don't like it, but I can't argue it. Keska go pack what you will need, until Wednesday. I

can't send Liam with you, she will find that suspicious, but I will not keep Trever from coming and going as he wishes, but

you will have to make sure that you aren't followed when you go to her." I tell him. He nods his head. I link Mackie. "I

need you to go home and pack what you will need until Wednesday, you will be going with Keska to the hunting cabin."

"Yes Alpha." I close the link. "So now go pack." I tell her. I watch as she and Trever leave the office. "James, I am leaving it

to you to stock the cabin with the food that they will need. And just remember Jessie cannot catch wind of what is going

on." I tell him. "Yes dad." He answers. We all get up to leave the office.

JANICA: "James, I have an idea, I will go and pack some of the food." I tell him. "Ok." "You will have to go to the store to

get some of the proteins they will need, but some of the staples and dishes I will pack from the kitchen." I tell him. "Let's

get to it then." He says. I enter the kitchen. "Sarah I am going to pack up some of the leftovers from the last few meals

and some dishes." I say to her. "Ok." She says.

JESSIE: I see Janica in the kitchen packing food in containers and packing up some dishes. "What are you doing?" I asked

her. "James told me about that hunting cabin up by the North boarder, I want to go spend the nights there just us, until

the ball is over, to many people around, with all the other packs here, and I am packing us some food." She tells me. "Oh,

umm, the windows are stuck and don't open." I tell her. "That's ok, that way no one will hear me scream his name when

he takes me hard." She says. "Ok TMI I don't need to hear about my brothers sex life." I say. She smiles, "You asked, if

you didn't want to know, you shouldn't have asked." She says with a bit of a chuckle. I shake my head and walk away

from her.

JANICA: That was interesting, but I will have to tell James, that we will need to find a place to stay over the next few

nights that she won't notice, or raise her suspicions. James comes into the kitchen a few minutes later, I feed him a

vegetable stick, with a "Sshh" sign attached to it, I can't be sure that she isn't still lurking somewhere. He nods as he

takes the vegetable stick from me. And we walk out and head to the garage where he has his SUV parked. We get in and

head towards the store. "Jessie came into the kitchen as I was packing thing up, we will need to find some place to spend

the nights, now until she leaves, I told her that we were going to spend the nights at the cabin up north, she said that the

windows were stuck and wouldn't open." I tell him. "That's interesting, how would she know that? Oh yeah that's right

she had them nailed shut when she had Keska kidnapped." He says sarcastically. "Well hopefully she won't go snooping,

after my comment about us spending the nights up there, I told her that the windows not opening was just fine, less

people to hear me scream your name when you take me hard." I tell him. He laughs hard at that. "What did she say?"

"TMI, she didn't need to hear about her brothers sex life." I tell him.

JAMES: Well, I think Janica's idea may work, telling Jessie that she and I will be at the cabin at least overnights, until the

ball ends was a good idea. I link Wyatt. *"Hey, do you think Janica, and I can crash in one of the extra rooms in the

gamma suite?" "Yeah man anytime, but what's up?" "If you meet us at the copes road, I will let you in on everything, but

dad can't know I told you, or he will skin me." "Sure thing, my lips are sealed. When do you want us there?" "In about 15

minutes." "Ok."* I close the link. "I told Wyatt to meet us at the copes road in 15 minutes, I hate not telling him, he needs

to be in on this stuff.” I say to Janica. “I agree, but I also know that your dad won’t like it, if he finds out.” “Wyatt is good

at keeping secrets.” I tell her. “That’s good to know.” She says with a grin. I wrinkle my nose at her words. After we finish

at the store, we head back towards the pack house, and I take the copes road and pick up Wyatt and Lexi. Then I head to

the hunting cabin. Once we get there we all start to unpack the food and put in the fridge and in the cupboards. “So, you

know that Dutch is your sister’s mate, right.” “Yeah I know.” “Well after Keska turned 16 she got her wolf.” “What?” I nod

my head. “Damn!” again I nod me head. “She wants Jessie out of the cells.” “What? Why?” “She says that it isn’t teaching

Jessie anything, and it’s only serving to make her hate us.” “I guess I get that, but how did Keska get her wolf?” “Well

after everything she’s been through, the rejections, and the stabbing, it brought her wolf out. She’s a hybrid, she has

papa’s elemental genes.” He gives a long low whistle. Again, I nod. “Ok then. But what’s up with the cabin, and the two

of you staying with us?” he asked. “It’s to keep Jessie off balance, Keska and Mackie will be here until Wednesday, when

hopefully Jessie’s mate will come forward to claim her, then they can leave the next day.” I tell him. “Yeah but you’d think

that she wouldn’t want anything to do with this place after what Jessie did.” He says. “I know, and I would agree with

you, but she asked dad to have the place, she wants to turn it into a vacation spot.” “Well, that’s one way to turn a

negative incident into a positive outcome. Wish we would have thought of that.” “Lexi, I know that you are hearing a lot

of this for the first time, and probably have questions, I also know that some of what you heard sounds bad, I won’t deny

it, and I won't defend it either, I was not the best person and neither was Wyatt, we both have a lot to make up for where

our siblings are concerned, but I can promise you that going forward we both will, and are endeavoring to do better by

them and the pack." I tell Wyatt's mate. She nods. "Every pack has its secrets, but as long as the ranked wolves do their

best and have the pack's best interest at heart, that is all that any of us can do." She says. I nod at her words. "We need

to get back." I say and we all pile back into the SUV. And head back to the pack house.

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TREVER: After the meeting in her dad's office, I take Keska with me, to go find Dutch and then to find my brothers. We

find Dutch and Mackie out front of the pack house, headed in the direction of Lilly's place. "We need to talk." I tell Dutch.

"And I need to see if my brothers have any ideas for me, after I tell them what I plan on doing." I say. "What are you

planning on doing.?" I take a hold of Keska's hand and Mackie's hand and turn their palms up so he can see the scars

they both have. "This." I say and point to the scars. I watch as the girls look at each other shocked. "Trevor, this can't be

undone." Keska says. "I know." I say to her, but I want to be able to link with you, and if this will allow that to happen, I

am willing to do it." I tell her. Dutch nods his head in agreement. "But what if it makes it where you can't link with your

brothers or your pack anymore?" "Sshh, princess, not here, wait till we get to your Nana's house, she too may have some

ideas, or thoughts on the situation." I say to her. "I just don't want anyone getting in trouble because of me." She says.

"Don't worry about it, no one will be getting into trouble because of you." I say as we reach Lilly's home. I link with both

my brothers. *"Barrett, Trent, I need you to please come to Lilly's place, I need to talk with you." "Do we bring our mates?"* Trent asked, *"That's fine I don't care as long as they can keep what we discuss to themselves."* I send back.

"We'll be there in 5." Is the answer I get. "Kes, let Lilly know that we are going to invade her space. OK?" I watch as her

eyes glaze over. "She'll be waiting for us." She says. "You might as well get Liam in on this as well." I tell her. She nods her

head, and I watch again as her eyes glaze over. "Done." She tells me. We all continue to Lilly's place.

LIAM: I was just hanging out in the game room playing a game of pool with the twins from Cold Moon Pack, they are

Star's mates, and they don't mind taking Star and me on against the two of them, we were just finishing the game when I

get the link from Kes. *"Hey, are you busy?" "Just finishing a game of pool with Star, Blake, and Blane. Why?" "When you

finish come to Nana's." "Ok."* She closes the link. "Everything ok?" Star asked me. "Yeah, everything is good, Kes just wants me to go to Nana's." I tell her. "How is she doing, I really haven't had much time to catch up with her." "She is

good, she is all healed. Probably just wants to run the obstacle course." I tell her. "What happened to Kes that she had to

heal from?" the twins asked. "Oh, umm, I will let Star tell you, but what she does tell you has to stay with you. Please

don't go blabbing, I don't want dad, mom, Jessie, or Kes mad at me." I say, "Better yet let me link her and ask her, ok?"

"Of course." I link Kes back. *"Kes, Star and the twins want to come, and I may have let it slip about you being healed, the

twins didn't know, it was more for Star, I'm sorry." "Hey, there is nothing for you to be sorry for, ok, Star is part of the

ranked wolves, she knew what happened to me, and I am sure the twins will keep quiet about everything, I don't think

they are Jessie fans anyway."* She sends back. "Let's go." Is all I say.

KESKA: "Liam is coming with Star and the Cold Moon twins." I inform everyone with me. "Are they trustworthy?" Dutch

asked and "How much do they know?" is what I get from Trever. "Yes, they are trustworthy, and none of them know

about Corla, and as they will be leaving when the Ball is over there is no need for them to know about her, Star does

know that I was stabbed, but this will be news for the twins." I tell them. I hear a deep growl from Trever. "Hey, hey you

knew about that." I say as I take a step closer to Trever so he can take in my sent and calm down. "Take a breath, I'm ok,

I'm here." I say to him. As I take that step closer to him, he reaches out and pulls me into his arms, buries his nose in my

neck and takes a deep breath, then he kisses my neck making me shiver. "Mine." I hear his beast growl. "Yes yours." I say

softly. I look at Dutch, I know that you are going to have questions after hearing that, but let's wait for the others." I say.

BARRETT: After getting that link from Trever, I walk out into the common space of our suit. "Trent?" "Yeah coming."

"Alisha, Rachell?" "Yes, we are here." They all come into the living area as well. "We are going to head over to Lilly's

home, there is going to be some very delicate information discussed, so please be respectful when it is asked to keep it

under wraps. I know that we would never use what we learn but it will be asked of us none the less, don't take it as a

personal offense." I tell them. They all just nod at me. We head out. When we get downstairs and out the front door we

run into Liam, and a few others that I am unfamiliar with. "Liam, heading to Lilly's?"
"Yeah, hey, this is Star, she is the

beta's daughter, and these are her mates the Cold Moon Pack twins Blake and Blane."
He introduces them. "Hello, I am

Barrett, my brother Trent, and our mates Alisha, and Rachell." I introduce us to them.
We fall in with them and head to

Lilly's place.

LIAM: "Nana, Kes, we're here." I call out as we make our way to the side gate. "Come
on back." Nana calls out. And we

head into the back yard.

KESKA: I watch as Liam, Trever's brothers, their mates Star, and her mates come
through the gate into the back yard. "Hey

everyone, have all the introductions been made?" I asked. "All except for Dutch and
Trever." Liam says. So, I go through

just to make sure that everyone knows everyone's name, or at least hears it once, if
they don't remember it later, they

can ask. "I will start with Dutch and Trever then." I say pointing at them in turn, "This is
Star, she is beta Gregg's daughter,

and now Luna to be of Cold Moon Pack, her mates, Blake and Blane." I introduce them.
"Star, Blake, Blane this is gamma

born Dutch Winters, the princes Barrett, Trent, Trever Kingston, their mates Alpha born
Alisha Marsden of Dark Moon

Pack, and alpha born Rachell Grey of Burning Ember Pack." I point to everyone in turn
as I introduce them. Alisha raises

her hand. I turn to look at her. "You don't have to raise your hand, Alisha; we aren't in
school here." I say to her. "I know,

but you forgot yourself," and then she pointed to Mackie and Liam "and them." she says
with a chuckle. "Sorry, I'm not

used to being the center of attention, and as pretty much most everyone knows who I
am I forget about that." I point to Mackie "This my best friend gamma born Mackenzie
Dawson, of Blue Crescent Pack, this is alpha born Liam Sutter of Blue

Cresent Pack, and I am alpha born Keska Sutter of Blue Cresent Pack.” I leave out the fact that Mackie and I are mates to Dutch and Trever, if they want it known they can give that information out. Aft

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TREVER: Once Kes gets done with the introduction, it did not escape my notice that she didn't introduce us as mates. I

know why, so I'm not upset with her, just the situation, and I am going to rectify it. "What Kes left out of the introductions

is the fact that she and Mackenzie are mated to me and Dutch, we are both 18 and we know they are our mates, but as

they are not 18 yet they cannot feel the bond." I tell the group. And get a death glare from Barrett. "Yes, Barrett I know,

but Kes says they are trustworthy, so I am going to trust her word here." I say to my brother. "I am the one that asked to

have a meeting, I was not expecting extras, but I am thinking since she said you are trustworthy, it may not be such a bad

idea, the more minds on this the better." I say. "What's up little brother?" Trent asked. "I want a way to be able to link

with Kes. I know I can't mark her yet, so that is out, but she and Mackie have made a blood oath to each other, and I am

thinking of doing that with her, in order to be able to link with her, but we don't know what the ramifications might be." I

stated. I noticed Star look at Kes. "I didn't know you did that." She states. "No one knows Star, except for Liam, and now

all of you, Nana, and one other person.” She says softly. “How is that possible?” One of the twins asked. “What part?” she

asked back. “The fact that you were able to do it without anyone knowing about it?” he says. “That part was easy, no one

pays attention to us, plus we are in the same pack, so, we both still answer to father, but she answers to me first, but she

knows that if father tells her she has to do something she does it, and I would never take advantage of telling her to go

against father, we don’t have a death wish.” She says. “So, what’s the issue?” Barrett asked. “Just that we don’t know

what would happen, I am not in the same pack, so we don’t know what that would be like, or if it would even work.” I

say. “I don’t see what the issue would be, I mean wouldn’t be like being inducted into a pack? Let’s face it when we get

home, we are going to have to induct all the new mates into our pack, so why wouldn’t it be the same?” “Exactly, but

there in is some of the problem, once you induct them, they are no longer part of their old pack, I don’t want to get

them into trouble, and I don’t want the Alpha to be able to know what we did.” “If they are going to do that, so am I.”

Liam pipes up. I know this has been a sore spot for him. “Keska, what exactly did you do, and how did you do it?” Rachell

asked. “We did like in the human world, when they say they are blood brothers, or sisters, we cut our hands and held

them together for about maybe 2-3 minutes.” She answers her. “Did you say anything?” she asked again. “Just that I

always promise to have her back and she mine.” She answers again. “I may just have an idea, I don’t know if it will work,

but there’s no way to know unless we try.” Rachell says. “What’s your idea?” I asked her. “Because right now I’m about to

try anything and everything.” “Calm down Trever.” Barrett says. “You can still mark her, without the matting mark.” Alisha

says We all turn in her direction. “What do you mean?” “Please hear me out, we have some incredibly old texts in our

pack, they date back to before our pack was a pack, and we have been there for almost 100 years. But anyway, I was

doing a paper for school when I came across them. If you bite her, not on her marking spot, but say on the soft part of

her arm, she still carries your mark, but you haven’t marked her as your mate. It was done as a way to be able to

communicate between several packs that were going to go to war against a common enemy of all the packs, each head

warrior and each Alpha carried several marks, if I remember the text right, they were doing a coordinated strike from all

sides at once and need to be able to communicate the plans to each other, without blending the packs.” She says. “I

didn’t know that could happen.” I say. “I don’t think many do, and I don’t know if it last forever, or just until the wound

heals over completely naturally, I mean without your wolf’s healing ability that is.” She says. “And it’s not like you have a wolf.” She says to Kes. And Kes just smiles at her in response. “Why not, I already have scars that won’t go away.” Kes

replies. “What?” I hear coming from my brothers.

TREVER: Kes pulls her short sleeve up and shows her scars from when her other grandmother grabbed her. We all hear an

extremely low but menacing growl coming from the back porch. We all look in the direction and see Lilly standing there, with her eyes flashing. OUCH, we all just sort of freeze. “It’s ok Cinder, she will never be able to hurt me again.” Keska is

quick to go to Lilly and speak softly to her wolf. “And you say she wouldn’t hurt me.” I say out loud, earning Cinder’s

scrutiny, and draw some looks from the others. “What are you talking about?” Trent asked. “During the discussion in the

Alpha's office, Keska made the comment that Lilly wouldn't hurt me, I told her yes she would if she thought that I or

anyone else was hurting her." I said. "This just proves it." I say nodding in the direction of Lilly and Kes. "What happened

to your arm Keska?" Barrett asked her. "Amanda Sutter, and if she values her life she will stay away from my grand pup."

That was not Lilly's voice we hear. Liam just starts to laugh. "Yes Cinder, she will not get the chance to do it again." Keska

says. And Lilly nuzzles her. "I am sorry Cinder; I did not mean to bring up bad memories." I say to her. She just turns her

head to look at me with her bright green eyes that seem like they almost glow from within. Then she turns to Liam.

"What are you laughing for?" Cinder asked him. "I know, Nana, but that was funny, I just wish you had kicked her ass that

day." Liam says. "You found that funny, did you?" she asked him with a glint in her eye. I have a feeling Liam is going to

get a lesson from his grandmother and I am staying out of it. "Do you think Kes thought it was funny? When she had

blood running down her arm because that bi.tch used her wolf's claws and wouldn't let go of her? You need to learn to

be respectful pup. Go run that course NOW!" she growls at Liam. I watch as he gets up and heads to the course and

others move out of the way so he can run the course. "Cinder, can we have Lilly back please?" I ask her very politely. She

turns control back over to Lilly. "I don't know how much you got to hear, but if I mark her some other place other than to mate her, will we be able to link with each other? Do you know?" I asked her. "I would have to read those texts to fully

understand what they did and what they were wanting to accomplish. But I don't see a reason not to try it if all you are

looking to do is be able to link with her." She says. "Nana would that work with Jessie as well?" Keska asked, "I really

don't know about that dear, it might short term, but the only way to repair the familia bond is by redoing the blood

bond." Lilly says. "I am going to mark her, and I am going to do it here in front everyone present so no one can try to

claim that I marked her in secret, and all the problems that will cause." I say and I step up next to Keska. "How about

hiding those scars, with one that means something?" I asked her. "Are you sure about this Trever?" she asked quietly. "I

have never been more sure of anything in my life, but I would still do this as well." I say as I run my thumb over the scar

at the base of her thumb

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I watched as we were driving away to go park 110

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LIAM: "I heard that." I call from the middle of running the course. "I still say if he does it so do I." I call out. I am not

going to be left out of it. I am going to help protect my sister. I hate the way that mom and dad have ignored her for so

long. I just hope that wherever Jessie ends up that she will be better there than has been here.

LILLY: "Trever, you can't do the blood oath right now, you will have to wait until she is 18, or they will know that

something happened, as either you will not be able to link your pack, or she will not be able to link us anymore, it is only

because they are of the same pack that it worked for them, and it will work for Liam as well if it is what they both want." I

tell him. "See, even Nana says it would be ok." Liam calls out from his second go around on the course. I swear that boy,

still being cheeky even when being disciplined. I just shake my head. "Then I will settle for marking her the other way, but

either way I am going to be able to link with her." He says with determination.

BARRETT: "Miss Lilly, may we meet Cinder?" I asked her, I have been curious to meet her, especially with the Marsh talks

about her. "Why would you want to meet her?" she asked with a hint of curiosity to her voice. "It's just the Marsh talks

about you all the time, I sometimes think he may be a bit scared, or enamored, not sure which." I tell her. And she laughs

a good hearty laugh. "Or maybe both." She says. She walks to the side of the house and when she comes back, she has

shifted into her wolf. She is magnificent, she is black, white, and tan, with a black outline of what looks like an ember on

her left flank that is tannish in color, and she has the brightest green eyes I have ever seen on a wolf. "You have the

ember birth mark." Rachell says. She just nod her head. She turns and walks over to Keska and nuzzles her. "Can I be

done now Nana?" Liam calls out. Cinder just let out a yip at him and he comes back over to join the rest of us. "Are you

still able to run the course in wolf form?" Trent asked? And to answer him she just took off at a dead run right at the

course and ran it with ease, and was back to us in less time than the girls would have run it in. "Wow. No wonder Marsh

talks about you the way he does." I say. She just nods her head. With all of us sitting around admiring Cinder Trever took

the opportunity under the watchful eye of Cinder to bite Keska's shoulder and lick the wound close.

BLAKE: "I remember hearing about that battel between the packs, but I never heard about the marking part of it." I say

out loud. "What do you remember?" Rachell asked. "That there were 4 packs going against 1, but that one was bad,

almost evil." "Do you remember what pack it was? Or what happened to cause the war to happen?" My mate asked. "I

remember that the pack was Stone Claw." Before I could finish what, I was going to say Keska interrupts me. "Wait, do say

anything else please, I think alpha Camron need to hear what you have to say." She tell me. "Ok." I say and watch as she

pulls out her phone and makes a call.

CAMRON: My phone is vibrating in my pocket, and I take it out, check the ID, and see that Keska is calling me. I look

around to see where everyone is around me, and decide to step away to take her call, and I pull my Mate with me. "Hello

Keska, how may I help you this time?" I answer my phone with a slight chuckle in my voice. "You know your new pack

member, and where she is from, well there is some history that I think you may need to hear on their pack." I hear her say

in a very business type voice. "Ok, where are you?" "Nana's" "We will be there in 5 minutes." I tell her and hang

up. "Problems?" Cortney, my mate asked me. "Not at the moment, but there could potentially be later." I tell her. "You wanted to meet Keska, well now you get the chance, and her famous grandmother, at least according to Chase my driver

and guard." I tell her. I see the smirk on her face with the reference to Chase. "Well let's go then." She says. I get Chase's

attention. "We are going to Lilly's." I say, and his eyes light up like a kid in a candy store. I just shake my head at him, but we head to Lilly's house. As we approach the side gate I call out. "Keska I'm here with my mate and Chase." "We are in

the back yard." She calls back. And Chase leads the way to the side gate, and we enter the back yard and see all three

princes their mates the Cold Moon twins and their mate, Dutch, Mackie, Keska, Liam, and a wolf I have never seen before,

and Stephen. The wolf is sitting next to Keska. "Hello everyone, I am Camron alpha of Harvest Moon, this is my mate

Cortney from Black Waters, and my guard and driver Chase. I make the introductions on my side.

BARRETT: "Nice to meet you alpha Camron, luna Cortney, Chase. I am Prince Barrett, Heir to the throne of the Golden Sun

Pack, my mate alpha born Alisha from Dark Moon Pack, my brothers Trent, Trever, their mates alpha born Rachell from

Burning Ember Pack, you already know Keska, royal 3rd born Gamma Dutch his mate Mackinzie from here, and of course

Liam, also from Blue Crescent. I make the introductions for us. He shakes hands with each of us in turn as I make the

introductions.

BLAKE: I make the introductions for us. "I am Blake, first alpha born, Cold Moon Pack, my twin Blane, our mate Beta born

Star from here. He shakes hands with us as I make the introductions.

CAMRON: "Nice to make your acquaintances, some of you I have met before, but I know my mate has not had the

opportunity to meet you yet, so thank you for the formal introductions." I say after everyone was introduced. "I am

assuming the wolf is Lilly?" "Yes, this is Cinder, she is Nana Lilly's wolf." Keska introduces her. "Hello Cinder." I say. She

nods her head in my direction and then goes and starts to stalk Chase playfully. I just have to chuckle at that. "So now

that all the introductions are done, what's the topic up for discussion?" I asked, "Stone Claw." Keska says. "Okay...?" I

draw it out with a bit of a question in my voice.

KESKA: I look to the twins and Star, "I know that you don't owe me any allegiance, but I still would ask that what I say

stays here with us.” I ask them. All three nod in my direction. “The others know this already, as they were part of the

original incident. There was a she-wolf that was close to pack territory, not on it but close to it, she was in trouble, we

heard the fighting when we were on our way to our Aikido lessons at the dojo.” I say as I point to the princes, Dutch, and

their mates. “Prince Barrett, Prince Trent, and Alpha Rachell went to investigate the fighting, they saved the she-wolf and

her pup.” “But long story short, that she-wolf is mated to one of alpha Camron’s warriors, she is from Stone Claw, and her

story is not a good one. I will not repeat it, for it is not mine to do so, and I doubt that she would appreciate it. But as I

know everyone here for the most part, I know that none of you would tolerate what happened to her in that pack, she

lost a good friend yesterday as he was trying to help protect her and they killed him, please don’t ask the obvious

question, as I do not know the answer to it. I just know that they were not rouges. But in turn the princes and Rachell

dispatched the ones that had killed her friend. I gave her sanctuary in the old hunting cabin in the north woods.” I finish

telling the story. “So, since the topic is Stone Claw, even though it is past history I felt that alpha Camron should be aware

of it, as we all know history has a habit of repeating itself, and if we need to be on the same page for this, I would rather we start it now rather than later so to be ahead of the game so to speak.” I say.

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