

## A Pack of Their Own

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CAMRON: “**Why** do you **suspect she has** this poison/toxin?” I asked her. “I mate told me that **every** elemental has some form of a poison/toxin as a defense mechanism, no matter what shape they took. On top of whatever their natural form could or would afford them.” She tells me. I nod. “Does it make **us** immune to the ice or ash?” I asked her. “No, but with training she can control them, but the toxin from her bite, is a bit more complicated, and for that we will eventually need to go to my mates’ people.” I nod my understanding. “And she knows nothing about any of it does she?” “No, and it scares her.” “She trusts her **special** friend to guide her for now, that is why she did mark Trever, but also why she was a bit hesitant, she knows that she may have the toxin, but not sure if, when, or how it will affect people, or if it will happen with every bite, which is where her training will need **to** kick in.” Lilly says. “I will make sure to stop by, when we leave.” I tell her. And she nods.

ADRIAN: After I get my grandfather to his room, I return to the marquee to go in search of my mate, I need to check on her to make sure that she was ok, I know **that** Amanda’s death **wasn’t** going to affect her, per say, except in the shocking way that it happened. I just need to find her. I don’t spot her at first, so I link her. “Love, where are you? And are you ok?” “I am fine, I am on the opposite side of the entry door of the marquee, towards the back away from the speakers.” I close the link and head in her direction. I spot Lilly and Alpha Camron on my way to find Kina and make a detour in their direction. “Lilly, Alpha Camron, Luna Courtney, Stephen.” I greeted them. “Alpha Adrian, I must apologize to you, I am sorry for yours’s and your grandfather’s loss, but I am not sorry that it was me, I warned her, but she didn’t listen, and for that I am sorry.” Lilly tells me. “No need to apologize to me Lilly, I am **just** as sorry that you had to do what you did, all of us warned her to leave Kes alone, including grandfather.” “Yes, he did mention that.” “When was this?” “Oh, on our way back from the archery tournament, Amanda came up as a pointed topic of conversation. I did tell him that if she did not comply with the wishes of the princes, they would have the right to execute her on the spot, and I asked him if he was ready for that possibility.” Lilly stated. “I hope he does survive; I would hate to lose him.” I say to her. She nods at me. “Will you be leaving tomorrow?” she asked. “I am unsure, it will depend on Kina and grandfather.” I tell her. “How is Kina, with all the excitement surrounding Amanda’s death, I hope it didn’t set her back.” She says. “I don’t think it has, I was just on my way to go find her, when I caught sight of the

four of you.” I tell her. “Well, if she needs to have another treatment, don’t hesitate, I am more than happy to help.” She says. “Thank you, I will keep that in mind, but I must go find her.” I say and shake hands with both Camron and Courtney, nod at Stephen. Then leave to find my mate. I continue to walk towards the back of the marquee and to the opposite side that I entered. I finally spot her. “How are you doing love?” I asked her. “I am good, but I was really wanting to have some of that dessert, until Amanda spoiled it.” “Do you want me to see if there is any left anywhere?” I asked her. “Yes please Adrian, those cherries looked absolutely mouthwatering.” I get up and go back the way I came from, as I got closer to the kitchen side I spotted Kes, Mackie, the princes, Dutch, and their mates. “Hello your

highnesses, Dutch, Mackie.” “Adrian!” Keska throughs herself at me, and I catch her. “I am so! So sorry!” she says with tears in her eyes. “Hey! Sweetie, come on shh, it’s alright, you didn’t do anything wrong, it was all on Amanda, not you, you have nothing to apologize for.” “Oh goddess, Kina, is Kina ok?” “Yes Kina is just fine, but she is craving some of the dessert that kind of went to the wayside.” “Of course, I will see if Sarah has any left.” “No, I will go see if there is any left, you stay and enjoy the dance.” I tell her. “Do you know if you will be Heaving tomorrow?” “No sweets, it will depend on both Kina and grandfather.” I tell her. She nods and I head into the kitchen. I get one of the omegas to help with getting Kina her

dessert, and I head back to where she **is** sitting.

KESKA: For some reason I keep hearing splashes and giggling coming from the pool area. “I will be back.” I tell our group. And head towards the pool. “Hu un baby doll not without me.” Trever says. I just shake my head “come on.” I head to the Pool, to see what the heck is going on back there. When we get back there I see Chase, and he is lifting Demi up in his cupped hands to give her a boost, as she takes a dive. I just chuckle at the antics of them all. As another boy comes over to Chase for his turn to get tossed. “How did they talk you into playing in the pool.” I asked Chase. “It wasn’t that hard really, I needed to work through an adrenalin overload from what happened at dinner, so I decided to come hang out with these guys.” “Yes they can definitely work through an adrenalin spike.” I said. Knowing my little brother and sister. I look at Trever, “Want to join them?” I asked him. “In a bit, I want to dance with you some more, before we join them.” He says. “Ok.” “I will let Alpha Camron know that you volunteered to keep the younger ones company.” I tell Chase. “No need, if he needs me, he will link me.” He says. “Ok.” “Hey sis, what you doing back here, I thought you were at the dance.” Liam call out. “I was, but I kept hearing splashing and giggling coming from back here, so I came to investigate, to make sure everything was all copasetic.” I say to him. “Yep all’s good back here.” He says. I smile at him and nod. I turn and head back inside, with Trever right behind me. We rejoin our table. “What’s up?” Mackie asked. “I just kept hearing noises coming from the pool area, so I went to check it out, our younger siblings are having a pool party.” I tell her. She smiles.

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KESKA: I watch as **Trever goes** over to the DJ booth, he has a short **conversation** with the DJ and comes back to the table. "What did you talk to him about?" I asked him. "Don't worry you'll soon know." He **says**. I scowl **at** him. Then **the DJ says**, "we're going to slow **things** down a bit **and** give the mates another go on the floor, to snuggle." I just look at **Trever**. "What, don't look at me, I **didn't do** anything." **He says** while trying not to smile. I shake **my** head at him. The song starts and **Trever** pulls me onto the dance floor to "Lady." by **Styx**. Again, I **wrap my arms** around him, and we **sway** to the music. Then the music goes right into **Africa** by Toto and You Take My Breath Away by Rex Smith all, slow **songs**. And a crazy eclectic mix of songs, but I **knew** them all, **and** I think **that** was the **point**, he wanted to **dance** with me to what I **knew**. And we did. Mackie and Dutch were on the dance floor as well, but they danced **to** more than **we** did, as Mackie **knows** more of the **newer** stuff than I do. Then after the three slow songs, the DJ played Sleep when I'm dead by Bon Jovi, and I grabbed Trever as he was going to leave the floor **and** shook my head at **him** and **we danced** to Bon Jovi, and then Pour Some Sugar on Me by Def Leppard, this was **my** kind **of** stuff, this is what I knew, and **we danced** to it.

JAMES: I **was** enjoying the evening, after the whole Mimi fiasco. The dance was fun, but I just wanted it all to be over. There **was a** lot coming down the wire, Wyatt and I needed to finish our two months with Mr. Rickman, we still haven't heard back from the committee if Janica could join Alpha training with me or not, and now this possible war with Stone Claw, it just **feels** like there's a lot to do and not enough time for everything to get it done **in**, I guess part of that is because with war it doesn't happen on your time, it happens on the aggressors time, and they don't **care** if your ready or not, they would rather you not be ready, makes it easier for them. But we will be ready for them, every pack here will be training extra hard **and** trading warriors and trainers so that every pack can better defend themselves. Yes all of this was going through my mind, along with taking my mate up to my room and ravishing her thoroughly, but that couldn't happen yet, as this dance was in honor of mine and Jessie's 18th birthday, so I couldn't leave until late, closer to midnight. Right now, I am watching Kes and **Trever** dance, at least she will have peace now. "What's on your mind?" Janica asked. "A lot of stuff, but mainly Kes will have peace now." I say nodding in her direction **on the dance** floor. "Yes

her two worst adversaries are gone. I just feel bad for your grandfather, that he has to suffer the loss of his mate for it.” “Yeah, that is the worst part, Mimi never thought things through, just like Jessie, she never thought things through, to actually see the bigger picture, and how others around them would end up suffering, as long as they got what they wanted the **way** they wanted it.” “I am curious about why would Jessie want Kes kidnapped, I mean it really makes no sense.” “It did to Jessie, Kes was always helping out in the kitchen, just to stay away from Jessie, but she would have to be seen sometimes, as she would go between the kitchen and the marquee, Jessie didn’t want to see her at all, not even briefly, so the best way to make that happen, is make her disappear, I don’t think Jessie ever really wanted Kes dead, just gone.” I tell her. “Well now she’s the one that’s gone, and she **doesn’t** have to see Kes again.” She says. “Indeed.” I kiss her. And we go dance.

CAMRON: After several songs have played I do start to wonder where Chase got himself off to. “Chase where are *you?*” “In *the* pool, *with* the kids.” “*What?*” “Seems *that* Liam decided to **have** a pool party of his own, *while* the rest of the adults were *having* their party.” “Ok, have *fun.*” I close the link and just chuckle “Chase?” Courtney asked “Yes, he is in **the** pool with the kids, I guess Liam is having his own party.” Lilly laughs at that as well. “I guess that is one way to work off an adrenalin spike, Liam can do that.” Lilly says still smiling.

KESKA: After my 80’s fix, I link Mackie, “Liam is *having* a pool party, *I am* kind of *wanting* to go join *him*, and let the *others* have their *dance.*” “*I am with you, I am starting* to get a little uncomfortable, *they* are starting to *make* out in the corners.” “*Yup, with you.*” I close the link. I take Trever’s hand and start to lead him out of the marquee and back towards the pool. Once away from the noise of the marquee. “I would like to go join Liam in the pool.” I tell him with what I hope is a hopeful look on my face. He chuckles at me. “Of course, babe, we can go join them in the pool.” I look over and Mackie and Dutch are right with us, so we go change and go back to the pool. Chase is still there with them as well. “Hey guys can we join?” I asked. “you can always join Kes.” Liam says. I smile at him. We enjoy the rest of the night at the pool with them.

LIAM: “Hey Kes?” “What Liam.” “Do you think we could maybe start an archery class? I mean like have it in like gym class or maybe as an after-school activity?” “I think that would be an excellent idea Liam, but that would have to come from father, or maybe James, not from me, I’m not the one in charge.” “I know, but I just thought I would run it by you first to see **what** you thought about it. I mean that way we could have more help in a war, or when there is a rogue attack, and we (I use my hands to encompass some of the others in the group.) wouldn’t feel like we can’t do anything, **we** would be doing something to help, even if like **we** would be stationed at the safe areas, covering the people to help make sure they get in safe.” I tell her. “I think that would be great, but again you would have to talk to father.” She says. I nod at her. “I will bring it up to him on Friday, after everybody has left.” I say. She nods. At about 10:00 the rest of the kids have to leave, so we all end up getting out of the pool. I shoer off at the changing area and walk the rest of the kids out to the front of the Pack house and watch as they make

their way back to the orphanage, then I go up to my room and get in my PJ's and go to bed.

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**LISSA:** "Kes." "Yes Lissa." "**I just wanted to say sorry.**" "Sorry for **what?**" "**everything.**" "Lissa, you don't **have** to apologize, you didn't do anything wrong." "Yes I did, I was just as bad as **the** rest of the family." "**Hey,** it's ok, it's better that you recognize that fact and do better **going** forward." She tell me. I nod. "but still I needed **to** say it." "Thank you, Lissa, **just** saying it shows that you are better than both Mimi and Jessie put together." She **says.** and that makes me feel better. "Do you think **that** I could continue to train? Do you **think** dad will let me?" "**Ask** him, tell him that **you** want to." She **says,** I nod. "**I** will **ask** him maybe on Friday after everybody has left." She nods at me.

**KESKA:** **Trever** insisted that I sleep with him in their suite, as my bed wasn't big enough for the both of us. **I am** up at my **usual** time, and I head downstairs to help in the kitchen, I have been doing it for so long that it's now habit for me. But Sarah shews me out, "Jessie is no longer here, out with you, go join the family, we have this." "Yes Sarah." I head out to the marquee and find a table towards the front of **the space,** it had been transformed back into the buffet style service for today's breakfast and lunch, figuring that everybody would be going sometime between the two. When I see Father, **I linked** him. "Father, I know *that you* have been very *busy* with *the* possibility of a war and all, but *did you find* out if Mackie and I *could take* our *driver's test early?*"

"Yes Kes I *did* look into it, and the only way that you could do that is if **we** do a *special application* for what is deemed a farm license, and if we did that, you would not be able to drive after dark, or you were driving a tractor."  
"Ok thanks." "We will figure something out. I promise." "Thank you." I close the link. I must have had a dejected look on my face. "Hey, why so glum?" Mackie asked as she sat down next to me. "Father said that we couldn't get our license early, or well we wouldn't be able to drive after dark or **we** would have to be driving a tractor." I tell her. "Don't worry, **we'll** figure something out." She says to me. "That's what father said too." I tell her. I feel a push of a link, so I open it. "Kes, you will need to come here right after breakfast is **over**." I hear Nana's **voice** in my head. "Ok Nana." "Is everything **ok**?" Mackie asked. "Yeah, just Nana, she wants me there right after breakfast." I say, and

**she nods.**

CAMRON: After breakfast I go search out Lex, **as** he is the one that will be taking charge of Black Waters Pack due to the fact that both his older sisters are mated to alphas of their own Packs. I write down all my information for him so that he can have Courtney's thing packed up **and** shipped to her in my Pack. "Does she have a vehicle that we will need to come get?" I asked him. "she has a **car**, if she **wants it, we** can always put it on a trailer." I turn to my mate, "Do you **want** your car?" "Yes please." "Ok, we will get it to you." Lex says. "Thank you, congratulations, and good luck." I shake hands with him and then we head over to Lilly's.

KESKA: When I finished breakfast, I headed over to Nana's [Do you know what Nana wants Corla?] I asked her. [No, but if the Packs are really leaving, it could be that we are going to be nipping a few people today.] [Crap that's right, I forgot about that, with everything else that has happened.] I feel a push for a link, I open "Love where are you?" Trever sounded a bit panicked "I'm ok Trever, I am on my way to Nana's, I think that I will be nipping some people today, and I want to run the course, I have a bit of frustration to work out. "Frustration about what?" "Mackie and I can get our license early, so no driving yet." "Don't worry about it love, if it comes down to it, Dutch and I will take you to work and bring you home again." "I'm at Nana's we will talk more when I get back, or are you coming here?" "If you are going to run the course I am coming to you, I am going to get my brothers though, because I and they want to know more about the whole phasing and elemental hybrid issue." "Ok, I will let Nana know. Bye." "Bye." Trever closes the link, and I go knock on Nana's door

LILLY: "Come in Keska." I call out when I hear the knock. "I'm in the kitchen; I have to get the herbs ready for Camron." I tell her "What about Chase?" "Well, that would be up to Corla now wouldn't it?" "yeah I suppose it would." "is Uncle Carson going to be here, now would be a good time for him as well, with everyone pretty much going to be leaving." She asked. "I don't know, I haven't talked to him about it, and I know that Corla would want him immune." I say. "I will link him and ask." She says. I watch as her eyes glaze over. "He said he will be here shortly, and the princes are also coming, as they

want to know more about the phasing and the elemental aspect of me.” She says. “I can only tell them what it is that I know and that is not much.” “but it is more than what they know.” “true.” A knock comes, and Stephen answers the door. “Alpha Camron, Luna Courtney, Chase, please come in.” Keska and I leave the kitchen and walk down the hallway to the front room to greet them. “Hello Alpha, Luna, Chase.” I greet them and so does Kes. “Hello miss Lilly.” “Now, we need to know if Chase wants to be part of this, and if Luna Courtney wants to be a part of this as well.” Say to all of them. “I would like to understand a bit better before I make my choice.” Luna Courtney says. “Yes, I expect you would need to know more, as he had not found you at the time of his first introduction.” I say. I look at Kes and see that her eyes are glazed over. “We will have to wait a minute.” I say. “Chase **what** about you? You were here for the first introduction; do you want it or not?” I asked him specifically. “I have thought about it, I truly have, and even though I am honored by the offer, I will wait for the shot that will get made from him.” Chase says as he nods in the direction of his alpha.

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Chase **says** as he nods in the direction of his alpha. I nod back, understanding. I turn to see if Keska is ready, “What did Corla say?” “She does not mind, considering they are going back to their **Pack**” Then another knock comes, I answer it this time, and Carson is standing there, with Beta Calen. “Come in gentlemen, we were just discussing the immunity issue.” Carson and Calen step into the living room, and greet Camron, Courtney, and Chase. Then Carson gives Keska a hug. Then once again there comes a knock on the door. I answer it, and the princes and their mates, Dutch and Mackie are standing outside my door. “Looks like I have a full house, come in.” I say to them, and to Stephen “Please bring some of the chairs from the dining room in here so we can all be seated.” I notice that the princes’ pull their mates onto their laps, as does Dutch. Weil, that makes it a little less crowded. “Now to answer your question Luna, Kes is a very unique hybrid, I know this is the first time you are hearing this, and I know what you’re thinking, she is too young to have her wolf, but as you saw at dinner last night, Keska has had some very bad hardships that she has lived through, which has brought her wolf out early. My mate was a phase elemental, and Kes is the hybrid of his elemental side and wolf, she can control both fire and water, I don’t know if you caught what she did.” “Oh, I saw what she did, I was terrified for her, I thought that she was going to be burned.” Courtney says. “Yes. Well, she also has a poison toxin, as I was telling Camron last

night, if she only nips you, and with the proper medical attention and some of the proper herbs you will become immune to her particular toxin, but also those that would fall under the same heading/family as hers. Think of it in terms of like an antibiotic, penicillin and amoxicillin are in the same family." I say. "only this is a toxin." "I am immune, as my mate made sure of that when we mated long ago." I tell her. I watch her closely to judge her reaction to the information she just received. "Will I be very sick?" "I can't say for sure, each person is different, the Dr. here was sick for just 3 days, it started at around dinner time of the day she nipped him." "When my mate nipped me, I was down and out for a full week, I can't give you any more than that as she has not nipped anyone else yet." "I will do it, that way I to will be able to help the Pack better, as well as Camron." Courtney states. I nod. "Ok, I would like for you to keep me informed as to how long each of you are sick for." I say to them. "Who else are we going to have her nip today?" I asked the group. "I'm in." both Carson and Calen say. "I think that the Princesses should go first, then us." Barrett says. "Only because, we can help take care of them, and then they can do the same for us." He adds. "I can't nip Mackie yet, it will have to be after our shift at the restaurant, unless we can make sure she is better by the time we have to start." Kes says. "I can't guarantee anything sweetheart." I tell her. "Then I am not going to nip her yet." "Ok, we will let you settle into your Schule at the restaurant before **we** decide on Mackie." I say. "I will have to make up a couple more bundles of herbs, before we get this show on the road." I say. "Kes you might as well go shift so that you will be ready." I tell her. She gets up and heads outside. I go to the kitchen and finish up with getting the herbs ready for those that will need them.

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LILLY: It had been ages since I thought about the day I lost my mate It still hurts, but it's because of the kids that I kept going. "Alright Kes, we'll get the bags added, but this time you are going to **start** at the end and run it in reverse. So go get climbing that last high pole, while the princes' and Stephen get the bags added."ell her. "Yes Nana." I watch as she jumps the poles to the last one, and balances there until the princes and Stephen get the bags and swinging. Once that was done, I call "GO." And I **time** her. Making her run it in reverse forces her to have to climb the ropes on at **least** one end of the balance beam and makes her have to run the whole length of the beam, instead of her usual cutting it half. But even with the change up, she beat her old time by **45** seconds. "Anyone else want to run it?" I asked the group **as** a whole. They **all** took turns on it.

DRAKE: I was on the stairs heading down, **just** to take a break from the paperwork **that** seemed to never end lately, when I **caught** movement in Lilly's

backyard, which reminded me that I **was** going to get a **course** to incorporate into the **training**. I linked Mitchell “Mitch, we need to get an obstacle course set up and start training with it as soon **as** we can get it here.” “I will **start researching** which ones have the best ratings, and also **maybe** get ideas and we can build our own, **that** will **save** some money, especially after the ball, I know the finances took a hit.” “Yes, they have, good idea. Thanks.” “Welcome.” I close the link. And I **head** over to Lilly’s to actually **see** the one she has in her back yard.

**ADRIAN:** I was concerned about grandfather, **so** I went to check on him as I passed the stairs. I noticed movement in the **distance** and realized that I was looking at Lilly’s back yard, it reminded me that I wanted to incorporate an obstacle **course** in **our training**, **so as** I continue on to grandfather’s room, I called my Beta. The phone rang twice, and he picked up. “**Yes Alpha?**” “Heath, I want you to research obstacle **courses** and find us a good one, or things that we can make ourselves, I want the fighters working on it the minute we get it and get it up.” “**Yes Alpha.**” “Thanks.” And I hang **up**. and knock on grandfather’s door. “Come.” I had to use my wolf’s hearing to catch it, it was **so** weak. Grandfather was laying in the bed, he seemed **so** fragile; my heart went out to him. I know Amanda deserved everything that happened to her, but he didn’t. I just hope that his wolf will survive this. “Grandpa, how are **you?**” “I will be fine Adrian, it hurts, but it’s still fresh.” “I am sorry that you have to suffer because of what she did, I **wish** that I could figure something **out** so that you wouldn’t have to suffer so much.” I tell him. He **just** smiles at me. “I know you do, **son**, I know you **do**. **Don’t worry**, I plan on being here to see **my** great grandchild born.” He says. “Kina sends her love, she will be by a little later, the pup is being a bit restless for her.” I tell him. “Just **like** you were for your mom.” He chuckles. I smile back at him. “Is there anything I can get **you**, food, **tea**, something stronger?” He chuckles again, “I am good, go be with your mate.” He says. I nod and **leave** him rest.

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**JAMES:** I was going over all the things in my head that I had thought about last night at the dance, and there really was nothing that was in our control at the moment, the Alpha council, is my biggest wish, and concern at the moment, I think that Janica would do great at the training, alongside me, then we could and would make a better team for the Pack. I just worry about this war, I want to be here to help defend the pack if it comes down to it, but I won’t be able to do that if I’m at training. I don’t like that thought

at all.

DRAKE: I get to Lilly's in time to see Kes, it looks like she is halfway through her run. I just marvel at how well she works her way through it. I stand and watch the others as they take their turns running it. I wish I would have been here sooner, earlier in her training, I have missed so much with her. I am proud that she is our best archer, again I had no clue about the fact that she even did archery. After Mackie went through her run, I call out to Kes. "Kes, we have guests that are ready to leave, we need to see them off." I tell her. "Yes father." Goddess I was hoping we were past that. But I guess I still have to prove myself still.

KESKA: It was nice, with Jessie gone, and the ball over, the summer settled into a quiet routine, the Packs left between breakfast, and shortly after lunch, except Adrian he stayed a few extra days, to make sure Papa Sutter was ok to travel. I did visit him a few times, sat with him, read to him, I even apologized to him, because I felt bad that it was because of me that Amanda died. He scolded me for that. "It was Amanda's fault that Amanda is dead." He said to me. "Not yours." "Yes papa." Coros and Corla did run together, but they stayed close to the hunting cabin when they did. The princes' returned home as well taking their mates with them, again except for Trever and Dutch, they stayed with Mackie and me. The Friday after the ball Father got slammed with both Lissa and Liam's requests of starting an archery class, both in school and as an after-school activity, and letting the girls train more, or longer if they chose to do so. They were persistent, and father relented. The obstacle course got delivered and the guys got it set up for the fighters to start using right away, it was fun to watch them struggling with it at first. Mackie and I worked at the restaurant 3 days a week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Our Thursday and Fridays were 8 hours and Saturdays were 5. Dutch and Trever were there to drive with us, Mackie and I took turns doing the actual driving, but they were with us. The first week of August came, and we celebrated Mackie's 16 birthday. "What do you want to do for your birthday?" I asked her. "I doubt that mom and dad will do anything, I think I would like to spend it at the lake, just us, you, me, Dutch, Trever, and Liam. Just have a casual day, keep it low key, because the rest of this month is going to be crazy with Wyatt's 18th birthday and first shift, in the middle, and then both Demi and the twins' birthday's at the end, I just want it to be as low key as possible, we will be crazy busy for the rest of them, I don't want that for mine." "Ok, what do you want for your birthday?" I asked her. "I could use a new laptop, and I will pass the one I have on to you." "You know I can't work that thing." "It will be the perfect one for you to practice on, to get better with." "Ok, what else?" "I have an idea for a microchip that I want to try, so I need to go to a tech shop, somewhere, to get the raw material for it." "I have no clue about that, you might just have to go online to find that stuff." "Maybe, or I can just go into a robotics', drone store and buy the different things that I can cannibalize to get what need." "Ok, if you say so." She chuckles at me. "Mackie?" "Yeah?" "I want to go talk to someone at the bank, I think we could be putting our money to work for us." I tell her. "Ok, sure." We only had one paycheck behind us, but we still had everything from when we were doing Pack errands. "We need to make sure though that we can have access to the money, we never know what might come up." She says to me. "I know, I wasn't thinking all of it, maybe just \$5,000 of it, and we can put it into like a CD or something? I don't quite understand all of that stuff either, but that is why I have you, you are my math guru." I tell her. Again, she laughs.

We grab the guys and head out to the nearest mall, which is a 45–minute drive one way and is in the human town, to do some shopping for her birthday, as it is Monday.

LIAM: I know Mackie’s birthday is on Monday, I am making her a hair tie with my leather working and beads. I have been watching the adults, and none of them seem to realize that her birthday is coming either, like Kes, they ignore her. There are just sometimes I want to shout at them. But I don’t. I am trying to take a page from Kes’s book. In the end they will realize their mistake, and by then it will be too late. I just hope that James does better. It’s kind of funny in a way, everybody is focused on Wyatt’s birthday in two weeks, and some are **even** talking about Lissa, Demi, and my birthdays, ours’ and Demi’s are just days apart, so they usually have had one big party for the three of us. Well, this year I am going to ensure that people know that am making Mackie’s birthday present. Along with her hair tie and beads for that, I am also doing some burning on her quiver, I am doing a profile of Dutch’s Lycan on it, I snapped a picture of him, that I am using, for the burning. I hope she likes it.

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DUTCH: Monday **is** my girl’s birthday, I am starting to feel like Trever, when it come to this Pack. Well, I can honestly say that this will be the last time the girls get ignored on any occasion, especially their birthdays. We are heading into the human town to go birthday shopping, I have something very special in mind for her, I just have to find it, otherwise I will have it custom made for her. But I hope I can find what I want, I don’t want to, not have something concrete for her on her birthday. I don’t think I would be

able to survive the look of disappointment in her eyes if I didn’t have something for her.

MACKIE: When we got to the mall we headed over to the electronic store first, I checked out the newest and latest tech toys, let me be **clear**, not the computers, but the toys, robotics, drones and things of that nature, the chip component I was wanting would be a bit more of something like those not the computers, although I could make some of them work as well I would just have to do a bit more work to get the right configuration and modification. When we go to the computer store, I will ask if they have any old laptops, they might want to get rid of. I know why not use the one I got, because it is going to Kes, it will be the perfect thing to get her more confrontable with using computers. I just have to shake my head at her sometimes. I find the things I want, and we head over to the computer store. I brows the laptops, and I point out three, that way they have a few to choose from. I ask the salesperson about old laptops; they tell me that they have a few. “I will take the worst one you have.” “It barely comes on.” They say. “It’s ok, I plan on tearing it apart.” “It will be \$20.00” I pay them and take my old laptop. “Babe, come with me.” Dutch says. and he pulls me **away** from Kes and Trever.

Holding my hand, he guides me into a jewelry store. "Dutch what are you doing?" "I want to get you something special." He leads me over to where the charm necklaces are. "I want you to pick a chain, and a charm, or two." He tells me. "Dutch these are too expensive." I say to him. "Nothing is too expensive for my girl." He says to me. I am not going to argue with him, I know very little about jewelry, but I know that those flat type chains kink to easy, and I don't want that, I am not fond of those square type chains either. I find a chain that I like, its links, like small ovals, but they are more substantial, thicker, heavier than the other chains that they have. Then I see the wolf head charm in the case, I point at it, and there was a stylized D that also caught my eye, and I pointed at it as well. Dutch called the salesperson over, the girl just stared at him, she was practically drooling. "How may I help you?" she asked rather breathlessly "Do you have these in platinum?" He asked her. As he was pointing to the items, I pointed out to him, and not at her. "I am unsure, I will have to ask my manager if they come in platinum." She said. "Well please go ask." He said, finally looking up. "Oh my, has anyone ever told you, that you have beautiful eyes?" She said. I was livid, goddess I wanted to scratch her eyes out. "Excuse me?" Dutch says, "I am here to perches a birthday gift for my girlfriend, not find one. Please get your manager." I could tell he was not happy either. I step closer to him and place my hand on his arm to help clam him, but I honestly wanted to do bodily harm to her myself. She looked at me as I stepped up to him." "Girlfriends can change." She said. I smiled tightly "I believe he asked you to get your manager, please do so, or I will make you wish that we never walked into this store." I said to her. Still, she stood there, staring at Dutch. So, I raised my voice. "Hello! I would like to speak with a manager please!" I called out verry loudly. Gaining the stares from the other patrons in the store. I **even** went over to stand in front of one of their security cameras as I said it. I waited a few minutes, and I did it again. "I am a manager; how may I help you?" A middle-aged gentleman approached me. "Well for starters, you can discipline your employee, over there flirting with my boyfriend, we came in here to perches a birthday gift forme, he wants to know if what I want comes in platinum, and she shamelessly started to flirt with him, saying that girlfriends can change, now I know that is true, but that she is deliberately trying to steal someone else's boyfriend doesn't bode well for your store, especially if it gets out that she is doing it." I say to the manager.

DUTCH: I am so pissed right now I want to rip that girl's head off. But I know I can't, we are in the human town, not ours. If I knew that I could get what Mackie wanted somewhere else I would **leave** in a heartbeat, we still **just** may, if they don't carry what she picked out in platinum. I step away from the counter **so** that I am nowhere near the salesgirl. I look over and see Mackie speaking with a middle-aged gentleman, and I go over to her. "I am **very** sorry for the misunderstanding miss." **He** says to her. "Misunderstanding? No, there was no misunderstanding, I asked if your store carried a few items in platinum, she said she was unsure and would have to ask, so I asked her to please do **so**, and she shamelessly hit on me, right in front of my girlfriend. I do not appreciate it. So now, will you please tell me **if** you carry the wolf head, the stylized D., and the chain in platinum, if you don't we are leaving, and I will be sure to inform everyone I know not to come to this store unless they want to get laid." I said. "Please show me **the** exact pieces you are interested in." He says to me.

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DUTCH: I pointed to the case where the items were, but I was not going to back over to it with that salesgirl still standing there. “They are in that case, I will let my girl show them to you, I will not be ogled.” I tell the manager. Mackie and the Manager move back to the case where the pieces were on display, and Mackie pointed to the three things she wanted. “Yes we do have them in platinum.” He says, “but they are very expensive, they will run \$2800 00 dollars for the three pieces.” He says. “That is fine, I will take them. Please wrap them for me, and do not allow that woman to touch them.” I tell the manager. I step over to the register to pay for the items. I wait for the manager to step over with the items Mackie wanted. “Make sure you do something about her.” I say as I hand him the Black credit card. I see him visibly blanch as he sees that it’s from Golden Sun Industries. Yes the royal Pack has many business’ even in the human communities. We are pretty well known. As we leave the store I put my arm around Mackie and pull her in for a kiss, I don’t care who sees it.

TREVER: “Hey, what happened to the two of you?” I asked when I see them. “We did a little jewelry shopping, and the salesgirl was not very professional.” Dutch says. “What do mean?” “Well, she didn’t know if some of their merchandise came in platinum, which I can understand, but when we asked her to get the manager she just stood there and stared at me, and then proceeded to hit on me openly. Then the manager thought that I wouldn’t be able to pay for the things that Mackie had picked out. I am not happy with that place.” Dutch seethes at me about them. “What store was it?” I asked him. He gave me the name of the store, and I sent a text to Barrett to investigate them, check the security footage, from their store to see if it was a one–time thing or if it is a chronic on-going issue. I want to go in there now, just to see for myself, how bad it is. I take Kes by the hand and pull her into the store, I wasn’t there when she turned 16 so I to want to get her something, so why not. “Trevor, what are you doing?” “I just want to see, and I want to get you something special too.” She shakes her head at me. We walk into the store, we were not greeted, nor acknowledged at all. I walk around the store looking at the jewelry they have on display. “Babe, come look at this.” I was pointing to a gaudy ring.

KESKA: I couldn’t help myself. “Oh god no Trevor, I wouldn’t wear that piece of junk if they paid me.” I said with a hint of distaste to my voice. I could **see** the mischief in his eyes. “Look around Sweetheart, I missed your birthday, so I want to get you something special.” He says rather loudly. I shake my head at him. Then I see a piece in a case that I can’t stay away from, it’s almost as if someone took a picture of Corla and made a pendent of her head. “Trevor.” I whisper because I can’t get the words out. I take ahold

of his hand and point to it. "But it's got to be a small fortune." I whisper to him, but I can't take my eyes off the pendent. Trever steps up to the counter to get the attention of a salesperson. A girl, in her twenties, comes over to him. "How may I help you?" She asked him. "What is that Wolf pendent made of?" he asked her. While pointing at it. "White Gold and a mix of Swarovski crystals, garnets, and emeralds for the eyes." She tell him. "I want a platinum chain for it to go on." He says. As he turns to look at her. She stumbles and puts her hand to her chest "Oh my, where did you come from handsome." She says to Trever. I just about choked, on my laughter. This must be the same salesperson that waited on Dutch and Mackie. Trever ignores her. "Babe, come pick out a chain for it." He says to me. I step up to the counter where the chains are displayed, there is one that looks like it was crocheted, in a very simple chain crochet, but very pretty, I don't know how it was done but I like it. I pointed to it. And He nodded. Then he turned back to the girl, "Does this chain come in platinum?" He asked her. **Yes**, Handsome all our chains come in all the metals." She says. "Are you trying to hit on me?" He asked her. "No, but I could. I'm sure I could show you a good time." She says leaning into him. "No! I don't think you could!" he **says** back to her; "I don't think that you have what it takes to give me the tingles that my girl can." He says as he reaches out to me and pulls me in close to him, and with just a hint of his aura, he sends a shiver through me and himself at the same time, that it makes it visible. "Trever." I moan. And he grins from ear to ear. **As** he leans in to kiss me right there in the store right in front of her. **I just** smile up at him. "Now I want that pendent and I want that platinum chain." He says pointing to the one I chose. The girl just stares at him, "I'm sure I can give you a better ride than she can." The girl leaned in, to whisper to Trever. **He** stepped back immediately. "Excuse You! Where is the manager! I wish to speak to the manager now." Trever just bellows out. We see a middle-aged man come from the back. "I am the manager; how may I help you." He says calmly, "This woman thinks she can openly flirt with your customers, she propositioned me in front of my fiancée, I don't appreciate it!" Trever said. I stepped closer to him and put my hand on his arm to help keep him calm. "I came in here to find a gift for her, as I missed her birthday, and I get this!" He says **as he** waves his hand up and down at the salesgirl. "I am terribly sorry sir, what is it that you wish to purchase?" "That wolf head pendant, the one with all the crystals and gems on it, and I want a platinum chain." He points to the one I picked out. 2

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TREVER: "And if **I were** you, I would **fire** her. Unless of course you are getting a piece **of** what she is offering, **but** if that is the case keep it outside of the workplace!" **He** says with a raised voice at the manager. "It is only because my beautiful fiancée picked that piece out that we are even in this store." He tells the manager. "I don't want her touching anything that I buy." He says. **The manager** gets the pendant and the chain and brings them to the register so Trever can pay for them. I see him blanch as Trever pulls out his black card. "What's wrong, never seen a no limit card before?" "Uhh umm, it's just that it's the **second** one today **sir**." The manager **says**. "Oh, good, I hope that the last person was treated better than **we were**, if **not you and** this **store** could **have a** serious problem." "Yyyess sir." "STACY YOU ARE FIRED." The manager **says** out loud in front of everyone else in the store.

KESKA: The manager rings **us** out, the total for that pendent and chain **\$2,300.00** dollars "**Trever**, that's too much I tell him. "Not for you it's not, I would pay 100x that if it was something **you** wanted love." He **says**. "Thank you." I kiss him, I couldn't help it. He just smiles, and we head out of the store. We meet up with Dutch and Mackie. "Well how did it go?" Mackie asked me. "Oh, she hit on Trever **too**, He **was so** angry he told the manager to fire her, unless he was getting some of what she was offering and if that was the case, to keep it out of the work place, then he visibly blanched when **Trever** pull out his credit card, the manager said it was the second one that he had today, and then he fired her right on the spot **in** front of everyone **that** was left in the store." I told Mackie. "Good she deserved to be fired." I nodded in agreement, and we headed out to go home. The next morning, I am up at my usual time, and I head downstairs, to the kitchen, Sarah starts to scold me again. "No Sarah, I am getting a picnic ready for Mackie's birthday, she wants to spend the day at the lake, so I **want** to make **sure** that **we have** enough sandwiches, snacks, **and** food to last us the day." I **say** to her. "Alright, as long as you leave when you are done." She says. "I will Sarah, I promise." "Humph." After getting things set up for our day at the lake I head into the dinning room to get breakfast, and then head down to the training grounds, I want to see how they **have the** obstacle course set up, because **I was** thinking of asking if I could add targets to it and have the archery students run it while shooting, it would give some of them a greater challenge. I **take a turn** at running the big one as well.

MACKIE: When I wake up Monday I just listen to the noises of my house, just to see if there is any change, and there isn't. I guess they will never change. I get up go to the bathroom do **my** business and head to the Pack house, I grab breakfast and spot the guys, so I go join them to eat. "it's not going to be the usual routine today, so what's the plan?" Trever asked. "I **was** thinking that after breakfast we would head to the lake." I said. "Then when we get back, I think we will move you in with us." Dutch says. "WHAT! Umm I don't know, I mean I would have to get permission." I said. "No, you don't, you are my mate, and it is plain as day that your parents could care less, so you are going to be moving into the suite with **Trever and me**. Now if you want your own room, **we** can do that, but you will be moving in with us." Dutch says. "I agree." Trever says. "I am going to get Keska in with us as well." Trever says. after **we** put our dirty dishes on the **cart**, I see Keska come into the dining room from outside. "Hey, where were you?" I asked her.

KESKA: “I went down to the training arena, I took a turn on the big course that they just put up, I like it. But I was thinking of asking about putting up some archery targets, so that the students can learn to shoot on the move.” I said to Mackie. “That’s my girl, **always** thinking of the Pack.” Trever said. I just smiled at him. “I have a picnic lunch and snacks ready for us, **it’s all** in the kitchen for whenever you’re ready to head out.” I tell her. “Let’s grab Liam and go now.” She says. I nod. “Hey, little brother, we are in the Pack dining *room*, *Mackie wants* to leave to head *over* to the *lake* are you *ready?*” “*I will* be there in a *couple* minutes.” “Ok.” “He says he will be here in a couple minutes.” I tell the group.

SETH: I watch as they leave the Pack house, I overheard them, I know they are heading to the lake. I know I have no right to ask them anything, I know I screwed up big time, I just want **my** friends back, I didn’t see the manipulation that Jessie was pulling, even when Kes came to me that night at the library I still couldn’t see it for what it was. I have a present for both Mackie **and** Kes, I know **it’s** Mackie’s birthday today, and I knew when Kes’s was too, but I also knew that I wouldn’t have been welcomed at her gathering, you couldn’t even call it a party, **just** like now for Mackie, it’s a gathering not a party, but I follow them anyway, I want to give them their gifts and apologize to them both for how bad I screwed up. Everybody **knows** that the prince **is** Kes’s mate and that his friend is Mackie’s mate, especially after what happened at the dance. I will take my chances and just hope that the guys won’t kill me on the **spot**.

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DUTCH: I link Trever, “**We are being** followed.” “I know, **just let** them come, **if** whoever it is decides to be a pain we will deal with them then, but we can’t stop the Pack from go to **their** lake either.” “Yeah I **suppose**, but I just hope that they leave us **in** peace, I don’t want my girl’s birthday ruined.” “Agreed.” I close the link.

MACKIE: I open a link to Kes. “I think we are **being** followed.” “I know we are, I believe it’s Seth.” “What? Why on earth would he be following us for?” “Who knows? We

will **just have to** wait **and** find out, I just hope he **doesn't** try to **pull** any kind of stupid stunt to get himself hurt, or worse killed." "Agreed."

**KESKA:** It took us a while to get to the lake, as **we** were walking, but once **we** got there Mackie pick out a spot that she liked and we set up the blanket and the picnic foods, **and** snacks. There were a small copes of trees nearby, as we were close to the spot where Corla took me that day with Father. We all changed into our bathing suits and went in for a swim. "Why is Seth hanging around?" Liam came up to me and asked. "I don't know little brother." "it's creepy, with him half hiding it the shadows, it's not like we don't know he's there." "We won't know unless he decides to come out and talks to us." I tell him. "Ok, whatever, but I'm getting hungry." He says. "You're **always** hungry." I tell him. "I can't help it, **I'm** still growing." He replies a bit **sassily**. After swimming a while we get out and dry off and **go** spread out on the blanket for lunch. Seth gets a little closer, but still in the tree line. "Come on out Seth." I called out. "**We** all know you **are** there." We watch as he comes out hesitantly coming forward slowly, I can see he is carrying a **bag**.

**SETH:** "I just wanted to give you your birthday **gifts.**" I says tentatively, I don't want to lose my head. "Come on over, no one is going to bite you." Kes **says**. I move closer to where they have the blanket set up. I hand Mackie the bag. "**The** bigger one is for you Mackie, I hope that you like it, I wasn't sure about the brand, and I found it online, the smaller one is for Kes." I said. "Umm I need to apologize to you guys, I didn't realize what Jessie was pulling, and I fell right into her trap, and I am so sorry I didn't see it sooner." I say. "I know that just saying I'm sorry isn't enough, but I hope that you will maybe one day forgive me." I turn to walk away. "Seth, thank you, it takes a lot to admit when you are wrong, I appreciate that, and you are right, it's going to take more than just the apology, but that alone is a start, you broke our trust, both mine and Mackie's, I am not going to speak for Mackie, but for me, you will have to work **at** getting that trust back, I do accept your apology." "and thank you for the gift." Kes says to me. "Welcome, and thank you. I will work at earning your trust again. I swear." "Thank you for **the** gift Seth." I hear from Mackie, but like Kes, you will have to earn my trust back as **well.**" She tell me. I nod and head back to the Pack house and leave them to their day, It hurts that I am not included but I know that I did that to myself. I hope by this time next year I will have my friends back.

**TREVER:** I just watched the interaction between the three of them, I could see how dejected he **was**, **I wasn't** going to interfere, because I didn't know the history between them, but I **wasn't** sure that I really wanted to know either, considering he mentioned Jessie. But I **was** also kind of curious to know what happened between them as well. "Want to share what that was about love?" I asked. She **smiled** at me. "Seth used to hang out with Mackie and me, going to the range with us, and just hanging. He was curious about where we would go when we left for our Aikido lessons, so I finally gave in and told him that he could come and pick us up from lessons, but the afternoon in question, I found him banging Jessie, and he never did show to pick us up, and it had started to snow. Mackie and I rode our bikes home in the snow that night, when we thought that our friend was going to come and pick us up. The next day he gave **us** a

lame excuse that he had to help his dad with some chores.” She finishes her story. “There’s more to it than that Kes.” Liam says. “Ok, now I really want to hear the whole thing.” I say, as she gives Liam a sour look. “He was getting to close to some of the girls at school, whether he was doing it deliberately or just didn’t realize it, Jessie was bullying some of them to stay away from him. I stepped into one of them when I caught it happening. I confronted him with it, and he said that **I was** jealous that he picked Jessie over me.” “The fact that he even said that hurt, and it pissed me off. I was already keeping my distance from him after catching him with her, but to have him **say** that to me, I was just done with him then.” She says. “Did it matter that he **was** sleeping with her?” I had to know. “No, I just wanted my friend, and if he wanted to sleep with Jessie, I wasn’t going to put limitations on our friendship like that, even though I knew Jessie would.” She said. “What about you Mackie,” I asked. “I had no idea about what happened between him and Jessie, until Kes told me well after the fact, no what happened between me and Seth was just **as** bad, though as far as breaking trust.” She said. “what happened between the two of you?” I asked her.

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