

## A Pack of Their Own

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TREVER: “He was starting to withdraw from us, he had got a new phone, and didn’t give us his new number, and then the day of Adrian’s Alpha swearing and Kina’s Luna ceremony, he caught me coming home from Nana’s and was rather rude, along with a couple of the other players on the hocky team, and after 1 told him that I had no idea why Kes wasn’t answering his calls, which was strange, because he had to pause before he said Kes’s name. Then when he didn’t get the answer he wanted from me, he sprayed me with the gravel as he pull away,” “and so, after that I just stopped trying to figure out what was wrong, if he was going to **treat me** like that, I didn’t need him as my friend either.” She says. I just nodded.

DUTCH: “Ok, enough talk about Seth, this is Mackie’s birthday, let’s just finish eating so she can open her presents.” I said. I didn’t want to spoil her day by all this talk about some one that hurt her, and that I just want to go beat the shit out of, but I know my girl wouldn’t want me to do that, even though he deserves it..

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WAYTT: It’s Mackinzie’s birthday today, I am looking all over for her I know mom and dad didn’t plan anything, or do anything special for her, and Demi didn’t even get her a gift. After her harsh words to me at the meet and great it kind of woke me up to the fact that she was right nobody had paid much attention to her or Kes for a long time. Lactually found a book on coding that I hope she likes, but I can’t find her, so I link her. “Hey **sis**, where are you?” “Why?” “I have **a** gift for you.” “Whyyy?” she asked drawing out the “Y”. “Because it’s your birthday?” “Since when have you cared about my birthday?” “I know **that** I haven’t always been **the** nicest to you, or even a good brother at times, but I have always **cared.**” “Yeah right.” “I have, I know that **I haven’t** always shown it, but I have cared.” “You’ve never shown it Wyatt; I will be back before diner.” “But where are you?” “With my mate, and best friend and her mâte, and her little brother.” “Goddess Mackie you are being annoying, where are you?” “I am at the lake; I will be **back** before diner.” “I will see you then.” I tell her and close the link, and just shake my head. “Problems?” Lexi asked. “**Not really**, I guess I was expecting miracles to happen overnight.” I tell her. “What do you mean?” “My sister Mackinzie and Keska are best friends, **and** pretty much since Demi and the twins turned 5 or 6 those two have been on their own, Kes turned 16 last month, when **we were** on the graduation tour, and today **is** Mackinzie’s 16th birthday, do you notice anything?” I asked her she looked around “No party decorations.” She **says** and I nod. “Exactly, and in a week and a half this place will be decked out, because I’m turning 18

and it will be my first shift, and a week or **so** after that it will get decked out again, for Demi and the twins, **as** their birthdays are just **days** apart, nothing for Kes, nothing for Mackenzie.” I said. “That is so messed up.” she said. “**Yes**, and now that I realize just how bad I’ve been, I’m trying to change, make up for things, and all I’m getting is push back from her. And I get it, she doesn’t trust me not to pull some stunt on her.” I say. “You’ll just have to give her some time, show her that she can trust you, and no it’s not going to happen overnight, **so** you have to have patience with her” Lexi tells me. I nod.

DUTCH: “Problems, love?” I noticed that she **was** in a link with someone. “No, just my brother, wanting to know where I **am**, and being his **usual** pain in the butt self.” She says. I **just** pull her into **my** arms and kissed her softly. I didn’t want her day to be marred by anything negative. It’s her sweet 16th, nothing bad today.

KESKA: “Ok, **Mackie**, time for presents.” I say, I’m excited for her to open her gifts, I have my phone out and am ready to snap pictures. “So, who’s do I start with?” she asked. “Start with Seth’s, **that** way it’s out of the way.” I said to her. She nods. She takes the bag and pulls out the presents in it, hands me mine, and open’s **hers**, “Oh wow, I wonder where he found this?” she says **as I**

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the picture **of** her with the box showing “The Build Your Own Computer Chips.” Kit. “Well at least he remembered.” I said. She nods. The **next** one she opened was Liam’s, “Liam this **is** gorgeous, thank you.” She gives him a hug. “I don’t know his name, **or** I would have added it.” **He says**. Mackie show her quiver to Dutch. “Triton.” Dutch says and Liam nods “**I** can add it, when we get back.” Liam **says**. then she opens the computer that Trevor and I picked out for her, between the three that she said were the ok. I took that picture **as** well. Then the jewelry from Dutch. I took that picture as well, as he put it on her. “now open yours.” She tells me. **I unwrap** the gift he got me, it’s a sinew bow string and rosin **for** it, **again** it showed that he remembered what we liked. After she opened her gifts, and we went in for a second swim, then we headed for the Pack house.

am partial to **sea** food, but I know Kes isn’t to keen on it.” She DUTCH: “What do you want for your birthday dinner?” I asked her. **says**. “Hey, this **is your** birthday, not mine, if you want sea food, then that is what **you** should have.” Kes told her. “I agree love, if you want it we will go out and you can have all the sea food you want.” I said. “Yes **please**.” She answered. “where do you want to go?” I asked her. “There **is** this new place, **it’s** kind of a fancier place in the human town where we went shopping that I would like to try.” She says. “Then that is where we will go.” I said. She nods, and looks at everybody. “Thanks, but I think I will stay and finish your quiver.” Liam says. She smiles at him and gives him a hug. And hands over her quiver. He takes it and heads upstairs.

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## Chapter 162

KESKA: I blush profusely and look down trying to hide it behind my hair. “Uh huh beautiful, you get to admire what’s yours all you want.” He says to me. As he brings my eyes back up to meet his. I know I am blushing even harder if that is even possible. I watch as he lowers his head, is he going to kiss me again? I feel his lips brush against mine, I close my eyes and just let my other senses take over, I feel his tongue brush my bottom lip, so I open my mouth for him, to let his tongue in. I feel his arms wrap around me holding me in place, my hands come up to his pecs, I feel like they want to grip on to him, but I don’t want to hurt him, I can’t reach his shoulders while I am standing flat on the floor. With his arms wrapped around me he picks me up easily like I weight nothing, I wrap my legs around his waist and bring my hands to his shoulders. I am enjoying the feeling of being in his arms, his tongue in my mouth sucking on my tongue. This all just feels so blissful. He finally puts me down and we go take our places for bed. “Mark me.” He whispers in my ear. I feel Corla come to the surface, me canines elongate, I sink them into his shoulder just as he did me earlier and lick it to seal it closed. After I mark him I hear a soft moan, I turn to see that Dutch has marked Mackie as well. After he sealed Her’s closed I go and hug her. I link her. “Now you can link with your man.” tell her, “try it.” I watch as both their faces light up. “Wow” they both say. “Now you know how Trever felt earlier.” I say to them. I set the alarm on my phone to 7:30, and we all bed down.

LIAM: I hate that Keska can’t join in the tournaments. It sucks. But I get it, she needs to stay away from Jessie, but that sucks too, it’s Jessie’s fault not Kes’s, why should Kes have to go into hiding? That just isn’t fair. Oh well I think that it’s sweet justice to know that she will be a princess, Jessie and Mimi will have to watch out for her when she turns 18. I call an end to the first rounds, and tell everyone that we will pick it back up after breakfast in the morning, but that the table has to get moved back into the game room, a few of the alpha’s pitch in to help move it back. And it’s off to bed.

JESSIE: Another day down just 3 more to go until Wednesday, I am so happy that I get to sleep in my own bed tonight. I say good night to my friends and their mates and head upstairs to my room. I pass Keska’s room, I don’t know what made me do it, but I check the door and find it unlocked, so I open it, she’s not here. Wait why is she not here? Where the heck is she? She can’t be gone, not after everything I have went through, for her not to be here, to see her lose it! NO! NO! NO! I will have to keep watch. I leave her room and head to mine, I take a shower, set my alarm to be up at 6:30 so I can make her smoothie for breakfast and drift off to sleep.

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### **Chapter 163**

JAMES: Monday I wake entangle with Janica, goddess Wednesday can't come soon enough. With my co.ck still buried deep in her from last night. I start to slide out, then back in, going slowly at first, until I know she is awake "MMM James." She moans out. That's all it takes I start to push deeper into her tight pu.ssy as it starts to clench around me, I pull out, until just the tip is still in her, I love the feel of her pussy trying to hold me in. I Kiss her deeply as I push back into her. "Oh, goddess James, fu.ck me, fu.ck me hard." She tells me breathlessly. I lose it and take her hard. I slam into her, my di.ck pushing to hit that soft spot in her, she wraps her leges around me pulling me in, I wrap my arms around her and flip us so I am taking her from behind and I can stimulate her cl.it this **way** as well. I move my hand down between her folds and circle her bud, I add just enough pressure to it, and she moans out my name again. "James don't tease, please I need you." I kiss the back of her neck and give her what she wants, I feel her clenching my di.ck hard as she cums hard and coats my co.ck with her juices. I slide out of her and go stand in front of her with my di.ck still hard, I watch as she takes me in her mouth and starts to suck like I'm her favorite candy. I love the fact that she is tasting herself on me, it makes me even harder, "Yes, baby girl, just like that, suck me, take me

all in.” I can feel that I’m hitting the back of her throat, she swallows the tip and keeps swallowing I feel the tightening in my lower stomach. “I am cu.ming baby girl.” I moan out to her as I release my load down her throat. I kiss her, tasting myself on her. “Mmm, now that is a wake–up call.” I tell her. She just smiles at me.

WYATT: I wake to Lexi’s mouth wrapped around my co.ck and she is taking me all the way it to the back of her throat. I moan. “Goddess Lexi, yes don’t stop.” I start to fu.ck her mouth, I can feel the tightening in my lower stomach “I’m cu.ming love.” I pant out to her. She increases her sucking, with my co.ck at the back of her throat she starts to swallow me, I can’t hold back, I release my load down her throat, and she swallows every last drop I give her. I pull her up to me and kiss her hard, I then flip us and enter her tight pu.ssy slowly, as I know that she still needs time to get used to me taking her, “Wyatt, take me.” She breaths out. “I need you to fill me.” She moans. And I’m done. I pull out until just my tip is just inside her lips and I feel her start to clench on me. I slam back into her, pushing to hit that soft spot, I bring her knees up and pull out again until just the tip remains just inside her lips and slam into her again, hitting that soft spot, I take a nip.ple in my mouth and teas it with my tongue, brushing over the sensitive tip, with the tip of my tongue, and then sucking hard on it. “Oh, goddess Wyatt yes!” she cries out. I pull out again and slam back into her, I can feel her walls clamping down on my co.ck as I slam into her again and she cu.ms undone on my co.ck. I release her nip.ple and kiss her deeply. Next month can’t get here fast enough. “You **can** wake me up like that any time you want, my beautiful mate. I tell her. She just smiles at me.

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## Chapter 164

JESSIE: My alarm goes off and I get up I go take a shower and get dressed in an ombre effect sundress with spaghetti straps it complements my eye color beautifully. I head downstairs, the kitchen is already busy with the omegas, starting with the breakfast, I sneak into the back pantry and get the ingredients I need to make Keska's smoothie, I get everything all blended up and **put** it in the fridge with her name on it. And then sneak back out and go out front and

wait and watch.

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KESKA: I am awake before my alarm goes off and I shut it off before it goes off and wakes the others, I shimmy out from under Trever's arms, I go use the bathroom and head to the kitchen, to start making us breakfast. I see that James brought us bacon, so I pull it out and start to fry it, and I also see that he brought pancake mix and eggs, **so** I mix up some egg cakes, and also some scrambled eggs. I start the coffee for the guys. Mackie comes into the kitchen area next, and she gets the plates and silverware out and sets the table. The next thing I know I have strong arms wrapping around me, I look over and I see that Dutch has Mackie wrapped up as well. "Moring beautiful." Trever says as he kisses my shoulder. "Morning." I say back. "Did you sleep well, considering we slept on the floor?" I asked him "I always sleep well when I have you in my arms." He says making me blush again, but at least this time he can't see it, as he is behind me. "Ok flirt, you need to let me go, so I can finish breakfast, and it doesn't burn." I say to him "Humm." He just hums at me but doesn't release me,

but he dose let me continue to cook at least. "What are you making?" he asked, "Scrambled **eggs**, bacon, wrapped in an egg cake." "What's an **egg** cake?" "It's a thinner version of a pancake, but thicker than a crepe." I tell him. "I did it this way so you guys can eat it on the go, as you will need to get back to the pack house, before breakfast is over, and you can be seen, without me." I say to them. "About that, I think that I will have a word with your father, I don't like the idea of him saying that you left with your mate, maybe rather he sent you to stay **at** Burning Ember until the ball is over." "Well, you won't be able to tell him that if you are here, and Jessie gets to him first." I tell him. He just growls, but lets me go and goes and gets ready, when they come back into the kitchen I turn a bright red, and look away, they are both naked. "I thought you both were going to get dressed." I say. I hear them both chuckle, "Why would we get dressed just to undress again when we shift to get back to the pack house?" "Ohhh! You." I scold. And they laugh even harder. They take the egg, and bacon wraps and head out. "We will see you later Beauties." Both he and Dutch call out as they head to the tree line to shift and head back to the pack house.

TREVER: Dutch and I shift back just inside the tree line, I link **with** Barrett. *“Hey big bro, are you up?”* **“Yes.”** *“But are you up, up.”* **“Yes Trever I am up, up. What do you need?”** *“I need to talk with the Alpha, and let him know that the whole marking thing*

*thing works, and that I don’t like the idea of him saying that Keska left with her mate.”* *“What’s the matter, little brother, don’t even like the thought that it could be construed as not you?”* **“If you keep that up big brother I will kick you’re a.ss all the way back home.”** *“Ok! Ok! Gees chill. So, what exactly do you need from me?”* **“Do you have eyes on Jessie?”** *“Yeah, she seems to be watching the kitchen door pretty intently.”* **“Ok, that means Dutch and I can sneak in through the garden. Thanks.”** *“Welcome.”* I close the link. I tap, Dutch and point to one of the garden doors. He nods his understanding. And we head into the garden. Once inside, I text the Alpha. (*“Alpha Drake, Trever here, I would like to speak with you please, it is about something that was discussed yesterday.”*) I sent to him, and I waited for his response.

DRAKE: I was just sitting down to start my breakfast when my phone dings. I take it out and **see** that the youngest prince just texted me. I look around the marquee and I don’t see him anywhere. (*“Where **are you?**”*) I send back to him. (*“**In** the garden.”*) (*“Is Keska with you?”*) (*“No, she stayed at the cabin.”*) (*“come into the marquee and have breakfast, then we will go up to my office.”*) I send to him. (*“Ok.”*) I put my phone away and start on my breakfast. I hear one of the garden doors open and when I turn slightly I see **Trever** and Dutch come in, they both get in line to get breakfast and then come to sit with me. *“Alpha, I need to speak to you, before Jessie notices us.”* I nod my head for him **to** speak. *“If she should ask, please say that you sent her to Burning Ember, and not that her mate found her, and she **went** with him.”* I **just** raise my eyebrow at him. **He** just sounds **so** desperate; I smile at him and nod my head. He takes a deep breath, like he is relieved, nods back **at** me. *“We will still come **to** your office later.”* **He** says. And they pick up their plates and go sit with the other princes.

JAMES: I link Wyatt. *“Dude you up?”* **“Yeah.”** *“I need you to head down and let me know where Jessie is, so we can come down and eat.”* *“You got it.”* I close the link and get up and go into the on suite taking Janica with **me**. **As** much as I would love to have hot steamy sex with her in the shower, there are other things that have to be delt with right now, so I know I can’t, but it save us time to shower together. I wonder whether dad said yes to Trever or not, about marking Kes. It would be interesting to know whether it actually works or not.

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## Chapter 165

WYATT: I get up and pull Lexi with me, we head to the shower in the ensuite, "As much as I want to ravish you still duty calls my dear." I whisper to her. She nods her head in understanding to me. Once done we get dressed and head down to the marquee, I look around and I find Jessie sitting with her friends in a position where she could see into the kitchen. I link James. "Don't go through the kitchen to get out, Jessie has got her eye on it for some reason." "Ok thanks." "No problem." I close the link and go find a spot for us where I can keep an eye on Jessie, something is up with her. I sit my mate down at the table, "Keep an **eye** on Jessie, and I will get us breakfast." I whisper to her and kiss her at her temple. She nods, and smiles. I go get in line to get us breakfast.

JAMES: I guide Janica to a garden door that opens from the hallway we are in and go through the garden out to the marquee, I spot Lexi sitting at a table and head that way. "Good morning." I say as I approach the table. "Good morning, Wyatt is in line to get he and I breakfast, he asked me to keep on eye on your sister." She says quietly. I nod. "May we join you?" "Of course." I pull out a chair and hold it for Janica to sit. "I will go get us breakfast." I tell her. She nods. I go get in line.

JESSIE: I am watching the kitchen it's almost 8:30 Kes never sleeps this late, no matter where she is, she should have been here by now. What is taking her so long? I look around the marquee and I see that all the princes are here, including Trever, he is sitting with his brothers. I don't see Mackie or Kes with them. Maybe they are in her room changing, I will give it another half hour before I go check.

LIAM: I am excited to get back to the tourneys. I think that it will be interesting to see who will win, and if anybody will cheat to win. I get up take a shower and head down for breakfast, I see the princes all seated around a table with their mates, minus Kes and Mackie of course. After getting my plate I head in their direction. "Hi, can I sit with you guys?" "Sure." Trever says. And I sit in the empty chair next to him to eat. "Are any of you going to join any of the tournaments?" I ask them. "I might do the darts." Trever says, and Dutch nods in agreement with him. I think I will try my hand at the archery." Barrett says. "I am already in the pool tournament." Trent says. I just nod my head, "Just remember no cheating, you will have to keep your beast in check, I know that it will be hard, but you have to, in order to make it a fair playing field." I remind them. And they all nod. Then I sign to Trever (It sucks that Kes can't join, I would almost bet that she would go far in both the darts and the archery.) (Is she good?) he signs back to me. (Next to Mitch she is the best we got in archery, and then Mackie.) I sign to him. (Then I wish she could join to, little brother.) he signs to me. He just called me little brother. Wow. I can't help the smile spreading across my face right now.

DRAKE: when I am done eating I get up and head up to the mic. “Excuse me everyone, allow me a minute **of** your time please. I know that several of you have joined in the pool tournament, but there has been an issue that has been brought to my attention that must be shared with all the Alpha’s, and their heirs, I will be holding some meetings in the next couple of days to get everyone up to speed on this issue as best as possible. Thank you.” I put the mic back on its stand and head up to my office. I link James, Mitch, and Gregg to come to my office, and I text Camron, and the Princes to come to my office first. To get this thing started. Once everyone had showed up and were seated I looked to Prince Trever. “I take it that you did what we talked about yesterday?” “Yes.” He takes his arm out of his shirt and shows **me** the mark on his shoulder. “Her’s is in the same spot covering her other scars.” He says reminding me of the fact that my mother was responsible for leaving scars on my child. “I would like to test something, with the two of you.” I say to him. “I don’t **mind** as long as it doesn’t hurt her.” He says to me. I understand that. And I deserved it. “I am going to link Keska, then I want you to link her.” I say to him. “Ok.” “I am also going to speak out loud so that everyone can hear **the** conversation on my end, so please no flirting.” I say to him. He just looks at **me** slightly confused. “If what I do works then you and everyone else will understand what I’m intending.” I link Keska. “Keska, I have several people in my office, Trever, Camron, Mitch, Beta Gregg, James, and the other princes, I know that most **of** them know your secret, the ones I am unsure about are the older two princes.” I say as I am linking her. “I don’t know if they know my secret or not, you will have to ask **Trever**.” I nod at him to link her. [“hello Kes.”] “*Trever?*” [“Yes, it’s *me*, your father wants to try something.”] “Ok? *Did* you tell your brothers my secret?” [“yes I did, they know.”] “*Did* you *hear* him, *or* do I have to repeat it?” “I heard him. This was part of what I wanted to check.” Then *you* have your answer father.” “I have been repeating the conversation as it has been happening,” “*What?!*” She asked rather confused, and a bit upset, “I told Mitch a while back about your secret, back when Brent and Ronnie died.” “Well then I can add one more to the list that know about her.” She says. I’m not sure who all doses know about her either. \**Who* all doses know about her?” “On my end, everyone that is in your office right now, Nana, Mom, Mackie, Steven, Liam, Uncle Carson, Beta Calen Dr. Grant, Janica, Adrian, Kina, and possibly Rex, I can’t remember for sure. If there is anyone else you would know better than I, in case someone there had to tell someone during the whole stabbing incident.”

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Chapter 166

DRAKE: "If Jessie dose approach any of you, please send her to me!" Everyone nods their head as they get up to leave my office. Once everyone is gone I take out my phone and dial Burning Ember. I get a "Hello Drake" after a couple of rings. "Hello Alpha Fredrick, I have a couple of issues that I would like to discuss with you." "Alright I have the time." He answers. "First, I would like to ask you to ask for a volunteer from your warriors to participate in an experiment, it nothing bad, but they will be marked, it's for the possible issue of war between Harvest Moon, us and Stone Claw, and goddess knows how many others, and I would like to have someone from your pack in on this." "Someone preferably from your mate's family?" He asks with a chuckle. "Not necessarily, congratulations by the way she will be an excellent princess." I tell him. "Thank you." He says to me. "I will get into specifics a bit later. As to the experiment, it has to do with the marking, Dark Moon's heir apparent, Alisha, who going to be our next queen by the way, has some extremely old text about a war that was fought over 100 years ago against Stone Claw, and in them it mention's non-matting marks to allow for communication between allied packs fighting against them. What we know so far is that yes it works, Keska is mated to the youngest prince, and as she is too young, he can't mark and mate her, but I allowed this marking to happen so he can link with her and it does work, the other part we know is that a second person can link in and say be a narrator so to speak, to pass on troop movements, positions, that sort of thing." "Congratulations to you then as well, and as for a volunteer, Larz is a good candidate." "There is a second issue that is unrelated, but I would like to have your help with." "I'm listening." "Jessie is having problems with Keska, I don't like the idea of lying but I think in this case it's for the best, I am going to tell **Jessie** that I am sending Kes your way, until the end of the ball, and when Jessie shifts on Wednesday I am hoping her mate will come forward to claim her and I will let them leave." "Where is Kes now?" "In a cabin in the northern part of the territory." "I will cover that issue for you." "Is your man here? Or will you need to send him?" "No, he is there." "I will have Rachel bring him in, and ask him, or do you want to call him and give him a heads up?" I ask him. "No, have Rachel bring him in. But now back to this issue of possible war with Stone Claw." He brings the conversation back on topic. "So, the story, as given to me, by the parties involved is the princes and their mates including Kes, and her best friend Mackenzie were taking a hike, along with 4 other warriors, my daughter decides she wants a picnic, but seeing as they didn't pack for one, they decided to go to the human town, and get what they would need for the picnic, and one of the warriors came across his mate in the bakery." "She is from Stone Claw, and she has a pup about 4 years old." I relay the story I was given. "What pack is her mate from?" "Harvest Moon." "Was there any other packs involved?" "Midnight Sky Pack, two warriors from each pack, don't know how that happened but it did." I answer him. "After finding her they forewent the picnic idea and came straight back to the pack coming up to the front gates." I tell him. "And from what I gather she did not have a good time of it in Stone Claw, and there in is the issue of possible trouble." I tell him. "And so that dose bring us back somewhat to the experiment, if your man agrees, then **we** can hopefully get a distance reading on how far the marking will allow for, and it will fit that I am sending Kes with him back to you." I **say** to him. "Yeah, check with Larz, I believe he will be the right man for the job." "Thank you Fredrick." Welcome. Anything else?" He asked. "Well, he may get a link, to check the distance issue." I tell him. "Ok, I look forward to finding out if it works myself."

He says “Yes, bye.” “Bye.” I hang up. I send a text to Rachel. (Please come to my office, and bring Larz? I believe **was** the name, with you.)

MITCHELL: I am sitting here listening to the one-sided narrative, and I understand what is happening, but I have to come clean and them as well. But I can see what the Alpha is intending to do here. “I did tell my mate, and Frank.” I say aloud to the room.

DRAKE: I hear Mitchell, so I tell Kes through the link what **he** said. “Well then you can add two more people to that list. “I have a question though.” “What is it?” “Other than how long it lasts; do we have a clue as to how **far** it will go? I mean, we know that it will reach to the cabin, as Trever and I just linked with each other, but if there is a war coming then we would have to be able to link between packs, and as the cabin is on our territory and everyone is also here, it’s not that far.” She says, and I repeat it to **the** room at large, and I hear some mumblings. “I will let you **go**, so that we can continue with our meeting.” I say to her and close the link. “So that part of things are done, we know it works, and I could hear the conversation between the prince and Kes. So, we can start with that much any way.” I say to the others. “Plus, Kes has a point, we need to **test the** distance **of** the link so any volunteers?” “I will check with my men to see **if** any want to volunteer for this.” Camron says. “And that way we will also know if it will work for more than just alphas.” He added. I nodded. “I will have to start the process of informing the others, and let them know what we have already done, and know.” I tell them. They all nod.

JAMES: “I have one thing to add, it’s unrelated, but Jessie still remains an issue, have a feeling she is scheming, so please be aware, and if she asks any of you about Keska, You have no idea where she is.”

RACHEL: My phone dings, it’s a bit after breakfast and everyone was pitching in to get the marquee set up for the pool tournament I take it out and see who was texting me. I see that it was Alpha Drake, and he was asking for me and Larz. I look around the marquee to see if he was anywhere near, but he **wasn’t** so i sent him a quick **text**. (Larz please come to the marquee, Alpha Drake is wishing to see us.) I show Trent my phone and the message from Alpha Drake. “I’m coming too.” **He** says.

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DRAKE: I get the response back (Yes Alpha.) I only have to wait about 10 minutes until there is a knock on my door. “Come.” I call out. The door opens and in walks prince Trent, Rachel and a stocky bald-headed guy that’s built like a wrestler. A bit shorter than your average wolf. “Thank you for coming, I just got off the phone with Alpha Fredrick, everything is fine.” I say as I see them start to get nervous. “Just some business, some of which we discussed yesterday.” I see Rachel visibly calm then. “I asked for a volunteer, and he suggested Larz? Correct?” I asked him. He nods his head. “But this will be a two-fold issue, first if you agree, you will be marked, before you get to worked up, it is NOT, I repeat NOT a mating mark. To bring you up to speed, the short story, there COULD BE a possible war with another pack to the south, if everything we know is **correct**, they don’t play by the rules. So, we need to take advantage of the time and information we have. It is an experiment, involving linking, so yes you can say no.” I tell him. “Why would there be a war, and what does it have to do with my pack?” He asked, and he sounded like he just spent the night smoking and drinking his voice was that raspy. “Well, there are two possible reasons, one is, the peace treaty, that we have, to help each other when trouble arises, the other is that every pack here right now could be construed as aiding and abetting Harvest Moon. Yes, there is a story there as well, it’s a mate issue.” “I’m in.” he states before I can finish explaining. “Ok, that was unexpected.” I say to him. “You should have lead with the mate issue.” He says nonchalantly. “Now my next question is not meant to be disrespectful, or nosey, but do you have a mate, or did you find one?” I asked him. “Found her.” He says. “Good glad to hear it. May I meet her?” I asked. “Why?” “Well, all of this is also leading up to the second part of an issue I have with my children.” I say. “Well now I don’t mean to pry into things that don’t concern me, but what would my mate have to do with your kids.” He asked me. “Just her general size and shape.” I tell him. “If she fits the right size and shape I can sell the fact that I am sending my middle child with you, back to your pack.” I tell him. He nods in understanding then. And I watch as he pulls out his phone and dials a number. “Love I need you to come to the pack house, I am in the Alpha’s office, and he would like to meet you.” He says to his mate. Then he hangs up. Again, it’s about a 10-minute wait and I get a knock on my office door. “Come.” I call out. In walks a petite brunette with light brown eyes. “Thank you for coming.” I say to her. “Yes Alpha.” “What do you think Rachel, do you think she could pass for Kes from a distance, and from the back?” I asked her. “She very well could Alpha, as long as she wasn’t in direct sun light, and she was seen from the back.” She says. I nod. “May I know your name?” I ask her. “Erica.” “Well Erica, I know you are a **bit** confused, but the long and the short of it, is I am going to tell my oldest daughter, I am sending my middle daughter home with Larz here, and you are very close in size to her to pull it off.” I say. “But here’s the thing, when you start out, you will have to be in the back seat and looking a bit dejected, when you leave here, when you get beyond the pack then you can sit where and how you wish. I will let the both of you go pack and get ready to leave. Once you are packed please come back here, and I will have my warrior here to mark you. And I will have it set up so that my oldest will see the two of you leaving, just whatever you do don’t look back at the house as you drive away.” I tell them. “Yes Alpha.” They both leave. I open a link to Frank. “Please come to my office.”

“Yes Alpha.” I wait just a few minutes and Frank knocks on my door. “Come.” I call out to him. “You wanted to see me, Alpha?” he asked as he entered. “Yes Frank, there is a lot going on right now, I don’t have time to fill you in on all the details yet, but I want you to sit in on some of these meetings, and you will get the gist of what is happening.” I tell him. “Yes alpha.” I then send out the text to the other alphas to get everybody on the same page. I also text Camron, I want him in on all the meetings with all the alphas, so he can pass on what he knows first-hand. The Alphas’, start to show up one and two at a time. I have them get seated and then Alpha Camron shows up. pass on your knowledge first-hand, in case they

“What’s up Drake?” he asked me. “I just wanted you here to questions that you might have the answers to.” I say to him. **He** nods. We get about halfway through the facts of what is going on when I get a knock on my door. “Come.” **I call** out. Larz walks in. “Alpha.” “Yes Larz, **come** in. Gentlemen, this is Larz he is from Burning Ember Pack. He has been gracious enough to be our first volunteer for this **fact**-finding mission.” I say to the room at large. “Frank here is going to mark his arm and then he will be returning to his home pack, then tomorrow after breakfast we will send I link to him to test the distance. Once that is done I will send out a text to all **of** you to let you know **the** outcome **of** that test.” I look around the room and see they all nod their heads in acknowledgement. Larz takes his shirt off and holds out his arm, Frank steps up to him they shake hands and then Frank bites him in the upper part of his arm, licks it closed and then retakes his seat. “Be for you go, please link each other, I will link in with Frank and I will repeat the conversation to the room, so that they can see and understand what we are trying to accomplish with this experiment.” I say to them. They both nod. I link with Frank. “Ready?” He nods. I then nod at Larz, then he links in. “I am glad that I get to **be** a part of this, but I am also glad that I get to go home, nice to meet you Frank, look forward to hearing from you tomorrow morning.” “Nice to meet you Larz, I to look forward to finding out if this will work,” Frank links back and **then** closes the link, and I to come out of the link. “Now to let them know that what I repeated was **correct**, please tell them what the conversation was.” I tell Frank and Larz They both pretty much repeated what was said in their conversation. “Now Gentlemen please excuse me for a few minutes, there is an issue that I must deal with, but Alpha Camron can continue with this portion of the meeting.” I say as I get up and escort Larz out. “Is your mate ready?” I ask him. “She is Alpha.” “Good, go get in the car, and when you see me come out of the pack house, you can leave.” He nods at me. I then link Jessie. “Meet me at the front of the marquee.” “Yes daddy.” I close the link. And head over to the marquee you that I am sending your sister to Burning Ember for the

to meet up with Jessie. What’s up daddy? You needed to see me?” “Yes Jessie, I wanted to tell rest of the ball, so she will not be here on Wednesday when you shift.” I tell her, and watch her iace very carefully. She just smiles and nods.

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RACHEL: I just nod my head, I send my response back to the alpha. Once Larz came into view I waved him over, and introduced him to my mate. They shook hands, and I

went over to Liam to find where I was on the roster for the tournament, and to let him know that I would be in a meeting with his father if my turn came up before we got back. **He** nods his head in understanding. We head up to the Alpha's office.

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Karris Cantrell

hec isn't saying her mate, Lars is just **escorting** her

Heather Hudson

ugh, the prince told you to scrap the mate idea & find a different excuse

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### Chapter 168

**DRAKE:** I take her out to the front of the pack house and watch Larz drive off. The whole while I am watching Jessie's face and demeanor. I see a flash of something in her eyes, but she masked it before I could really see, but I hope that now she will just stop whatever she is trying to do. "I have some meetings I need to get back to." I say and go back into the house. I open a link to the front gate guards. "There is a car leaving, a man and a woman sitting in the back seat, if Jessie should ask any of you that is Keska got it." "Yes Alpha." I then close the link and head back to my office.

**KESKA:** I pull out the laptop after breakfast dishes are cleaned and put back. I call Mackie over. "I want to find out about this war that happened with Stone Claw over a 100 years ago." I tell her. "Yeah the more we know the better prepared we can be now." She agrees. I actually let her take control of the computer as I am not that good with the thing, she likes to tease me that I am lucky that I can turn the thing on without it crashing. Through our search we find that what had been discussed at Nana's was the norm for the pack, they would travel in a zigzag pattern across the state or states

acquiring rouges, and the smaller packs that couldn't stand up to them, and make them train and then fight in their makeshift army. No wonder the packs back then did what they did. We also found that it was a mate issue back then as well, only it was in the Alpha line, as the story goes, the third born son of the alpha took a chosen mate, and she found her fated mate and left the pack to be with him. Then due to all the destruction that Stone Claw caused marching across the states, the four biggest packs moved against them in a coordinated and strategic strike. But there was nothing about the marking issue in anything we found online. "I wonder if they didn't know about it, and that's why it's not mentioned." I state to Mackie. "Possible, and the text from Cold Moon is from their own elder, and historian." She tells me. I nod "I would like to know what is in them though." I tell her. "Well, you can always ask for a copy, the worst he can do is say no." "True." I link father. "Father, sorry to interrupt you, but do you think it would be possible to get a copy to the text from Cold Moon?" "I will **see** what I can do. And by the way, I told and showed Jessie that I was sending you to Burning Ember until the ball was over." "Ok, showed?" "Long story, but I had someone pose as you, leaving." "Thank you." I close the link, and turn to Mackie, "you need to go back to the pack house, you can go hang with Dutch, or whatever, but you have to go back." I tell her. "Why?" "Because father in his infant wisdom told, and showed Jessie he sent me to Burning Ember, and that means, me, by myself. And if you're not around she will get suspicious, because she won't see you." I tell her. "He really didn't think that one through did he." She says. I shake my head. "Oh well hopefully it will only be until Wednesday." I say to her. She just sighs. She gathers her things and heads out to **go** back to the pack house. After she leaves, I grab my bow and some arrows and head out to do some target practice, I can't go to the range, but that doesn't mean that I can't shoot.

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### Chapter 169

LIAM: Once breakfast is finished, and most of the cleanup is done, I again get volunteers to get the tables pushed back and the pool table moved back in to start the

days tournament. I text the first two players to come to the marquee by 10:30 so we can start the game. I am happy that so far no one has been found cheating. But I am also amazed that right now **the** lead in the pool tournament is a delta elite from Ranier Lake Pack. I have watched him closely. He is all skill, very finesseful with just the right amount of strength behind his shots, I think I would like him to teach me. We were halfway through the second game of pool when I see Mackie. I link her. "Hey, I thought you were supposed to be with Kes." "I was, but the Alpha told your sister that he was sending her to Burning Ember. So now I am here, because if I weren't Jessie would get suspicious, and we can't have that now can we." "I just wish Wednesday would hurry up and get here. And then Jessie and her mate whoever he or she may be could just leave. I miss Kes." "I know Liam I know, patients ok?" "As best as I can. Are you going to join in **the** Archery tournament? Other than Mitch, and Kes you're the best we got." "We'll see, ok, I am not going to promise anything right now, unless there's a deadline for signing up." "I never stated a deadline, was I supposed to?" "Usually, so that people can't come in last minute without going through the rounds." "Oh. I didn't know that what do I do?" "Make it now, over the PA system, that way everyone can hear, and no one can call foul." "Ok." I close the link and make my way over to the mic. "your attention please, I was informed that I needed to make this announcement, the sign up for the pool tournament is now officially closed. Thank you. There is still time to sign up for the dart tournament and the archery tournament." I put the mic back on the stand. And go back to my spot as I hear chuckling around me. Oh well live and learn I guess.

TREVER: I see Mackie, "Hey Dutch, there's your mate" I say to him quietly. He turns his head and sees her. I watch as his eyes glaze over. And I wait. "I guess the Alpha in all his infant wisdom showed Jessie that he was sending Kes to Burning Ember." He whispers to me. infant *wisdom? Stupid idiot is more to the point.* I think to myself, now she has to be alone, goddess I could strangle him. "Let's go play some darts before I lose it." I tell him softly. I stand up and walk inside the pack house to the game room. 1

MACKIE: I wasn't expecting to get the link from Dutch, it startled me a little, but I recovered before anyone could notice. I headed into the pack house, and I went up to Kes's room to put my stuff in her room. I then headed to the kitchen to see if Sarah needed any help. "No pup, thank you though, for asking, but where is Kes?" "The Alpha sent her to burning Ember." I tell her. "Who will look after the orphanage while she's gone?" "Don't worry Sarah, they still have me." I tell her. She just smiles and nods. I get another link from Dutch. "Hey beautiful, come into the game room." "Ok." He closed the link, and I walk to the game room to find him and Trever over by the dart board. "Hi." "Hey beautiful." Dutch says. I just shake my head at him. "So, what are we doing? What game are we going for?" I ask them. "I have maybe an hour or two before I go help with lunch service." I tell them. "500" Trever says. "Ok. I get the yellow darts." say, and let them pick their colors. We are in our third game when I see Jessie walk by the door headed to the kitchen. "Hey guys, I will be right back." I say to them quietly. And head to the doorway at the other end of the room that leads into the kitchen, I stay hidden as best as I can and watch her. She goes to the back pantry, and I sneak to the far end of the kitchen.

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MACKIE: be busy with the dry staples, while keeping an eye on what she is doing. I watch as she dumps a salad bowl and some kind of slimy fish or something in the garbage, and then I watch as she takes a smoothie and dumps that in the garbage as well. I then quickly move back out to the game room so she doesn't know that I was watching her. I am back with the guys before she walks back past the door to the game room. "Where did you go?" Dutch asked me.

I linked him to answer him. "I followed Jessie to see what she was up to." "What did she do?" "Threw out a salad, some slimy fishy something and a smoothie." I tell him. And take my turn. After that game was done, "Time for me to head to the kitchen guys, and time for you to mingle with the others." I say as I put my darts back in the holder.

DUTCH: After our last game and Mackie left to go to **the** kitchen, I link Trever. "Mackie said that Jessie threw out a salad, some slimy fish something and a smoothie, do you think she was slowly trying to poison Kes?" "No, I don't think poison, but I am thinking she did have some ulterior motive, I would like to see just what it was that was in that salad though." "I can have Mackie go take a picture of what it was that Jessie threw out." "Do that." I close the link with Trever and open one to Mackie. "Hey beautiful, can you get a picture of what it was that Jessie threw out, Trever is curious." "Yeah I can do that, and I will send it to him." "Thanks love." "Welcome." I can almost hear the blush in her voice.

DRAKE: I get through the first round of meetings with the other Alpha's, letting them know what we found in the text, what we did, and what we are doing, to ensure that everyone is on the same page, I also make sure that they all know that it is a mate issue that may be the catalyst for this possible war. That even though the majority of them were not involved directly, it could be construed as guilt by association. Not that I would do that, but we don't know about Stone Claw. I look up and see that it is already close to lunch when I get another link from Kes. "Mackie and I did some research online, the issue over a 100 years ago was a mate issue as well, but it was the Alpha's third born son, who caused all the problems. We didn't come across anything involving the linking issue though, so we weren't able to determine what that was all about, or how long it would last, or how far it would go. Sorry." "That's ok baby girl, we are dealing with the

distance issue right now as we speak, the person driving your double to Burning Ember is marked, so we will know tomorrow if it will reach at least to them.” “Ok.” She closes the link, and I head downstairs for lunch. When I see Mackie bringing out the hot plates I realize my mistake. Sh.it. Well, there is nothing I can do now, unless I can find another body double and driver. But I doubt that is going to happen. Only two more days. I think to myself as I pinch the bridge of my nose. 2

LIAM: We are getting down to the nitty gritty for the Pool tournament. Just three more games, then we hit the semi-finals, but right now I get some volunteers to move the pool table back into the game room to make room for lunch. I approach the leader of the pool tournament. “Hey, I know this might sound crazy, but can you teach me to play the way you do?” I asked him. “What’s your name kid?” “Liam, I’m the baby so to speak of the alpha family.” I say to him. “Well Liam, I’m Thorne, and it will take longer than this mating ball to teach you how to play this game the right way, but I will give you what I can while I am here.” “Thanks.” I walk away from him and head over to the mic to make an announcement. “**May** I have your attention please, we have three more games and then we hit the semi-finals, registration will close for the darts tournament at that time, so if you are not signed up for the darts and want to be, get signed up before the end of the pool tournament. Thank You.” I turn the mic off and go find the princes, and Mackie.. I see that Mackie is still working helping the kitchen omegas like usual. I link her. “I thought that *you* weren’t supposed to do that during the ball?” “No one told me I couldn’t, so *I* will keep doing it *until* I am told I can’t, and as we both know, *there are only* two people *that* can truly tell me that.” “Dad and Kes.” “Right.” “What about Dutch?” “He *can* ask me not to, *but he* can not tell me or order me not to.” “OK, *did* I do the announcement *right* this time?” “Yes Liam you *did* good.” “Thanks.” I close the link, and get in line to get lunch. During lunch I am going over the list for the dart tournament. There is only 18-20 signed up for the darts, that’s a relief.

MACKIE: In the course of getting things done for the lunch service I am able to get a picture of the salad fixings, even though they are covered with the smoothie, I then send it to Trever. And continue to put out the hot plates and bring out the food. Once all the dishes are out I grab a plate for myself and go sit with the guys. “So why did you want to **know** about the salad stuff?” I asked Trever as I sat down. “Well, Kes has been having a salad the last 2 to 3 meals, plus the smoothie for both breakfast and lunch, I am just something behind it.” He tells me. I just nod, knowing Jessie.

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