

# A Pack of Their Own

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### Chapter 211

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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 leaving 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." Trevor says. I just shake my head "come on." 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 Trevor, "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 Trevor 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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### Chapter 212

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, 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 am 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. 1

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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#### **Chapter 213**

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't 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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### **Chapter 214**

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. Well, 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 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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## Chapter 215

CAMRON: I am proud of my luna, she is trusting in this even though she knows nothing about any of it. I want to do it in case there are others that might be out there with the same kind of thing, I don't want to lose Pack members to a poison or toxin if I can be of some help in that direction. Especially with this whole Stone Claw issue looming over our heads, and one never knows about rogues, if they are hybrids, ordinary wolves, or what types of things they might be carrying.

KESKA: I leave out the back door of Nana's house and go over to where the partition is still up, I undress and immediately feel the now familiar push of Corla shifting, she eyed the course, and she took off at a dead run hit the course and basically flew through it. After running the course nobody had come out yet, so she decided to go have a little fun with them in the house. She climbed the steps of the back porch and phased us back inside the house. Then she phased us behind Beta Calen and head butted him, then before he could turn around she phased behind Chase and head butted him. Chase jumped and squeals; Beta Calen just looked perplexed. "How did you get in, and how did you go from behind me to behind Chase that quickly and without anyone seeing you?" (I phased) Corla answers him. "She is beautiful, and she talks!" says both the other princesses, and Courtney, sounding a bit shocked and surprised. "She turns invisible when she phases Calen." Nana tells him. "I have never seen a red wolf before." Courtney says. Then she goes and nuzzles Trever, He kisses her nose and pets her. "Corla, this is my mate Courtney." Camron introduces them. (Hello Courtney, I am Corla) "It's very nice to meet you Corla." She nods. And then walks over so the girls can touch her, pet her. "She is so soft, like a child's plushie." Alisha exclaims. (No softer.) Corla answers back, I just chuckle, and shake my head. Then Nana comes out of the kitchen and hands out the herb bundles.

LILLY: "Split the bundles into at least three, maybe four small sections, you can use **the** same section twice, make a tea twice a day for the three or four days, and you will start to feel better, if not, let me know immediately, and I will do my best to get to you as quickly as I can and I will donate my blood to your clinic so then they will be able to treat you from that. But that is in the rarest cases that that should happen." I tell them. "Now Corla no playing, Alpha Camron, Luna Courtney, Carson, Beta Calen, Alisha, and Rachel got it?" (Yes Nana) and I watch as she goes and nips those I said and breaks the skin with her nip and the toxin gets introduced into their system. I clean all their wounds and bandage them. "You should start to feel the effects hit by dinner time, but you will be home by then." I tell Alpha Camron and his Luna. "Thank you. Lilly." Camron shakes my hand and the hands of the princes, princesses, Carson and Calen, pets Corla, "Thank you Keska." She nods at him and says goodbye and they leave. "Ok, Corla I think it's time to give Keska back." I tell her. She nods and goes to the back door and disappears. A couple minutes later Keska comes back in.

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## Chapter 216

KESKA: "Sorry Alisha, she can sometimes be a bit of a smarty pants." I tell her. "It's ok, she was right she is softer." Alisha answers back. "Liam is going to be cranky." Mackie says. "Why is that?" the guys ask. "Because he gets protective of her, and he didn't get to see her this time." I answer them. They just chuckle.

BARRETT: "Lilly please tell us about your mate, so that we can better understand about Keska." I ask her. "My mate was a phase elemental, he could change his physical body into any of the natural elements, fire, earth, air, water. He could go from one element right into another without having to change back into his human form. Like Keska, he would disappear when he phased, and he could travel the length of half a football field in one phase." She tell us with tears glistening in her eyes. "I am sorry, I didn't mean to bring up bad memories for you." "they're not bad, Barrett, I still just miss him very much." She says. "What happened to him?" Trent asked. "When Jessie and James were 6 and Keska was 4, the other twins were 2 the kids were staying with us, Drake and Carla had the Alpha conference/convention to go to. There was a rogue attack, we had warned the kids not to go into the woods, back then we lived a bit closer to the border. Jessie, as always pushing against the boundaries set for her, went against what we said. They were playing hide and seek, Jessie went straight for the woods at the back of the house, and smack dab into a group of rogues that were planning to cross into the Pack lands. Rickard wasn't able to fully phase carrying Jessie, he could only do short distances, and he couldn't change into any of the elements while carrying her, they were able to target his vital organs with their claws, he made it back with her but just barely, or we would have lost her that day as well." She tell us as her tears start. "I am sorry Lilly." Trent says. "It's not your fault. I tore those rogues to shreds; I don't think that there was anything left that would have identified them as being wolf when I got done with them." She says and the tears fell. I watched as Keska went to her grandmother and wrapped her arms around her and they both just stood in the middle of the room holding each other.

KESKA: This is the first time that Papa's story was told, I'm just sorry that Liam and James weren't here to hear it. But I am confused, "Nana, I thought that you stayed with us in the safe room." I almost whispered. "Yes I suppose you do, but that was your great aunt, Callie, we are twins, like your siblings, we are not identical, so no shared mate, but after Rickard died she didn't come around much, I don't know if she felt responsible for his death or what,(she shrugged) we write to each other, but she hasn't visited in a long time." "What did she look like?" I asked. "Callie has/had dark red hair, and light milk

chocolate brown eyes, were as I have the Auburn hair and hazel eyes, just like yours.” She says. I nod it is coming back a bit clearer. “I know it’s all got to be a bit hazy for you dear, you were only 4. I am surprised that you even remember him at all.” She says. “I remember him, Lissa and Liam don’t, and I feel bad for them. I just remember I loved Papa very much, I always wanted to be with you and him.” She nodded. “Nana, I want to go run the course, and I want the bags added.” I say softly. “Of course, dear.”

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### Chapter 217

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.” I tell 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 up 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 in 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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### Chapter 218

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, the 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 I 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 I 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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### Chapter 219

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.

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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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### Chapter 220

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. "Trever, 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 Trever, 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. Trevor 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 Trevor. I just about choked, on my laughter. This must be the same salesperson that waited on Dutch and Mackie. Trevor 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. "Trevor." 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 Trevor. He stepped back immediately. "Excuse You! Where is the manager! I wish to speak to **the** manager now." Trevor 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!" Trevor 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.

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