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CORA Keiran's pack was a lot bigger than Alpha Rowan's pack " Everyone in town is a shifter, " Keiran explained. " We occasionally get some human tourists, but they don't stay long because our ... town doesn't have much to offer them. One of the pack rules is to never expose yourself to humans. We don't want any hunters coming to town." " You'll have no problem with me, " I muttered. " You can misbehave, Cora, " Keiran said softly.

Before I could answer him , he opened a door and gestured for me to enter . My eyes darted around , taking everything in . It looked like one of those expensive clothing shops you would usually find in the mall . " You can pick out anything you want . Keiran followed me around as I took a look at the clothes . It was definitely expensive . " Season's changing , " he muttered . " If you want , we can only get you some clothes for autumn and winter .

"I bit my lip as I stared at the rack of thick winter jackets. It reminded me of Dad's jacket." Cora? " " C - can we go somewhere less ... expensive? " asked. He frowned but then nodded. Although he didn't utter a word, I could tell that he wasn't very happy. The price tags didn't matter to him, but it mattered to me. I would have been happy to choose something from a charity shop, but Keiran didn't want any of that.

How was I ever going to pay him back if he spent thousands of dollars on me? " Good afternoon, alpha. " A woman greeted us when we entered another shop. " How can I

help you? "Keiran pressed a hand to the small of my back and urged me closer."

Cora wants to buy some clothes, "he told the woman. "She needs a full wardrobe." "Oh. "Dark brown eyes darted over me. "Are you just passing through? "My lips parted." No, she will be staying, "he answered.

"Cora is our newest pack member . " The woman gave me a big smile . " Welcome to Crystalvalley . " " Why don't you go take a look around , " Keiran suggested . " I'd like to have a word with Delora . " I hesitated , not feeling comfortable enough to leave his side just yet , but the look he gave me made me hurry away . The store was divided into sections that represented each season . I stared at the summer section and made my way through to the other sections .

By the time I reached the winter clothes, Delora joined me. The smile was still there, but her eyes held a different emotion. "Find anything you like?" she asked. "A few things, "I told her honestly." Well, then you're in luck. We have a fifty percent off sale on everything in the store. "She gestured around with her hands." I'm trying to make space for some new fashions. I don't want to order anything new when there's no space." "Oh." "What's your size?

" she asked , already moving towards the clothes . " Let's get you started . " I doubtfully followed her around the shop . None of the price tags indicated that the clothes were marked down . When I asked her about it she told me that she hadn't gotten around to doing it . The woman chatted about everything and everyone as we moved around the shop . By the time we made it to the front to pay , I had a whole wardrobe ready and a lot more clothes than I needed .

The woman had insisted that I choose jewelry to fit the outfits, but I declined. Although my eyes did linger on a silver necklace with a moon pendant that had a blue stone in the middle. "Find everything you need?" Keiran questioned, appearing at my side again. 1/3 +23 Borus "Everything but underwear, "Delora said before I could answer. Colour flooded my cheeks. Keitan cleared his throat. Mom had forgotten to mention the fact that werewolves didn't wear any underwear.

Delora told me when I pointed out that there weren't any in the shop . " Courtney might have some, " she continued, unaware of the embarrassment she was causing me.

Thank you. Can you have these delivered to my house, please? " " Of course, alpha.

" She gave him a sweet smile." I'll send them over straight away. " Keiran gently gripped my elbow and guided me out of the shop. His hand dropped away when we started walking down the sidewalk." Can 1 ask you something kinda personal?

" " Sure , " he muttered . " Why ... why don't you wear any underwear ? " Keiran remained silent for a few minutes . " It's more convenient for us . " J = HOW? " How ? " He glanced down at me . " Have you never seen one of us shift ? " " No , " I told him truthfully . " My parents never shifted in front of me and I wasn't around the others much to see them change forms . " " You're making me think that despite growing up in a pack , you really don't know anything about us. Am I right ?

" I hesitated . Of course , he was right . But not for whatever reason he was thinking .

My parents only wanted to protect me . They claimed that the less I knew , the better ,

especially if I wanted to leave the pack one day . " We have a few different shifters here
, but the pack mostly consists of werewolves , " Keiran said softly . " One of the

teachers offers a class called Werewolf 101. You should attend them . " A giggle slipped out before! could stop it .

I laughed until I realized that I was being disrespectful. My laughter died down and my eyes snapped up. To my surprise, Keiran was smiling down at me. "I'm sorry, "I apologized. He shook his head. "Don't be. ""Do I have to attend the classes? "I questioned after a few seconds. "I think it will be good for you, "he told me. I sighed. Keiran gripped my elbow again and steered me into another shop. It was smaller and much more cozier. "Alpha, how can I help you?

"A woman greeted us from behind the register . " We are just having a look around , thank you , Courtney . " With a hand pressed to the small of my back , he steered me away from the woman . I tensed when he leaned down and pressed his lips to my ear . " Underwear is at the back , " he whispered . " Get anything you want . " " O - okay . " I took a step away from him , but he gripped my arm , stopping me . " Don't look at the price tags , Cora , " he told me . I nodded and then hurried off .

Halfway there, I glanced over my shoulder. Panic hit for a few seconds when I didn't see him, but then I spotted him walking down another aisle. I realized why he had told me not to look at the price tag once I picked up a pair of panties. It was almost double the price of a pair of pants at the other shop. Browsing through everything, I decided on five pairs of matching sets and then a few plain pairs.

I avoided the lace sets completely because they made me blush , and 1 couldn't imagine myself wearing anything as erotic as that . # CORA +25 Bonus Once I was done , I walked through the other aisles and grabbed some other things I needed like

soap , shampoo and conditioner , a toothbrush , and some more hair accessories .

Keiran was already waiting by the register . Courtney was explaining something to him as she packed the things he got into bags .

I did my best to avoid their eyes as I placed the underwear down along with the other things I got . " Is that everything you need ? " " Yes , thank you , " I muttered . " Do you want me to have these delivered to your house ? " Courtney asked . " Please . I want to show Cora around town . " He paid for the stuff and led the way out of the store . " I'll show you where your new school is . " " Okay . " " School's already out so I can show you around if you want ?

" " If you have time, I would appreciate it, " I said softly. " I have time, " he assured me . Keiran glanced down at me and smiled. I hesitantly returned it. I bit my lip. Unease settled inside me when we entered a busier part of town. People turned to greet him, some waved and some just turned to stare at me. Their eyes burned into my skin and I hated it. It felt like I was stuck under a microscope. " Don't mind them, " Keiran said softly." Kinda hard to, " I muttered.

I moved closer to Keiran when we passed a group of boys close to my age . One of them caught my eye , but I instantly looked away . At my old pack , I was never the center of attention like I was at the moment . I had been mostly hidden away due to my parent's protective nature . So I wasn't used to having so many eyes on me . I wanted to crawl into a hole and hide . " Keiran ! " Someone yelled .

At first, It seemed like he didn't hear the person calling, but then he stopped and turned around. I expected him to search for the person who was calling him. Instead, he

wrapped an arm around my waist and jerked me off my feet . I gasped , too shocked to do anything . A blur of white from the corner of my eyes made me turn my head . Just in time to see a big white wolf heading straight for us . Keiran's hold around my waist tightened .

He growled, a sound so scary that it made the people around us scatter away.

Although it had no effect on the wolf He tackled me, or us. It didn't matter because the three of us hit the ground. I gasped, Keiran groaned and the wolf growled right in my face. " Mine!"