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Calvin

"Instead of camping tonight, why don't we stay here, and you can train again with their warriors in the morning?" Peter asks as we return to our

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rooms after dinner.

Luna Daisy took me through the entire pack to sniff around, and the Alpha took us to the dungeon, though there were no she-wolves even there. The Luna seemed disappointed that I did

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not find my mate here.

"Do you think they will mind?" I ask.

"Not at all," he tells me. "They offered you a job. I think they would do a lot to keep you here."

I reach for the knob to open my door, but Peter stops me.

"Do you think you'd like to do something like that? You would be good at it."

I shake my head. "I don't know what exactly has happened to Ada, but if there's a chance I could do something that would scare her, I don't want to."

"Don't turn the job down yet," he tells me. "Find her, think about it. Don't take away an option that could be good for you."

I nod. He's probably right, but I'm not sure I could ever see myself doing something like that, especially when I don't know anyone in the pack. How could someone step into a leadership role in a pack that isn't theirs?

I awake to my alarm, surprised that I slept through the night. I sigh in relief, knowing that Ada was safe last night—my Ada. I smile at the picture Peter gave me, running my finger along the sweet freckles across her nose. She's young and beautiful, and if she's smart, she'll reject me and find someone better, but I hope that with

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everything I have, she doesn't.

I don't bother showering, knowing I'm going to training. I throw on some shorts and a T-shirt before knocking on Peter's door. He lets me in, and I sit on the couch to wait.

"Feel anything last night?" he asks.

I shake my head. "No."

"Good," he says, tossing a map to me. "I blocked out the time zones for you. 2:45 am would have been 4:45 on the eastern side, which still doesn't make much sense."

"Early riser?" I ask.

"It could be," he shrugs. "I can't make a solid theory of it, to be honest with you."

I nod, studying the map, trying to commit it to memory. I've heard of most of these packs, but I don't know enough about them. Honestly, I never thought I'd ever see any of them, much less however many I see on my search for Ada.

"So Worm Moon is going to be the hardest to get into because of Anthony?"

"Unfortunately, no," he tells me. He walks over, placing his finger over a small circle. "Skyclaw is the most difficult. The pack is on top of a mountain. One train goes to it, and they don't like to let anyone in. It's always cold and covered in

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snow because of the altitude. I've only been three times."

I nod. "It would be a great place to hide someone."

"I don't know," he says. "They carry supplies up and down the mountain, but they don't really let anyone in, and they don't leave often. If it comes to it, Seth and Molly will have to make the request for us to visit."

I nod. "So it's not likely she's there. I still think we need to go to Worm Moon."

"I think we need to go there before even attempting to get into Skyclaw. First up, though, is Silver Moon."

"Anything I should know?"

He laughs. "They hate me, and they hate Seth more. He was in the middle of making plans to split the pack territory and put someone else on the border when everything started with Jacob."

"So, no ball?" I half-joke, though I'm pretty excited about the news.

"Not a chance," he smirks. "We'll drive in later today, though I'm considering going tomorrow morning and leaving tomorrow night."

"Is that enough time to make it believable?" I ask. "I want to get to Ada as quickly as possible, but I

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also need them to believe I'm searching through their she-wolves.

"Yes. It's a small pack in a large territory. They don't stay near the border, and I don't think the Alpha cares if Rogues enter through his lines."

I nod in agreement. The Alpha sounds terrible, so the less time there, the better.

"Would it be a good place to hide Ada?"

He shakes his head. "They'd be stupid to. Seth was visiting often, and I also went out a few times. Still, we'll check."

"I'd like to wander around the woods," I say.

He sighs. "I can't promise he'll let that happen."

"We can camp near the border, and I can go back in," I offer. "Technically, I'm rogue. He probably wouldn't feel a difference if I were to cross."

"We'll worry about it later. Let's head down."

It feels so good to train again. Letting my heart pump and my muscles ache. Having time to just simply let my strength loose. I've missed this more than I had realized.

Jeffrey sets us up for hand-to-hand, pairing with me once again.

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"Can't have you hurting my guys," he laughs a little.
"You're strong, Calvin."

"I was well trained."

"I can see that," he says before pushing himself into me. I grab him easily and flip him. "Maybe I should have paired you with one of them. This is just embarrassing."

He gets back up and comes at me again. I move to block him, but as I do, I feel it. I feel her. I stop, and he grabs me, flipping me to my back. I don't move. I don't make a sound. My Ada.

I can feel someone take my hand gently.

"Is he hurt?" Daisy asks.

"No. Everyone out," I vaguely hear Peter demand before he explains it to Daisy.

"He... he can feel his mate?" Daisy asks, clearly shocked.

"It's important we keep this quiet," Peter tells her.
"You understand?"

I feel someone lift my head and place it on something as fingers rake through my hair. "It's alright, Calvin. I'll stay with you."

It's nice. It's comforting. I take a slow breath and push my aura to Ada. "I'm here." I picture her in my arms, pushing my fingers through her hair just

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as Luna Daisy is for me. I hope she can feel it and it comforts her. "My Ada."

It hurts. I feel the smallest of voices in my head.

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It's so delicate, and so scared.

"Where are you?" I ask her, unsure if she can actually hear me. "I'm trying to find you."

Don't know.

"Who has you, Ada?"

Don't know. Al... alpha.

The connection to her is fuzzy and distorted, but I know I heard her. I push every comforting thought

to her that I can. The happiness I felt when I saw Molly again, the way I feel when Cora hugs me. I send all of it to my Ada. "I'm here. I'm coming for you."

Fingers still brush through my hair, and a hand gently rubs my back. I picture myself holding Ada, my hand rubbing her back in the same way.

"I don't know how much you can hear me, but find any clues to where you are. I'm trying my best, mate."

I lay on the ground, my head in Luna Daisy's lap, trying to send comforting thoughts to Ada. I called her Ada, and she didn't correct me. It IS her, and I have to find her. Finally, it stops, and I sit up.

"Are you alright, Honey?" Daisy asks.

I nod and look at Peter, unsure what I can say in front of her. "She's a friend. Say what you need."

"I heard her," I tell him. "She's in pain. She doesn't know where she is or who has her, but it's an Alpha."

"You're sure?" he asks, his eyes wide in surprise.

"Yes," I tell him softly. "It's Ada. I tried... I tried to comfort her, but she's in so much pain, Peter. We have to find her."

Daisy wraps her arms around me. "Whatever you need from us, we're here to help."

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"Alpha Barrett's daughter," Peter says, and Daisy suddenly looks terribly concerned.

"That's a right mess there," she cautions him.

He nods. "I know. We're looking for his youngest daughter, Ada."

"I've not heard anything about her," she tells us. "The older girl came through here but was headed to the Rogue land. We couldn't chance keeping her here when it first happened. I've not heard anything about the younger girl."

"Someone has her and is hurting her," I tell Daisy, who squeezes my hand. "I have to find her."

"Let's talk to John. We can have him ask around," she says. "We'll call you if we hear anything at all. He's on his way here now."



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