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"Relax Diana," Jake began, "You have no idea what you're talking about."

"Bullsh!t," she spat, "I'm not blind so why don't you stop trying to change the subject and start explaining."

"Diana please," I began but she cut me off with a hard look.

"No," she said, "You're not going to say a word right now," she then turned to Jake, "No one is leaving here until I get some answers."

"It's not what you think." Jake tried to explain but Samantha cut him off.

"Maybe, maybe not," she said with a shrug, "But Logan is on his way and he'll be the judge of that."

Jake's eyes shot over to mine and I saw the thinly veiled anger and threat in his eyes. if I didn't find a way to get him out of this I was going to regret it.

'Why do you have to help him?' my subconscious asked, 'You could let everyone know the truth and you'll be free of him.'

'Yeah but where will I go?' I thought, 'Logan has made it very clear that he won't protect me when the time comes. Like it or not, Jake is my only option right now. Even Greg can't help more than he already has. If push comes to shove I'm on my own.'

I pushed my despair down when I felt Logan's presence. He looked stoic and unaffected and also dare I say it, bored. He looked like he would rather be anywhere but here at the moment.

"Someone better be dying, kidnapped or being held at gunpoint by a traitor," he spoke in a lazy drawl as he walked in, "Because I can't imagine what kind of emergency would be taking place here of all places."

His eyes ran across the length of the room before finally coming to settle on Samantha, "You asked me to be here."

"She's hurt," it was Diana who spoke, "She has a cut on her neck; it's not deep but it's there."

Logan took his time walking over to me and when he stood in front of me he held my chin in his hands and lifted it up so my neck was bared to him and in spite of the horrible situation I couldn't help but bask in the calming feeling I felt as he held me and the sparks that seemed to come alive on my skin.

I tried to keep my eyes away from his the entire time and instead cast them to the floor.

"Look at me," he said and I tried to ignore the command laced in those two words, "Charlotte look at me." I forced my eyes up to his and almost gasped at the way his eyes seemed to hold mine in place, "Who hurt you?"

"No one," I forced the lie out of my lips, "It isn't what you think."

"I don't do well with liars Charlotte," Logan warned and I shivered albeit not in fear, "Your cheek is darker, almost as if you were hit and there is a cut on your neck."

"It's honestly not what you think," I began, "No one is hurting me."

"Then pray tell what actually happened to you."

"I can't," I said and his eyes narrowed.

"You have two choices here Charlotte," he said as he freed my chin from his grasp, "Either you tell me what exactly happened to you or I act based on the evidence in front of me." He continued, "And you wouldn't want an innocent person to be punished just because you didn't speak up."

I swallowed but kept my eyes to the ground as I spoke, "It- we were just," I stammered wondering how I was going to get out of this hole I dug myself into, "Jake did it last night- but it isn't in the way you think, He didn't do it to hurt me."

Everyone looked vividly upset and it was Diana who spoke, "What do you mean he didn't do it to hurt you?" she yelled, "He cut you."

"It was in the bedroom," I blurted out and everyone froze.

Diana flushed a crimson color and Samantha looked vividly uncomfortable. I saw Jake let out a relieved breath from the corner of my eye but it was only Logan who didn't look the slightest bit convinced.

"I told you it wasn't what you thought," Jake said after composing himself.

"Well you could've just said so from the beginning," Diana said with a huff then she turned to me, "I'm really sorry for forcing you into that position."

"It's fine, don't worry about it." I waved her off

"It really is nothing to be ashamed of," she said and she looked visibly pained to utter the next words, "Everyone has their kinks I guess." Then she turned to Logan, "I'm really sorry for dragging you here for no reason."

"You didn't," he said, "You thought someone was in trouble and you called me; I cannot hold it against you for looking out for someone."

"Now that the problem has been settled," Jake said, "Can we go now?"

I moved out of Logan's proximity and I hadn't gotten far when his hand snaked out and grabbed my wrist. I looked up at him in shock and he leaned down to whisper in my ear.

"I'm not a fool Charlotte," he began, "And I know you have your reasons for lying- whatever they might be. But know this; it doesn't matter if he is my Beta or my father, abuse of any kind is not tolerated here," he continued, "I will always have your back should you ever decide to come forward. You know where to find me."

He released me and I stood frozen for a second before nodding and walking over to Jake who immediately grabbed that same wrist in a grip that promised punishment later.

"And Jake," Logan called out, "You may be the Beta but you can't keep dragging my workers away before the end of the day." He continued in a teasing tone, "If you keep that up then Diana might choose to run away from work one day and then you'll have to take care of the children."

His tone of voice made it seem like he was joking but I knew otherwise.

"Duly noted." Jake said with a smile of his own and pulled me out of the room.

He didn't say a word until we had gotten into the car and driven for at least five minutes. I was already dreading what he was going to say and a part of me prayed he wouldn't say anything at all.

"You should have taken more care in hiding the cut," he said

"I did hide it," I said, "It came off by accident; nobody planned for it."

"Well you should have handled it without letting it escalate that far."

"I already handled it," I said softly, "No one suspects a thing."

"Yet; they don't suspect a thing yet." He corrected, "But like it or not they will subconsciously be looking into things I do and they might start connecting dots that they aren't supposed to. We don't want anyone calling me an a.buser now do we?"

"Of course, not."

"Good," he said with a smile, "Now we are going to go home and I am going to show you what happens when you don't handle things on time."

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It has been a week since the incident in the daycare and every day is worse than the last. Jake has discovered new and creative ways to make me suffer and I can't do anything about it. I have thought about telling Logan but something stops me each time.

That day after the incident at the daycare Jake told me that he had told someone everything and in a situation where he should end up in the pack cell or he should end up punished because someone finds out about what he does to me then the person has strict orders to go to Alpha Hunter and my father with information on me and Greg.

I wouldn't have minded having them on my tail again but I can't do that to Greg. Even if I wanted to warn him; my father would probably get to him first so I have suffered the beatings and the torture in silence.

A few times Diana has caught a glimpse of the bruises but she just flushes pink and looks away with an apology in her eyes. One day she even gathered up the courage to ask me what kind of kinky things we do because she has

been researching about it and I had to make up some sh!t that I heard Carmen say once.

That was honestly the most embarrassing moment of my life but I guess I have myself to blame for that.

My only piece of comfort through the pain is that Greg is coming to visit. He called a few days ago and said he had permission from Logan to come visit and see how I'm fitting in. Jake hasn't hit me in two days because he wants me to heal before Greg comes over today.

"So who is this person that's coming to visit?" Diana asked with a wiggle of her eyebrows, "Jake doesn't seem to like him very much; is he an e of yours?"

"No," I said with a grimace, "Greg is like my older brother. I was staying with him when I met Jake."

"Oh, I guess that kind of explains it," she said with a shrug, "So tell me; is he hot?"

"I don't know; I guess he is." I said with a shrug, "I've never really looked at him that way."

"What time is he arriving?"

"I don't know if I'm being honest," I said, "But I think it should be later this evening or maybe early tomorrow morning."

"Okay; so final question," Diana said and I nodded for her to go on, "How big is he?"

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"Ew," I grimaced, "Did you not hear the part where I said he was like my brother?"

"Well I know but you must have an idea?" she said, "Haven't you ever seen an outline or something when he's turned on?"

"One; I have never seen him turned on," I began, "Two; I would never go near that part of him with a ten inch pole," I suppressed a shudder, "The thought alone is enough to make me gag."

“Right back at you sweetheart.” A voice said behind me and before I knew it I was on my feet and flying into Greg’s open arms making him laugh, “If I didn’t know any better I would say you missed me.”

“Oh shut up,” I sniffled, “I’m just doing it so you don’t feel bad about missing me when I didn’t even think about you.”

“How’re you doing kid?” he asked and I shrugged. He looked at me almost as if he was trying to figure out all the secrets I was keeping, “We’ll talk about this later.”

“There’s nothing to talk about-“

We were interrupted by a small cough behind us and I quickly remembered that Diana was here with me.

“I’m so sorry,” I said, “Greg this is Diana and Diana this is Greg.”

Neither of them said anything and I looked up to see that they were staring at each other with the same dazed look in their eyes.

“Okay, that is weird,” I said taking a step back so I was in front of the door and no longer in the middle of the both of them.

“That is what happens when you find your mate,” a voice said behind me and I didn’t need to turn to know it was Logan.

He was standing so close to me that I could feel his body heat searing into me and all my nerves stood on end.

“Is it always this dramatic?” I forced myself to ask and he let out a small laugh and oh goddess I can swear I felt my belly do a summer sault.

“No,” he admitted, “Most people can control their reactions but the feeling is the same,” he continued, “You feel like everything in your life finally makes sense because of them and you feel complete and you know that you would move mountains just to make sure that this person is happy. It’s knowing that you’ve found your soulmate and you would do anything to keep them.”

“So that’s it,” I asked, “From just one look you know?”

“Sometimes,” he said, “For some; their werewolf side has been too dormant and dominated that they don’t notice until much later.”

“Have you found your mate?” I couldn’t help but blurt out and he inhaled sharply, “I’m sorry, that was too personal. I should never have-“

“Yes,” his voice was so low and soft that I wouldn’t have heard him if he hadn’t moved closer to me so that his hand was brushing the side of my hip. “It was the most beautiful feeling in the world.”

“Where is she now?” That question seemed to snap whatever spell was around and I felt him freeze.

“You should get to your friend before they start fvcking in front of the children,” he said and that’s when I noticed that they were engaged in a steamy make out session. “When you’re done, I need the both of you in my office.” Without another word he left me with the task of separating the two love birds.

I may not know much about mates but I know better than to get in between them so I stayed at my spot by the door and let out a small scream. As intended they broke apart but what I didn’t expect was for all the children to wake up and start wailing.

“What the hell Charlie?” Diana asked and I just shrugged.

“I didn’t know how to get the two of you to stop playing tonsil hockey.” I said in a bashful tone and Greg let out a small chuckle.

“A simple Hey would have sufficed,” she said and I raised a brow, “Okay maybe it wouldn’t but now we have to get them all back to sleep.”

“About that,” I began and she narrowed her eyes at me, “Greg and I have to go meet Lo- Alpha Logan in his office.” I am so used to calling him Logan in my head that I almost slipped up and said it out loud.

“You are not leaving me her with the children that you woke.”

“Well if you weren’t about to have s3x in front of them then I wouldn’t have had to wake them,” I said, “So bye.”

I rushed out of the daycare and I heard her scream, “I swear to the goddess Charlie I will k!!! you.”

She went quiet after a second and not long after Greg walked out with his hands in his pockets and I wagged my brows at him.

“Not a word pip squeak,” he warned and I couldn’t help my squeal of delight.

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We made our way to Logan’s office and I could feel the happiness radiating off Greg.

“I’m happy for you,” I said softly and he gave me a small smile.

“Thanks Charlie,” he said, “I honestly didn’t think I would ever find my mate but here she is. Thank you for that.

“Why are you thanking me?”

“Well if you never came along then you wouldn’t have met Jake and I wouldn’t have met Diana.”

At the mention of Jake my smile fell a bit but I forced it back up. If being with Jake means that Greg and Diana are happy then it’s all worth it.

“Well in that case you’re very welcome.”

“Are you okay?” he asked and I nodded, “Don’t bullsh!t me, I saw that frown.”

“I just wonder when I’ll find my mate,” I lied and he let out a sigh.

“Everything will turn out fine in the end.” He said and I gave him a small nod, “Now let’s see what your Alpha wants.”

He pushed the door to Logan’s office open and I saw Logan sitting in a chair with Jake sitting across him. I didn’t want to sit anywhere near Jake and as if Greg noticed he sat beside him and left the other chair for me.

I sat down ignoring the daggers Jake was throwing at me with his eyes and focused on Logan even though his gaze that currently seemed to be sliding from Jake to me wasn’t any less intense.

“First of all, I just want to say congratulations,” Logan began and Greg gave him a short nod in response, “It actually makes what I have to say a lot easier for me but first I have a question for you.”

If Greg was as confused as I was he didn’t let it show.

“Diana is like my sister and while I’m overjoyed that she found her mate, I can’t just give her to you when I don’t know anything about you,” Logan said but Greg’s impassive expression didn’t change, “I don’t know anything about your family but I know that you’re not a rogue; you walk with too much elegance and pride to be one.”

“No one can walk with as much pride as an Alpha,” Greg retorted but his expression didn’t change, “Fine, ask whatever you want and I’ll answer.”

“What pack are you from?”

“I don’t have one; I was never officially inducted into any pack so I’m a lone wolf.” He said.

“Where is your family?”

“My family is Charlie and a certain Luna who so happens to be enjoying herself with her mate,” he replied with a humorless smile, “You need to ask the right questions Alpha or you won’t get the answers you’re looking for.”

“Fine then; tell me what you think I need to know.”

“Now you’re talking,” he said, “My father is Alpha Hunter; I was his bastard child and he wanted to kill me but I got away and I haven’t seen him in years.”

“Is this some kind of soap opera?” Jake asked and I remembered he was here, “You’re both running from the same Alpha.”

“Believe me I was as surprised as you were when I got the call that I needed to take her in.”

“How did the both of you meet?” Logan asked and Greg frowned.

“We met through a mutual friend, she helped us both get out of our messy situations,” he began and Logan looked like he was going to say something but Greg cut him off, “Don’t ask because I won’t tell you who she is. I owe her that much for all she risked for both of us.”

“Fair enough,” Logan said, “I have an offer for the both of you,” he gestured to Greg and I, “But only if you’re willing to accept it.”

Greg turned to me in a silent question and I shrugged. I have no idea what he is talking about.

“I would like for the both of you to join this pack,” he said and my eyes widened.

“It’s not that I’m complaining,” Greg began, “But what brought this up because I know it isn’t a spur of the moment kind of thing.”

“Diana is his mate and she is a very social person and while she would be willing to move to the ends of the earth with you; a certain part of her will always long for the pack life. I’m doing this for her,” he said to Greg then he turned to me, “I have my reasons for wanting you to join this pack; reasons I won’t disclose for now.”

“But what would happen if Alpha Hunter comes looking for me?” I asked and he looked me in the eye before replying.

“I protect my pack members Charlotte; don’t ever forget that.” He then turned to Greg, “So what do you say?”

“I’ll be more than happy to move here,” he said then added softly, “Thank you.”

“The pleasure is all mine.”

Greg gave him a small nod then he grabbed my hand and pulled me out of the office.

“I can’t believe that just happened,” I whispered, “You get to be with your mate and I get to see you every day. That’s amazing.”

“What’s up with you and the Beta?” he asked and I frowned. He really doesn’t beat around the bush.

“What are you talking about?”

“The tension between the both of you was so thick I could cut it with a knife,” he said, “Now tell me what’s wrong?”

“We’re just having a disagreement,” I lied, “It’s nothing to bother yourself with.”

He lifted my arm and pulled my sleeve down so quickly that I barely had time to protest, “What is this?”

“Forget about it,” I said pulling my hand out of his grip, “It’s not what you think and don’t grab me like that.”

“You seem to forget that you can’t lie to me,” he said, “I saw the way you started rubbing at your wrists the moment you saw him so you better tell me what the hell is going on.”

“It’s not what you think; we just like to experiment sometimes.”

He leaned closer into me and sniffed my skin, “That’s a lie because if you liked to experiment as you say, you would smell like him,” he said, “Now I’m going to ask again; what the hell is going on?”

I let out a small sob and he let go of me immediately.

“Sh!t, I’m sorry,” he said as he pulled me into a hug, “I never should have yelled at you and I’m sorry.”

“I can’t tell you what’s going on right now but I will,” I said softly, “But I promise that it’s not anything I can’t handle.”

“I don’t care if you can handle it,” he spat, “That bastard isn’t staying anywhere near you.”

“What are you talking about?”

“You’re going back with me to the town.”

“What?”

“I’ll tell the Alpha that I need you to come back with me to help me pack my stuff and wrap up my affairs,” he said, “But I’m not leaving you with that bastard when I can’t protect you.”

“Okay,” I nodded and he gave me a small smile.

“Now come on; let’s go give Diana the good news.”

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To say that Jake was upset by Greg’s decision would be an understatement and if looks could kill I would have been six feet under.

When Greg was talking to Logan he pulled me outside. "What the hell did you tell him?"

"Nothing," I said trying to pull my hand out of his grasp.

"You're lying," he spat, "I know you told him something; why else would he be taking you away?"

"I didn't tell him anything, please let me go."

"Is everything okay over here?" Greg asked as he stepped out and Jake immediately let go of my hand.

"Yeah," he nodded, "Everything is great."

Logan on the other hand was more than happy to let me go with Greg, in fact, Greg had barely finished his request when Logan gave us permission to leave. He even asked if we wanted to take an escort with us.

Diana was overjoyed by the thought of both of us moving into the pack. I originally thought she was just happy because of Greg and when I mentioned it she threatened to hit me with a stick and said she was happy because her friend was going to be with her. I almost cried when she called me her friend.

Greg and I went back on the same day because he didn't want to leave me alone with Jake. I could see how much it hurt him to leave his mate but he is as stubborn as he is a smart a.s.s and we left.

We have been here for the past four days; we should be leaving tomorrow and no matter how hard Greg tries I still haven't told him what was going on with Jake. I want to- I really do but I can't bring myself to say it.

I'm currently in the store because we wanted to spend our last day working at the grocery store just like the old times and it feels like I never left.

"It's about time you finally came back to see us," Mrs. Wiggins said and I offered her a bright smile, "You just upped and went back to your parents without so much as a word."

"I'm so sorry," I said softly, "It was honestly a last minute decision. My mum wasn't feeling too well so I had to go see her."

“I’ll never hold it against a young girl for going to see her mother,” she said with a smile and I almost felt bad for lying to her.

Greg had to give the town an excuse for why I had gone so suddenly so he told them that my mother was sick and I had to rush back home to see her.

“How is that boyfriend of yours?” she asked and my smile fell slightly but she noticed it and let out a short hum, “If you frown like that at the thought of him then I think he’s not the one for you.”

“I wasn’t frowning because of him; I was thinking of something.”

“Didn’t your parents ever teach you not to lie to an old woman?” she tsked, “I have to go anyways; stay good Charlie.”

“You too Mrs. Wiggins,” I yelled after her.

The rest of the day went by almost the same way. I reconnected with a bunch of people and they all wished me luck in life. It felt so sad to know that I was finally leaving here. It may be a human town but they treated me like a person more than my own family ever did.

“It’s okay to miss them you know,” Greg said, “I know I will.”

“It’s different for you; you stayed here longer.”

“It doesn’t matter,” he said, “This town just has a way of sneaking up on you and making you care even though you don’t want to.” I just nodded because he has a point, “I’m selling the store.”

“What?” I asked and he shot me a bored look.

“You’re not deaf Charlie; don’t act like it.” he said and I rolled my eyes at him, “I’m selling the store and I’m using the money to buy another store in the pack. Logan told me about it before we left. His first option was to give it to me as a mating gift.”

“But you refused,” I said knowing how far Greg’s pride ran and he shot me a knowing look.

“So he cut the price down halfway for me and gave it to me. I did try to refuse but he is one stubborn bastard,” He said with a small laugh, “He’s a good guy.”

“I guess so.”

“He told me he was suspicious about you and Jake,” he said making me turn to him, “In fact, he was the one who called me and told me to come over because he wanted me to check up on you.”

“Why would he do that?”

“I don’t know why but I’m grateful he did,” he said, “I don’t want you staying with Jake anymore.”

“I don’t have anywhere else to go Greg.”

“You could stay with Diana and I; I’m sure she won’t mind.”

“Yeah thanks but I’ll pass.”

“Charlie don’t be stubborn.”

“I’m not going to intrude on the both of you,” I said in a sharp tone, “I’m happy that you care but I am fine.”

“You’re not,” he snapped, “And if you pretending that you’re fine when you’re not then nobody is going to be able to help you.”

“Maybe I don’t need the help,” I said softly, “Why can’t you see that? I am perfectly okay and I don’t need you to hover over me. You have a mate now so focus on her and be happy.”

“I’m not a child, I’m capable of taking care of more than one person,” he said, “Aubrey left you in my care; so I have to take care of you.”

“And you have,” I assured him, “You have done more than enough but you need to let me fight my own battles. Okay?”

He stayed quiet for a second before nodding, “Okay. I’ll let you be but if he puts one more toe out of line then I’m going to damn the consequences.”

“That’s good enough for me.” I said and he gave me a small smile.

“Come on it’s time for bed,” he said, “We have a very long day tomorrow.”

“Greg?” I asked and he turned to me, “Who did you sell the house and the store to?”

“I sold it to Michael,” he said and I when I shot him a confused look he continued, “He’s Mr. Brennan’s nephew.”

I briefly remembered the chubby boy who Jake thought was flirting with me and let out a small laugh.

“What’s so funny?” Greg asked and I shrugged.

“Time,” I said softly, “It feels like an eternity ago that I first came here and another lifetime ago that I left and I never realized how fast the time went.” He looked at me with a blank expression, “Do you think they’ll ever find me?”

“I don’t know Charlie,” he admitted, “But if they do then you have a massive support system behind you,” he said, “You have me and Diana and even Logan.”

“I understand you and Diana but not Logan.”

“He cares about you in his own way,” he said then he trailed off as if he was thinking about something.

“What’s going on up there?” I asked and he looked at me and I saw the moment whatever he was thinking seemed to click in his head and he broke out into a smile, “That was creepy what the hell?”

“Absolutely nothing,” he said with a smile, “Goodnight Charlie.”

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Our induction ceremony was supposed to be held in the evening but we arrived at the pack around 9 a.m. I didn’t want to face Jake and address the issue with Greg so I went to the daycare. Diana didn’t want to leave me there alone so she came with me and I felt bad for pulling her away from her time with Greg.

Greg assured me it was okay and he needed to use the day to get all his things ready before the ceremony.

“Do you have a dress for the ceremony?” Diana asked and I just shrugged.

"I'll just wear one of my old dresses,"

"Are you insane?" she asked, "This is like the most important day of your life. You can't wear an old dress."

"I don't have any money to get a new one," I admitted embarrassingly and she rolled her eyes.

"Of course you do," she said as she handed me a card, "Logan asked me to give this to you; this is the account he's going to be paying your salary into as well as where you get paid for the brownies you've been supplying."

"Are you kidding me?" I asked and she shook her head.

"Now you have money; let's go shopping."

"But we can't leave the children alone," I began but I had barely finished my sentence when two female wolves walked in. They looked slightly younger than me but otherwise seemed pretty happy to be here.

"This is Leila and Kayla," she said, "They're going to watch the children while we make busy," I opened my mouth to protest again and she shot me a death glare, "I swear if you say one more thing I will staple your mouth shut."

I kept my mouth shut and she shot me a tight lipped smile, "Let's go."

I never had fun shopping before Diana. Carmen and Liana always made it a horrible experience and my last experience wasn't the most memorable but Diana made it so much fun and enjoyable.

She picked out a beautiful short black dress and when I first saw it I was reminded of the dress I wore during the engagement service and I wanted to say no but then I realized that I actually did want to wear it. I'm not going to let Alpha Hunter and my father control all my life choices. I will banish all the bad memories by making good ones.

I paired the black dress with a pair of strappy sandals and a simple silver plated chain (real silver is dangerous to us) with a wolf pendant. She bought the necklace herself and gave it to me as a 'welcome to the pack' gift and I almost cried.

“Come on,” she said as we paid for the last of the things, “We can go over to my place and I can help you get ready there.”

“Really?” I asked and she gave me an incredulous look.

“Well of course.” She said, “I have to do your make up and your hair. You are going to look like a fairytale princess.”

“Thank you,” I said and she waved me off.

“Friends don’t have to thank each other.”

“You consider us as friends?” I asked and she shot me a confused look.

“You’re crazy girl,” she said with a small laugh, “Of course we’re friends.”

When she was done I could have sworn I looked the most beautiful I have ever looked in my life. She did my hair into a low bun with a few curls escaping over the front of my face and my makeup was very simple with some pink gloss and nude shadow. The dress looked absolutely beautiful on me; the top hugged my torso and the bottom half flowed out and stopped mid-thigh.

“You look beautiful,” she whispered and I couldn’t help but smile at her, “I’m so excited for you.”

“Thank you,” I said, “This is all because of you; you’re the real artist here.”

“You’re a beautiful person Charlie; all I did was make you see that.” She said softly, “Now I’m going to put on my dress and then we can go.”

She pulled out a similar dress to mine, only in the color white and after she had pulled it on she grabbed my hand and led me down the stairs.

“We’ll meet everyone else at the ceremony and I’ll let you know how it goes during the ride okay?”

By the time we got there the entire pack was seated in the clearing and I felt my palms begin to sweat and I started getting a bit nervous. What if I’m endangering the entire pack by being here?

“I can see the thoughts forming in your head,” Greg whispered from behind me, “Logan knows the risks he’s talking by bringing you here.”

“What about them?” I asked, “Do they know?”

“Nothing is going to happen,” he assured me and even though I didn’t believe him I nodded anyways, “Just focus on today and we’ll get through this one day at a time.”

“It’s time for the ceremony.” Logan said interrupting us and Greg gave me a small smile before leading me out onto the platform where the ceremony was going to take place.

Logan addressed the pack first and gave a fine speech about how Greg was Diana’s mate and how I have been a good addition to the pack so far.

He then walked over to us with a golden chalice and a knife in his hand and he slashed his palm then put it over the goblet so it would drip into it and handed the knife to Greg who did the same without hesitation.

“Do you promise to be loyal and do your best to protect this pack?” Logan asked and Greg nodded.

“I do.” They sealed their cut palms together and it was done.

Greg stepped to the side and I moved forward so I was standing just in front of Logan. He handed me the knife and I slid it across my palm ignoring the slight sting and repeated the same words.

When our hand connected I felt a huge rush of sparks that it was a conscious effort to stay standing but almost as soon as he touched me, Logan pulled away.

“It is done,” he said then turned to the rest of the pack. “Welcome your new members.”

Greg and Diana wanted to retire early so I asked them to take me to Jake’s house first. Greg was obviously not pleased but he didn’t want to put up a fight and let me do what I want.

“If there’s an issue I want you to call me immediately,” he said as soon as they dropped me in front of the house and I nodded.

“I will,” I promised although I planned on doing no such thing, “Now go enjoy yourselves and stop worrying.”

They drove off and I made my way into the house. I didn't see Jake after the ceremony so I'm assuming he's either gone out or he's at home waiting for me but seeing as all the lights are off I don't think he's home.

I took out my spare key and stepped into the house and into the guest room. The first thing I did was take off my dress and wash off my make-up. I was just coming out of the bathroom and wiping my face down when I noticed a piece of paper on my bed that I can swear wasn't there when I first came in.

I picked it up and as I read each word my eyes widened further and my breath picked up. I poked my head out of the door slightly and saw no one in the hallway. I went back to the letter and read it again but the words didn't change.

"Did you have fun?" a voice asked and I screamed out loud before realizing it was Jake, "Were you expecting anyone?"