

Sanctuary: A Hidden Pack (New Edition)

Chapter 7 Blood Samples

Lakota "Dad, which of these Packs had an alliance with Crystal Blood Pack?" I ask as I keep looking at both routes, and Dad is quiet, a bit too long for my taste, so I look up at him. I see a bright smile on his face, and I think he has realized why I asked him this question. "You are a smart young lady, my Daughter. We will take this route." He says as he points at the route we will be taking. "This is your Uncle's Pack, and I know he will side with us." Dad points at a green mark as he speaks, and Lotus gets excited about the prospect of visiting with family. "These two Packs will probably uphold the alliance we once had if we knock on their doors." Dad says as he points at two other green marks, but I notice two other green marks he didn't point at, and I ask him about it. "Those Packs will be a guessing game; I don't know if they will uphold our old alliance, and I'd rather not find out until we are safe." He answers. Dad explains that when he was still an Alpha, he had made those alliances for the sake of his Pack, but that he never really trusted any of the Alphas, and neither had Mom. "Like Alpha Geofry, they believed they needed to keep their Pack pure, and that meant that if you found a same-sex Mate or a Lycan Mate, you had one of two choices." He says. I know which two choices he is talking about; either you reject your fated Mate or you leave the Pack. Most would leave their Pack, hoping to find a Pack that was more than willing to accept them, and some even ended up in the service of the King and the Council. Dad tells us that he took in his fair share of the couples that left their Pack for their fated Mate, and how Mom would always do everything she could to help them settle in fast. My Uncle is the same type of male my Father is, and I can't wait to meet him and my Aunt. Lotus has been awfully quiet from time to time ever since we overheard Jace and Alpha Geofry; when she is ready, she will tell me what she has been thinking about or what she has figured out, and till that time, I will help Dad and Lance get ready for our adventure. I quickly lay down on the couch as I smell Doc outside our door, and Lance covers me with a blanket as he knocks on the door. Dad gets up to let him in and to let Doc do his job; we all know he doesn't like the situation any more than we do. Doc sees me laying on the couch while Lance is standing in front of the window with his arms crossed over his chest, not paying much attention to me or Doc, and Doc links me to ask if he needs to get rid of Lance for us. *"What do you mean, Doc? He is just making sure I have everything I need, Alpha's orders."* I answer him. *"He is here to make sure you stay on the Gamma floor, and he will be in the way of your escape plans."* Doc answers, and I look at him in terror. "Doc, have you lost your mind? Why would you think such a thing? This is our home; this is our Pack, and I don't know where you got the stupid idea from that I would want to escape." I say with a small voice. Doc pales as Dad and Lance growl at him, and I am glad that Lotus chooses to help me play weak in front of Doc, instead of growling at him. Lance leaves the room to stand guard outside our door, because he knows Doc won't say a word to us with him around, and through the mind-link I thank him for clearing the room. Doc starts telling us about Alpha Geofry and his fated Mate; that she took her own life after Jace was taken away from her, and she was forced to watch another female raise her Son. That the same goes for the Beta's fated Mate, and that his Gamma was about to do the same thing when he was killed. "What happened to the former Gamma's Mate?" I ask, and I sigh in relief when I find out she found her second chance Mate, but that he wasn't a part of this Pack. "I doubt she ever knew what would have happened if the Gamma had survived, but I am glad she never had to find out." Doc answers. *"I have been wondering if it was only the Alpha or*

his entire leadership." Lotus comments, and I know that this is what had her preoccupied every time. "Doc, is there any evidence?" I ask him, and I really hope there is evidence to give to the Council and bring this Pack to its knees. Doc shakes his head as he explains that the Alpha always took every file with him and every staff-member was Alpha commanded to never speak of it to anyone. *"Ask him if there are blood samples from those females, and if he says yes, then ask him if he has samples from our future Alpha and Beta."* Lotus says to me. Before I ask Doc, I link Dad to get his opinion about this; Dad decides to ask him those questions as I am supposed to be too weak, and we don't want Doc to know too much. If Alpha Geofry thinks he is involved, he won't have much to spill, and it might save his life in the process. Doc tells us he will be back after dinner with everything we might need to prove our story to the Council, and Dad fills in Lance on everything Doc told us.

