



Chapter 24: Why?

Sable POV

It's been a couple of days. I have been at the hospital. This time though, the nurses are friendly and the doctor comes to see me. They even make sure I have meals. However, Jaxon has yet to come see me. I'm not leaving for a couple of reasons. First, I want to see if he keeps his word about calling Crane and Darius so I can get my stuff. Second, I was thinking a lot about leaving Dark Flame. Is Jaxon going to ask me to accept him as my Alpha and does he have intentions of marking me? 1

So far, any progress I thought we were making seems to have evaporated. I've had nothing but radio silence from everyone outside of the pack hospital. I'm bored out of my mind. I'm not a stranger to being alone, but at least, I always have things to do. Here in the hospital, I have no one to talk to and no one has offered a book or magazine to read. I just lay here. I'm getting anxious already. My thoughts are starting to get away from me and with me being here and Jaxon, Goddess knows where, Nia hasn't had a chance to talk to Drax again either. I can't mind link anyone here either. I'm hoping today that the doctor will discharge me. If I have any after care instructions, I will make sure to follow them properly this time. Eventually, I need to let Nia out for a run. 3

One of the nurses enters and with a friendly good afternoon, starts reading my vitals. "Excuse me, do you know when I will be getting released from here?" I ask.

"Sorry, Luna, I do not. That will be a question for the doctor. He should be in shortly to check you over." The nurse responds.



I lay back on the bed and after a while the doctor comes and is checking me over. This is the only human interaction I'm getting. "Um, sorry doctor, when will I be discharged?"

"I think you will be good to go this afternoon. I just need to check your blood work one more time to confirm the silver contamination is out of your system. Then you are free to go." He said.

I'm excited. Finally! I can get out of here. I won't know where to go once I leave the pack hospital, but at least I won't be stuck in this room. I'm disappointed that Jaxon asked me to let him make this right, but the moment we are back in the pack, he is back to ignoring me. But Nia and I are sticking to the plan. Let's see if he keeps his word about Crane and Alpha Darius. Then we will see if he brings me into the pack officially.

Another hour goes by, then the doctor comes back in and clears me to leave. This time, I'm completely recovered. I shower in the room bathroom and change my clothes. When I come out of the room, there isn't anyone waiting for me...again. I sigh and look at the nurse in the nurse's station.

"Excuse me, can you point me to the direction of the pack house?" I asked embarrassed. Am I really that forgettable to my mate?

"Oh sure, Luna." She says and my face heats up. I don't feel like a Luna. I feel like a stranger in a foreign country.

She walks to the entrance with me and points me in the direction of the pack house. I say my goodbyes and start walking. It's a pretty day and there is a slight breeze. Fall is coming and it will be nice to see the leaves change colors. My parents and I used to love drinking



hot apple cider in front of a bon fire when they were alive. Maybe I can get Jaxon to join me one afternoon and we can try to get to know each other. 1

I reach the pack house and knock. I am not a pack member yet and it would be rude to walk in uninvited. I wait by the door for ten minutes and no one answers. I sigh again as I sit down on the steps.

'I've never felt this invisible before, Nia.'

I hear Nia whimper in my mind, 'He forgot about us again.' 1

'Do you want to leave? We have clothes this time and we are healed. I can let you out for a run and we can get out of here. I thought he meant what he said, but I guess it was another lie. We look like pathetic losers. We have our pride girlie.'

'Yeah, let's go, Sable. Let's get behind the trees and strip there.' 1

With my head down, trying not to let my disappointment show to anyone passing by, we make our way to the tree line. It feels like déjà vu. This time we will pull a shift and run in a different direction. If he remembers to go to the pack hospital, at least they will tell him I went to the pack house. It will buy us some time to put distance between us.

Once there, I strip and throw my clothes into the bag. I shift into Nia. She is a beautiful brown wolf with golden highlights. Her eyes are hazel green like mine. She grabs our bag in her mouth and huffs sadly. I feel bad for her. For our wolves, a mate bond that isn't nourished with love from our mates hurts our wolves more than the humans. The spirit feels broken and the mate bond feels weak. 2



We move further away from the pack, through the trees and into a clearing with a small lake. It's very pretty. Nia is feeling so sad that she finds a falling tree near the water and lays beside it, looking out at the water. Eventually, we fall into a discontent sleep.