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"Land Ahoy!" 1

That was what woke her up from sleep.

She jumped up in her bed and for a short while she had been confused as to where she was and slowly it all began to come to her.

She was in a ship being sent back to the moonlight pack and then she recalled the events of the previous night wondering if it had all been a dream.

She itched her hair and then she saw that there was a very very large fur beside her literally up to the size of the bed. 5

She jumped and saw it was Kire.

"Kire." She said. 1

The wolf woke up and looked up at her and then she smiled and rubbed his fur.

It was when he started to rise because he had been resting that it occurred to her that he had truly grown just as Erik had said. 2

She was shocked at how huge and massive he was.

His head even hit the ceiling of the cabin.

He howled in pain and she gently calmed him.

"So sorry about that." She said. "Try to keep your head down." 1

And then he obeyed and remained bending.

"Erik was not joking when he said you will grow big overnight."

He wagged his tail excitedly and it swiped a glass bottle in a shelf and it landed into pieces.

"Woops." She said. "Maybe we should be less excited."

And then she heard the men say land ahoy again. 1

And then it dawned on her what that truly meant. 1

They had made land.

She came down from the bed and hurried to the steps.

Kire followed her right behind, breaking things in the way. 1

When she got to the top deck of the ship she saw that the sun had just been rising in the horizon. 2

The men were going on about with their wooden planks and some mopping and cleaning. 1

"Excuse me, sorry." She apologized as she dodged and rushed past the men to go to the side of the ship. 1

Kire was nothing like her he bombarded through the men and they complained as he ran past excitedly after her. 2

She reached the railing and held on to feel the air and watch land from afar.

Kire joined beside her and wagged his tail as if he was a little puppy. 1

She breathed in the air and smiled at the feeling and sweet sounds of birds flying off. 2

Unknown to her Xaden was stepping up

On deck and discussing with the tongue less captain and stopped short when he saw her. 1

He watched as she stood enjoying the air.

And then he was drawn back to his discussion with the captain.

Then she looked and saw the land that they were about to stop at.

And chills came through her because that meant that she was closer to home.

"I told you he was going to grow."

She turned and saw Erik.

Kire jumped up and down before attempting to climb his master. 1

"Easy boy you're too big." Erik warned his wolf. 1

Jasmine smiled. "Yes you did. But I never expected him to be this big."

He stood at his full height and she gawked in disbelief.

"He is bigger than when you are wolf is he not?" She asked. 2

"Yes." He nodded. "It is different because he is not just accommodating me anymore but he is his full self now. So yes he is actually bigger than I am." 1

"Hmmm". She said to herself as she looked at him. 1

"Did I dream what happened last night?" She asked. "The entire sea creature almost killing us?" 1

He laughed. "I wish. It was as real as ever. We

sent word to the people who need to know. Whatever that was it is not going to be hiding for long." 1

She sighed and Then turned to back to the nearing land. 1

"You are close to home." He said. 1

She gave a weak laugh. "Home? Have I ever had a home?"

"You are anxious." He said.

"I am my father's disappointment. He is going to kill me." She said wisely. 1

"I think Xaden will beat him to it." He said. 3

She smiled weakly at the lame joke. 1

"Whatever it is." He sighed. "You will be able to face it." 1

Then Erik went away. 1

Soon the Anchor was dropped and their ships were already at the ports. 1

She swallowed heavily as she watched the men go down. 1

Xaden stood looking handsome in his armor bearing the plaque of the crescent pack and there were other members of his army behind

him. 2

He led the procession down and went to meet a man who stood with a different wolf army.

As she watched she felt someone stand behind her. 1

She turned around and saw that four hefty guards were standing in her front and hold chains. 1

Without saying a word they pulled her hands together and instantly put the chains on. 1

"You will not be a sight away from us." The leader said. 1

"The chains are heavy." She said. 1

"Be relieved that you do not have chains on your feet." He warned her with an evil glint in his eyes. "Move." 1

And with that she was forced to walk in the middle of all the four men. 1

She looked down as she came down the temporary plank.

Erik was standing beside Xaden now.

She wondered if he was the one who had insisted that she not be in chains.

As she looked back up to the crowd of the man Xaden had gone to see and he was so familiar that she could not place her finger where she knew him from.

"Alpha Xaden of the barbarian pack." The man said. 1

Xaden was not smiling.

He nodded at Erik who handed the man a scroll.

The man collected it and opened it with a sour face before reading it. 2

"That is an order from the King himself decreeing that you let us pass through your kingdom." Erik said. 2

The man scowled and then just when they thought he would turn them down he smiled. 2

"But of course." He said and stepped aside for them to pass. "Feel free to pass through my pack." 2

Jasmine knew him.

He was her father's closest ally and one of the most malicious and dangerous men she knew. 1

That meant that they were barely three hours away from her home pack.