



Chapter 101

Bennet gives me a tired smile and tries to wave me over, he's been out all night running down any other potential threats. I just shake my head and his face falls in concern as I turn towards a lone high top table in the back corner. These guys should be out of here soon and I'll take a seat then. He looks at me confused, but I just keep walking. I sit, but I can't have my back to the room out of habit, so I am stuck here watching people. They come and go while trying and failing to not look at me sitting alone in the corner of the room and whispering more rumors.

I'm mentally going through the things I can do for school today and I have to remember to ask Robin about my laptop and my phone. Even if she has to give me new ones, it will be a little more freedom and it's been long enough. I am probably so behind and that is making my skin crawl. Being able to study on my balcony on days when the weather is good would be nice too. I love that the office she's letting me use has so many windows. I feel less cooped up and can watch the forest change throughout the day, but just knowing I'm not 'allowed' out is what's stifling.

A high pitched giggle breaks me from my thoughts and my attention is drawn towards the entrance to the breakfast room. Ryker walks in with Amy in tow. She looks disheveled and well f*cked. Did she stay with him last night after he left me angry and frustrated? I don't know why it bothers me. It shouldn't, we aren't together no matter what the Moon Goddess wants. But after his speech about me staying away from warriors, he could do the same with females, at least in public. It's embarrassing enough that everyone knows he doesn't want me and plans on rejecting me. 1

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"Ryker, you are so serious in the morning. I can help you cheer up if your needs aren't being met." She coos loud enough for the whole room to hear and looks right at me. Ryker follows her line of sight, looks a little



surprised to see me, looks around the room and then back to me. Noticing that I am leaving 'his pack' alone like he asked. Maybe the gesture will be enough for him to be nice to me. That's a lot to ask though.

I roll my eyes even though my stomach has dropped into my feet. Yeah, asshole. I did as you asked and stayed away from your warriors. Maybe you should show the same respect. I raise my eyebrow in a dare, trying to convey all my irritation. I know it's seen as a challenge, but I will not break eye contact first. He blinks and turns his head and continues walking toward the buffet table, his brunette bed buddy in tow petting him and talking incessantly. I take in and let out a slow breath and grab my plate. I'm not going to sit here and watch him be fawned over by another female while I'm in the room, when I'm not even allowed to talk to my friends, just because they are guys. Some mate he is.

I walk by Bennet's table, he reaches out to stop me. I step away from him, I don't want him to get yelled at because of me.

"Hey, where are you going? Why aren't you sitting with us?" I close my eyes and sigh. Why does he have to be so nice?

"Did you not get the memo? Apparently, I'm not allowed to spend time with any of you anymore. I am distracting you all from your real jobs, I get people injured and apparently I talk to too many male warriors." I let my voice get louder as I speak. "Which is also seen as flirting and is disrespectful to my mate. I will be in my office or my room for the foreseeable future, you may want to find something to do with your time, you are going to be really bored." With that I turned and left. I take deep breaths to swallow the lump in my throat, blinking rapidly. I will get through this and he doesn't deserve my tears. 2

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