

Chapter 128

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"Are you sitting with us today Luna?" Danny doesn't let me linger too long with Bennet.

"I guess so." I shrug. I know Ryker said he wanted me with him at meals last night, but I wasn't sure if that was an invitation or a demand or just to get me to talk to him.

"Perfect!" Danny wraps his arm around me and I giggle as we start walking. Naturally, Ryker growls at him and he ignores it.

I'm sure they're having a conversation over the mindlink, but for the first time it doesn't bother me. I know Danny is giving him a hard time about me and I'm okay with it. What I'm really interested to see is how Ryker acts with me in front of his pack members. He was unsure and timid last night, but that is not how this Alpha is with his pack members. So far he's made it clear I'm not important and for the most part I am ignored and left alone. There are only a few females who actively give me dirty looks, but that is as far as they have gone.

I stiffen as we enter the breakfast room and Amy is at a table closest to the door. She's clearly waiting to ambush Ryker. Her half stood pose is amusing, but her facial expression is murderous. I only have to worry for a moment though. Large warm hands wrap around my waist from behind as Danny's arm slips from my shoulder. Ryker pulls me back into his chest and I feel the relief wash over me. Danny stays on my right and Bennet is to my left. 📖

"You okay?" Ryker whispers in my ear.

I nod, but that isn't good enough for him.



"I need words, mate." My whole body shivers and I lean deeper into him.

"Yes, I'm okay." He slips sideways between Danny and I and walks us towards his table. Completely ignoring Amy's attempts to talk. I smile at his choice of side. What he doesn't seem to get is the more he acts jealous, the more Danny is going to mess with him. I think I may encourage it too.

As we walk through the breakfast room I look out the window and gasp. I don't even think as I head over to a door that leads to the back patio. When I step out a cool blast hits me in the face and I have to squint for a minute as my eyes adjust to the brilliance of the sun reflecting off the untouched snow.

"Oh wow!" It looks like millions of diamonds were set in the branches and scattered along the ground. The way Silver Crescent is set up, the packhouse is in the center and it's hard to see a fresh snowfall untouched like this. "This is gorgeous."

"Please tell me you've seen snow before." That rumble is so sexy, even when he's insulting me.

"Yes, I've seen snow, Ryker."

"I think I understand my wolf's fascination with the way you say his name. I like the sound of your voice saying my name. We could listen to you talk about anything. Are you a fan of winter, mate?"

"I like all the seasons. It's just rare to see snow like this. It's so pretty, clean and untouched like this. Does that last long around here? It never did back home."

"Depends on..."



"AHHHHHHHHH! You're going down!"

"Umpf!" Ryker pulls me to his side as a blur goes flying past us. Then a plume of snow shoots into the air as Bennet and Danny land in the soft powder.

"...that." He laughs behind me. I have to laugh too. You'd think these grown men would have grown out of wrestling in the snow and having a snowball fight. But I stand corrected.

Josh walks up next to me. "F*cking children." He says it like he's annoyed, but the laughter in his eyes tells a different story.

"Are you too good for a snowball fight, Beta?" I tease as we both duck from a rogue snowball.

"Never, Luna. But like every fight there should be some strategy."

"Isn't the strategy to have the most snowballs and to get hit the least? There's not much more to a snowball fight than that."

"Did I hear a challenge in your tone?"

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"Possibly, but I'm also not dumb enough to challenge you before I have seen what you can do. You are a sneaky fighter. I assume you have a wicked throw and probably deadly accuracy." It is also cold and I am not dressed to play in the snow. My jeans and sweater won't cut it for long. But I am not going to say any of that to him. That will get me thrown in the snow for sure. Standing out here on the deck, next to Ryker, though, I am completely comfortable.

"Luna...Incoming!" Danny shouts.



On instinct, I grab Ryker's shirt and pull us around as I hear 'thump, thump' on his back and feel small flecks of snow hit my face from over his shoulder.

"I see how it is." He laughs at me.

"You still owe me. It's only fair." I shrug and smile. 1

He tightens his arms around me. "As long as you keep looking at me like that, they can keep throwing snowballs at me all day."

Thump, thump, thump. He hugs me tighter and curves his shoulders protectively.

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