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We move straight to my room, there is no question of her being alone now, or ever really. Not after last night and waking up with her this morning. We can't be apart from her. My wolf is whimpering at her fragile state and I struggle to ignore him. I have to help her and he is powerless to do anything.

"Remove her clothes Alpha." Our lead healer calls out as she walks into the room. "You need to get her warm. Under the covers, now."

I don't even hesitate. Bennet moves to help but my wolf lets out a snarl. He's still convinced there is something romantic going on between them. He looks hurt, but I can't focus on that right now.

"Greta, help please." She jumps in without a word. All of our focus has to be on keeping her alive right now. "What else can I do?" I look at the healer.

"It would be helpful and makes things go faster if she was marked." 2

"NO! We still don't know if it will hurt her. I don't want to make things worse." I slide into my bed, while the healer and Greta wrap us both in blankets. I lay on my side and pull her tight to my chest, resting her ear on my heart. Her cheeks are still cold. I kiss her on the top of the head, breathing in her sweet scent. "Come on baby, fight, please. We need you. I need you." I whisper into her hair. 1

"Boss." Bennet has his hands up in surrender as my eyes flash to him. "Could you make her pack? I know we don't have any information on mates yet, but there have been plenty of humans in our pack's history. To be included in the lineage, they had to be pack." He turns to the



healer. "Could that connection help?"

"I don't see why not. And with her contact right now, she should be able to heal quickly from the incision."

"Can we do that without moving her?" I question, not really wanting to try anything no one is completely sure about.

"We can have you sit up and maintain your position. It would give her the strength of the pack to heal as well. I believe we should try Alpha."

I take another deep, calming breath letting her scent wash over me. "Okay, let's try."

The healer and Greta spend the next hour getting fluids in her, while my mother, Josh, Bennet and Danny set up the ritual to make her a pack member. I just hold my mate while the chaos ensues around us. Her breathing has become less labored and she seems to just be asleep, curled around me like I'm her teddy bear. But I won't be satisfied until those ice blue eyes are looking up at me. I sit with my eyes closed, just feeling her near me. Going over everything since she's been here, everything my team has told me, Robin, my mother. She is so strong and willful. She is my perfect Luna, except she is human and fragile. I can't move past this, I don't know how. She can't mindlink and I won't let her enter a fight willingly. She's vulnerable and for once in my life, I can't seem to find a solution.

"We're ready, Alpha." Josh catches my attention. I open my eyes, stopping the loop of negative thoughts that seem to surround me when it comes to Kennedy.

I adjust to a better sitting position. She's straddling me, pressed chest to chest. In any other circumstance, and without the audience I would be very excited about being this close to her. I keep her face nestled into my

neck and under my chin, her right arm is tucked around my waist to keep as much of her covered as possible. My mother pulls her left hand out gently and presents her palm to the elder who joined us. I double check every other inch of her naked body is covered before we begin.

The ceremony is quick, or as quick as it can be with an unresponsive party. At least she didn't have to repeat anything back to us for the ceremony to work. The elder places the silver knife in my right hand and my mother stabilizes Kennedy's left for me to make the incision. Our elder makes the same cut in my hand. As soon as our palms touch and the blood mixes, I can feel the surge of connection flow through both of us. 1

Kennedy takes a deep gasping breath and squeezes my hand back, she's like a live wire stuck to me. I turn our hands so I can kiss the back of hers, then I tuck it into my chest, not caring about smearing our blood. Her eyes still don't open, but her body heat increases instantly and color is coming back to her cheeks.

Josh says he's going to get an update on the rogues they were able to capture and if he can get any information out of them. Greta and Danny go to run their patrols, then they will check in on the injured teen and get me an update on his condition soon. The Elder and healer pack up to leave. The latter says she will visit once more tonight and then again in the morning to check Kennedy's condition. Bennet pulls up a chair and leans back. I can't even bring myself to ask him to leave. He's hurting almost as bad as I am about her condition. My mother says she will have food brought up for us. 2

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