

## Chapter 181

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I tense and my breath halts. I am frozen in time, staring at this older version of Ryker. His eyes are a darker shade, but no less piercing. If Ryker wasn't holding me up, I would probably be in a heap on the floor.

"What?" I whisper out. Ryker wraps his arms around me tighter and I hold his forearms like my life depends on it. I'm probably leaving marks, but only a tiny portion of my brain is registering that it might be a bad thing.

He gives me a look of sympathy, but asks again. "What do you remember from that night? I need to know where to start my story."

My lungs are trying to take in breaths, but I can seem to get any air in. I can't look away from the eyes that are so like my mate's. He knows what happened. He might know why. He knows me, but I have never met him before in my life. ?

I feel hands on my face, I try to blink but my whole body is slow and foggy. Then warmth spreads from my lips through my whole body, lighting me on fire. I breathe in deeply, my eyes finally focusing.

"Hey. Stay with me, okay?" Ryker mindlinks me. "Maybe he can help fill in some gaps."

He kisses me on the lips and I tuck into the crook of his neck, letting his scent invade every pore in my body. When I am ready I sit up and turn back to Alpha Ryan, I don't even know when Ryker changed my position. ?

"All I really remember is the crash." I take a deep breath in. "I was asleep, it was my fault we were even on the road." A tear falls, but it



doesn't even make it to my cheek when Ryker wipes it away with his thumb. "I woke up to the sounds of the crash and our car rolling. That's what my nightmares used to be about, being stuck in the car with my parents dead eyes looking at me." I let the sudder rip through my body. Ryker is rubbing my thigh with one hand and holding me tight with the other. "Everything else is pieces and really fuzzy." 1

Alpha Ryan takes Sarah's hand and kisses the back before placing it on his leg. "I don't think that you or your parents were a target that night, but collateral damage. I don't mean that to sound hateful, or to lessen their loss, it's just my thoughts. But, I do know what happened from a different perspective. We were also on the road that night." His eyes go from me to his son behind me. "We had just met with the Alpha from Moon River. He has three daughters and wanted an alliance with a chosen mate bond." Ryker growls in his chest behind me. 2

"Arrogant asshole."

"Yes, yes, Ryker, we all know how you feel about that. Relax." He looks back at me. "I was unaware of his intentions at the time, otherwise I would have gone on my own. That is beside the point. We were able to leave peacefully, or so we thought."

Ryker stiffens under me. "NO! There's no way."

"There is absolutely a way, you're looking at her right now."

"Wait! What's going on? What am I missing?" I look at everyone, who all seem to have the same expression. Even Josh is shocked. 1

"We were attacked." Ryker continues the story. "I never could prove that Moon River was responsible, but all of our cars were run off the road and wolves attacked. When the fight ended, we checked each and every vehicle to make sure we got everyone of their guys and ours. That's when



I found you sobbing in a car that was so crumpled, we had to partially shift to rip through the metal. We knew you were human and didn't want to scare you. I pulled you out myself." His chest is heaving just as fast as mine. 2

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