

## Chapter 199

105 - Ryker

How did I f\*cking miss this? There is no way we missed this.

"Actually, it is possible if Kennedy is right and she is alpha born. Someone would have had to teach her how to suppress her aura. But she could do it. I don't care either way." Alpha is trying to keep me level headed. I have to stay level headed.

"So you would have me kill them on sight? No questions asked?" I want his honest opinion. I have never questioned a kill, but this is emotional due to Kennedy and I can't just kill at will because someone made me angry.

"If she is as involved as it appears, she has tried to kill your mate more than once and will continue to do so if given the chance. So yes, I would kill Amy on sight. I don't recall Janelle being as involved, just always around Amy."

"I need to check on Danny. Janelle is a favorite of his."

"RYKER, STOP!" I hear Kennedy behind me as I move to the truck.

"Lamb, you can't come this time. I'm sorry. I don't want you to see this."

"The hell I'm not! Ryker, we need answers. She may have been involved in my parent's death. She had me kidnapped. She wants to be a Luna, she has never been shy about that, but if she is being controlled by Claude what was the endgame? There's no way he's helping her to be higher ranked than him. I need this as much as you do."

"Go on guys. Grab Finn. We need Amy, he needs to force the mate bond



to bring her to us. If that doesn't work I will command her. She has to know we have her mate and the warriors she built up by now."

I pull Kennedy to my chest. I know she is tired, we all are, but her human body isn't designed to take this kind of extended stress.

As if she can read my mind. She hugs me tight around my waist, resting her ear over my heart. "I want to stay with you, by you. This is what makes me feel better. Please don't leave me here to worry about what is happening. Something bad always happens when you do." 1

I tilt my head back and take a deep breath. She's not wrong and knows how to get her way. "Fine. But please promise you will listen."

"I will." She's too quick to answer.

"No. If I say go to the truck and lock the door that is what you have to do. If I tell you to drive back to the packhouse and stay with mom, you do. We don't know what Claude's endgame is. I think you are right about him. What I do know is you are the threat. I have accepted you as my mate and my Luna. He knows I won't take Amy at all now, if that was part of his plan. You are at risk, but Alpha and I don't want you where we can't see you either." Copyright © 2024 Miss L. Writes and Ember Mantel Productions

I pick her up, she wraps those luscious legs around my waist and I almost forget what the job is when she places a kiss on my lips. It is gentle and way too short, but it makes her smile and both Alpha and I feel lighter. I walk around and place her in the passenger seat, then race to the driver's side. 1

"Why bring the truck if you weren't planning on taking me in the first place?" She asks as I fire it up.



"If we do kill any of them tonight, we will remove the bodies. No one who is peaceful deserves to spend the night with a corpse." She just nods in understanding. "How are you so calm about all of this? Most people, even omegas, hate talking about war and dying, not to mention what we did earlier to Dirk." 2

She shrugs, but won't look at me. Her focus is out the window next to her. "Maybe because I have been around wolves my whole life." 1

"But, that..."

"Not just any wolves, alpha wolves. Remember Jeremiah and I were basically treated like twins when we were together. Uncle James was not shy about the less than appealing side of being an alpha. He said so many people want power but don't understand all the responsibility that comes with it. When you go into a fight, it's not just the people fighting that are affected. He understood that and made sure all of us did too. Especially when you are taking a life. He taught us not to make that decision lightly, but also don't hesitate when someone won't give you the same courtesy." 3