



Chapter 202

106 - Ryker

Calvin is walking up with Finn in silver cuffs. His wrists are red from the silver, but aren't raw and bloody like he has been fighting them. It's what most wolves do. What they don't seem to understand is that the cuffs are designed to withstand even me. No one can break free from them.

Finn knows what he is here for and he has accepted that fate. He thinks he is going to die here today. What he doesn't know is that Alpha and I have searched through his and his wolf's mind. He truly thought he was doing what was asked of him as the best course of action for these pack members. He now understands he wasn't made to be the leader because he was the best choice of the options, but because he is expendable. Amy, his mate doesn't want him, because of his rank and current status of being a rogue. No one deserves to suffer the way he has, the way my mate did at my hands. I won't let it happen again. 3

"Gather round!" I call out to the group of rogues trying and failing to stay in the background but close enough to hear what is going on. I pull Kennedy to me and place her in front of my left leg. It's a sign of peace since this group seems to trust her. It places her between them and me. My arm is locked around her waist ready to pull her back to safety if needed though. I'm not stupid. She doesn't flinch or question the position, just rests her arms on mine casually.

Once everyone is settled and I have their full attention we begin. The sky is now a perfect shade of bright oranges and pinks. The practice arena's drab grey stone and dirt floor are warm and inviting. It feels almost symbolic, a new day, new beginning. Maybe it will be for some of these wolves.

"Finn, you have been brought forward to give testimony on the attacks of Dark Moon pack and the abduction of our Luna." My voice is magnified in the circular space. "Who was involved in the planning of the attack on the Luna and her five warriors back in the Fall?" 1

"The commander gave us our final plan, Amy gave us our insight to the patrol schedule, and the warriors who attacked Alpha."

"And the attack on the little girl this spring?"

"Also the commander and Amy. They know of the Luna's attachment to the girl."

"How was that accomplished?" I don't need to know, but Kennedy does. She needs this closure for her and Emily.

"The opportunity was found while the girl was separated from her friends." I feel Kennedy tense her fingers into my arm, but she shows no other signs of distress. "Three of our warriors, one being Dirk," He looks from Kennedy to me and back again. "Corralled her into running towards the wolfsbane grove. The goal was to capture her, but she attempted to get away by climbing the tree at the edge of the ravine. The branch broke and she fell. I watched from the other side of the gorge. We thought there was no way she would survive that fall." He takes a shaky breath. "I would have looked for her if I thought she had any chance of survival." 1

"Why doesn't she remember being chased?" Kennedy asks. "She said nothing of being chased when we asked."

"We have learned over the last year how to be stealthy, Luna. Sometimes, the things you can't see are more scary than the ones you can."

"And the attack yesterday?" I have to move this conversation along, we



need Amy and her dad. I need confirmation.

It was a three-fold attack. The two groups of warriors were to divide your and the fire was to pull everyone else including the Luna closer to our current camp. This also left your packhouse vulnerable, or so we thought."

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