

Chapter 234

"And the attack yesterday?" Ryker asks. He's getting impatient.

"It was a three-fold attack. The two groups of warriors were to divide you 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."

"What do you mean 'or so you thought'?" Kennedy asks again.

"The former Alpha and Luna and your young warriors are not as helpless as we thought." Finn smiles and if I didn't know better, the look on his face says that's what he wanted his warriors to think. To underestimate the people Amy and her dad thought would be easy to pick off. 

"You paid attention to the work Kennedy was doing with the pups." It's a statement, not a question from Ryker. He caught it too.

"Yes, Alpha. I have suspected not everything is as it was presented for a while now. When you spend as much time watching and analyzing from a distance, you tend to pick up a few things."

"I take it you did not share all of your findings."

"No, I did not Alpha."

"You set up your warriors to fail?" A murmur of grumbling ripples through the mostly still crowd. 

"I have watched how you operate for far longer than I care to admit. Warrior to warrior, I can respect the choices you have made from the

time I started watching your pack up until now. I knew that you and your fighters would not kill blindly. As long as they went peacefully, they would not be harmed. That is what I instructed all of our fighters to do. If surrounded, or at the mercy of your warriors, surrender and go peacefully so this can end." 1

"YOU SABBOTAGGING SON OF A B*TCH!" Amy flies out of the crowd, hair cut short, grubby clothes camouflaging her. The stench wafting off of her has played a part in her concealment. I wouldn't want to go near her scent if given a choice. 1

Kennedy moves to get in between Finn and Amy, but Ryker holds her back and lets Bennet block her path with a solid right hook to Amy's face. Josh joins him and then restrains her while Danny locks her in cuffs. She is thrashing and spitting every combination of profanities she can. Finn tenses but makes no other outward sign that he notices his mate being captured. 1

"ENOUGH!" Ryker shouts and every one of the rogues bows their head in submission, even Amy. 1

"Amy, I will give you one chance to explain yourself. You came into my pack three years ago looking for refuge. You were given a place to stay, food to eat, and a job within my pack. Was any of your story true?" Ryker lets his aura out and even I bow this time. He is making sure she can't fight him and will give an honest answer. I don't know how long it's been, but I don't remember the last time he's had to use it like this. 1

Amy winces and all her muscles tense at trying to fight it. "Mmm... urgh..." She pants in pain.

Finn tenses next to me. He's fighting the same pain as Amy. I have only heard about what matebonds can do, but this doesn't seem right. Why would he feel her pain in fighting Ryker's aura? She doesn't want to answer truthfully, that has nothing to do with Finn. But his breathing is heavy and shallow. Like a true warrior, he's taking what is given to him and Amy is barely breaking a sweat. This b*tch is using him somehow. I move to stand between them, but before I get a whole step in, Ryker shouts.

"Finn. FINN! Your mate is accused of crimes against my pack and yours. She will be brought to trial and found guilty from my pack, can yours say the same?" 

Finn is in too much pain to answer. Ryker looks around for one of the rogues to come to his aide.

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