



Chapter 53

The first day we were out there, we were given the run around and stalled for over an hour until I finally Alpha commanded his packhouse omegas to tell me where he was. I hate causing pain to omegas who are innocent, but there wasn't any other option. All they knew was that he was 'out of territory.' And they had no idea of when he was to return. We took the time to walk the pack freely and I set another command to keep Claude in the dark about our visit and I should be told of his return immediately. Many of the pack members are suffering under his leadership still. I let Robin know what we needed so we could take care of them personally. This is probably his doing too. Mistreating them the same way he was when he was alpha, but this time he's blaming it on me.

Josh and I plan to return in a couple days, after we sent Jeremiah, Rayna and Kennedy off with their warriors and ours. It's too bad the universe and the Goddess seem to think that all my plans are a joke for them to mess with.

Of course, I got a mindlink as we were heading down to say goodbye to my sister. We had to leave, Claude has returned and is going to be imprisoned for treason, we finally had enough proof. I just needed the man himself. I let Bennet and Danny know and maybe this was for the best. I have been steering clear of her, there's no reason to change that now. But, I had to see her once, make sure she didn't put up a fight about the extra warriors I assigned to them.

I'm close enough to hear voices, but not what they are saying.

"Danny, mind your hands." I growl out as I watch him hold her tightly.

"Jealous Alpha?" He taunts. "I bet she would even hug you if you came down here and asked nicely." My heart leaps and my stomach drops at the idea of her being in my arms. That dance seems like forever ago and



wasn't nearly long enough.

"F*cker. Watch it." Danny is lucky to be alive after his antics this week. I have had to stay away from him almost as much as Kennedy. My wolf preens at the thought of her wrapping her silky arms around my neck, but knows we need to get to Claude first, he's more than just a minor inconvenience now.

"She seems to be alright with the extra detail, that might be because Jeremiah and Rayna are fine with it. Are you going to explain what's going on, or should we just start guessing?" Bennet breaks into our, almost, argument.

"Claude isn't in custody yet. I don't trust him and his reach is pretty far. I want them to get to Silver Crescent safely. End of story." I take a breath, trying to calm myself of the pain at the thought of her being so far away. Then a growl rips through me uncontrollably.

I'm glad we are far enough that Kennedy didn't hear me. I had to blink a few times to get my vision to clear. What the hell was that? Instinctively, I look at Kennedy again and Danny has his arms wrapped around her waist from behind and he's whispering something in her ear that makes her smile brightly and then roll her eyes as he kisses her on the cheek. My whole body is vibrating with jealousy. They can probably feel it through our link.

"End of story, my ass, bossman." Danny snickers in my head. Well if anyone was going to call me out publicly it was going to be him. I say nothing, just watch them get in the SUV's and drive away. I feel like a piece of my soul is being torn away. "What do you need us to do so we can talk about why your Luna is being allowed to drive away?"

He knows, they all know, but they are waiting for me to confirm. I say nothing as a way of emptiness washes over me and then is replaced by

rage. Rage I can work with. "Let's go get Claude." 🚗



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