

Chapter 55

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Bennet bought me a wolf statue he caught me staring at. It caught my attention each time we walked through the shop. I was drawn to it for some reason and the shop owner said it was good luck, giving me a long story about the moon and its position at the time of carving the wood. It was an ornately carved wood statue that had so much detail it was almost life-like and stained midnight black with little silver details that made the fur look like it was shimmering as I moved it in different directions. Its defining feature was the faceted red glass for eyes. The way they caught the light made it look like the statue was looking right at you, following every move. It was a menacing look, but also comforting or maybe protective.

Speaking of protective, I think Ben came along to make sure I was never alone with one of the Dark Moon guys and he grumbled about Bennet buying me a gift the whole walk back to the packhouse. I may need to have a real talk with him.

Our final morning is bittersweet. I have really enjoyed a majority of my time here. Greta and the kids have been a wonderfully surprising distraction. The rumors clearly didn't get everything right. Bennet and Danny meet us at the SUV's as we finish packing up. Rayna hugs them both, muttering something about her brother being a workaholic.

"You know how he is. He and Josh have to get Edward's pack set up. No one thought it was going to be a big deal, but there are lots of other pack members with demands and everytime they take care of something, or more likely someone, some other sh*t hits the fan." Bennet says to her and then looks at me for some reason.

I ask Danny. "Is Greta here or did she travel with your alpha? I'd really like to say goodbye and thank her for putting up with me. I know she got stuck with me for training and I appreciate her patience."

"Trust me, she enjoyed having you here. We all did. She is working with the alpha, but she'll be with us for the mating ceremony, no worries."

He hugs me for far longer than necessary and clearly enjoyed it based on his low, gruff giggle.

"Alright, alright, enough of that." Bennet pushed Danny away from me, looking more than playfully irritated. "Leave her alone, they have to get on the road. Jeremiah, Alpha Ryker is sending two cars with you. There have been reports of attacks and he has ruffled a lot of feathers recently. He wanted you to have extra protection since you have your whole leadership team and Luna." 1

Jeremiah looks from Rayna and then to me. Why does everyone keep looking at me? I hate that I can't mindlink. Rayna would tell me what's going on if I could just ask... I think.

"I appreciate it. Let him know I will have my guys meet us halfway, that's not a short round trip."

"They have orders to stay with you until you make it safely to your packhouse and they report in." Why does Bennet look so serious? We're just driving home and we had no trouble getting here. "Alpha Ryker will fly them home, if you don't mind hanging onto our vehicles until we come in for the Luna ceremony."

"That works for me. I appreciate the extra protection. We have precious cargo." He smiles at Rayna and then looks at me again. What the f*ck is going on?

Danny grabbed me around the waist from behind, breaking me of my thoughts. "Don't miss me too much, my hot little human friend." 1

"I will try so very, very hard." I giggle at him as he kisses me on the cheek and then wiggle free. 1