



## Chapter 72

### 46 - Ryker

I finally catch sight of her running like her life depends on it, meaning she heard the growl too and gave up on her stealth in order to run the path to safety. At least she doesn't have a complete death wish, she just rides the line of danger at all times.

"Bennet, I see her. Do you have the wolf?"

"Yeah, just a rogue out for a run. He caught sight of her and thought he would have an easy meal. But, he didn't fight me when I corrected his misinformation. What do you want me to do?"

"Take him to Jeremiah. He should know there is a rogue camping this close to his territory. He can decide. I'm going to go collect Kennedy."

"See you back at the packhouse."

"Josh, we are on the outskirts of the forest bordering the neighboring city about five miles out. Kennedy is scared and has been running for a while. She was chased by a rogue. Bennet is handling him, but I don't think she could or should walk back to the packhouse. Come meet us."

"Did the rogue take her?" Danny asked in protector mode now. "How did we miss a rogue in our pass this morning?"

"I don't think he took her. She left on her own and just ended up in his path."

"She was running away?" Danny sounds hurt by the thought. This is why Luna's are so much trouble. It's not just their alphas that are affected when something happens to them. She's the heart of the pack, the glue that binds everyone together. Apparently mine already has



several of my guys wrapped around her little fingers. That makes my wolf proud and me frustrated.

"I don't know what she was thinking. I'm catching up to her now, but I don't expect her to say much to me tonight even if I get the chance to ask."

"Well whatever you do, don't act like your usual self and piss her off, making her want to leave more. We need her, you need her. Don't be stupid." His anger fuels mine. She hurt him, my happy go lucky Delta has been hurt by her actions. Bennet has been up for more than twenty four hours because of her. My sister is probably beside herself with worry too. Why couldn't she just be responsible and talk to me like an adult? Instead she had to be selfish and cause pain to the people most important to me all because she's angry at being my mate. 3

My wolf takes a running jump over her head, landing more heavily than necessary, but conveying his annoyance with her. She stutters to a halt right in front of us and just stares before she mutters "Oh, f\*ck!"

I shift and don't even bother to try and cover myself. "Oh, f\*ck is right, little lamb. Where do you think you are going?" I tilt my head to the side studying her. She isn't afraid like we thought and just stays silent, staring at me. "Bennet caught the rogue chasing you, so you don't have to worry."

"I didn't see a rogue. They don't usually stay in this part of the forest. It's too close to the city and the pack for their comfort." She puts her hands on her hips. Is she challenging me?

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"Where were you going, little lamb? You weren't running away from me were you? It's not safe out here at night for..." 1



"Who? A weak little human girl like me? F\*ck you, asshole! I walk this path regularly and have had no trouble, ever, until right now."

"You should always be aware of the dangers that surround you. You can't afford to be caught off guard by a stranger in the woods."

"Did you just make a red riding hood reference to me? What, are you the big bad wolf now? Leave me alone. You have made it perfectly clear you want nothing to do with me. Don't go changing your mind now. We both clearly have plans for our lives that don't involve the other." She moves to step past me.

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