

## Chapter 76

I step over the destruction. I change into sweats and a t-shirt, grab my pillow and comforter, shake the debris out then head downstairs to the media room. At least everyone was dispersed by the time I came back down. I don't know if I have any other terrible insults left in me tonight. I just wanted space. Space to think and plan and try to wrap my head around this whole situation, but none of them allowed that. Always thinking they know what's best for me since I am the weak, stupid human. 1

I walk over to the love seat remembering what was going on on the big couch the last time I was in a mood like this. Geez. That seems like forever ago. I start arranging the blankets.

"Why sleep on the little couch?" I jump and spin at Bennet's voice.

I rub my chest to try and steady my heart as he lowers himself casually to the sofa. "I don't know how many times Jer and Rayna have had s\*x on that one." He jumps straight up looking more irritated that I didn't say anything before he sat down than when I was insulting him about saving my life. "I caught them once... and now I just can't sit there."

"Good to know." He lets out an uneasy cough and just stands there with his hands in the pockets of his joggers.

"Bennet." I sigh. "I'm not going anywhere, I don't have the energy. Go to bed. I feel like I have been a big enough pain in your ass for a lifetime and I'm too tired. You don't deserve that or what I said earlier. I do appreciate you being there for me. You seem to be the only one who caught on that today was hard for me and I was blindsided by several things. Thank you." I hope he can hear the sincerity this time.

"It was my pleasure Lu..."

"Nope!" I held my hand up. "Still don't get to use the word."

"You know when we get back to Dark Moon, you won't have a choice right?" He laughs low. "Ryker won't let us not use your title out in public."

"Perfect! Since I will be locked up like a bird for display only, you will probably use it twice a year."

"Come on. It won't be that bad."

"Would you put money on it being much different?" I raise an eyebrow at him and he doesn't immediately answer. "That's what I thought."

"You have to understand..."

"I'll take the first shift, Bennet. She's right, go to bed." Ryker and Bennet share a look and I let my annoyance at them mindlinking in front of me known, with a growl of my own, my fists balled at my sides. Ryker holds his hands up in surrender. "Don't worry, he wasn't saying anything bad, just warning me not to make you more angry. Apparently you have had a long day." Ryker looked between me and Bennet.

"Whatever. Bennet, sleep. I promise not to suffocate your alpha while he's left alone with me."

"That is something I would take bets on Lal..." He coughs. "Sorry, Kennedy. Goodnight."