

Chapter 80

"Let me drive you at least."

"What?" I side eye him. "I'm not allowed to walk anywhere now? If that's the case, my training program is going to need to increase, otherwise your alpha is going to have an obese mate. I was not blessed with the same insane metabolism. I walk everywhere." Also a lie, one he probably sees through. I just need to be able to make simple decisions, like transportation, on my own. I'm already feeling suffocated and it's been a day, one single day. I haven't done any of the group training in a few days because Aunt Beth and Rayna have needed me for ceremony stuff. I'm just antsy and need to move. Just the thought makes me walk a little faster.

"So, you're in a hurry now?" I can hear the humor in his voice as he easily keeps up. "I don't think I have ever known anyone who was in a rush to get to school."

"Well, considering the only things I have been told are 'we're leaving today' and 'pack' I have no idea what is going on or what your alpha's agenda is. I assumed it would be better to handle my stuff quickly before anyone realizes I have more wants and needs for everyone to completely disregard." I let the sarcasm drip heavily. "Finishing school is not negotiable. Getting my business degree is not negotiable. I am a person not a possession or a pet."

"Lu..."

"I swear to everything you believe in, if you even stutter that one more time, you will lose teeth. I'm not a Luna, I'm a human. Your goddess made a mistake and once everyone figures that out, Ryker can reject me and we can all go back to our previously scheduled lives."

"The Goddess doesn't make mistakes." He says it so hopefully. "And no matter what you say or how temporary you think this is, right now, you

are my Luna. Once we drive out of Jeremiah's pack, you will be called 'Luna' by every one of the warriors traveling with us and there is nothing you can do about it. We don't have a choice anymore than you do. Don't get angry, it's a sign of respect." I can see him staring at me in my peripherals as he makes his declaration. I keep my eyes forward. "Focus all that pent up energy on something else." He smiles and I roll my eyes.

The meeting with the principal was faster than I thought it would be. But then again, being mated to the alpha of the Dark Moon pack probably sped things along. He agreed with everything I asked and said I would have the full cooperation of my teachers. I was even told I could walk with my class for graduation...if my new alpha allowed me to return. Asshat.

We step out of the school with my full backpack slung over Bennet's shoulder, but I hesitate. I wanted just a little more time here, before I was stuck in the car for hours with almost complete strangers. The fall air is chilly, and normally I am a freeze baby. I keep a sweatshirt with me in the summer in case of a breeze. But since we have been back, I find I am comfortable with the cooler air. I take a deep breath and Bennet must read the hesitation on my face.

"Let's go get you a coffee, and maybe something to eat, since we both skipped breakfast." He nudges me along the street toward a little cafe.

"Did you have to get permission for that?" I raise my eyebrow at him.

"I am obligated to let my team know when we change locations."

"Spoken like a true warrior. Specific and yet vague, while not actually answering the question. Does your alpha know you're taking me on a date?" A growl ripped through the street. I smile at Bennet and he just shakes his head as I lead the way. "Well, I know his location now. He's going to have to work on that. How many more are trailing us?" I should not be amused by this at all.



Bennet just stares at me and we walk in silence for a few paces. I want my question answered and he knows it. I won't speak before he does. He sighs, "Fine, your detail, including me, is five warriors."


"All the time, or just when we're out like this?"

"It's not really a big deal. This is pretty standard."

"No it isn't. Your pack is massive, ours is small. Beth has her gamma whenever she's out in the city here for small errands and two if she's out all day and that's only if she's not with Uncle James. I didn't really pay close attention to stuff like this because it didn't pertain to me. I'm always with warriors, just not as the one being protected. It shouldn't be a big deal that I ask questions." I shrug as we reach the coffee shop and he holds the door open for me. "Not if I am supposed to 'act like a Luna.' I don't actually know what that means."



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