



## Chapter 88

### 53- Ryker

The rest of the drive is uneventful, thank the Goddess. I head straight for my office with Josh, letting Greta and Bennet get Kennedy settled back in her room. Another thing my wolf protested. He wants her with us, wants to help her heal from her scrapes. But she said she was fine, so I'm not worried about it. If she was really hurt and needed us, she would have said something when I asked.

Edward's pack seems to be settling into their new routine and other small pack problems are working themselves out. Rory, Nathan and Don are on board with the school, training facility and hospital outpost and are prepared to work around Claude. At least a few things are going my way.

We take turns using the shower in my office, discussing the attack and what it could have meant. I didn't tell Kennedy, but she wasn't wrong. If they were after her specifically they would have tried to take her from the vehicle when it stopped. But, they attacked all four vehicles equally. But if she wasn't the target, who or what was? It wasn't me. Like Kennedy they would have put a full force on my vehicle if it was me. Josh had Grant take the vehicles in for a full inspection, maybe the attack was a diversion for something else. ①

Robin had the kitchen omegas bring us food and said she would check on Kennedy as soon as she was awake. We are settling in to go over the latest plans from Linda that need approval. This project will be massive and bring in a ton of work and revenue for my pack if we can get it to go through.

"Alpha. The Luna wants to go on a run and just a heads up she is pissed I am even asking." Bennet laughs. ①

"What is she even doing up? She should be exhausted after today. She needs to rest."

"Your idea of 'rest' and hers are widely different."

"Fine, Take her on a short route around the central town. That should be plenty."

"Uh..." cough. Why the f\*ck is he stuttering? "She wants to run the border." he is barely audible.

My anger flares immediately. "ABSOLUTELY F\*CKING NOT! Is she insane? Especially after today!"

"I told her you would say that. And she's ready to disregard your order. We're outside your office." Bennet sounds defeated and we have only been home for a couple hours.

I take a second to compose myself. There is no way to shut down my anger at her complete lack of personal safety though. I tell Josh I am going to need a minute with Kennedy to set some ground rules. We walk to the door together and she is fuming on the other side.

Josh slips past her not looking at anyone. Coward. Next time she's this pissed I am going to make him sit in a room alone with her. Bennet won't even look at me. Knowing he should be able to handle his Luna and I'm not happy about being interrupted.

"Inside, Kennedy." She has tiny scratches everywhere from the glass, but otherwise, she was being truthful about being unharmed.

She just stares at me before taking a step forward. I open my mouth to start talking, but she cuts me off.

"Hello, Kennedy. Please join me in my office. We have a few things to

discuss." She mocks in a deep voice. "Why thank you Ryker, you're right. We should talk." She flips her hair walking by me into my office. I just stare at Bennet completely bewildered. He says nothing but gives me a look that tells me she's my problem for now. I close the door and close my eyes, taking a deep breath and channeling all of my patience for the raging little human standing in the middle of my office. 1

"Look...Kennedy. You can't run the border. End of story."

"I need to run and I need to learn the boundaries of the pack so I know where I can go and what to avoid. Why not do that right now? It's simple and something Bennet and a few warriors can handle. They won't even have to talk to me and you don't have to be anywhere near me. Everything you have asked for all day." Okay, I kind of deserved that, but it's not happening after the attack today.

"It's not a good idea right now. We just got back, we were attacked and my patrols have yet to check in."

"That's it? That's the best excuse you've got? You went straight to work when we got here, why can't I do something productive? I have been cooped up in a car, essentially by myself for half the day. Then we were attacked and I have adrenaline to burn off. I need to do something active. I want to run."

"And Bennet can run with you...in the city limits. Or better yet, go to the gym. We have plenty of treadmills and equipment for you to use. It's in the basement, completely safe and at your disposal." There, that should appease her. Human girls like running on treadmills, I think.

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"Did you just confine me to the packhouse gym like a cardio bunny?" Her voice went down an octave. She hasn't moved from her spot in the

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center of my office and her honey and spice scent is making me dizzy. It had faded from her time here after my sister's party and I was finally able to concentrate. I'm going to have to open all the windows to air it out again. "I hope you don't plan on keeping me locked up here like a prisoner." Did she just growl at me?

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