

## Chapter 19 Lilah

We were a week away from graduation and I couldn't wait!! I had managed to get through lessons with the support of Deyton and Stuart and their friends Rob and Leon, they made sure I always had one of them sat with me in lessons, they all sat with me during lunch and Stuart hadn't been wrong, the awkward glances had stopped after a few weeks.

Though I have to say there was less and less people willing to talk with me, most avoiding me completely now. I felt quite isolated if I was entirely honest... it wasn't a nice feeling. The dirty looks from Anya and her little coven of bitches hadn't stopped, nor the uncomfortable looks and mind links from Logan but I had done my best to ignore them.

Anya had on a number of occasions attacked me in the toilets, the girls changing rooms after gym or training or behind the buildings outside when she found an opportunity at school when other people weren't around, she soon got her friends to do the same too so not only did I have to look out for her but her horrendous friends too.

I had done my best to cover the injuries so nobody knew what was happening as I didn't know if they would believe she would do all the thing she had, and I believed every word she said when she told me she would be telling people if it was to get out that she would be saying I had attacked her and any injuries to me were self defence.

The more interactions I had with her the more convinced I was that she was crazy! But with the support of Deyton and his friends in school and Indie at the weekend I had managed to get to the end of the school year, and so close to graduation.

Deyton had started meeting me to walk to school together which again I appreciated, one afternoon early on he had walked home with me and he had said he knew that there was no chance of anything happening between us, but he knew I was struggling, and that he'd always be there if he could, since then he had become a good friend, and I appreciated his support.

I knew seeing me near Deyton was annoying Logan as he made that more than clear through his many mind links, but also he had gone out his way to beat the crap out of Deyton in training making it clear to him his reasoning for doing it too. But even then Deyton and his friends still made sure they were with me in lessons and lunch, one of them would usually walk home with me too. I wasn't sure why they had stood by me instead of Logan on this but I was so glad that they had because I honestly didn't know how I would have got through without them....

"Good morning sunshine !" Deyton greeted me as I came out of my house. I simply smiled at him. Thankfully in the last few weeks Logan and Anya had moved out of their parents' houses and into the Alpha suite in the pack house to live together so I didn't have to contend with him coming out of his house next door to mine every day now. That did make it slightly easier to avoid him now.

"Last week baaaybay!!" Deyton grinned as he yelled as we walked toward the school out on our pack.

I laughed at him " I know!! Graduates, us?! Who would have thought!!"

"You got plans for after grad?" he asked me

"I've been roped into working in Alpha and Beta offices. Really don't want to but with my computer experience Uncle Greyson said I could update the systems for them. I will be looking for other work though, but that's on the down low" I wink at him.

He grins and puts his finger to his lips "Sworn to secrecy"

"What about you?" I ask smiling at him.

"Full on warrior training now hun. For me, Stuart, Rob and Leon. Then will be added to regular patrols." He says sounding proud. I am happy for him, I know he has worked hard for this. They all have.

"You'll do amazing Dey" I tell him as we approach the school, seeing Stu and Leon waiting for us.

"Alright gorgeous!" Stuart grins at me teasing.

"You talking to Dey again?" I ask him, and he laughs.

We walk into school together talking about the details of the big graduation party type prom thing planned next week. The four of them had been incredibly sweet and said they had decided between them they wouldn't take dates to make sure I wasn't left on my own.

While I felt bad for them not taking a date to graduation I was also eternally grateful they all would be there for me, there wouldn't be any awkwardness with just one choosing not to take a date, or me being left on my own as there was no way I would have a date. So I'd promised them all I would have pictures with them all so when they look back they had a picture with a she-wolf at least to look back at, and we had laughed.

"Just going to the bathroom be back in a minute" I say to them as I head toward the bathroom before class. Knowing we had an hour and half of science to sit through yet. As I opened the door I realised that Anya and her friend Alyssa were in here, I was just about to turn around and walk out, when I felt someone grab me by my pony tail and drag me into the bathroom. The door slammed behind me.

Here we go again....

"Long time no see boo..." Anya snarled...bending her face to mine as she shoved me down to the floor, I instinctively curled myself up into a ball. The skinny jeans and checked shirt I had on giving me very little protection from her or Alyssa's boots as they started raining kicks on me, they both were kicking me, to the stomach.... to the legs..... the occasional kick to the back of the head....the pain to my abdomen was intense....

I was no doubt going to be wearing longer tops for a while as there was going to be some serious bruising....the sooner my wolf came the better... only another month.... Then I would get to meet her.... I hoped she would be strong.... She'd need to be to help deal with this.... To help me deal with these random attacks....suddenly someone was pushing on the door, Anya and Alyssa act like nothing has happened. "Imagine falling over in the toilets... she's always been so clumsy, Logan told me..." Anya said to Alyssa as she moved to the door to explain away why I was on the floor to the younger student who had just walked into the bathroom.

Clearly a younger student was never going to think anything bad of the future Luna and Anya knew that... I pushed myself up... my sides hurting a lot, I felt pain at the back of my head too but got myself up and cleaned myself up.

I didn't even have tears anymore....not for her...I walked out of the bathroom, Deyton was waiting for me, I guess with the time I took the others probably went ahead to class so they wouldn't be late.

"Del, what happened? You been ages! Your head is bleeding too..." he rushed to me. Wait... my head was bleeding?!

"Oh I slipped, knocked my head.." I lied.

"We best get you to the nurse.." he said, putting his arm around my shoulder, leading me to the nurse office down the corridor from the main school office. Looked like I wouldn't be going to science after all....

Three stitches later I was back to class though, with a warning I must be monitored for concussion. So along with Deyton I'd headed back to classes, him teasing me for being clumsy... it was easier to go along with that theory than to let them even get close to knowing the truth. I'd always been clumsy as a pup, tripping over my own feet... I was known for it and it had been a personal joke for me growing up.... It was something I had grown out of thankfully, but recently I was having to pretend it was still happening to cover the injuries inflicted on me by Anya and her friends. My ribs were extremely sore... I was unsure if they could be broken through someone kicking them...maybe I'd have a look online when I get home.... I think maybe look how to tape them up too....the sooner my wolf was here the better....