Xavier's POV My baby boy, born during war. Not long a er Ace le to go help in the fight, it was my turn to leave. a I am the Alpha, there is no way I can expect my men to fight, and not join the fight myself. Just as I leave the safe house, I realize I haven't seen Liley since the battle started. a I try to mind link her, but I can't reach her. A er mind linking some other people, much to my disappointment, I find out she has been front and center in this fight since the beginning. a Everything is happening exactly like in those weird stories that annoyed me so much when we were younger, but she just loved to tell them. a Arrows fly over our heads, the grass is covered in blood people are screaming, wolves are growling, there are bombs and fire and gunshots. I can see that everyone is getting tired, but that doesn't stop them from giving it all they got. **Chase's POV** I rip through hunters dodging bullets and killing as many as I can as I try and keep one eye on my baby sissy. a I've always known that there won't only be men fighting in this battle but seeing my baby sister here, covered in blood is not an image I like to see, and definitely one that would be burned into my brain. a A living nightmare. She is using every bit of exercise I taught her, all those times I thought she was just looking for attention or trying to bother me. But seeing her now warms my heart, and I have to admit I feel a bit guilty for taking those times with my baby sister for granted, I never really realized she grew up, but she is a amazing person. The only thing that makes this situation better is the fact that my mate and pup is far away and safe. I see Seth fighting next to me "They are here, all of them!" he says excited. What is wrong with him, I'm the one who loves fighting and even I'm not excited about this situation, I'd rather have my family protected and away from all of this. He must have seen the look ons my face because het quickly adds "The babies, they are all here, I have a little boy." å And a little smile cross my face thinking about my own little monster, the only girl. She has two cousins born on the same day. In the middle of war, I really hope this isn't a sign of how it is going to be parenting these children. a My eyes move to Liley again to make sure everything is still fine, when I catch her eyes already on me, a faint smile on her face as she gives me a tiny nod, like a silent communication, does this mean everything will be fine? a Just as the thought enters my head I get a mind link "The hunters are near the safe houses, we can't let them get to our families, you stay here and I'll take some of the warriors to protect our families, be safe brother" a I glance his way to see him turning back to the safe houses more than half of the warriors following. The hunters here are almost all dead so it doesn't worry me that much, I just continue to fight. I see Liley in the distance still fighting her heart out. A bomb drops to my le and I turn to see more hunters showing up, where are they all coming from? They are relentless. At my feet lies one of my men lifeless, butchered, his whole stomach cut open, blood all around him, and they call us monsters. a Just seeing my men like that gives me new energy, I am the protector, I have to protect my men, my family, my pack. Running into the chaos, with only one thought 'this ends here and now'. What felt like hours have passed my body is covered in cuts that are taking londer to heal because of the wolfsbane, and I can honostly say I am tired. The battle on our side is starting to slow dawn, the hunters are getting less, when I get a mind link that stops me in my tracks "Ace the hunters, I can hear them, they are right outside." my mate, she sounds worried. á Most of the warriors are already there, how is it possible that they haven't stopped the hunters yet, they better not get into that safe house, my family better be safe. I wasn't concentrating I just wanted to get to my family before something bad happens. As I turned to run to my family, I see a hunter pointing a gun right at me and I knew this was it when I heard the 'bang' of the gun firing. I close my eyes inhaling sharply, waiting for the pain to hit. Waiting? a Adrenaline maybe? I touch my chest where the hole is. It's not there? I hear a little cough a few meters in front of me. a I look up to see my baby sister looking me in my eyes, her eyes covered in unshed tears, but none of them roling down her pink a cheeks. I look down at her hands holding her chest blood seeping through her fingers. She li sher hand to examine the blood. "No!" I run up to her catching her falling body before it can hit the ground. Behind her I see Seth standing over the lifeless body of the hunter that just shot my baby sister. I feel her bloody hand touch my cheek wiping the tears I didn't even

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Everything feels so quiet, like there is no one around, like the whole

war just stopped to look at my baby sister lying bloody in my arms.

And the only thing running through my mind is my baby sister

climbing into my bed a er one of her nightmares whispering "You

know were streaming down my eyes.

I was so close to tears writing this. I hope you enjoyed!

will protect me"

I failed her.

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