

Fates Hands by Lori Ameling

Chapter 56

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Marnie woke up to the sound of beeping, looking down she saw that she had an IV in her arm. She was feeling almost perfect, Myan must of worked her tail off to heal us.

Marnie mind linked Myan.

“Hey there Myan are you ok?”

“Yeah, I am just tired. Gonna need some sleep for a bit thats all. That nasty cat had poison in her claws, wish I would of got another swing at her ass.” 2

With that Myan went back to sleep. Marnie smiled she and Myan were always the best of friends. For awhile there Myan was her only friend.

Looking around she didn't see anyone.

She reached down to her arm and slowly pulled out the IV, holding the cotton ball on it while she taped it. She then got up, she was a little dizzy at first but it was fine after a bit. She looked around but couldn't find any clothes.

She peeked her head out of her room door and there in the hall was Ash sound asleep in a chair. She didn't see anyone else. She hated hospitals, She tipped toed past Ash.

She pushed the elevator button and just as the doors were opening she was grabbed from behind. She recognized his scent right off it was Ash. He picked her up and carried her back to her room.

“You are not going anywhere till the Doc says von can I don't care if I

“As a matter of fact I have a way to make you stay.”

He slid in next to her on the hospital bed. Wrapped his arms around her and started to fall back asleep. Marnie gave a sigh of contentment, turning her face into his shoulder, she decided that she could wait a little longer.

Archer, August, Duncan and Marco were in Felicia's hospital room. She was fully healed, she was putting on a show though. Marco looked bored and Duncan looked pissed. Archer and August just rolled their eyes.

“You have to listen to me! She came at me first, I was just defending myself.”

Archer in a low tired voice... "I told you the rules of the pack, you were already told that you were a guest only. You have no authority, if you need something you ask politely. If the answer is no then you leave."

"Further more, I find it insulting that you think I am that stupid. The wounds on Marnie's back were from an attack from behind, that is a sneak attack not self defense."

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"With all the evidence on the camera's, I would say you don't have a leg to stand on. Which means that your punishment has to be decided by Duncan the Alpha of the pack."

"It is in his territory, in his pack house, you were informed of the rules, you intentionally broke the rules. Now you will be punished."

"During your punishment you will not be allowed to shift into your cat, if you do I will have no choice but to have you banished from the pride. Before you say that I can't do this, keep in mind, I can and I have, I will be informing your parents as soon as I leave this room."

With that Archer turned to August, "you will stay to oversee her punishment." Acknowledging that he turned and left.

Duncan looked at the female with a blank face. Inside he wanted to slap her from one side of the pack grounds to the other. Instead he was going to follow protocol.

Ms. Felicia Mathews you have beaten my cook and destroyed the kitchen.

You intentionally tried to hurt, if not kill my sister. You will be staying here in this pack until you've repaid the debt.

With a sneer Felicia gave a little laugh .. "Just let me call Daddy and he will send you the money to pay for everything."

"You don't seem to understand, you will not be paying for the damages with money. You will be repaying them with work. First though since you did attack both my cook and sister, you will spend the next five nights in the dungeon."

"When your five days are up you will then report to the very Kitchen you destroyed and will work as a servant for an additional week."

"You will not be allowed to talk to anyone, nor will you go anywhere in the pack house, that is not the kitchen or your room. You will not be allowed any form of technology, during your punishment."

"Any infractions against punishment rules will add on weeks to your sentence. Any infractions. It will be decided by Marco should this occur."

He waved to Marco and left the room as well. August grabbed Felicia by the arm and stood her up.

"Time to go Flea."

"Wait you can't do this to me, at least let me get dressed and out of this

hospital gown!!!

"You are dressed well enough for where you're going."

August dragged her out of the room, as Marco followed. Neither one saying another word till they reached the dungeon doors. Felicia on the other hand, screamed until her voice was nothing but a rasp.

Duncan sat at his desk, in another chair was Archer. Duncan was pissed, when he saw the video from the camera's he couldn't believe that someone could be that vicious, she had to be insane.

"Please tell me Archer, is that woman the rule in your pride? If that is so, then I am afraid I will have decline the offer of a relationship between my Pack and your Pride. I am sorry,

but we do not allow that kind of behavior here.”

“It is not the norm in my Pride, in truth her behavior has gotten erratic of late. I suspect that her father is pushing her to catch one of us. Had I known she wasn’t even going to try to behave, I would of sent her on her way.”

“Is our punishment of her crime going to cause problems in your Pride?”

“No, I will see that it doesn’t, that is why I asked for a copy of the video. She won’t be able to lie or cheat her way out of this. When she gets home, she will be punished again.”

“Her parents are friends of our parents, that is why she has been able to go on for as long as she has. With this last action of hers she will have no choice she is going to have to sleep in the bed, that she has been making for a long time.”

Very well her punishment starts immediately in the dungeon, then on to working as a servant, if she behave’s she should be done in two weeks.

Felicia sat on the dirty floor of the dungeon, there was no light other then, what came down from the other side of the hall. 2)

She was pissed, not only is she sitting in this nasty place in nothing but a hospital gown, they fitted her with a type of shock collar, that will not only cause her great pain but also alert them should she shift.

How dare they do this to her, wait till she sees her Daddy, he will make them pay for this. She let out a

scream of rage. That was when she realized that she wasn’t alone down here. There was a smell in the air that wasn’t just the dungeon.

She heard laughter that gave her the chills, then it went to growling.

“Whats the matter little bitch, don’t like your room, wanna come and stay with me? It’s just you and me down here right now my little bitch. Oh, I bet you’re a tasty morsel, who know’s maybe I am your punishment.”

He started to make sexual moans, she realized that he was jacking off.

He gave out another sinister laugh, “Would you like me to spank you?. Perhaps you’re a really naughty little bitch and need more intensive punishment?”

I saw you when the brought you down here, your a sexy bitch, one of those

always been to good for me girls. It’s just you and me now bitchy poo, oh, I bet you have wonderful tit’s too. Too bad we can’t share a room. He started laughing and moaning again as he reached his climax, he started laughing even louder and didn’t seem to stop.

She sat in silence too terrified to speak, he just laughed and laughed, as she sat there unable to do anything in her silence.

Chapter 57

Christmas was quickly approaching, Adira had the whole pack house and grounds decorated, there wasn't a place that was left forgotten. She'd never had a real Christmas before, so she went all out. Duncan looked around and was pleased, the pack house hadn't looked this good since he was a pup. 12

He had decided that he was going to make sure she was spoiled rotten, besides the normal gifts she would receive from the pack. He had also brought her a special gift as well, his families diamond and sapphire necklace, earrings and bracelet set.

He was now taking a tray up to Adira for lunch. She was so close to her time and was having problems with

her feet and ankles swelling, that the Doc put her on bed rest. This is of course making her a bit restless and cranky.

The last two days she had been getting more and more uncomfortable. So he had been dividing up his time with her mostly and then pack issues, Marcus had been taking care of everything else. Thank God for Marcus, his best friend since their crib days. (12)

He also wondered what it is going to be like to be a Dad. Wow, he never had the time to give it too much thought until now. He started to smile with thoughts of his little pup running around the house.

He got up to their door while juggling the tray, he managed to open the door and there was Adira doubled over on the side of the bed. Clearly in

pain. He dropped the tray and ran to her. She looked up at his face with a painful smile.

"Duncan, I think it's time."

Felicia was still pissed two days later, she was given a blanket, a pillow and a bucket. The rogue in the other cell went quiet again.

She sat there staring off into the dark, planning her revenge. That little bitch of a she wolf is going to pay, how dare she do this to her. Her plans were all of murder and betrayal. She was going to get her revenge one way or the other. Two more days and she was out of this hell hole. 2

Once she was in the pack house again, she would start putting her plan into motion. Then they will all be sorry for what they had done to

her. Maybe, perhaps Archer will be forced by Daddy to marry me, as some sort of compensation, for what he allowed to happen to her. 2

Though right now she wasn't sure she was going to stand the smell the dungeon was becoming engulfed in for the next two days.

"What the hell is that smell!? Then it hit her, that smell was death, is that why that rogue went quiet? Oh, God did they leave her down here alone with a dead body?." ©

"GUARD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!GUARD!!!!!!!!!! LET ME OUT OF HERE, HE IS DEAD!!!!!!GUARD PLEASE!!."

The only thing her screaming got her was more silence, she started to cry. They will have to take him out of here when they brought her once a day meal. Oh, god she was so hungry but

how would she eat knowing what was rotting two doors down.

She curled up into a ball on her blanket, plotting a few more nasty things she was going to do when she got out of here. Crying, she was never going to get that smell out of her mind. She did have one hope though.

I hope they let me take a bath.....

Lily was sitting on a stool next to the King, while he held court. Everyone was looking at her in curiosity or with a scowl. To be honest she didn't give a shit. One good thing about going through all that abuse, is that it gave her an inner strength. She stopped caring a long time ago what anyone thought of her.

It was fascinating to watch her mate

hold court, it was also quite boring. Most of it was legalities and land contracts, things of that nature. Once it was all done the King then introduced his mate to the council.

Lily almost giggled at the looks on their faces. She managed though to stand tall and regal. Some were just surprised but happy for the King, others were quiet and others still were out right angry.

" As your King I have the right through the Mate Law, to choose my own for when my true mate comes. Lily is my second chance mate and I am hers. I understand that she can't be an official queen that she will be queen in name only."

"However, She will be given the respect that is her due. I will also allow her to have some authority to make laws.regarding children and

women. These laws will pertain to their treatment and rights to be protected and to seek justice."

"She will be given the people and the resources to do these things, she will only have to seek permission from myself. Since the Queen, even if its in name only, still only has to answer to the King."

"She will travel to all the packs in our care, no longer will the royal family stay within the walls of this castle alone. It is time to go out into the world and make sure what we are being told is actual truth."

"It makes me sick that something as evil as all that was able to get such a big foothold on us. From now on I and my Queen will do everything in our power to see that it never happens again."

"I will no longer hold to the old stuff

"I will no longer hold to the old stuffy and blind traditions of the past. Anyone here now who disagrees with anything I have said today, may step down and leave."

With that he turned and kissed Lily deeply and possessively, sending his point out loud and clear.

Marnie was finally in her own bed, she was fully healed now and no side effects were left from the poison. She wasn't alone in her bed either.

Ash was still with her, tighter than a tick in a butt crack. She didn't mind it though, she was coming to love it. Her wolf Myan loved it too, though she was a bit un-nerved by the really loud purring. When he would make her grumpy she would tell him to go

cough up a hair ball, which in turn made Marnie laugh.

She rolled onto her side to get a better look at the sleeping Mr. Kitty. When she looked at him, he looked so handsome asleep almost like he was a young cub again.

"Liking what you are seeing, my naughty little wolf?"

Startled she blushed, when she realized he was awake the whole time she was staring at him. He didn't say anything more as he pulled her to him and kissed her possessively, she didn't think that a simple kiss could turn her on so much, her panties were getting wet just the same.

"I can smell your arousal, you smell so delicious. I want to lick all that wonderful cream, I want to know what you taste like. I want to feel myself inside you as we become one. I

want to know what you sound like, when I bring you to the climax of your passion."

"I want your everything and I want you to have my everything. Forever."

Before she even knew it she was naked and under a equally naked Ash. He was sucking on her nipples, his hands were everywhere. He moved his mouth slowly downward to her center.

His tongue did things she wasn't aware that they could do, he licked all of her cream and then slipped his tongue inside her to get more. She was screaming in her desire, arching her body to get closer to him. When she finally came, she thought for just that moment in time, that she had left the earth for heaven.

Once she came back to his arms again, he positioned himself **between**

her thighs." Now my love, we will ascend the heavens together." In one swift move he joined them together in bliss.

It was like nothing she had ever thought or was told it would be.

It was so much, much more.

It was right at this blissful moment that Marco popped into her head. I

"Marnie!!! it's time, Adira is on her way to the pack hospital to have the pup.."

Marnie to Ash's surprise flew out of their bed and started to put random clothes on, all the while in a happy sing song voice she kept saying, "I'm an Aunt, I'm a auntie aunt aunt."

She looked over at Ash as he was just watching her, "Come on Mr. Kitty we gotta go. We are about to be a Aunt

She looked over at Ash as he was just watching her, "Come on Mr. Kitty we gotta go. We are about to be a Aunt and Uncle. Get a move on!!"

With that she was out the door running down the stairs, while he was still putting on his shoes as he hopped out the door after her. 5

Chapter 58

Duncan wanted to go in with Adira but the nurses all said no. He was out in the hall with Marco, August and Archer, along with half the pack out in the main waiting area keeping vigil.

Marnie came running in dressed in miss matched clothes and Ashton wasn't far behind, he looked like he was still in the process of getting dressed.

Duncan in spite of his worry, laughed to himself. It was plain for all to see, what those two were doing or were about to do. From the look on Ashtons face, it didn't go as far as he wanted it to.

They wouldn't let him in yet, not until the doctor had a look first.

Duncan was a bit miffed, he has to look first? What does the Doc think, he was going to see something that he hadn't already seen first?

Marco seeing how his friend was coming unglued, decided to track down a nurse and see if they would let The Alpha in with his Luna.

Before too long a nurse came and took Duncan to Adira. No one else was allowed, that saddend Marnie but she understood. So now they wait for a new life to come into their world.

The pack started to fill in the outer waiting room area, it was like some sort of party. They were just as excited to have a new pup as the parents were.

The King was sent word that Adira was going into labor. He smiled and

couldn't seem to stop. His god son would soon be here. He looked over at Lily, wondering what their pup's will be like.

He decided to wait to make the trip to Duncans pack for now, until Adira has safely delivered their pup and everyone is settling down again. Lily and Adira really needed to have a talk face to face. He didn't think that it would go bad, it is just they needed to put it behind them for good. 2

He also decided to make a strict law, anyone found abusing, sexually, physically or mentally anyone. Especially children, will have a trial, if found guilty, they will be put to death.

Because really are they not murderers themselves, they are killing whoever that person was or who they would of been. Also sometimes the abused become abusers themselves as well.

thus going on to murder other could of beens.

Giving the victim a lifetime of pain and mental issues that effect the life they now have to live.

He didn't think it was too harsh at all. Further more he made it the responsibility of the pack to make sure the victims get all the help they need for as long as they need it.

Knowing Lily had opened his eyes to a world he wished didn't exist, a world he will now live to eradicate. No more. This far, no further.

He couldn't imagine abusing his own children, sadly though the parents are more often than not to blame for the abuse and neglect.

Lily noticed that pensive look on his face, putting a hand on his shoulder saying.....

"My love do not stare at the tree of bitterness too long, it could make you fall into despair."

He smiled at her....

"My love I could never fall into despair with you at my side, it is like a brilliant sun shining down on me from the heavens themselves. No shadows can touch me now or ever again." (D

They went outside into the sparkling snow, where the King kissed his Queen, without a care in the world if someone were to see them.

August started to grumble, "How long does it take to have a pup?" Marnie looked at him, she wasn't happy with him right now.

"For your information idiot, a pup

"For your information idiot, a pup comes when it comes, the first one is always a little messed up. I have seen some females go into labor for 26 hours. A few that I know, were only in labor an hour."

Doesn't matter which way, I can't say from experience yet, just so you know it's exhausting painful work. Try to show some respect, if you don't know what you're talking about then keep your mouth shut."

Ash looked back at August, instead of being mad about getting the smack down, he started to laugh.

"She is perfect for you Ash, she is going to be a big surprise to the parents too."

Nine hours later a very stressed out Duncan came out of the room to let everyone know that, little Alexander

Marco MacPatton, eight pounds, three ounces and sixteen inches long. Had been born into the world. TO

The newest member of their pack, he has a head of dark hair and a really good set of lungs. Adira is exhausted but doing well. If all goes well she will be home in the morning.

Duncan went over to Marnie after Ash put her down, hugged her and mind linked that he needed her to do him and Adira a favor. She gave a smile and ran out of the hospital, taking a very confused Ash with her.

Marnie jumped into Ashton's arms as he twirled her around happily, everyone was actually smiling it was a wonderful moment in time.

Marco went on down the hall to

inform the rest of the pack of their new pup. Soon he will have his welcome to the pack ceremony.

Marco was so touched that they used his name for the pup's middle name.

After he informed the pack, he went outside and texted Jack to let him know that the pup was born and all was well.

Marco looked around him, it was a full moon and light hit the snow making it look like diamonds. The air was crisp and clear, perfect night for our little pup to come join us, he thought. With a wide smile he went back in to be with Duncan.

Jack Dawson wasn't much for social activities. He gave a small thankful smile though to God above for letting nothing happen to Duncan's sweet Luna. They deserved all the happiness that life could give.

His clan was still sorting the victims,

most were either brought back to their families or they found them new families in either the packs or in Jacks clan.

There were just a couple of kids left, Jack decided that they would have them stay with his own clan members. They were three boys, brothers at that. He decided since they were 9,11 and 12 that they would be good foster children to live in the clan house and learn from the males about being men.

He had plenty of money, so did a lot of their clan. If those in the clan that didn't have as much money for what they needed, then another clan member helps them out. It is just the way this clan worked. The first of it's kind.

He gave out a sigh, looking out over the snow covered ground, wondering

if some day he will find a mate of his own, something like what the wolves have. A soul mate. It happens in the WereBear world but its becoming a rare thing anymore.

Most of the time in his world, if it was a bear female aka 'sow'. She would go into her heat and it would be the best male would win the prize. He would be with her for a while and then be gone. Sometimes love would follow but it was rare.

He listened to the quiet of the night, with a sigh he went on to bed. Perhaps he should just give up on that particular dream. He was a werebear after all, not a werewolf.

He smiled when he remembered, what he got the little Alpha for his welcome to the pack gift. His very own motorcycle. Jack would have him over to his clan to learn to ride. As

soon as he was old enough.

It was actually a dirt bike, that would be his learning bike then for his sixteenth birthday, he was going to get him a real motorcycle. 2

Ten minutes later Marnie came back holding what looked like Frankenstein's teddy bear. It was the ugliest teddy bear that Marco had ever seen. Marnie was carrying it like it was the most precious item in the world.

Duncan took the bear to Adira's room, he placed Max beside his son in the hospital crib and then climbed into bed with his wonderful mate. He made a mental note to himself, he was going to ask the Mages to make their magical cabin again. He was going to get some alone time with his Mate and pup.(2)

Pulling Adira close to him spooning, she snuggled into him and they were both asleep. A nurse came in to check up on mother and son, she found that the whole family unit was sleeping.

She got an extra blanket and covered her Alpha, checked on the little pup.

Turning off the light as she left with a happy smile on her face.

Felicia was eating a really good meal for a change. Usually it was a plain bologna or peanut butter and jam sandwich, with a small glass of water. This was a great meal even if it was a bit cold. Steak and potatoes with a piece of white cake dyed blue.

She asked the guard why she got this meal, he was so happy that he forgot not to speak to her.

"The Luna has given birth to our first

Alpha pup, it is a celebration."

He stopped himself before saying any more, gave her a angry look and left. He didn't leave the light on, that light at the end of the hall was her only light, now she was eating in the dark. Good thing she had night vision or it would become unbearable.

So the Luna has had a pup, isn't that special. One more thing for me to destroy when I get out of here. She enjoyed the cake and lay down on her blanket again to bide her time.

Chapter 59

Adira was ready to go the next morning, she was so happy that her son was healthy. She couldn't stand to be away from him. Duncan was a hovering around them both in pride and protection. 2

She looked down at her son, "Well little one it is time for us to go home." He squeezed her finger in his little fist as if in agreement. She was amazed at his skills and barely a day old. He was wearing a little blue hand made hat with the A

sewn onto it. He was wrapped in a little baby quilt that the elder ladies of the pack had made him.²

She then realized that she would never be alone ever again. She knew that with Duncan, this was different though. She was complete.

Duncan told Adria everything that had been happening, even how Marnie and Ashton looked when they came into the waiting area.

He told her about Felicia and what she had done. He told her the punishment she would have to carry out. He also said he didn't trust that female any further than he could toss a semi truck.

He and Marco had upgraded the pack houses security. Extra locks on all their doors, especially in the nursery and their bedroom since they were connected together now. They also added on a panic room off of the nursery, just in case.

Camera's were added in the hallway and inside the nursery for their protection. They would send video straight to Duncan's and Marco's phones and computer. They would

know right away if someone meant them harm.

He also assigned guard duty to the younger warriors as part of their training, they would walk the halls in shifts. Morning, afternoon and midnight. They will do rotating shifts, keeping it random.

Duncan and Marco also has put guards two male and one female on Felicia, for when she gets out of the dungeon. One has to be with her at all times, including the bathroom.

Her room is in the basement, she will be locked in there. The only time she would be allowed out was when she was doing chores. Only the guards are allowed to interact with her, also to keep her alone while she was doing chores.

She will have a shock and tracking

bracelets around both her ankles. If she gets out of line, the guards have permission to shock her and lock her back up, till she can behave herself.

She will also only be allowed on the first floor, in the kitchen and dining room area's only. She will be given a gray outfit to wear. She will be allowed to clean herself once she is out of the dungeon. It will be the only time she will be able to wash.

Archer and August have also taken a personal role in guarding her as well. They will be an extra pair of eyes, if things get out of hand. Also Archer had talked to his pride, although Felicia's father was having a cow. Even her mother had agreed that this punishment was harsh but fair.

Archer also stated that if she should not behave while in the pack house, he was going to take her back to the

Pride and she'd be publicly punished there, then Felicia would then be kicked out of the Pride.

It seemed a bit harsh, but Duncan had seen this kind of behavior before, rich, spoiled and entitled. He had nothing against the rich, after all he was one himself.

It's the attitude that has to be corrected, he wasn't even sure it could be. He didn't like the vibes she was giving off at all.

She is a snake hiding in the grass.

Marnie and Ash were back in her room again, this time they just snuggled and watched some TV. Right now they were solving a mystery with a group of cold case detectives.

He loved the feel of Marnie's room. It was feminine and warm but it also had an edge to it. Just like his mate, gorgeous and a little sharp. Push her too much and you will get cut. He loved that she was a bad ass. For so long the only females he was around, were the salad nibblers that were afraid to break a nail.

No, his mate she was beautiful and unique. She was smart with great intuition. He could watch her everyday for the rest of his life, she was the flame to his moth. (4

He was thinking about some more bedroom play time but just being with her like this was something he wasn't willing to give up yet.

He intended to tonight, Adira will be home soon and he knew that he would lose Marnie to Adira for

awhile. A newborn pup was tough competition.

That little guy is too cute, he is going to be breaking hearts before he knows what a heart is.

Felicia decided to play nice for now, today they take her to the next stage of her punishment. She couldn't wait to get out of here, she did wonder if that other prisoner was removed yet. She wondered if she would see his body. She was pretty sure that being in this dungeon had messed with her mind.

Sure enough they came for her, she was given a set of grey jogging pants and baggy shirt to put on. With her hands tied and her feet in what looked like silver shackles.

As they walked her down the hallway,

she looked in the cell where that disgusting guy was, to her surprise he waved back to her. Oh, my God he looked like a zombie. Why did he go silent? It was then just before the guards yanked her away that she realized that he didn't have a tongue.

"What happened to his tongue?"

The guards looked a bit surprised that she would ask. The bigger of the two shrugged and in a calm voice like this was some sort of dinner conversation he said..

"He ate his tongue, right after he ate his dick."

Felicia thought she was going to be sick. What kind of monster was he to do that.

"Why?"

"Well when a sicko like him goes

against the wishes of his wolf, doing nasty things the wolf doesn't like, well the wolf leaves, leaving the human to go insane."

With that she was pulled along to the outer door. She was blinded, because of the sunlight on the snow, she stopped to adjust her eyes. That just made her guards drag her rougher than before. She was walking bare foot in the freezing snow, cut her some slack.

She was aware that she was being watched by others that were lined up to watch her, it was like she was the float in the parade.

When they reached what looked like a small shed, the guards handed her over to another set of guards. What is this, she wondered. Wasn't she supposed to go to stay at the pack house?

She decided to keep her mouth shut and just play along for now, to see what the situation was. Looking for any holes in the security or lapses.

She did scent another Lion though, she looked around and there leaned up against a tree was Archer, he was watching her with his cat eyes, they looked like they wanted her to fight or run, so he would have a reason to rip her to shreds.

Archer was still really pissed at Felicia and what she did. She had to be partially insane or something to do that kinda shit. Destroy a kitchen and beat the cook because the dinner wasn't going to be ready for another hour.

Then the sneak attack on Marnie, because of the poison it was a

deliberate attack. Then to claim it was in self defense. Did she think they were idiots?

No matter what she does here, he was going to personally see to it that she doesn't step one toe out of line, if she does he will claim it was self defense. Only he will take much more care to ensure that no evidence was left behind.

He had also decided it was time to tell his parents and Felicia's parents that they do not rule the Pride anymore and must step down.

No more power hungry idiot's manipulating from behind the

scenes. He will find his mate or he won't either way it is up to him to decide.

Seeing how Duncan's pack was run, he decided to adopt some of his packs ways. it is time for a big change to his

Pride. He was certain that not everyone would

embrace this new thinking, however he was certain that they would all benefit from it if they gave it a

chance.

Look at how Felicia acted here at this pack, he can't take another chance of making enemies with other species. He needed new bonds to make them stronger, the Lion line of shifter is slowing down. The need some new blood into it to make it stonger. If those in his Pride are not up for the changes, then they will have to either get with the program or get out.

Chapter 60

Adira and little Alex was sitting by the pack Christmas tree, in the Luna room. Elder pack members were around her while the young pups played with their new toys.

It was Christmas Eve, for dinner everyone had pizza and snacks. The kitchen was far too busy preparing for the huge feast, they will have Christmas Day. (2)

The pack tree was different from other personal trees, it had all twinkle lights and a star at the top. However it's garland was made by all the packs pups. There was a train under it going round and round.

Each pack family also made an ornament to hang on the tree. The rest of the ornaments were old

rest of the Luna room was twinkle lights from the ceiling, holly around the hearth and evergreen garlands.

It looked old fashioned, warm and welcoming. The two Luna's made Christmas cookies, with all the packs pups for the Chirstmas Eve party. There was also a huge bonfire in the pack square, this was for all the pack as well.

Little Alex was sound asleep, in the arms of Selma the pack's head elder. Adira and Marnie were playing with the children, making sure all were happy. While the males of the pack hung around the snack table. 2

It was a peaceful and happy Christmas Eve. Tomorrow there will be a feast and then the Christmas Ball. Adira was like a kid in a candy store, all of this was new to her. She

made sure she enjoyed every minute of it. While Duncan watched over them with a happy smile.

Felicia was not a happy female at all, she was allowed to take a ten minute shower with luke warm water. Then she was given another grey jogging outfit to wear, her hair was covered by a grey bandana.

She sat in her assigned room, it was grey as well. It had a small cot in the corner with a plastic milk crate for an end table. The cot didn't have any sheets just a wool blanket and a pillow.

The floor was just dirt, cold damp dirt. It did bring a little contrast to the room though.

There were no windows only a light hanging from the ceiling. There was a

small shelf on the wall, it was empty except for a couple of small booklets on manners and protocols for meeting new people, what to expect when visiting other were' packs. 2

There was a small room off from hers, she assumed it was the bathroom only because it had nothing but a bucket in the corner with a lid and beside it was a cheap roll of toilet paper.

There was a shelf on the wall in this room as well, it had a bottle of hand sanitizer on it. That was it, so this was going to be her life for the next week or two.

There was a tray of food on the milk crate, it was two slices of cold pizza and a christmas cookie, with a small glass of milk to wash it down.

She was told that for her christmas present this vean was that she will

not be working till the day after christmas, she will be working on the clean up crew.

It was Christmas Eve she should be out with all her friends, dancing at all the best parties. She had a special gown made, just for the holiday. Now she is sitting in grey, doing nothing at all. Feeling sorry for herself, she laid down on the cot to cry out her angry tears.

What does it matter anyway really, it's not like any of them were real friends. It wasn't like her mother or father really cared about how she felt. Even her Lion is pissed at her, for forcing her to attack the shewolf.

Seriously what was there for her back at the Pride. Nothing, nothing at all. Perhaps she will just take off for awhile and just be herself.

The King decided that he was going to go to Storm Crow pack this year for Christmas, a surprise to all in the court. He decided that things needed to cool down a bit, so he cancelled the Christmas festivities for the crown.

Instead he loaded up an SUV with all the presents for his Godson, Alpha and Luna. As well as a present for each young pup in their pack. He was going to play Santa this year.

Lily was both excited and nervous about going, it was time that her and Adira had a long talk. She wanted to see her nephew too. It wasn't right what happened to them. That didn't mean though that they had to continue on the same way.

It was time they both lead the lives they were meant to lead. The past is in the past and there it will stay.

She too bought a gift for Adira, something special. As for little Alex she didn't really bother, her mate pretty much bought everything he could find. There was nothing left for her to buy him.

They went out to their motorcade and were off into the snow and wind. The King held Lily's hand in comfort and encouragement. She laid her head on his lap and decided to take a nap. She always hated long car rides. (2)

They would arrive there at around three in the morning, she wanted Callan {aka the King} to call ahead and give them some kind of warning, especially since they would arrive so early in the morning. He assured her that it will be ok.

Duncan and Adira were in their room

for the night, they checked on all the preparations for the next day.

"Duncan, have you heard from the King lately?"

"No, I haven't actually, I suppose he is still getting things straightend out. Also with all the holiday dinner parties and balls. Diplomats trying to gain his favor, I didn't really expect to hear anything from him."

"I don't know Duncan, maybe it is my Luna intuition or something, I just feel that he might be coming here for Christmas. I had some extra rooms made up and I had another cabin freshend up, just in case."

"Little wolf that is fine, if he show's up we have the room, if he doesn't then there is no harm done."

One of the best things for a female werewolf, is that her body heals fast.

So no bleeding and all the weight that she gained was now all gone. She was happy because the gown she chose was going to knock Duncan's socks off. She had been very secretive about it.

For some reason, he asked if he could make one request about the gown. His request was that the gown would be a deep blue color. Adira wondered why but decided not to say anything.

Checking on little Alex in his homemade cradle, Duncan got into bed. They were both exhausted, between little Alex and all the prep for the parties they were both ready for bed.

Jack Dawson was not much for the holidays, sure he enjoyed watching all the cubs having fun. Heck he even played Santa one year He just felt

alone sometimes during this time of year. Though he is always busy with clan business and arranging the big holiday celebration and parties.

He just felt alone, he needed his mate. He had all but given up on that pipe dream though. She would have to be rather unique, in order to live with him for the rest of her life.

He tried to picture her in his mind, as always though it was just a fuzzy out of focus picture. The snow all around him was twinkling with the moon light. He walked through it with unseeing eyes. As he walked the grounds on patrol.

His bear Brutus, was also feeling a little down. He was more positive about the whole finding your mate thing. He was starting to lose hope as well, they both decided to let it go and see what happens. Just continue

on with clan life as usual. 2

He might though after the holiday season, go on a walk about. Single male bears tend to get restless, when staying around others. So once in awhile they go on what is called a walk about, you go off into the woods to be just yourself and your bear.

Jack always found it to be relaxing, nothing but you and nature. There are several what they call hidey holes for the males, they contain some supplies for camping along with some canned goods for food. It usually depended on the time of year, as to what was in them.

Jack had his own private ones that he used, especially on rainy days. Brutus doesn't like getting rained on, he will swim and play in the lakes and rivers but he doesn't like rain. He never bothered to ask why, though. Brutus

He decided that it was time to stop and go play with all the clan's cubs. Join in on the party in the main room. It was all decked out in holiday fashion, the cook,

holy crap can she make the best holiday dinners, Ham's and Turkey with all the sides, deserts all over the place.

He was especialy fond of her lemon and honey cakes, she always baked him one. It was always just for him to have. She would get mad if she caught him sharing it. He chuckled at that thought and turned his way to home.

It's Christmas after all.