## Chapter 44

## Lana's POV

I spoke to mum last night asking if I could go away for the weekend, seemed stupid that I had to ask permission considering I am technically an adult. Her reply was I had to ask my brother which I was not looking forward to because since I have left, something has drastically changed within my brother, he was cold and nasty, completely different to when I left, I have been home for eight days and Ryker and my father have been at each other's throats constantly. Chase left last night after finding out about us going away to see Drake.

Walking downstairs, I look for my brother. Walking down the hall I could hear my mother and him yelling at each other. I hesitate at the door waiting for them to finish not wanting to become involved in their latest argument.

"What is going on with you, you can't treat people like that Ryker"

"Stay out of it mum, my sister I will treat him, how I god d\*\*n well please"

"He was a f\*\*\*\*g kid for goddess sake, I never should have told you"

"He wasn't a f\*\*\*\*\*g child, and after what he did to her, f\*\*k him. He is lucky I didn't f\*\*\*\*\*g kill him" My heart skips a beat, who are they talking about Chase? I saw him leave and he looked fine.

"I don't know what has got into you but this needs to stop, I want you to stand down. Let your father take back over until you sort your s\*\*t out Ryker" I hear my mother tell him before hearing something break as he growls at her.

"Enough, just tell me what is wrong, ever since you came back you have been an insufferable jerk, the entire pack is running scared because your driving them to hard, expecting to much, you're scary everyone, you are scaring me"

"I don't care, it is my pack and if Dad wants it back, he can f\*\*\*\*\*g challenge me for it" Ryker growls at her.

I open the door having heard enough and the way he was talking to her hoping I would be enough of a distraction to diffuse the situation.

"Get out!" My brother bellows at me. My mother had tears streaming down her face, I knew she was worried for Ryker, we all were. Something had turned him cold and cruel, he even beat up uncle Zane my fathers Beta the other day for missing patrol duty, attacked his own Beta for using his name instead of his title, something was definitely wrong with him.

I turn about to shut the door, "Lana stop I am sorry, what do you want?" He says flopping down in his office chair glaring at my mother who had turn to look at me.

"I need permission to leave"

"You're not a pack member you don't need permission off me" He says.

"No but Arial does, and she is coming with me" I tell him.

"She isn't leaving pack grounds, not after the s\*\*t she has caused" He growls and my mother throws her hands up before walking out only to stop at the door.

"For once stop being an a\*\*\*\*\*e, if you're that worried about Arial going go with them, give us all a break from you" My mother snaps at him walking out. He growls at her before tossing his stapler at the door, it shatters everywhere, and I bend down and pick up the pieces before placing them on the desk.

"She isn't leaving, and where is it you are going?"

"It doesn't matter, I will go another time" I tell him about to walk out.

"Lana wait" He calls making me look back at him before sitting back in his chair and looking at the roof with a sigh, he runs his hands through his hair.

"Fine she go, where are you going?" I hesitate wondering whether I should tell him.

"Lana!" He asks demanding to know and I feel his aura hit me, so much like mums, yet colder.

"Avalon City"

"Why Avalon City?" He asks curiously, so he had heard of it then.

"Apparently it is nice there" Ryker scoffs, shaking his head.

"It is nice but it's not safe for you to be wandering around in that city" He says

"How so?"

"Humans here have only just learnt of our kind, Avalon City is different the entire city is filled with nightwalkers and everything else. Humans there were raised amongst them, the city has wards bordering off each section, any human leaves they forget about the place, the place is literally crawling with supernatural's" He says.

"Oh I didn't know that" I said thoughtful.

"You really want to go?" He asks and I nod but now the thought also scared me a little.

"Fine you can go, but mum is right, I need to get out of here for a bit, I am coming with you"

"No, no we were having a girls weekend" I lie but he sees straight through it when my heartrate increases, he raises and eyebrow staring me down.

"Now I am intrigued because I know you're lying to me, either I am coming and we go from a girls weekend to a sibling one or I will chuck you both in the cells for the weekend, which is it?"

"You can't do that, you said so yourself I am not a pack member with Tate's mark"

"I can and I will, you think dad will stop me?" He asks chuckling at the thought. Even I knew Dad was no match for Ryker, even mum struggles to subdue him in pack training, especially now that he is next inline for her title, the first born of each generation stronger than the last generation, creating a balance and to make sure the packs stay at full strength.

"Times ticking Lana, which is it cells or are we leaving?"

"Fine" I tell him now wondering how I am going to sneak away to find the witch.

"Good we will leave at lunch and I am driving" He says.

"Wait how do you know of Avalon City?" I ask curious that he knows so much.

"I went to see a witch there find answers about my mate" He says.

"And?"

"And it's none of your business" He retorts.

I go to turn around and walk out when I remember the argument he had with mum,

"Another thing, when you and mum were arguing, who were you talking about?" Ryker growls low in the back of his throat, his glare sending a chill up my spine, goosebumps rising on my skin at the sound.

"Drake if you must know" My heart pumps wildly in my chest at the thought of Ryker doing something to him.

"I left him alive and licking his wounds Lana, I didn't kill your mate, though I should have after what he did"

"Rejecting me?" I ask.

"That amongst other things"

"What other things?" I ask wanting to know what he was hiding.

"Mum said Drake needs to tell you,"

"Yeah, well that won't be happening because he rejected me" I tell him.

"What he did is understandable, Lily doesn't blame him"

"Okay now you have to tell me" I tell him sitting in the chair across from him, he eyes me before folding his arms across his chest.

"He helped Damien's mother band together the rogues that Kade used to attack the Crescent Pack but wait Lana" He says as I go to jump up horrified.

"He didn't know and was trying to help his father, that's what made him hesitant to challenge his father, thought he owed him for covering up for him"

"Well, if that's true why beat him up" I demand to know.

"He is lucky he only got away with a few broken bones, I wanted to kill him" He says making bile rise in my throat.

"What, why would you do that Ryker, he is my mate"

"Was your mate Lana, and that's exactly why I did it, he should have known better then to hurt my sister, he is alive so stop overreacting he will heal, now get out, go pack we leave in an hour"