Chapter Eighteen: I Didn't Ask Enough Questions

I wake up to the plain hospital room. Everything that happened hits me in the head. I sit up and look at my side. It's not as painful as before, it's not bad enough for me to want to die anymore.

"Hey Ivy." Thalia says. My head whips up, the Evans, Thalia, Mom and Ken are all here.

"How long have I been out?" I ask. Looking down at the IV in my arm, I turn to it a glare, I am going to rip it o me if the doctors don't take it o soon.

"This is your fi h day here." Hazel says.

"You guys haven't been here the whole time right? Like, you guys actually went out to live your life... right?" I ask.

"Damian and Thalia have stayed the whole time." Ellie replies.

"Seriously you two?" I ask, looking at each of them.

"Well I was worried... but you've been gaining a new power when here and I waited to see what it is." Thalia says.

"Has it finished?" I ask, looking at the clothes mom is handing me.

"Not quite, it's almost done though." Thalia replies. The nurse with the bad aura comes in with food. Pain flickers in my mind... it's not from m body, it's mental pain. Where it's coming from? I think it's her. She smiles at me, and I glare.

"Ivy, it's nice to see you're awake." She says.

"Get out." I say, pushing back my growl.

"Ivy are you alright?" The nurse asks.

"I said get out." I say to her. Anger washes into me and it threatens to make me do something stupid.

"Ivy please tell-" She starts putting her hand on my head. I grab her arm and twist it, interupting her.

"GET OUT!" I scream at her. She yelps in pain and runs out of the room.

"Ivy what was that?" Mom asks disaprovingly.

"She's not normal... she's not human... she's hurting me." I say, rubbing my temples as the mental pain disappears.

"She's not a demon or an angel though." Shawn says.

"I don't like her." I say shaking my head.

"It's true, the nurse was hurting Ivy. But it wasn't intentionally." Caine says.

"What is she?" I ask.

"I think she's in the process of becoming a demon." Greg says. I look over at him then something pricks my skin. I look down at the IV, it is pressing into my skin. I growl and pull it out.

"Ivy!" Mom, Ellie, Hazel and Thalia all say in disaproval.

"It was bugging me!" I whine. Then pain flares in my side. I yelp in surprise and clutch it like it's my life line. I moan and pull my legs up to my body. Ignoring the clothes mom put on the bed falling to the ground.

"Ivy, what's wrong?" Damian asks, his voice so clouded with worry and pain, I literally want to tell him nothing so he'd feel better.

"It's..." I start, but the pain goes done until it's just a little sting. "It's gone." I say, straightening my legs out again.

"Ivy... whatever you do don't scream." Thalia says suddenly.

"Why?" I ask.

"Your power, the one I said was growing... it's with your voice. If you scream it'll break all the glass within ten feet of you." Thalia says.

"Is that why you were all covering your ears?" I ask.

"Ivy your screams are louder and higher pitched than the strange alien sci-fi sounds you hear on TV and stu ." Shawn says.

"Sorry." I say.

"There's another power... it's strong, it's developing fast." Thalia says, her gaze boring into me. I pick up the milk from the tray and open it

as Thalia is staring.

"Thalia you are creeping me out stop staring." I say.

"Oh... right sorry." She says looking away. Ken is looking at me with a strange expression.

"Sorry, but Ivy, you might want to move your wings. The doctors might react badly if the walk into you like that." He says. I get up and walk into the bathroom to look at myself. My wings were being stupid and they had unwrapped themselves without me knowing. The are pushing at the edges of my hospital gown. I sigh and grab the clothes mom had handed me. I walk back into the bathroom and put them on. I notice on my le arm I have stitches by my shoulder. Instead I pull the hospital gown back on and walk back out.

"Can I see it?" I ask. I'm know they all know what I'm talking about. I want to see the hole in my side.

"I'll call in a doctor." Thalia says walking out of the room. I feel more secure with pants on so I flop onto the bed. The movement kills my side but, then again, just about all movements hurt my side. A doctor walks in with Thalia and smiles.

"Wait Thalia what about..." I start, pointing at my back.

"Your wings." The doctor says. I gasp and look at her.

"How'd you know?" I ask.

"Duh, I'm an angel too, and by the way Ivy you scared the hell out of the other nurse." She says.

"Um... oops." I say.

"C'mon." The doctor gestures for me to follow her into the bathroom. She allows Thalia and Hazel to come in then she locks the door. Thalia helps me take o the gown and then they slowly take o the bandage. My wings shi and ru le in their furled state, they want to stretch out.

I look into the mirror at the hole in my side. I have no idea how to explain what I see. A hole, a dark bloody hole. That's all I can say. I look away and the doctor walks out of the room, she comes in with a new bandage, cloth, towel thing and Hazel and Thalia help her put it on me. I pull on the shirt mom gave me and then walk back out where everyone is.

"It's healing well. You're really lucky. And Ivy you are the key, aren't you?" The doctor asks.

"Yup." I say. The doctor gives a small bow and smiles.

"It's an honour to meet you!" She says.

"Thanks for helping me." I say, she smiles then walks out.

"Angels adore you." Caine says. I roll my eyes and look at the strange ceiling of the room. I lie myself down slowly, but that probably hurts more than lying myself down fast. So I let myself drop quickly.

"Oh my god, your new power is freakin' awesome!" Thalia says randomly.

"What's my new power?" I ask her, continuing staring at the ceiling.

"You can go invisible!" Thalia exclaims. I smirk at Thalia then I focus on going invisible. I hear gasps from everyone, and I know I've disappeared. I tip toe over to Thalia and start tickling her. She laughs and falls on the floor.

"Stop Ivy! Stop!" She says between laughs. I laugh, but I stop getting bored.

"Well, that'll be helpful." I say, turning back visible.

"You will not use your power to tickle me!" Thalia says, standing up.

"Oh hell yes I will!" I laugh.

"I can sense your energy though. Ha!" Thalia says.

"You couldn't see me back there." I mutter.

"Duh, too much energy already in this room." Thalia says.

"Oh, of course, of-Ahh!" I break o in a yelp. I let myself fall to the ground. I clutch my side and moan. The pain sears into my side, faster than before.

"Ivy!" Damian says, throwing himself beside me.

"I'm okay, I'm okay." I say, allowing Damian to help me up. The pain goes down to a dull throbing again. I can live with that.

"Ivy, get back in the bed and no more moving." Mom says.

"That isn't going to happen." I mumble slowly walking over to the bed. A nurse, not the one with the bad aura, comes in and smiles at me.

"Ivy you have some... more visitors." She says. My friends all run in.

"IVY!" Anna shrieks. She runs over and hugs me, her elbow hits my side. I shriek in her ear. Everyone covers their ears and looks at me with surprise.

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"Sorry..." I say.

"No, no, I'm so sorry. I didn't realize hugging hurts. I won't hug. I promise I won't hug." Anna says. "Annabeth you hurt her!" Selena scolds. "I know, I know! I said I was sorry!" Anna says. "Sometimes sorry don't work. Are you okay baby?" Selena asks me. "I'm fine." I reply. "Are you sure? Baby, everyone in school is talking! Some say you've gone into a coma, some say you're dead, some are saying you've got crazy radiation! Girl, what happened to you?" Selena asks. "Um... car crash." I reply. "And what happened in that car crash?" Chris asks. "She got a hole in her side." Thalia says. "SAY WHAT?" Bryan asks, yelling. a "A metal bar from the car went into her side." Shawn says. "Hey, Ellie, Greg, lets go get some co ee." Mom says. Then they leave us. "Hey, look what we brought for you!" Hannah says, taking out a Beats Pill. "You didn't!" I gasp. "Hell yeah we did!" Chris smiles. "What song?" Bryan asks with a wink. "Yeah 3x!" Anna says. I roll my eyes with a laugh. "Oh and here, we got you some Timmys." Hannah says, passing me a Tim Hortons cup. "Co ee?" I ask. "No, apple juice. Yes it's co ee." Selena says. "Thanks!" I say, taking a sip. "Careful! Timmys is hot." Chris warns. The co ee stings from heat a little, but it doesn't bother me too much. "I'm good." I smile. Chris looks at me like I'm crazy so I roll my eyes. I jump as the music from the Pill starts. "Oh Ivy, always being scared by the little things!" Bryan laughs. "Hey, Thalia, congrats on you engagment!" Selena says, looking at her. "Thanks." Thalia smiles. I watch her as she beams up at Ken. "So when are you getting out?" Anna asks. "No idea." I reply. "She's getting out in three days." Hazel says. "But she won't be going to school for another week or two a er that." Shawn adds. "Aw, we all miss you!" Selena says. "Yeah... the teachers have all been talking about how it's sad they lost such a good student in such a hard time." Chris says. "What'd'ya mean by 'hard time'?" I ask. "Well, you know the high school across town... yeah, they sorta challenged our school to see who could get better test scores." Bryan answers. "But we are having a big dance to settle it." Hannah adds. "A dance? Our, Princeton High going to a dance with Teron High?" Thalia asks. "Yeah, surprised us big time!" Selena says. "That's not right." Thalia mutters. "Oh, by the way, Ivy, we've been working on something awesome for a new music video!" Anna exclaims. "What?" I ask. "We've been working on a dance!" Anna says. "You guys, dancing. Congratulations!" I laugh. "Turns out Selena and Chris have hidden tango dancing skills." Hannah laughs. "No way!" I say, spitting out the little sip of co ee I took. "Yes way, so we decided to do a song that can acomidate that." Anna says. "Ew, Ivy you got co ee all over me!" Selena says. We break out in laughter. "Sorry, Ivy, I've got to go. My parents want me to run some errands for them." Bryan says. "What about the Pill?" I ask. "Keep it, it's yours. It's our get better soon present." Bryan smiles.

"Aw, thanks B-man!" I say, getting out of bed to give him a little hug. He's careful not to hit either of my sides.

"Catch ya' later Ivy!" Bryan says, walking out of the door.

"Poor Bryan, his parents have been giving him so much work lately." Anna says.

"You don't have a thing for Bryan do you." I say, looking her in the face.

"Um, no. I like him as a friend. That's all." Anna says, shaking her head. I raise an eyebrow but leave it at that... well ish.

"Okay, we'll talk about it later." I say. Earning the death look from Anna.

"Hey, so guess who's been hitting on who!" Hannah says.

"What, who?" I ask.

"Kevin Robb and Sally Gurts!" Selena exclaims.

"You mean, nerd Sally and jock Kevin?" I ask.

"Yeah! They some how totally fell for each other! It's so cute!" Anna says.

"Girls seriously, I'm here too!" Chris says. We laugh.

"Gonna have to put up with some girl talk!" I say with a wink.

"You all have to leave the room please. We have to take care of something with Ivy." A doctor says behind us. We all turn to see a doctor standing in the door way. I briefly see mom outside, her face pale and worry plastered across it.

"What's wrong?" I ask alarmed. A few nurses run in, ushering my friends out.

"Ivy, we have a moniter on you. You're burning up, literally." The doctor says. Thalia and Damian hadn't moved and I glance at them. Caine, Shawn, Hazel and Ken had all le. I frown, how could I possibly be burning. Then I feel it, burning. It flares through my vains. I let out a huge scream, forces everyone to cover their ears. A nurse runs into the room with a needle. I push her, hard, so she can't get at me. She falls back and stares. I scream again as the burning goes deeper into me. A er everyone uncovers their ears Damian runs over and hold me down. I squirm trying to get free, I look into his worried eyes.

"Calm down, please Ivy." Damian whispers, his voice calming but full of fear. I nod and let the nurse put the needle in me. For a second I still know what's happening... and I notice that I still have millions of questions bubbling inside me for the Evans and Thalia. Then all is dark. Damn this darkness, it has taken me again.

Darkness your sooooo evil! :P

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HEY Y'ALL! :D Hope you enjoyed, do fan stu ... only if you want. If you don't want to you can totally be all hater like and just say 'No, I don't want to.' That's okay though! ;)

Hehe I want to talk to everyone today, I just feel so talkative! : P So, I'm going to post this chapter now while I still have control over not typing a million word speech on how I appreciate votes, comments and of course all you readers... and what happened in the last few days... I went to a play! :) It was pretty good. Ahhhhh I got to stop! I'll post the next chapter hopefully soon! :P

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