

A Mate for the Latecomer By Veronica Vito

Chapter 20 Encounter

“Freedom” was one word inside my head since the beta told me Alpha Reed is out for a week.

I unpack my stuff before heading downstairs. I swear I hate taking steps especially when it's a three-story packhouse.

When I made it to the foyer there was no sight of anyone around so I walk a little bit to the other side and collide with the beta again.

Like seriously was he the only one in this house.

“Where are you going?” he asks

“umm to have a look around,” I said nervously.

“I'm sorry Ms. Langford but Alpha's order was not to allow you to go outside,” my brain froze, ‘wait a minute’

“I'm sorry when you carry my bag did you see a sticker that says prisoner?” he shook his head “No, still you cannot go out,” he spit out not even care of how I would take his response.

“Okay how about this! when you drove me where did you take me to a cell?”

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I still cannot believe this, he answers again “Sorry but it's Alpha's restraining orders and I may not be your only barrier here. So still no as there's no use of it”

Right, when he finishes I burst out loud like a maniac, hurting my ribs since I couldn't control my laughter. He probably thinks I'm crazy but deep down inside of me I want to cry. These Alphas must take me for a joke.

After when I'm done I walk back up dragging my feet on the floor like a wimpy child.

“Dinner's at 8 pm” he calls me

“No one wants to eat your dinner” I reply in a harsh tone as I still walk up to the steps.

“It's Conrad by the way”

I don't reply as I was still filled with fury. Therefore, by the time I reach the top where my room is situated, I couldn't take it anymore. The hate inside of me ate me up and there was no patience at all.

So I scream from the top of my lungs down to the foyer

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"f*** you Aaron" and after feeling much better I change into a flimsy nightgown then went back to sleep.

I didn't know when I woke up but just like a drunk person I didn't even get to fully shut my eyes as I heard yelling from downstairs. Slowly I crept outside of my room without making any noise.

Yet the sight in front of me was unbearable. A vampire was s***ing on the last body of a female werewolf while other bodies including Conrad are lying on the floor with blood everywhere.

I snap my head to the other side and saw the hunters looking around and once, one of them lands his eyes on me the smirk evilly. Then I remember him now, he was one of those who kidnap me.

Using my werewolf speed I ran down the steps almost falling over other bodies that lie on the steps and down the foyer. I dart out of the door and turn back to find the vampire creep hot on my tail he opens up his fang to bit but I swerve to the other side of the woods.

Then I run for my life dodging the branches and the fallen trees. I kept looking back for the vampire and hunters forgetting to look ahead of me. I crash into something which was like a force throwing me back and I slam into a tree. I cry in pain when my leg was wounded by a sharpened wood.

The vampire walks up to me with a smirk on his face. As he got nearer the moon illuminated his face and it suddenly changes into the hunter that gave me a flimsy cloth when I was captured.

His lips went up into a smile showing his yellow teeth which were so gross, then his mouth opens spelling out every word he said

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"Welcome back b****."

He knocks me out in the face with his fist and I scream waking up with tears falling on my cheek.

My eyes opened up, gazing right into those dark blue mesmerizing eyes. His right hand lifted with his thumb wiping away my tears.

“We have to stop meeting like this,” he says.

And that’s our update for tonight, my lovely readers. Thank you again for your continuous support

Love Xox,

Nica

The tears were falling from my eyes while I try to catch my breath audibly. My eyes dart around pulling away from his touch.

I am actually in the woods and I was in a panic.

My thoughts keep jumbling on why the hell I was doing here in the dark out in the woods. Yet worst of all, I’m crying in front of an Alpha. None other than the one whom Conrad told me will be back by next week.

Alpha Aaron freak in Reed

I still couldn’t quite get it if everything was real or was it just a nightmare. Honestly, I was never that kind of girl to have those dark dreams.

“What are you doing out here?” his voice so low and husky sending shivers through my body.

‘Vampires, hunters’ I mumble in a low tone.

My mind couldn’t get one thing off and I thought back to Vampires. They aren’t real and they don’t exist in our realm.

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Vampires don’t exist here because we live in separate realms between them and humans. They are far away from here, while we the werewolves are closer to the human’s realms that’s why we always clash with the hunters. As for the witches they exist in three different realms.

I never met an actual vampire. It was only through the stories told by Aber added by the movies created by humans made I saw what a vampire was like. Yet having a nightmare with them in it scares me a lot.

My chest was rising and falling on an upbeat scale while I struggled to breathe.

“None of those creatures exist here except the hunters,” he told me sternly.

“So it was just a nightmare” I mumble under my breath, still it won’t explain why I’m actually in the woods. It’s confusing me that if I was having one of it I should be in bed yet here I am out here in the dark.

And it may sound crazy but this is the first time for me to sleepwalk. I felt his hand on my shoulder, it gives me comfort calming down my nerves.

My eyes look up ahead and saw someone I thought I would never see again

“Jay”

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I thought of jumping up to my feet and hugging him like those female characters do when they saw their heroes. Unfortunately, the big bad Alpha is in the way so I stay rooted down there.

On second thought, another part of me didn’t want to shove him off of my face because seriously I don’t why Claire rejected him. It’s not like Eric isn’t hot but this Alpha got the whole package making the view more like it.

Alpha Reed stood up after seeing me in resolution before extending his hands towards me. I took it feeling the warmth of it and push myself to stand up.

How can they say he was ruthless when yet he helps me tonight without giving me a cold shoulder. Maybe the people misjudged him or maybe he’s just acting. My poor thoughts keep running around.

Jay moves forward and gave me a bear hug.

“It’s good to see you again kiddo” he patted me on the back then leads me back to the packhouse.

We arrived back and saw everything is in place as they were before. There was no blood or bodies that were in my dream. Everything was just the same and I feel relief a little.

Conrad came up to me “Hey you okay?” he asks and I just nodded my head. “I saw you running out of the house so I mindlink Alpha since he was on the borderline” his eyes still look with worries.

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"I'm okay, really I just sleep run I guess" scratching my head as I don't know what else to say. Things fell into silence nobody speaks making things weird for me. Then I decided to leave for my bedroom so I bid them goodbye hugging Jay and Conrad for the last time.

When I was about to walk up to my room. All of a sudden my stomach let out a monster growl and I kind of blushed in embarrassment. Smiling like a fool to the audience hoping they haven't heard it.

"We only have dinner once, if you missed it. Sorry to break it up to you but you have to sleep on it"

And the duce was back to himself as he was described by Jenna. Scratch if I ever say he is good because now he's not but just another nightmare added to my life.

Until next time my dear readers!!

Love Xox,

Nica

"This is so good"

I moan while taking another fork of the omelet into my mouth.

"Girl can you like take it slow" Eliz groan in my head "seriously if any of the boys pass by and you're still eating like that I'll personally request the moon goddess to find me another human."

"I thought you're dead well hearing your voice I guess you're not" she doesn't reply and I smile to myself.

Well since the Alpha made me go to bed without dinner I woke up early to get ready and make breakfast for myself. Of course, that was after roaming around the foyer for an hour looking for this damn kitchen.

"Can you seriously stop now"

Ignoring her I took another mouthful of omelet "hmm yum" teasing her was fun.

"Okay not funny anymore, stop now, I think I'm hearing footsteps," she says yet again I took another one "so yummy" giggling I turn around to fetch milk from the fridge my mouth still filled with food. Surprisingly there were two people right in front of me and they almost scare the hell out of me making me choke on my food.

Signaling to them both with my hands for anyone to grab me water. Lucian ran to the fridge and brought one which I gulp down instantly.

'And you just throw one of our dignity away' Eliz whine in my head. It was surprising for me to see them again and also embarra**ing at the same time, I should have listened to Eliz.

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I didn't expect to see any of them so soon. Unfortunately, this is a small world, Lucian gawk at me and I ignore him after struggling to calm myself from the choke. Well, you can't be besties with someone who left you there with his Alpha.

Eric's eyes look around me "you're up early?" he shoves his hands in his jean pockets and his eyes fixed on me now.

I don't speak, my lips firmly closed Eliz again growl in my head, 'be nice Elle what did your father used to tell you I don't fight against that. If someone reminds anything mentioned by my parents I'll gladly give in.

"Fine" I gave up facing Eric again who was still waiting for my reply.

"Obviously when some Alpha forgot or banned me from eating dinner" right when I finished Aaron walk in.

"You're not feeding her?"

Eric's gaze is now fixed on Aaron who took me back with uninteresting and replies to Eric "she misses dinner because she screams to our whole pack for the Alpha to f*** himself. Rules are rules if you miss dinner-"

"you have to sleep on it" Conrad chirp in. Who needs his opinion I kick myself for it. They all look back at me and I grin like an idiot.

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Aaron looked around and all the other three nodded their head walking behind him while I went back to wash my plate and clean the kitchen.

"Elle" I turn to them "you too, we need to ask you a few questions." I have no other option since the sole purpose of me being here is to find Jea.

I sat there in peace while they discussed plans for their pack's protection. I should be feeling hot right now as the room was filled with Mr. Complicated aka Eric, Mr.

Narcissistic aka Aaron, Mr. Traitor aka which was Lucian, and of course Mr. a**ertive aka Conrad.

They were all hot, definitely would be in the top 5 for the hottest celebrities. Indeed, that's not how I feel right now.

The doors open and Jay came in I frown at him he mouths what. I pointed towards Aaron "he's your Alpha?" he waves his hand no. I became confused he mouth Alpha Zeus and I nod my head.

"Just so you know Jay is representing Alpha Zeus today and we need to discuss this with an open mind since he's our other trusted ally," Eric explained. "Yes and before we moved on we should be looking at possible ways to find Jea, we have to get to her before hunters attack us."

Finally, I wasn't invisible anymore "Elle we want you to tell us about Jea?" asked Aaron.

"Well Jea is Jea I guess" Eliz facepalm herself with her paws

"and?" Conrad presses for more info

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"she's a good person, one of my best friends and you all know she's a witch who" I try to think of other qualities.

"Are you kidding us, we're not here to hear about those things" Lucian muttered and I glare at him.

"So you have no photos of her" Eric leans forward

"Unfortunately no, and I don't know her scent since I'm not mated to her, and the last time we saw each other was four years ago," I finish with a smile.

"Were so damn right now"

The boys look hopeless with their reaction because their only source which was me don't seem to be helpful at all in finding Jea.

Hope you enjoy reading this chapter. Sweet Dreams

Love Xox,

Nica

"We're doom!"

Aaron repeated leaning forward to his office desk with his hands on both sides holding himself up. While Eric is watching outside the window I could see him frown and a little bit angry. The other three sat there in their seat like statues.

“We last saw each other near the Blood Moon pack down south” I slowly told them

“and that was four years ago,” Eric replied without looking in our way.

“True but you’re not getting my point here” their attention was back to mine “she lives with her relatives until a year ago she told me through a letter that she has moved to the Northern bridge Court,” they look confused. “It’s an undercover academy for witches hidden within the mountains of Edinburgh” I explain “and Jea happens to run that.”

“That mountain is only for those who wish for their death to be quick” Eric scoff at me “but then again that was a year ago” he shook his head.

There’s something he doesn’t like and he’s taking it on me. The Eric I met this morning turns bipolar.

“I’m sorry Alpha, it feels like you have a problem with me if you do. Please I would appreciate it if you could emphasize what did I do wrong.”

He laughs shortly shaking his head then throwing me his dagger look.

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“You’re the problem here Elle,”

he made his way to me none of the others move except for Jay who moves to standby me Lucian nodded his head no to him. “If you hadn’t shown up in our life our packs still haven’t gone through this. Hunters wouldn’t be lurking around demanding war for us.”

Eliz whimper cowering and shutting herself off from me. It was me all alone now to battle against Eric even though it felt like I’m back to square one again like the day I saw him with Claire I still put on a motionless face.

“Why don’t you sacrifice yourself and save our werewolf race-” Jay cut him off “you forgot Alpha that she isn’t the only one involved in this,” he growled at Jay “stay out of it.”

“Alpha Eric”

Aaron moves to hold him back as Eric was nearer to me. My hand went up to stop Aaron a tear slip from my eyes

"I'm sorry Alpha Eric but I want to live. I survived too long to only die for something I never did. I know I'm causing trouble since I came late but I won't die, not when I haven't proved my innocence and I'll find Jea by myself if you can't do it"

'then I'm going to disappear from your lives' I was going to say it loud the knock on the door interrupts me.

"Apologies Alpha breakfast is ready," I wipe out my tear and went out of the room. I walk aimlessly in the woods with my mind all blank and heartbroken into zillion pieces.

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Growls were heard, birds in the trees flew then there were shouting and a gunshot was heard too.

I was as a human on high and I'm pretty sure this is how it feels. My feet walking on air as my world feels perplexed with hurts and pains that I didn't even bother.

Footsteps came nearer I saw two figures come out of the trees smirking in my direction "looks like we got a pretty one," they smelt like human "hunters" I growl in return like it was my wolf.

I'm defending less now Eliz was not responding. One with the guns shot at me and I dodge using my speed. Another one throws me a knife and it got slid my arm burning it. It was made of wolfsbane, I keep dodging their bullets and knives by moving behind from tree to tree.

Their attacks stopped and just when I feel relief, their numbers multiply and I'm surrounded.

Eliz wasn't even helping me at all, 'I can do this I told myself 'might as well fight til death.' I moved on the other side only to be shot by their silver bullet and I thank the trees for saving me.

Growls were near I felt Eliz surfacing she howls the name Zhipa before forcing us to shift. When we did she jump to climb from trees using her claws and kill hunters from behind one by one. Other wolves arrived and everything went into a ma**ive war.

Bite, claw snaps then we move on to others it was the last of them or so I thought so. I was busy focusing on the wolves before me that I forgot to look back.

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A roar was heard near as I snap the head of the last hunter. A wolf jumped above my head, turning around a hunter dropped dead in front of my eyes and he was the last.

The sun was high the wolf changing back into his human form. He was 6'7 foot tall, with dirty blonde hair with a well-built body. It was like he was making an entrance for a movie. He walks towards me in his birthday suit while I just stay still in my wolf form. His face looking all business, someone walked from behind and greet him

"Alpha Zeus."

Tomorrow is our father's day so I would like to wish a Happy Father's Day in advance to your loved ones

Thank you again for your support

Love Xox,

Nica

"Alpha Zeus"

Eric shifted and greeted him followed by Aaron. Eliz fan herself with her paws before we turn to the other side.

'Our poor innocent eyes' I pouted, she laughed in my face. They just thought we have seen tons of it but hey this is the first time we saw that male glory they talk about.

We saw one of the pack members handing out clothes so we moved and she gave us a sweatpants and black t-shirt. We changed behind a tree away from the eyes of the pervs male wolves, just kidding.

Jay came behind me "Elle, are you okay?"

I smile back at him "yeah, so he's your Alpha" he runs his hand through his temple

"yeah you could say that but." I frown at him "Jay is he not the one who saves me"

"No, I mean not really" he kept rambling "look Elle it's complicated and I know you'll want to thank him for saving your life but can you not do it. You know just let it go" now he is making me confused "please Elle, just be grateful that's all" I wanted to push for answers but I know he wouldn't answer any of it.

Alpha Zeus walk ahead with Aaron and Eric while I trail behind with Jay, catching up on the time we went on our separate ways.

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Time passed the clock in Aaron's office kept ticking, my nails tapping the armchair and my eyes rolling from side to side to the Alphas and their betas. They couldn't agree on who to send to the Northernbridge Court to get Jea.

After the surprise attack from the hunters and the grand entrance of Alpha Zues everyone went back to Aaron's office and instead of having breakfast we have lunch since the fight went up for hours. Like I say I was so high to notice the time and hours especially when my wolf wasn't helping.

The only time she did is when she felt her mate running in our direction 'what a show-off.' Sitting in silence was quite awkward.

Jay has told me some interesting things about Zues. He didn't go to details with it but he told me his one rule.

One rule is never telling him that you owe him especially if you're a female cause he will only ask for one thing from them in return. He doesn't care whether you're mated or not and that could be one of the reasons why he did not let me thank him.

The door opens up Jaywalk in with the list and posters of those wanted by the hunters. He has also had some of the books in his arms almost falling. I went up to help him then set it on the table in the middle.

I turn to the right to find Zues sternly looking at me. Quickly I look down to my feet and walk back to my seat avoiding his preying eyes.

"Before we start again I just want to know why she's doing here in our business," Zues stoic voice boom inside the room, he was up to the table.

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Aaron turned his gaze to me "she's one of the Wanted people"

"it's funny she's not in our list, we only have one female on the list and her poster looks nothing like her" he pointed to me "still that does not answer my question why she's in here. She's not a luna or a beta"

Eric stood up from his chair.

"She will find Jea for us and yes she already volunteers to go to the death mountains" he refers to Edinburgh.

I gritted my teeth 'since when did I volunteer again' groaning at Eliz 'umm you forgot it was before the attack" Eliz whimpered.

As if something clicks in Zues head he exclaimed. "Ahh, so you're that girl." I furrow my eyebrow, "I miss that entertaining meeting where two luna went up against Josh top warrior," he laughs shortly.

"The unmated one, who mated other wolves mates" he winks in my direction. All the seriousness Alpha I met at the attack constantly changes into Ca**anova.

"You must have got the wrong info Alpha as you see I don't mate other people's mate," I retorted.

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He threw me his serious look "I like you. Wish you could be my luna. I heard that mouth of yours could be good for something else."

Jay was right not to let me say thanks to the b*****. The jerk does not deserve it.

Aaron met my eyes he sighs before speaking "Alpha Zues you're in my pack. It is disrespectful to treat someone under my roof in such a manner."

Aaron seems to hit the nerve in him, Zues glare back at him before his hands rest on the table.

"I don't know why you keep her here but you should let the hunters have her," he bent down the table reaching for the poster.

Everything went silent again.

Love Xox,

Nica

Two days pa** and we have been doing the same thing digging into info on hunters and the Edinburgh mountains.

Zues opens a poster in front of Eric and Aaron

"so they are handing out a reward for those who have info on the werewolves. We need to be careful as there will be traitors in here and out there," he warns them then pa**ing it out to Lucian, Conrad then to me.

"So there is a reward" I glance back and forth Lucian narrows his eyes at me.

"Yup 2000 euro for anyone to find you," Conrad confirms.

I sigh with disappointment they all look at me

“that’s you” Zeus pointed out.

I glare at Conrad “did I say something wrong” I huff “the price is too cheap and look at their posters I mean my nose is too long”

I threw it on the table, Zues was right I look nothing like it.

“My face looks bland” I dramatically flip my hair “I curse the human who paints me. They should have taken a picture of their hostage instead of using 19th-century methods,” I crossed my legs.

“He’s not even very good at his job. Does he?” Eliz purr in my head. “I wonder who even hired him” sighing under my breath.

Zeus moves closer to my seat making me scoot over almost fell on the floor but his hand on my waist keeps me in place.

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Okay, I wasn’t expecting that but I wonder why the sudden change of attitude. Maybe he’s like Eric they’re both polar and need medical attention. I could recommend it to Aaron since he’s the only sane Alpha here.

“I do agree beautiful,” his hand brushed away a strand of hair in front of my face.

Eliz poke out her tongue with disgust, the guy’s jaw drops

“is he seriously flirting in front of mate” her face was gloomy in my head. “Sorry I thought he’s already mated and we’re not... so stop calling him mate,” I retaliate “Zhipa his wolf loves me” she whimpers.

“Right love you enough to mate Claire’s wolf,” I said without thinking realizing what I just said to her, “I’m sorry Eliz” she didn’t talk back to me. I knew she’s upset with me now, and I felt bad then.

He removed his hand from me and walk back to his seat.

“I’ll leave Jay here to discuss further details as I like to pardon myself. I need to be somewhere today.”

Before he left he turn to me “I know we haven’t started right but I would like to make it up next time we meet,” he winks at me.

‘There is no next time’ Eliz growl in the back of my mind.

When he left I grabbed one of the books and read it through. Flipping twice on the same chapter for more info. This is one of the trends now since my side is burning from the stares.

They couldn't do anything else but just stalk me. It was getting annoying so I turn to them

"what?"

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"Nothing," Lucian says I squint my eyebrow

"yeah right, as I could almost feel my right cheek splitting."

Aaron moves his leg to the other side while Eric scratches his hair. I turn to Jay who avoids eye contact with me. I shut the book close, "that's it what did you guys talk about"

"why would we, were just" Eric starts

"thinking about the tactics" Jay finished.

"And those tactics were important for you not to let me in the links" nobody speaks got yah.

"Boys we don't have all day now hurry up I'm waiting" Lucian frown at them I knew they were mind linking cutting me out completely.

"We kind of thought you and Zues are an item now, we saw the way he looks at you like you have been doing it" lucky my werewolf hearing made me catch on the last piece of his sentence.

"Why does everyone thinks I slept with all our kind" I snap towards them, Lucian shrugged his shoulders

"I don't know you tell us"

I roll my eyes "seriously if I have I would have to bang him, him and you by now"

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"and what makes you so sure of yourself" both Aaron and Eric

"hello darlings I haven't worked with my persuasion yet" my finger went up then pointed to the ground.

“Are you flirting” Jay intercepted?

“Nah duh I’m only stating a fact here and believe me if I were I would be all over you.”

Their jaw drops how cliché I walk toward the door “believe if I’m interested you’ll be in distance but too bad I’m not” I grin at them.

I felt my heartbeat racing how could I have the confidence to say that in front of alphas and their beta.

Stupid mouth I curse myself while Eliz laughs saying ‘oh girl your mouth is your grave one day’ shush up you witch. She fake faint inside my head

“and you the devil.”

Thank you again for your continuous support and please keep on reading.

Love Xox,

Nica

Stones may rot but words will never be as people will always talk.

Shutting the door behind me I put a hand to my beating heart while Eliz still laughs at me for being too sure with the boys.

I know I’m still not allowed to roam around still I wanted to take a walk. I was almost to the door when I collided with an elderly woman. She struggled to balance herself making her fall down.

I quickly apologize and help her up, she went for the basket filled with white cloth I reached out for it. “Wow, it’s kind of heavy” she stretches her back then asks me to hand it over.

“I can help carry it for you”

“Who are you”

“just an unwanted visitor of Alpha Aaron” I gleam at her hoping she would agree.

She thought for a minute “okay but are you sure”

“yes I am” she sighs “very well you need to take it to the pack hospital.”

She gave me the location and went there straight away.

“Excuse me, Carrie call me are those?”

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All eyes were set on me, then goes the whisperings. We could detect some holding on tight to their mate’s arms once they saw no mark on my neck.

Nodding my head I handed the nurse the basket “oh dear would you tend one of our warriors”

“umm I don’t know” too late she grabbed me by the hand and lead me into a ward with wounded male warriors. She shows me the basic steps then I tended one of the werewolf warriors’ wounds, patching up his arm.

A heel sound click on the tile “umm I’m sorry who are you?” I turn to a blonde female in her Victoria’s Secret dress and her Chanel 5 perfume filling the air.

“Apologies Armenia she’s the guest at Alpha’s place”

The nurse from before came back in and the blond female quickly drags her by the arm outside leaving me there. I look down to the warrior sleeping in peace then around the peering eyes of the patients and their families. I smile then walk towards the door to get out of there I heard the female’s voice at the door.

“You better not let the w**** touch him. Didn’t you know that she’s the one from Cascarade who sleeps around with the unmated wolves? Don’t let those filthy hands on him again. You better watch out for your mate too”

I made myself known to them the nurse eyes widen

“are you done” she glared at me everyone in the hallway murmur

“Have you seen me sleep with them” she didn’t say anything.

“Exactly next time get your fact straight”

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I pump into her shoulder and went back to the packhouse. I was to step into the kitchen when I heard voices again

“oh my god, so she’s the one, no wonder why she’s not mated,” I peek to find the lady that I help earlier chatting with her group of friends. “It was right of Eric to mate Claire, she would make a horrible mate. The werewolves race knows all about it”

I could feel my eyes hot with liquid ready to pour down. Turning around Aaron's face was filled with fury, he was ready to blow my ears for going against his rules.

"Are you okay?"

His expressions soften when he saw my face.

Holding it within without breaking down "I think so" and I walk out of the door.

I sat down on the chair in his empty office my head slowly lay on the table. My emotions running high, I want to disappear now. I heard voices coming through the door then laughter.

My hand drew circles on the table not bothering the unwelcome guests who stood before me.

"I guess we shall see each other again" Eric shook his hand "Elle" he turn to me "Elle" I don't respond standing up I walk past them and made my way out of the packhouse.

I heard someone calling my name again I just continue to walk. This was like a cemetery there were graves here. I walk past it and made it to the other side.

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Laying down on the ground "I miss my parents" they were my only sanity in this world. "How many times do we have to stand up and only to be thrown down again. I miss them, what's our purpose again for living" I started to sniff "you haven't lived your life yet Elle" Eliz reminds me. "It's never the end for us, and don't even care what they say" she tries to soothe me.

I pull my legs up and bury my head between my knees. Someone sat beside me, I peer aside finding Aaron sitting down. My brain is almost wrecking from the thought of Aaron closer to me. I wasn't expecting him to be here. Yeah, I don't expect Eric at all to be here for me too.

"I know why you're here" he speaks and I just sat there. "When Claire never gave me a second chance people look at me with pity and they started talking" he looks with pain as he continues to speak "I'm sorry for my pack's behavior today" he continues to speak.

"You should never let them get to your head" he sigh. "People will always talk believe me and it will die down," I felt his warm hand on my shoulder.

I turn up and saw him smile a bit making me smile a little

"you know Alpha you should smile often" I got up from the ground

“It definitely suits you” that I walk back to the packhouse.

Hope you enjoy reading this one

Love Xox,

Nica

We need to pay a visit to our enemies someday or perhaps sometimes.

I left Aaron there and walk back to the packhouse.

My legs suddenly swoop off in the air, then two arms held me tight carrying me with the speed we made it to the packhouse in a second.

He let me down I try to catch my breath “what the hell was that for?” I shouted to Aaron who disappeared into the packhouse. I watch as other wolves howl in the air before running into the woods led by Conrad.

Breathing in and out, the female werewolves jump into two trucks, while others took the kids inside the house. I saw wires going up like gates surrounding the house then Aaron came out.

He didn't even give me a chance to speak as he scoops me up again like a bride then dumps me into his car like a paper bag. I was to ask him yet again he start the engine and drove with speed making me scream.

“Alpha where the hell are we going?” he changes the gear and continues to speed up

“I swear to you-”

“Eric's pack is under attack” he swerves the car around almost making me hit the window.

“where is he then?”

his eyes still focus on the road “he left for there today” that's all he said.

My thoughts went back to 'Claire' hell no I'm going to be seeing her again I ain't going there.

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I shook my head, nope I'm not seeing her again.

“Let me out” I try to open the door but it’s lock “let me out” I scream punching him on the shoulder.

“Too bad we’re here” he got out then I heard him shift running towards the gate.

I groan getting out and only to be attacked by a hunter who probably thought I was human since I’m not shifting. I move backward and he leans forward with his knives slicing in the air. I move my left leg back before my right one high kicks him on the side and he’s out.

‘well that was pretty easy’

I tie him up before running inside the packed field dodging bullets and keep on snapping the neck of those hunters in the way.

Once it’s over I rested on the packhouse steps “Elle I thought I’ll never see you again” Jenna hugs me excitedly “me too buddy”

“Oh My Elle” someone squeal from the other side and I was crushed into a big hug “Aber, you’re here” I hug her back.

“What are you doing here?”

“you forgot we’re allies with Eric” I became confused “but you didn’t come to Aaron’s pack when they were under attack” she rubs her hand together “we’re only allied with Eric not Aaron’s pack” I get it now.

“I miss you and am sorry for not calling” she dismissively waves her hand in the air “it’s alright I know you were quite busy.” I sacked my shoulders “don’t even get me started” we both laugh.

Claire rush out from the safe house and jump into Eric’s arms

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Not that scene again I groan at Eliz

“ahh, my eyes hurt” Aberdeen dramatically touches her neck as if it’s in pain.

Aaron walks our way his eyes fixed on mine reminds me of someplace or rather some wolf.

“Are you okay?” this question was getting old in my textbook so I decided to be dramatic as others. “Ahhh” I scream pretending to be in pain “my back” I saw Conrad walking by “Conrad help me, Aber, Jenna my back ahhh”

Eric left Claire with Lucian and rushes to our side

“Is everything okay” I sat up straight

“Aber I told you to ma**age it not to dislocate my bones.”

I gave them a warm smile, Aaron cough a little as if he wanted to laugh but he didn't want to.

“I think there is someone you were dying to see,” Eric look back to Claire I look over his shoulder and saw her with Jea.

“But how?”

I gleam in the excitement that seeing her full-on conversing with Claire didn't settle right with me. I disregard those feelings and try to be excited that I don't have to volunteer in retrieving her from the death mountains.

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“How did she get here?” I ask Eric again

“Alpha Zeus sends his men there”

Then I saw him coming behind her, he waves in our direction. Remembering Eliz dislikes him I shook on Aber's shoulder “Aber have you seen my keys” I lied signaling to her. Hurriedly we excuse ourselves from the Alphas and start to look for Leto and Alpha Josh.

Alphas, beta, gamma, and one of the top warriors from each pack was summoned back to Eric's office.

Everyone made it in time, the door opens and in came Jea she didn't smile, she was probably avoiding me.

There was something different about her.

“Thank you again for helping us today and more excitedly we are going to create barriers to protect our pack since Jea is already here” Eric speaks

“thank you again to Alpha Zues for finding her.”

All attention turns to Jea who straighten up herself since she was leaning again the wall and walk towards one of the chairs smiling.

Love Xox,

Nica

Friends sometimes betray and fail to be there for you. Yet it depends on the type of person you entangled yourself with.

“Oh moon goddess, how lovely to see you all here” she sat down next to Lucian.

She greets everyone until her eyes met mine.

“Oh poor thing I didn’t know you’re here last time we talk was one year ago” she taps her finger on her temple as if she’s thinking “hmmm I heard you told everyone was best friends.”

I sat there waiting for her to be finished. I always thought were the best of friends but today she reminds me she was just like Serena.

The innocent, fun, honest, and good Jea that I used to know is now replaced by the witch Jea as her powers prevail.

“Oh dear Elle I’m sorry for making you the famous s***,” she laughs.

Aberdeen was going to get up but held down her shoulder.

Jea still laughs I caught her off guard with my speed I slap her hard on the cheek sending her head to the right before I grab her by the neck. She mumbles something which I knew what it was again I let go of my hand before kicking her knees making her bend and pinning her arms behind her then squeeze her fingers tightly into a lock.

“you forgot you taught me a few of your tricks back then and I learn some info on how to kick your a** witch.”

Everyone looks with disbelief once I release her she send me to a wall. Aaron quickly got in front of me.

“Not now Jea” she hisses at us “I did you a favor b****” she angrily paces around.

“No, you didn’t! friends don’t do that and I thought you were... not until today.”

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She menacingly laughs again

“ungrateful b****, when you ask to severe the bond”

“you knew the truth that he wasn’t dead that’s why you gave me options to not fully severe it”

"I only did you a favor" I laugh

"favor my a**! you only did it because you needed that book, I was stupid to notice it."

She bluffs "I was right not to tell"

"No you shut it Jea" I shouted back at her "you should have told me the truth instead of lying to me"

"you wouldn't take it well" she moves closer my hand stops her

"it would have been better than finding out later. You would never know what it feels like to stand there like a fool thinking I have a chance yet he is already mated."

Scornfully I laugh shortly not even caring about the audience around us

"You knew it, you knew him not being dead and you knew that I didn't sleep with those a**holes. Yet after using me you left without even help defend your friend."

I took a deep breath holding in my tears and anger.

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"It's sad that I just realized everything today and I hope karma follows you b****."

I storm out of the house going straight to the training area. Running towards inside I came to face with the punching bag my fist landing on it nonstop putting all my hatred and anger into kicking and punching.

Panting on the ground with no more energy to continue, my body was all numb and I'm all in sweat.

"Elle" Aberdeen came and sat next to me on the ground handing me a towel.

"Feeling better now?" she asked

"Yeah, I am" I sat upright stretching out my legs.

"Jea says you haven't fully rejected Eric, there's still a bond between the two of you."

I knew Eliz would be listening and I don't want her to. So I shut off our links, putting up a barrier between our minds and numbing my feelings so that she won't be able to feel anything.

"I don't want to because Eliz still loves Zhipa his wolf. They had this kind of connection with each other even when they are not physically there but it's like they are connected with their soul"

Aberdeen didn't say anything she just listens to me.

"Eric deserves the rejection acceptance but not Eliz. She's always been there for me, even when my parents died then I moved to Aaron's pack she was the one who helps me out a lot there. Breaking the bond fully means breaking her apart. I don't want her to be broken like me"

I couldn't finish the last words as now I am crying.

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"So I only sever it between us humans but not our wolf," I said between my sobs.

Aberdeen hug me her tightly "you did the right thing," she keeps on repeating and I felt her tears wetting my shirt.

We talk on for hours before going back.

After borrowing some clothes from Jenna and using their family shower I made my way to the packhouse.

Everyone was waiting I stood beside Aberdeen and she squeezed my hand Aaron came behind me he winks before he walks to Josh, Eric, and Zues.

I felt my cheek burning red Aber laugh nudging me on the shoulder

"shall we get this started," Jea says then lead everyone to the borders?

I roll my eyes at her, we are never friends again.

There you go my lovely readers

until next time.

Love Xox,

Nica

Barriers are made when you're insecure, don't trust other people, when danger is near and you need to protect yourself.

Her hands lifted in the air with her lips moving to chant a different language.

The sky started to get dark as if the storm was about to strike.

Jea's eyes went up, its color-changing into a clouded one. Suddenly strong winds blew by making everyone cower a little bit and try to hold on to a nearby tree.

I felt my hand squeezed by someone gazing aside to find Zues smiling. Eliz flinched and I roll my eyes at him trying to shake it away. Lucian throws back his head his eyes fixed between the two of us me and Zues. I raise my brow at him, quickly turn his attention back to Jea.

The ground shook violently making everyone there gasps in horror, a barrier rises from the ground then it extends to the other side.

Jea told us on our way to the border that the barrier will surround the realms of the werewolves protecting us from the humans.

"WOW" exclamations were heard around "anyone wanna try," she asks. Josh steps forward he moves towards it and walks past normally like there was no force or friction to know the barriers.

"Interesting"

mumble Eric from behind, I have no idea he was behind me. I scoot over to stand beside Aberdeen and Leto making way for Mr. Complicated.

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"I wonder if anyone could break it"

Claire never fails with her fake reaction which others may buy but not me.

Jea looks proud of her work, she made her way towards me

"so what do you think?"

Seriously didn't she get my message? I mean these girls thought that it was okay to make friends with someone whom they insult and betray.

"Do you even need my opinions" I smile with a fake at her, showing off my white teeth. I turn back to Aberdeen, and she just stood there

"so you and Alpha Zues."

I laugh shortly, nodding my head at the fact that she was only interested in knowing my relationship with Zues and not even utter an apology for what she did. To apologize must be a really hard thing to do, so I decided to play with her mind

“already f*** and mated” I whisper in her ear.

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She growls at me, everyone turns their attention to us. I teasingly smile at her “Jea you forgot, poor thing” I mimic her words

“you create a barrier there” I pointed to the one she created “and I created a barrier here,” I gesture to the space between us with my finger “so don’t move closer or it might electrocute you.”

I saunter over the barriers and into Eric’s territory back to their packhouse. A few hours later everyone was back while I sat on the steps. Everyone bid their goodbyes and since Jea is found it was best for me to return to the Alcader’s pack, my pack and I already informed Josh about it. Zues was the first one to leave, then followed by Jea who keeps glaring in my direction.

We’re about to leave I was almost inside the car with Aber and Leto when I felt someone pulling me back.

Aaron held back my hand and he diverts his gaze to Alpha Josh while holding on to mine tight.

This is unbelievable my brain trying to make things in a sense.

No screw that, I just stand there speechless and I could feel my cheeks burning from the heat of his hands around mine.

“Apologies Alpha Josh but I believe she is still with us under my protection” and my heart starts to beat slowly with his words.

I couldn’t breathe anymore, I think I need a doctor now. ‘Maybe I’m overreacting’ I try to convince myself that this is nothing more than just a deal.

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“You still remember the contract,” Josh says

“I still honor it” he replies.

‘hmmm, a man of his words’ I blandish Aaron to Eliz.

Eliz groan in my head sneering at me

“you better create another barrier between you two like you did with Jea” I laugh
“especially Alpha Zeus, and another male” she continues

“including Eric” I tease her and she whined back at me with a no.

Hope you have enjoyed reading this one and thank you again for your continuous support! ♡☹☹

Love Xox,

Nica

A special thank you to NatashaChantilop for voting on all chapters. This one is dedicated to you dear

“Move your leg” Conrad tries to push it off the chair in front of me “can’t you take another one.”

I can’t believe this guy loved to pester me and Eliz for a month now since Aaron took me back to his pack. I never heard of the others except for Aberdeen whom we chat with constantly on the phone.

“Nope,” he pops the p sound “I love this since the day I set my eyes on it.”

I put off my legs and kick it to the other side “oops my bad but you can have it.”

Immediately moved my legs to another one landing on Aaron’s lap who just sat down. I try to remove it but he held it there.

Aaron and I have become closer we’re not really in for a love relationship stage. I think if other people see it they will misinterpret it. From the big meanie Alpha to a smiley one.

“Eric will move here with Claire and Jea” he rubs my legs, I try to pull it away again he held on to it.

“They’ll stay for a month” are you kidding me, no way.

“Now can I have my legs” he frowned at me, giving me ample time to take off my legs and poke his forehead

“frown doesn’t suit you”

I started to walk back to my room

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“let me know when they’re here, I’ll lay the red carpet”

I call back waving my hand and I could hear Conrad’s laughter. I took three steps on the stairs when car engines are heard outside the packhouse. Aaron and Conrad move from the couches going to the door.

They welcome our great, awesome, and des***able guests. I refuse to go out so I stood there, the door opens again, and in walked Claire then Eric, Jea, and others. The two-pack warriors carrying their bags.

“Elle” Eric greet I raise my hand up

“you’re here? It’s good to see you again” I lie, never I want to see them again, specifically Claire and Jea.

“Just him” Claire throw me a death glare

“maybe”

I shrugged my shoulder and took another step to my room. I grab my pillow and scream in it “ahhhhhh, better” Eliz just stay silent.

Closing my eyes I drifted off to sleep. Screams were heard outside the howls from the woods. I stay sleeping in my bed. Probably another dream so I nuzzled my head deeper in my pillow.

“I think this is her,” I heard voices Eliz whine in my head that someone’s in the room but I was too dump and told her that it’s probably Conrad.

I felt my arms then my body being flung up in the air ‘okay that’s nothing’ my eyes were now wide open.

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There are two no four crazy people holding me down, and they smell like rogues. I keep thrashing around yet their hold was strong around me. Next minute we’re on the field, surrounded by rogues fighting against Aaron’s pack.

He and Eric are still in their human form, I don’t see Claire or Jea.

“Enough or the witch dies” everyone stops eyes were on us

“We got what we came for,” they start to disperse but Eric runs forward

“wait that’s not her” the rogues drop dead in their steps.

“You got the b**** instead of the witch,” Claire says walking out from the safe house and I am killing her in my imagination since both my hands are engulfed by this big idiot
“you’re the idiot” whimper, Eliz.

“Let her go, we can compromise,” Aaron drop the dead rogue he held.

“We want the witch” a bald guy demand

“fine we’ll give her to you but let her go” he moves closer.

“Witch first and b**** last,”

I felt my bone crack I am about to shift “you did not call me that” the rogues being distracted by me was caught off guard. Conrad threw a dagger which kills one of the men behind me. I threw myself on the ground before rolling over, Aaron and Eric quickly move in for the kill.

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Conrad got to me at speed releasing my hands. Everyone was back into their fighting stance, the rogues began to retreat.

The bald one made a move to kill Conrad but I got in between them quickly which was a wrong move as his claw gushed through my chest not too deeply but it has thrown both of us in the air me hitting a tree while Conrad fell on the ground to the other side.

I felt my head pounding with pain. The rogue moves in my direction my eyes went over his shoulder then I saw him shift. His wolf, memories replays in my head

“It can’t be” I mumble.

He killed the rogue without another word, his teeth digging in his neck and claws on his chest. He threw him away like a piece of paper then moves to stand before me. His canines show as he snarls at me

“it’s you” and I blackout.

To go, the rogue is to live your way without constraints holding you back. The outlaws in the werewolves realm.

Since we’re almost to the end of this story I’ll dedicate each remaining chapter to the first comment/vote.

Until tomorrow my lovely readers.

Love Xox,

Nica

Dedicated to -missing-

Numb, sore, and death are the things I'm feeling right now.

My eyes slowly open and tries adjusting to the bright light shining through the window. I turn aside about to get out of bed only to find a fresh jug of water and breakfast on my nightstand.

Feeling thirsty I pour a gla** of water and gulp it in one go. Ignoring the pain in my back I push myself to stand up making my way to the bathroom.

My reflection in the room was a mess "you look wreck like a train ran over you" Eliz laughs in my head. I ignore her, "and so do you," I retorted.

My eyes trail my reflection until it rests on the bandage around my arm which brings back memories of why I'm in pain, and what did shock me. So I took another deep breath in then out, trying to relax.

"you know he saves us" I talk to Eliz

"No" she retorted.

"Eliz" she growls at me refusing to listen "don't Elle," I shook my head "he deserves a thank you at least" she shut out our links with one another.

I took a shower before changing into a pair of skinny jeans, a black tee with a denim jacket to warm myself.

There was no one in the living room when I arrived downstairs then I heard voices from the office. I knock on it nervously before wiping away the sweat on my hands and opening it. No one speaks when they saw me in the doorway, I closed it behind me.

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"you're up" Conrad stood up from his chair

"yeah"

“you shouldn’t be in here” Eric looks at me sternly.

Feeling ashamed since he was right I mean I’m not an Alpha or luna or beta, I pressed my lips together

“I’m sorry I’ll just wait outside” and I didn’t think twice because I open it again and burst outside closing the door behind me my eyes hot with tears. The meeting prolongs a little but I still wait. Once I hear the door open I lower my head. My eyes watched footsteps pa**ing by me, then a pair of el paso’s Brown Derby.

“Glad you’re awake” I turn up to find Jay smiling at me,

“you lie to me” he removed his hands from my shoulder.

“You said Zues is your Alpha,” rubbing his neck he replies “he is” my eyebrow knitted in confusion.

“I don’t have one Alpha, Elle. Aaron is also mine Alpha but Zues is my cousin and he trusted me to look after his Pack’s affairs,” I stood there speechless.

“I’m sorry for not telling you but he made me swear not to,” I gave him a hug “thank you” he smiled.

“I have to talk to him so I’ll see you around” he gave me one last hug before walking to the door.

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I knock again on the door before re-entering the office.

“Alpha Aaron,” he still doesn’t look around. I walk closer to him and stand one meter from him.

“Alpha Aaron” I saw him clenching his fist “what do you want Elle” I took another step closer touching his shoulder. He turns to face me, I don’t know what came up to me but I tiptoe and kiss him on the cheek before he could react

“thank you,” I say.

He doesn’t speak

“thank you for not killing me on that day when I disrespect you for crossing your territory, thank you for saving me from the hunters, and thank you for saving me again from the Rogues.” I sincerely told him.

I felt my emotions swirling now “I know I owe you so much and I know you promise Josh to protect me but I want to go home now”

That decision was last minute when I just realized everything else. I needed to stop hiding and get involved with these two packs, Aaron and Eric’s one. I think I need to go somewhere away from here and from everything that has been happening.

“The hunters are still out there” he didn’t finish as I pressed my finger to his lips hushing him up. It’s funny how I dare to interact with him in such away. Maybe because with him I always feel comfortable and I’ve been close to him throughout this whole month.

“They’re after the witch now” he removes my finger “they wanted the witch because they want to break the barriers to kill you, Jay, and others.”

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Smiling at him “danger is everywhere and your top priority now is to protect Jea. So please grant me this one favor. Let me go back home” he didn’t answer

“thank you again, Aaron”

I walk back to go pack my stuff, but his voice stopped me

“I didn’t save you, I wasn’t the one who did it,” I turn to find him looking at me, this time our eyes held each other gaze, I smile at him

“don’t lie to me, Aaron”

With that being said I left him there and went back to my room to start packing my clothes.

Thank you for reading my dear readers. Tomorrow is our next update so please don’t forget to vote or comment.

Love Xox,

Nica

Dedicated to NatashaChantilop♥☐

“And we’re done”

I slump back on the bed after packing my clothes. I’m exhausted now “Elle I need to run” Eliz whimpers “then you’re lucky, I still got that energy.”

First, we make sure the coast is clear as I don't want to crash into anyone, especially Claire, Jea, and Eric. When we don't smell or see anyone I run downstairs and out of the house using my werewolf speed.

I shifted into Eliz I mean my wolf letting her take control of our body and our mind while I sit back and watch her. She's like a child right now, jumping from one side to the other side then keep running in the woods. She beams with excitement wagging her tail then she howls once we reach a waterfall, closes to the border.

She lies down, there was something off about it. It's like she was waiting for someone. I heard a snap I began to panic but Eliz relaxes as if she knew who was there.

A white wolf with black paws and nose settle beside us. He nuzzles his head in Eliz's neck making her giggle. I couldn't control her from her action towards her mate and my ex-mate.

His golden eyes gaze into ours, it was Zhipa Eric's wolf.

They both set off running and playing around while I sit back and watch. I cry inside feeling bad for our wolves they seem to really love one another yet our human side is conflicted with them. Eliz howl when she felt my emotions both shifting in our human form stark naked in front of Eric as tears pour down my face.

His hand raises as if he wants to wipe it but he turns and runs back then he came back and threw me some clothes. I wanted to talk to him but he turns around again and runs away leaving us there.

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"It's time to go now"

I run back to my room and found Aaron sitting on it with his head between his hands.

"Aaron"

He looks disheveled and once he saw me he stood up from the bed and within a second I was engulfed with his arms.

"I know you're not going back home,"

I tried to push him off but his hold was tight.

"It would be nice if you stay here just a week and I promise to let you go," he pulls back

"please"

Embracing myself with my arms I walk away towards the window turning away from him

“I can’t Aaron and I think you know why,”

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“Do you love Eric that much” no one will ever understand me

“I let Eric go the moment he left me there to die but my wolf Eliz is a different case. ”

I saw Eric’s wolf from the window, he shifted then walk towards Claire. He hugs her, then he averts his gaze to my window and he saw me looking back at him. I didn’t smile this time I turn back to Aaron

“any girl would leverage for revenge in every possible way” closing my eyes suppressing my tears from falling

“I can’t do it Aaron I’m not them and I’m too devastated to do that.”

Suddenly I felt his arms wrapped around me “shhh” he turn my face up to meet his gaze

“remember I once told you we have to stop meeting like this” he wipes away a single tear from my eyes.

“I may be a little bit distance or we never really seem close to others but I want to confess something to you” he caresses my cheek and I felt the warmth of his touch

“Elle from the moment I met you on my territory and throughout this whole month I came to realize one thing” he tilts up my chin, his eyes searching for something within me

“I really really like you” his lips suddenly landed on mine, this one was different from Eric but couldn’t help the b***erflies and knots in my stomach.

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My legs are all jelly I think I’m going to blackout again.

“Aaron”

I pushed him away not violently but a little bit to give us space

“I still need time” he smiles before kissing my forehead.

“You have all the time in the world to search for your feelings. I won’t force you.”

“Thank you”

Sorry for the late update my dear readers but I hope you have enjoyed reading this one. Remember we're near to the end so please let me know what you think so far!💖💖👍

Love Xox,

Nica