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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

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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.

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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 severe 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,

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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

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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 "ahhhhhhh, 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