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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

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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

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Dedicated to -missangel-

So I ended up staying, I wasn't convinced by Aaron and his feelings but I think I want to be Okay with everyone besides I think I like Aaron.

Here I am in the kitchen first time in history having breakfast with the others. I wanted to do this even though they deserve to be Curse and to befall a treacherous fate but I wanted to take the high road.

'Oh, moon goddess bless this poor child for being a saint' Eliz has been singing that in my head. I say this wolf loves to annoy me.

"If we are to be attacked again then we should be well prepared" Eric starts and I thought I could enjoy my breakfast without training or Rogues and whatever.

"I'll train them harder" Claire chirp in "isn't that supposed to be my job," I said without looking up.

"I'll train them," she stood her ground

"shouldn't you be worried about your health" she laughs at me?

I know everyone is surprised to hear my concerns about her but isn't she's carrying. I put down my sp***

"I thought she's pregnant, and it's too risky to train others in that state at least that's what I heard" Eric became stiff while the others seem to move around as if I had said something wrong. Aaron lifted his head upwards narrowing his eyes at me.

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"Her baby was killed when you guys were kidnapped together" Aaron explains

"ohhhh" I retort like someone who just remembered the right answer.

It disturbs me when Lucian scowl at me

"you wanna say something, Lucian."

Everybody in the room was silent and I still taunt Lucian

"What is it Lucian, you know that you're getting annoying" he scoffs

"excuse me" he glares at me

"yeah excuse you" I roll up my eyes

"they lost a baby and you just" he threw up his hands with disbelief. "You're unbelievable," he said to me

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"unbelievable it's not like they can't make or have another one, can they?"

They were all speechless Eric looks at me as if I'm the craziest person in the world. Actually, they all seem like they want to murder me.

I continued "it's not like she's infertile, if she can bear one then she can bear thousands."

"You monster"

Claire growl at me and stood up to reach for me but Conrad and Eric stop her.

"Seriously you really wanna fight with me, cause the last time I check I almost beat you pup. It's so disappointing to be a luna"

Their reaction again was priceless I stood up to wash my hands then I lean against the door frame.

I stretch my hands in front of me only to be replaced with something heavy. No way I froze with the creature yawning in front.

Didn't I mention before that I hate kids, and who the hell in their right mind place a child in my hands? Worst of all he couldn't stop crying with everyone in the room staring at how intense I am with a child.

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"Get the creature off of me," their jaws drop and the baby stops crying.

"Excuse me my child is not a creature" Jeanne the nurse whom I met at the hospital when people talk came and s***** the baby from me. Only for the little one to start crying again.

She put him in my arms again this time the young infant smile

"I cannot believe this" I keep repeating three times only to hear Claire complaining "I cannot believe this"

they all talk at once but the little one caught my attention. His hands reached up and I held him up close, he touches my nose then smile. It made me smile, all those horrible experiences when I watch a doctor cut a baby shower in blood from the Cascarade lunas pack when I was ten disappears.

This one made me smile and I cannot believe I said this but he is so adorable. When he was asleep I hand him over to Jeanne, the door bust open heavy footsteps were heard then a warrior in blood was accompanied by Aaron's warriors follow by Jay.

He lifted his head "they attack the Cascarade and no one survives."

Love Xox.

Nica

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Dedicated to all my lovely readers

Cascarade Pack no longer exists.

They have been attacking by Rogues but more surprisingly it was not just the Rogues. The hunters were involved too, they have managed to make it through the borders and into the werewolf's realms.

Therefore, the Cascarade has been wiping out completely, I shouldn't care yet I'm drowning inside as there were innocent people and children in that pack.

"Jea has created the barrier then how does the hunter make it through?" Aaron keeps tapping his hand on the desk

"I guess she's not powerful enough," I retort, and Jea slams her hands on the table causing me to jump like I'm scared but really I don't want to be turned into a deer or even worse a caterpillar.

"I thought you have done some practice through your research a month ago,' Eliz wag her tail and hang out her tongue at me. Yeah, she still hates me for kissing Aaron.

"This is unacceptable, I don't know any of the witches back at the mountains who know how to break this," she groans with frustration.

"Maybe you missed a step while creating it," Eric keeps pacing around in the office, then he stops "unless there is a traitor."

Everyone in the room nods with the agreement "and we don't have any clue at all" he rested on a chair near Aaron's desk.

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"Sorry Aaron but we're taking leave this instance for my pack, Claire we need to go"

Lucian moves together with them and they hurriedly went straight to their vehicles without their bags or goodbyes. I hate to see them again.

It was night and there was no news from Daluna's pack.

Aaron drops by as usual to check on me before going to his office to discuss business with Conrad.

Eliz wanted to make a run so I decided to do what she wants since we won't be running into Eric again.

We were near the border, Eliz decided to shift into our mundane form.

It's funny how we're hearing things but as we came closer to the end I heard people whispered harshly in low voices. I ask Eliz to mask our scent and move a little closer to a secluded area in the darkness.

"You didn't think I would like you" I heard a male says

"But you say you love me" the female replied.

"I'm sorry but I never like you" I lean in a little bit closer

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"It was fun using you, oh how I wished it was Elle. Too bad you're nothing like her. Jea it was fun using you" when he says the name Jea I instantly took another step stealthy as I really wanted to know who was it.

His back was facing me, he looks familiar "too bad you can only bring in 100 hunters through the border" she snarls at him. His hands went straight to her neck "and they won't be able to leave" she struggled to breathe.

He loosens his grip making her choking on the ground

"Why are you doing this?" Jea asks "isn't it obvious I want my mate to be happy, this is for her." She cowers back as he moves forward "yes she's a hunter. Elle and Jay happens to murder her only family but I know they didn't, so we're taking this on everyone"

"by killing your own kind" she hisses at him and he slaps her real hard. I want to help but Eliz holds us back wanting to listen in for more.

"My mate and I will conquer this realm, we'll be the Queen and King" he laughs out haughtily "I despite our kind"

"You're crazy...you psycho" she spat at him.

"Oh, and you did enjoy sleeping with the physio. One night and I was able to bend you and your stupid barrier" he laughs again

"you can't take down the entire barriers, it's fixed even if you kill me" she coughs "I Curse you by the moon-" right, when I move in his hand, was quick enough to rip out her heart.

I halt in my steps he turns around, it can't be. His eyes widen, I was too shocked to move "it can't be" I mumble

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"Alpha Zeus."

Eliz took control of my body even though I'm in my human and make us sprint back to the packhouse.

We couldn't mindlink anyone, totally not the Alphas. So we keep on running and look backward that we didn't see where we're going.

We stumble upon a rock and we fell forward only to be rolling down the hill hitting the ground. I couldn't stand up my head was spinning

"Elle"

I heard a voice then hands dragging me don't know who and don't know where we're going.

Thank you again for all your support. I know the book lacks the romance side but I wanted it to be in that way. I want this one to be told in one pov and to be more focused on the protagonist instead of rebounds and other stuff. So thank you again for reading and voting. Oh, I'm thinking of changing the t**le soon.

Love XOXO,

Nica

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"Jea died"

It was the first thing on my mind when I woke up. I was in my room at Aaron's pack the door bust open and Aberdeen walks in surprising me.

She crushed me into a big hug which I did in return, I really did miss her.

"You bad girl" she pushes me back on the bed

"Hey I did call you"

"well, that was 3 weeks ago."

I hug her like a child clinging to her mother

"I know, so why exactly are you doing here?" I ask

She fumbled with her fingers "we're moving packs, for now, both Eric and Aaron has offered for all packs to move the children and women here for protection. You know since they're the largest one."

"That's a relief! now I get to hang out with you guys more often," my bedroom door opens again.

In came Jay, Aaron, Conrad, Leto, and Josh I wave them hello with a big smile on my face.

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"We know Alpha Zues betray us and Jea is dead," Aaron began.

"The barrier hasn't vanished completely," they listen as I spoke. "I overheard them last night, there will only be 100 hunters that could make it through but none of them can go back, that means they die if they do so."

Jay looks frustrated, he was now sitting down on a chair "I don't know why he did it.. How can I be so blind... I didn't expect him to be so" he kept rambling.

"I think I do" their attention is on me again "his Mate is a hunter and we killed her only family. You know they were part of the group that was killed when I was rescued"

Jay jumps to his feet suddenly "Gosh so this is some revenge" I nodded my head "but isn't he supposed to kill us then since we" he pointed between the two of us "are on the hit list."

"They know we didn't do it," he curses

"I think he's on his way here"

Aaron looks confused with the others "they won't attack Eric they'll attack here, since we're both here and I think they have figured out already that Aaron" he didn't quite finish as the sirens were heard.

"We're under attack"

everyone starts to move around as howl and cries were heard from the borders. Emergency evacuation notices keep repeating, children and women were hurdle inside the safe houses as the wires go up again.

I move to go with Aberdeen but Leto held her back "not you" he whispers but she shrugged off his hand.

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"What's going on?" I ask

"she's pregnant and I don't want her to fight" Leto is trying to plead with her and I narrow my eyes on her

"lady you better get your a** in there with the others," she cries to protests but I shut her up.

"We need you to take care of our little angel, his father and her aunty will fight your battles so you better trust and have hope in us."

She cries leaning to Leto I pat her back before leaving them alone.

Outside everyone already in their wolves forms I move to Aaron's side. I couldn't tell them apart but Aaron squeezes my hand, first time I open up my link in his pack and he told me that they're all wearing red strings on their left arms and the Rogues can be found through their smell.

I totally forgot about that.

Zues came out of the woods along with a brunette with her bada** wardrobe ready to kill anyone. She must be the mate. Zues smirks at us while we heard growls and snarls from the woods, they must be the Rogues.

"Look what we got here, this is perfect. I will enjoy killing you all but not you, my dear" he points to me then he lunge forward for the first kill and Aaron got to him in time not giving him the time to kill one of his pack members.

They fought brutally everyone else has their own opponents. I was still in my human form fighting against them.

I saw Eric and Lucian joining us, this was all about survival and you survived when you are skillful enough and knows the techniques.

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The fight went up for hours. The rogues and hunters were starting to minimize in size, we were near to the end.

A siren was heard suddenly some rogues retreats. I killed my last rogue and gasp for air.

The blood covering my clothes and hands, totally need a nice bath.

I heard movement behind me than a loud gunshot bang out loud. When I turn around the female's heart was ripped and in a person's hand, his back was on me. Zues mate lies on the ground dead.

I was saved, he turns around dropping the heart on the ground

"Eric"

I move towards him, he has been shot with wolfsbane and he...

I know to be continued... Hehehe

Love XOXO

Nica