

Lycan Queen

Chapter 18: Luna's First Scolding

We all hop out of the Tahoe, I look at the building. It's not in bad shape, there's just nothing particularly special about it either.

Anders opens a mind link. "How long has it been since we've been here?"

"I don't know, which isn't a good thing."

As we walk through the building the people who run the facility are telling us about the daily doings. Blake kept asking questions but didn't reveal any kind of emotion on her face.

"Where do the Lykes sleep?"

They show us where the area they use as a nursery is. It was just a big room with some decorations hanging on the wall and cribs along the walls and rocking chairs in the middle of the room on a big rug covering the floor. She led us to the next ages up, here they had the boys separated from the girls. But both rooms looked the same. Two rows of bunk beds each bed had a different color or design comforter. The area around the beds were decorated so they were all personalized.

"Where do they eat and where is the food prepared?"

Blake asked with a small smile to the ladies.

They took us to the cafeteria, and through the kitchen nothing impressive.

"Do you have a designated play area?"

"We have a small area for the toddlers but the other ones are able to go play with the other Lykes in the pack lands."

"We really appreciate your hard work and dedication to these Lykes. It means a great deal to us. I'm hoping to add some more things to the place for you. If you could please send us your paperwork, accounting books, budget plans and your Lyke record books. I would like to review them and then I will be in contact with you in the next few days. Again thank you for everything you are doing."

"Thank you for coming to visit Alpha, Luna, Betas and Third."

"Thank you for having us." I tell the group of workers in front of me.

We all pile back in the Tahoe. Anders starts talking to Soph. But I can see out of the corner of my eye that Blake has a very troubled expression on her face and so does Luca who is sitting in the back seat right behind her.

"What are we going to do B?" Luca asks looking out his window.

"I don't know yet, Luca."

As we return to the pack house we all head towards our own offices. I walk in my office and go to sit behind my desk. Blake is standing just outside the door.

"Anders can you come in here with Conrad and I for a moment please?"

"Yeah B."

Something was wrong. Blake was acting way too serious and too business. I had a feeling Anders and I were in for it. Blake walks in and closes the door behind her. Anders comes and leans up against the front of my desk.

Anders opens a mind link. "She is about to let us have it. But honestly we deserve it."

"We deserve every bit of what she's about to give us Anders."

"It's been nice knowing you little brother."

Blake starts pacing as we can tell she is getting her thoughts together.

"How long has it been since either of you have visited that building?"

"I don't know." Anders and I answered at the same time.

"I am sure that you two have a lot going on with being Alpha, Beta and outside businesses. But I am very disappointed by what I just saw. They live in a school building... a school building! Conrad, Anderson if god forbid something happens to the four of us would either of you okay with our Lykes living like that?"

Neither of us could answer, she had got us both on that one.

"If neither of you can answer then that gives me my answer. Those kids are the future of this pack. They are the ones who will one day serve under our Lykes. They deserve better... I don't know how to give it to them or how to make these changes happen, but I sure as hell will and y'all two better step up and help me or step out of my way. Because again those babies, toddlers, kids and teens deserve a hell of a lot better than living in a damn school!"

Blake walked out the office, closing the door behind her.

"That has to be the worst scolding I've ever gotten and she didn't even raise her voice or slam the door." I tell Anders.

"Yeah little brother she left me feeling like a big ol piece of Lycan shit."

"That's gross man."

"So what are we going to do Con?"

"I don't know but what I do know is I have a very upset mate that I need to go beg and grovel for forgiveness from."

I get up and walk out of the office. I follow her scent to a random guest room. What the hell is she doing here. I open the door and see her sitting in a chair by the window.

"Can I come in?"

"Yeah"

I can tell she is still mad but I'm glad she didn't tell me no. I walk over to where she is and sit on the floor in front of her chair.

"You are right, I failed those kids as their Alpha."

"You didn't fail them Conrad, yes they had the essentials to survive. But they didn't have a true home. They live in a pack, I thought Lycan took care of their own. If that's how y'all take care of your own then we are in deeper shit than I thought."

"Absolutely, that should have been something that Anders and I should have checked weekly and we didn't."

"Delegate, y'all have Luca but I don't ever see you or Anders trusting him with more than the front door of the bar. If you can't trust him to do a job then why is he your third? The Luca I saw in the car was torn up. He could

have been over seeing those orphans this whole time if you two would just let him. He comes off as all fun and games but he learns quickly from his mistakes. I would bet anything that he would never let someone slap me again like Robbie did."

I couldn't speak. I had no words, everything she was saying was 100% true. She hadn't even been here a full day and was already pushing and challenging me to be a better Alpha for our pack.

"Baby girl, I..." all I could do was shrug.

She leans forward, putting her hands on my face and bringing her face close to mine. "I'm sure not having a Luna to help you lead your pack all these years hasn't been easy. But I am here now, let me take over my responsibilities and let me help you lead our pack."

"I can't do it without you baby girl."

She starts rubbing my cheeks with her thumbs and puts her forehead on mine.

"I love you handsome." Blake says as she lets out a sigh.

"I love you more baby girl. Let's go find our sweet pea. I miss her."

"Me too handsome."

We walk into my parents living room area, I see my mom and dad sitting on the couch with a fussy Everly as

they both try to console her.

"Hey sweet pea" Blake said as we walked in the door.

Everly instantly started calming down. Blake went over to my mom and she handed her the baby.

"There's my sweet pea" I tell Everly as I'm looking down at her over Blake's shoulder.

"How was she?" Blake asked my parents.

"She was a doll, she ate then took a nap and had just woken up to eat again." My mom told us.

"Yay you were a sweet girl today." Blake cooed at her.

"So I heard you got your first Luna scolding today." My dad said with a teasing smile.

"Anders came by to see Everly a little bit ago and told us Blakely chewed y'all up one side and down the other and didn't even have to raise her voice." My dad said giving Blake a playful wink.

"Yeah, our stubborn asses deserved it though." I said sitting down in the seat across from my dad. "Pops when did the orphanage get moved to the building it's in now?"

"Well son, remember when we had that big rogue attack a few years before you took over?"

"Yeah, we lost a lot of Lycans that time."

"Well, remember they started burning down homes? One of those homes was the old orphanage. So the staff asked that we put them in a building that was less appealing. So we offered them the old school building till we could rebuild everything that had been burned. Well they liked how it worked for them so we built them a new one but similar to the old school. Why?"

"Well we went there today, it's been a very long time since I have been there. The place was clean, well taken care of, and the kids have all the essentials they need to live. But there is nothing that makes it home for them. If something happened to me and Blake, I wouldn't want our lykes to live there and if I wouldn't have my own Lykes living there why should those kids have to live there?"

"What are you going to do about it Alpha?" My dad asks.

"Well actually I'm going to review all their records over the next few days and see if we can build a fostering system. There's enough pack members that we can give these lykes actual homes to live in with families. When I have everything worked out if the two of you have time I would really like to get your thoughts on it." Blake said looking at both my parents.

She truly is something else, she has taken to being a Luna effortlessly.

"Blakely, with the trail you blazed on your first day. I have no doubt in my mind the plan you come up with

will be perfect. But I absolutely will come and look over it for you if you want us too." My dad said to Blake.

"Thanks pops we both appreciate y'all's help. Alright baby girl let's get our sweet pea fed and in bed. I have to finish some stuff up and then we are off to bed too."

I was finally finished for the day. I got up from my desk and saw Blake was asleep on the couch with Everly cradled in her arms. This had become our new normal. The first few nights were a little hard but we are getting the swing of it. I walk over to pick them up to take them to our room when I notice Everly is awake eating her fingers.

"Hey sweet pea, what are you doing still awake?" I whisper to her.

I've been so scared of breaking her so I usually hold Blake while she's holding Everly or I sit and have Blake hand her to me. So I gave myself a hype pep talk and reached down and carefully lifted her off the couch. And sit in one of the chairs, prop my feet up on the coffee table and lay Everly with her back against my bent legs so she sits up looking at me.

"Hey sweet pea, you going to take it easy on our B tonight?"

Everly just smiles at me. We just sit there in silence as I gently rub her crazy hair down trying to tame it. Then start rubbing my thumb across her forehead as I see her eyes becoming heavy.

I open a mind link with Anders, Soph and Luca. "Hey Blake needs the night off she's worn out, can one of you come get Everly and do the nightly feedings?"

"Yeah I'll come get her" Soph says.

"If you need help or want me to take tomorrow night just let me know" Luca says.

"Thanks guys I appreciate it" I close the link as Soph quietly comes in and gets Everly.

I pick Blake off the couch and carry her to our room. I lay both of us in the middle of the bed and quickly fall asleep with her laying on my chest.

Blakely

I wake up in a kind of a panic. "Everly!" I'm freaking out looking around the bed.

"Baby girl, calm down Luca and Soph have her." Conrad says as he's trying to calm me down.

I flop back down on the bed. "How long have I been asleep?"

"It's 10:30 so about 12 hours."

"12 hours! I really did need it though, I feel like I haven't stopped for days."

"I know I was starting to miss sleeping in the bed with you. I would wake up and have to go on a scavenger hunt to try and find where you and Everly had fallen asleep."

"Awe handsome I'm sorry." I tell Conrad as I roll on to my side and snuggle up to him. "Let's take a shower and then I'll make it up to you." I tell him smiling with one eyebrow raised.

"OH absolutely baby girl. I thought you'd never ask." Conrad quickly picks me up and practically runs to the bathroom.

Two hours later Conrad and I walk down the stairs following the sound of voices into the kitchen.

"Well hey there smush maniacs." Soph says with a laugh

"Hey sweet cheeks." I say giving her a wink. "How has Everly been?"

"Amazing! She is the best snuggle bug. She's strapped to Luca around here somewhere."

"What?" Conrad says with a laugh.

"Hey Con, Hey B! I got us all these awesome baby backpacks from Amazon." Luca says proudly as he walks in with a sleeping Everly snuggling in a baby carrier against his chest.

"Oh look at you two!" I say looking at how sweet they looked.

"Yeah Luca is like the baby whisperer. Everly was not having it a little bit ago. He put her in that thing and started walking around, That's the end result." Soph tells us with an impressed look on her face.

"B what are you going to do with your house across town?" Anders asked as he walked in the kitchen giving Soph a kiss.

I look at Conrad and give him a shrug. "Oh I already had all your stuff moved into a storage unit on the territory until Anders and Con finish our houses." Soph says with a shrug.

"Soph seriously?" Conrad said, sounding annoyed.

"What? Like she was really going to go stay there leaving Everly here?"

Conrad lets out a sigh. "But it needed to be her choice."

"Bitsy?"

"Y'all are both right. It's done and over let me just call the landlord and let him know." I said to them, sounding a little sad.

I walked out of the kitchen grabbing my cell phone and dialed my landlord's number.

"Okay thank you." As I was finishing up my call Conrad came and stood in front of me wrapping his arms around

me.

"You okay baby girl?"

"Yeah, just closing that chapter is sad. I'm going to miss my garden the most. But it's okay, I'm excited for this next chapter with you."

"I was going to wait till I had a little more done. Come on, I have a surprise for you."

Conrad grabs my hand and walks us out of the front door. We go to the garage to the left of the front door. He hops on a huge four wheeler. So I hop on right behind him.

"Figured you would want to drive your own."

"Nah, because I can't wrap my arms around you if I'm driving one."

Conrad let out a laugh and started the four wheeler. He reversed us out of the garage.

"Hold on tight baby girl." Conrad threw over his shoulder at me right before he took off like we were shot out of a cannon.

I squeezed my arms as tight as I could as I squealed, shutting my eyes tight. I can hear Conrad laughing at me. I feel his hand top of both of mine helping me hold on. I open my eyes and lift my head to mud flying everywhere around us. Conrad and I are covered in mud. He's laughing like a kid playing with his new toy and I'm

laughing just as hard. He does fly through some trees when he cuts the tires real sharp and hits the brakes sending us both flying. I see him shift mid air, Axel gets one arm around my waist tucking me into his chest causing us to spin so his back crashes through a huge tree. We tumble backwards. Axel digs his feet and one clawed hand into the wet dirt brings us to a halt as a loud vicious growl erupts from him. I knew something was not right so I just stayed as still as possible. I wasn't scared. I just knew I had to trust Axel in this moment.

Axel

"I told you I smelled something Con and you didn't listen"

"We can do this later Axel, we need to handle this right now."

I let out another loud warning growling letting the pack know we have company. I lift my nose searching for his scent. I take off to my left.

"I'm 2 minutes out Ax." Syllas mind links me.

"Right behind Syllas" I hear Stella and Gunner.

"Where's Luna?"

"She's fine, I've got her."

Their scent is still to my right. I'm steadily closing the gap, moving to cut them off. I feel Con push harder

moving us even faster.

"We have to cut them off before they pass our territory lines. No one comes into our land, endangering my mate and leaves without facing me first."

I've never felt Con this angry which only pushes me harder to beat them. I pull Blake in tighter, she's doing amazing. She has tucked her knees and both hands are gripping handfuls of fur keeping herself steady. She's so small you don't even know she's behind my arm.

"AXEL GET THERE!"

I break through the tree line sliding to a halt right in front of them, just two inches from the border. As a steady growling comes through my teeth. I let Con come forward to speak.

"Why are you here Asher? You know this land is mine and you're not welcome here!"

"I was just passing through. I'm in town on personal business." Asher says in his irritating accent.

"God this prick annoys the hell out of me" Con says to me.

I see Sy, Stella and Gunner slowly making their way out of the tree line behind Asher and his 3 minions.

"What personal business?"

"Well it has come about that my beloved lives in town here."

"Okay, so get her and get gone."

"Well Mr. Alexander you see it's not that simple." Asher steps a little closer acting as though he wants to circle me.

I counter his moves, always keeping him in front of me and the border behind me.

"Well that's unfortunate for you. Did she tell your ugly ass to fuck off?"

"Oh Conrad, always the joker. No she's head over heels for me. She just has an important engagement she has to attend first."

"So, why does her plans mean you roaming on my land?"

"Well I caught a scent, I smelt on some of her items she had and I was curious is all. Like right now the scent is extremely strong. It's the oddest thing."

"Not that I care but out of curiosity, who is this unfortunate beloved of yours?"

"Oh always so cheeky Conrad, I'm not going to tell you that. That would be putting her in harm's way and I won't be doing that."

"Ok well, I can't help why her scent is here."

"Oh it's not her sweet smell of Vanilla and Roses... it's the nasty smell of Honeysuckle."

I fought to control Conrad, I didn't want him to give away our weak spot.

"Well there are a lot of those bushes out here in the forest. I don't know what else to say about your girl, but what I will say is keep yourself and all your minions off my lands. If you want to run around sniffing bushes, grow them on your own land."

With that I move slightly to the left allowing him access to the border. I waited till I couldn't hear their feet running along the ground anymore. I raised high on my hind legs and let out my alpha growl.

"WHAT HAPPENED! HOW DID THEY GET IN?"

"Alpha I don't know," Sy said.

"What about you two?"

"No sir."

"Y'all better find out within the hour and have it fixed or I'll find other Lycans that can. Our Luna will not be in danger like that again." With that I took off running as fast as I could to the pack house.