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Serena headed to the porch while Logan went around back to see the kids. Santino watched Logan disappear around the house.

“Don’t stare at him,” Serena muttered to her twin.

“He has a temper,” Santino argued, but he smirked at her. “Tell me something I don’t know,” Serena said with a humorless laugh. “Look, are mom and dad inside? I guess I have some explaining to do.” “Yea, you definitely do,” Santino said. He slipped his arm around his sister’s shoulders. Serena smiled as they went inside to find Thomas and Charlotte.

Serena’s parents were huddled together in the kitchen whispering. The moment they saw Serena, they both stopped whispering and stood up straighter. “You’re back,” Charlotte said. Serena nodded, joining them in the kitchen. “Logan is outside with the twins,” she clarified when her father looked around her.

“Are you going to tell us what is going on with him?” Charlotte asked. Serena sighed.

Nodding, she sat down at the kitchen table. Santino, Charlotte, and Thomas all joined her. They looked at her expectantly. For a moment, Serena just picked at a crack in the surface of the wooden table.

“I’m sure that was awkward for everyone,” she started.

“That’s an understatement,” Santino blurted out. Thomas held up his hand to silence his son.

“You must understand our concern,” Thomas said. “There was clearly tension between the two of you, and for Logan to drag you off...he didn’t even give you a chance to speak to the twins or make sure we could look after them.”

“I know,” Serena said. “That’s why I texted you to tell you I was fine and we would be back soon.”

“You shouldn’t have left in the first place,” Charlotte argued. Serena groaned. She always felt like her parents were expecting more of her, like she wasn’t ever doing thing to their expectations. It was what she had tried to tell Logan. “I know!” she snapped. “Can you just back off and let me talk. This isn’t the easiest

situation we find ourselves in.” Charlotte and Thomas nodded, backing off. “Alright, fine,” Santino grumbled, crossing his arms. “I found out a while ago, but Logan is my mate,” Serena said. “I didn’t want him to know though...he’s involved with someone else, and I have the twins... anyway, when he saw me in wolf form, he understood.” “That makes sense,” Charlotte said. “You should have hidden that from him.”

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“Probably not, but it was my choice,” Serena said. “Besides, that’s not why he was really mad at me.”

“No?” Thomas asked, glancing to the nearest window. Serena shook her head. “He’s smelled me in wolf form before, he just didn’t know it was me. This time...I guess it jogged his memory because he remembered when we first met,” she explained.

“When you first met?” Charlotte asked. Serena glanced at Santino who raised an eyebrow at his sister.

“The masquerade party after my graduation,” Serena reminded him. Santino snorted and then laughed. Then his eyes widened. “Holy crap!” he said, “Wait, that was the guy from the treehouse?” Serena nodded, her cheeks reddening when her parents realized what Santino was talking about.

“Yup,” she said. “I knew from the moment I met him, but he didn’t remember me. I didn’t see the point of dredging up an inebriated one-night-stand from years ago.” “Honey, that’s interesting and all, but why would Logan get so mad about realizing that?” Charlotte asked. Serena swallowed and then cleared her throat. “The twins,” she said simply. Her parents and brother all took a moment to digest the information. They exchanged looks and then started nodding. “He’s their father?” Thomas asked. Serena nodded. “I didn’t know for sure, not until I got the DNA results back, but there were...things,” she said. “Luna Flo thought the twins looked like Logan as a kid, and the way they all bonded so quickly. I had my suspicions, but I couldn’t tell anyone until it was confirmed.” “But you didn’t tell anyone,” Santino pointed out. “You didn’t tell Logan.” Sighing, Serena dug her thumbnail into the pulpy wood in the crack on the table. “No, I didn’t,” she admitted. “I guess I was waiting for the right time. I needed to figure out how it would affect the twins, and then there was Logan himself. I didn’t know enough about him...” she trailed off.

Her excuses were still valid in her own mind, but she wasn’t sure if her parents would understand.

“It is natural to want to protect your children,” Thomas said in validation. “I think you made some difficult decisions. You shouldn’t have had to do it on your own.” “Thanks, Dad,” Serena said. “I didn’t want to tell anyone though, and then have Logan find out that everyone but him knew the truth.” “Another good choice,” Charlotte added. Serena nodded. “I know this is all weird, but Logan and I agreed only to tell our immediate

families," she said. "I'd appreciate it if you guys kept this to yourselves for now." "We will" Santino said. "You are a lucky female." Serena scoffed. 2/4

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"How so?" she asked. "To have a one-night-stand, get pregnant, and then serendipitously run into their father again and figure out who he is...the chances of that slim," he said. Serena smiled. She hadn't thought about it like that, but he wasn't wrong! "I wish it was that simple, brother," she said. "There are a lot of things about Logan being their father that are more complicated than lucky," she explained. Santino shrugged. "The truth is out now, though," he said. "Thank you for telling us," Charlotte said. "I don't know what is going to happen." Serena admitted. "We still have a lot to work through, and there are things we haven't figured out yet." "Is Logan going to be their father now?" Thomas asked. "That's another conversation altogether," Serena said. "For now, he knows the truth. He lost his temper a little, but he knows he was out of line, and we were able to talk about everything. He knows not to step out of line with the kids." "You trust him, then?" Santino asked giving her a hard look. "I do," Serena said. She heard the kids laughing in the yard and it brought a smile to her lips. She was happy that they had time to spend with Logan now that he knew the truth. She thought it was best for them to have some time together, just the three of them. It would be a good time for them to bond more as a family, even if the twins didn't know he was their dad. "It's been a long day," Serena said. "Can I have a snack and a cup of coffee before talking more about this?" Her parents nodded. Getting up from the table, Serena got herself a snack while the coffee pot was bubbling. Santino appeared beside her with a mug. She looked out the kitchen window to watch Logan and the kids playing together. "He is good with them," Santino commented. "I know he is," Serena said. "He always has been. Did I tell you about the time there was a thunderstorm, and Logan stayed to make sure the kids were okay? A tree collapsed on our house and Logan stayed with us the whole time. He didn't even know the kids were his then, but he still protected them, gave them strength." "He's a good man, a good Alpha, and he's obviously a good father," Santino said. "You

should let him in more." "Let him in?" Serena asked, raising an eyebrow at her brother as she poured herself a mug of coffee.

"Yea, let him get to know you too. Maybe he would ditch that other girl he is tramping around with," Santino said. Serena laughed and shook her head.

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"I doubt it," she argued. "Serena, you remembered him from your encounter because you had kids that you thought might be his," Santino pointed out. "Logan remembered your encounter and had no real reason to, other than he wanted to." Santino's words gave Serena something to think about. It meant that through the years, Logan was holding on to something more than in their past than he had told her, maybe more than he'd wanted to admit to himself. "You're overthinking it," she said, brushing off her

brother's words. She grabbed her coffee and her snack and went back to the kitchen table. Charlotte and Thomas were waiting patiently, but Serena didn't like the way they were watching her so closely. It was like they were judging her silently. They said they were okay with everything, but she didn't believe it. She knew her parents loved her and the twins. She also knew that they supported her and trusted her. That didn't mean they wouldn't impose their own thoughts and feelings on her, though. Especially since they had always been more critical of her than Santino.

Serena sighed.

"Alright, should we get back to it?" she asked.

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Logan found Olivia and Oliver in the backyard. They were pretending to be wolves again, howling at the sky and running around on all fours. He smiled, choosing to watch them for a moment rather than joining them. It didn't take long for them to notice him, though. "Uncle Logan!" Olivia called. Logan winced involuntarily. He was their father, and they should know that! Sighing, Logan pushed the gate open and went inside. "I told you I'd come back to play," he said. Olivia jumped at him and grabbed onto his arm, clinging to him. Logan laughed. Oliver ran over and grabbed onto his leg, sitting on his foot. "Oh no!" Logan cried. "You got me!" He made a groaned sound and dropped down on his knees, rolling over and writhing on the ground. The kids jumped back, laughing. Logan groaned again and then closed his eyes. He held his breath and stopped moving. "Logan?" Oliver asked, nudging him with his foot. Logan didn't move. "Logan, you're okay, right?" Olivia asked. She knelt down and pushed at him. "You're not hurt, are you?" Oliver asked, dropping down on the ground on his other side. Opening his eyes, Logan growled loudly and sat up quickly. The kids screamed and ran off as he tried to grab them. Olivia was quick, and she escaped his grasp. Oliver wasn't as fast, and Logan caught him, pulling him into his lap and tickling him. Oliver squealed, wiggling around and laughing uncontrollably. Olivia ran up behind Logan and jumped onto his back, wrapping her arms around his neck.

"Don't hurt him," she wailed. Logan laughed, releasing Oliver. The kids ran away from him, laughing and beckoning him to follow them. Logan ran after them, chasing them through the yard until he felt too tired to keep running after them.

He slumped down on the grass, leaning back against one of the trees. Olivia and Oliver flopped down on their backs on the ground beside him, panting to catch their breath.

Logan looked at them, really looked at them and studied them. He'd never let himself see how much they did resemble him as a kid. Oliver was a dead ringer, and Olivia wasn't too far off, despite being a girl. He didn't review his own childhood photos that often, but now that he knew what to

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look for, it was hard to miss! "Are you sad, Uncle Logan?" Olivia asked, sitting up. Logan shook his head. "I'm not sad," he said. "I just wanted to know what you two think of me." Olivia giggled and rolled around in the grass. "You're so goofy!" she said. "Yea, and fun to play with," Oliver said. "You make us laugh," Olivia added. "And you like our drawings," Oliver said. Logan's heart swelled in his chest. He liked hearing what they thought of him. It made him sad and happy all at the same time. Sad that he couldn't claim them as his kids! At least, not yet. "We love you very much," Olivia said. "Yea, even when you are being goofy," Oliver said. Logan smiled, unprepared for how the tears that welled in his eyes. Sniffing, he tried to wipe the tears away before the twins saw them. "Did we hurt your feelings?" Olivia asked, throwing herself across Logan's chest and hugging him. "No, not at all," he said. "You said some really nice things." He held his arm out and Oliver hugged him too. "We didn't want you to cry," Oliver said. Logan side, kissing the top of both the twins' heads. "They aren't sad tears," he assured. "They are happy tears." "Crying can be happy?" Olivia asked, looking up at him. Logan smiled and nodded. "It can," he said. "Sometimes happiness and sadness can mix together. It can make you cry while you still feel happy." It was the first moment Logan experienced where he felt like he had something to offer his children, a real teaching moment. And they were his children! Nothing would ever really change that. Even if he never got to claim them as his kids. If Serena met someone else and gave them another father figure, Logan would always be their father and they would always be his kids. "I love you guys too," he added, kissing them both again. The energy in the twins bubbled over again and the two of them got up and started playing again. Logan watched them for a while, happy to see them play, argue, make up, and then play again. They really were great kids! He couldn't take any credit for that. He understood that who they were was entirely based on Serena being their mother. He wished he could

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take credit for it. He wanted to be an influence in their lives. He wanted to give them some of his wisdom and show them his world as an Alpha.

Eventually, Logan got up and started playing with the kids again. They wanted to play tag and Logan was 'it' first. He ran after them, and they scattered quickly. He danced around them, jumping at them and pretending to catch up to them, but never actually tagging them. Logan allowed them to evade him every time. The giggles and laughs filled the yard and Logan felt his own spirits lift. He was going to enjoy these moments with them, even if he didn't have them often.

When he felt like he was being watched, Logan looked up and saw Serena standing at the kitchen window, watching. He gave her a quick smile and she nodded. "Come on, Logan come on," Olivia said grabbing his hand and dragging him with her. Olivia and Oliver brought him down to the dock. "Wait, you two need lifejackets on if we are going onto the dock," Logan said. Olivia pouted at him. "Do we have to?" she asked. Logan raised an eyebrow at them. He wanted to indulge them, but he also had to take on the role of father now. Serena was trusting him to when she wasn't around.

"Yes, you do have to," Logan said grabbing two children-sized lifejackets. He helped them each put the safety vests on. "They are so uncomfortable," Olivia complained. "I know," Logan said. "But they will save your life in the water." "Okay," the twins grumbled. Logan went out onto the dock with them. The sun was starting to set and the water on the lake was still.

"Sometimes when the sun is going down we can see fish swimming," Olivia said, pointing down into the water. Logan held both their hands, standing between them. He looked down and saw straight through to the sandy bottom. There were some small fish swimming around, only visible because of the glassy surface and the low lighting. There was no glare on the water. "Very cool" Logan said. "Will you go fishing with us?" Oliver asked. "We can do that, sometime," Logan said. He wasn't sure how much he wanted to commit to them, because he knew when they returned to Night Sky, things would be different.

"Mommy says we are going home soon, will you go with us?" Olivia asked. Logan nodded.

He sat down on the end of the dock, letting his feet dip into the water. Olivia and Oliver took their shoes off and sat beside him. Their feet didn't touch the water

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though. Logan grabbed Olivia under the arms and dipped her down off the end of the dock until her feet touched the water. She kicked out, laughing and wiggling. "Me next!" Oliver said standing up. Logan chuckled. He set Olivia down and repeated the action with Oliver. He laughed and splashed in the water until Logan sat him down again on the dock. "That's so cold!" Olivia whined. The twins leaned against him, one on each arm. Olivia started humming to herself. Oliver was pointing to the clouds in the sky as they changed shape. It seemed like the perfect ending to a not so perfect day. Logan was sitting with his kids on a dock on a peaceful lakeside with the sun setting. He wanted so badly to tell them he was their father, but he couldn't! He wouldn't betray Serena again, and he understood it could do more damage.

It felt like his bond with Olivia and Oliver was so strong, he didn't know if he had room in his heart for another child. Holly's child would always be in competition with the twins. They were his first kids, and that was something he'd never overlook. "I think it is time to go find your mom," Logan said with a sigh. He walked the kids back to the grass, taking

their lifejackets off. He hoped Serena had had enough time to talk to her parents and come to terms with everything. It was getting dark and cold. The twins would need to go inside. He knocked on the living room door from the deck. Santino opened it up and the kids ran in. "Can we talk?" Santino asked. Logan nodded and Serena's brother joined him outside.

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"So, is Logan going to be their dad?" Charlotte asked, bringing the subject back around. Serena sighed, "It isn't that easy," she said. "He's going to tell his mother, but Logan has other obligations. He is Alpha, and he has a girlfriend who is pregnant."

"What!?" Charlotte asked. Thomas growled low. Serena hadn't heard her father growl like that in a long time! "Guys, he was dating her a long time before I ever ended up at Night Sky" Serena said. "I didn't even get the DNA results until after Holly found out that she was pregnant." "I can't believe he is having a child with Holly." Santino grumbled. "Seriously, I've met her a few times, and she is high maintenance." "Well, if that is the kind of female Logan is attracted to, then obviously he and I would never work," Serena said. "Besides, it is just about the twins now." "But you said he isn't going to be a father to them," her father pointed out. Serena nodded.

"Not in the traditional sense," she said. "I mean, he already spends a lot of time with them and he treats them just like his own already. That's not going to change. He won't identify himself as their father, though."

"Are you sure that is wise, letting them get more attached?" Thomas asked. "When the new baby comes." Serena sipped her coffee.

"I know," she said sternly. "That is one of the reasons we didn't want to tell them yet. Eventually, we will find a way to tell them. They will want to know where they come from, but for now..."

"It is too complicated with another pregnant female involved," Santino said, backing up his sister. Serena smiled at him, appreciating the save. "We will tell them," she assured. "I just want to make sure it is at a time when Logan's attention isn't too divided. The kids can still know him, and we've agreed to make decisions together for them going forward." "It isn't fair to them," Charlotte said. "They should know the truth." "And we will tell them, when we figure out the best way to do it," Serena said. She sighed and dropped her forehead down on the table. "We are their parents, and we are going to do this our way."

"It's okay, Serena," Santino said, putting his hand on her back and rubbing gently. "You'll do what is best for the kids, and for the two of you." "Thank you," Serena said, looking up at her brother. She was so grateful that he was taking her side and helping her take a stand against her parents.

Serena, the twins need to know the truth, there is no way around that," Thomas 1432

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insisted.

"That isn't for you to decide," Serena pointed out. "Logan and I have already reached a conclusion about how we are going to handle this. I don't need two sets of grandparents weighing in." Charlotte and Thomas exchanged looks. Serena hoped they were ready to give up the criticism.

"Alright, we are behind you, darling, but you can't keep this a secret forever," Charlotte told her.

"I don't intend to," Serena assured. "There is just too much...with Moonshine and Holly and her baby...the timing is just all wrong."

"Speaking of Moonshine," Santino said as a means to change the subject. "Dad and I are going with you and Logan. The kids shouldn't come though, not if we are going to war."

"I agree" Serena said with a nod. "They can stay with me," Charlotte confirmed. "I won't let anything happen to them. We will be far away from the fighting here, anyway." Serena nodded. "Is Logan going to tell Holly?" Santino asked. Serena stared at her brother. She'd thought that he had moved on from the topic.

"I don't know," she admitted. "I don't think he has decided. She will have to know eventually as well, but I don't think he is in any rush to tell her. She isn't the most agreeable, and she is in a delicate condition." "You think she's at risk of losing the baby?" Charlotte asked, concern flickering in her eyes. Serena shrugged. "I think her condition, whether physical or mental, is variable and volatile," Serena admitted. She didn't tell them that she wasn't sure if Holly was even really pregnant. She didn't want to spin the rumor mill and talk too much about someone else's relationship. "That does complicate matters." Thomas agreed. Serena nodded, finishing her coffee. "I know what you all want me to do," she said. "I will do it, but it is really up to Logan and me."

"Alright, we can agree on that," Thomas said with a nod. "I won't agree with you sitting around when some other female has her claws in your mate!" Serena shook her head and chuckled.

"That isn't up to any of us," Serena insisted. "Logan is allowed to follow his heart, pursue his own relationships. He has no obligation to me. He didn't even know the twins were his until today. Whatever he has done or how he has chosen to live before now is not for me to judge, not for any of us to judge. There were some nonsensical mumbles from her parents and Serena rolled her eyes. She brought her mug to the kitchen sink and set it down while her parents bickered

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back and forth about her children. "I don't know about you, Serena, but I think you should fight for him," Santino said from the table. Serena turned around, leaning back against the counter. She raised an eyebrow at him. "Logan and I are complicated enough without trying to actually be in a relationship." she said.

"Honey, if you two are mates, then you know should talk about that," Charlotte encouraged. "It doesn't matter if he and Holly are together. It doesn't matter if Holly is going to have his baby, the two of you are mates." Serena crossed her arms and shook her head. "Look, Logan already said he's not going to leave his new child without a parent," Serena snapped. "He's made his decision, regardless of if we are mates or not." Charlotte scoffed and Thomas shook his head. "Did the two of you even talk about that today, or did you just talk about the kids?" he asked his daughter. Serena chewed her lower lip. She and Logan had hardly broached on the topic of being mates. Everything had been about the kids and why she hadn't told him.

The fact that they were mates seemed like a footnote compared to everything else they had to talk about.

"I don't know if we should have that conversation," Serena confessed. "It would just make things even more complicated. It isn't like he is going to leave Holly, and if she knows..." Serena trailed off.

She didn't want to think of the tantrum Holly would throw if Logan not only told her that they had twins, but that they were also mates. Holly had always seemed to think she and Logan were mates, but the truth was indisputable now. Logan had smelled her, and she'd already known it from before, or at least suspected it enough. Serena filed that conversation away for later. There would be a time for them to address all these issues, but for now, that had to take it one problem at a time.

"Do you guys think we could get the Moonshine situation under control before you are all on my case about who I'm with, whether or not my kids know who their father is, and if Logan is going to be with Holly or not?" she asked with a heavy sigh. "Alright, alright," Thomas said, standing up. "We've all had a long, interesting day. It might be better to table the conversation for now until the mood and circumstances have improved. "Thank you," Serena said, smiling at her father. He nodded at her. There was a knock on the living room door. Perfect timing to end their conversation! Santino opened the door and the kids ran in. Santino stepped out onto the deck with

“Mommy, we got to play tag with Logan, and he took us out on the dock and we looked at the fish,” Olivia said running up to her.

“Wow!” Serena said, shifting into ‘mom mode.’

“And we made Logan happy and sad,” Oliver said. “Happy and sad?” Serena asked, touching Oliver’s head. He nodded, but he didn’t seem to know how else to explain it. “Did you have fun with him?” “Yes, he plays a lot with us,” Olivia said.

“He said when we go home, he’ll come with us,” Oliver added. Serena sighed.

“He’ll be around as much as he can,” Serena said. “You know he has his own house and family too, though.” “We know,” the twins grumbled. Serena’s heart ached to see them look so crestfallen! She wanted to give them everything, including a father and a real family. She could tell they wanted that too, and they’d already latched into Logan as their father figure. She hoped keeping the truth from them a little longer wouldn’t end up hurting them more.

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“Can we talk?” Santino asked. Logan nodded and Serena’s brother joined him outside. “How’d the talk go?” Logan asked curiously. Santino laughed. “Our parents have always been hard on Serena,” he said. “They have to be, though.” “What does that mean?” Logan asked. Santino shrugged and looked out at the water.

“You really like the kids, don’t you?” he asked. “I love them,” Logan said. “I did before Serena told me the truth. Santino sighed. “Yea, she shouldn’t have hidden that from you,” he said. “If I’d known, I wouldn’t have let her keep that a secret.” “I thought you supported her in everything?” Logan asked. He crossed his arms over his chest as he approached Serena’s twin. Santino chuckled and shrugged.

“She’s my sister and I love her, but she doesn’t always make the best choices, you know that,” Logan said.

“No, I don’t,” he scoffed. “I think she really did believe she was doing the best thing for Olivia and Oliver.”

He hadn’t said that aloud, or even admitted it to himself, but in saying it, he did feel like he believed it. Did he agree with it? Not entirely, but he could accept that Serena had believed it.

The sun had almost set completely, and porch lights flicked on as the sky darkened. Santino was still looking out at the water. Logan wondered what it was he was doing. "Well then, you are a forgiving man," Santino observed, glancing slyly at the Alpha. "Hardly," Logan muttered. "I accept she thought she was doing the right thing, that doesn't mean I agree with it." Santino nodded.

"Yea, I guess it will be a while before you see her as a friend again, won't it?" Santino asked. Logan shrugged. He wasn't sure why Serena's brother was acting so friendly to him all of a sudden, and in such opposition with his sister. He'd been under the impression that Santino stood up for her with her parents a lot, but now he seemed willing to badmouth her.

"I don't even know if we were friends," he admitted. "I thought we were but..."

"But what?" Santino asked, turning to face Logan.

Again, the Alpha shrugged. He wasn't sure what he was trying to say.

"Even though I didn't know she was my mate, maybe I was just drawn to her because she is," he said. "Maybe that's why I felt comfortable enough to confide in her. The rest of our 'friendship' was one sided." "I don't know if it works that way." Santino said. "It is a question worth bringing up,

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though. Did you even talk about being mates?"

Logan shook his head, sighing. He looked into the house where he could see Olivia and Oliver on the couch with Serena. He wondered if this was how it was going to be from now on. Would they hardly ever be in the same room together, spending time with the twins separately and parenting separately? "I was more concerned with her other lies." Logan said, nodding to the kids. "That'll be a conversation for another day." "Do you get mad like that a lot?" Santino asked. Logan raised an eyebrow at him. "Serena's told me some things." Logan scoffed, rolling his eyes. "I have a temper, we all know this," he said snippily. Santino laughed and nodded. "Noted," he said. "I just mean...from the sounds of it, your two most recent outbursts had to do with my sister." Santino wasn't wrong. First when he thought Serena and Carson were seeing each other behind his back, then again when he found out the truth about the twins. Serena seemed to bring it out in him the most these days. "Yes, they did," he admitted.

"And before that, you had it under control for a while, didn't you?" Santino asked. Logan narrowed his eyes at Serena's brother.

“Your point?” he asked. Santino shrugged casually. “I just think that you’re looking at this the wrong way,” he said. “If she brings your temper out, it isn’t because you are mad at her or don’t agree with her, it is because you feel passion.” “Passion?” Logan snarled. Santino nodded. “Think about it, all great romances have fiery passion like that. I bet she fights back just as hard,” he said. Logan rolled his eyes again. “It doesn’t matter. I’m with someone else and she is having my child,” Logan grumbled. “Sure, sure,” Santino said dismissively. “You know, Serena has always been difficult. Whether it is in lying and keeping secrets, rebelling against my parents, not doing a good job in school. She’s always been a problem.” Logan growled, stepping closer to Santino. He didn’t like the way her brother was talking about her, and it made his anger explode in his chest. He was seconds away from pouncing on Santino and biting into him. One wrong word! “That’s not true!” Logan snapped. “She has done amazing things in the pack and on her own! Raising twins while being in medical school away from the pack and their support, managing a huge renovation project in the hospital and getting us the best, most up to date equipment, and she never turns a patient away, even when she

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should. She saved my life by giving me her own blood, and all the while, she keeps putting her kids first!”

He kept his voice low, even though his words flowed out of him with strength and power. Santino raised an eyebrow at him. “You do like to defend her, even when you’re mad at her,” he pointed out. Logan scoffed and walked to the edge of the deck. He thought about running into the yard and shifting into wolf form so he could go for a run. “She’s special,” he said. “And I don’t just mean because she is my mate. You haven’t seen what she has done in Night Sky, the trials she has overcome, the crap she’s had to deal with – no thanks to me...” he sighed, trailing off.

Santino laughed and Logan looked at him again. He was partially hunched over as he laughed, clutching his side like it hurt. “Wow, you really have noticed her,” he said. “I’ve never known anyone to be mad at someone and simultaneously in awe of them while being self-flagellating for what you’ve put her through, yet still begrudging her for what she put you through. You are a man of many contradictions, aren’t you?” Logan shook his head. “What are you talking about?” he asked.

“Oh, nothing,” Santino said, waving his question away. “I was just testing you. I wanted to know what your reaction would be if I told you something negative about my sister. It was pretty much what I thought it would be.” “What?” Logan snarled. Santino held his hands in surrender. “Hey, that’s my sister, and Olivia and Oliver are my niece and nephew. I’m not going to let them go off with any male just because he is their father,” Santino said. “But don’t worry, you passed the test.” “Thanks ever so,” Logan muttered sarcastically. “You were quick to come to her aid,” Santino pointed out. “And it was a lie. She’s never been problematic. Well, at least not in any defining way. She’s my twin and

I love her to pieces.” “It seems I’m not the only one that’s protective,” Logan said. Santino grinned at him. “Not at all,” he said with a nod. “She’s my family. But you know, you’re her family now too. Even if the twins don’t know it and even if the two of you can’t be together, you’re still family.”

That made Logan feel better. He smiled and nodded. It was nice to hear, and he wanted to think of Serena and the twins as family. “Yes, they are my family too,” Logan said more to himself. Santino raised an eyebrow at him. Logan didn’t like that. It reminded him too much of his mother and how she acted like she knew things she shouldn’t!

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“Can I stop you?” he asked.

“Nope,” Santino said chuckling.

“Go for it, then,” Logan said, extending his hand out as an invitation. Santino grinned.

“If you care so much about my sister, why are you with some other woman?” he asked. “I mean, I get the baby and loyalty and all that, but you were drawn to my sister long before Holly was pregnant.”

“True,” Logan said with a sigh. “Holly and I have been together a long time.” Santino shook his head.

“You’ve never spoken of Holly with such passion, even when someone is insulting her,” Santino said. “I think you should take some time to think about how you feel about Serena and about Holly.”

Santino left Logan alone on the porch in the dark. Crickets had started chirping, drowning out the sound of the muffled voices from inside the house. Santino had given Logan something to think about, even if he didn’t want to.

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Logan breathed the night air in deeply. He wanted to talk to Serena about being mates. Santino had made a lot of sense to him, but he didn’t want to want to make a big deal out of it. He’d already told Serena that he was staying with Holly to raise his child with her

He looked inside the house again and Serena and the twins were gone. She was probably putting them to bed. She hadn't asked if he wanted to say 'goodnight! It was probably too soon to allow him to get too comfortable in a fatherly position with them.

The living room sliding door opened and Alpha Thomas stuck his head out. "We made up the guest room for you," he said. "Tomorrow we should leave early, but it is too late to drive back tonight." "Thank you," Logan said with a nod. "Charlotte and I are heading to bed," he added. "Help yourself to anything in the kitchen." Logan nodded. "Great," he said. Thomas retreated back inside. Logan followed into the living room. He took a look around the kitchen, getting himself a glass of water. He thought he should eat something, but he really couldn't tell whether or not he was hungry! Too much had happened that day. "Oh, I didn't know you were still down here," Serena's voice said from behind him. Logan turned and smiled at her. "We don't have to run in separate directions every time we see each other," he said. "No, we don't," she agreed. "I thought..." Logan trailed off. Serena raised an eyebrow at him. "Thought what?" she asked. "I thought you would have let me say goodnight to them," he said. Serena sighed, crossing her arms. "Logan, you can be as involved as you want, but I'm not going to ask you to be involved," she said. "If you see me getting ready to put them to bed, speak up. I can't come to you and ask your permission every time I do something with them." Logan sighed. Serena had a point. When they were back at Night Sky, he'd be in his own house and it wasn't like she could call him every night to ask if he wanted to help tuck the twins in. "Fair enough," he said. "Can we talk about the other thing?" he asked. Serena walked past and went to the refrigerator. She poured herself a glass of lemonade and offered some to Logan too. He nodded in thanks.

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"What other thing?" she asked, glancing at him over the rim of her glass. Logan smiled at her. "The part about us being mates," he said. Serena shrugged. "I don't know what to say about that," she admitted. "You've already said you are going to stay with Holly." "I know," Logan said with a nod. He finished his lemonade and leaned back against the counter. He kept his posture open, trying not to appear hostile or mad. Serena was not avoiding him or acting like he would pounce on her at any minute, and he wanted to make sure she would feel comfortable around him. "Did you have anything you wanted to say about it?" she asked conversationally. Logan shrugged. "It just seems like there should be a conversation about it," he said. "I imagine it will continue to affect us." "Do you think the reason we fight and keep doing extreme things for each other is because of that?" she asked. "It could be," Logan said. "Santino says it is passion and we shouldn't ignore it." Serena snorted. "Yea, of course, he did," she said, shaking her head and laughing. "Are you going to tell Holly?" "I probably should," he said, chewing the inside of his cheek. "Otherwise, she might think something else is going on, like us having an affair." Serena snorted. "She certainly knows how to get jealous," she said. "Do you think it would be any better for her to know the truth?" Logan sighed. He'd been

wondering that too. Logan knew Holly could get jealous. He also knew that Holly thought she was his mate. It would be devastating for her to learn that they weren't.

"It would be better for her to know," he said. "I mean...maybe not until after the baby is born. When things are less volatile." "Yea," Serena said, putting her empty lemonade glass in the sink. "Logan, I don't know what your feelings are for Holly, and I don't know what my brother filled your head with, but us being mates doesn't mean we have to be together or can't be with anyone else." "I know that," he said. "I know many couples that aren't with their mate." "But it might be worth clearing the air a little," she added. Logan nodded. "I think so," he agreed. "I mean, I don't want you to think that I am going to get passionately angry at you any time my temper bubbles over." He smirked, to make his statement more humorous. Serena nodded. "I'll believe that when it happens," she said with a smile. At least she was joking

Chapter 95: Reassessments around with him again. "There is definitely something between us," Logan admitted finally. He hadn't wanted to really think about what Santino said, about reassessing his feelings for Holly and Serena. He was trying not to think about it. He wanted to know what Serena was thinking.

"That's a given," she said. "That's part of the bond. It is up to us what we want to do with it."

"What do you want to do with it?" Logan asked. Serena chewed at her lower lip, tapping her foot on the floor. "Be friends?" she asked. Logan smiled. "We could be friends," he said. "It would make co-parenting a lot easier." Serena eyed him suspiciously. "Co-parenting," she muttered. "Is that what we are doing?" "I'd like to think it is," Logan said. Serena shrugged. "You have to admit to being a parent before you can be a co-parent," she pointed out. Her words weren't harsh or argumentative. "Perhaps," Logan said with a chuckle. They lapsed into easy silence for a moment. The rest of the house was almost completely dark. Everyone was asleep. It was quiet around them, not just between them. Serena was no longer tapping her foot either. She was looking at him, though. Logan let her eyes wander over him. He liked the way it warmed his skin. It was like the bond between them had all his senses heightened when he was around her. "Serena, I'd like to be friends," Logan said. "I think it would be easier on the twins, and we are bonded by the mate bond, but those aren't the only reasons." "No?" she asked, arching an eyebrow at him. "No," he said. "I think you're an interesting person and I'd like to know more of you. Even if it is only ever as friends. I don't know if I can stay away from you anymore, knowing what I know now." "Yea, I know what you mean," she said with a nod and a humorless smile. "I never wanted to stay away from you, not really. I just wanted us to be...cordial." Logan

chuckled.

"Cordial?" he asked. He sighed, shaking his head. Logan wasn't sure that was what he wanted when he said he wanted to be friends. Serena was so much more than a friend, or she should be. She was his mate! "I've got to get to sleep," Serena said. "Long drive

tomorrow morning.” “Yea, I’ll head up soon,” Logan said. Serena nodded and left Logan alone in the kitchen. He watched her go.

Alone, he had no choice but to think about his feelings for Serena and Holly. Ever since Serena had come to Night Sky, things with Holly had seemed tense. He’d told himself it was because Holly was being jealous, told himself it was because he had bonded with the kids and it was a new kind of relationship for him, but now he had to face the fact that it could have been because of Serena’s very presence.

He’d always been interested in her, for reasons he hadn’t understood until the truth finally came out. Now he wasn’t sure if he could look at Holly as a life partner or a mother of his child. He had no problem seeing Serena that way, though.

Sighing to himself, Logan turned out the lights in the kitchen and found his way to the guest bedroom. He heard Olivia and Oliver whispering to each other in the room beside his.

Quietly, Logan peaked into their room, keeping himself in the shadows enough so that they wouldn’t see him. They were giggling quietly and making funny hand symbols at each other.

It brought a smile to Logan’s face. Those were his kids! He didn’t want any other children. Logan knew that now, and he felt even more confused about the situation he was in with Holly. Everything he had to tell her was going to be a difficult conversation. He hoped she was in a good mood!

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Chapter 96: Preparing for War

“Are you sure you are fine taking care of the kids?” Serena asked Charlotte. Logan had gone on a walk with them after breakfast to say goodbye. He had promised he was going go home with them, and now he had to explain to them that it would be a little longer. Serena didn’t envy that conversation he had to have with them. “Olivia and Oliver will be perfectly safe in my care,” Charlotte assured. “It isn’t like I haven’t watched kids before, or your kids before.” “I know, mom, but this is different,” she said. “This could be a while.” “I know that, they know that, and they are excited to be here,” Charlotte said. “I won’t be taking them out on the boat to go fishing, but there are plenty of ways for us to entertain ourselves.” “I’ll check in a lot,” Serena said. “There really is no need, but if you must,” Charlotte said. “Ready to go?” Santino asked, coming down the stairs with a duffle bag. Serena nodded. “Just about,” she said. “Logan isn’t back with the kids yet, and dad is wrapping up a few things. “Will you be riding with Logan or us?” Santino asked, bouncing his eyebrows at Serena. She rolled her eyes and scoffed. “You guys, for sure,” she said. “Car could be a bit crowded,” Santino said. “I’m fine with

that," she said. She really didn't want to be stuck in a car alone with Logan. "Mommy, mommy," Olivia called, running through the front door. She ran up to Serena and hugged her. "Did you have a good walk?" she asked. "Yes," Olivia said. "We are going to stay here with Grammy for a while." Serena laughed, kissing her daughter's forehead. "I know," she said. "Don't worry, Grammy will fill you all up with cookies and treats when she thinks I'm not looking." "Yay!" Olivia said, wiggling free. "Give me a hug and a kiss goodbye, Oliver," she said. Oliver ran up and hugged her. Serena kissed the top of his head and then nudged him along after his sister. "They will be fine with me," Charlotte promised.

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"Okay," Serena said looking after the kids nervously. "We've got to get a move on," Thomas said, popping his head in through the front door. "Let's go, let's go." Serena hugged her mother goodbye and grabbed her bags. She passed Logan in the front hall and nodded at him. He offered a smile and then left the house behind her. When they arrived back in Night Sky, Serena, joined her father, brother, Logan, and Carson at Logan's office. "Oh, a whole family affair;" Carson said, shaking hands with Santino and Thomas. "We decided it was time to join forces," Thomas said. Logan was at his desk, pulling out maps. "About time," Carson said with a nod of approval. "Welcome home, Serena."

"Thank you," Serena said. She was careful not to make eye contact, though. The last time they had talked, he had grilled her on questions she didn't want to answer. Those questions were all out in the open now, at least between her and Logan.

She didn't want him to start up again. "We have a lot of work to do," Logan said. "I guess going to war does take some preemptive planning," Carson said, pulling up a chair near Logan's desk.

"This is the most updated map I have of Moonshine territory," Logan said, pointing to the border of the territories. Santino and Thomas leaned in to look. Serena stood on the opposite side of the desk as everyone else. "You don't need to be here for this, Serena," Thomas said. "You're not going to be fighting alongside us." Serena sighed. She should have known that would be her father's response. He always started to shut her out when there was pack business to go over. Serena looked to the door. "No, I need her here," Logan said. Serena turned around to look at him, arching an eyebrow. He gave her a subtle smile. She nodded in thanks. He knew about her feelings about her family. It was nice that Logan was attempting to make up for the way her father acted. "What do you need her for?" Thomas asked, sounding skeptical. Serena looked down, self-consciously. "We are going to need to set up a relief hospital close to the area of engagement" Logan explained. "Serena can tell us the best place to do that." "Show me where, and I'll let you know if it works," she said. Logan nodded. Serena waited while

the Alphas, Santino, and Carson discussed the best way to cross over into Moonshine territory.

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"It should be as close to the main village as possible," Carson said, "We've got to draw them out while our stronger warriors go straight for Damon," "I want to go for Damon," Logan said,

"That's not wise," Thomas argued, Logan growled, "Alpha Damon has been raiding my territory and nearly killed me in a recent attack." Logan pointed out. "I want to take him down personally."

"We aren't taking him down," Santino said, "Well, we are removing him from power, but you know we can't kill him." Logan scoffed,

"I don't plan to kill him," he said, "I do want to hurt him though. Perhaps put him in such a precarious situation that his medical staff needs to perform some miracle healing." He winked at Serena, Despite herself, Serena blushed, "Just show me where there is a space big enough for the hospital," she said quickly. "I want to meet up with Adriana and get started on that."

"There is an open area here," Logan said, pointing to an open field on the map. Serena shook her head,

"We'll need access to water" Serena said, "What about here?" she pointed to an open area bordering a brook. It wasn't as close to the Moonshine territory border, but it was the water Serena needed,

"That will work," Logan said, "Adriana has all the equipment for getting the campaign hospital setup."

"Thanks," Serena said, "Are you...when are you all going in?" she was concerned now, thinking about how her father and brother could get hurt. Logan seemed to be on a mission to destroy Damon, and that wasn't good either! He could get hurt too, and she didn't want that, not when he had just found out about his own kids. "We need to gather the troops," Carson said. "It could take a while to rally everyone." "And then you'll march in?" she asked. "We'll make sure the hospital is good to go first," Logan assured. "Fully staffed and equipment ready." "What else do we need to do to prepare?" Santino asked. "Get extra food and blankets for the hospital," Serena advised. "Yea, I'll take care of that" Carson said. He collected a few folders and left. Serena sighed. She didn't like the ominous feeling of going to war. So many people she knew and cared about were going to be on the front line. It felt rushed to her, like they hadn't made a real plan. She knew that her father and brother wouldn't act without thinking things through. It still wasn't easy to think about them being in harm's way.

Chapter 96: Preparing for War “I don’t want you to get hurt,” Serena said. “Any of you.” She made eye contact for each of them.

“We’ll be careful, Serena,” Thomas said. “Yea, you’re not getting rid of me that easily,” Santino joked. “I plan on being around a long time to give you crap.” Serena smiled at her twin. “Okay,” she said. She looked at Logan next. He moved around the desk and walked with her to his office door. “Get the hospital setup,” he said, opening his office door. “We will take care of the rest.” “Logan, the last time you faced off with these people, they almost killed you,” she said, her voice thick with concern. It agitated her to think of him being in danger again, especially since he was the father of her kids! “That’s not going to happen again,” he assured. “Besides, if it does, I know you will be there to save me.” He touched her arm. Serena looked down at his fingers. “You promise?” she asked. He smiled at her. “I promise,” he said. “Go help Adriana.” She nodded and left. The chill of war was on the horizon. Serena shivered, rubbing her arms with her hands to try and warm herself up. The day itself wasn’t cold, but she could feel that things were getting bad. The air was thick with danger and with the promise of battle.

Shaking her head, Serena tried to focus. The hospital wasn’t far. Mentally, she began making a list of everything the relief hospital would need. Whenever she thought of medical equipment though, she thought of wolves bloodied and injured. She thought of her brother, her father, and Logan! “Get your head in the game,” Serena muttered to herself. She had to prepare herself for saving lives!

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Chapter 97: Campaign Hospital

Serena found Adriana at the hospital. She had already started gathering up equipment. Someone had told her that they needed to set up a campaign hospital. “Serena, welcome back,” Adriana said, smiling and waving “Is this it?” Serena asked. “We’ve got trucks bringing tents and equipment out there now,” Adriana said. “There are gas generators to supply electricity for all of the equipment, and Logan already called ahead with the coordinates.” “That’s....very efficient of him,” Serena said with a chuckle.

“How was your time away?” Adriana asked, grasping Serena’s upper arm. Serena smiled. “It was nice to see my family,” she said. “Cut short by Logan’s arrival with the plan to go to war.” Adriana smiled brightly. “Was it at least nice to see Logan?” she asked. Serena rolled her eyes. “Aren’t you supposed to ask how my seeing my parents was?” she asked. Adriana shrugged. “I assume it is always nice to see your family,” she said. “But you said you needed space from Logan. I imagine a surprise visit would have elicited some emotion.” “I think we have more important things to worry about right now,” Serena pointed out. She nodded to some nurses wheeling monitors into the lobby.

“Oh, now you are just being coy,” Adriana said. “Which means that something did happen.” She winked at Serena. “Can we focus, please?” Serena asked. Adriana smirked. “Yea, let’s get this done. You go out to the sight and oversee the hospital setup. I’ll stay here and make sure the right equipment gets sent out” Adriana said. Serena nodded.

“I will text you if anything comes up,” she said. “Beta Carson said he would get food and blankets.” “Good, let’s put this thing together,” Adriana said.

Serena hitched a ride on the next truck heading out to the hospital sight. Already, there was a huge, white event tent set up on the grass. Hospital staff were carrying equipment from the trucks into the tent. There were several mechanics setting up the gas generators. Serena went to talk to them first.

“How long do these generators run?” she asked, pointing to the generator.

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“Each one will run for about ten hours when the tank is full and when powering the max amount of voltage they can support,” the mechanic said. “Good,” Serena said. “I want there to be enough backup fuel to refill each of these generators four times on sight at all times. We need to be able to rely on our equipment as long as possible for an extended period of time.” “Yes, of course,” the mechanic said. “And you’ll need to deliver new tanks every two days,” Serena instructed. A full tank and four refills would last fifty hours, that was just over two days of power. They’d need hospital and food deliveries every other day too. If they weren’t stocked enough for at least two days on all provisions and equipment, they might run into emergencies they couldn’t handle. There was no greater emergency than waiting around for equipment they didn’t have!

Serena left the mechanics to set up the generators and went into the tent. Some of the nurses had started setting up the hospital beds and privacy screens.

“Put the beds over here,” Serena said pointing to the far wall. “These are recovery beds. The surgical tables need to be at the tent entrance closest to the Moonshine pack territory. Get the gurneys and backboards outside.” “Alright, Serena,” a nurse said. “Actually, set up a couple relay stations from the edge of Moonshine territory with gurneys and backboards. If anyone gets majorly injured, they might need to be transported. I want those relay stations manned with EMTs and basic ambulance supplies,” she said. Several nurses and EMTs nodded, running around to get the job done. She hoped no one would be that injured, but at least they would be prepared to assist anyone that was so badly injured they had to be carried back while also providing them with enough medical equipment to keep them alive. “When the generators are up and running, hook the monitors up and test them, but then turn it all off until we need them. I don’t want to needlessly burn through fuel on the generators,” she said. She got

several nods, and everyone went back to work. Serena went outside to where the trucks were unloading equipment. She counted off how many trucks were there. Waving over one of the truck drivers, Serena spoke to him directly. "Have three ambulances prepped and ready for take off with a driver and two EMTs at all times," she said. "I don't expect extreme injuries, but on the off chance anyone needs more than we can provide here, there needs a contingency plan to get them to the hospital," she said. The truck driver nodded. "I'll make the arrangements," he said. "Good. We are preparing for war," she reminded him.

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Serena went back into the tent. She made sure that there were two areas set up for surgery. They were screened off and she had nurses sterilizing them. The rest of the tent was set up for recovery and minor injury treatment. There was a second tent that the mechanics hadn't set up yet, but Serena asked them to.

"I want this tent set up and stocked with the blankets that food that Beta Carson is sending," she said. "All the reserve medical supplies needs to be in here too. Sort it, label it, and inventory it. I want to know how much we have of everything, so each time a deliver is made, they bring us exactly the amount we used." "On it," one of the mechanics said.

"I want buckets of water to be brought up and set around the outside of both tents," she added. The brook water wasn't sterile or filtered, but it would be better than nothing, and they were limited to what water was available out in the wilderness. The relief hospital was coming together. Serena left the nurses and mechanics finish their work. She went to the edge of the brook, nurses already collecting buckets of water. She had a sinking feeling of what was to come. It was darkness, death, blood, and pain. There was no way around it. Even if Logan, her father, and her brother went straight for Damon, there would still be so many warrior wolves clashing on the battlefield.

Most of them would come in with minor injuries, at least that was her hope. The Moonshine wolves were organized and well versed in fighting, but they were trained to be sneaky and covert. In direct conflict they might not do so well. Serena would make sure that Logan understood the campaign hospital would treat injured wolves from Moonshine too. She wasn't going to let the territory be littered with bodies and suffering wolves. She wondered if they'd fight about it. As much as she didn't like fighting with Logan, her stomach fluttered at the idea. She wondered if that was the passion stirred the mate bond.

Shaking her head to refocus herself, Serena went back into the tent to make sure that everything was still going well. "Can we get a delivery of spare scrubs?" she asked. One of the nurses nodded. "You'll all be working long shifts, and it will be better to have spare clothes to change into." "Good call" someone said to her. Serena nodded and went on to check the generators and equipment. "Are all the lines hooked up right?" she asked. "They should be good to go," the mechanic told her. "These are high powered

generators they can handle a lot.” “Can you check the equipment we have unloaded and make sure it is enough?” she

asked.

“I’ll make the assessment,” the mechanic said.

“Good, thank you,” she said. “I know we will get confirmation before the Alpha leads the pack into war, but for now, I want everyone to sit tight. I will have Adriana draw up a shift schedule so we can rotate and everyone can get enough sleep. Please keep in mind that once the injured start flowing in, that schedule will be suspended.”

There were murmurs of consent and agreement around the tent. Serena couldn’t help but feel like Luna Flo should have been there, helping give the orders and set everything up. Logan was trusting her with a lot more power and authority than she should have had.

She wasn’t even a full doctor yet. Adriana was her boss. It was weird. Knowing that they were mates, she couldn’t help feeling like Logan was testing her in some way. Like he was trying to determine if she would make a good Luna.

It was driving her crazy, analyzing and over analyzing everything Logan did, now that he knew the truth. She needed to keep focused or someone could get hurt. She wasn’t about to let it be anyone in Night Sky pack or anyone she cared about!

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Chapter 98: Holly’s Big Mistake

loan returned home to change and prepare for the coming war He had also brought

nating for Holly, the at home pregnancy test that Serena had recommended he Gothor to take

Logan)” Holly said, running up to him and hugging him. “You’re home” Logan hugged ortak kicing her cheek

Not for long,” he said. “We are going to war with Moonshine”

What, war, at a time like this?” Holly asked. She stepped back, putting her hands on her stomach “Are you trying to endanger us?” “Moonshine has overstepped their bounds.” Logan said. “The safety of the entire pack is at risk, and as Alpha, I need to take action.” “Can’t it wait?” Holly asked “Wait until when?” Logan asked back, raising an eyebrow.

“Wait until we have a toddler running around who could wander into a bad place? Holly, right now, the baby is safest. Now is the best time to act,” he said.

Logan walked past her and went upstairs. He started unpacking his bags. Holly followed him. While she was watching, he took the pregnancy test out of his bag and set it on the bed

“Logan, what is that?” Holly asked, coming up beside him. “You failed to go in for a follow up blood panel at the hospital,” he said. “Yea, because I didn’t want the baby to get hurt. I don’t trust needles and everything while I’m pregnant,” she argued. Logan sighed, rolling his eyes. “All the doctors and nurses say that it is perfectly safe,” he pointed out. “I think you’re trying to hide something” “I’m not hiding anything,” Holly insisted, putting her hands on her hips. Logan looked at her, and she glared at him.

“It doesn’t matter,” he said, “I want you to take that test, and I want to see the results.”

” You don’t trust me?” she asked, pouting.

“I worry that you aren’t being entirely truthful,” he admitted. “No pregnant wolf would put her own distaste over bloodwork over the health of her unborn child.” “How would you know, Logan?” she asked, “Have you ever been pregnant?” Logan growled, rounding on Holly. She took a half step back. “A pregnant mother feels she can never be too careful” Logan insisted. “You should have been quick to get the bloodwork sorted out the moment you were told something wasn’t right. It is your actions that betray you.”

drawn.”

Picking up the test, Logan handed it to her. “Take this,” he said. “That isn’t a request.” “You’re giving me orders now?” Holly asked, glaring at him. “Take the damn test, Holly!” Logan snapped. She cowered away from him, seeing his temper flash in his eyes. Holly took the test from his hands. Logan followed her to the bathroom. When she tried to shut the door on him, he shook his head.

“What now?” she asked. “You’re right,” he said, “I don’t trust you. I want to see you take it.” “You’re going to watch me pee on a stick?” she asked. Logan nodded. “I am,” he said. He pushed his way into the bathroom. Back against the door, Logan watched and waited for Holly to take the pregnancy test. She kept shooting glares at him, but he noticed that her hands were shaking. She was nervous! When she was done, Logan held his hand out. Begrudgingly, Holly handed him the little piece of plastic. He watched and waited for the results to show up. Scoffing, Logan turned the test around so Holly could see it. “Negative,” he said. Holly shook her head. “No, it has to be a false negative,” she argued. Logan raised an eyebrow at her. “I doubt that,” he said. “You haven’t shown any other signs of being pregnant, except being moody. Honestly, that isn’t anything new. Did you switch your blood samples with those of a wolf that you knew was pregnant?” Holly turned away from Logan, crossing her arms. He tossed the pregnancy test in the trash.

"It wasn't like that," she said. Logan growled, the anger rising in his chest. "Did you not think I'd figure it out?" he asked loudly, his voice echoing in the small bathroom. Holly turned to him, piercing him with dagger like eyes. "I had a plan," she assured. "After I told you I was pregnant, I went off birth control. I thought I'd actually get pregnant, but you haven't come near me since!" She threw her arms out to the side. Logan sighed, shaking his head. He opened the bathroom door to let in some air and walked out into the hall.

"That is the stupidest plan I have ever heard," he told her. "Did you really think wouldn't find out the truth? You think I'm that stupid?" Holly snarled. "I think you've been so obsessed with Serena and her kids that you haven't been

paying attention to anything I've been doing," she said. "You didn't even suspect anything was wrong until Serena brought it up."

Logan growled, shaking his head. He wanted to get mad at Holly and scream at her, but there was an overwhelming relief filling his chest, and that was cooling his temper before it even got going! Holly wasn't pregnant. That means she wasn't having his baby, or any baby. He felt relieved because he knew she wouldn't make a good mother, but also because it no longer tied him to her. He'd been iffy about their relationship for a while, but now that he knew the truth about Serena and the twins, he'd been wondering if he should stay with Holly forever, even if she was having his baby." Since she wasn't, he didn't have to question that anymore. "Why did you do it?" Logan asked.

"What do you mean 'why?'" Holly asked, putting her hands on her hips. "You've been all over this other woman. I was jealous, and I wanted to make sure you'd never leave me. We are so good together, Logan, we are mates, and I didn't want to lose you." Logan snarled. For the first time, he knew unequivocally, that Holly was not his mate! "We are not mates!" Logan hissed, "And we aren't good together. You've been lying to me about being pregnant, trying to trap me into a relationship. I'd say that makes us pretty bad together." "You don't know we aren't mates," Holly insisted, turning her nose up. "Actually, yes, I do," Logan said. Holly's jaw dropped. "Did you meet someone else?" she asked quickly. Logan shook his head and sighed. "Holly, it doesn't matter," he said. "We aren't mates, and I can't forgive you for doing something like this. You lied, you tried to trap me, and you did it in a very diabolical way. Did you ever think what the life of that child would be like if you succeeded in getting pregnant?" "What does that matter?" Holly asked, waving his question away. "We'd be together, and our child would be better for it." "We aren't going to have a child," Logan cried. "There is no situation in which we will ever have a child. And you and me...we're done." "Done?" Holly asked skeptically. "Yes, done, over, not together anymore, broken up," Logan said to be completely clear on what it was he was telling Holly. "But... Logan," she gasped. "I love you. I'm sorry, I shouldn't have done that. I know that now. I'm so sorry!" she grabbed at his arm, but Logan pulled away. "Stop, Holly, you're just making a fool of yourself now," Logan said. "Leave this relationship with a little dignity, won't you?"

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“Maybe I did, but I don’t anymore,” he said. Holly burst into tears. She ran to the bedroom and slammed the door. Logan stared after her for a moment and sighed. He didn’t want to take care of her feelings anymore. She could cry and wail all she wanted he wasn’t going to change his mind. Too many lies had been circulating around lately. At least, with Serena, he felt he would be able to forgive her. She thought she was lying to protect her kids, his kids. He had always wanted to protect them too, so he could understand it. Holly had lied to keep him away from Serena, to trap him. He growled to himself. Holly had tried to keep him away from his own mate! “What is going on up here?” Flo asked, climbing the stairs. Logan was breathing heavily, fists clenched at his sides. “Logan?” Logan took a deep breath to calm himself. He smiled at his mom. “Mom, we need to talk,” he said. Flo raised an eyebrow. “What about?” she asked.

“Your grandkids,” he said. Holly’s crying stopped in the other room. “Grandkids?” Flo asked, bringing a hand to her face. “Is Holly pregnant with twins?” she asked. Logan shook his head. “Let’s go talk,” he said, putting his hand on his mother’s back and guiding her back downstairs.

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“Remember when you said that Oliver looked a lot like me?” Logan asked, sitting with his mom on the couch.

“I do,” Flo said with a nod.

“Well, it turns out that Serena and I knew each other a long time ago, briefly, and that encounter led to Olivia and Oliver,” he explained. Telling his mother he’d had a one night stand and illegitimate children was an awkward conversation at best.

Flo chuckled.

“Oh, I knew they were special,” she said. “Does that mean you and are going to be together?” she asked hopefully. Logan shrugged. “Not right now,” he said. “I just found out that Holly isn’t even pregnant, that she lied, because she was trying to trap me.” “Is that what all the fighting was about up there?” his mother asked. Logan nodded. Flo patted his knee. “My dear boy,” she said. “You’ll be okay.” “Aren’t you going to ask why Serena didn’t tell me, or wonder why she lied or anything?” Logan asked, raising an

eyebrow at his mother. Flo sighed. She leaned back on the couch and crossed her arms. "I assume a mother has a her reasons, always looking out for her kids," Flo said. Logan nodded. Maybe he couldn't understand Serena's reasoning because he wasn't a mother. Flo

seemed completely unconcerned with it, so he thought that he should try approaching it like his mother. She was wise, understood a lot, and she was also a mother.

"I'm guess that means you and Holly are don, then?" she asked, nodding to the ceiling. Holly's fake wails had resumed from the bedroom. "Holly and I are done," Logan confirmed. Flo smiled and nodded. "Maybe you don't want to hear, it, Logan, but Serena has all the makings of a good Luna. She's also the mother of your children," she said. "Something to think about."

Logan nodded. He already knew that! "Something else... Serena is my mate," he added. Flo laughed. "I see your trip to Starseeker was very educational," his mother teased. Logan laughed and nodded.

The bedroom door burst open with a bang and Holly tore down the stairs. "What the hell did you just say!?" she cried. Her face was contorted in pure rage, hair a instinctively leaned away from her as she stalked into the living room. "I told you we weren't mates," Logan reminded her. Holly snarled an animalistic snarl.

"This is insane!" Holly said. "We've been together through so much, how can we not be mates?" her question wasn't really directed at Logan, so he didn't answer. "Holly, Alpha Thomas and Santino are here to help us with the Moonshine problem. Once the conflict is resolved, you can return home to your pack," Logan offered. "You are such a jerk!" Holly snapped. She pounced at Logan. He slid off the couch and Holly ripped through the upholstery with claw like fingernails. "Holly, that's enough!" Flo said, standing up. Her voice was commanding and stern. "You do not behave like an uncivilized, wild animal in my house." "You're house?" Holly asked with a scoff. "Yes, my house," Flo reiterated. "In fact, you do not belong here anymore. Pack your things and get out." "You're kicking me out?" Holly asked. She looked to Logan for some kind of support. Logan shrugged.

"You're not welcome here anymore," he said. "I'd do as the Luna says." Snarling and spitting, Holly retreated back to the bedroom. "I want to see Serena," Flo said. "She's at the campaign hospital," Logan explained. Flo nodded. She grabbed her car keys and left. Logan sighed, touching the tear in the couch. Once the Moonshine conflict was resolved, he would get someone in to repair the couch. His mother would be furious otherwise. Even though it was Holly that had done the damage, Logan knew his mother would hold it against him too. He had been the one to invite her into their lives

and home. Reluctantly, Logan headed upstairs to see how Holly was doing with packing. He opened the bedroom door and saw her throwing things around the room as she filled her suitcase. Some of the things she was throwing belonged to him. She was

just making a mess to be spiteful. "Holly, will you stop throwing things?" Logan asked, leaning against the doorframe. Her tantrum was more of an inconvenience than anything.

"You're a real jerk, Logan you know that?" she asked. "You've been leading me on, making me promises..." Logan growled, pushing off the doorframe. "I never led you on," he said. "I never promised you anything. I never told you this was more than what it was. You convinced yourself of that." Holly rolled her eyes and went back to packing. "What about the nursery?" she asked. Logan sighed. He'd almost forgotten that Holly had set up the nursery! She really was going to try and push that ruse to the max. Fortunately, he hadn't given in to any of her attempts at seduction after she claimed she was pregnant. "I'll trash it," Logan assured. "But...Logan, I paid a lot of money for that stuff" Holly argued. "Which was already a waste because you weren't pregnant," he said. Holly scoffed, shaking her head. Otherwise, she might really have gotten pregnant! It was also fortunate that Serena had been looking out for him with the bloodwork. He never would have suspected Holly's lies, and he wouldn't have confronted her either. Thinking of Serena brought a small smile to his lips. He felt like he should have gone with his mother to the hospital, but he had to make sure that Holly left without destroying anything else. When her bags were packed, Logan didn't offer to help her carry them. He followed her down the stairs as she struggled to balance the bags. "You might think you've won," Holly said. "I won't lack for a place to stay, though, you're only hurting yourself." Logan chuckled humorlessly. "Holly, I really don't care where you go or who you end up staying with," he told her. "It didn't have to end this way. Had you not been jealous of Serena, tormenting her from day one, lying to me, then I think we actually could have been great together." Holly's jaw dropped open as she stared at him. Logan wasn't sure he believed what he said, but he wanted Holly to think it so the weight of her actions would really sink in. He wasn't sure if she would reflect or if she would learn and grow.

Thankfully, it wasn't his problem anymore.

When Holly was out on the porch, Logan shut and locked the door. He didn't wait around to see who came to pick her up. As long as she was gone, he'd be happy and his mother would be happy.

Logan sighed a big, heavy sigh of relief. He wasn't going to be a father! Rather, he wasn't going to be a father to a child he didn't want with a woman he didn't want. He was a father to two of the greatest kids he'd ever met! With Holly gone, that meant he and Serena could talk about telling the twins about him actually being their father. He didn't have another family to put first anymore. Suddenly, he was filled with warmth, happiness, and love. He was going to claim Olivia and Oliver as his kids. It was what he wanted most. Logan pulled out his phone and called Beta Carson. "How are the preparations going?" he asked when Carson answered. "Good," the Beta said. "The hospital is ready to go, staff are still funneling in."

“The warriors?” Logan asked. “Logan, you sound kind of upbeat,” Carson said. “Is that really appropriate on the eve of war?” Logan chuckled. “I promise to tell you all about it,” he assured. “Let’s just say, I lost about a hundred and twenty pounds, and it feels good.” Carson chuckled too. “Alright, I can’t wait to hear about it,” he said. “The warriors are assembling. I want to inspect the ranks, and I think you should too.” “Naturally,” Logan said. “Have you seen my mother?” “She’s at the hospital,” Carson confirmed. Logan nodded on the phone. “Alright, I’m on my way,” he said. He hung up. Logan checked the front porch to make sure that Holly was gone. The porch was empty. He left through the kitchen door, making sure to lock it too. Holly was spiteful, and he didn’t think her above coming back and destroying something inside or outside of the house. Logan noticed that his steps were a little lighter. He felt better, like he was freer. He also felt more connected, more connected to the pack, to his family, to his kids. Holly had always been standing in the way, trying to pull and divide his attention. No more! Logan knew exactly what he wanted and how to get it. He wasn’t going to stop until Serena was his and the twins knew he was their father!

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Flo found Serena in the campaign hospital, directing the nurses and medical staff. “Serena!” she called. The younger female stopped and waved to Flo. “Luna Flo,” she said. Flo went to her and hugged her. Serena smiled, hugging the Luna back. She wasn’t expecting it. Serena had always felt close to Flo, but not this close! She thought it was nice, though, seeing as Flo was her kids’ grandmother. “I had the most illuminating chat with my son this morning,” Flo said. Serena sighed, stepping back. “He told you about Olivia and Oliver, then?” she asked. “Yes, he did,” Flo said with a nod. She took Serena’s hands in hers. Serena smiled. Her own mother was so far away, it was nice to have another maternal figure so close. “I’m sorry I kept it a secret,” she said quickly. Flo shook her head. “You don’t need to explain anything to me,” she assured. “I’m a mother too, I know the lengths I would go to in order to protect my son, even now,” she said. She pushed some hair out of Serena’s face in a maternal gesture. “Did he tell you the other things?” Serena asked. “About us being mates?” Flo laughed and nodded.

“He did,” she said. “I understand the complications that come with that, especially when you both have such different lives. For what it is worth, I think you would make a wonderful Luna. I hope my son figures that out too.” “You always speak your mind,” Serena muttered, turning to organize some medical equipment. “The benefits of being older and being a Luna,” Flo said. “I did have a feeling there was a connection between the twins and my family. I’m glad that they are a part of my family. Serena, I promise I will always take care of them, if you let me.” “I’d like that,” Serena said with a nod. “They

would too. They are very fond of you.” “I can be Grandma Flo,” the Luna said with a beaming smile. Serena chuckled. “Can you hand me those towels?” she asked, pointing to a pile of white towels. Flo grabbed them and Serena started to fold them and stack them neatly. “We are family, Serena,” Flo said, “even if you and my son are never more than friends, your kids are a part of this family and that makes you a part of this family.” “Thank you,” Serena said with a smile. “That means a lot, seeing as my own family is far away.”

“I always felt a strong connection to you,” Flo said putting her hand on Serena’s shoulder. “Never having a daughter of my own...” “It’s nice, having someone maternal around when I can’t be with my own mother”...

“Speaking of, can we call the kids and say ‘hello?’” Flo asked pulling her phone out. Serena laughed. She finished up with the towels and grabbed her own phone.

“Come on,” she said. “We can go somewhere quieter and do a video call with them. Flo smiled broadly and followed Serena out of the hospital tent.

Serena walked around until she got a strong enough signal to make the call. She put on the video chat function and dialed her mother’s number. The phone rang several times until Charlotte picked it up, but she didn’t turn the video on.

“Hello?” Charlotte asked. “Mom, it is Serena” Serena said. “Can you turn the video on? I want to see the kids.” “Video, what are you talking about?” Charlotte asked. Serena could hear the kids in the background begging to talk to her. “We called you to video chat. There should be an invitation on the phone to turn on the video,” Serena tried to explain. She looked at Flo and rolled her eyes. “I don’t seem what you’re talking about,” Charlotte said. “Oh, I can’t make this work.” “Let me see,” Olivia demanded. “Mom, give Olivia the phone,” Serena said. “She can probably figure it out.” Charlotte sighed and Serena listened to shuffling sounds. Then Olivia’s face popped up on the screen.

“Hi mommy!” she said.

“Olivia, good job,” Serena said. “Luna Flo is here with me. She wanted to see you and Oliver.”

“Hi Luna Flo,” Olivia said, waving into the camera. She turned it to show Oliver too, and he also waved. “Hello twins,” Flo said, waving back. “I swear, you two have grown a foot since the last time I saw you!” “That would be because they won’t stop eating,” Charlotte said appearing behind the twins.

“Luna Charlotte,” Flo said in greeting. “Luna Flo,” Serena’s mother said back. “It has been a long time.” “Yes, it has,” Flo said with a nod. “Tell me, Olivia and Oliver, are you being good for your grandmother?” Serena asked. “We are good” Oliver said with a nod.

Serena looked at her mother for confirmation. "They've been behaving," Charlotte said. "Although, Thomas left the bait worms in the refrigerator, and now they think we are having worm sandwiches for lunch." Serena grimaced and Flo laughed.

Family "You don't want a worm sandwich," Flo said, shaking her head. "Why not?" Olivia asked, putting her hands on her hips. Serena had to swallow her laugh at Olivia's display of attitude.

"They are too wriggly," Flo said. "Ewww," Olivia and Oliver said together, causing Serena, Flo, and Charlotte to laugh. A truck pulled into the camp where the warriors were assembling, not too far from the hospital. The temporary medical facility had become the base camp for the entire war effort

Logan got out of the truck. He approached the warriors. Serena knew that his presence mean they would be mobilizing soon. "Sorry to cut the call short, but Luna Flo and I are needed," Serena said. "Bye mommy, Bye Flo." Olivia and Oliver said, waving. Serena blew them kisses. "Bye, bye," she said. "Take care of yourselves," Charlotte said. Serena hung up. "I should be returning to the rest of the pack," Flo said, "it will be up to me to keep them calm and feeling safe and secure during this." "Thank you for coming by," Serena said, hugging Flo again. "I'm glad you know the truth." Flo smiled, kissing Serena's cheek. "Remember, we are family," she said. Serena nodded and waved as Flo departed. Serena headed over to where Logan was inspecting the warriors with Beta Carson, her father, and her brother. "How are they looking?" she asked Santino. "Ready to fight for their pack," he said. "Ready to die, you mean?" Serena asked, crossing her arms. "Don't be like that," Santino said. "Besides, I'm sure you won't let any of them die." Serena rolled her eyes. "There should be field medics out there to help injured pack members get to the relay

stations," she said. "If that is your way of asking if you can come along, I'm saying no," Santino said. "It isn't really up to you," Serena argued. Santino sighed. He faced his sister and put his hands on her shoulders.

"Serena, you aren't getting involved in direct combat. They need you to run the hospital, and I need you out of harm's way. So do the twins," he said. Serena sighed. "Don't let him do anything reckless," she said, nodding towards Logan. Santino

Family "I'll watch his back," he promised. "Even if you were out there, you wouldn't be able to prevent anything from happening to him." Serena sighed again. Her brother was right. "I know, I'd just..feel better," she said. "You have to be where you are needed by the pack, and the pack needs you here," her brother said, squeezing her shoulders. "Soldiers, into formation," Logan ordered, his voice booming over the rest. Serena shuddered, stepping back. Her father and brother went to join the ranks. Serena stood back, but she kept watching. "You all know your positions and what is required of you," Logan said. "Once we shift, rely on the mental link. It will keep us in contact. Don't break formation, and remember what we are there to do!"

The soldiers whooped and hollered. Logan nodded and they began taking their clothes off, shifting into a massive pack of wolves. Serena's heart thudded in her chest as she watched Logan shift too! The wolves started howling, and Logan went to the front. His tail twitched back and forth and he howled to the sky. In a single bound, he was running, the huge pack of wolves ran after him, and Serena felt the ground tremble with the weight of the army that ran towards Moonshine. She spread her legs wider so she wouldn't lose her balance from the tremors that traveled up her legs. The war had begun. Clutching her chest, her heart sinking with the fading pounding of pawprints, Serena went back to the hospital. All they could do now was wait. Wait for news, wait for the injured to start flowing in. she made sure everyone was in their positions. One way or another, Moonshine wouldn't be a threat after today.