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I woke up with a heavy feeling, today was going to be rough. I had so much I needed to do, to accomplish and a jam packed schedule. I started the coffee that was in our room while Everest still slept. I walked into the bathroom showered, done my make up, and my hair.

I was sitting at my vanity thinking of what we could possibly do. Do we fight an unknown sizable army of Lycans, Wolves, and whatever else he has picked up along the way? Go into this blind? I really do not think that is the best option we have.

I sighed as I burnt my finger on my curling iron and looked at the burn.

'I need more coffee' I said to myself as I stood and walked out in my robe and saw Everest busy on his phone. He glanced up at me and smiled. I returned the smile to him as I poured and fixed my coffee.

"Good morning." The hint of sleep still lingering in his raspy deep voice.

"Good morning." I sipped my coffee and walked over to him, sitting down. "So I don't think we should go directly to war unknowingly or unaware of what he has. I do think, however, we should go and evacuate the wolf and Lycan packs and send them here to stay with the many hotels we have. We can give the hotels a generous donation for helping accommodate the needs of their territory. While we s out and see what Dexters numbers truly are."

He looked at me as he pondered the idea. "We will need to discuss this with our council leaders. It is a very good idea." He stated.

"I will bring it up to them. I think, well believe, that this is honestly our best option to preventing casualties from Dexter's wrath. We can have everyone train together, in obvious shifts until we are ready to go." I stood and walked to the closet to change.

"Where are you going?" He asked.

"To finish getting ready, well dressed I suppose. For the ceremony." I smiled and closed the door. I got ready and walked out of the room. Everest was already dressed and we walked down together.

The ceremony was quick and initiated me into the Royal family. It wasn't the crowning ceremony but it was without the crown. We would save that for when everyone could be present. I felt an instant connection when invited into the Royal Link. It was like a bright connecting wire literally tied me to my people.

"Feel any different?" Amber asked.

"I do in a not so big way just small. Like more connected to our people. It's weird explaining something that you can't really see to describe. It's just a feeling." I smiled  
"But I feel better knowing that I can communicate with our people now and not just one sided." | smiled.

I truly was happy as we walked behind Jameson and Everest discussing my idea. I overheard Jameson call the plan brilliant and it made me feel good inside.

"Well I want you there at the council meeting to help persuade them if they need it. Then you are in charge of gathering a scouting team to send out under your command. Take Ted if you need to, he may not admit it, but he is fantastic with details and spotting things others may have missed."

"Of course, Everest, anything we can do to help you guys out." Jameson responded.  
"Thank you, we really do appreciate it." I told him.

"Can't you over throw the council though Everest?" Amber asked him and he nodded.

"I can but it's frowned upon and creates friction where we don't need it. Especially now that Dexter has made a quick recovery and is back on the move. They really would disagree with us leaving the kingdom and want to close off all gates and be hermits." He paused and let out an aggravated sigh, "I am obviously not going to do that. My father, Goddess rest his soul, in his later years would send out his team of men. They would scout and bring back whatever he requested. I am more of boots on the ground kind of leader. I want to be right in the thick of it with my men."

"Of course you do babe. That is how our people learn to trust and look up to you. You're a great King to our people." I told Everest.

"Absolutely. One million percent. I agree." Jameson stated.

We gathered the papers of information that we organized and went to the council meeting. Everest and Jameson argued back and forth with the members of the council. Everest was right about one thing, they wanted to sit back and see what he was doing. I got annoyed at their unwillingness to help our people who needed protection.

I listened to both sides and decided to start looking deeper into their minds.

I went from member to member until I stumbled upon something that seemed interesting. Well, dangerous really and I glared at him. I felt the link open between Amber and myself

“You okay?” She asked me. “The man in navy, who is he?” I asked her.

“That is Mr. Wilde. He’s from one of the oldest families in our territory. Very rich and extremely powerful because of his position in the council. He is one that is super trusted throughout the castle. Why do you ask?” I saw her glance over at me, curious as to why! singled him out of everyone.

“He helped let the person from Dexter’s men to come in to help Ryder escape. He also was supposed to help Sarah as well, bit failed? The more I pry the more blurry it seems to be. But he did supply the guns and the silver bullets to Ryder and the person who helped him escape.” I told her honestly.

Amber gasped out loud and all eyes went to her. “Spider.” She stomped her foot and raked her shoe across the carpet. “Dead now. Just scared me. No worries.” She laughed it off and the guys went back to talking.

“Smooth, really smooth.” I laughed between our link.

“Sorry! You just took me by surprise. That wasn’t something I would of expected from him. He was super trusted with Everests father, friends even. Solam surprised you uncovered that.” She was angry with him, I could feel it through our link.

“Think they will leave for a moment if I ask the coucil members to leave?” I asked her.

“They may ask you why but you don’t have to tell them the reason. Or you can come up with a fake one on the spot.” She told me.

I stood and walked to the center of the room and smiled at them all. I spoke very softly to them, “Excuse me gentlemen, would you mind leaving us for just a little moment. I have received an important private message from my brother and need to share the information. It is very important and brings news of a friend.” They nodded and left the room. I waited until the door closed and looked at Amber then the guys.

I decided to use my linking and linked them all three of them into the conversation

“Okay.” I started and they both looked confused. “Eves droppers.” /explained quickly before they opened their mouths to actually speak out where others could hear.

“Ohh.” They both said in unison.

“So Amber already knows this and this is the reason she gasped. The man who was the most pushy against what you were saying, Mr. Wilde / think is his name? He is guilty of

letting in one of Dexter's men as a guard, he is the one who presented the gun with silver bullets to Dexter's man and to Ryder."

— I watched their faces change into a pure rage. Hair began to sprout on their arms shifting to fur as they were both beginning to shift.

"Go get them!" Everest roared as he was in mid shift.

I nodded my head and walked outside. The men nodded and followed me back inside. I shut the door immediately and they stopped. They looked at me in fear because Everest was stalking toward them.

"Only one of you should be afraid right now. One of you have committed a treasonous crime and have become a traitor. You all know that means death." My eyes narrowed on the man who was guilty.

He looked absolutely terrified and was shaking where he stood, He went to start shifting but Everest clutched him by the throat, cutting off most of his air supply.

"Why!?" He growled. "Why would you help the man who killed my father, your friend!"

The older man gasped for air and clawed at Everest's hands, trying his best to free him.

Everest slammed him on the ground and Jameson quickly picked him up, and detained his hands. Jameson faced the older man to Everest.

"Sarah." Was all he said. "Sarah?" Everest was just as confused as everyone else.

"Yes, she is family. A cousin, maybe third. Her father told me to set them free. But only Ryder was able to get free, they left her behind when the guards were able to gain access in. Ted made sure of that. They left her behind." He closed his eyes and it made sense why Sarah was hesitant on telling us anything at all.

I watched as Everest realized the entire thing. The council members were angry with him, I was angry with him, everyone in the room was just angry.

"I will not fight you. I will take my punishment. I understand what that might be and if it's death, let it be quick." He said in the most calm voice there was.

"Guards! In here!" Everest's voice boomed through the room, echoing off the walls. The sound caused myself and Amber to flinch at the loudness of his voice. The men came rushing in quickly as I am sure they heard what was going on previously.

"Take Mr. Wilde into custody, search him for any weapons, and then bring him to the prison cells below. Please use caution, this one likes to carry silver." His words were laced with poison that shot out like daggers.

The guards searched him and took him away. The other three council members looked amongst themselves almost as if in a silent conversation. One stepped up and looked between the four of us before he cleared his throat to speak.

“You want to go out there and now we see why. You don’t know who to trust in this trying time. The only ones you can trust are within your private circle. You have our approval to whatever means necessary. Whatever it takes to get our fellow people out safe and out of harms way, we will ensure happens. Even if it means taking them into the human territory until we are ready, we will pay the human hotels every single day until this is over. Our people is our responsibility. Do what you must, but please be careful. This Dexter is wild and obviously very dangerous.”

Everest walked over to the three of them and shook their hands, thanking them each. I knew it was time to get ready. Ready to leave and onto a new mission and a new purpose. It was going to be a long next few days as we rush to evacuate packs but it has to be done. This is something that we can not fail.

We would need to go with an army of warriors at our sides, just in case we ran into Dexter along the way. A small part of me hoped that we would. That small part also wanted to destroy the bastard and rip him to pieces.

We couldn’t risk going alone and getting caught behind enemy lines. This mission was going to be very risky and dangerous. I couldn’t be more excited as my Lycan craved revenge and stirred inside.

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Everything seemed to move quickly after we left the council meeting. Mr. Wilde was in custody, we touched base with Sarah and told her what had happened with her distant cousin. She hung her head and sighed

“It was something I was ashamed of. I am very sorry for the headache my family including myself has caused you both.”

When we left there we went down to the training ground where they were loading up the vehicles. I felt Charlotte stirring inside, itching to get out, ‘Soon you will be running and let free. We will get our revenge on that bastard.’ I promised her.

After we finished helping in loading our SUV we walked to the training grounds where our warriors were waiting for us. They were instructed to bring a backpack filled with

necessary items for a very long trip. When we walked in together heads were bowed and the room quickly went silent as a sign of respect towards us. It was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop in the far corners of the room. You could feel everyone was anxious to know what was going on and where we were going. We did not give them much information to go off of. Jameson and Amber were already there waiting for us to arrive. I gave them both a quick smile as we walked by them and to the center stage. They followed right behind us and walked towards the stage.

The tension in the air was thick, so thick you could cut it with a knife. As we passed by the warriors I felt their eyes on us. We walked up on the stage and I looked around, a three-sixty view of our strongest, most capable, and bravest warriors. I was proud of them and I said a quick silent prayer to the Moon Goddess to keep all of us safe during our extraction mission.

I listened to Everest as he began speaking to our group, his voice booming across the crowd, "Thank you everyone for joining us on such short notice. I know that rumors have been flying around. We are here to not only inform you of what we are doing here today but to catch you all up to speed."

I listened as my eyes scanned the room. Several, well most were listening and paying close attention, hanging onto Everest's every word. Some were looking at me curious, which was understandable considering I have not been formally introduced to the Kingdom until now.

"As you may know me and a few warriors and surrounding packs went on a mission recently to retrieve my mate and your now Queen." Everest looked over to me for a moment before turning back to the warriors. He walked in the wide circle, including every single person in the room on his speech.

"Dexter from the Southern Territory has went Rouge and become very dangerous. He killed his own father and attempted to murder his very own brother. Dexter is responsible for the murder of my father, the two guards, helping with the escapee Ryder to be set free, the young Lycan clerk worker at the clothing store, the two male warriors in my security detail, and the kidnapping of my mate, your Queen, Avalynn. He is trying to overthrow our Kingdom, our territory. When he is done with us he plans on overthrowing his brother in the south. The mission was successful in returning Avalynn but also a failure when Dexter was able to escape."

Everest paused and looked out at the crowd as they were digesting the information they received. You could feel the anger in them. I walked up now to speak, I don't know where it came from but I needed them to hear from me. I knew what Everest was wanting to say to them.

"Warriors today we ask you here, ready to carry out another mission with us. The road ahead may be dangerous make no mistake of that. Dexter has licked and cleaned his wounds and is back at it again. He is moving through the eastern coast of our territory.

He is killing innocents who refuse to work with them and their families. He's pushing towards the Lycan pack of Sir Brennon who is making threats, has infiltrated the Lycan Packs Council members. He is threatening to help Dexter, overthrow your King, and kill every person standing in their way. Now I ask you in this time of need to help us rescue these families who are in the direct path of their destruction to conquer what is yours what is ours. This may be a rescue mission but we could very well clash with Sir Brennon or Dexter along the way. So stay aware, be alert, and never let your guard down."

I stepped back and looked at the crowd in front of us. I had walked circles around the stage as I talked to the crowd. I looked now as they all discussed what was going on. They were angry, furious, and ready to fight for the cause. I was proud of them all, as they were ready to put their life on the line to help others.

Everest took my hand in his and whispered "Good job my love. You have inspired them today. They will follow you through hell fire now." He let my hand go and stepped up to the group. He raised his hands and silence was soon brought through the crowd of people. "Warriors, during this journey we will be bringing warrior wolves and Lycans with us. As we speak now Avalynns brother Alpha Josh and Luna Claire are on their way here to help out with our people in our absence. I have already hand picked thirty or so warriors to stay behind to help protect, serve, and direct incoming fleeing families. Word is that some have already fled looking for protection. The hotels around are already aware and have open doors ready to serve. Everyone will be meeting outside in the next hour. We have a team of SUVs to carry what we need along the way. We also have another team of SUVs to carry back the weak or the elderly and children who can not shift. See you all in an hour. If you have questions please see either myself, Jameson, or Ted. Ted will be leaving with the scouting team in thirty minutes." He stepped back and everyone started filtering out of the room one by one.

They spoke amongst themselves as they left. I had a woman approach me, she was tall with long dark hair that was pulled high up in a ponytail. "Queen?" She asked for me.

"Yes?" I didn't know her name and smiled politely at her.

"I just wanted to say that we all are very thankful for your safety and that you are brave enough to face this monster of a Lycan head on." I looked past her and several women were standing there and I smiled at them all.

"Thank you. I do believe that he deserves to be brought to justice." I told the group.

"We agree. I am Angela, these are my close group of friends who are the female trainers. We would like to be your personal security team through this process. When we stop we will help you train and build your skills if you would like." She bowed her head and I felt excitement run through me.

“Givr me one second to discuss this with my mate, it will have to be his final approval.” I told them. “Just wait right here one second.” I looked over to Everest and he was with Jameson answering questions. I walked over to him and the warriors moved aside as I approached, making room for me to pass.

“Excuse us for a moment please.” I took Everest by the hand and led him away from the group. “So Angela and the group of female warriors have asked, well volunteered to be my personal security team and to help train when we are able to along the way.” I told him and he smiled.

“Really? That’s impressive. Angela is hard-core and the best female warrior we have. The women trainers we have are the best around, I feel that you would be completely safe in their care. They’re hard-core and vicious, you could learn a lot in just a small amount of time. If it is what you want then do it.” He kissed my head.

“So you approve?” I looked up to him.

“I do, but do you approve of them?” He questioned and I nodded my head. “Then go tell them the good news.” — I walked off to them and Amber had join the group. I remembered seeing her when we were training and she was pretty bad ass herself. Of course she would know them I thought to myself. I approached the group and they all looked at me.

“So?” Amber said excitedly. “What did he say?”

“He said the final decision is up to me. That every single one of you are absolute ass kickers and hard-core. With that said I would be honored if you ladies assisted me as my security detail along this mission. Congratulations, ladies! You all have the promotion and title as Royal Security Detail Queens Divison.” I shook their hands and we heard the bell ringing. It was time to head outside.

We looked around and everyone was there and loading up the SUVs with their things. Twelve more SUVs pulled up behind the ones we had. Those must be the transporting team. I realized the scouting team had already slipped off ahead of us. I walked and stood next to Everest as he spoke to the crows again.

“Remember everyone this mission could be dangerous so it is imperative that you keep your eyes and ears open. Anything suspicious needs to be reported through the link immediately. If it is suspicious activity be sure to remain calm as to not alert them that you know they’re there. A higher rank will be at your side immediately to scout the activity and take action if it is an immediate threat to our group. Make sure when we stop you eat, get your water intake, stretch, and train. Stay focused, stay safe. This mission can not happen without you. Let us shift and begin our mission.” Everest shifted and I shifted with him. We

stood together as we watched everyone shift around us.



When it was finally time and everyone was shifted we began to run to the forest. It sounded like thunder through the woods. Growling, anger, fury, and hatred was felt through our open link. Communication between my security detail had a direct link to myself and to Everest. We ran quickly and efficiently, we were faster than the SUVs who had to stay on the paved roads.

We would reach the pack that was destroyed before nightfall. The SUVs would be pushing ahead to the next pack and begin evacuation of the first pack. We would do our investigation and search for any survivors.

We could smell the burning miles out. I felt uneasy as Charlotte ran harder and faster towards the smell. We had adrenalin flowing through our veins. My security team and myself pushed ourselves faster and soon we were pulling away from the pack. As we were reached about two miles out we stumbled upon dead bodies that had clearly been murdered. It appeared to be a family as a mother, children, and a male, probably the father, had deep Claw wounds. Claw wounds to their stomach and throats to ensure they died. I closed my eyes as we squat down to them. The direction they were headed was toward the kingdom.

I felt a tear stream down our cheek as I looked at the children.

Charlotte let out a growl as Everest and his team came next to us and I linked for us to keep moving. I feared that we would not find any survivors if this was what he was doing. We began running again. We passed more dead bodies along the way, these families were fleeing to safety and I felt that we had failed them.

When we approached the gates of the pack we approached cautiously. Although Ted and his scout team has been here, they didn't search the entire place. They deemed it safe for us to enter but that goes without saying that no one reentered the place after they left, going to the next pack.

We sat still and listened for any movements or displacement for what felt like an hour but was really only a few minutes. Only thing that could be heard was the burning and smoldering sound of the packs buildings. We pushed open the gate and I couldn't believe what we saw. It was the absolute look of a war zone that you would see in pictures. Burned buildings and rubble were everywhere, as far as the eye could see. We had to be extra careful as we walked into the gate. We had to be on the lookout for any traps or explosives. We rounded a corner and I couldn't believe what I saw.

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When we rounded the corner I couldn't believe what I saw. Two children, one carrying a small teddy bear, and in footed dirty pj's, wandering out in the street. The other had on shorts and a slashed t-shirt, he was a few years older than the other it appeared. I instantly shifted to my human form, showing them I mean them no harm. They stood frozen in fear at the group of Lycans behind me. I gave my warriors a small signal to stand down and they took a few steps away. They gave me the space I needed to be able to have a safe conversation with the children. We didn't want to scare them off and not be able to get them the help they very obviously needed.

"Hello little ones." I spoke softly to them. "Are you hurt?" I asked them both. There was dried blood on their face and on their clothes they wore. I honestly couldn't tell by looking at them if their tattered clothing had their blood or someone else's blood on them. They both shook their head, but when they moved I could see wounds that were slowly healing. Being young children they didn't have the aggressive healing trait triggered yet.

"My brother is. My big brother is hurt. We, we, left him behind to get a bandaide. He can't get up to walk so we left to find it for him. He said he needed a big big bandaid. We can't find him one though." The older of the two told me.

"Your big brother? Can you take me to him, please? We have a medical staff and medical supplies to help him. I am positive we have just what he needs." I told them both. He nodded and turned around and began walking very carefully in the direction of where I assume his older brother was located. "I can take you. I remember the way." He said confidently.

"Who are you?" He looked over at me, his hand was tightly holding onto his younger siblings hand, afraid to let him go. I honestly couldn't blame him, he has been through the absolute worst.

"My name is Avalynn. I am the mate to King Everest." I responded to him and he stopped walking, turning to get a better look at me.

"So, you're the Queen? Oh my Goddess Bryan. Look she is here to help us!" I felt excitement in his voice as he walked faster. I could feel the hope growing in them both. We reached a broken house that had a large crack going through it and the roof was also partially caved in. The front door was busted in and I could smell blood, lots of blood. We walked inside and looked around the broken home.

"Bubba. We are back. The Queen is with us. She is here to help, help you!" He walked in calling out to his brother and I followed him inside. As we approached a young teen, maybe fifteen or sixteen, he laid on the ground with a pool of blood surrounding him. He had deep wounds all over his body, and something tied around his arm, coated in blood. I realized that his arm was ripped from his body and my hands went to my mouth out of

shock. I could not believe what I was actually seeing. The young boys eyes landed to me and a small smile was on his face.

He struggled to breathe and I turned around screaming for the medical team to get in the home quickly. "We need the medical team in here now! Hurry, we do not have time to waste!" I ordered them.

The medical team charged in and I took the hands of the younger siblings and passed them off to Amber. She stood at the door opening smiling to them both and squatted to their level.

"This is Amber, she is my very good friend and she is super nice! She is going to make sure you get some food in you and some water and whatever else you want you can have. We will make sure you both get cleaned up and then we will check you for any wounds." || smiled at them and they hugged me tightly.

"Thank you for rescuing us." He said softly. "Is my brother going to be okay?"

I thought for a moment, searching for the right words that he could understand. I knew that I couldn't lie to him and give him false hope so the truth would have to do. "Our medical team will do absolutely everything in their power to save his life. They will work very hard, I will make sure that they do everything they can."

"He has to make it, he protected us. He hid us and even though he scratched us with a knife and told us to play dead so those bad men would ignore us. You know what they did? They walked over our bodies as if they didn't see us just like he said they would."

My eyes closed for a moment as I was trying not to cry for them. These three boys were so very brave and so very lucky to be alive. Their brother was their hero with his fast thinking. I looked at them both again "I will tell them to do everything to save your hero of a brother. Now do something for me, please? Eat and hydrate and try to rest, okay? I will have someone take you to the Kingdom soon."

"Yes ma'am we can do that Queen Avalynn." They gave me another hug and walked away with Amber. I walked back inside after I composed myself as the medical team were still attempting to stop his arm from bleeding. I looked at him and feared that he wouldn't make it.

The link of the medical staff drifted through my mind "Queen Avalynn, his outcome is not looking so great. He has lost a lot of blood and is very, very pale. I fear he may not make it through the night. Although if he does make it through tonight, he has a chance. It would be a slim chance but still a chance."

"Please do not let him know any of this. We do not need him to stop fighting the good fight to live. He saved his younger brothers lives, he is a hero to them, a hero to me." I told her,

She went back to working quickly with her team as she tightened the tourniquet around the upper part of his severed arm. Another staff member injected him with a needle I assume for the pain he was having. I sat next to him and pushed his hair back away from his face and eyes and his head turned up to look at me.

He took a ragged breath before he spoke “Are you really the Queen?” I smiled “Not officially yet, but King Everest is my fated mate.”

“That is close enough. You don’t need a fancy shmancy ceremony for that.” He coughed and took a gasp of air.

“You’re a hero, did you know that? Because of your quick thinking, you saved your little brothers lives. They are so very proud of you. How old are you?” I told him and he smiled.

“Sixteen in two weeks.” He told me and he looked back at his arm that was gone. “Do you think if I find my fated mate that she will reject me?” He looked back at me as his eyes filled with tears. Ahh yes, Wolves can begin searching for their mates at sixteen.

“Let me tell you something, if she rejects you, she is an i\*\*\*t. Who would reject someone who will be given a hero medal of honor or sacrifice from the King and Queen?” His eyes widened as he looked at me.

“What? Me? A hero? I- I am not a hero. I just done what I felt is right.” He had tears streaming down his cheeks. “I couldn’t help my parents, I watched the evil man kill them before he sent his men into the homes to kill all the children. I had to save my brothers so I smashed our windows and I cut them where it wouldn’t kill them and smeared blood all over them I told them to not say a word until they were long gone. Even when they caught me, they were quiet.” His voice cracked as he fought his emotions.

“Well what you done to protect your siblings made you that awesome hero. You absolutely deserve this, but you need to stay strong for me. Can you do that..?” I paused and realized I didn’t know his name.

“My name is Trevor, Queen Avalynn.”

— “Trevor, can you promise me that you will stay strong so you can go to your own ceremony? You did everything in your power to protect those two. Absolutely outstanding. Your parents, though they are not here are so very proud of you.” I pushed his hair back again and he nodded his head.

“I can do that for you, for my brothers.” He smiled though tears were streaming down his face.

“Good, now get some rest for me while they work on getting you fixed and transported to the nearest hospital. Good job protecting them, I am very proud of you.” I watched as he closed his eyes but the monitor of his heart still beeped. The medicine they gave him must have started to kick in as he was soon asleep. I stood up and let the staff work and do their best on him.

“Please if one of you would notify me of any changes. Also when you take him to the nearest hospital tell them the King and Queen will be paying all medical expenses for him. I want him to have the very best care.” I told the lead medical team member Brit.

“Yes of course Queen Avalynn. Also, the transport van will be here in about forty minutes or so.” She told me.

“Thank you Brit. Keep up the hard work. I need to go see what other help needs to be done out there.” I left them but before walking out of the house I turned to look at the young boy and prayed he would make it.

I stepped out and saw my mate walking towards me. “Is he going to make it?” he asked.

I felt all of my emotions rush to the surface, I had to stay strong for him and tears threatened to spill down my cheeks. My voice broke as I spoke, “I am not sure. I told him he would have to so he could get the King and Queens medal of honor and sacrifice. He saved his younger siblings. How are they?” I looked around for them and saw them sitting on the tailgate of a random truck eating.

“The boys? They’re fine, hungry, a few little scrapes and cuts but they’re fine.” He told me.

“Good. I am worried about their brother, Trevor. If he makes it through tonight then he has a slim chance of making it.” I sighed.

“He will make it. No doubt about it.” He wrapped me in a hug and the tears began flowing instantly and freely.

“I told them that we are paying for any financial needs they may have for him at the nearest hospital” I looked up to him and he nodded his head.

“Let us walk and help look for any other survivors.” He took my hand and we walked all along the pack. It was complete destruction everywhere you looked. As we walked I told him what Trevor done after he witnessed Dexter murdering his parents. As we walked through the small wolf pack the windows were smashed, the vehicles set on fire, and big holes in the walls of buildings. Death was everywhere we turned and everywhere we looked. The only survivors were the three brothers.

I sighed and felt so defeated after we walked the entire territory. I have never seen so much evil before. This is insane. Dexter has taken it too far. We need to catch him and

end him. How does he think that this is acceptable? Why would anyone see this as acceptable?

“I want to rip his throat out! Why all the innocent blood shed? Why hurt these babies?!” Charlotte howled in my mind.

Tears streamed down my face silently. I heard the sound of a vehicle approaching and we ran towards the noise. As we approached the staff was bringing out Trevor on a cot. He was awake. I looked at Brit and she linked me “The van took longer than anticipated.

Apparently there are downed power lines and trees from where they were coming from.”

I nodded to her and walked over to the cot and held my hand up for them to stop walking, “Remember to stay strong for me, okay? You got this. Your brothers are safe and will be heading to the Kingdom. Get some rest and I will see you in a few days to check on you, okay?”

He smiled and nodded his head, “I’ll be strong. I want to visit the Kingdom for my medal.”

I pushed his hair back again away from his face and motioned for them to take him. Everest wrapped his arm around me and I leaned my head against his shoulder. “He’s going to make it.” I said out loud.

“He has to make it.” I heard Everest Whisper to me. I stood in his arms as tears

streamed from down my cheeks. Damn it they just wouldn’t stop, but this left me feeling broken. It reminded me of the stories that were told to me about my own family. No one deserves this.

Our warriors looked worn out as they all prepared to leave. We wouldn’t be going too far this evening, just far enough to reach a clearing big enough for all of us to sleep. We preferred if it was on a hillside somewhere, that way we could see all around us. I wrote in my little book to revisit and rebuild the pack once things settled down.

We all shifted and moved away from the broken little wolf town. We walked until the sun was gone and the moon was high in the sky. We finally reached our destination and we slept in our Lycan form. It was safer that way. If we were to be attacked, we wouldn’t have to take time to shift. Charlotte cuddled right up and we were out pretty quickly. Our souls were tired and we needed the small break from what our reality was today.

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I didn't sleep well, my memories of the days events played in my mind. I decided to get up around almost 5. I wanted to shift but knew I was safest while Charlotte was out. This was especially true since I wanted to walk around the camp. The sun was already closing the door on the darkness, light stretching across the horizon. The minute that Charlotte stood to stretch our muscles Everests Lycan, Connor stirred as his side went cold from the lack of heat we let off.

He let out a loud yawn sound and continued to stretch his muscles standing next to us. We nuzzled one another and walked quietly together around the camp. We checked on all of the members and made sure everyone was safe and sound. We made sure there was no quiet surprise attacks while we slept.

We finally found us a quiet spot to sit together, still in our Lycan forms as we watched the sun finish rising in the sky. Charlotte leaned against Connor as a deep vibrating noise of approval and content radiated through his body. We all took this moment of peace in together.

The sunrise reminded me of the peace there will be soon, once things are said and done. There is a beautiful side of the world and not all is lost and ugly. The world may have evil, yes, but the world also has a lot of good in it too. I vowed to be the good in the world.

I would show mercy when mercy could be given but hard when swift justice should be made. Evil would not find its way into my heart, even when having to face it head on.

"What about when you have to kill someone." Charlotte teased and I frowned at her.

"If we have to kill someone, it was to either protect myself, loved ones, and members of our community, or because justice would be served. Do not get being a good leader with a weak hearted full." I felt her nod of approval.

"Good because I plan on serving some justice when we see that Lil devil." She huffed outloud causing Connor to look at our way.

I linked them both "We were both just discussing my new outlook in wanting to be the kindness and good the world needs. Charlotte still wants to make sure our justice would still be served." I laughed through the link.

I felt both their approval through the link as they moved closer to us. Connor nipped at Charlotte playfully. They have still yet to seal their mating bond and I stepped back giving Charlotte full control. I felt Everest do the same as they ran through the woods together.

They still stayed close to the camp but far enough away from prying eyes and listening ears. They played and ran together until they found a nice spot and completed their mating bond. We were fully whole, forever bonded together by the fates and the Moon Goddess. When we came back to the camp people were already getting ready for the day. Charlotte

Chapter 39 and Connor walked side by side their tails intertwining with one another. I could feel their love for one another, it felt just like mine and Everests love for one another.

They nuzzled before splitting and shifting into our human forms to address the group and be able to eat a proper breakfast. I felt Charlotte retreat happily into the back of our mind. She was so incredibly happy, it was almost scary. She was always so hard-core, angry and revengeful that it was nice to finally see her completely happy.

As I was walking over to where the food was being cooked Amber joined me. "Have you heard the good news?"

"I have not, is it of Trevor?" I asked hopefully.

"It is, he made it through the night. I got the message three minutes ago. I came directly to you." She gave me a hug.

"How are the brothers doing?" I asked her.

"Oh they are fine. Excited to be leaving for the Kingdom today. We wanted to wait to see what was going on with Trevor before we shipped them to the Kingdom. That way if he wasn't going to make it, they could say their final goodbyes."

"It was for the best. At least they got to say good bye and see you soon, today." I smiled at that thought. I knew I promised I would see him soon and I need to make good on that promise. In a few more days I would make the trip with Everest and our warriors to spend an entire day there. Give them a day of rest and a decent hot meal and hot shower.

"You're right. When are you going to see him?" She asked me, as if she was trying to read my mind.

"In a few days, probably after we evacuate the next two packs. All of us are going." I threw a piece of bacon on my plate.

"All of us?" Shd seemed confused.

"Yep. That way everyone can have a day of rest and clean up and relax some. This is stressful for everyone involved." I sighed "I wish I could have killed that jerk so we could have avoided all of this."



“It isn’t your fault he drugged you Ava.” She put her hand on my shoulder.

“I know I just, wish I could have.” I clenched my jaw, the feeling of anger rushing into my blood stream.

“If you would have tried something you may not be here today. You did the right thing. You played him like a fiddle and he believed everything you said to him. This, all this destruction is not your fault. Please do not blame yourself.” She hugged me after I sat my food down. I hugged her tightly in return.

We took our food and sat down under a tree. I had a granola bar, an apple, a water with a tropical fruit punch enhancer, bacon, sausage, and eggs. It was pretty tasty considering it was cooked over an open flame.

My stomach felt happy and I felt my energy level rise. Everest sat down next to us and he was chewing his food. Jameson joined us shortly after and we sat in our small circle our security teams not too far away from us. We ate until we were all satisfied and had small talk about our current situations.

Ted sent Everest a text and he summed it up for us, “He basically said that it seems that Dexters men were keeping close to the coast line. Depending on which direction he chooses there were two different packs to evacuate. He suggested that we should push ourselves hard and evacuate them both. As soon as we possibly could. They’re both small packs one is Lycan and the other is wolves.” He looked at us all.

“Obviously we help the wolf pack first, Lycans are stronger and faster than wolves so if something was to happen then they could hold their own more easily.” I blurted out.

“She has a point.” Jameson agreed with me. “They would be more likely to hit a wolf pack versus a small but still strong and capable Lycan pack.”

We all watched as Everest thought of these both and after a moment nodded his head. “Yeah. That is true. He would be able to bully a wolf pack more than a Lycan pack.”

He stood and paced in front of us, contemplating all his choices.

“Yep, that’s it, let’s get them ready to go. We need to leave with in the next hour.” He outstretched his arm and I took it as we stood. I felt his link go through my mind telling everyone to be ready within the hour.

I watched all around us as our warriors began to clean up the mess we had made. Soon it looked as if we were never really there. Everest had received a message from Ted telling us that Dexter and his men were still at their camp.

“Time to shift and move on. We are heading to Blue Moon Wolf Pack. Remember to always be alert and ready for the unexpected. Now, let’s shift and get to our destination.” Everest’s link cut as we all shifted into our Lycan forms.

I could feel the positive energy radiating from our warriors as we walked to the front of the group. We moved and pushed through the forest; the trees snapped and bushes were demolished into nothingness from our running. Luckily we didn’t feel much of it as our Lycans were strong and tough. If we did our accelerated healing helped in our protection.

It didn’t take us too long, only a few hours of hard running to reach the wolf pack. When we crossed into their territory we were met immediately by the wolves guarding their territory line. Everest sent out his aurora and they quickly fell in line and ran with us. I am sure alerting how fast we were moving.

Time was our enemy and we were working against the clock. We made to the packhouse in, I am sure, a record set time. The Alpha and his Luna, the beta, or anyone else who should be present were missing still.

I shifted back into my human form as well as Everest. I turned to look at our warriors and shook my head and linked them all “Please stay in your lycan forms. We will need to get to work quickly once we get the ball rolling. Please stay alert, we don’t know what could happen.” I shut the link down as we were walking to the front door of the packhouse.

As we were midway up the steps the door flung open and out rushed a middle aged Alpha and his Luna following closely behind was their four children, three girls and a son. “King Everest and Queen Avalynn. I am very sorry we were not expecting you to be here so fast.” They bowed to us and Everest went straight into business mode.

“Daniel, good to see you. I need an important word with you about your pack. Care to join me in your office so we can discuss matters?” You could tell by looking at him that he was very serious. They both turned to walk away.

He linked me “Please walk with their Luna to her conference room. She will need to know how dangerous this situation is for her and her children. We won’t be long, love. Her name is Bridget.

“Can do, love.” I replied.

“Bridget?” I smiled as her attention turned to me. “Care to show me into your office that way we can make a plan after I tell you what is going on.”

I watched as she nodded and looked at her children asking “Is it serious? About the attacks?”

gave a small nod to her and watched her pale. "Okay. My loves will you please go pack a bag. Make sure you are able to carry it with you." She turned and was speaking to her

children before walking with me. I followed her to her office and we sat down in the chairs.

"So the Rouge Royal Dexter completely demolished another Wolf Pack closer to the coast." I paused and watched her facial expressions turn into fear.

"My Goddess, were there any survivors?" She asked me.

"Yes. Three brothers. The oldest name is Trevor. Trevor sustained life threatening injuries but we were able to get to him in time and he is in a bigger pack with a great hospital staff. He told me he watched his parents die and needed to think of something quick to save his brothers. They are fine and are safely traveling to the Kingdom to be taken care of." I told her.

"Trevor? Which pack is this?" She seemed like she knew the name. "It was the Cresting Moon Wolf Pack." I stated.

Her hands went to her mouth and she had a tear slide down her face. "That is my brother's pack." She cried.

I felt the instinct was to hug her and did so. She had tears streaming down her face. Her forehead was on my shoulder when her mate and mine came busting into the room.

"Bridget, my love, I am so sorry about your brother." She stood and went into his arms as he held her tightly. "But we must go. We need to warn our people, now. We must leave soon. Our warriors and myself will be going with Everest. You must lead the rest back to the Kingdom. Back to our nephews who are needing you." His hands were cupped against either side of her face as he spoke to her.

I watched as her eyes closed and she gathered herself. When she opened her eyes, blinking away the remainder of her tears, she nodded her head. "Let's get going, time is wasting." She pushed her hurt and feelings aside as we all left the room.

When we went down, word quickly spread that the Lycan King and Queen were visiting. The surrounding open space was covered with the pack, anxious to see a glimpse of the Royals and wondering why we were here.

We walked out and stood out on the tops of the steps. My hand was in Everest's as he looked out at the crowd. Daniel and Bridget were right next to us as they looked out to the crowd.

"Not everyone is here, give them a few more minutes." Daniel said quietly and Everest nodded.

I watched Daniel's eyes glaze over as he was linking his pack. Soon his eyes went normal and he watched as more people crowded in the open yard.

"Okay, everyone is here now." He said to us and Everest nodded his head and cleared his throat preparing to speak to the wolves.

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Everyone in the pack gathered in the courtyard. You could sense the uneasy and curious feelings they all had. Everest let my hand go and it dropped to my side as I watched him step forward to speak to them all.

"Good Evening everyone. I know your Alpha said that we had urgent news to discuss with you all and this is true. The decision we have come to, together is not an easy one to make but is the best choice and option we could think of for the entire pack. We are ordering a mass evacuation of everyone in this pack? effective immediately. Take essential items like clothing and self care items with you." The crowd whispering grew into a dull roar

as the feeling became a panic situation.

Everest raised his hands in the air to motion them to settle and they quickly done as he instructed. Please, do not panic, this move is due to the Royal Rouge Lycan, Dexter, who wants to claim all as his own. He kidnapped my mate and we retrieved her. It appears that he will stop at nothi g until he gets what he wants." He turned and gave me a small smile and everyone looked at me. He returned to look at the pack and continued speaking, "We just came from another pack where he murdered hundreds of lives. There were only three survivors and they have been moved to a safe location. We are trying to protect you all from the same fate. Those who will be staying with our Lycan Warriors are the elite pack warriors. We need the rest of the pack members to go and help back at the Kingdom. Please, go pack and be back in exactly one hour. We leave then." Everest stepped back and took my hand as the crowd hurriedly evacuated the yard to go pack.

Everest looked over at Daniel, "Please have your elite warriors here in forty-five minutes so they and you can be fully briefed by Jameson on our plan." He nodded as his eyes glazed over, linking his elite warriors.

We walked back inside with the Alpha and Luna and sat at a conference table, Jameson and Amber met us there. We briefed the two on our detailed plan of where we were

going to next. After that if Dexter chooses to overtake this pack he will be in rage mode and move to the Lycan pack next pretty quickly. That is where we are going next, to evacuate the weak and then we are going to a safe location to rest up before making the push to Sir Brennon and his Lycan pack to bring him to justice. Thankfully there isn't any known packs between the Lycan pack and Sir Brennon's. Dexter and Brennon are working together to conquer the Northern territory." We watched them for a moment and Bridget turned to her mate.

"Please, do not abandon us. This Dexter took out my entire Brothers Pack, please do not go." She was moved to tears again.

I watched Daniel move closer to his mate and press his forehead against hers "You know my duties is to lead my pack in the right direction. Who would I be if I sent our strongest and stayed behind? I can not do this darling. Take good care of our children and my nephews while you are in the Kingdom. Go and get your things I will see you in fifteen minutes." He kissed her before she left and he looked back at us.

"Will she be safe in the Kingdom?" He asked Everest.

Everest nodded his head "She will be very safe there. Have no fear your mate and children will be safe once they reach their destination."

"I will see you in a moment, let me help her with her things and my children's things. I will be right down." He stood, bowed his head and left the room.

"It is hard to be uprooted from the life you know, uncertain of what the future holds for you." I stated aloud as I watched the door that was closed now. I felt Everest's eyes on me and felt him wondering what I could have meant. I turned and sighed "When my mother died, my life changed for a second time. I was bullied by that ridiculous pup Ryder and his circle of i\*\*\*t friends. My brother wouldn't have anything to do with me and left me to fend for myself. I struggled every single day. Hell when you met me in the woods that day at the waterfall, I was ready to end all of my suffering. But you were there and I found you, well you found me I guess. Then I find out that I am not a weak human but a lost Royal Lycan. You sweep me away to an unknown Kingdom where I was terrified if I would even be accepted. I am and I grow to love where I am, only to be snatched away again and fearful of what my future could end up being. I can relate to the way they are both feeling I guess is what all of this boils down to. It is not a great feeling to have." I felt tears sting my eyes as I recall on the emotional roller coaster these last few months have been. It hasn't been for the faint of heart. I do realize, however, that I have grown and become stronger for going through it, not only for myself but my people. I would walk through hell's fire for my people and fight until my last breath for them too. I stood and walked over to the big window as I watched the wolves begin to gather out in the courtyard.

"The elites are here, we must go." I said softly as I turned and Everest was standing right behind me. He was so close I couldn't believe I hadn't heard him come up behind

He pushed a loose strand of hair away as his eyes searched my face. His head dipped down as his lips met mine softly. I smiled against his lips as his arms wrapped around my waist. He pulled away and I looked up to him.

“You are an incredible woman, please don’t ever forget that, okay? I know you have been through some terrible s\*\*t. I will make it better for you and for our future.” He dipped down and kissed me again.

When he parted my hand rested upon his shoulder, “Thank you, for everything my love.”

He hugged me to his chest. “Lets get this briefing over with, shall we?”

I didn’t answer him right away as my arms tightened around his waist. He didn’t say anything and just held me tightly against him, I needed this weird form of therapy. It felt as if he was healing my wounds with his love. After a few moments, when I felt satisfied enough to tackle this next part of this mission, I let him go and we joined the packs group of elites.

They bowed their heads as we both approached. I scanned and there seemed to be about sixty of them gathered. This was a decent amount considering the pack was small in size, it suprised me. I stayed back in the background with Amber and we watched my mate and hers team up in the debriefing. They covered everything that they needed to know, from the beginning to where we want to end up at. Not a single one of them winced or looked frightened.

“You will stay with your Alpha in the center of our group as we travel to the Lycan pack. You are better protected this way, especially against a Lycan ambush. If you are traveling outside, you do not stand a chance against a Lycan. It would take at the very least three of you to take down a single Lycan warrior. Remember that on the battlefield. Use your linking capabilities to use teamwork to overthrow whatever comes our way.”

“Yes King Everest.” They all replied in unison.

“Now.” I clapped my hands together and stepped forward. Their attention snapping to me, “Let us go tell the remainder of your fellow pack members fare well. Amber will be leading your pack members and your Luna to the Kingdom. Along with a few of our Lycan Warriors. Your mates, friends, and loved ones will be safe on the route they are taking.” | assured them. “Once they reach the kingdom Amber and the others will rejoin us back out here. Let’s take a few moments to say our farewells.” I motioned to the front gate as they all stood and left.

“Amber I will keep a link open just for you. Please be careful. You know all the different ways back to the Kingdom. If it seems iffy, please change your direction and link your mate, myself, or Everest and we will turn around to come help.” I told her and embraced her in a hug. “Please take two of my security guards with you, it would make me feel better.” | smiled.

“Are you sure? I feel like they would better protect you.” She protested.

“I have all of this.” I motioned around “Besides you are traveling a long ways there and back.”

“Yeah, okay. You’re right. Thank you Avalynn. It means a lot.” She smiled and we all walked out to the courtyard together.

We stayed silent as we watched the heart wrenching goodbyes. I couldn’t help but to feel this would be the last time some would see the ones they love. I know they all knew this too, the sixty brave elite fighters leaving today may not be here with us in the weeks to come. I crossed my arms and chewed at my bottom lip, lost in my thoughts. I never heard Everest speaking to me and had my gaze fixated on a tree.

“Avalynn? Avalynn? Hello? Ava are you there?” He waved his hand in front of my face causing me to jump backwards.

“Yes? I am sorry I was lost in my thoughts.” I told him.

“I was just saying that we are ready and it is time to shift, my love. Are you okay?” He did have a worried look on his face. I don’t generally space out, lost in my own mind.

“Oh. Yes, I am fine. Just thinking about our mission.” Which was not a complete and total fib. I was more lost in the aftermath of our mission. The what if this happened scenario.

I shook the feeling again, as I watched Everest shift to his Lycan. I quickly followed suit as Charlotte pushed forward for control and I gave it to her. Our bones elongated, fur sprouted, my face shifted to form a snout, and my sense heightened. I retreated into the back of Charlotte’s mind now, as I have felt her do before. I would allow myself to get completely lost in my thoughts.

“Charlotte, if something happens please bring me back forward and allow me to help be an extra set of eyes and a voice of reason.”

She snorted as she walked alongside Connor, “Of course / will. Please go figure out what you need to figure out. I know something is eating away at you.”

I took her advice and sat back, letting her have complete control over our body. It felt like meditation as it was quiet and I almost completely shut the world out.

I was trying to think of different ways we could take this impending war on. We were going to end up in a battle, eventually. I was just worried that a battle would cripple us and the Kingdom. If it did, it was just something we would have to do.

My mind soon drifted to Miranda and King Brent. I wondered if Miranda was healing properly. I know her wounds almost killed her but I had hope that she would survive.

Talso found it funny how the fates aligned for them to be mates. It is very uncommon for a wolf to be mated outside of a wolf but a Lycan was pretty much unheard of. The next time we were in our human form I would ask that Everest would reach out to King Brent to see how things were.

After what felt like a few minutes, was actually several hours. It was dark as we were – running with everything we had. We had zero time for sleep, which is why our human forms

should be resting, conserving energy.

I peered through Charlotte's eyes as she ran, I thought my human side had excellent sight at night, due to our Lycan but wow. Charlotte's vision was unmatched competition on her night vision. It was just as vivid as daylight, it seemed. She moved beautifully, even running as hard and as fast as she was.

"Where exactly are we?" I asked her and felt her smile.

"We are almost there maybe less than an hour. We are not stopping or changing to our human forms until we are in the yard, at their steps. Be ready to shift us, it's going to be a fast shift. Connor and Everest linked the Lycan pack and they're currently waiting for us."

"Wow, okay. I am ready whenever you are."

I stayed, watching through her eyes. I could feel how tired she was becoming but she never showed it. We would need to let the pack rest as soon as we stopped. It wasn't long before we reached the gates of the pack. As Charlotte had said earlier they opened right up for us and we ran right through.

As we ran I could feel the Lycans of the pack that were on patrol guide us to our destination. As we reached the courtyard of their pack and came up on the stairs Everest and I both shifted in front of the man standing at the bottom step. Everest and him greeted each other in a hug "Cousin it is nice to see you again."

I didn't realize this was his cousin? Maybe thats why he had a small strong group of

Lycans out here, family blood line linked to Royals an all. Still, I was excited to meet family.