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“Emma sent me the location,” Leo says stepping into the room where we have Zane knocked out and tied up. ?

I huff out a sound of acknowledgment

“Look man I know you aren’t on board with this idea but Emma clearly needs this and if it will help her move on so she’ll come home then isn’t it worth it?” I grumble an agreement under my breath but play it off with as much annoyance on my face as possible. \

“Hey! Cars ready to go, let’s drag him out, and if he happens to hit a few rocks along the way then even better.” Logan says with his usual cheerful smile with a twist of darkness added in

We all got a chance to take a few good hits on Zane but that will never be enough after what he’s done. Still, he hasn’t spilled any valuable intel, like how many of his men he has under his command and where we can find them. He also hasn’t given us the full extent of his operation either. I mean come on, what’s with all the trust issues? \”

“T can’t wait to see our girl. It’s been too long.” Logan says with a wistful look and a dramatic sigh

Leo and I pull Zane’s limp body from the chair and drag him toward the stairs. Like Logan suggested we make sure to beat him up a little on the

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way out the door and to the car. He’s going to be sore when he wakes up. A few of our men join us in the SUV to ensure Zane doesn’t wake up in the trunk and try to escape. \\*

Yes, we put him in the trunk. He smells and I rather not look at his face more than I need to. Leo sets up his phone GPS as I pull away from the cabin

“Looks like an old gas station or something. It’s been shut down for years.” Leo says

We ride in silence for the thirty-minute drive. The gas station comes into view of a small two-way street that is surrounded by woods and I spot a few more run-down buildings nearby. I see Emma standing next to a car with three guys around her. Two stand at either end of the car scanning the area while another one stands beside her

Nerves start to set in as we arrive but also annoyance at seeing some guy being chummy with her. They’re talking and smiling and my hackles go up at the sight. We park and Logan immediately jumps out of the car and makes his way to Emma. She gives him a smile and steps closer just as he reaches her and pulls her into his arms

The rest of us file out and the two men with us stand guard by the trunk and wait for our signal

Leo is next to reach Emma and she moves into his arms when Logan finally tears himself away from her

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“Hey, beautiful.” I hear him say to her as she hurries her face in his chest. (2

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“Hey.” She says moving back a little to look up at him

My eyes move away from them and land on the guy she had been talking to. He’s leaning against the car watching us and I don’t like the look in his eyes. He’s looking at Emma...like we look at Emma. Like she’s the center of his world

Hell no

“Asher.” Emma’s voice snaps me back and I turn to see her standing in front of me

“Hey, baby.” I say giving her a smirk that she shakes her head at before stepping toward me and wrapping her arms around my waist.

She’s so small, I almost forgot how well she fits against me

My arms engulf her and I drop my face into her hair and breath in. She doesn’t smell like her usual fruity shampoo but I don’t even care

Feeling her in my arms nearly brings me to my knees. I’ve missed her like crazy. She also feels too thin. I really don’t like that

She moves back a little and gives me a small smile before glancing over to Jayden. He’s kept his distance, so when I let her go she walks to him

She gives him a look that I can’t quite understand before throwing her

arms around his neck. He catches her and holds her close to him so

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tight I worry he’ll hurt her. I watch them carefully and am a little confused by the difference in greeting but I brush it off and return my attention to her friend

I step up and look him over

“Who are you?” I ask

“This is Wyatt. He’s the one who got me out.” Emma says walking past me and standing next to him again

He nods at us. “Hey.” “You look familiar. Do we know you?” Logan asks

“You can say that. We went to school together. You guys kicked my ass a few times.” He says and Emma looks at us with a raised brow

Okay, so she’s upset about that

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“Oh man yeah, I remember! Dude you bulked up!” Logan says slapping the guy hard on the back. I”

The guy doesn’t even react

“So what are you doing here?” I ask him

“He’s protecting me,” Emma says with a firmness in her voice that sounds distant and cold. \

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“You don’t need protecting from us baby,” Logan says and she smiles at him

“Tt’s not you guys I’m worried about.” She says looking up at the Wyatt guy

“We have word that a lot of Zane’s men have gone off the rails and no doubt some are looking for Emma,” Wyatt says

“Thanks for looking after our girl,” Leo says

“It’s no trouble at all. We wouldn’t let anything happen to her.” He looks down at her and smiles so sweetly it makes me sick

This guy has got a hard-on for our girl and I’m about ready to put his ass in line. As if sensing my thoughts Emma catches my eye and shakes her head

“So when are you coming home?” Logan asks her

She sighs. “I know you guys want me to come home now but I have some things I need to deal with. The guys who defected from Zane want me to lead their crew and I think I want to. They’re great guys and I feel surprisingly safe with them. I love you guys, you know that, but I have to do this. I’m not going to leave these guys after what they’ve done to help me. It doesn’t mean we can’t see each other though. I have my number. We can meet up any time.”

“We want to keep our base location a secret though as a precaution.”

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Wyatt adds

“How’s your security?” Jayden asks

“State of the art. We wouldn’t have anything less with Emma being

there now.” Wyatt replies. 7.

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This seems to satisfy Jayden and he falls silent again.

I don’t like this

“Did you bring Zane?” Emma asks

“Yeah, he’s in the back,” I say leaning my head in the direction of the.

car

Wyatt turns to the two other guys they arrived with and signals them to follow me to the car

“Open it,” I tell our guys

Once the trunk door is open they step aside and Emma’s men pull Zane out. They carry him past us and over to their car dropping him in the trunk like we did. I

“I wish we could hang out more but I want to get this over with as quickly as possible. If he tells me anything I’ll make sure to let you know.” Emma says, sounding a lot like my dad

A lot like a leader.

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We say our goodbyes, making sure to leave her with a kiss to remember us by. Wyatt holds the door open for her and climbs in behind her. We watch their car pull out and drive off

It feels like she’s taking a piece of me with her all over again. I can’t keep watching her leave me. It’s becoming too hard. From the looks of the others, they’re feeling the same way. \”

Emma

“Did you tell him?” Wyatt asks as we leave the gas station and my guys behind us. 7

I shake my head. “No. I will once this is done. I don’t want to risk them trying to stop me.” 4

He nods and lets the subject go for now. I’m thankful. There is too much going on, and I need to focus only on this for now. Things are about to get a lot more complicated. .\*)