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Just as I step forward a hand reaches out to grab me and I instinctively take a swing.

"F*ck! I guess I deserved that, but seriously that f*cking hurt." Robbie is holding his ear. He reaches out for me again as I move to step around him. "Don't step in the circle. It's the witch's wheel. That totem is what is keeping us hidden and our scent blocked. Once you step through it you become a part of the spell. It is energized by each person that crosses into it and it's permanently binding." He gives me a pained look.


That's what the girl meant by taking out as many people as I could on my way out of here. It weakens the spell Mike has going. I just nod.

"Let's get you out of here." Robbie turns and Jena grabs my arm.

"He's one of them." She hisses. "Why are you trusting him?"

Really I have no idea, but the girl said trust my instincts and I don't think Robbie wants to hurt me. I don't think he ever wanted to hurt me, he didn't want me involved. That's why he was always irritated when Mina and I were around.

"I just do, let's go. I'll explain when we are out of this hellhole." She stays close to me, but I can feel her tension spike. She's looking for the trap she thinks he's set and I probably should too.

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We move around the dark circular room, into another hallway that is definitely not used based on the smell of decaying rodents. I'm very glad for my wolf senses so I can see without the help of any light and I hate them based on the smell that is giving me a stomach ache. I can feel and smell us going higher and higher. The incline of the narrow passage is getting steeper, but it is so tight that I can put a hand out and use the walls on either side of me to help propel me forward. The air is getting thinner and cleaner. I can smell the fresh spring air as we get closer to the surface. I have no idea how long we have been walking, my sense of time has been badly skewed. Something about not having a window or a clock will do that to a person.


We finally get to an entrance and Robbie stops, putting his hand out to keep us from going around him and running mindlessly to our freedom.

"Wait. There's a patrol out right now. We need to time this right. It won't be long until your absence is noticed and trust me Mike was blown and ready for you both tonight."

"That is so gross." I let the stutter roll through me. "He is probably cursed and is firing blanks if he's having that much s*x and not getting any of the girls pregnant." I quip trying to see what Robbie sees.

"Not for me, I have an IUD. That f*cker was just too stupid to think to check." Jena says next to me. It's the most confident words I've heard from her.

"Seriously?! He's had you for over a year and when you never conceived he didn't have you checked by one of the

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pack doctors?" Robbie asks incredulously.

"It's been over a year now? Damn, I've been in that hole too long." She breathes in and then out with her eyes closed.

"If he was too stupid to think of something that simple, while blaming you for not getting pregnant on purpose, then he doesn't deserve to procreate." Robbie says. "Get ready." He looks down at his watch. "We have about three more minutes and then you both need to run like hell."

"What about you? He'll kill you if he finds out you helped us."

"He's bound to kill me anyway. He thought you were interested in me after Tyler pissed you off. He's so insecure, he can't get anyone to follow him without manipulation and spell work even though he has Alpha King blood running through his veins. He also can't produce an heir, no matter how many girls he sleeps with, whether by choice or by force." He winks at me. "I honestly think he might be losing his mind and his grip on any type of reality. I don't want to be a part of it, I never did but there was no other choice and the only way out of this for me now, is to die."

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"Is that why you were being weird the day you all captured me? You were trying to piss him off?"

"Not really, but it was a bonus. I didn't know he gave Tyler the hands-off order, but he failed to give it to everyone. I just wanted to see how far I could push Tyler and if I could get him to admit that he still wanted you."

"How much time?" Jena asks gruffly from next to me, breaking our tense conversation.

"The last pass for the next thirty minutes should be going by any second now."

As he finishes the sentence we see two patrol wolves run by. Faster than a jog, but not like they were in a hurry to get somewhere.

"As soon as they clear that bank of trees we can go. I will take you as far as I can. I am still bound to this place and to my command. There is only so much work around I can find. Go!" He whispers to us and takes off.

We are running as fast as our weakened muscles will take us. Jena was locked up for over a year, I have no idea how long I was in there but it can't have been more than a week or two. My body hurts and my muscles are screaming, but I keep looking back to make sure Jena is right behind me. I will carry her if I have to. She deserves to be free.

"Almost there." Robbie shouts over his shoulder and I feel

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myself start to smile. But it was too soon to celebrate. A gray and white patched wolf barrels into Robbie and Jena and I both scream. "Keep running! You're almost there." He yells at us while trying to hold the wolf off.


But I slow down, I can't just let him die for us, not like this. I have to help, but I don't know if I am strong enough to do any good, or if it will just make everything worse and get us caught again. I can't do that to Jena either. I am torn between saving these two people.

Jena gets past me and yells "Let him go, he chose his fate." As she continues to run aimlessly away from the underground prison that has been her home for so long.

"I can't just let him die, he helped us out. He needs at least a fair fight."

"There is nothing fair about any of this. Let's go!" She keeps running, leaving me behind, but I know I will easily be able to catch up.

I look around and see no one else near us. I take a chance and run at Robbie, shifting in mid air. I jump on top of the gray wolf and sink my teeth in the space between his neck and shoulder. I taste the blood filling my mouth and I open to take another bite out of the howling monster's shoulder. I make eye contact with Robbie, hopefully letting him know I want him to fight his way out of this before I jump off and turn back to Jena. I stay in my wolf form, feeling stronger like this. When I reach her I kneel down next to her so she can climb on. We will be faster this way. She doesn't hesitate and jumps up to my wolf's shoulders.

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Before I can run I am hit from the back and Jena goes flying off. It's Tyler's dark gray wolf and he looks possessed. Ready to kill me for his Alpha. I am not going down without a fight. He sold me out even when his mate was cheating on him and then died for her crimes. He still gave me to his sick and twisted Alpha. This will end with his death. I let my anger surge and fuel my actions.

He tries to circle me, but I won't let him get between me and Jena. I snap at him every time he gets too close. He growls and lunges, but he is no match for my skill I quickly find out. For all the appearance of training that they do, they are no stronger than humans. I injure him over and over again, everytime he lunges at me he's slower than the last, bleeding from the many wounds and scratches I have inflicted. And then I see it, his eyes looking straight into my soul. He wants to die, he wants to finally be with his mate the way she never would in life. He wants out of this hell as much as Jena and I. He's not trying to fight me, he's trying to goad me.

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I quickly change back, So I can tell him off once and for all.

"You don't deserve an easy death or my sympathy. You're just as bad as Mike for trapping me and who knows how many other people here. F*ck off! Find another person to take you out of this world, you coward." I turn and run towards where I saw Jena fall.

I see her brown hair in the grass. She isn't moving, so I race to her faster and flip her over.

"Jena! Jena, talk to me." She groans and then coughs.

"I haven't been thrown around in a while, this sucks." She tries for a joke.

I shift again and nuzzle her onto my back. I won't be able to run as fast if she doesn't hang on, so I hope she figures that out quickly.

More growling sounds behind me as more wolves join the fight. So much for having a thirty minute head start. I take off. I can't look back any more. Jena is right Tyler and Robbie chose their fates and they need to live or die with those choices. I just hope Robbie finds a way out for his redemption. My wolf runs and runs. We just keep following the flashes of light we've been seeing since we got out of our cell. I hope it really is the Moon Goddess guiding me and not my imagination looking for things in the middle of nowhere.

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I feel a whoosh of hot air blow past me as we pass from an open prairie to a grove of trees and then my brain explodes with the sounds of voices. Voices I have missed yelling and screaming my name.

"Sky!"

"Skylar!"

"Midge!"

"Little One. Thank the Goddess. We're on our way, hold tight. Can you talk to me?"

"Hi Alpha Reggie. Hey guys." It's all I can sob over the mind link. I can feel the tears streaming from my wolf's eyes and onto her fur. They can hear us. I think to my wolf. Are we really finally out of that?

"We are for now, sweet girl. I don't think they are following us anymore." Even at her words I don't slow down. I want as much distance as possible between us and that horrible place.

"Alpha Reggie, I have someone with me and she's going to need some medical attention. They've had her for a year. Get Doc Sylvia, no one else."

"On it Little One."

"Nickolas, Gentry is still alive, but she isn't with me. I'm sorry I couldn't get to her, but she helped us escape."

"It's okay, Midge. She knows what she's doing. I can still feel her. I know she's okay. I'm glad she was able to help

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you. We're almost there."

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I keep running and running, feeling the pull my brand now has towards my team and my family. I just want to go home. After what I saw I don't know if I am cut out to do these kinds of missions.


Not for the first time since I was captured, I think about how adamant everyone was that I am too young to be here and I was too stubborn to listen. The horrors I saw while I was there and I didn't even leave the cell we were in and Jena went through so, so much worse. I hope we are both okay after this. I know I won't be the same, I can't imagine how Jena feels. 1

Osiston and Alpha Reggie said they were close but my ability to judge time is so off I don't know how long I have been running with Jena on my back. I just know that my whole body is throbbing and my muscles burn from the exertion. The question is, am I out of shape because of how long we were captured and malnourished or have I been running for days? Where are they?

My wolf starts to slow down, we haven't heard the sounds of paws behind us since I heard the voices of my team, but I wasn't taking any chances. I just can't push her anymore. She slows to a walk. We need food and water or we are never going to make it to them.

"Hey guys? Are you still there?"

"We're coming, Little One. You're farther than we thought."

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Keep following your pull. Alpha Reggie detoured to get Doc Sylvia like you asked”

”That’s the problem, I don’t know how much farther I can go with no food or water. We aren’t exactly battle ready here.” I huff at them. I can’t be angry at them, they don’t know and they don’t understand.

”I’m so sorry Midge, Have your wolf take you to water, you need that first. Slow down and use your survival skills. We’re coming.” I can hear his breathing increase, letting me know he increased his speed. Nickolas has always treated me more like a little sister, like Mateo and Sam. His protective instinct kicks into high gear at the first sign of trouble for me. ”Keep talking to us, tell me what you see.”

”Are you serious right now?”

”Of course, it will help us find you and help you focus your brain on what is real.”

”Nickolas...I’m running in the forest and the sun is going down. So what I see are trees and vegetation that grows around trees.”

”There’s my smartass.” He huffs at me and I hear other chuckles of the team listening to our banter. I think everyone is probably wound up and needs to let out some tension. ” Look around, tell me which direction the mountains are. Give me something to look for to make this faster.”

My wolf looks around so I can get a good view with her amazing eyesight. ”The mountains are under me, we have been running through them for a while. We aren’t going very

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high up though. I can smell water to the southeast of us. I am going to head that way. I don't know how far it is though and it's not exactly in the direction my brand is pulling towards you guys. Who am I even tracking right now, it can't be the whole team."

No one answers for a moment and it makes me worried even though I can still feel my pull to them, the silence is suffocating.

"Osiston is who you are tracking. We were trying to find the fastest way to you without shifting. You both need medical supplies and can't risk not having everything with us. William just got us an overview of the area. We think you are in the middle of the Baxter State Park Mountains. Try to find a cave to hold up in near the water."

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