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"There are a lot of people here." Jena whispers to me. "I didn't even think about how many warriors there actually are."

I reach behind me and give her hand a squeeze. "These are trainees. We are all in various stages of training, but it's easier for us to be here when we aren't on a mission. Sometimes people are gone for months or years and it would suck to have to keep track of someone's separate house and belongings, so living here is the best situation."

The shock of our arrival dies pretty fast and we walk in towards the dining area, Lillian in the lead with Jean in between us. We each grab a plate and Jena's face keeps darting around at all the people not really hiding their staring. A few have come up to say hi, but they must have been given orders to leave us alone. ONce we have full plates we head over to the table Lillian and I normally share with Nathaniel and Wyatt. They are strangely absent though. 1

"Where is Wyatt? I thought he came back with us. ANd was Nathaniel a part of the rescue team too?"

"They are around somewhere, just giving you space. Obviously everyone knows, or thinks they know, what happened to you and that you came back with someone you rescued. No other trainee has done something like that. We were told to leave you alone until you were ready to jump back into regular life. Wyatt was one of the first to see

you and I think he took the sight of you pretty hard. You looked rough.”

I just nod. I understand, I think.

“Wyatt, Nathaniel. You guys can join us. We aren’t broken and it would be helpful for Jena to meet people.”

“You sure Midge, we can give you space as long as you need it.” Nathaniel adds.

“I don’t need space from my friends, idiot.” I laugh at him and then I hear him and Wyatt laughing behind me.

“Now sit down and eat with us and I can introduce you to Jena.”

They join us and the conversation is not as forced as I thought it would be, but Jena is mostly listening to us talk, just taken in her surroundings. Lillian, Wyatt and Nathaniel try to engage her at first but then just let her be when they realize it’s making her more uncomfortable to be in the hot seat.

I let them know all about my adventures at UMaine, the classes I took and the people I met. I also gave them a very abridged version of what happened when I was captured. I still haven’t talked to Osiston and Alpha Reggie yet, so I don’t know what I am allowed to say and what I need to keep quiet. I also don’t want to draw more attention to Jena, who’s time was longer and far more painful than mine.

The bell sounds for training to start not long after we sat down. I get up and Jena follows, not really sure where we

are supposed to be, but I don't think they want us training until they have talked to us about the mission. As if I conjured her, Mina walks up behind me and wraps me in a hug from the back.


"I have missed you. It's good to see you up and around. Warrior Brogen and Alpha King Reggie want to see you both in the war room. Come on."

I wave my friends off, promising to eat lunch with them if we are out in time, then Jena and I turn to follow Mina.

We head to the planning room that started this whole journey. It feels weird to be full circle now.

"Hello ladies, Mina, please stay, this includes you." Alpha Reggie begins. "I'm glad to see you both up and around. Doc Sylvia has given us a full report and you both seem to be healing nicely. We will have you on light training for the rest of the week. Skylar, don't look at me like that your training was interrupted and you were in a cell for a month, we have no idea what your body is prepared to do so we would like to evaluate you, just to make sure there isn't some underlying damage that we missed. Jena, we would like to evaluate you as well. As the daughter of an Alpha, I assume your battle training was extensive." She nods at him while he pauses. "Skylar said one of your captors mentioned you being there for a year or more?" She nods again. ²

"Time was hard to keep track of, so I really couldn't tell you how long they had me. Can I ask a favor though?" Alpha Reggie nods. "I would like the chance to search for



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members of my pack. The attack on my pack was brutal and I don't even know if there were survivors or if others were captured, but I would like to search and give them a place to call home if there is anyone out there, living like a rogue." She looks down at her hands and takes a deep breath.

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"We will help you search, but we need to make sure that you are up to the task both physically and mentally." Osiston answers.

She nods again. "What does that mean exactly?"

"Well you were both held captive for an extensive amount of time so you will both be evaluated by our psychologists and have regular meetings with them and we will do a full physical evaluation on both of you. We want you to get back to training as quickly as possible. Many times that is what is needed after an experience like the one you both had. It gives you something to focus on each day instead of living in the memories of that event." Alpha Reggie gives up both a knowing stare, like he speaks from experience. "As far as school goes, Jena I don't know where you were in your studies, but you are more than welcome to join a program that interests you, we can go over that when Doc Sylvia and her team is done with you. And Skylar, you just keep me on my toes at all costs. You have a full semester of college classes under your belt. I feel like high school might be on the boring side now. What would you say to training with warrior Brogen and myself?"

"What does that mean exactly?" I ask, confused. They don't teach classes so I have no idea what it is that they would be teaching me, but the idea of not going back to high school intrigues me more than it should.

"Since you don't seem to follow a logical laid out plan for your education and training, we have decided to adapt your warrior training." Well that's not cryptic. But if Alpha Reggies sees the look of confusion on my face he ignores it and looks at Jena. "What do you say my dear? Are you ready to join our Elite Warriors and begin your journey to rebuild your pack?"


She gives him the first genuine smile I have ever seen and it lights up her whole face. It even erases some of the shadows that were there. He's right, it's going to help her heal to have a mission that could possibly see some of her pack members saved.


"Yes, sir." Her answer is quiet, but I can feel the excitement radiating off of her.

"I will be in contact with your territory's king to see if any of your pack fled to him for safety. We will work our way from there."


"We have your first Psych appointment right after lunch, but I want to get you both outside and see what I have to work with." Osiston stands, I guess ending the meeting.

We both stand and follow him out the door. I'm excited to get back to my normal. Who knew that going on a mission would mess up my schedule entirely? Being undercover doesn't allow for much in the way of our type of training, and I already know that this is going to suck. I was lucky to get a short run in every morning and some weight training in every day, but my sparring and battle training were done whenever we found a moment. I am both excited and afraid to see

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how out of shape I am and of course Osiston is going to make sure I feel it. My wolf however is purring at the thought of being let out again and not just to save my ass, which makes me laugh. 


We make it out back and along the edge of the warm-up area. All of the rest of the warriors are gone so they are either on the obstacle course or the long run already. Osiston leads us to the open area between the warm-up area and the obstacle course area, it's really just a pass through for us to get from one training area to another, I never really thought about it before. It's open and you can see well worn paths in the grass where people head off in one direction or another.

"Alright, Jena, I would like you to watch first then we will see where your fight training is at. This is just a spar for reflexes and movement quality. I'm not trying to hurt or submit you and I would appreciate it if you did the same. Skylar, there really is no need to give you instructions, you never follow them anyway." He chuckles at me and then lunges. 

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