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"Fine. But let's get an idea of how extensive this is. We need to know where any device that could be attached to this one is and how many. That could take the rest of the day."

"Like you had other plans." Lil laughed at me. "We actually have a mission, of sorts, you are just as bored as we are, don't act like there is something better to do." She keeps laughing.

We spend the rest of the day looking for and logging the locations of any camera that is for sure not a part of the school's security system. We went back to the office to see how Kevin was doing moving his worthless sh\*t out. He actually thought he could appeal to the Alpha and was surprised to see us in 'his' office again. Apparently Alpha Lucas did not pass on whatever message Kevin gave him, so we helped pack any necessities and put them in his car for him, all in about twenty minutes. Principal Duncan wasn't going to challenge an Alpha in his face and no one could get in contact with Alpha Lucas for clarification. We told him, when Alpha Lucas gave us orders to vacate we would.

From there, Jena 'borrowed' a laptop from the tech department. She then proceed to do all kinds of computery things to it and the desktop on Kevin's desk. She plans on going through all of Kevin's hard drive just to make sure he's actually doing what he should be here at the school. She

made a copy of it to bring with us. She rightly doesn't trust anyone with digital information. Lil managed to change the lock on the door as well. Which will be funny if someone tries to break in.

"Skylar! Are you girls planning on coming home tonight? There is no way you still have things to work on at the school. Dinner is waiting."

"Oh sh\*t! What time is it? Luna Ava says dinner is waiting." I look at the girls. We all jump up looking at the clock.

"Lost track of time, Luna, sorry. We are on our way."

"How is it six already?" We all pack up our stuff and head out the door. The school is eerily dark with the fall night already mostly set.

We run back to the pack house as best we can with all our bags, notebooks and laptops. Lil and I grabbed one each so we could help with any searches Jena needed. Once inside we all head up to my room to store everything, then back down to the kitchen.

Luna Ava looks frazzled when she finds us in the kitchen and we soon find out why as a screech of laughter comes from the formal dining room. Luna Ava leads us in slowly.

"Oh, it's so good you could finally join us. I know all of your jobs keep you so busy, I don't know how you're going to have time for your mates when you can finally find them. Isn't that right babes? But maybe they will all mate with other warriors who don't mind them traipsing around with who knows late at night."

Kaley has herself planted in between the twins, a hand on each of them and I can feel my blood boil. Jena places her hand on my back.

"Don't let her have this. She is nothing and now knows that you know that too. She's retaliating."

"Yeah, look at your guys. They are just as angry as you. We will be able to expose her. We have a ton of footage to go through. We will nail her ass to the wall for the whole pack to see."

I take a deep breath in and then let it out trying to not look like a raging bull.

"We have a pack to take care of, of course that takes priority. Luna Ava, if you will excuse us. We are going to eat quickly and then head up to the third floor and finish what we were working on. Thank you so much for dinner. Guys when you are done, let us know, we are still up for our nighttime rituals." I wink at them and get a smile out of everyone but the twins, who are still in Kaley's grasp.

She's trying to hold her smug look, but has no idea what I'm talking about. Her grip on the twins arms tightens, even as Kota tries to remove it rather forcefully.

We turn around and Lil can't hold in her laughter as we enter the kitchen again. "You are getting good at this game." She slaps me on the back. We eat quickly and head up to my room. Jena was able to mindlink Nathaniel and Wyatt earlier. Wyatt is getting better and bored because Doc Ganon won't let him do anything even though everything is

healed. Which means not everything is healed, but Wyatt wants out.

She gave them jobs to do and asked them to figure out how quickly they can get here.

About an hour later the guys come barging in my room. We are sitting on the floor in front of my couch with papers spread out everywhere. They have zero regard for what we are doing as the twins plop on the couch, Mateo and Olive drop into the two single chairs and Sam sits on the floor next to me. <sup>1</sup>

"What the hell did you three do today?" Mateo asks accusingly. "Those two are on a warpath and Kaley all but superglued her ass to Cam and Kota."

"It's not funny! Kota whines at us. "Do you have any idea how much that sucked? We didn't get anything done and we have a sh\*t ton of stuff to do with all the new security protocols."

"That is a you guys problem. If you can't tell her to go away or leave you alone, how is that our fault? No one in your pack tells that girl 'no,' if anything it's your own fault." Jena shrugs.

"I wonder if she skipped school after she accosted us in the hallway if she was harassing you guys that long." Lil mused.

"What about her following me around when the twins got called in with Alpha Lucas? She said it was my job to be with her when the twins are busy. I didn't get anything done either. I tried to just work and ignore her, but she doesn't



know what silence is and everything is about her." My brother scrubs his face with his hands like he can wipe the memory away.

"Does she not realize that it would actually be Oliver's job to watch over her, technically speaking?"

"The f\*ck did you just say?!" Oliver sits up straight and looks at me.

"Well, I'm pretty sure her comment to Mateo was referring to her never ending ploy to remind people that she thinks she is the next Luna of this pack. If that is the far fetched case, Oliver would be her protector, not Mateo. With all her leadership, Luna, better-than-thou talk you would think she would know what everyone's jobs are." I roll my eyes.

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"I never really thought of that. She always talks about being Luna and we all just ignore her, but she has no idea what we actually do." Sam breathes out. "We have to get rid of her though. Do you know how hard it was just to come up here without her? She obviously knew that you have Lil and Jena up here. Thanks for ruffling those feathers, by the way. She tried to talk her way up here too. Even her dad tried to intervene saying we can't play favorites."

"Technically speaking you guys aren't playing favorites, Midge is. It's Kaley's fault for being a b\*tch." Lil shrugs.

"How did you shut her down?" Jena asks.

"Dad actually interjected and Cunningham looked pissed, like he didn't expect Dad to side with us." Cam looks thoughtful.

"We did not hesitate though, slammed that door and ran. So you two are stuck up here tonight." Sam pointed to them. "We are not opening that door for anything."

We all laugh. "It's still kind of early, can we do a movie or something? I don't think we can get any more done here tonight." I gesture to the piles of papers we have.

"Yes, Tiny let's do a movie night." Cam says standing from the couch and reaches for my hands, but instead of helping me to my feet he throws me over his shoulder as I screech. "Old habits, Tiny, it's tradition for movie night."



"You guys are stupid." I roll my eyes but smile as he walks us into the hallway.

I hear my friends laughing at me until Jena's 'Oh sh\*t' lets me know someone threw her over a shoulder. Mateo saunters out with her mumbling expletives about cavemen.

"You come anywhere near me, beefcake, and I will punch you in the balls." Lil says to I assume Oliver. Sam is a big guy, but I wouldn't consider him a 'beefcake.' 1

We head into the media room and get set up to watch an action movie. Thank the Goddess that Luna Ava keeps this room stocked with snacks and drinks so we really don't have to go anywhere. We all find places on the giant 'U' shaped couch and settle in. I actually made it through most of the movie before falling asleep. Something about these guys, I just feel warm and safe and my body and brain just shut down.

I woke up warm and snuggled with the now familiar cinnamon and citrus scent all around me. "Why do I even have a bed here?" I mumble into Kotas shirt. "I can count on one hand the amount of times I've used it."

"Why do we have our own beds?" Cam shifts behind me.

"Another great question." I roll over moving to follow Cam out of bed.

"Five more minutes Smalls." Kota snatches me back and I laugh as he cages me in his arms.

"Dakota, I need to use the bathroom and get ready for

training. The girls and I have stuff to get done at the school today. Let go and move your butt." I reach behind me and slap the side of his buttcheek and hear a sharp intake of breath, then he jumps out of bed, almost dumping me to the floor. "What the hell?"

Cam's smile is from ear to ear. "Apparently, he likes to be spanked." Then he winks at me. 1

I can feel all the blood rush to my cheeks. My face is on fire with embarrassment. "I'm gonna go get ready." I mumble running out his bedroom door and straight to my own room.

Once there I head straight for the bathroom to shower. I don't stop to grab clothes I just need to wash off the feeling of shame or unease or whatever this is. I hate feeling uncomfortable around these guys and the moments always come at the worst times.

I walk out to my room wrapped in a towel and drying my hair with another, not really paying attention.

"Yes Little Bit! Nice legs!"

"Oh, F\*CK!" I jumped wrapping the towel around his throat while planting him face down on my bed. Causing Jena and Mateo to jump out of bed as well. "What are you doing in here?" 4

"I was just making sure everyone was awake, we need to get going so we can beat Kaley out the door." He grunts under me. "Nice reflexes by the way. Do you use a towel as a weapon often?"



“Just be glad she didn’t have her blades on her. You’d be a shish-kebob right now.” Jena laughs at his expression as I let him up. “I’m going to jump in quick to wake up, give me five and we can go. Is Lil ready?”

“Yeah, she used Kota’s shower. You two might as well move your stuff up here. I mean if Luna Ava hasn’t already.”

“We do seem to have clean outfits each day.” Jena says, walking into the bathroom laughing.

“I feel like we are on a recon mission, trying to find entrance and exit points.” Lil laughs over the mindlink as I peek out the door from the third floor stairwell.

The coast seems clear and it wouldn’t matter if it wasn’t. If she thought we had started sneaking around to avoid her, she would try that much harder to attach herself to the twins.

“That’s our next project. We need to hack into the contractor’s computer and find out what the hold up is on the Cunningham’s house. It’s been a year. Even if they did start over from scratch, it should be done by now. They need to quit stalling.”

“On it boss.” Jena chirps back as we make our way down to the kitchen.

“Would you stop that? I am not your boss, Alpha.”

This time Jena giggles out loud.


“Is it bad that I am jealous that I can’t hear your

conversations?" Sam asks as we walk towards the island where Lenny has a pile of foil wrapped goodness for us.

"Yes. You and your FOMO are something special. But we have to move, creatures are stirring and we don't want to be here for that. Thank you Lenny! You are amazing!" I say running out the back door and the rest of my friends following.

We get halfway to the training grounds before I slow down and open one of my wraps. It is still steaming, filled with eggs and veggies, cheese and ham and I do not hesitate to devour it in about three bites.

"So how is it you could sense or smell her coming from a floor away, but you didn't notice me in your room this morning and almost decapitated me?" Sam steps up next to me, eating and for once serious.

"I really wasn't expecting anyone other than Mateo and Jena to be there and your scent is already all over my room so it wasn't something that made me wary or on alert. I am always on alert for her, it's like second nature now. I don't know if I could turn it off." 

Training was far more effective this morning as we all are getting our bearings. After the guys all divide to their various jobs for the day. Oliver and Mateo decide to escort us to the school to see how we are set up and if there is anything they can do to help.