

6. Allies.

Aleksa

"Lachlan Fang. It sure has been a while. You need to release me from this cell immediately." Jackson demanded.

"Apologies old friend, it seems there has been a misunderstanding. My warriors clearly did not know who you were. Otherwise they never would have locked you up here." Lachlan said as he unlocked Jackson's cell.

Jackson pushed past the cell door and walked up to Lachlan. "I expect someone will be held accountable for this. I wasn't even on your territory when the attack started with the rogues," Jackson said loudly and earnestly.

"Yes Jackson, I will get to the bottom of this. We don't generally interfere if an attack is happening outside of the pack territory, so I'm not sure what has happened in this instance". Lachlan insisted.

I just sat in my cell watching this exchange, and then Jackson looked down at me. Our eyes met. I felt this feeling of warmth and safety when he looked into my eyes. I couldn't understand what was happening to me. Was I delirious from the lack of sleep, I wondered.

"Tell me Lachlan, why is your Luna sitting on the floor in this goddess forsaken dungeon?" Jackson asked.

"My Luna and I are having a little disagreement on something. I am teaching her a lesson. Don't worry about her. Let's get you upstairs, I think we need to have a whiskey." Lachlan said while motioning for Jackson to proceed forwards.

"I can't imagine what one would do to warrant being thrown in the dungeon and treated like a criminal, Lachlan." Jackson declares.

Now Lachlan is the one who is snickering. "That's not your concern Jackson. Come now, let's get you on your way". Lachlan motions him away towards the stairs.

Jackson looked back at me with a look of regret in his face. I can see he does not feel good about leaving me here like this, but he can't do anything to help me right now.

Once they are gone, I sit back against the wall. And I think to myself. There was something about Jackson. He seemed to have a strong aura about him, perhaps even an alpha aura. And Lachlan seemed to know him. I don't feel any resentment towards him, he's a stranger and it's not like he could have helped me get out of here. He is grossly outnumbered and alpha or not, he couldn't take on a whole pack.

I will just keep waiting and pray to the goddess that Caleb is back soon and he is able to help me. I close my eyes and I wonder if maybe I can steal a few moments' sleep. I'm exhausted.

I hear my name being called "Aleksa, it's me Caleb, you need to wake up". I hear it drifting into my mind. Is this in my dream or am I waking up? I can't tell. I started to wake and open my eyes, only to find Caleb standing in my cell.

"Caleb, you came! You don't know how happy I am to see you. How did you go? Will Kali help?" I whispered to him anxiously.

"Luna, Kali has agreed. I told her of your plan and she has agreed to get Liam and Layla together and they can meet us near the training grounds. From there we can run to the far right of the border. No one will be around, as you know, because no one ever goes to that side of the territory. Plus, if we time it right, we can go after lunch. There will be a pack meeting in the large dining hall. Everyone will be busy there."

"Now for the hard part, Luna, getting you out of these cells. I see that Chad is on duty tomorrow afternoon. We are gonna need a good distraction, or we will need his help to pull this off and get you out of the dungeon. Any ideas?" Caleb asks.

"I don't think we can risk informing Chad of our plan. I think we need to keep it to the three of us. I think we need a distraction. Hmmn." I thought to myself.

"I'll be your distraction". Kaia says. "Aleksa, these dungeons carry sound, and as you know we are all werewolves, we will help you escape. No woman should have to suffer like this, especially not one with pups. I will be your distraction".

"Kaia, I can't ask you to do that for me. You are stuck here too. And you barely know me. Why would you do that for me?" Aleksa asks.

"Us she-wolves need to stick together. Besides, it will be worth it, to see the look on that arrogant alpha's face when you escape with his pups!" Kaia snickers.

"Thank you Kaia, but perhaps we can find a way to get you out of here too, Caleb?". I asked questionably.

"Well, we may as well go big since we are doing this anyway. If Kaia could cause a distraction, I could knock Chad out for a bit, that would buy us a bit of time. I feel bad doing that to my friend, but getting you out at all costs is my number one priority, Luna". Caleb says in a noble manner.

"It's settled then, Kaia will escape with us. 1pm tomorrow afternoon. We will escape through the back entrance of the dungeon. Then we move as fast as possible in our wolf forms to the back of the training grounds, meet Kali, Liam and Layla from there and take off to the far edge of the boundary. I will leave a black SUV there so we can leave the territory as quickly as possible. We will head south to a human town and go from there". Caleb tells us.

Then a sound came from the cell next to me. "I hope you have room for one more", Mason questioned.

I had gotten so caught up in the plan I had forgotten that Mason could probably hear everything too. Of course, we can't leave him here. I mean we had to go past his cell to get to the back entrance of the dungeon.

"Of course, we have room for one more". I said, looking at Caleb. Who is looking more anxious by the moment.

Caleb nodded his head anxiously. We had not intended to be breaking out prisoners, but in order for this plan to work we must take some risks. Besides, I like Mason and Kaia, they seem like good wolves who were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"It's settled then, tomorrow afternoon we will all escape together! Mason and Kaia, I don't have anything planned for once we get to the edge of the boundary. I was just planning on driving until there was a great distance between us and the pack. As Lachlan will be coming after us. You are both welcome to join us as long as you need to." I offered to my new friends.

"Thank you Luna", Mason says appreciatively. "I will take you up on that offer, I do not wish to end up in these dungeons again".

"I will take you up on that offer too, Luna. I have no idea where I am going. I need to get some more distance between me and my former pack, as well as this one. I was just planning on living in a human town for a while, while I figure out what my future plans are". Kaia responds.

"Well, there you go Caleb, we have everything sorted. We will escape together and we will leave these goddess forsaken dungeons." Aleksa says as she holds her head high.

"Caleb..." Aleksa asks. "How are Liam and Layla? I miss them so much it hurts. What have they been told about me? Surely they are wondering where I am?" Aleksa asked Caleb sadly.

"Luna, the alpha, has told them you had to leave for a while, but you would be back soon". Caleb says as he takes a breath.

"The twins think you are away on pack related business and they are none the wiser. Luna forgive me for saying this, but Eva has been tending to them."

"Whatttt!" I yelled. "That evil bitch is playing mother to my pups!" I am so angry I'm fighting the urge to shift. My eyes are changing to a silver color, my claws are elongating and fur is starting to sprout all over me. I want to rip that evil bitch's head off. Calm down Aleksa. I tell myself. We will be free of this place soon and Lachlan and Eva can live out their sick fantasy. I start fighting the urge to shift into my wolf form and my eyes are changing back to their usual blue color, the fur and my claws are starting to disappear. I take some deep breaths and I try to focus on the fact that my pups are being cared for and they aren't worried or sad that their mother isn't there.

"Please, Luna, you will be reunited with them soon enough. I need to get going. I've been down here long enough. I need to keep working on this to ensure everything goes to plan and not to arouse any suspicion. I will be back tomorrow after lunch. I will need to attend the pack meeting initially and then come up with an excuse to leave. Then I will come here and we will get you out of here." Caleb tells me.

"Caleb, I can never thank you enough for what you are doing here and the risks you are taking. And Kali too. Please tell her I appreciate her sacrifice so much. I will repay you both one day." I said graciously to Caleb.

Caleb bows and leaves the dungeon. I sat back in my cell. Breathing a sigh of relief. Knowing that soon I will be out of here. And surprisingly, feeling relieved that Kaia and Mason would be coming too. We have bonded a lot since I have been in the dungeons with them. I feel bad for them that they have been down here for so long and have not yet been seen or heard by the alpha. This is not what I had expected from this pack. I thought we were a kinder pack. Clearly, all is not as it seems. I have decided to take this time to rest because tomorrow I will need all the strength I can muster. Because tomorrow we are getting out of this pack. I don't know where we are going. But I do know is that wherever it is, it will be far from here.