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"Should I put something not boring on here?" I tease him.

"Preferably not. I may be 18, but my mom still checks the thing like she thinks I'm a drug dealer." We both laugh. "Actually, pictures of girls who aren't my sister, might be helpful though, now that you mention it." 5

"I'll work on that, thanks for this," I waved the phone. "Not many people seem to be ready to jump in and be helpful."

"It's not that they don't want to. It's just that you're new and they don't know you yet. Not gonna lie, the sh*t Audrina is spreading my make it a little tougher, but I've seen you fight and you seem to be a decent person. They'll see that too and come around eventually. Your whole situation is crazy, and some people here don't like change. We'll get through it." 1

"Thanks, Nathaniel. I appreciate it. I'll see you in the morning. I'll bring your phone with me so you can have it during the day. I wouldn't want your mom to get mad at you for not responding." I tease again.

"NO!" I jump a little at his forcefulness. He's not one to raise his voice. "Sorry, no. Just no. Drina will have your head if she thinks you brought a phone to training with you tomorrow. And I wouldn't put it past her to check you for one. I'll just get it at lunch, or whenever. My mom actually might not

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mind if she knows I was helping out a pretty girl.” He winks at me, effectively breaking the tension and making me giggle.

“If you’re sure. I’ll leave it in the top drawer on my desk if she separates us for rotations and we aren’t back at the same time. Night Nathaniel, and thanks again.” He waves me off as he closes the door.

I set the alarm for 3:30, so I have plenty of time to actually wake-up. It’s been over a month since I’ve gotten up at my usual time and I’m not sure if my brain and body are consistent. I got up early today, but I think that was more out of excitement than anything.

I was not wrong, my brain does not like this time of the morning. I think as I stop the alarm and drag myself out of bed. I fell asleep almost immediately after Nathaniel left last night, but it still feels like I just went to bed. This adjustment is going to suck, I just hope it only lasts a couple days and I can get back to my usual routine.

I get dressed in my training gear and for good measure pack an extra set in a bag. I don’t trust Audrina at all right now. I grab my things and pad downstairs carrying my shoes, there’s no reason to get everyone else up if they can have a few more minutes of sleep.

It’s super important for us to get rest, especially if we have been shifting, it takes a ton of energy to shift to and from our wolf form and we have to build a stamina for it during a

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fight. Lillian and the guys said that one of their early training experiences was having to shift and fight as a wolf then shift back to human and keep fighting. The trainers just blew a whistle and were taking notes on how long it took you to shift from one form to another and if you were able to avoid attack while doing it. I guess they did that for hours and then let the new recruits sleep it off for the rest of the day, because they were so tired.

I make it to the kitchen and it is already bustling with life. Steam is coming from pots and I can hear sizzling from the pans on the stove top. Dozens of metal pans have been lined up on the prep island and are being filled with various hot breakfast items by the kitchen Omegas.

"Excuse me." I flag down one of the Omegas who isn't carrying a large hot pan. "Is Stella or Jack around?"

"Are you Skylar?" I nod. "Perfect. I just got this done for you." She hands me a protein shake and a large paper bag.

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"What's all this?"

"Stella thought you may need more than just a shake, so she had me pack a few things for after your early morning training that would be fast to eat." She winks at me and gives me a knowing look. "Just let me know when you run low and I can get you more and put the bottle in with the lunch dishes today and I'll have another ready for you tomorrow, okay?"

"You are seriously a lifesaver!" I take the Shaker bottle and bag, giving her a big smile. "Thank you so much! Please let me know if I can help you all out here, I mean it." She smiles, but waves me off.

I head out back, ready to meet Audrina.

"You're late. I know Warrior Brogen told you we do not tolerate lateness here. That's your second strike and you've only been here for a day. And what are you carrying? I didn't tell you to bring anything."

"What was my first strike?" I try to keep the b*tchiness out of my voice, but it is very difficult. This girl is going to try and get me kicked out for infractions. She's got another thing coming if she thinks it's going to be that easy. "And I came prepared. You didn't expect me to go through an entire morning of training on an empty stomach did you?"

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“You were late yesterday and missed classes. And no one gets into the kitchens early. Did you steal food?” Ah, that was her plan. To have the school report me for skipping.

“Actually, I didn't miss a thing. My schedule was inaccurate, but thank the Goddess I had a question for the secretary anyway and double checked my lessons. I'm so thankful that you were looking out for me and made sure I started training right by having to use my observation skills. That was really helpful. Wyatt enjoyed his time amongst the high school girls too. He was the perfect tour guide. You are great at pairing people up.” I walk up to her side. “You wanted to assess me yourself, I assume. Where to?” I'm not even going to grace her 'stolen food' comment. I'm sure if she was nice and actually asked, the kitchen Omegas would help her too, but she acts like they are her servants and below her because they aren't warriors like her.

I have no idea who is watching, I have to assume she is no better than Kaley and has someone recording our interactions and I will give them no reason to think that I instigated anything. Two of us can play this game.

“To the gauntlet. I want to see you complete it myself. I think Warrior Brogen allowed you to get in without a real assessment or discussion. The leaders of the compound were not even aware that you were joining until you showed up on my floor. I want to see what I have to deal with before we get to team training.”

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She's mad she didn't get a say in whether I was allied to be here or not, got it. I wonder if that is all this is, or if it goes deeper? I guess I'll know after this morning. 

We walk over to the gauntlet again. AT least this time I have an idea of what I'm doing. The difference here is there are no lights and the sun hasn't started to rise. My werewolf sight helps, but working in the dark isn't ideal for anyone, enhanced senses or not.

"Do I have a goal or time limit? Anything I need to keep in mind while I'm doing this?" I ask the same thing I asked Warrior Osiston.

"Just get through the course, like your first day." She rolls her eyes. Okay, she doesn't believe I did that either.

Same as when I was here with Warrior Osiston, I lined up at the end of the poles stuck into the ground and waited for her signal to start.

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