

Jay- la POV

It was good to feel normal for once, since being here inside the pack, her, confusion with Nathan as her Mate, was moved to the side, as she walked about with Stephen. It was actually really nice, a bit like the old days, she realised. They were chatting about Suzy for the most part.

Jay- la thought that having him spend time with the triplets would be good for him, considering the news, which had saddened her, might help him. The triplets loved Suzy, and seeing as they spent more time with her than she did.

They had many more things to impart to him about her.

She got to watch him become all smiles and go back to being happy, enjoyed talking to the triplets about his Mate. Who at this point had no idea who he was. What she had noticed about their interaction with Stephen himself was that, they smiled right at him right away. Either he was good with children, or they understood it had been Stephen who had helped her to calm down.

The snow had nally let up and stopped falling and they were outside walking about. It was a little on the brisk side but the children were ruggd up, so it was okay. Stephen walked her and the children down into the pack's small street mall. She had seen his eyes glaze over a few times though.

He'd shrugged it off and stated, "Nathan is curious as to where you are."

Each time.

She didn't really say anything, and it didn't appear that Nathan was going to come strolling out here to nd her. They all sat down inside the Bakery, which had its own little café eatery, got the children a snack to eat. It wasn't quite lunch time yet.

She saw Stephen frown as he was mind- linked to, for the fourth time in the past hour, and then shake his head as though he was confused. "That was a little odd, Nathan would like you to head to the pack hospital and donate blood.

"What for?" she asked, frowning.

"Any misadventures, where you might need to have a transfusion." He shrugged.

Raised an eyebrow at him and sighed "I don't go getting into ghts on purpose." She muttered.

"And as the pack's Luna, you'd be inside the locked-down pack-house with the women and children if there was something to happen."

She didn't see a need to get up and go and Stephen didn't make her "

Why'd he ask you to ask me?"

"Who knows, perhaps solely because I am with you."

"Probably thinks I would say no to him," wasn't wrong on that account, after their words this morning, she was more than annoyed with his accusing her or seemingly, of, sicking the council on him.

"Do you want to? I'm not going to make you Jay-la."

Didn't get a chance to answer him as a shiver shot through her body and she felt herself connected to a full, pack wide mind -- link, had forgotten how it that had felt, the weirdness of the sensation as people were brought into

Then she heard Nathan's voice inside her mind as he addressed the entire pack at once 'I, your Alpha, am instating a mandatory blood donation for all pack members with wolves. All pack members will present themselves to the pack's hospital to donate blood over the course of the next three days...While I have your attention, I would like to take a moment to announce to you all. I have been blessed with a Mate by the Goddess Selena herself. I would like

you all to make her feel welcome. Jay- la has returned home and has accepted me as her Mate. Havoc and I could not be more delighted to have her back within the pack and for her to be our Mate and Luna. Unfortunately, as you are all aware, it was my fault that our Jay- la was gone so long from us. Please help me to make Jay-la feel at home once more within our pack.'

She nearly sighed when he cut the link, Stephen just smiled at her. "Well, that was a long time in coming." He murmured.

"I just gured he wasn't going to." She shrugged.

"He just has a lot going on, Jay- la. I'm sure he didn't mean to forget.

She nearly stated that the man had only done it because his mother had gone and told him to, but held it in. "I guess everyone is giving blood."

"Looks like it." Stephen nodded. "I'm sure he would want you to give blood today, why we knew, before everyone else."

"Guess we should go and get it over with then." Smiled a little "Eric was big on his employees donating blood."

"How'd you get out of that?"

"I told him I wasn't allowed, was iron de cient and enimic."

"Good thinking." He chuckled.

They were headed for the pack hospital a few minutes later, as were many others. She was addressed many times as she walked "Luna." They stated and bowed their heads to her slightly, that mark of respect that was given.

Heard a very large growling of her name, and whipped her head around, found Stephen's hand on her arm near instantly, only to see Brad running towards her. Smiled at seeing her brother, she felt Stephens' hand drop from her as Brad yanked her into a big bear hug "I missed you little sister."

She hugged him back. "I missed you too."

"I was not happy, with what mum and dad did. Did not agree it was the right thing at all."

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