

Chapter 228 Training

Alayah's p.o.v.

I look around the room to see if anyone agrees with her, but only the females that will leave with her are nodding their heads.

I get up out of my seat to make sure everyone's eyes are on me, "Training will be mandatory for all Pack-members, no exceptions. Gamma Bastian and I will look at the old training schedule to see if it can be reinstated or if we need to make changes to it. Only Doc can excuse you from training and only if he reports it directly to me, I will be the one to inform your trainer of what you can or can't do." I say before I sit down again.

Let them think on that for a while, I want and need a strong Pack that can help me bring justice for those that need it. I need a Pack that can take care of themselves when I am out there delivering that justice and the first step in that direction is getting a training schedule back in place.

Not that this Pack doesn't train but it hasn't been mandatory for decades and that is going to change immediately. The rest of dinner is spent in mostly silence, most Pack-members talk through the mind-link and only a handful whispers amongst themselves. I look around the room from time to time to see my Pack-members walking in and out as some have finished eating while others still have to eat.

I almost jump out of my seat when I feel hands on my knees, hands that are too small to belong to my Mates and I lean to my left to look under the table. I am met with two bright blue eyes and a huge smile, "Hello, what are you doing under the table?" I ask as I place my hands on the little girl's hands and I slowly guide her from under the table.

She keeps smiling as I pick her up and place her on my lap, I grab a small fork to feed her some of the mashed potatoes and with my other fork I continue eating. By the time I am done with dinner the little girl is fast asleep and a loud scream from the kitchen has Nero on his feet in seconds, "Lara, Lara. Where are you, Sweetie." I hear someone shout in a panic.

"What does Lara look like?" Nero asks as he walks into the kitchen and as I listen to the answer I look down at the little girl in my arm. Nero walks back to the table with a fearful looking female next to him, "Alpha, I am so sorry that she bothered you. I swear it will never happen again." She says as she keeps looking at the floor and something tells me that someone is responsible for this.

I slowly get up with Lara in my arm and walk towards Nero, both of us can feel the fear radiating from her. "Lara was no bother at all, she is a very well-behaved little girl and you can be proud of her. She fell asleep after eating and I didn't want to disturb her. Isn't there someone that can look after her when you are on duty?" I ask no one in particular.

The Omega shakes her head, but doesn't answer my question with words and I really want to know what is going on here. "Does anyone have an answer for me?" I ask as I turn towards the other Pack-members still in the dining room and it takes a few minutes before a male gets up.

"Her Mate is on border patrol at the moment, neither one of them has family in this Pack." Is the answer I finally get and I turn to Bastian with a questioning look in my eyes. He places his tablet on the table to find an answer to my unspoken question, looks like Bastian understands me perfectly and a moment later I hear him growl.

"Someone changed the kitchen schedule, we never put Mates with Pups on duty at the same time. I will get to the bottom of this and whoever is responsible better run and hide." Bastian growls before he walks out of the dining room. A moment later a male runs into the dining room, but stops dead in his tracks when he sees me and fear fills his eyes.

His eyes shift to the female standing next to Nero and I see him pale as she shakes her head nearly unnoticeable. I really want to know what is going on here and I intend to find the answers right now, "Please, follow me to my office." I say as I walk through the dining room with Lara still sleeping in my arms.

I can feel both of them following me, but I can also sense that both of them are terrified and it doesn't sit well with Topaz that someone made them fearful of me. I sit down on a couch in the sitting area of my office and I watch as both of them stop near the sitting area, Noah is the last one to enter the office. He guides both of them to a couch across from me and reluctantly both of them sit down.

"Can one of you tell me why you both are so terrified?" I ask, while I shift on the couch to hold Lara in a more comfortable way. Noah puts an arm around my shoulder as he gently strokes Lara's hair and Topaz is smiling at the scene.

"Our Head Omega told me that if Lara was to bother you in anyway that you would take her away from us, that you don't like it if Pack-members can't take care of their own problems." Molly says, I look at Nero when I hear him softly growl. "She said that this was a test to find out if we raised Lara correctly and that if we failed we would be banished."

My head snaps up to look at her and she moves closer to her Mate, because I accidentally release some of my Alpha aura. I am glad Bastian informed me of their names or this would be really uncomfortable, "Molly, I don't know why the Head Omega told you this and I will find out the answer. However, I want you and Harald to know that I will never take a Pup away from it's parents, unless there are grounded reasons of course.

I want the both of you to understand that if your schedule ever gets changed again, you have to inform me. Bastian already explained it, this is not normal procedure and I will make sure that everyone is well aware of that." I say as I look from Harald to Molly and I can sense the relief in both of them.

After handing Lara back to her Mother I send both of them home, give them some time to let this experience settle. "I want to know who is responsible for this and I want them in my office in the morning." I growl at Anton and I know he will make sure it happens.