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Chapter 206 Two Hundred and Six

Lucianne parted their lips with an annoyed and embarrassed expression, which was when Xandar asked, “Do you want to correct what you just said about me, my love?”

What she just said about him? What did she say? When realization hit her, Lucianne’s face softened, and she tried but failed to press back a smile that was reaching her blushes when she locked eyes with her mate’s anticipating orbs as she uttered, “MY indecent beast.”

“Always.” Xandar pecked a kiss on her forehead before he continued with his promise, “And forever.”

When Lucianne turned back to the crowd, she tried her best to look and sound serious when she explained that a Lycan’s soft spots include their fingers, neck and ears, which was not a lot to work with so it was important to target those areas with whatever tactic they had under their sleeves. Their eyes and noses could be included in the list but it would be very difficult to get to these parts unless they were already caught by a Lycan.

The tip for Lycans: to break your wolf opponents’ limbs as soon as they were in your hands. Do not wait to pull them to you before inflicting injury. The early injury will distract the wolves, thereby giving the Lycans time to break their opponents’ necks or kill them in any other possible manner.

The tip for wolves: if you get caught, find a way to break a Lycan’s fingers to distract them, impale their knees or elbows, and hope that they would be thrown off balance from the short-lived pain, using that time to knock them to the ground and go for their neck.

The step-by-step explanation somehow made Christian shudder before he said, “Cuz, if our Queen decides to join the rogues or anything that’s

anti-government, I'm handing in my resignation. I do not want to die in her hands when I'm on a battlefield." ;

Chuckles and laughter soon erupted from the Duke's reaction, and Weaver readily said, "I have a feeling that most of us would be resigning if that ever happens." Yarrington was nodding in amusement by his mate's side. When Xandar nuzzled Lucianne's nose, she chuckled before looking into his smiling eyes as her hands cupped his face. When Lucianne stroked his cheeks with her thumbs, she declared in an affectionate voice, "That's never going to happen."

Juan snorted and said, "Well, thank Goddess for that. Imagine running with the rogues after killing so many of their friends. That would be one awkward social circle."

Zeke's glazed-over eyes just cleared, and his tone was serious when he said, "Well, I won't know about running WITH them but it looks like we'll be running AGAINST them soon." His eyes locked on Lucianne's bewildered expression as he reported, "Our allies from the Faint Moon Pack may have a lead on Wu Bi Corp's location."

Everyone trained extra hard after Zeke declared that they may be heading for the rogue headquarters soon.

A few wolves from the Faint Moon Pack noticed three men sneaking through the thick forest behind their pack, and when the three reached the coastline, they alighted a motorboat and took it all the way to an island that was probably about three miles off coast.

The wolves from Faint Moon went to the area where the men alighted the boat, and confirmed that their scent was that of a rogue's. What scared them was the fact that at least one of the rogues was a Lycan.

Lucianne was trying to hack into Jake's mind-link more often than before now. She couldn't get anything in the past few days to the point where she wondered if Jake even used his mind-link at all! She ranted

about her frustration to Toby when his animal was sparring Christian's. Christian must have been very careful to not let Toby reach his soft parts because the Duke won. Twice. They shifted back and Toby said, "Lucy, if I lose one more round, know that it's because of your whining."

"Or it's because she's a better teacher for Lycans than for wolves?" Christian said with a smile as he and Toby fist-bumped, which was when Toby said, "Sorry, your Grace. She was a teacher for our species before she became one for yours. We can share the dynamite but we're not letting your kind take her."

Toby then directed his next line to tease Lucianne, "And, Lucy, why aren't you complaining about all of this to your m—"

The Gamma abruptly stopped and covered his mouth when he noticed his best friend's eyes glazed over as she focused, making the bubbly Duke fall silent as well.

Lucianne got in when Jake had just started his link.

'Alithia, where the h'll are you?!'

'Jeez, Jake. Private moment right now.' Lucianne tried not to throw up or make a sound when she heard Alithia's moans.

"You weren't in your room.'

'I don't recall there being any rules of me being in a man's room, Alpha.'

'..Anyway, did our suppliers come with an update on our orders?'

'Mmm...ohh...y-yeah, t-two days. Ahhh...yes... yes...'

'Two days earlier than scheduled, or in two days' time?'

'Earlier. Ohhh...'

‘Oleander and the shell?’

‘J-Just Olea—Oleander. Shell later.’

“WHEN?!”

‘Didn’t say. Ohh yes...’

Jake groaned in frustration and linked, ‘Fine. Looks like we’ll have to work with what we have for the next task. And when he’s done with you, Alithia, it’s my turn. Be ready in my room.’ Alithia snorted before responding while she panted, ‘And you’re gonna...say Lucy’s name... again? Wow, I’m thrilled.’

‘Do you even care whose name I scream when I f*ck and come?’

‘No. You’re a good f*ck. See ya later, Alp—’ When Lucianne brought herself out of the link, she ignored Toby and Christian’s inquisitive looks, and walked to the large tree in small steps. With a hand on the trunk, she supported herself as she tried her best to control her nausea.

The burning sensation was building up in her throat even during the link, and she amazed herself when she could stay until the very end. Toby and Christian stood around her just in case she fainted or fell.

“Baby! Baby! What’s wrong? What happened?” Xandar ran over from his spar with Juan when Christian linked him about Lucianne’s pale face and weakened physique.

She lifted her index finger, asking him for a minute to recover. Toby began explaining to her worried mate and brother that she may have hacked into Jake’s link. Xandar_ rubbed comforting circles on her shoulders as he waited in dismay.

When Lucianne recovered, her back leaned against the tree as she said, “We have to attack by tomorrow. Their latest Oleander supply is going

to be delivered two days in advance.”

“And the shell?” Juan asked.

“Unavailable until further notice.” Lucianne didn’t even let their relief pour out completely before she added, “But they still have some in storage. From the way it sounded, it looks like they have enough for the next battle.”

“Sh*t.” Juan cursed under his breath.

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Xandar was more worried about his mate’s present state. “Baby, is the nausea a side-effect from the hacking?”

“No, it’s just...” she glanced at Toby and Juan before looking back at her mate and explained,

“The person Jake linked was one of his cronies who left Forest Gloom with him, a she-wolf named Alithia, and she was f*cking someone during the entire link.” Just the thought of it made Lucianne nauseous again.

“The entire link?” Christian asked with raised eyebrows because he was questioning his Lycan hearing when he heard that. Lucianne nodded in confirmation as she covered her mouth to cope with the burning sensation in her throat again. The Duke then asked, “How did she even focus on doing that while holding a conversation with someone else?”

Toby offered a suggestion, “Probably by practice, your Grace. That one’s a b*tch, and she has zero respect for personal space. In one of our pack visits to Forest Gloom when Jake was Alpha, Alithia spank my as’. Three times.”

“Before you broke her hand after the third.” Lucianne noted and started laughing, her nausea easing with the humorous memory of Toby ranting about it to her at that time.

When the King looked at the Gamma in surprise, Toby asked with a humorless expression,

“What? Does that warrant a charge for battery, my King?”

A smile graced Xandar’s features when he said,

“No. I think what you did was a fitting punishment, minister.”

“I agree.” Tate came over when he noticed their little crowd. He only heard the last bit of the conversation so he added with a smile, “I’ve never been more proud of my Gamma than the time he made White Blood sever ties with Forest Gloom with nothing more than breaking a hand of one of Jake’s cronies. Had I known it was that easy, I would’ve done it long ago.” After the laughter died down, Tate looked at Lucianne in concern and asked, “You good?” 2z Lucianne pushed herself from the tree and started standing on her own again as she said, “Yeah, I’m fine. Alithia is still as disgusting as we remember, and Jake is worse, as always.” “What do you mean by that, sweetheart?” Xandar asked.

Lucianne was walking on eggshells when she said, “He asked for a...session after Alithia was done with...the person she was doing.” 2

“And?” Xandar pressed because he could see that Lucianne was still hiding something. When he saw the look she had when she was filtering her thoughts, he cupped her cheek and lifted her face up to make her stop thinking and uttered, “Just tell me, baby. Just tell me everything.” 2

Lucianne gulped before she said in a small voice, “When he and Alithia...does it together, Jake...” everyone’s eyes were already a shade darker but they were waiting for her to continue so she did when she said, “...says my name.” 1

The growls from everyone around Lucianne were heard across the field, making some sparring pairs flinch while some of their opponents lost

their balance and fell to the ground. It was clear that Lucianne's attempt to lower the risk of such an outburst by changing Jake's choice of word, 'scream', to 'say' did close to nothing.

Xandar held Lucianne in a protective embrace as he declared in a very low and homicidal tone,

"When we get there, Jake is mine to kill."

"Unless I beat you to him." Juan said in an equally murderous manner, his jaw clenched and he tried his best to control the fur showing on his arms. Toby's canines were already protruding. Tate was retracting his partially-extended claws with a hardened expression. Christian looked at the ground as he took in heavy breaths to calm his mind, his eyes matched those of his cousin's – onyx. Lucianne's hands reached for her beast's face, and her thumbs stroked his cheeks as she whispered, "I'm with you, my love. Only you." He pecked a quick kiss on her forehead and said,

"Thank you, baby. It's time that the rogue Alpha knew that."

Lucianne had been in enough battles to know that anger only gave their opponents the upper hand, so she tried to calm him by gently pressing their foreheads together as she muttered, "Darling, shh...breathe, my love. Just breathe. Shh..."

When Lucianne could see the faint lilac shades in his eyes, she knew that Xandar was ready to listen to reason so she said in a soft and slow voice, "In the battle, we're going to be meeting a lot of infuriating rogues, dearest. They will push your patience to the limit with no remorse. But we are better. We're more than what they are. We don't let them get to us. We should never let them get to us. Let's keep being better, and being more, okay?"

The lilac shades returned completely, and a gentle smile stretched across the King's face as he muttered, "Okay." He then kissed his Queen softly on her lips before he whispered, "You're amazing, Lucy."

Toby coughed as he said, "Control." 4

It wasn't just Xandar she managed to calm when she whispered those words to him. It was everyone else around her, and in calming them, she calmed the rest of the field of fighters looking their way.

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After training and lunch, everyone who was going to be involved in infiltrating Wu Bi Corp gathered in Xandar's home office. These people included Luna Emilia and Gamma Marcus from Faint Moon, the alliance members, Chief Dalloway and Deputy Chief Laurent, General Langford, the Defense Ministers, the Duke and Duchess and the King and Queen themselves. During the heated discussion, arguments were made and debates ensued as everyone considered their best course of action, back-up plans and back-up plans to their back-up plans. After four hours, the plan was formed. The Chief, his deputy and Toby returned to the police station to assemble their people and instruct them, and the General and Phelton gathered their warriors for the same briefing. After that, everyone got to packing. They grabbed a quick bite, treating the light snacks and buns as their dinner before they boarded the private jets: Xandar's, Christian's, Toby's and Phelton's. 1

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“Under different circumstances, I would be taking a lot of pictures and flaunting it in our chat groups, Lucy.” Toby said flatly as his eyes took in the interior of the private jet he was given as a minister. “Regardless of where we have to go with this thing now, this is actually really nice.”

Lucianne was there to see them off before they landed in an opened space not far away from Faint Moon. She looked at the interior, which wasn't very much different from Xandar's jet when her best friend said, “I still can't believe I'm getting a jet.” There was a cheeky glint in his

eye when he added, “Where’s yours, Lucy?
Do you even have one?”

She narrowed her eyes at Toby as the nervous police force got into their seats, clearly afraid of the Queen after they heard about what she could do in and out of a battlefield despite her small size and seemingly-harmless facial features.

Lucianne smirked at Toby as she said, “I think I’m good with not having anything that has Cummings’s stains on it. Who knows what essence of himself he left behind?”

Toby’s taunting eyes widened in realization as he looked around the interior again, not in awe but in horror. He then muttered, “I’ve gotta ask your mate if there’s anyone I! can call to sanitize this whole thing.”

Lucianne’s chuckling halted at her gasp when her mate’s hand made contact with her abdomen as his deep voice rang into her ear, “Hey, babe.”

Xandar then locked eyes with his terrified Defense Minister before he asked, “Is everything alright, Toby?” Lucianne started chuckling again as Toby threw her an annoyed glare.

The Gamma cleared his throat and asked, “Just out of curiosity, Xandar...uh...how does one clean a private jet?”

Lucianne’s cheeky chuckles turned into merciless laughter as Xandar glanced at his mate in bewilderment before he turned back to Toby and explained, “Well, these things are cleaned and serviced once a month, more frequently if it’s being used more often than usual. We have people for this so you really don’t need to worry about cleaning it yourself.”

“When was it last cleaned?” Toby asked.

Xandar didn't know the relevance of his question but this seemed important to the Gamma so he simply answered, "Two days ago, if I'm not mistaken."

A glimmer of hope appeared in Toby's eyes as he proceeded to ask, "Does that mean it was cleaned after Cummings last used it?"

"Oh, Goddess!" Lucianne already had to hold her mate's shoulder for support and wipe away her tears from all the laughing. Even some members of the police force were pressing back smiles and covering their mouths with the Queen's contagious laughter filling the space.

When Xandar finally caught on, a faint smile appeared on his face as he uttered, "Yes, Toby. It was cleaned after Cummings last used it. Was that what you were worried about?"

When Toby saw that the King was close to joining his still-laughing mate, the new minister lifted up his index finger and pointed in a warning as he said, "No, don't you start, Xandar. You're NOT my best friend so you have no license to laugh at me whenever you please. Besides, we've got to go or we'll delay the others. Go! Shoo! Get out of my jet, both of you!"

With a hand on his mate's waist, Xandar tried hard to press back his smile as he led Lucianne out of the jet. Lucianne was still holding onto her stomach as she laughed and said 'Cummings essence' repeatedly until they were out of the jet door.

After they left, Toby muttered, "Most annoying best friend in existence." He then fell into a seat with two policemen and one policewoman before he offered a friendly smile, and started a conversation with the slightly tensed-up police persons.

They touched ground two hours later, and there was a convoy of cars and vans waiting for them. The allies embraced each other, and what

surprised Xandar was the fact that they even brought along a few children, who ran towards Lucianne as they yelled out, “Aunt Lucy!”

The sight of Lucianne glowing as she bent down to hug all five children at once was beautiful but also painful as Xandar thought about it. Through no fault of her own, he and Lucianne would never be able to have their own children. Even so, Xandar couldn't deny his heart melting when the kids wrapped their little arms around his leg after Lucianne introduced him as ‘Uncle Xandar’. 7

The Faint Moon Pack owned a condominium within a fifteen-minute walk from the pack, and it is used on occasions like these, where allies would come over to defend the pack or when they just have to stay over after a pack party. After Xandar and Lucianne settled down the bags in their room, they hopped into the shower. Lucianne's back was facing Xandar as she let the water from above wash away the lather from her hair. Xandar admired her body before wrapping his arms around her waist and shoulders, then planting a kiss on her left shoulder. He then muttered, “The kids love you, Lucy.”

Her head turned for him to witness her cheeky smile as she teased, “Jealous?” Xandar lightened up from his depressing thoughts of the injustice that befallen his mate when he said, “Well, there was one I wasn't really happy with. Jasper, was it?”

“Oh, that one's the cutest.” Lucianne continued to tease.

With a smirk, Xandar spun her around and pinned her against the wall as he challenged, “Is he?”

“Mm-hm.” Lucianne confirmed with her cheeky smile as her hands went to his shoulders before she pressed her forehead against his and whispered, “Right after you, my indecent beast.”

Xandar emitted his deep and alluring growl before his lips trapped hers in a passionate kiss. Lucianne's body inched towards him to close the

distance between them, aching to feel his tool against her lady part as her mate squeezed her bum. Soon, their arousals started filling the air, and the hot shower only made it easier for their need for each other to spiral out of control.

Xandar pinned Lucianne's back against the wall while his tongue was still reaching for her throat. His strong hands lifted up Lucianne's legs from the bathroom floor. Lucianne then instinctively wrapped her legs around his waist as she indulged in her mate's taste in her mouth, feeling his hardened manhood dangerously near where she wanted him to enter.

When Lucianne was out of breath, Xandar went for her neck, sucking on it like it was honey, and he took great pleasure in hearing her moan and feeling her fingers pull his hair.

Beautiful. Sexy. And absolutely intoxicating. He then lowered himself and placed his mate's legs over his shoulders before his tongue attacked the most delicious part of his mate.

Lucianne screamed when his tongue abruptly entered, and moaned as he licked her folds, kneaded her breast and teased her nipples.

'I'd like a drink, my love.' Xandar linked in his enticing voice, which made Lucianne's body arch away from the wall as she released her juices into her thirsty mate's mouth. Xandar gently pressed her body back against the wall as he moaned in delight, lapping up the drink his mate just released.

When the beast licked up every last drop, he stood and positioned his mate's legs back around his waist before pecking a soft kiss on her lips and uttered in satisfaction, "You taste absolutely delectable, my Queen."

With her doe eyes, she pouted while her bum teased his c*ck, which stiffened further with that slight friction. Xandar got the message, and he positioned himself at her entrance before thrusting into her. Lucianne

yelped and closed her eyes. Her head tilted backwards as she moaned to savor the feeling of her mate being in her.

When Lucianne began trying to pull herself out, Xandar got the cue to start moving. They increased their speed much faster tonight with Lucianne's lust for her mate being greater than usual. At her peak, Lucianne screamed and locked her mate in her as Xandar grunted and came inside her.

After sharing another kiss and drying each other up, they went to bed that night naked and

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At breakfast the next morning, Lucianne was giving her full attention to little Lily on her lap. Xandar took the opportunity to discreetly look through precious stones on his phone. He already got the jewellery designer's contact number from Christian a few days ago, and Xandar already picked out a design. All that was left to do was to pick the jewels to put into that design. The designer advised Xandar to pick out something that 'symbolises you and your mate'.

He was scrolling through the catalog when he felt a warmth on his thigh. Xandar looked up and traced the small hand there to Jasper, who was trying to take a peek at his phone. At that very moment, Lucianne was dragged away by a few other kids to see their seashell collection framed up on the walls.

Xandar offered little Jasper a warm smile, and placed the boy on his lap before he asked, "Jasper, can you keep a secret?"

Jasper nodded dotingly with his large, brown eyes.

Xandar went on, “I’m picking something for Aunt Lucy. Do you want to help?”

At the mention of Lucy, the boy’s eyes lit up and he was about to yell Lucianne’s name before Xandar hastily covered his mouth and smiled apologetically at his mate when she looked his way in confusion. Thankfully for Xandar, the kids around her demanded her attention, so she didn’t even mind-link him to ask what he was doing with Jasper.

Xandar lowered his hand from the boy’s mouth before he explained slowly, “Jasper, it’s a secret, okay? We want to give Aunt Lucy a surprise.” The little boy whispered, “A surprise?”

Xandar nodded, and said, “Pick two, Jasper.” He then swiped across his screen to show Jasper the five stones he had narrowed down for the engagement ring he would give Lucianne when he eventually proposed. It may be a little early but he didn’t see anything wrong with being prepared. It wasn’t like he was going to fall for anyone else besides his mate.

The boy’s chubby fingers swiped across the screen a few times as Xandar looked over to Lucianne, just in case she came back too soon. After two minutes, Xandar was beginning to wonder whether Jasper was really choosing something or was simply swiping for fun. Before he could ask, Jasper turned around to face him and whispered, “This one. Because it looks like Aunt Lucy’s eyes.” He swiped again and continued, “And this one. Because it’s Aunt Lucy’s favorite color.”

“Wait, is it?” Xandar asked a little too loudly, and a frantic Jasper pressed both his small hands over the King’s mouth.

“Shh...it’s a secret, Uncle Xandar. A surprise.” Jasper reminded him with wide, worried eyes. Xandar couldn’t help but chuckle, and ruffled Jasper’s hair as he thanked him. He then sent the ones Jasper picked to the designer, who told him that he would get to work immediately, and it will be ready by the following morning for collection. Xandar’s

eyebrows raised at the efficiency, and the jeweller said that he was happy to pause all orders and get to Xandar's first, saying it was 'an honor' to make him and the Queen happy.

"Perks of the job." Xandar muttered to himself. When Lucianne had finished looking at every child's seashell collection, she came over to ask what went on, and Jasper was surprisingly good at changing the subject by telling her that he was telling Xandar about his Lego. When his mother came to get him because it was time to leave for school, Jasper even gave Xandar a high-five before he went over to give Lucianne a hug. HAF

At ten o'clock, apart from Hale and Annie, those who came to infiltrate the rogue headquarters formed temporary mind-links between themselves and got into the five submarines engineered, built and owned by Faint Moon. These were normally used to take tourists to explore the underwater world around the pack's waters, and to take school kids on annual field trips. It generated a significant income for the pack since the coral reefs and fish in those waters were rare.

Today, however, it was used to get to the island off the coast of Faint Moon as discreetly as possible. The police have shifted into their animals because Toby and Lucianne were worried about their untrained speed. The rest remained unshifted as they looked blankly at the colorful corals and fish around them, their minds occupied by what was about to happen. The medical team was especially daunted since they had little to no skills in combat, so they were told to remain in the submarine until they received word to come out.

As discussed, they surfaced at five sides of the island, surrounding the small place. Everyone witnessed the rogues running in a particular direction, and they didn't need to think twice before following them.

As Lucianne ran alongside the others, she tried to simultaneously hack into Jake's link. It was insane! Everyone was trying to get to Jake at the same time!

‘BOSS! SOMEONE FOUND US!’

‘THEY BROUGHT A F*CKING CAVALRY!! WHAT THE F*CK!
HOW ARE THEY SO FAST?!

‘BOSS! WE NEED TO EVACUATE! WE’RE OUTNUMBERED’

Jake sounded annoyed when he linked in response, ‘Just return to base, you cowards. They’re not going to kill us. We have what we need to survive.’ 1

‘ARE YOU EVEN SEEING THIS, BOSS?! THE POISON AIN’T ENOUGH!’

‘JAKE! THAT B*TCH YOU’RE OBSESSED ABOUT IS WITH THEM’ Lucianne recognised this voice to be Feyworth’s, a manipulator who was cast out with Jake and Iris.

Jake took a moment before he scoffed darkly and linked, ‘Well, that changes things. Let them come to us. Everyone knows the plan.’

‘THAT PLAN WAS WITH THE SHELL AND OLEANDER! HOW THE F*CK ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SURVIVE TODAY?’

‘Well, we have to, won’t we? Just stick to what we’ve discussed.’ Jake ended the link and blocked everyone out.

Lucianne told the rest what she learned as they dodged branches and roots. They came to a clearing in the middle of the small island, and were faced with a grey, squarish building with only one floor. The cavalry surrounded the rogue headquarters and waited to strike. Lucianne, Xandar, Christian, the alliance and most of the Lycan warriors stood at the entrance. After a long moment of nothing, Lucianne suggested that they break down the door. But the danger of that was the fact that they didn’t know what traps Jake may have in store for them inside, not being the least familiar with the layout within.

Toby got people to secure all exits. Five minutes later, Phelton gave the warriors the okay to break down the entrance door. After a lot of arguing through the mind-links, everyone reluctantly let Lucianne enter first since she was the only one immuned to Oleander, and the only one who could smell it. Xandar was not happy about sending his mate first, and followed her at her heels to be ready to pull her out at the first sign of danger.

When Lucianne stepped through the entrance of the dim room, Jake's own cavalry was presented before them, and the rogue Alpha threw a smirk in her way. Lucianne turned on her acting switch and smirked in return as she asked, "Did you miss us, Jake?"

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Jake raised an eyebrow, and his animal was turned on by what the hottest she-wolf just said to them.

Seeing that there were no booby traps or Oleander arrows ready to be fired, Xandar, Christian, the alliance, Phelton, Dalloway, Langford and two more Lycan warnors came through. Jake glanced over each of them before his sights returned to Lucianne as he said, "Miss you? Yes. Them? Not so much." "Because they killed your friends back in our little rendezvous in Forest Gloom? How many people did you lose that day again? Fifty?" Lucianne taunted, and was satisfied to see some of those behind Jake were exchanging fearful looks.

Jake knew it, too. "Trying to scare my people, Lucy?"

Lucianne dropped her fake smile and said, "Surrender, Jake. You and your people have nowhere to run. Give yourselves up and the law might be more lenient with this."

Jake chuckled in dark humor and said, “I don’t surrender, sweetheart.”

Enraged growls were fired from those around Lucianne at what Jake just called her. After it died down, Lucianne said, “Poor memory you have there. Maybe Orphelia can be of more help.” Orphelia was one of Jake’s less intelligent cronies. Lucianne turned to her in mock bewilderment as she asked, “Orphelia, I forgot why Clement let Jake leave Forest Gloom instead of killing him in the challenge for the Alpha title. Do you remember why?”

“It’s because Jake sur—” Orphelia’s answer was stopped by Jake’s homicidal growl.

His eyes burnt into Lucianne’s but before he could speak, Lucianne spoke, “The rest of you behind him, you have a chance to come forward and surrender. Stand with your Alpha, and we WILL kill you. Surrender, and you’ll leave this island unharmed.” 1

Although there were arrogant chuckles after Lucianne announced the offer, there were also contemplative faces. Many of their eyes glazed over, like they were discussing amongst themselves. They lost many friends in the last battle that they were fortunate enough to not be sent to. Even the Alpha’s own sister didn’t make it. 3

Toby yelled, “Sixty seconds, people!”

Out of the hundreds behind Jake, about fifteen Lycans and ten wolves came forward. When Lucianne’s scent didn’t pick up any traces of silver or Oleander from those who were coming to their side, she gave Dalloway a nod to cuff them to suppress their abilities while his deputy and the other policemen got them out of the building.

Jake and his loyal followers growled and glared at the traitors, who chose to switch sides at the last minute. The Alpha then scowled at Lucianne and spat, “That was a mistake, Lucy!” Lucianne spat back, “The mistake was teaching Clement to spare your life if you surrendered

in the Alpha challenge! The mistake was not insisting that he killed you and Ins!”

“VE ALREADY KILLED MY SISTER FOR YOU! WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!”

His followers were shocked at this declaration, and many of his followers became hesitant to take his side. They thought Ins died in battle. They weren’t told that the Alpha was the one behind her death.

Alithia stared at Jake in shock and asked, “What did you just say?”

Toby yelled again, “Last chance!” Two lycans immediately came forward, and muttered Oleander blades as they walked past Toby. Jake’s jaw clenched, and his eyes watered just slightly as he told Lucianne, “If it was a mistake to ask that weakling brother of mine to keep me alive, why don’t you just kill me now?” Lucianne scoffed and asked rhetorically, “What do you think we’re here for, genius?”

In a low, menacing voice, Xandar announced, “My sole purpose of being here today IS to kill you.”

Jake’s eyes were fixed on Lucianne’s as he uttered, “I can promise you, by the end of today, you won’t be his anymore, sweetheart.”

Upon Lucianne and Xandar’s growls, everyone charged forward and the battle began. Their cavalry barged in through the entrance and exits upon Toby’s command.

Xandar, Juan and Tate went for Jake without giving it a second thought. The sneaky rogue Alpha charged towards them at first but right before both sides collided, Jake leaped to the side, running away when the rest of his followers were forced to fight their opponents. Xandar and the two Alphas with him were blocked by rogue Lycans, and were forced to fight them off first.

Alithia cleverly avoided Lucianne when she went for Toby without knowing his level of skill. They charged at each other and when Alithia was close enough, Toby extended his claws and impaled her abdomen before flipping her body to the side as he took on the next one.

Lucianne's human part was small enough to dash through opponents as she followed Jake, asking the unshifted Sylvia and shifted Luna Emilia to follow her. The rogue Lycans seemed to be targeting the King as they came attacking in fours. When he saw his Queen running towards a hallway, he sent a link for any available warriors to follow Lucianne and the two wolves with her while he tried to get rid of pesky rogues around him.

Phelton growled before flipping himself over his surprised opponent, pulling the rogue's ears as soon as he landed behind him, tearing them as the rogue let out a deafening howl. The warrior then used that time to impale his opponent's throat and abdomen with his claws before dashing across the room to catch up to the Queen.

Juan killed the two rogue wolves who were in his way before sprinting in the same direction, praying that he would get to his sister before anything happened to her. After the King snapped the necks of the last two rogues attacking him, he leaped over the dead bodies scattered around him before bolting. Christian was only a little behind.

Lucianne, Sylvia and Emilia came to a hall that was smaller than the one they came from. They couldn't see Jake from where they were. Lucianne told them to stay back as she stepped through the doorway. She sniffed the air, making sure there wasn't any poison there to harm her friends.

She then gave them the greenlight to come through. As soon as they stepped in, Lucianne smelled silver coming at lightning speed from above, and two blades came into view in Sylvia and Emilia's way.

Lucianne pushed Emilia's wolf away before taking the blade for Sylvia, groaning as she fell to the ground. After extracting the blade with a mild

concentration of silver from her arm, Lucianne shouted, “Get out of here, now!” Sylvia stubbornly insisted, “We’re not leaving you, Lucy!”

“EMILIA! DODGE!” Lucianne exclaimed when she smelled another blade coming. The blade narrowly missed the Luna, and Lucianne pulled Sylvia and Emilia out of the hall before peering through the doorway.

The guys joined them. Xandar noticed her injury, and immediately placed his hand over the already-healing wound to heal it faster as he asked, “What are we looking at, Lucy?”

“Silver blades are being thrown from a higher level. But they don’t seem to be targeting me. One went for Sylvia, and another two went for Emilia.” Lucianne explained.

When Lucianne was healed, Christian and Phelton walked through the doorway. Xandar made his mate promise to stay behind with the other wolves as he went into the room to join the Duke and warrior. The wolves watched them from where they were.

Nothing seemed to be happening. The three of them stood right in the middle and looked up. There wasn’t anything or anyone. It was just a deserted second floor corridor. Tate caught up to the wolves and shifted back before Juan filled him in.

Just as the three Lycans in the room were walking back to the doorway, everyone heard growls before more rogue Lycans appeared on the second floor corridor, throwing themselves over the railing and landing perfectly on the floor where the King, Duke and deputy minister were. Lucianne immediately linked for back-up, so did the three in the room as they took on the rogues.

Lucianne watched the scene in worry, feeling utterly useless and helpless. She prayed that the three of them could hold on until the other warriors came to help. Suddenly, a blade was thrown in Xandar’s

direction and it made a scratch across the length of his forearm, causing him to groan in pain.

“XANDAR!” Lucianne screamed.

