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Tanner Askes to Stay the Night

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Tanner's POV

I hope that guy takes the hint, as when he started begging Gabi to come back, I was ready to kill him. Why would he do that? He already had his chosen mate, and believe me, she was furious when she heard him talk too. Almost as mad as I was with him, offering to give up being an Alpha to be with her. He can take that s**t and keep rolling, because she is mine, and I will not let him take her from me.

I remember what Gabi had said to them, talking about pain and what all had been done to her, and I cannot imagine what she had been put through in her young life. Why was she allowed to be abused like that? Why didn't the Alpha stop it? Punish the pack members who had done it? I have nothing but disgust and anger at that Goddess' forsaken pack, and I do not want Gabi going there for any reason,

I looked over at the restroom to see if Gabi was coming back and I saw that young Alpha Derek standing there looking at Gabi, but not approaching her. Smart boy.

I see his mother approach him and put an arm on his shoulder and that snaps him out of his staring match with Gabi. I could see him

say something and then turn and head back to his table. I see the sadness written all over his face, he knows that he messed up badly,

and he will be weaker because of it. Nothing makes you stronger than your true mate, and that is why they are so valuable. I see Gabi

standing there and she is upset. I see tears in her eyes, and then she straightens her shoulders and puts her head up, and heads for me. I don't know what he said to her, but I will be the one to comfort her from now on.

When she gets to the table, I hold my arms out to her, and she gets on my lap again and snuggles into me, and I can tell that she was very upset. I leaned down to her ear to keep it private between us and said, "Do I need to ask the young Alpha outside?". Gabi glanced up at me and said, "No, he just told me that I looked beautiful tonight" and snuggled back into me. I needed to know so I asked her, "Why did that upset you, baby, you do look beautiful tonight". Gabi smiled sadly at me, and I saw the tears springing back up in her eyes again

and she said, "because he just reminded me of the sweet boy that was my only friend I had growing up when he said it".

I looked over in his direction and saw him watching me holding Gabi with no attempt to hide the jealousy that he had in his eyes

from me when he saw me looking at him. I narrowed my eyes at him to let him know that I would not be letting her go, and I saw a little

half-smile at the corner of his mouth. That cocky little bastard. If he thinks that he will get a rise out of me, he is mistaken. I will not be letting Gabi go at all tonight, and that gave me an idea.

"Heath, I hate to ask this, and I know on the front end of it, it will sound inappropriate, but hear me out first. Due to Taylor hopping

into my bed the last time I was there, I only made plans for us to have 2 rooms, as we only needed one for the men, and the other for the women to get ready. I was not

planning on staying here overnight unless one of us met their mate. Now that I know Taylor is upset with Gabi staying here, and her first mate being here, it is making me a little concerned about his heartfelt plea for her to take him back. I was wondering if I could stay with Gabi tonight, with Luna Liz as a chaperone. I can sleep on top of the blankets if that will make you feel better about it. But I don't want to leave her with Taylor, those two horrible girls over there, and Derek all here overnight. No offense to you at all, Luna Liz, as I know he is your son, but I heard him when he pleaded with Gabi, and he really did want her to give him a second chance", I asked Heath.

Heath arched an eyebrow at me and then looked at Von who was smiling at him, and he turned back grinning at me, and said, "I appreciate you asking me, son, but the person who you need to ask is in your lap. Gabi is 18 and can handle her own affairs. We just want to provide safety and guidance for her, but she can call her own shots. But we don't have a problem with it. You have declared your intentions and you fought to keep her, despite Taylor twisting the truth. I am proud of you, you handled yourself well in a tough situation,

and am happy that you and Gabi are mates".

I looked down at Gabi and asked her quietly, "Would that be OK with you, Gabi?" Gabi smiled and nodded at me, and I am so happy

that I can sleep in the same bed with her and won't have to worry about Derek coming to her in the night. It was him that I was worried about as he clearly still had very deep feelings for her. She could handle herself against Taylor, Piper, and Heather, as only Heather out of the three had ever trained. Gabi would kick all of their asses. But with Derek, I wouldn't give him the opportunity to try to worm his way into her heart. She had obviously loved him at a point, and he had been a true mate to her as well. So, it wasn't a stretch for him to take a

shot, as he clearly wanted her back enough to give up his own pack to get her back.

That was a serious act, and I didn't want her to give up one centimeter of space in her heart back to him.

Gabi danced with me a couple more times tonight and then we all headed back upstairs to the rooms. My parents would be taking

the one with the king in it, and my brother and sister would take the one with the two full beds in it. I went to change into sweatpants and a t-shirt for me to sleep in, and my brother and sister couldn't wait for me to come out of the bathroom after changing and brushing my teeth.

"You HAVE to be the luckiest guy that I know, Tanner", Gavin tells me.

"Yes, your mate is gorgeous and a great fighter. She will definitely be making our pack stronger. I think she could even make Gavin's dream come true of having our own pack have a training team", Alicia said to me, and Gavin grinned widely at her. I knew that was why he was so excited.

"Yes, I would like her to help me get a team together. Maybe she can get the guys to come to our pack and help us train and get a team together. That would be great for our pack, we would be even stronger", Gavin tells me, and I can't help smiling at his

excitement.

“That was quite a little show of wanting to sleep in the same bed with your mate. She has Alpha Heath and Luna Von on one side of her room and two really big, highly-trained men on the other side of her. She is highly trained herself and Luna Liz is also very strong. I sense another reason for you to be concerned. One happens to be tall, blonde, and handsome, which is the root cause of you wanting to make sure that she is not alone. Like his mom letting him into the room for a quick visit before bed, perhaps?” Alicia teased me, and she hit the nail on the head. That was the exact reason I wanted to spend the night in her room. Luna Liz was his mom, and even though she facilitated Gabi and her team to come onto packlands to accept his rejection. She could also change her mind by hearing that he was serious enough about it, to give up his pack and give him the support of going after Gabi again.

“You are right Alicia, it is all over his face. Do not worry Tanner, I can see that Gabi loves you already. You just keep being her rock, and she will be in our pack in no time”, Gavin said.

“I hope you are right because hearing that she will be going to his pack, to help train, makes me a little worried. You didn’t hear him. He loves her too, and he has changed his mind about wanting his chosen Luna. He is willing to give up his pack for her. That is actually really big, and it is something that might make her want him again. I cannot take the chance. I hope that they can get the Luna

So I

ceremony completed, as when he marks her, that will be the end of it. But I am sure he is going to try every trick in the book to get her much already, I want to mark her right now, and I will as soon as she is OK with me doing it” I told them both and headed back into the bathroom to brush my teeth one more time as I plan on kissing Gabi several times before bed, and I want to have fresh breath and a clean mouth to do it with. I used the mouthwash twice too and was ready to go.

“I have never seen you this nervous over a girl before, Brother. I remember when you turned 17 and were out of control with going through them until you suddenly stopped when you were 18. You never put any effort into it at all. I am glad you already have such a strong bond with your mate”, Gavin told me in all seriousness.

He is right, I never cared about any of those girls. They wanted me because I was next in line to be Alpha, and they wanted to be my

Luna. I had a mental note that when I got back to my pack there was only one girl who I would need to speak to, and since she was a warrior, she would have already been informed that I had found my mate. I had only slept with 4 girls, and three of the four were now

happily mated from when I went haywire at 17. Mom finally sat me down and straightened me out, but the damage had been done. Dana

Tyler was one of my top female warriors and she rejected her mate, who was also a warrior, because she was convinced that we would end up being mates, and she was wrong. She feels like I owed her the Luna position for her rejecting her mate, to try to be my mate when

I didn’t ask her to. I didn’t even know she had found and rejected her mate. That was all

her doing, as I knew we were not mates. Other than me coming out to watch their training occasionally, I have not seen her in over a year. I had been avoiding her because the last time I saw her she told me that she thought that we would be together one day. She told me if I hadn't met my mate by the time that I turned 30 that she would be honored to be my chosen mate. Dana is definitely going to have a problem with me finding my mate. I am so thankful that Gabi knows how to fight. But I don't want it to come to that. Dana is low, she reminds me a lot of Taylor in how she acts. I don't ever want her putting her hands on Gabi, and if I have to, I will either Alpha command her not to touch Gabi or banish her if she does. I will also tell Gabi, as I want to be totally honest and upfront with her about my past. I am not thrilled to tell her, and thankfully, even though my numbers are low, especially compared to Derek, it will still be a hard conversation. My phone pinged with a text alert, and Gabi was looking for me, so I said goodbye to my siblings and headed her way. I am a lucky guy.

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Derek Wants to Say Goodnight

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Gabi's POV

I am really excited about Tanner sleeping with me in my bed. I have never shared my bed before except with my parents when I was young, and I am looking forward to getting several good-night kisses before I fall asleep tonight.

I heard a knock on the door and danced over to answer it and threw it open before looking out to even see who it was, as I knew it was Tanner. I was wrong. Derek stood in the hallway, in just his pajama pants, with his broad chest showing the world his 6 pack. I stepped back away from Derek, further into my room, to my surprise, he took that as an opportunity to enter our room. tuna Liz was taking a bubble bath and wouldn't be out for at least 20 more minutes, as she was reading and soaking in a hot tub, taking a nice bubble

bath. To me, it wasn't enough of an emergency to call Alan, Hudson, or Heath over. I will leave the door open so it wouldn't look bad, but

I am in my cute PJs that I am glad I packed, and it is a coral-colored lace-trimmed cotton camisole, with matching boy shorts.

I was suddenly not comfortable with the way that Derek was now looking at me, and he knew his mom was not there, as I was the only one present in the room. I saw him lick his lips and continued to stare a hole through my top as I didn't have a bra on, and I decided to get him the hell out of our room.

"Did you need something? Because your mother is not available right now. You can come back in 10 minutes if you need to speak to her", I told him and motioned to the hallway for him to leave.

"Oh, I believe it is going to be more like 20 to 30 minutes, at least that is what mom said

when I mindlinked her to ask when I could come and tell her good night. I figured you would be alone, so I dropped by for us to get to talk without interruption Gabi”, Derek tells me and takes another step towards me.

“Derek, you should know now that I am never alone, and I am actually expecting someone, so you can leave. He will not be happy about you being in my room and especially with me being dressed for bed. You can close the door on your way out, Derek”, I told him, and I turned to go grab my phone from the desk it was sitting on to ask Tanner when he was coming. I heard the door close as soon as I had the text done and had just hit send when I felt arms snake around my waist and pull me back hard into his chest and, from the lack of

tingles, I knew it was Derek. I grabbed his top hand and twisted his thumb back and sprung free of his grip. I whirled around to face him and said, ” Derek, what in the hell do you think you are doing? Do not make me call for help, it is going to be really bad for you if I do. I am not that scared little Omega you knew anymore. I am asking you one more time to leave before I call for help. I will not allow you to touch me again”.

“Baby, I know that you are mad at me for rejecting you and I am going to take it back. We can still be together. I made a mistake, and I am sorry for it. I chose wrong, you were made for me, and I didn’t respect the bond between us. I changed my mind, and you are perfect for me. You are all that I want. I do not want Piper anymore as my mate. I am willing to give up being an Alpha just to be with you Gabi”, Derek tells me, and I am stunned that he would think that is what I wanted. I have a second chance mate now and I will not betray him.

“Derek, you had your chance. You were there when Jack attacked me the second time and kept him from assaulting me. You knew that I finally knew that we were mates right then. Which meant that you knew it when you turned 18. As my parents had already explained to me how mates work, even if one is older, you still recognize your mate. Instead of claiming me or keeping the others, and especially Heather, from abusing me, you left to go to Alpha Training. You w****d around in the pack, before and after you knew I was your mate. You assaulted me yourself your sophomore year for me telling you “Hi”. You w****d around at Alpha Training, but now, NOW! am suddenly perfect for you. Out of what the last 20 girls you slept with? You just want me because I accepted your rejection. I was the one that got away and your pride is just hurt. I don’t feel anything towards you anymore Derek, you need to get out of my room, last chance”I told him, and I was furious as he was just standing there watching my chest heaving up and down after I told him off like he is now hypnotized, watching it. That moron has not heard a word I just said to him and instead, he is proving me right. He just wants to have s*x with me, and that is it. He just physically wants me. He doesn’t love me. I

moved past him to the door and threw it open and pointed out into the hallway, "Get Out NOW!" I told him, in a much louder tone.

"Baby, just calm down, we can work this out. I told you I had made a mistake. I admit it, and I want us to move forward from it.

Please just give me another chance, Gabi. I love you and I cannot be with Piper anymore. She is annoying, she is not you. I do not desire her at all, I want you, Gabi. I need you", Derek tells me, and steps towards the door.

"Really? Did you really just say that you didn't want Piper anymore? Well, that is a surprise because I felt the pain of it each and every time that you two slept together. You didn't seem to be having any difficulty at all then, Derek. You hurt me daily and NOW you say you don't want her, you want me. It is too little, and WAY too late, Derek. I do not believe you and your time is up". I told him and I mindlinked Alan that I needed help ASAP.

"Gabi, I have to think of you just to finish with her. I don't want her, it is you, it was always you. Dad just told me that I couldn't have an Omega mate, as she would make me weak. But you are not weak Gabi, you are strong, and I want you, only you. Please, baby, give me one more chance. I made a huge mistake rejecting you, Gabi, and I am so sorry for the pain that I caused you. I will never hurt you again, just say that you'll be mine", Derek pleads with me and reaches out to stroke my cheek. I shook my head no and stepped back further away from him.

"I told you no, Derek. That is my answer and that will always be my answer. We are no longer mates, and I have a second chance mate now. I would not betray him. I waited for my mate as it was the only gift that I could give him. I am with Tanner, and I will NOT be

with you. Please get out of my room right now", I told Derek.

Derek started walking to the door and then suddenly lunged for me and pulled me to him. His mouth lowered to mine, and he tried to give me a passionate kiss, but I managed to turn my face away from his a few seconds after his lips crashed down on mine. His hand was cupping my breast through my shirt, and after I moved my face to the side, Derek took the opportunity to start kissing his way down my neck. I growled in fury at him and then I stepped down hard on the inside of his foot, and when he relaxed his grip from the first blow, I head-butted him and then grabbed his arm that was still on my breast and used it to flip him over my body.

wy.
Derek lay on the floor looking up at me in surprise, and I was really angry now.

"You asshole, you dared to kiss me when I told you we would never be together. Get out of my room now. I cannot stand to see your face anymore. You made your choice 3 and a half months ago. I was not part of your "plan", so go to Piper. You remember her, right? You wanted her more than me just a few months ago. Get out or I swear to the Goddess, I will take you down again you piece of s**t", I growled out to him, and I saw his face suddenly look fearful. Good, I have finally gotten through to him. He needs to listen to what I have

been telling him.

A thunderous growl sounded out behind me, and I realized that it was not me who just put fear into his heart, it was Tanner, who approached Derek like he was stalking his prey. I saw Alan just now arriving in the doorway of the adjoining room with his shorts on and clinging to him, and he was dripping water everywhere, with soap still in his hair. I guess he was in the shower when I called him and he came running. Alan enters the room and sees me disheveled, and knows what happened the same as Tanner does.

Tanner is going to kill him, right now in front of me. I knew that he was going to kill him, as a voice I had never heard before came rumbling from his chest and Tala was instantly wagging her tail in response. Rafe is present and he is furious. His deep voice rumbled out, "You DARE to touch our mate. She is not yours anymore, and you were warned earlier. She is ours and we will not allow another to touch her or harm her ever again". I knew that Rafe was going to kill Derek if he phased into his wolf, and I did the only thing I knew to do and threw myself into his arms as the other adjoining side door was thrown open and Heath and Von entered the room as well.

Rafe calmed down slightly when I threw myself at him, but the second he bent down and sniffed me, I knew Derek was in much more trouble than before as Rafe yelled at Derek, "You kissed her? I smell you on her lips and down her neck. You dared to touch my mate?" Rafe thunders out and I am trying to stop him from advancing on Derek, as I don't want his blood on my hands. Alan was stepping up and trying to speak with Rafe in a calm tone, with his hands up. Luna Liz is now out of the bathroom standing there soaked in a towel, watching Rafe, half phased and with his claws out, still advancing on Derek, who is crab-walking towards his mother.

I grabbed Rafe's face as he was still phasing and held him on both sides of his face and forced him to look at me. I looked deep into his eyes and said, "Baby, please listen to me, he did come to try to talk me back to him. But I told him that I was with you. He did try to na

kiss me, and I turned my head and so he kissed my neck. I will shower so that you can sleep with me tonight. Please do not kill him. He did wrong, but it was just a kiss, and I took him down and I had already called Alan for backup. He was in the shower and that was why it took him a full minute to get in here. I am all right. I had taken him down myself for his actions. You don't have to kill him, believe me, he is punished enough with Piper for a mate. He made his bed, let him lie in it, he would suffer more that way anyhow", and he gradually calmed down. He went to sniff me again and had to stop because that was not going to calm him down at all, sniffing Derek on me.

"I will go take a shower as soon as everyone leaves Tanner. I will get his scent off of me. You have nothing to worry about. I am yours, and you are mine. I already love you. You don't have to kill him, baby", I told him as I stroked his cheek. Tanner is back in control now, and I rise up on the balls of my feet to give him a kiss on his jaw, and a

tight hug.

Derek took that opportunity to slip out of the room and run down the hallway back to his room, and I am amazed that more people didn't show up to see what was going on when Tanner roared out like that. They were probably all scared when they heard it and stayed put. I am glad they didn't come to see what had happened because it could have turned out very differently.

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Tanner hears Gabi's Story

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Tanner's POV

I shouldn't have waited to get here to Gabi. This was all on me. I knew that little prick was going to try to visit Gabi tonight to try to get with her again. He was just earlier than I thought he would be. He probably took off when his little chosen mate hit the shower, to go and see Gabi. I never should have stayed to talk to my brother and sister. I could have let them both tease me the whole two hours back to my pack tomorrow. I hate that I messed up and allowed that jerk an opportunity to be able to put his hands on Gabi. I hope Derek takes that warning and realizes that I will not hesitate the next time he puts his hands on Gabi, to take him out. He had received his second warning and I was only gracious to him because if Gabi hadn't interceded, I would surely have killed him tonight. Smelling him on my Gabi, Rafe was furious and wanted blood, Derek's blood. Luna Liz apologized to us both for Derek's actions, but it was not her fault he did it. He realizes his mistake, rejecting Gabi, and was trying to rectify it. Normally, that would be OK, if the person in question hasn't received their second chance mate. Which she had, and he knew that. It was his job to apologize to Gabi for putting his hands on her, and I know he only got scared when I showed up. I could see it all over his face. I know he was enjoying touching Gabi, and I am furious I didn't get there earlier, so, when he showed up and came into her room, I would have already been there, and spared her from him being able to touch her. I actually hated being right in wanting to spend the night with her for protection for both of us. I anticipated another midnight visit from Taylor too, as she has avoided her fair share of punishment that she totally deserves, too many times and shown she doesn't worry about the consequences of her actions. She does whatever she wants with no real penalties or it. I hope, now that they have seen how devious she actually is, that they reel her in for her to act right, but regardless, she is not welcome at Blood Rose pack ever again. I will have to have a real talk with Alpha Wilson soon, as we will need to discuss his lack of faith in me, as an Ally, and as a neighboring Alpha, and giving no respect at all to me. For him to accuse me of wrongdoing, when I had told him exactly what happened, he could have found it all out quicker by just taking my word for it and forcing Taylor to answer truthfully from the beginning. Luna Liz seemed upset by what had happened, and not because of Derek. She was worried about Gabi, and I am glad that she knows her own child, and where the fault lay in this incident. Luna Liz was a kind and wise woman and I can tell that she loves Gabi very

much. I will have to get the whole story of what has all happened in that pack soon, as I think that Gabi might be in danger when she goes back there. If I have to, I will see about passing their test to be on the training team, just to be able to go for a week or two to make sure that she is safe, as I know that jerk Derek won't allow me on his packlands any other way than if I was part of the team, and even then, he won't want me there. I am competition to him, and he doesn't want me with Gabi. I am going to speak to Heath and Alan about it tomorrow, about making me an honorary member, if I can pass the test, and make the team, just for this one trip. I am sure that they will need help anyway.

Gabi comes out of the bathroom and has a towel in front of her, blocking the nightgown she has on. She had on a cute two-piece earlier and she looked great in it. I really liked how her top fit her and seeing the swell of her breasts in it. But Derek had put his hands on it, and it had his scent on it, and Rafe would have no part in Gabi smelling even a little bit like Derek. I get angry again just thinking of him even seeing her in it, let alone touching her. Gabi knew that and went to take her shower and even though I could not smell that spoiled jerk on her anymore, just the thought of him coming into her room and even after being asked to leave several times, he grabbed her and groped her. Rafe is coming to the surface fast and he is ready for blood again. Gabi realizes this and hurries to our bed and sits up against the headboard with me and holds my hand. It is amazing how quickly I calm down with just one touch from her. Gabi is my everything and I will protect her. I will ask her what her opinion is of me trying out for the team as an honorary member tonight.

"You can put the towel down Gabi, we are mates, you are covered. Hopefully, I will be seeing your body soon enough, as Rafe and I would like to mark you right now if you and Tala would let us", I told her and glanced at her neck.

"Tala is all in, but I literally just met you today. Derek kind of burned me and I have trust issues from both him and from Jack", Gabi tells me.

"Who is Jack? Is he the one that Alan is going to take care of when you go to train at Red River and River Bed?" I asked her.

"Yes, he was my ex-boyfriend. He was the only one who could talk to me, as Heather had put the word out to everyone about what would happen if you were friends with me. She made them suffer. Not as much as she made me suffer, but it kept everyone from wanting to be my friend", Gabi told me. I am furious that the annoying girl from earlier was probably her biggest tormenter and I let her go. Well, I will keep an eye out for her tomorrow, and she will know what will happen to her if she puts her hands on my Gabi again.

"I hope that one day you will trust me enough to tell me what happened to you in the Red River pack, Gabi. I love you and it is my job as your mate to protect you, baby. Please let me do that. I need to know so I can keep you safe. I know that you are strong, and can basically defend yourself, but against a well-trained man, you will be at a disadvantage every time". I told her and pulled her tighter to me, as just this discussion was getting me upset. Yes, tomorrow first thing I will be speaking to Heath and Alan as I need to get settled on what I need to do to get onto this team.

“I will tell you, hang on one minute while I go turn out the light as Luna Liz is already asleep, and you cannot growl, as you will wake her up. She is the reason that I was able to get out. She was the reason that I was able to go in with my team members and be able to reject Derek and take Jack down when he approached me, and how we got out. They were closing the gates and Justin opened them back up for us, after taking out the guards. She made all of that happen and I love her”. Gabi told me and went to the bathroom to drop the towel off in the hamper, and padded over to the light on the desk, as that was the only light in the room. I watched her beautiful legs showing clearly in the short nightgown as she was crossing the room to turn the light out and the brief silhouette I got of Gabi’s body as the light showed through her lilac-colored nightgown, made me realize that I was in for a tough night. I should have made myself relax in the shower before I came over, but I was in a hurry to get to her room, before Derek, and now I have a big issue that I may not be able to hide from Gabi. I didn’t think this through all the way. I should have just gotten a sleeping bag with some extra blankets to make a bed on the floor.

With my wolf’s eyesight, I see her coming back to the bed, and she is a vision coming toward me. I am already hard for her, and she wasn’t even in bed with me yet. I am going to have to put a pillow in front of me so I don’t scare her, and I will probably be able to calm down some while hearing her story about the Red River pack. I already knew if I declared war on them that Heath and the Ever Green pack would be all in with me, but his sister-in-law is the Luna there. That is the only reason that it hasn’t happened yet.

The bed moves a little with Gabi getting in and she is a little stiff, and I can tell she is nervous. Rafe is annoyingly excited about being in bed with his mate, and I am trying to calm him down and talk to Gabi too.

“Turn onto your left side and face Luna Liz, baby, I will curve up behind you, so you can talk. I will do my best to stay calm while you tell me what happened. Rafe is so happy that you let us spend the night with you, he will not calm down. I do want to hear what happened to you at Red River. I also want you to know that in the morning I am speaking with Alpha Heath, and Alan, about seeing if they will allow me to test too. I want to be an honorary member of the team, as I don’t trust Derek at all. He will keep trying to get you back, and as he gets more frustrated, he could attack you, and I cannot allow him to do that. I would like to go with you all when you go there and help train them so you can get in and out faster. If that is OK with you?” I asked her and she turned her head to me and grinned and said, “You know we won’t go easy on you, right? Just because you are an Alpha doesn’t matter”. I grinned back at her and said, “I want you to give me your best shot” and kissed her shoulder as I laid back down and pulled her to my body. Thankful for the pillow I put between us before she got into bed. I will move it away when I don’t need it anymore. I listened to Gabi talk softly to me as she started being a child and playing with Derek, to

today, and I am shocked. What kind of an asshole Alpha is running Red River? I don't have a treaty with them, and from what I know now, I never will. I know what she said, that Luna Liz is getting the charges stacked up against him, but I would go there tomorrow and happily kill him myself for letting Jack at her not once, but twice, with no punishment. Jack is due an ass-kicking and I am going to ask Alan if it could be me to be the one to do it. No wonder he said he would deal with one when he got there. Was that i***t so focused on Gabi and getting to her to try again a third time, that he didn't even see four large men standing right there in front of him? I am barely keeping Rafe calm now as it is and that was totally because of the deep breaths I am taking from Gabi's neck, and the occasional kiss that I place on her shoulder to comfort her. I want to be soothing Gabi, as I can tell she is now upset and unable to sleep from telling me her story. I am going to have to help her out so she can sleep.

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Tanner helps Gabi Out

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Gabi's POV

I finish my story and I can tell how upset Tanner was for me. When he was kissing me on the shoulder as I told him, it really actually helped to comfort me more than he knows.

I feel him lying behind me and I like breathing his scent in, it does calm me, and Tala is excited that we have Tanner and Rafe here to protect us. She said that when Derek was in the room earlier, Hunter, Derek's wolf, warned her that Derek would be coming back in the night, because he wanted to take me before Tanner could. That was very upsetting to hear, and Tanner didn't even know how accurate he was about the fact that Derek was just going to get bolder and angrier with each rejection I gave him. It might not be a bad idea for Tanner to get to be an "honorary" member of the team, just for this one training session, because between Monty, Derek, and Jack, I will NOT be safe at Red River.

I felt Tanner move back from me a little and then he leaned over me and asked me to lay down on my back for him. I laid on my back and looked at him with a frown as to why he needed me to do that. Tanner laid back next to me and then started giving me kisses that got progressively longer and hotter. I have my arms wrapped around his neck and I am trying very hard not to moan as that would totally wake Luna Liz up. I can hear her slightly snoring in her bed, and she is about 10 feet from us as we had one of the bigger suites.

Tanner starts kissing me again and I feel his hand on the inside of my leg, right above the knee, as he kisses me thoroughly again.

With each intense kiss, I feel his hand edging closer and closer to my underwear, and I wonder what he is going to do, as we really shouldn't have s*x, especially with Luna Liz right here in the room with us.

I can tell my panties are moist already as Tanner is a great kisser, and I am excited

about us being together in bed. Tanner groans as his hand comes in contact with my panties, and he rubs the top of my underwear and that makes me groan as his stroke hit my clit as he caressed me through my underwear. I made a little gasp as he watched my face as he slipped his finger under my underwear from the side and drew his finger up my soaking slit. Tanner groans again at how wet I am, and he leans down to kiss me again and slides his tongue into my mouth and he continues to run his finger up and down my slit. I am now moaning into his mouth and trying my best to be quiet, but I have never felt this before, and I want more. I needed more from him. Tanner gets on his knees, and I miss his mouth on mine, but he put a finger to his mouth to tell me to be quiet. It was the same finger that he had used on me, and I watched him stick it into his mouth and then groan lowly as he pulled it out, clean of my juices now, and I don't know why, but that made me ache for him more. He then pulls my nightgown up a little and then starts working my underwear down. I reached down to stop him and whispered to him, "I am not ready for stx yet, Tanner, Luna Liz is right there next to us."

Tanner leans down to my ear and whispers back, "We are not going to have s*x. You were upset and I am going to help you out so you can sleep. I promise, I am not going to hurt you, I am just trying to help you relax, baby".

Inod and let go of my underwear and he glides them down my legs and puts them on the floor next to the bed. I look at him and he starts crawling back next to me and hovers over me to start kissing me again. I love this part, and I am really excited about where this is going. I feel his hand again right at my lower lips. They are soaked and he uses that wetness to stroke up to my clit, and then back down again. This feels so good. I moan into his mouth, and he starts moving his finger quicker. In and out of me, and then sliding back up to rub my clit, and I am struggling to stay quiet. I want more and I need something. I am having these really intense feelings coming over me, and Tanner aggressively places his leg over mine to hold my legs open to him and he is killing me even as he continues on. My legs are starting to shake, and I don't know what is happening to me, but I don't want it to stop. I need more, and I make a whimpering sound to Tanner like I am begging him for something.

Tanner delivers when he runs his hand up inside me several times and while he traces patterns on my clit with his thumb and then

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presses down harder on it. I went to scream out and he captured it in his mouth as I came hard against his hand. I feel weak, like I can only just lie there until I can recover. I feel so good, so relaxed and I want more still. If that was this good, maybe I need to rethink having stx with Tanner. We may not wake her up, maybe. I am floating down, and Tanner sits up and takes his shirt off, he is sweating, as he is hot, and then I noticed that he really is hot. I get my first good look at his chest, and he is built like a Greek god, he has an 8-pack, and the

best-looking chest I have ever seen in my life. Tanner is so strong. I bet he must have had his suit custom made too. If I weren't so tired now, I would so start running my fingers across the ridges on his abdomen. I see his V cut and a little train of dark hair leading into his sweatpants, and I am all in on this mate thing. I am going to see if he wants to mark me and allow me to mark him in the morning. It is already early morning. Today, before we leave, I want to be marked, and for me to mark Tanner as well.

I saw a bulge showing on the front of his sweatpants and I realized that, although I am now really very calm and happy, Tanner wasn't. I mean he is smiling gently at me, but I know how this works, my parents explained it to me. I need to help Tanner out too. I go to reach out to him, and he leans forward and tells me it will be fine. I shook my head no at him and then leaned towards him and told him, "No, it isn't, I will be right back and then I ran for the bathroom quietly. I get my used towel out of the hamper and go back to bed. I laid the towel down next to him on the bed and I sat down on the bed and faced him and told him, "Take your pants off". Tanner shakes his head no and again tells me, "You don't have to, it will be alright". "No, it won't. We are going to leave tomorrow and who knows when we will get to see each other again? It could be a little while. I would like us to mark each other today before we have to leave if you are OK with it?" I told him and he looked surprised and happy with my request.

Tanner nodded and said, "I very much want to mark you Gabi, and I will want your mark as well. That way everyone will know that we are taken".

Tanner gets off the bed and pulls his sweatpants off, and I was a little taken aback by the size of his d**k. Tanner sees my look of

surprise and he laughs lowly and says, "That was why I was OK with you waiting until you got more used to it".

"No, I just don't know exactly what I am doing, but I am going to try. Just tell me what I need to do for it to feel good for you Tanner. I want you to be as happy and relaxed as I am", I told him and reached out to stroke it. Tanner gives a low moan, and I can tell that I will be

able to figure it out by just listening to him as I go. I got on my knees and licked it from the bottom to the top and Tanner nearly fell off the bed in reaction to it. I guess he likes that too. I like figuring this out, and I am going to see if I can make him c*m too, without his input on what I need to do.

Topen my mouth and take the top of his d**k into it, and run my tongue in a swirl around the head of it, and Tanner gives a moan of approval and grabs the back of my head in his hand. Tanner gently rubs his hand through my hair as I continue to work on him, and I can tell what he likes the best, as his grip will get tighter as I do something he likes. I decide to use my hand and my mouth as I continue to

please Tanner and he is now making the same noises I had been earlier. I caressed his balls with my free hand as I again pulled the top of his d**k into my mouth and Tanner jerked and tried to get me to stop. I continued on and Tanner sits up halfway and pulls my mouth to his with one hand and starts kissing me enthusiastically as I reach down again and continue to tug on his d**k. Tanner is groaning into my mouth, and he reaches down my body and starts cubbing my n****s and then cupping my breasts with his free hand as his moans increase. Tanner then pulls my hand off of his d**k and covers it with his own hand and then lays back with me in his other arm kissing me, as he catches the c*m as it keeps roping out of his body, again and again as it pumps out of him as his d**k contracts. I am glad that Tanner looks relaxed now too and he seemed to enjoy what I did.

Tanner cleans himself with the towel and puts his sweatpants back on before taking the towel back to the bathroom. I got up and put my underwear back on, so Luna Liz wouldn't notice it lying on the floor, and I was already blushing. Will they be able to tell what we did tonight? I mean we are mates, and it is probably expected. Tanner comes back to bed and leaves his shirt off and pulls me back into his body and curves around me.

I am so happy right now. I feel like I am where I am supposed to be. I snuggle into his warmth and Tanner kisses my shoulder and tells me, "I love you, Gabi".

"I love you too, Tanner. Don't forget we are marking each other in the morning", I told him. Tanner gives a little laugh and says,

There is no way in the world I am missing out on marking you tomorrow. It will be my pleasure to make sure every man knows that you are off-limits to them, from now on. I look forward to being marked myself, as you and Tala are it for me".

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The Next Morning

Chapter 45

Tanner's POV

I wake up with the most wonderful scent all around me. Gabi smells wonderful and I take a deep breath to breathe her in. Luna Liz is dressed and at the desk and gives me a knowing smile, and then nods her head in my direction, and quietly says, "Good morning, Tanner "Luna Liz is fighting a big smile, and I feel a little embarrassed. I guess we weren't as quiet as we thought we were. I hope she doesn't tease Gabi. She is going to blush this whole place down. I smiled back at Luna Liz and said, "Good morning, Luna Liz. Thank you for letting me stay last night." "I am glad Gabi has a good man as her mate. I am glad she is yours, and I can rest more easily, knowing that you will protect her", Luna Liz told me.

"Yes, as a matter of fact, I am talking to Alpha Heath and Alan this morning to see if I can be tested to be an "honorary" member of the training team so I can be allowed on your packlands at Red River. I know after last

night that Derek is not going to stop until he gets Gabi back, and he can refuse me entry as an Alpha of the Blood Rose pack. If I am on the training team though, maybe they can get the training done quicker and I can get Gabi out while my Beta, dad, and Gavin do my work for me for two to three weeks. I don't want to leave her there, I have heard that besides Derek, there was another, Jack, who had already assaulted her twice. I will not allow a third time to occur. As far as I am concerned, Luna Liz, you are the only good thing about that pack. I am sure there are other good wolves there. I just haven't met them yet. I just want to get her back to Ever Green as fast as I can, until she can come to my pack", I told her.

"Yes, I am glad that she doesn't want to stay here. I don't trust Taylor at all. She is a compulsive liar, and I am so glad you are 100% invested in Gabi from the start", Luna Liz told me.

"I have been looking for my mate for a while now, Luna Liz. I was so happy when I scented her here, well, right up until she ran off. I didn't know her back story and I didn't know why she ran off, so I went and got a shave and a haircut to present myself in the best light. Taylor had been chasing me, and I didn't want to be here, so I came in kind of scruffy to try to keep her away. But I swear, nothing I do matters to her. She just wants to be a Luna, and to hell with her mate. I actually feel really bad for whoever draws that short straw", I told

Luna Liz.

"Well, I woke up with Gabi telling you her story, and then things started happening, and I didn't want to embarrass you both, so I turned over and put a pillow over my head to try to give you two some privacy. I think it would have been worse if you two found out that I was awake. You know how it is, wolf hearing, we hear a pin drop", Luna Liz tells me and winks at me, and I feel Gabi move back into me as I had sat up in bed and wasn't the big spoon anymore. I reached over and rubbed her back to calm her as she was about to wake up.

"I am going to go shower and get dressed, Gabi will be up soon, and I know you will take care of her while I am gone. I will be back in 20 minutes". I told Luna Liz.

Luna Liz nodded at me and turned back to the desk to finish doing whatever it was that she had been doing. I headed to my room after putting on my t-shirt. I didn't want to run into Taylor in the hallway. I got to my set of rooms, and I saw Gavin and Alicia just waking up, so I grabbed my change of clothes and went to take my shower. I wasn't going to be late again for Gabi. I got dried off and dressed and went out to pack my bag up, so I would be ready to roll as soon as we had breakfast. I am already missing her, and she hasn't left yet.

I headed back to Gabi's room and Luna Liz let me in and I waited while Gabi finished her shower. I smell her scent all over this room and she smells so good to me, I don't know what I would do without her. I need to talk her into coming to Blood Rose as soon as possible. It is less than a three-hour car ride, but I will want to see her whenever I can, and my pack needs its Luna. I will see about seeing if she can visit me on alternating weekends until I can get her there to live with me.

Gabi comes out in a towel and blushes, seeing me sitting there at the end of the bed. She is really cute, and I give her a broad smile, as I know what she is thinking.

She grabs her clothes and runs back into the bathroom to dress. She is my mate. I wouldn't have minded getting to see her. I heard a knock on the door between us and Alpha Heath's room and Luna Liz called out for them to come in. Good, I needed to speak to him

anyway about becoming an honorary member of the team.

Luna Von enters, followed by Alpha Heath, and Von headed to Liz and Heath headed to me, giving me an arched eyebrow. Did Luna

Liz say something to Alpha Heath? I looked at Luna Liz and she gave me an almost imperceptible no in a head shake, and I calmed down

a little. Alpha Heath is a very large and highly trained Alpha. I do not want to have any issues with him, especially since he is going to basically be my father-in-law.

Alpha Heath walks up to me and bends down and speaks into my ear and says, "I heard a little something last night from my room.

Care to explain?"

"Um, well, no not really. I don't have anything to say". Alpha Heath straightened up and gave me a hard look. "Gabi had told me about her life story, and she was upset and unable to sleep, so I was just trying to help her out. To relax her, so she could sleep," I told him.

"Did you mate with my daughter, young Alpha?" Alpha Heath said.

"No Sir, we did not mate, but we will be marking each other before we leave here today. She is mine and I am hers. I love her. I would do anything for her. I would have mated if she wanted to, but she is not ready yet, and I have waited three years for her. I can wait for a little while more for her to get to know me", I told Alpha Heath.

"Heath, what did I tell you? You leave that poor boy alone. Do you remember when you found me? You know how strong that pull is.

Gabi is a smart girl, and it is her choice. He is a good man and a good alpha. Let him be baby", Luna Von said to Alpha Heath and smiled gently over at me.

"Heath, why did you tease him? You know you like him too. Derek had already messed up and she got the second chance mate that she was supposed to have. You already knew this, stop teasing him like that" Luna Liz got onto Alpha Heath, and he started laughing.

"I was just trying to see if the young Alpha would tell me the truth or not. He did, in a way. He protected my girl, and I am OK with

Tanner as Gabi's mate. I just couldn't resist it, just to make sure I was not losing my touch" Alpha Heath said.

"Actually, Alpha Heath, I was hoping that I could speak with you and Alan at breakfast this morning. I was wondering if you could

put together a test for me to pass to become an honorary member of your team. Luna Liz told me about the fact that the team would be

heading out to help train the two packs soon if they have another Rouge attack. I know

that Gabi will be getting harassed by both Derek and Jack, and I want to be there for her. I know that she can defend herself now, but 2 men against 1 woman would not lead to a win for Gabi, and if I can prevent anything from happening to her, I want to. I know Derek won't allow me on his packlands, unless I can get grandfathered in another way", I told Alpha Heath.

"OK, that actually sounds like a good idea to me, I see where you are coming from on this. I assume that they will both be chasing her. As well as the soon-to-be Luna, Piper, and that other girl from last night. Gabi is strong, and against women, she can carry her own.

She could take out the other couple of wolves too, but Luna Liz just might frown on Derek getting shot by Gabi. No one would really miss Jack or Heather. You are right, Tanner. Alphas are very strong. Even with Derek not really training as he should, he could hold her down, especially with Jack or someone else there to help him. When we get to breakfast, we will all discuss it. But you know we won't go easy on you, right, young Alpha?" Alpha Heath said to me.

"I just want to protect Gabi. I love her, and I don't want anything to happen to her. She also told me that they would not be going easy on me". I told Alpha Heath and he started laughing harder than before.

Gabi came out of the bathroom and was looking questioningly at Alpha Heath laughing so hard. Luna Von and Luna Liz were both smiling as if they were enjoying this interaction.

Alpha Heath walks over to Gabi and pulls her into a hug as he continues to laugh."I heard you told your Alpha we would not go easy on him, for testing", Alpha Heath told Gabi. She smiled at me and nodded.

We all headed out into the hallway and met up with Alan and Hudson to go down to breakfast. When got to the first floor, I am following Gabi into the dining room when I heard the most annoying voice call out, "There you are Tanner. We are over here. I saved you a seat".

I glanced over to my left and saw Taylor sitting at a table with 6 other girls and Derek, and she was patting the seat next to her for me.

I continued walking away from her and followed Gabi to the food to get my breakfast and we go put our plates on the table to go get our drinks. We went back to the table with our drinks and sat with our group, who had joined my parents and siblings at the table when I heard Taylor again, this time louder and closer to me. "Tanner, I guess you didn't hear me. I was telling you I have a seat for you at my table, you don't have to sit here with them", Taylor said as she gave the whole table, including my family, a sneer.

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Taylor Hasn't Learned Anything

Chapter 46

Taylor's POV

Last night lasted forever. My parents kept asking me questions that I didn't want to

answer. Like if a deer really ran me off the road when I wrecked my car, at least that is what I had told them. They got me a basic car, a Nissan Maxima, when I wanted a black GLB Mercedes. Not an orange Maxima. So, I waited two months and I deliberately wrecked it to get what I wanted. They bought the Mercedes for me and I loved my car, I can really go shopping in my car and put everything in the back. I even got it all tinted out, so it looks really nice too.

They took the opportunity to ask me questions about all kinds of things and when we were finally finished, they made me go to my room, and not to my birthday party. I had to hear about Tanner dancing with Gabi from Piper and Heather. They even told me when they said something to him about leaving me for Gabi, that he straightened out the whole room, that Gabi was his mate. He also told them that we had never dated, and would never date. That is what he thinks. He is wrong, I still have that little vial on me and all I need to do is put it in his drink and he will think that I am his love. If that makes him think that I am Gabi long enough for him to mark me, so be it.

Whatever it takes for me to get to be his Luna.

What do I care about some girl who happens to be my long-lost sister? I didn't even know her. She was taken when I was 8 months old. Even Stone doesn't remember her. She doesn't even remember us. I am so glad that mom and dad told me that she was not going to be staying here. I didn't know what I was going to do, but if she was going to stay here, I was going to have to find a way to get rid of her.

I waited for Tanner to come down and he was right behind her coming into the dining hall, as expected. I did go by his room last night, but only Gavin and Alicia were in the room and Alicia went off on me. I remembered our conversation and frowned.

"What the hell are you doing in here, Taylor?" Alicia asked me.

"I was just going to say goodnight to Tanner, I didn't get to see him tonight and I just wanted to see if he would give me a hug for my birthday?" I told her.

"He is with his mate, Taylor. You need to let this go. It is a done deal, Taylor; you need to leave him alone. In fact, leave our whole family alone. None of us like you, at all. If memory serves, your family may have lost us as both an Ally and our treaty, over you. Entirely because of you, and your actions, and you not being able to tell the truth," Alicia said to me.

"What would you know about it, Alicia? Tanner does like me, and I can make him want me. I have done it before with others, and I can do it again. He just thinks she is important right now. He won't love her forever, I will have Tanner, and I WILL be Luna of the Blood Rose pack", I told Alicia.

"Well, that is going to be tough, seeing as how you are banned from our packlands as of last night, after the meeting in your parents' office. Tanner already has it noted, so you cannot come onto our lands. If things don't go well tomorrow, or whenever Tanner speaks to your dad, none of you can come onto our land again, except Gabi. Also, it

won't be here when he does speak to your dad, as you cannot be trusted for Tanner to stay overnight anyway. You have single-handedly ruined the trust between our packs. Your parents believed you, and I have no idea why. You are a spoiled and worthless she wolf, who doesn't lift her finger to help anyone else. You only care about yourself", Alicia said to me.

"You shut the hell up. I will have Tanner. It is just a matter of time, it might be tomorrow, or it could be a few months from now, but I

will be here waiting for him when he finally makes the decision that I am his perfect chosen mate. He doesn't need Gabi, and she will do just fine staying at Ever Green. I heard all about Gabi, from Piper. She wanted Derek, but Derek chose Piper. He wants Piper, and he loves

Piper. You can totally love a chosen mate, and Tanner will love me, once he gives me a chance. I already know that I can make him love me, it is only a matter of time before he realizes it too", I told Alicia.

I turned around before she could reply to me and headed to where I knew Gabi was and I heard a roar coming from her room. I can

see from my vantage point that Derek is in Gabi's room on the floor and Tanner is furious. I see him partially shift and I know Derek is about to be attacked. Gabi steps in and saves him. Tanner is still furious when he smells Derek on Gabi, but that gives me an idea. I need

to make sure Gabi goes back to her old pack with Derek. I just need to convince Piper that this is a good idea. Derek obviously still wants Gabi, for whatever reason. She will be a pain in Piper's side, not mine. I saw Derek come out from an adjoining room and run down the

hallway, back to his room. I guess I will talk to him tomorrow and get him on my side of this. Get him to help me convince Piper to let Gabi come back. Obviously, Piper didn't know that he had left the room, or she would have come out when she heard that roaring occur.

I still have one vial that my source gave me for tomorrow. I just need to get it into Tanner's drink then, because if Alicia is right, I will

not be allowed on his packlands anymore. Why, what did I do that was so bad? Love Tanner? Well, Like Tanner. I will grow to love him

when I am made Luna. I guess I will have to get some more money so I can get more made up for me to use. I need to get something so

that when he drinks it, he will see Gabi, and think that he is with Gabi. Tanner will sleep with her, and Gabi will feel him cheating on her,

and when she rejects him, I will be there to pick up the pieces. That is an excellent backup plan. I will try mine first though. If I can just get it into his drink, it will be clear sailing for me from now on. He will love me, and I will just have to keep loading him up with it until he really does love me, or marks me, whichever is first. If I can't get him to drink it, I know someone who can that can get onto his packlands, and that is all that I have to do to get them broken up. When he figures out what happened, he will probably kill her for making him lose Gabi, but I will still be safe. That will allow him to come to me, as at least I look like Gabi, and I can always make my hair black. We would look very similar if I did that. If he can't have his mate, at least he would have her

doppelganger.

Either way, I will win. My parents talking to me all night was a nightmare. I totally missed out on my party. There was only 1 good thing that came from it. Mom and dad were going to go down and call Gabi up to the stage to announce to the whole pack and all my friends that my long-lost sister had been returned. I don't want people to know that I am related to her.

They should have a better bond with me anyway, and she hasn't even been here for the last 16 plus years. They should care for me more than her anyway. It's not like I kidnapped her myself. Oh, that is a good idea. If my plans don't end up working out, that is what I will do. I will get some guys up and we will make her "disappear" again. Only this time, she won't ever be coming back from it. It would have been her own fault though she didn't have to show up and mess with the plans that I had been working on for the whole year. It will serve

her right by making my birthday the worst one ever.

T headed to my room and made plans for the morning. I will act like nothing at all has happened. If I could get the vial into Tanner's drink, I would have him eating out of my hand, and I could make Gabi go away with that same vial. Tanner will break her heart and I will

be back to where I want to be, with Tanner and Gabi free to reject him for leaving her for me. I smiled as I thought about my plans. I

cannot wait for tomorrow.

The next morning, I caught Derek alone at the breakfast bar, as Piper and Heather had already gotten their food. "How did your night go Derek?" I asked him.

"Great, how was yours? I am sorry we didn't get to see you for very long. Thank you for inviting us. Piper is going to ask you to come to her Luna ceremony. It is the middle of next month. She is really excited about it", Derek tells me, and smiles and waves at Piper as he moves down the line.

"I saw you last night, in Gabi's room. I saw Tanner show up and kick you out", I told him.

Derek flushed and gave me a look and asked, "What is your point, Taylor?"

"I want you to talk Piper into letting Gabi come back to your pack," I told him.

"She won't do it. She knows Gabi was my mate, and she doesn't want her back in the pack again", Derek tells me.

"I think you could charm her into it. Sleep with her, and then later, while you are doing pillow talk, tell her that she has nothing to worry about, concerning Gabi", I told him.

"Piper will NOT agree to it. Knowing after last night that I wanted Gabi back, she wouldn't let her come back to Red River", Derek tells me.

"Did you say that in front of Piper?" I asked him and couldn't wipe the surprise off my face. I missed out on a lot of stuff last night.

"Yes. I did", Derek said and then sighed. "I cannot believe that I did it either. That was so stupid, and that stupid Tanner guy warned

me to stay away, but I said it in front of Piper, and now Piper is super mad. So, if I was

part of your “master plan” on trying to get Tanner back. You will need to make up a new plan. I am already in trouble with Piper for what I said. There is no way in hell that Piper will voluntarily allow Gabi back into our packlands. Unless we need Heath’s team to come in and train our two packs on how to fight the rogues”, Derek tells me.

“Great, well, thanks for nothing Derek,” I told him, and we headed for my table. I am going to have to come up with a new plan. I have the vial in my pocket. I guess my only option is to get it into his drink. At least this is my only option for today. I finally see Tanner coming and he is behind Gabi, of course, and it is so hard not to give her a piece of my mind. I call out to Tanner and tell him I have a chair for him, but he ignores me and walks away with Gabi. They drop off their food at the table with their families and friends and they go to get something to drink. I headed over to their table to remind him that he didn’t have to stay with her and give the people with them a look. I can’t get anything into his drink, everyone at the table is looking at me now and I want to scream. I will have to see about making him a drink later and having Stone deliver it to him because they are watching me like I am about to do something. I am, but I am not stupid enough to do it in front of them. I walked away, heading back to my table, and I turned around to look at Tanner when I saw Gabi looking at me with a frown on her face. If only she knew. She is about to lose her man. I may be young, but I always get what I want, and I want Tanner. I will do whatever it takes to get him, so she can enjoy him for the moment, but I guarantee that it will not last.