

Tereshan

I start from the beginning, going through the first year, all the problems we had with the pack, then our deaths, letting them know that the entire pack was decimated.

Understandably, they look shocked.

Then, I go through the second year, giving Claire all the accolades that she deserves for making this pack stronger, better.

"In the end, it wasn't enough. We still died on the battlefield and ended up back here, again, at our 18th birthday." I tell them. "Last year, Claire entrusted you, Dane, and only you with this information. But Feena, both you and Bryson stayed true to her and the pack and so, I'm entrusting you with this information this year. I think we all need to work together to ensure that in 364 days from today, Claire and I don't die again, for what I have to believe will be our last time."

When I stop, I sit down beside Claire. Feena finished dressing her wound, which thankfully is mostly healed. The bruising from the bite will take a couple of days but being close to me and Magnor should help with that.

I watch as the three of them look from me, to Claire, to each other, and back again.

"Uh, Claire, so, Alpha said you told me everything last year. How did I respond?" Dane asks Claire.

I look at her. I wasn't in the room at the time.

"Very much like you are right now. You looked at me as if I'd gone crazy."

He starts to open his mouth to contest what she's saying but she holds up her hand.

"And I told you things that I could only know if I were me, things Tereshan didn't know." She says, before turning to Bryson.

"We know Ivy is cheating on you and we know with whom." She says, making Bryson jerk in his chair. Yeah, I never did pick up on that in the first timeline.

Then she turns to Dane. "We know about the pain meds. Obviously, I already knew about them, but Tereshan knows about them too, since he needed them in the last timeline."

Dane looks at me and I nod.

Then she turns to Feena. "And we know about Roman." She says. Feena sucks in air and Dane whips his head to her and then back to us.

"Believe me, I know it's a lot to take in, and lot to digest, but it really did happen. This is the third time that we've lived this year. And I really hope it's the last." She says.

"Me too." I say.

"So, this is how you know that Ivy is stealing from you?" Bryson says.

"Yes. In my timeline as Alpha, I never figured out what was

wrong, or why you were getting weaker. But we know that it's Alpha Franco that she has been sleeping with." I tell him.

"Well, in the first timeline, when Franco wasn't an option any longer, she ended up sleeping with Roman." Claire says.

"What? When?" I ask, turning to look at her. I didn't know that.

"Why do you think it always took them so long to get food? And they always came back having bathed in the river." She looks at Bryson.

"And she always brought a gift home for you, something that had once been your favorite, but you told me you now hated it because you knew it meant she'd been with someone else."

I watch as he grits his teeth.

"What do you intend to do?" Feena asks.

"We know that Roman and Ivy betrayed us to Alpha Franco. We know there is a mole, but we never figured out who it was, and we know that Franco wants our pack, but we don't know why."

"Keegan did." Claire says quietly and I can tell from the distant look on her face that she's remembering something.

"What?" I ask her softly, not wanting to interrupt her train of thought.

"He called me yesterday morning, or what was yesterday morning, before I went into the battle." She looks up at

Dane. "He told us that he knew why Alpha Franco wanted our pack, but he didn't want to tell us over the phone, since he was afraid someone was listening in." She gets a sad look in her eyes, and I reach out, taking her hand in mine.

"He was supposed to come by last night to tell us in person." She says.

"Okay, Keegan is key. We already knew he was, since all of the food came from him and the problems I made in the first timeline were fixed by Claire in the second. But now we know that he is able to figure out what Franco's reason is for continuing to attack us from every angle.

I look up at Feena. "You need to do the same thing you did last time. Keegan was impressed with you, and you did a great job."

Feena noticeably straightens with my praise but then looks worried. "I wasn't there, I don't know what I did." She says, getting nervous.

"Actually, you came up with it all on your own, Feena. You were brilliant!" Claire tells her. "We talked about it briefly, but I made you my acting Gamma female and let you run with it."

"A good point, Claire. I need a Beta. Dane, are you willing to retake your position as my Beta? You did a great job when you were Claire's Beta."

"I don't know the first thing about being a Beta." He says, looking as nervous as Feena did a moment ago.

"You'll be great at it." Feena says to him, smiling. Yeah, I

need to have a conversation with Dane about not wasting another year and possibly losing what little time he has with her.

"And how about you, Feena? I could make you acting Beta female, but you were great as acting Gamma and with everything that Ivy has messed up, I really could use your expertise to get it corrected." I tell her.

"Oh!" She says, looking surprised.

"You'll be great at it." Dane repeats her words back to her giving her a smug smile.

She swats him with the back of her hand, making him smile even bigger.

Yeah, I'm definitely going to have that conversation sooner, rather than later. Especially since Roman is out of the picture.

"So, I rejected Ivy in the last timeline?" Bryson asks quietly.

"Yes. Claire gave you the option to reject her or get demoted with her. You chose rejection, realizing that she was not only cheating on you, she was also keeping money and planning to leave you." I tell him.

"What happened to her?" He asks quietly.

"She ran to Alpha Franco."

He snorts derisively. "Of course she did. And did he make her his Luna?" He asks.

"No, he sent her to a brothel where she stayed until I killed

Franco and Roman took over the pack. Roman took Franco's daughter as his mate and brought Ivy in as Beta. She attacked our pack with him, killing many in the fight. But in the end, I killed her." I tell him.

"Well, actually, she wasn't dead. Ivy killed you, Bryson and then, after you died, Tereshan, she killed me, too."

Magnor snarls ferociously.

"WHAT?"