

Chapter 0399

We pull in and all jump out as soon as our driver puts it in park. I drag Jena out the door and to the elevators. Mina should be here already with Luna Anne and I can't wait to see Xander and Oscar. I know they were both there when we we found, but I don't remember much of the interactions now. Wyatt is just behind us laughing. 1

"Are you in a hurry Midge? You don't have anyone you want to see do you?"

"Shut up Wyatt." I stick my tongue out to him. "I haven't seen them in almost a year. Can this elevator go any faster?"

"Relax Midge, your boys are just as excited to see you."

"It's not just them, I haven't really seen Mina in over a month and Luna Anne. I wasn't able to have contact with anyone not on the mission." 1

The elevator doors ding and I pam out before the crack is big enough for anyone else. I ran straight to Luna Anne's room and practically barge in the door. The minute I make eye contact with Luna Anne my eyes well up and I run into her waiting arms. 1

"I missed you sweet girl." She says into my hair.

"I missed you too. I didn't know how much until right now though." 2

"How are you, really? We have to sit down and really talk about your ordeal. And you came back with someone just as impressive I hear." She looks up over my shoulder and I turn around to see Jena standing in the door looking unsure of where to be. 3

"Hey, come here, I want to introduce you." I wave Jena over.

"Sorry, Wyatt sent me in but didn't follow."

"That's because he's a good warrior and he's standing guard outside." Luna Anne laughs. "He also knows he will be subjected to all things girl in here and he knows better now."

"Jena this is Luna Queen Anne. Luna Anne this is Jena the Alpha female from the Black Diamond pack."

Jena looks down at her feet like she does everytime I introduce her as the alpha female of her pack. I don't know why she is shy about it. I know that she doesn't think there is a pack for her to go back to and she doesn't deserve the title because of it, but I disagree. She's a survivor and a beacon for her pack. She needs to own that title.

"Jena, it's very nice to meet you. I am so glad our Skylar found you. Let us know any way that we can help in your search for your pack members. And I mean anything." Luna Anne grabs her hand and cups it between her dainty elegant

ones and just holds them until Jena finally looks up at her. "You are a part of our pack now too. I really do mean anything you need. Just let us know." Jena nods her head.

"Midge! Look at you up and around. You need to quite taking such hard blows. Your time with Doc Sylvia and in the hospital is starting to rival our craziest warriors." Mina steps out of the bathroom and laughs pulling me into a hug.

"OMG! OMG! OMG! OMG! I can't believe you're here!!" Sierra tackles me and we both hit the floor in a pile of legs and arms. "I thought the guys were going to go apesh*t when they heard that you were sent on a mission to collect info about the Rogue King. They don't know that you were captured though. I am not going to be the one to drop that bomb on them. I think they would have burnt the packhouse to the ground."

"Sierra, I missed you too, but can you get off me." I laugh. "This is both weird and uncomfortable."

She stands and pulls me up from the ground, wrapping me in a side hug as she leads me to the racks of clothes we get to choose from tonight.

"So, this is what I am thinking. I know Jena is going to be in the background with Nathaniel, but I think you should both be dressed so that if you need to you can blend in with the crowd." She looks at all of us. "Jena, just let me know if you are uncomfortable with anything, Sky doesn't enjoy any of this at all and we force her into every fancy outfit we can."

Luna Anne winks at me.

"It should be fine." Jena mumbles out.

"No really, if there is something you don't like they won't be offended. But if you don't say anything, you may end up in some hideous hot pink leather suit." Jena's nose scrunches at the thought.

"Uh, really."

"I don't have any hot pink right now, but it can be arranged." Luna Anne laughs as Jena's face falls more. "That's what I thought. Just be honest. We have tone to choose from and just because we are making you dress up doesn't mean that you have to be uncomfortable the whole time." 1

Jena nods and we are both dragged forward to start the very long process of hair, make-up and clothing options.



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" *We are starting Sky's journey back home.* "


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I think the more that I go through this the easier it gets. It wasn't formal wear tonight, not long gowns and tons of hair pins, but it wasn't a power suit kind of night either. I still didn't even know what we were doing here other than playing barrier for Xander and Oscar, who I guess has been targeted by a few of the ladies who have intelligently taken their sights off of the future Alpha, but decided the perks might be just as good going after his personal warrior. Mina and I had a great laugh when Luna Anne told us that. I guess it was quit comical to watch him flounder as several girls tried to distract him at a dinner about six months ago and the attention has not wavered since.

"You should have seen his eyes as they walked right past Xander and straight to him. Pawing all over him while he was trying to do his job and stay near the prince. You would have thought they had three heads the way he was scrambling all night to avoid them. And of course Xander did nothing to help him, poor guy. I had to finally step in and remind them that he was in fact working and had a very important job to do, something his mate would understand and not get in the way of." She smiled as she mentioned that conspiratorially.

"Is that why they both need dates tonight?" I ask. "Because they are both being targeted by social climbers."



“Yes, and tonight Reggie is going to talk to all the Alphas in our territory about the impending situation with the Rogue King. We are still trying to flesh out if the information you were given about that guy Tyler’s pack is accurate. We still believe you were right and something is going on inside our ranks. There’s no way that he could maneuver outside of our notice this well for this long without the help. And while Alpha Sharp is the natural go-to for blame since he seems to always be at odds with someone, I don’t think he is smart enough to be a worthwhile asset for the Rogue King. He would more than likely want someone who flies under the radar a bit more. It would be easier to get things done if no one is looking your way all the time. But Alpha Sharp could be part of the problem as a distraction. That is where you will come in, Jena. I am not going to give you any information on the Alphas present tonight. I want you to flush out whatever you can from everyone you can, without any bias from us here. I think we are too close to the situation and that might be part of the problem. So when Alpha Reggie asks, you were briefed and are ready to go, but I want your opinion as an outsider on everyone you witness tonight.”

Jena nods her head. “That actually sounds like a reasonable plan and I have Nathaniel who can help me identify people quickly if and when I do find anything.”

“That’s my girl.” Luna Anne smiles. “Now for you two,” She looks pointedly at Mina and I, “You both are about to have

an irritating amount of resistance from the ladies who have gotten comfortable in your absence and they seem to be playing dirty and not very subtly. Just be on your guard and don't let them goad you into anything. If you don't know how to respond, just smile and stay quiet. The less words from you they have to repeat the better. And they will definitely call you unapproachable or cold and b*thcy, but that is better than words that can be taken out of context. But you won't be able to avoid socializing tonight. Listen for anything out of the ordinary as well and report back to Nathaniel so he and Jena can compare notes with everyone later." 1

We all nod, understanding our jobs tonight. We all do a last minute check in the mirror before we go and I forgot how good Luna Anne was at this. We look amazing.

We are all in cocktail dresses that hit mid thigh, but that is where the similarities stop. Jena's dress is solid black, long sleeved and form fitting, but when she turns around the back is completely open showing off her honey colored skin. Her brunette hair is in soft waves hitting just at her shoulder blades. Her amber eyes almost glow under the soft smokey make-up. She looks whole and healthy and completely fierce.