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"Sky, babe, you need to let us get closer so we can help."\*\*

\* Oliver tries reasoning with me.

\*\*\*\*"No! I don't know how far his reach is, but with the shackles his wolf and powers can't be used, I'm sure of it.

I will not take a chance that she can kill you using him."\*\*\*

Another ripple of growls behind me.

"Good to see you keep them on a tight leash. When you stand with us and lead our armies, it will be good to have so much control for so little effort. Binding them to us was such an exhausting chore. You do it so effortlessly with the flick of a wrist." Mike's mouth moves with a strange voice. It doesn't sound male or female, so I can't be sure it's Adrielle, but there isn't any other person with the skills to pull this off.

I look down at my hands. One is balled at my side, I can feel the fingernails leaving marks in my palm. But the other is open and my palm is facing behind me. I don't even remember doing that. Now that I am aware though, I can feel the power flow from my fingertips. It's the same lava flow that I feel coursing through my body, but this is steady and slow, calm and controlled. It is my fire protecting the most important people in my world.

I don't know why I feel compelled to search for the real person in there, but I have to know if Mike is still in there or if he is completely gone.

"You never wanted this. And you will be discarded just like I will be once we've been used for our purpose. Adrielle doesn't want you, but she needs you to get what she wants. Don't give her what she wants. Fight her, Mike."

He just stares at me, the purple fire blazing in his eyes. His sneer of a smile stays in place. He just tilts his head side to side, like he is considering me. Then his lip curls in an evil look. Mike's gone, and there's no getting him back. I stand my ground ready for something to happen. Mike has no control and Adrielle can't be stable.

Mike moves towards me and strains against the shackles. He stared at me. "We will have you. I will have you. There is no way you will escape what is coming."

Then he breaks the shackles and moves towards the bars.

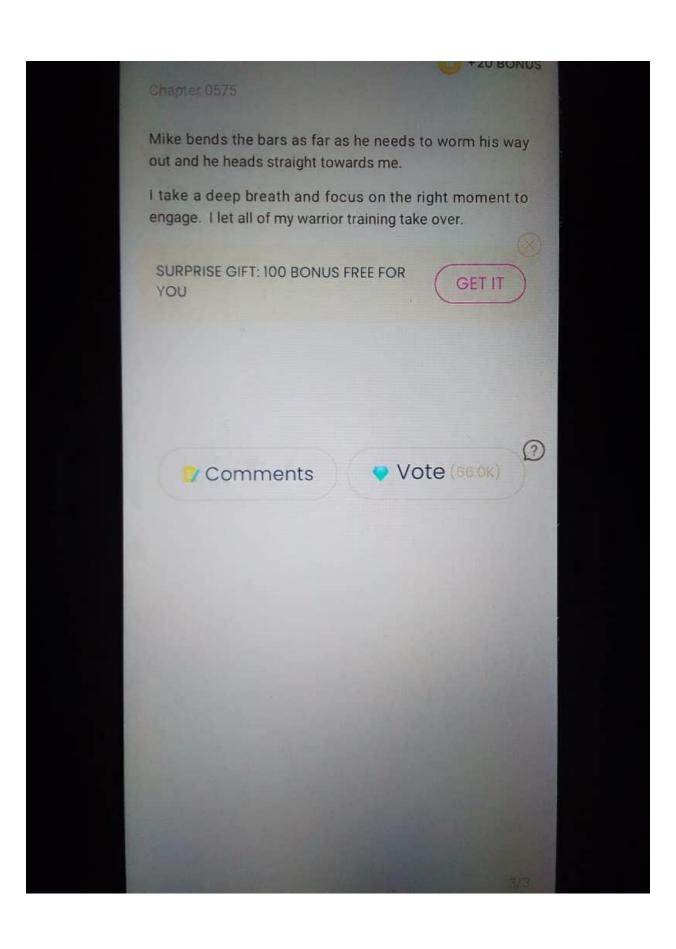
"Sky!" Dakota screams.

"Skylar, no!" Cam breathes out.

"Please, let us help you." Oliver says in an almost whimper. 2

Mike grabs the bars and begins to bend then. I have to fight harder to hold my mates back. I can feel then starting to break through my control. I know they are afraid for me. I can feel the fear lick up my spine, but I won't have them in danger. I know for a fact that Adrielle won't kill me, not until she gets what she wants and I will kill Mike before I mate with him so I will stand here between my mates and the biggest threat we have ever faced.

I have to focus on holding everyone back and focusing on Mike, so I stand my ground and prepare for a fight. I won't be able to hold my guys back once we start fighting, I don't have that kind of control, but I will be working on that as soon as all of this bullsh\*t is over. 2



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The space between where I am standing and Mike's broken cell is long enough for me to make a plan. He's not in a hurry, moving like a predator towards me, watching me hold everyone back. He smiles that wicked smile, he thinks I'm waiting for him. Good.

"My Luna, I'm so glad you've come to your senses. I can't wait until I can rid you of those foul scars on your neck."

He lets out a sound that is a cross between a growl and a purr. Gross.

His dark brown hair is long and greasy from being left in the cell and the purple hue has taken over his hazel eyes. I do notice the purple isn't fire like mine. It's more like someone stuck a glow stick on him to create a silhouette. I don't try to stop him and I don't let the rest of my family go. This is my fight. Jena got her time to reciprocate his treatment of us, now it's my turn. I can hear everyone behind me yelling at me and I know I am going to be in so much trouble with Cam, Dakota and Oliver, but I want my shot at this asshole.

Mike's eyes are blazing and I can see his lips moving, but no more words are coming out. I wonder if he is doing some kind of spell or if he's talking to himself, or more likely, his mom.

I try to reason with my mates while Mike seems to be distracted or debating or whatever.

\*\*\*"I know you don't want me here alone, but give me a chance to neutralize him. It's too distracting to hold you all off and focus on his movements. Please stop fighting

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me and I will take my hold off of you. Make it look like I am holding you back, looking pissed should be easy enough for you three to pull off right now."\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*"No! Let us go Love so we can stand next to you."\*\*\*

\*\*\* Absolutely not! They will kill you to make it easier for him to mark me. I need you to stay back, it's the best way to protect me right now."\*\*\* 1

\*\*\*\*"She's right, and you know it. They don't care about the three of us and we are in the way. The fastest way to remove our marks is to kill us. We don't know how good of fighters he is or whoever controlling him is. It's too many unknowns and Bitty will get caught in the crossfire. I won't let you risk her."\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*"Thank you Oliver. Tell everyone else while I try to keep his attention. I'm going to attempt to take this hold off of you. Stay put."\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*"What do you mean 'try?' You put it on us, just remove it. Smalls."\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*"It's a little different when I do magic unconsciously. If I don't know how I did it, I don't really know how to stop it. I love you guys."\*\*\*

\*\*\*"Nope! None of that. You can tell us you love us when we are punishing you for trapping us, Love."

I had to fight a smile and wonder what he meant by 'punishing' and why the idea excites me.

"Come to me, my Luna. Leave these lowly Alpha losers behind."

"You keep calling me a Luna, but I'm not a Luna. I mean

there's nothing wrong with being a Luna, but that isn't my rank or my job. Why is that so hard for you to understand?" I want all of his focus.

"You will be my Luna. You will stand next to me while I rule the werewolf kingdom. You will bear my children and be the comfort our pack members need. My soft and delicate Luina."

I couldn't help it, I broke out into cackles of laughter. I didn't even try to keep my amusement at his stupidity in. Tears are streaming from my eyes with laughter. He just looks confused, but he has stopped moving towards me.

"You must not have ever paid attention to me fighting. Soft and delicate are not words anyone who trains with me would use. I really am not the comforting type either. You picked the wrong girl." I keep laughing and I can see his smile falter a little, just for a second. "You keep talking like you would be doing me a favor, but really, I'm already more highly ranked than you. It would be a step down to be mated to you."

"Well you will just have to be trained then. And if you are extra stubborn, I will have more fun breaking you." He ignores my comment about being a higher rank, then lunges at me and it's almost like he's moving in slow motion.

