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Ch 26 Rogue

A rogue was chasing Thea.

She was alone in the woods.

This wasn't good. The way the rogue was leering at her, she knew it had bad intentions, and it was gaining on her. He wasn't far from tackling her. She faced forward and ran faster, as fast as she could. There should be patrols around the border and throughout the woods. With their werewolf hearing, someone should hear her scream. "Rogue!" she yelled at the top of her lungs.

She heard howls in the distance acknowledging her, and the wolf behind her hesitated then took off in the opposite direction. Within moments she was surrounded by patrol members and part of the Delta team, all in wolf form. She stopped running. Liam shifted to his human form to talk to Thea.

"Where?" Liam said. He was completely focused on Thea, not caring he was naked.

Thea pointed in the direction the wolf ran. The rest of Delta team took off in wolf form.

"What did you see?" Liam said. A few patrol members shifted and handed Liam a pair of basketball shorts they had stashed around. He put them on, and they did the same.

“I was jogging from the gates towards the pack house, heard something, saw a brown wolf chasing me. I didn’t recognize him, and he didn’t have a scent. When he heard your howls, he took off.”

Liam’s eyes glazed over as he mind linked the Delta team, relaying the information.

“If he masked his scent and knew our patrol schedules, that would explain how he got past the borders,” one of the patrolmen said.

Liam nodded. “I’m going to escort the Luna back to the pack house,” he said. “We’ll talk later when my men come back with a report. In the meanwhile, get everyone out to do a sweep of the entire pack lands. There could be others lying in wait.”

The patrolmen nodded, mind linked, shifted, and took off back to their posts.

Liam and Thea started walking toward the pack house.

“How were you here so quickly? Or at all?” Thea said.

“We were driving down the road to escort you. We heard your scream.”

“How would someone know our patrol schedules?” Thea said.

“That is the question I don’t like the answers to,” Liam said. “From spies, traitors, to organized surveillance, this is going to be a tricky investigation.” ‘

“We have to investigate our own.” It wasn’t a question. “Could it have been simple luck? A dumb rogue stumbled into our territory at the right moment?” She didn’t like thinking any of her pack members would want to hurt the pack.

“One that had the forethought to mask his scent? One that knew who you are? Waited for you.”

“We don’t know that he did.”

Liam side-eyed her.

Thea sighed. “Why can’t I just be shifted already? I hate being a liability.”

‘If I may say so, Luna, you’re an asset, even unshifted. Let the pack take care of you for once.’ She looked at him. Just then, his eyes glazed over, receiving a message in mind link.

“All active patrol members and warriors are sweeping the land,” he said. “And the Alpha is coming for you.”

Uh oh. Thea worried the Alpha would be angry with her. She didn’t ask or even tell him she was leaving the pack lands. Of course, she’d never had to before, but he just lectured her about being unshifted and vulnerable since everyone thought she was the future Luna. She never wanted the Alpha or anyone mad at her. She hated disappointing people.

A few minutes later, a giant black wolf came bounding up, sliding to a stop in front of Thea. Liam bowed his head and stepped to the side. The wolf sniffed around Thea then nuzzled her neck. Thea scratched behind his ears.

“Im okay, Alpha,” she said. He licked her face and laid down.

“He wants you to get on,” Liam said. “He’s going to get you out of here. He’ll take you back to the pack house.”

“Thanks, Liam.”

“My pleasure, Luna.”

Thea climbed up on the wolf’s back, grabbed hold of his fur. He stood up and took off. Thea leaned close to him to avoid tree branches. She was surprised at his speed and grace. He gave her and the triplets rides when they were kids, but it was never this fast. She realized he never went at his full speed back then. Too cautious, he didn’t want them to fall off and get hurt or scare them. This was exhilarating. She couldn’t wait until she had her wolf and could run like this.

Before she knew it, they were coming up on the pack house. The triplets were nervously waiting outside. They wouldn’t be part of sweeping the land until they could mind link. When they saw the big black wolf, they started running toward it. They met in the middle, and the wolf laid down. Conri reached for her, and she slid into his arms. The wolf trotted off to the trees. The triplets surrounded her instantly.

“Are you okay?”

They all looked her body over, making sure there were no injuries.

“I’m fine. Really. Nothing happened.”

“Goddess, you’re not allowed to go anywhere without at least one of us from now on,” Kai said.

“I’m assigning a security detail, sons,” Alpha Ulric said. He walked up to them in a pair of basketball shorts. He didn’t sound angry, just concerned and solemn. “Someone from Delta team will be with her round the clock. They’re making a schedule. Alright, let me hear it from you, Thea. What happened?”

She told him. He closed his eyes and sighed. “Dad,” Alaric said. “If they’re going to be responsible for Thea—”

“We need to start the investigation with the Delta team,” Alpha Ulric finished. “I’ll handle that before anyone starts their shift. Sons, I want you in on the interviews. You’ll have to do this someday. It’s time you see this part of being Alpha.”

“Yes, sir.”

“Thea, since the investigation is centered around you, it will complicate things if you’re involved,” Alpha Ulric said.

She nodded. “Sir? Why do you think that rogue was after me specifically? It wasn’t a planned outing. There’s no way he could’ve known I would be there.”

His eyes glazed over as he mind linked someone. “Follow me. It’s time to tell you about the report from yesterday.”

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Ch 27 Goddess Gifted

A few minutes later, they were in the Alpha’s office. No one was talking. Thea pulled out her phone and texted Lizzy.

“Hey, be careful. There was a rogue on the pack lands. They’re doing a sweep of the whole property. Everyone is okay. I’ll keep you updated as I find out info. Keep your senses up. Let me know you’re okay, or if you want me to send someone to escort you home.”

Lizzy texted back immediately. “I’m fine. Are you okay??”

“Yeah.”

“Hmm. I guess we’ll talk when I get back?”

“For sure. Seriously, be careful.”

Just then, Liam walked into the office wearing a different pair of basketball shorts. “Alpha, sir.”

“Have a seat. Let’s go over yesterday’s report,” Alpha Ulric said.

“We spotted three rogues and two wolves watching Thea yesterday,” Liam said.

The triplets sat up straight and leaned forward. That got their attention.

Thea sat back and folded her arms across her chest. She didn’t expect this. Why hadn’t she noticed? Honestly, she wasn’t looking for anything. She didn’t think it was a possibility.

“We had to dispatch two of the rogues,” Liam continued. “They were particularly vicious. The third managed to escape. The two affiliated wolves didn’t give up their packs. They each claimed not to know her, that they happened to notice her and take an interest. Lewd things were said I won’t repeat. Two of my men are tracking them as we speak.”

His eyes glazed over.

“Sir, my team just reported. The rogue on pack lands masked his scent. They followed his tracks to the highway, where they lost the trail. It looks like he got picked up by a car. Given how quickly the rogue got away yesterday, I think that’s what happened there too. It suggests an organized collective of rogues or someone hiring rogues to work together. Possibly rogues and affiliated wolves are working together unless multiple parties are looking into her separately.”

“Thank you, Liam. Have your team come to me immediately. We’ll need to start the investigation with them. I don’t believe it’s any of your men, Liam, but I don’t want to believe anyone in the pack could be part of this. No one can be left out.”

“Understood. They know it’s part of the position.”

“You’re dismissed.”

Liam left.

“It’s this because we made our relationship public, Dad?” Conri said.

“Did we put a target on her back?”

“They wouldn’t have been able to organize something like this that quickly. This is a long time in the making, which makes it all the more likely that someone in the pack is involved. Someone who suspected Thea was special.”

“Everyone loves her. Who would plot against her?” Kai said.

“It is possible that they don’t know they’re feeding someone information. Could be someone innocently talking to a family member in another pack,” Alpha said.

“There’s also the school,” Alaric said. “Anyone there could talk about her, hear rumors, and spread them.”

“Which would pique interest and spark surveillance. Good thinking,” Alpha Ulric said.

“Again, why are you so sure this is about me?” Thea said.

“Aside from the fact that Delta team found five wolves following you yesterday? And that’s only what they saw. From the looks of it, there were more helping them that they didn’t spot.”

“Why? Do they want to kidnap me because they think you’ll pay ransom money?”

“It’s not just that you’re the future Luna, and we would do anything to get you back. Random kidnappers wouldn’t be this organized. Thea, all the things I told you the other day—how we knew you were mates, how you made the triplets strong, even from the womb. Ever consider why you would need the protection of three strong mates? Whose devotion to you is unwavering?” She shook her head.

“Thea, I believe you’re a goddess-gifted wolf.” Thea raised her eyebrows then burst out laughing.

“It’s not a joke, Thea,” Alpha Ulric said.

“I think I would’ve noticed if I had magical powers,” she said. Thea looked over at the triplets and was shocked to see them deep in thought. She turned back to Alpha Ulric. “I thought you couldn’t tell if someone is gifted until they shift,” Thea said.

“You’ve already shown you have magic,” Alpha Ulric said. “The important thing is keeping you safe until you shift and we know what your full powers are. Then we’ll know if we need to up your protection or if you’ll be protecting us.”

Thea pinched the bridge of her nose. “Did I just step into bizarro land? Has everyone gone crazy? This has to be a joke.”

“Thea, goddess gifts are bestowed when something big is brewing. You four are destined for big things. It’s why we’ve been so hard on you all. We knew we had to prepare you. Gifted wolves are rare and highly coveted. You remember the myths?”

The triplets nodded, deep in thought. +

“Then you remember that they get hunted, enslaved, and used for their gifts by power- hungry people. The logical explanation for such an organized effort to look into Thea is word has gotten around that she’s goddess- gifted, about to shift, and someone is interested in her power. Taking her before she shifts would be easier than after when she has access to her full powers. Are you starting to understand the seriousness of the situation?”

“Yes, sir,” the triplets said together.

“Thea, after I vet each member of the Delta team, one of them will be assigned to you at all times. I would prefer that you stay in the pack house.” °

“I’m under house arrest?” Thea said.

“Until we know more about what’s going on,” Alpha Ulric said.

“How am I supposed to get anything done?”

“We can hire you an assistant to run errands for you.”

Thea closed her eyes. It wasn’t her worst nightmare, but it was close.

“I’ll have my assistant put out an ad for you,” Alpha Ulric said. “You can interview respondents and choose whoever you want, as long as they’ve passed the investigation phase and been vetted by me. You’d be needing an assistant soon anyway. We’re just speeding up the timetable.”

“Like a full-time assistant? That’s their entire job, and they get paid for it?”

“Yes. Just let my assistant know what to put in the ad, what you’re looking for in an assistant.” | The triplets all put a hand on Thea’s legs which were bouncing up and down.

“What about school?”

The Alpha sighed. “I think you should stay home until we have a better understanding of how serious this is.”

“Yes,” Alaric said. “We can have her homework brought to her. I don’t want her out in the open.”
Thea looked at him like a traitor.

“I agree,” Conri and Kai said together.

Her eyes went wide, but she swallowed her anger. “Good,” the Alpha said. “That’ll be it for now. I’ll call you in later when I begin interviews.”

Back in Thea’s room, the triplets sat on her bed while Thea paced back and forth.

“I can’t believe you!”

“Thea, if you take a step back and look at this objectively,” Alaric said.

“You all are the ones that aren’t objective! You’re insane! All of you!”

They stood up and surrounded her, started to hug her, but she pushed them away.

“Don’t try to calm me down!”

There was a knock on her door. She walked over and opened it. A mousy she-wolf looked up at her. Thea was taller than most she-wolves, being Alpha blood. Thea tried to calm down so she wouldn’t scare her.

“Luna?”

Thea closed her eyes and slowed her breathing. “ Yes?”

“There are packages at the gate for you. Should I have them brought here or—”

“Please have them brought inside the pack house by the entrance. Thank you, Ellie.” Strangers and humans weren’t allowed on pack lands. They would drop packages off at the gate, then pack house employees would deliver them on golf carts. Ellie turned, and Thea shut the door.

“Do you need help delivering things?” Conri said.

“Probably. Am I ‘allowed’ to go as far as Doris’s place?” Thea said, her voice laced with sarcasm.

“We should wait until they finish the sweep,” Conri said.

Thea sighed.

Kai walked up to her and hugged her. Thea growled softly. Kai gripped her tighter, put his mouth by her ear.

“You’re ours, and we are going to keep you safe, whether you want it or not,” he whispered.

She struggled against him, and he lifted her, walked over to the bed, and fell into it, pinning her beneath him. She pushed against him, but he held steady.

“It’s time for you to take some direction from us,” he whispered in her ear.

She felt her anger melting. Something about Kai asserting his dominance over her turned her on, and that was starting to take precedence. She tried to ignore the feeling, wiggled under him, and pushed against him harder, growling.

He pinned her hands above her head.

“Settle, darling,” he said.

Kai’s lips trailed down to her marking spot, and he bit into it. Not hard, but firmly. He held both her hands in one of his. His other hand went under her shirt and up her waist. He brushed his thumb over a nipple, and her growl turned into a whimper. She arched her back to push against his thumb.

“That’s it, darling. Let us take care of you.”

He motioned to his brothers that it was safe to join them. He’d tamed her. Quickly she was undressed, and six hands and three mouths were calming her.

That morning, the triplets needed to be close to her. Now she needed them. They didn’t even get undressed themselves. They just pleased her until she fell asleep, then snuggled up to her and held her.

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Ch 28 Fashion Show

A few hours later, Lizzy arrived home to pandemonium. The guards stopped her at the

gate and searched her car before letting her pass. Wolves were running around, people chattering, activity everywhere.

She parked in the garage and took all her shopping bags up to her room. She lived on the lower levels of the pack house. She texted Thea.

“Hey, I’m home. You alone?”

“Yeah, the triplets are with the Alpha. I’m probably going to be free until late.”

Lizzy entered Thea’s room with dozens of shopping bags a few minutes later.

“This is insane,” Thea said.

Lizzy handed her the black card.

“You needed a whole new wardrobe. You said it yourself,” Lizzy said.

“Oh boy.”

“Fashion show!”

Lizzy reached into a bag and threw something at Thea. She held it out in front of her.

“Lace, huh?”

“Don’t knock it until you try it,” Lizzy said. “And try it. Now.”

Thea went to her bathroom and changed into the lace panties and matching bralette. She looked at herself in the mirror. It was pretty sexy. She walked out, and Lizzy whistled.

“We’re probably going to have to keep a steady stream of these coming in because the triplets are going to rip them off you. I call one wear each,

and they're shredded. We'll get into teddies and more risqué stuff once you're comfortable with these, but let me know which cuts you like best. Cheekie, hipster, string bikini. I will not get you anything with brief in the name."

Thea smiled. "So glad you know about this stuff. They never covered this in any of my training."

"Lucky for you, I am well-versed."

"And yet, you've never dated anyone from school or the pack."

"Rule number one. Don't dip your pen in the company ink," Lizzy said. "I'm not going to have relations with anyone I have to see again until I find my mate. It just begs for drama later on. Play around with random humans who I'll never see again. That's my style."

"I wonder what my style is," Thea said.

"Betrothed from birth, duh," Lizzy said.

Thea laughed. They went through the bags of sexy underwear, then Lizzy started showing her the dresses she bought.

"Most of these are super casual, T-shirt dress style. I also got wrap dresses which should put thoughts into the triplets' heads."

"Why?" Thea said.

"Oh, my innocent Luna. Because with a simple pull, it's like opening a present. Put one on."

Thea shrugged on what seemed like a blue robe made of soft, stretchy material. Lizzy got up and helped her.

“Pull this side under, this side over, then tie it here. See? And all they have to do is—” Lizzy pulled the tie, and the dress opened to reveal the last set of panties and bra she’d tried on.

“Oh. I see.”

“I didn’t bother with button-downs or even zippers. They’d take too long and just get ripped open. The T-shirt dresses they can easily lift over your head in one move. These wrap ones, well, you see.”

“Thank you, Lizzy.”

“You’re welcome.”

She reached into another bag and threw a box of condoms and a bottle of lube to Thea. Thea shook her head and put them in a drawer under some clothes. Lizzy helped her put all her new clothes away in drawers and the closet.

“Oh wow, the triplets just moved on in, huh?” Lizzy said when she saw the closet full of their clothes.

“Yeah,” Thea said. “We came home from school on Friday, and it was like this.”

“How awkward. You know the Alpha ordered people to move everything in. He’s sanctioning his sons to live with their girlfriend.”

“Exactly. Alpha Ulric even told me that’s why my room is so big, why I have a giant bed, and why my shower can fit four people. So his sons can be in there with me! I was mortified.”

“Luna problems.” Lizzy laughed. “Speaking of, what’s going on?”

“Where do I start?” Thea told her about the

rogue, the stalkers from yesterday, and how they’re going to investigate the entire pack. “I’m basically under house arrest until they figure it out.”

“I have a hard time thinking anyone in this pack would sell you out. You’re universally adored.”

“I don’t like to think any pack member would do anything to hurt the pack. It’s possible someone doesn’t know they’re doing it.”

“Like a witch has them under a spell?” Lizzy said.

“I didn’t think of that,” Thea said. “I meant if they’re casually talking to someone outside the pack. The wrong people could hear and make assumptions. The witch thing is a scary possibility.”

“This is a bummer. I’ll bring you your homework from school.”

“You may not have to. I’m supposed to hire an assistant to do everything for me because I’m not allowed to go anywhere or do anything.”

“I’ll be your assistant,” Lizzy said.

” Hmm?”

“Hell yeah! I’m already your best friend. Getting paid for it? No brainer.”

Thea laughed. “I might end up being high maintenance.”

“No one knows that better than me!”

They laughed together.

“For real, though,” Lizzy said. “It would be an honor to be the assistant to the Luna. That’s a high-status job, and I’d be serving the pack in the most important way— enabling you to do what you do.”

Thea pulled Lizzy into a bear hug.

“You’re the best. Thank you,” Thea said. She released her. “You know I’m being assigned an around-the-clock security detail? Made up of Delta team members. Your dad has to babysit me.” Lizzy’s dad was on the Delta team.

“I hope he doesn’t make me take his stupid Delta training when he finds out I’m going to be your assistant.”

“Different skill set. An assistant wouldn’t be involved in protection.”

“Yeah, you know my dad, though,” Lizzy said. “He wouldn’t see it that way. Plus, any excuse to turn me into a warrior. I don’t know how often I’ve told him I’m not interested, I’m not good at it, and I have other skills. I’m never going to be a pack warrior. I know he wishes he had a son instead of a daughter.”

Thea felt Lizzy’s pain.

“He loves you,” Thea said. “You know those Delta guys are so focused. To be part of that team, you live and breathe it. It’s all they see. I don’t think he wishes you were a male so you could be a warrior. I think his worldview is that the pack’s protection is the most important thing, therefore the only thing. Whether male or female, he still thinks it’s the most important thing anyone could do. We just have to get him to see that there are other ways to protect the pack. Like keeping its future Luna sane.”

“I love that—for me—you’ll pretend you think you’re going to be the future Luna and will use it to help me.” Lizzy laughed. “Okay, tell me about yesterday.” 2

“I got a lot of ideas for the bar I want to open. Crap. How am I going to open a bar if I can’t leave the pack house?”

“That’s what your assistant is for, right?” Lizzy said. “I can go wherever you need and video chat so you can be there virtually.”

“I have the best, smartest assistant.”

“You do. How was the she-devil?”

“Misty is a good person,” Thea said. “She’s fun, and we had a good time. Her parents are hoping we can establish an alliance between packs.”

“I’m so glad I don’t have to do the diplomatic thing,” Lizzy said.

“Oh, my goddess. Lizzy, there was this bar yesterday.” Thea told her about the Anvil, and they laughed for a solid five minutes.

“I can just picture it,” Lizzy said. “You walk in, all innocent and naive, everyone staring at you like, what the hell are you doing here? Then seeing all the porn—I can imagine how red you turned.” More laughing.

“Yeah, that’s about how it went,” Thea said.

“I would pay money to see that.”

“Hey, would your dad go to a day spa?”

“Hmm. He wouldn’t take himself to one, no.”

“I want to do something for the Delta team,” Thea said. “A few of them were injured yesterday, and now they have to babysit me all the time. What if I got them all a day at the spa to get massages, a little R&R, whatever.”

“I’m imagining that group of hardened, serious, badass men, all in fuzzy bathrobes with green face masks and cucumbers on their eyes, and I am loving it. So it’s happening whether they’re into it or not, and they can’t say no because it’s a gift from their future Luna.”

Thea laughed. “Excellent. I’m buying them right now.”

She went on her phone, bought the gift certificates, and emailed them to Liam to distribute. In the subject line, she put ‘R&R for the team.’

“I’ll probably also get them some new equipment. I’m sure Liam has a list of toys he wants for this new ‘Watch Thea Detail.’ Oh, goddess. They’re going to be stationed outside my door when I’m with the triplets.”

Lizzy burst out laughing. “When you do the mating ceremony, the whole pack is going to enjoy the show, if you know what I mean.”

“Oh, goddess. Lizzy, my first kiss wasn’t even two weeks ago! I’m not ready to be an exhibitionist!”

‘Just remember how it’s going to strengthen the pack,’ Lizzy said. “The magic that flows through you is going to ripple out to everyone. The more you’re open and into it, the more the magic will flow. You’re doing it for the pack. Get it? Doing it?” Thea covered her face with her hands. Lizzy laughed. Thea looked up at her and bit her lip.

“Lizzy, can you keep a secret?”

“Duh. ”

“The Alpha thinks the reason people are trying to kidnap me, or whatever it is they’re doing, is because I’m a goddess- gifted wolf.”

Lizzy gasped and covered her mouth, thinking. “That actually makes sense,” Lizzy said after a moment. “I totally see it.” Thea raised an eyebrow.

“Okay, let’s go to the library and read up on goddess gifts,” Lizzy said. “Seems like you need a refresher.”

“I don’t feel any magic in me,” Thea said.

“You probably won’t until you shift. That’s pretty common from what I remember.” : Thea sighed. “Alright. Let’s go.”

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Ch 29 Gilly Suits & Witches

Thea and Lizzy went to the pack library on the fourth floor. Mostly full of werewolf histories and lore, they looked for anything that mentioned goddess gifts.

“Someone needs to compile a book with all the information in one place,” Lizzy said. “There’s just snippets here and there within histories and stories.”

“I suppose, since we are looking through everything, that we could be the ones to compile such a book,” Thea said.

Lizzy groaned. “This is what you were talking about when you said high maintenance, isn’t it?”

“I will compensate you handsomely.”

“I know you will. Alright. I’ll do it. Good thing I got high marks in English and writing.”

“It can be casual at first,” Thea said. “Here, let’s just Xerox the pages that mention goddess gifts and stack it all together. The titles of the books are always on the top of every page, so we’ll know where the information came from.”

“Smart.”

“I have a feeling we’re going to need to go to other pack libraries to see if they have stuff we don’t. Hopefully, they’ll let us make copies because it will suck to write it out by hand.”

“Yes, it will. Especially since I will be the one visiting the other packs,” Lizzy said.

Hours later, three very worried triplets came running through the library yelling for Thea.

“What? What is it?” Thea called out.

They ran up to her and nearly tackled her. They held her tight in their arms.

“Goddess, Thea!” Kai said.

“What?”

“Peoples unknown are trying to steal you, you’re not where we left you, and you mask your scent so we can’t sniff you out,” Kai said.

“Sorry, I masked it yesterday for the outing,” Thea said.

“Don’t scare us like that!” Conri said.

“I didn’t leave the pack house!” Thea said.

“You didn’t tell anyone or leave a note saying where you’d be,” Alaric said.

“I’m supposed to do that now?”

“Yes!”

“Can’t you see you guys are stressing her out?” Lizzy said.

The triplets pulled back and looked at Thea.

“I’m sorry. I didn’t think,” Thea said. “I haven’t adjusted to this yet.”

“We’re sorry for yelling at you,” Alaric said.

“We were worried you’d been kidnapped,” Conri said.

“I got that,” Thea said.

“Dad wants to see you in his office,” Kai said.

“Let’s call it a night, Lizzy,” Thea said.

Lizzy nodded. “Good luck.” 2

Thea let the triplets lead her to the Alpha’s office, where Liam was already seated in one of the chairs. They joined him in front of the Alpha’s desk. “Thea,” Alpha Ulric said. “The sweep of the land revealed suspicious tracks with no scent, but we didn’t find anyone else on the

property. Our trackers said there were spots that looked like people had laid in them for some time.”

“Like they’re masking their scents and hiding in gilly suits for days at a time?” Thea said.

“Possibly.”

“The wolf that chased me today wasn’t wearing one. Did you find a gilly suit out there? Something he could’ve hidden under?”

“It wasn’t mentioned.”

“Did they look up? In the trees?” Thea said.

The Alpha’s eyebrows shot up in surprise, and he looked at Liam.

“I doubt the sweepers did,” Liam said. “They would have been looking for tracks on the ground. We’ll do another sweep at dawn.”

“What made you think of that?” Alpha Ulric said.

“It’s what I would do if I needed to hide,” Thea said. “Wolves don’t climb. They don’t look up. I never understood why— it’s the perfect hiding spot. You know, if their scents are masked, and they’re incredibly good at camouflaging and hiding, rogues could be in the trees as we speak.”

“You’re right,” Alpha Ulric said. “We know our defenses are compromised. We have no idea how long anyone has been here doing recon, if someone is letting them on pack lands, or if they’re that good at sneaking in, or even if the people doing the sweep are hiding them.”

“Sir, what if witches are involved?” Thea said. “Someone in the pack could be under a spell and not even know. As for camouflage, witches can do a lot.”

He looked at Liam again, back at Thea. “I’m going to interview every pack member individually, use my Alpha tone command, and compel them to tell the truth,” he said.

“Won’t that drain you?”

“We have enough warriors that I can be drained for a time.”

“Okay.”

“All the pack members will know is that there was a rogue on pack lands, not that he was after you. We’re playing that close to the vest for now. Only a few select people know. I’ve already cleared the Delta team, except for the men tracking the wolves from yesterday. Liam will start the first shift as your guard detail. Listen to him. He’ll check rooms before you go in them. He’ll stay outside your bedroom but otherwise will go everywhere you go.”

“Sir, isn’t this overkill?” Thea said.

Alpha Ulric leaned forward, his intimidating aura buzzing.

“Thea. I don’t think you appreciate how close you came today to being taken. A rogue was inside our pack lands and within feet of you. He had a car waiting on the highway. If he had a few more seconds, if you waited for two more breaths before yelling for help, you would have been gone without a trace. Without a trace, Thea. It would have taken him mere minutes to get you to that car, and then poof—no way to track you. No leads. They would disappear with you, never to come back here for us to figure out who took you.”

Thea looked down. She hadn’t thought about that. If the rogue was really after her, then she was seconds away from being kidnapped today. When they realized she wasn’t gifted, they probably would’ve killed her. That reality hit her hard. z She leaned back in her chair and wrapped her arms around her waist to try and comfort herself.

Conri rubbed her arm, and Kai put his hand on her leg. Okay, even if everyone was insane for thinking she's goddess gifted, if these rogues also thought it and wanted her, she needed to take the threat seriously. She needed to behave as if she were what they were after. Whether or not she wanted to believe it. She looked up at Alpha Ulric.

"Okay," she said.

He breathed deeply, relieved that she finally understood.

"Sir?" Thea said.

"yes?"

"You cleared the Delta team?"

"Yes, "

"Do they know why you think these people are after me?"

"Yes, and they are sworn to secrecy."

She nodded. "Can I hire Lizzy as my assistant?"

"i'll vet her tomorrow and let you know." :

"Thank you."

"Thea, you won't be going to school for the foreseeable future," Alpha Ulric said.

She nodded. "I figured."

“As for the pack lands, they’re not secure. I want you to stay inside the pack house.”

She nodded. It would be easier to guard her there. Every member of the Delta team lived inside the pack house. Most were unmated males married to the job. Come to think of it, they all lived in a block of rooms close to hers. Parts of the top floor were open to the floors beneath it. The Delta team rooms were on the floor beneath hers, close to stairs, and had a line of sight to Thea’s room. It would be easy for them to keep an eye on her.

“That’s it for now. You’re all dismissed,” Alpha Ulric said.

The triplets, Thea, and Liam stood up and exited the office. They went upstairs to Thea’s room. Liam had them stand outside while he did a sweep of the room.

“It’s clear,” he said. “I’ll be right outside.”

“Thank you,” Thea said.

Thea and the triplets walked in and shut the door.

“Shower?” Alaric said.

Thea nodded.

Once in the shower, Thea let the day sink in.

“Hey,” Conri said. He lifted her chin. ““What’s wrong?””

“I didn’t believe the rogue was after me,” she said.

“And now?”

“I’m scared.”

“Hey, we’re not going to let anything happen to you,” Kai said.

“People have been on our land. We don’t know how long they’ve been

here. Supposedly for the sole purpose of watching me. To kidnap me? We don't know if people in our pack are involved or if they're just that good to get past our defenses."

"“We have people working on it,” Conri said.

“I’ll don’t believe I’m goddess-gifted, but I believe that these people think I am. I hate that our whole pack is in danger because of me.”

“We’re going to get to the bottom of this,” Alaric said.

The triplets took turns holding Thea in the shower before taking her to bed.

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Ch 30 House Arrest

Monday morning, the triplets and Thea trained in the indoor gym, as Liam silently observed. They never used the indoor gym. When they led training, there were too many people to fit indoors. Plus, they were werewolves. They belonged outdoors. But the indoor gym was better than nothing. The Alpha was serious about her not leaving the pack house. The triplets knew she would need some normalcy and physical exertion to survive house arrest, so they didn't try to turn training into a makeout session.

They kissed her goodbye when they left for school. She went straight to the library to continue her research into goddess gifts and gifted. An hour in, her guard detail switched. She said goodbye to Liam and hello to Owen, Lizzy's dad. He looked like Lizzy —dirty blonde hair and brown eyes.

“Hi, Mr. Williams,” Thea said.

“Please, Luna, call me Owen,” he said. “It doesn’t feel right with you going to shift soon.”

“I don’t feel ready to be a grown-up, if I’m being honest.”

“You’re more grownup than most people ever will be. Always have been.”

“Thank you, Mr—Owen. How long is your shift?”

“Twelve hours.”

“Eesh. Sorry, it’s going to be pretty boring. I plan to be in the library most of the day.”

“Don’t worry about me.”

“Don’t know how to do that,” Thea said.

Owen smiled, and Thea got back to researching. She took a break for lunch, checked her phone. She had a text from Misty.

“Hey, you’re not at school. Are you okay?”

Thea texted back. “I’m fine. Call me when you get a minute, and I’ll tell you all about it.” Her phone rang a few seconds later.

“Hey,” she said.

“Hey, I’m at lunch right now. What’s up?” Misty said.

“I’m under house arrest for the foreseeable future.”

“What? Why?”

“I guess there were some rogues following us on Saturday. My Alpha is erring on the side of caution until they know more.”

“He thinks they want to kidnap and ransom you as the future Luna, huh?”

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“So dumb.”

“Not really,” Misty said. “I mean, it sucks for you, but it happens, even to shifted she-wolves. You’re extra vulnerable until you shift. I bet once you do, things will go back to normal. Sooner if they figure out who they are and take care of the threat.”

“Positive thinking, I like it.”

“The triplets looked on edge today. I thought it was just because they didn’t have you to calm them down, but now I’m thinking they’re worried about you.”

“Yeah, that’s going around.” Thea pushed food around on her plate.

“Some people would be flattered to have people worry about them.”

“I don’t like being a burden,” Thea said.

“Hey, nobody thinks you’re a burden. Even I know that. When the rumors were going around, no one in your pack participated, and the braver ones defended you violently. They all had nothing but amazing things to say about you. Their loyalty is fierce. Let the people who love you take care of you while you’re vulnerable.”

“You’re going to be a good leader, Misty. You give good pep talks. Hey, how’s your pack library?”

“It’s substantial. Why?”

“I’m doing some research, and I feel like mine is lacking.”

“I’d say you’re welcome to come over any time and use it, but it seems like that’s out of the question for now.” “Maybe they’ll get this figured out soon, and that will be an option.”

“My dad would love to further the alliance,” Misty said with sarcasm in her voice. Thea laughed.

“Okay, I have to get to class,” Misty said. “Try to stay sane.” Thea saw that she had an email from Liam. She opened it.

“Email received. I’ll send my men in pairs for the R&R. Thank you, Luna.”

She finished her lunch, made sure Owen ate too, then went back to the library. When the triplets arrived home from school and found her in the library, she had a good-sized stack of Xeroxes. Alaric was the first to reach her. He bent down and kissed her cheek.

“Missed you,” he said.

Thea stood up, molded herself to him, and kissed him.

“I missed you too,” she said.

He ran his hands up and down her back then hugged her tight. “We brought your homework for the week.”

“Thank you,” Thea said.

Alaric released her, and Conri pulled her into his arms.

“I’ve been waiting all day to do this,” Conri said.

He lifted her, and she straddled his waist, his hands squeezing her butt as they kissed. + Kai came up behind her, pulled her hair to the side, and started kissing her neck, working down to her sensitive spot. She moaned when he hit it, broke her kiss with Conri, and her head fell back against Kai's chest.

Kai took hold of her, and Conri let go. Kai set her on her feet and held her tight.

"Going to school without you is the worst. I hated it," Kai said.

Thea turned around and pulled him into a kiss. Conri and Alaric started kissing either side of her neck. When their hands began to roam, she broke the kiss with Kai.

"Not here," she whispered just loudly enough for them to hear. "We have an audience."

The triplets noticed Owen for the first time and waved at him. He bowed his head to his future Alphas.

"To our room?" Conri said.

"Can you take a break here?" Alaric said.

"I'm done now that you're home," Thea said. "But before we do anything else, can we take those boxes to Doris?" The triplets sighed in unison.

"Yes, my love," Alaric said.

"The faster we get there, the faster we—" Kai said.

"Yes, yes," Thea said. "So let's go. Owen? Am I allowed to drop something off at Doris's cottage?"

"The triplets are accompanying you?"

“Vas, »

His eyes glazed over. “Since we just did a sweep, it’ll be fine.” They went downstairs, grabbed the boxes, and headed to Doris’s, Owen trailing them. Thea knocked on her door, and Doris answered.

“Thea? I mean, Luna, Alphas,” she greeted them, bowing her head.

“Hi, Doris,” Thea said. “We have a delivery for you.”

She looked confused. “Come in.”

The boys set the boxes down and started unpacking them. When Doris saw what was in them, she gasped.

“I saw some of your equipment was a little worse for wear,” Thea said.

“Oh, thank you, Luna,” Doris said. “I don’t think I’ve ever used equipment this fine.”

“The best deserves the best,” she said.

“You outdid yourself with the Talent Show costumes,” Conri said.

“Yes, excellent work,” Alaric said.

“Loved it,” Kai said.

She bowed her head to the triplets. “Thank you.”

Back at the pack house, the Alpha called them in before they made it all the way upstairs.

“Thea, I interviewed Lizzy, and she checks out. She’s with Luna Ada’s assistant right now for training. The pack accountants are drawing up the paperwork to hire her officially.”

“Thank you, sir.”

“Now, for an update on the investigation,” Alpha Ulric said. “The sweep this morning revealed several nests up in the trees all around the property. No scents, but stashes. I don’t want you walking around the woods until I’ve vetted every pack member and we establish something better for patrolling.”

“Understood,” Thea said.

“That was a good catch, Thea. We would have missed it if not for you. You have a good mind for this.”

“Thank you, sir.”

“Sons, you’re expected to be in the rest of the interviews every day after school, including today.”

“Yes, sir,” they said in unison. Thea could tell they were upset they wouldn’t be able to see her for several more hours.

“Thea, you’re dismissed,” Alpha Ulric said.

“Yes, sir.”

The triplets watched her walk out the door longingly. She’d make sure to take care of them tonight. She stopped at the infirmary to check on Maverick and Landon, but they weren’t there.

“They were released yesterday,” the doctor said.

“How? When I saw them yesterday, they weren’t in good shape,” Thea said.

“They made a speedy recovery. By the afternoon, they were fine.”

She went to her room, and Owen checked it out before she entered. She changed into a matching red lace bra and panty. She didn’t know the name of the style, but she hoped the triplets would like it after a long day of work. She threw on one of the T-shirt dresses and went back to the library. While she was there, her guard detail switched again to two guards, Landon and Maverick.

“Now that we’ve had the time to get a proper plan in place, there will be two guards on you at all times, Luna,” Landon said.

“I understand,” Thea said. “But shouldn’t you two still be resting? You can’t possibly be okay so soon.”

They looked at each other, then back to Thea and smiled.

“I assure you, Luna, we’re right as rain,” Maverick said.

She got lost in her research, and someone brought dinner up to Thea and her guards. Eventually, the triplets retrieved her from the library. They were eating peaches as they walked up to her. Kai finished his first. He tossed the pit, licked his fingers, and lifted her. She straddled his waist, and he started to carry her up to her room.

“When did you get a dress?” Kai said.

“After you said you wanted me to. This was one of the treats I was going shopping for on Sunday. I sent Lizzy to get it in my place.” His fingers explored her bare skin under the skirt.

“So glad you did.”

“Me too, but don’t you think I should cover up as we walk upstairs?”
Thea said.

He maneuvered, so the skirt was between her and his arms, covering her. They got to her room, and Maverick stopped them from going in. He did a quick sweep of the room.

“I think they call this delayed gratification,” Thea whispered, then nibbled his ear. Kai groaned and squeezed her cheeks through her skirt. 1

Maverick walked out. “All clear,” he said.

“Thank you, Mav,” Thea said as Kai carried her inside. Conri and Alaric followed them in and shut