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Chapter 101

Tanner's POV

There was a great turnout for the town hall meeting tonight. It was standing room only and I felt little arms come around my knee. I looked down and saw Emily smiling up at me and I couldn't help smiling back down at her. She is such a cute little girl. I bent down to pick her up and look around for her parents and saw her mom, Sarah, running up to me.

"I am so sorry, Alpha Tanner, Emily saw you and took off for you. I had to pass Hayden off to chase after her. She thinks you and your wife grant wishes as she is so happy with her new clothes and shoes", Sarah told me.

I looked down at Emily and said, "You like your new clothes?". "Yes, it's my favorite color, pink", Emily said, and pulled at the front of her shirt to show me.

"Yes, it is, and it is beautiful on you too," I told her, and Emily gave me a mega-watt smile, and then placed her hand in her mom's hand.

"How is your room? Is everything OK?" I asked Sarah.

"Yes, Alpha, it is perfect. We are so happy to be here. We will be able to have our first good night's sleep in the last 6 months. Our old Alpha was after me for months before we left. So, we haven't been able to sleep well in a long time. If Devon hadn't been so excited about this town hall meeting and the chance to make the elite team, we would probably have already gone to sleep", Sarah told me.

"We are glad to have you and you are safe here. We are a strong pack, and we will only get stronger with our new pack members, and with having our own Elite team here in the Blood Rose pack", I told

her.

Sarah thanks me again and walks off with Emily on her arm, and Emily is waving at me as her mom carries her off. I couldn't help smiling at her and I waved back.

"Got more competition, don't I?" Gabi says as she puts her arm around my waist.

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"Never, you are the only girl for me, my love," I tell her, and she smiles and lifts her face for me to kiss her. I pulled her closer to me and put both my hands in her hair at her neck and gave her a kiss that promised more later until I heard coughing behind me

from multiple sources. I lift my head and I see Hudson, Jameson, and Alan all standing there grinning at us before Hudson said, "Hey, didn't we vote that down?"

"No, I am still allowed to kiss my teammates," Gabi told them and then proceeded to go down the line and give them each a kiss on their cheek. I am trying not to growl at them, but I cannot keep it in, and that makes them grin even bigger at us.

"I told you she slept with all of them. There is the proof. I told you she didn't know how to fight" Ava

said, and Elise and Gina nodded their heads in agreement.

The sound of growling filled the room as Alan, Jameson, and Hudson got in front of Gabi and blocked her from the girl's view. The whole room was silent as they waited to see what was about to

happen.

"That is a complete lie, Gabi is like our sister. She earned her position on the team. Anyone who says differently is a complete liar. In fact, she ended up killing me on about 4 occasions, in the test. I get so sick of petty, lying girls who like to make up stories about the girls that they are clearly jealous of. You need to walk away, right now, or I will show you how well trained we are. I cannot believe that you would talk like that about your Luna, in this pack. It just goes to show you that no matter where you go, there will always be a group like yours, who can't feel better about yourself, unless you are tearing someone else down", Alan said to them, and I reached out to touch his arm, as he was getting really mad, and then I stepped around him. I could see Hudson and Jameson both glaring at them and about to say something

themselves when I spoke up.

"I was going to let you guys know that, in fact, their little leader, Dana, who is gracing our cells downstairs right now, has accepted my offer for her to fight me. We will fight three weeks after I give birth to the twins. Dana wants this fight, so after the babies are here, she will be allowed out of her cell to come and train, so she won't have any excuse as to why she lost when we got to fight. Dana is absolutely sure that she will be successful in our fight. I was going to tell you guys after the town hall meeting, but I guess the cat is out of the bag now". I told them.

"We will be here to watch, as these girls seem like they would be only too happy to try to jump you at once," Jameson said to me as he looked at the girls. Elise jerked in surprise, and I already knew that Dana had spoken to her about her plan. Dana can't beat me, so I already knew that she was going to have to get the girls to attack me from behind. I will take them each on and do harder blows to get at least one or two of them down, for me to handle the rest of them. I plan on showing my pack what I am made of. The girls aren't going to know what hit them. Then they can get a surprise afterward.

"I will talk to you guys about it later," I told them, as I didn't want the girls to be aware that I knew what they were planning and walked away from them and onto the stage. The guys stayed a little while longer as Ava and Gina tried to smile and flirt, but after what they had just done, agreeing with Ava, and what she said, they could hang it up now.

The guys came up on the stage with me and Tanner and Tanner started the meeting a few minutes later. "Thank you all for coming, we appreciate you all taking the time to come and hear the announcements about what we are planning on doing. First off, we have several members of the elite training team from Ever Green here with us on stage. I would like you all to greet them and treat them well while they are here. They will be here for the next week, and then they will return to their pack. They are here to start off the new initiative for a second elite training team here at Blood Rose. There are requirements for the Warriors. They need to be able to run for an hour straight, we will set up a track to get

that done, and this will be done in human form. This is the requirement for Warriors only. Anyone is

welcome to come and try. You will be trained in several forms of martial arts. You can pick a favorite martial art, or try them all to see which one you like the most and are the most comfortable doing. We encourage everyone to attend classes. You never know how good you might be at it until you try. My Luna also wants the omegas to come to classes, at least 5 of them, just to learn some self-defense moves, for protection. Even if you don't want to become an elite trainer, there is still a lot to be learned. I learned a lot myself as I went and tested to be on the team so that I could protect my mate as they went out for a training mission. I just wanted everyone to know that they are welcome to try this out, as anyone can be

trained and excel at martial arts". I told them and then looked around to see if there were any

questions.

"Are there any questions you would like to ask?" I said after a short time.

"If the Luna is so good, how come you had to go with her to protect her?" Elise asked from the front row with a smirk.

"I'm the Luna's second chance mate. Her first mate realized his mistake and tried to take his

rejection back. I was not going to let that happen. I decided to do that. Gabi did not ask me to. I know I can

trust her, it was the first mate that I didn't trust at the time". I told her.

“Can I say a few words, Tanner?” Alan asked me.

“Sure, Alan. Come on up”, I told him.

“First off, I want to say that we are glad to be here. We love training and that is the main reason that we do what we do. We are also here for a second reason, but I will get to that later. I just wanted to let you all know something about the team, just to make a point. It will NOT be easy to make the team. Fifty of you may make it to the end, and be allowed to test, but only a few will be successful. You will need to remember that you have to take out 5 of us, to make the team. You will be given dull weapons with special paint on them to show the “kills” made on your body. You will be given a paintball gun to make your kills with. If that is your weapon of choice, just know that you are going against 5 people, and we will know where you are from the direction of the shots. We know and will train you in several different forms of Jiu-Jitsu, both regular and Brazilian, Krav-Maga, Taekwondo, and MMA, as well as teaching you weapons. I would suggest a few weapons classes in your training as well. There is no need to fight one-on-one when you can take out 15 rogues heading towards you to kill you with your handgun. We fight smarter, not harder. Now I have heard a few snide comments about our team member, and your Luna today. I have to say that I am disappointed. I didn’t know Gabi very well when I met her, and I gave her a hard time, and even canceled training her on Krav-Maga to try to keep her from succeeding and getting on the team. I let someone else’s opinion of Gabi, several jealous people’s opinions, cause me to not see who she is. Since someone here has obviously tried to poison the well. I need to get a few things straight. Gabi is one of the best people I know. She CARES about people. She wants the Omegas to be able to protect themselves against people who are trying to attack them or sexually assault them. You may be safe here in your pack, but when you are at the mall or the movie theatre, you still need to be safe. She understands and wants you to feel safe and secure, no matter where you are. She is a quality person and my friend who I love like

a younger sister. You need to support and love your Luna, you can trust her to take care of you”, Alan said and turned to leave the podium.

“Um, Alan, you said you had two things that you wanted to share” Gabi whispered to Alan.

“Oh, and the second thing was we are also here to see if our mates are in this pack, so please stop by and say Hi to us this week. We can answer any questions you have about being on the elite team, to tell you what it entails. But if you have a friend who didn’t come to this town hall, because they had to work, or couldn’t make it, please have them come by and say hi to us, because we are all excited about meeting our potential mates. For the three ladies that spoke so badly to Gabi before the town hall began, right here in the middle of the front row. Please do not bother approaching any of us. None of you, thankfully, are our mates, and unless you have an actual question about training, there is no reason for you to approach any of us again. So please, if you are unmated, we have been looking for our mates for a while, and we would like to find you if you are

here” Alan said to the pack members, and there were a couple of catcalls and a lot of blushing by some of the younger unmated wolves.

“Before we get out, I know I have said this before, but if you decide to listen to someone who has been discredited twice before and you continue to take her word as the truth. I will not allow bullying, or mistreatment of ANY pack members. If you are doing it, this is your last warning to cease and desist. Dana has done several things wrong, including allowing non-pack members into our packs by letting them know the patrol schedule. One of the trespassers was a rogue, who, although he did nothing to harm our pack, could have gone very differently and lives could have been lost if he hadn't been a good man. Numerous rogues could have come onto our packlands and killed several people before we knew they were here. If anyone else decides to intercede on Dana's behalf to help her, you will get the same punishment as she has earned for betraying her pack. It will be disclosed after the fight. You are all excused for the night”, I told them.

Several men and some women immediately came up to speak with the trainers. Several others came up to Gabi and told her that they were sorry for listening to anything that Dana had said about her, and for judging her before they knew all the facts. Gabi was gracious, but I knew what Dana had done had hurt her. I will be glad when the babies get here. I want to see the fight myself now too. Dana will be getting her ass handed to her since she cannot beat my mate. Gabi and I already know that she has asked her friends to step in to help her, and when and if they do, they will be banished as well. They were warned that interceding would result in the same punishment. So, we will be losing 4 pack members that day, not just one. It will be a good day.

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Gabi's POV

I have been uncomfortable all day and hurting, but I keep on going. I know walking will help knock me into labor, and s*x, and believe me, Tanner has been on top of it, trying to help me by initiating s*x, or at least that is the reason given, to help knock me into labor. I know it is more for him than me at this point as he will have to wait at least a month after I give birth for us to have s*x again. I stop and put my hand out on the railing as the pain just keeps getting worse when, all of a sudden, I feel a little water running down my legs and I realize that my water just broke. I called out for help from anyone who was near me, and I saw Sarah peek her head out of the sewing room and then see the little puddle on the carpet and she came running to me and helped me down the stairs.

Sarah saw Aria and called out to her and told her the babies were coming, which set off an alarm of sorts as the “Babies are coming” rippled across the dining room and everyone eating breakfast all got up and came running towards the front door. I was helped into the golf cart that was used to move big rocks, and the gardening stuff in the

back of it, and Aria held my hand and Sarah encouraged the driver to get us there as quickly as possible. Aria mindlinked the doctor and they met me at the entrance with a wheelchair and took me to labor and delivery. I already knew that when Beta Peter's head snapped up from his breakfast that he was going to go get Tanner. So, I just focused on my breathing, as this was more painful than I thought it was going to be. I asked Aria to please call my parents and let them know I was in labor, and to also call Wyatt and Everly. Heath and Von would call Alpha Black on their way here. I just needed her to tell them I wanted them here please, I need von to help calm me. I don't mind Aria here, but I would like to have Tanner and Von in the room too. They already knew and as Luna, I could get an extra person in the room.

Tanner and I had already picked out names, but we hadn't told anyone what they were yet. We wanted everyone together before we told them their names, so we could see their faces. We also hadn't told them the s*x of the babies yet. It was two boys, which was hard, as they were both going to be strong leaders coming from true Alpha stock. Tanner was on board with both of their names, and I was excited about sharing the names with my family. We tried to honor our fathers, but I had more than Tanner, so I got to use three names to Tanner's one, but we loved both of their names. I was just excited to be able to hold them in my arms soon. It helped me work through the pain of the contractions.

I heard a commotion in the hallway and saw Tanner come into the room at a high rate of speed and look frantically around for me, calming when he saw me lying there looking at him. He comes over to me and takes a deep breath from my neck, and I laugh and push at him playfully, because I am in between contractions, and say, "Hey, you are supposed to be calming me down here mister, not the other way around".

"I was worried baby when I got 8 mindlinks telling me that Sarah was yelling out for help because the babies were coming. I knew mom had you, but I still wanted to be with you when the babies came. I cannot wait to see them. Are you still good with their names?" Tanner asked me.

"Yes, I am good with the names, because I already know what dad is going to do. He kind of hinted at it before when they would ask what we were having, and we were trying to keep it a secret. I think everyone will be happy with how this goes, and their names. I almost wish it had been triplets, as I had another boy name for my grandfather Wells, but I already know Luna Liz is pregnant, and it is a boy, so he will be taking over the Black Night pack when he gets older, plus, I think three would have just been too hard for me. It is even more work with three babies, and also being Luna", I told him as I bore down and

gritted my teeth through the next contraction. It passed and I released Tanner's hand. We spoke for the

next few minutes before another one hit.

“Gabi, you are 4 minutes apart, how long have you been hurting with the contractions?”
Aria asked

me and the nurse seemed curious as well.

“Since about 7 pm last night, but I still managed to get some sleep through it. I was hurting a lot more though when I got up this morning at 6 am. I was walking around to try to get my focus off of the pain when my water broke”, I told them. I could see the clock and it was 8:38 right now, so I am sure they were not going to be happy about it. I had been walking around and it had made me feel better, well, until

my water broke.

The nurse left to get the doctor and I looked at Aria to see if she looked stressed. She looked fine. Not stressed, so I calmed down myself, and asked her, “Why was the nurse upset?”

“These babies may be coming quicker than anyone thought they would. You are both Alphas and the babies have been growing very well. I think they might be here in the next few hours, Gabi. I will call your parents again and tell them to hurry, but they both already had a bag packed and were ready to go. I bet they are probably halfway here, if I had to guess. They are only a little over two hours away, and I bet Heath is driving like a mad man to get here. I knew as soon as I said it, Von was yelling for Heath right then and they were probably on the road within 5 minutes and that was almost an hour ago. They will probably be here in another hour with how your dad drives. He will get here quickly. I had already told the gate guards they were coming. I also called Everly and Wyatt after I called Von. They are all on their way, but Wyatt and Everly will probably beat them here as they are a little closer”.

Another contraction came and I gripped the railing on my bed, and bit my lip, but said nothing. It passed and I relaxed again. I would feel better with Von here. She and Heath have always been my champions through it all. They believed in me.

I look to them for guidance, and I trust them both completely. I can do this, I already know that I will be OK, this is just pain, and the reward will be well worth it. I try to focus on what I think the babies will

look like through the next few contractions, and they are coming like clockwork. Like my body knew when

the few minutes were up and came to me again. I try to focus on what the babies will look like, and I cannot stop the smile that lights my face. I would like both of them to be as handsome as their father with

his gorgeous face. Tanner is looking at me with concern, probably because I was smiling, thinking about how my baby boys are going to look when we finally get to see them.

I smiled at him, and said, "I was just hoping that both of my baby boys would look like their handsome father". Tanner smiled back at me, and said, "I just want them here for us to hold, and be healthy. That is all I need other than for you to get through this quickly so I can hold you too. I was thinking with all the grandparents here, I would just hold you while our babies get passed around".

"That would be great, I always enjoy you holding me. I would never tell you no on that," I said, and

then bore down for the next contraction.

The door opens and my doctor comes in, followed by the nurse that had left a little while ago.

"I hear you are moving along pretty quickly, Gabi. How far apart are the contractions?" My doctor asked me and went to look under the blanket to see how far I had dilated. I feel Tanner tense up next to me and the growl comes out, even though he knows my doctor. I reached out and took Tanner's hand in mine and got his attention on me. Tanner doesn't need to make the doctor even more nervous than he already is, with the heir to the pack coming.

"Go ahead doctor, you can check me. Tanner is just a little stressed with all that is going on", I told him and looked Tanner in the eyes and then brought his hand up to my face and kissed the back of his hand. Tanner turns our joined hands, kissed me on the back of my hand, and then leans over to give me a

kiss on the lips. I love him so much, and he is so protective of me. I know he still feels the guilt of me being

taken, and I have told him numerous times, that Taylor and Alex set it up, it was on them and not him. Yes, I may have dodged the first attempt, but they would not have ever stopped, as Taylor was fixated on Tanner, and Alex wanted me. They would have found a way to get me, one way or another, it just would have taken them longer to get me. I would have been trapped here in the Blood Rose packlands and miserable because I couldn't ever leave, so really it happened the very best way it could have. It is over and done, Taylor and Alex are dead, and I don't have to constantly be on guard from someone coming

after me.

I only have one more issue and I will be dealing with them in a few weeks now. I still kept up on my

moves, and I still worked with my Sais, and Kamas, in my room. Only Tanner knew I did. I didn't advertise. I want my skills to be a surprise for the girls as their opinion of me earning my way onto the team by other reasons really angers me, and for me to show the whole pack, that their Luna is strong and tough, and will protect them until her dying breath, I would give myself a week to heal. Tala said that I only needed a few days, but two weeks to prep for fighting those four particular girls would be enough. They don't push themselves, and they only become warriors to try to be around the men. I have known women like them before. I grit my teeth through another contraction, and my doctor said, "You are at 9 cm dilated. You are almost there, I will go get into my scrubs and come back. Your babies will be here soon. I know you can't wait to hold them both. I will return within the next 10 minutes, Gabi", my doctor said, and exited the room.

"Wow, that is quick, Gabi. You must have been in a lot of pain throughout the night", Aria told me.

The pain was moderate, I have felt a lot worse, but I know the real pain will come with pushing my two sons out, here in a little while. I nodded to her and said, "I am OK. I guess my sons just really want to be here soon"

Aria nods her head and says, "Dawson and Gavin are in the waiting room already. I will stay with you

until Von gets here".

"I am good with you staying here when the babies come. My doctor said that I could have three since I am the Luna. So, you are good to stay and see them when they get here. It seems that they are ready to come right now", I told them and bore down for another contraction. I hope that Von and Heath get here soon. I wanted them to be here for my twins' arrival.