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Breakfast at Crimson Shadow

Chapter 47

Gabi's POV

I know Taylor is up to something. I do not trust her at all. I am so glad I am leaving today, as I don't want to be around her any longer than I need to. She truly thinks that she can do whatever she wants with no repercussions for her actions. I guess since she hasn't even had any punishments in her life, she is correct. As tough as my life has been, it helped shape me into the woman I am today. My hard life has made me strong; I already know Taylor could not have done the same if she was the one taken and not me. She is actually pretty weak, and her not training, and not doing what she can to make herself into a better person is really sad. She has had the opportunity to do better, just not the desire to do it. She doesn't know how to do anything for herself. She can't cook, clean, or defend herself. The only thing that she is really good at, from what I have seen, is shopping and lying to people. Those are not what I consider to be gifts or anything that I want to excel at. I know what I need in the store, and I go in, get it, and leave. I am not a browser. Our parents coddled her and spoiled her because I got taken. That was the worst thing that they could have possibly done to her. They and Taylor are equally to blame for how she is right now. They didn't teach her to lie, she just has her own agenda and that is, to do whatever it takes to get the

outcome that she wants, and she excels at it.

I cannot see her changing to be a better person unless something really drastic or life-changing happens to her. I see her still

chasing Tanner, and him ignoring her, and yet she still won't let him go. I can see her mind working, and her only goal in life is to be the

Luna of the Blood Rose pack, and that is it. She has no other goals.

She sees me looking at her and gives me a sneer and sits down. I see Piper glaring at me like I did something to her. She is the one

who wanted to be a chosen mate. I heard about her telling her true mate that he wasn't strong enough to lead the River Bed pack, right

before she rejected him. I felt really bad for him. I completely understand how heartbreaking it is to hear those words. How it literally

crushes your heart to hear those words from someone that you love so deeply because they were created for you by the Goddess. Then

you find out that they care about something else, more than they care for you. I also heard that it was because of her parents that she rejected him. So sad that people look

at your so-called "ranking" in life, but Omegas are actually very good at getting the job done, whatever the job assigned to them is. We are severely underestimated by the

higher ranks. It may take a little time for someone to get it all down to a pattern like it is taking three Omegas to replace my mom at Red River, but she had it down because

she did it for so long by herself. She learned by trial and error. Eventually, they will get it down to one to take over for her, but in fairness, there should be two

people to split the job duties. I heard two people are now doing my father's job in his place. I miss them every day, but I am so thankful to

Von and Heath for taking me in and loving me as they do. I think back to Piper's Omega's true mate again, and I realize that Piper just wanted to be the Luna of both packs, to have the prestige of having an Alpha mate. She should have stayed with her mate, her true love, but it seemed like she didn't miss him at all. She probably never even gave him a chance to touch her, to show her the power of the bond. For her to even consider giving him a chance, she just listened to her parents and rejected him right off the bat.

Just like with Derek, it was about getting more packlands, and doubling the size of his pack. That was more important to him than me. I glanced over at him and saw him staring at me, and I just looked down at my plate. I refuse to let him invade my thoughts. He isn't worth it. Tanner is twice the man that Derek is, and I already love him. I will just have to watch out for Taylor in the future, as I am sure she is going to pop up like a bad penny. There is no way that she is letting Tanner go without a fight, and if she wants to fight for him, I will fight her for him. I won't be letting her have it easy either, she may be blood-related, but I love Heath and Von a thousand times more than I even remotely like Taylor.

I see my biological parents enter the dining room and look around and see where I am sitting, and then come over to me. I am sure this is not going to go well. There is nothing that they can say to me, to make me stay here. I know I am not safe with Taylor around and, frankly, this is not my home. I belong with Heath and Von. They are my parents now. I am sorry if it makes Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly feel bad, but I don't want to stay here, especially not with Taylor. I don't know Stone enough to draw an opinion on him yet. He hasn't been mean to me or even approached me yet. I am waiting for him to show his true colors before I make a judgment on him. All I need is time. People always show you how they really are with time. Just like with Jack, he was great for 8 months, and then when I broke it off and he wasn't going to get what he was lining me up for, he showed his hand.

The list of people that I trust is a shortlist, and most of them are at the table with me now. I also trust Easton, Jameson, Angela, Eden, and Amanda. My parents stopped at the table and smiled at everyone and then looked at me and Luna Everly asked, "Could we have some time with you before you leave today?"

I looked at Heath and Von and then said, "I would like someone to be with me, I do not know you well enough, or feel comfortable enough to be with you alone. I would like Von to come with me. If that is acceptable to you, then I am OK with speaking to you".

Luna Everly glanced over at Von and then said, "That is fine with us. Is thirty minutes in our office OK with you?"

"Yes, I will see you in your office then," I told them, and then continued to eat, as they headed to the buffet to get their food.

"I would have gone with you baby," Tanner told me.

"Yes, I know you would have Tanner, but they disrespected you when they didn't believe you, and Heath is not happy with them either right now. I will let you mark me when we leave the dining room and then you can

feel my emotions and I may even be able to link up with you, if necessary. I figured you could stay with Heath and Alan and discuss the “honorary team member” thing then and I will hurry. I don’t know what they want to talk about, but I am not staying here. I will not stay where Taylor is. She is plotting against me, and I can see it all over her face. I will never trust her, but I will hear what Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly have to say to me, and then I will be ready to go”, I told the group.

I see Luna Liz and Tanner’s parents, Dawson and Aria, nod in agreement with what I said. Heath is sitting next to me and leans over to give me a kiss on the top of my head and tells me, “You made the right choice little one. I agree, Tanner and I are both still angry over them believing their lying little daughter, over an Alpha who has never lied to them. They should have Alpha commanded her from the start. As requested before, I had to throw my hat into the ring to let them know that it wouldn’t just be Tanner that they were going to war with. They have created a monster in her, and they won’t be able to take it back. She will not change, for any reason, as she gets the result that she wants from them every single time. So, there is no reason at all for her to change. She almost caused a war with our packs. Where many innocent lives would have been lost, and she is clearly not grounded, or punished, I see no change at all in her from last night. I am disappointed in them, and actually a little frustrated that they wouldn’t punish her for trying to take, and continue to try to take, your Goddess-given mate. It is disgusting to me to watch her work them and get away with it. If I were her parents, I would Alpha command her once a month to catch up on all the lies that she had told during the last month”.

“I am going to go pack really quick, as I don’t know which way this is going to go in the office. Tanner will be coming with me, as we are going to mark each other, so we are bound, and then I will pack, and I will meet you at their office, Von”, I told the table as Tanner and I stood up to leave.

“As soon as Von comes to the office, I will leave and come back down here to talk to you and Alan about becoming an honorary team member. I don’t want to leave Gabi alone anywhere in here”, Tanner told our group.

“I will go up and get packed too, so we can bring all of the suitcases down and we can leave as soon as Gabi and Von are done. I feel like I can speak for the group that we are all ready to get out of here, and that Taylor is the reason for all of it. We know that everyone was packed except Gabi, who actually slept in this morning, but she has had a lot happen and probably needed the rest”, Alan said, and Hudson nodded in agreement, and they got up and went with us.

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Tanner Comes Clean

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Tanner's POV

We passed Taylor's table and everyone went quiet and watched us pass by, with Gabi in the lead and one of us on each side, and me behind her. I don't think Taylor was stupid enough to think that she could fight Gabi, but anyone with a brain would know that she would lose that battle. I think that Heather was telling them about how the old Gabi was and didn't know how strong the new Gabi was. Gabi was strong, inside and out, and I love her so much already, that I cannot imagine my life without her.

Taylor slides out of her seat and runs after us, as I am behind the group, and she grabs my shirt to stop me. "Can I get my birthday gift now Tanner?" Taylor asks me.

"I didn't get you a gift. You have more than what you could possibly ever need, and I only showed up for your birthday in respect to your parents. I saw last night how misplaced my judgment was in that and our pack's relationships have forever been ruined because you cannot tell the truth to save your life. I have not decided if I will still allow our treaty to continue, and our being Allies is still up in the air as well. Please, never speak to me again. I cannot stand the sight of you. I have nothing for you, and you have to be the worst sister on the face of the planet to want to take your sister's mate", I told her and turned to walk away and catch up with the group who were already going up the stairs, but as I wasn't being quiet about what I had said, the whole dining room had heard.

"You can't mean that, Tanner. I love you and I was meant to be the Luna of the Blood Rose pack. I was created to be you Luna, Tanner. It is the only thing that I want in life. I was only doing what was best for you. I would be the best Luna. I am beautiful. Think of how cute our pups together would be". Taylor said to me.

"You, Taylor, are beautiful on the outside, as your mother and sister are as well. But Gabi is beautiful on the inside too, which is something that you will never, and can never, be. Because you only care about yourself, and what you can get, how things look to others, instead of actually caring about others. That is where you and Gabi are totally different. You will continue being the spoiled, entitled, little brat that you are. You have no incentive to make any changes for the better. I really pity whoever ends up with you, because you are no prize. You need to start preparing yourself now for the rejection that is coming to you, because even if he decides to give you a try because of the mate bond, it will not last. I pray he is strong enough to go ahead and reject you and find his second chance mate", I told Taylor and watched her jaw fall open in surprise.

"OK, you have it your way, for now, Tanner. I hope you are happy with Gabi in the short time that you will have with her. But make no mistake about it, I will be here for you when she leaves you, and she will be leaving you. Because if it is the last thing that I ever do, it

will be to destroy your and Gabi's little "happily ever after". Oh, and just remember, when it happens, that it will be because you chose wrong, and didn't choose me to be your mate, Tanner. I have a feeling that one day when you are desperate and still pining for Gabi, you

will accept me in her place. For you, I would be willing to dye my hair and wear contacts to get my dad's eye coloring for you, if it would make it easier for you. Gabi and I would be twins then", Taylor said in a low tone to keep everyone else from hearing what she said. She

then turned and walked back to her table. I am now a little concerned, as she was perfectly honest with what she said to me, and I already know that she has a plan in place to make her words become a reality. I am now taking the stairs two at a time to speak to Gabi and then mark her. I cannot let Taylor be a vindictive b***h and take my mate from me, no matter what.

I get to Gabi's room, and she is almost done packing. I sit at the end of the bed and try to figure out how I am going to start this conversation. Gabi was so open and raw last night, I just couldn't tell her about me going crazy with the girls when I hit 17. It wasn't the right time, and to be honest, now wasn't exactly the very best time either. But I wanted to be completely honest with her before i marked her, so we had no secrets between us, just the knowledge of our bond and that we loved each other very much.

"Gabi, can you sit down for a minute. I would like to talk to you first before we mark each other" I said to her, and I saw her head snap towards me as she heard the emotion in my voice.

"Sure, what is wrong? What did Taylor say to you?" Gabi asked me.

"She threatened me and said that I would be sorry for not choosing her to be my mate and that she would be there for me when

you left me. I am actually concerned as she was perfectly serious and acted like she knew exactly how to get that done. She has to be a little off her rocker, as sane people don't go around trying to ruin other people's lives.

Who does that? She is more spiteful and malicious

than I ever thought possible. I don't know how she could, as I love you completely and I would never intentionally hurt you. But what she

said to me, I have to be honest and say that I will be watching out for problems in the near future, for both of us. But that wasn't what I wanted to talk to you about. I just wanted to warn you as she could just come after you and if something happened to you, that would kill me. So please take care baby", I told Gabi and she smiled and gave me a hug.

"Well, if that wasn't it, what was the problem? I love you, Tanner, so you can tell me anything. We can get through it together" Gabi

told me, and I hugged her back harder and put my face on her neck to take in her scent to calm me down.

"OK, just remember I am older than you and also remember that I have not been sexually active for the last three years while I

looked for you, OK. Please let me explain first and give me a chance. I love you and I want to be with you", I told her, and I felt her stiffen

up a little in my arms like she was bracing for something really bad, and I hated that I even had to have this conversation with her.

“When I was a teenager, I kind of went a little wild for about a year. I slept with several girls, and at 17, I couldn’t have known if they were my mates or not, it was just, well, hard to say no at the time. These girls were throwing themselves at me, wanting to be Luna of the pack, and I slept with 4 girls, several times each. I never promised any of them, Luna, they just wanted to be with me, and it was just s*x with them. Now three of the four girls have all moved on, found their mates, and are living happily with their mates. Except for Dana, have been avoiding her for a while now, as she is clinging on to the hope that I will make her my chosen mate. I won’t. I have been looking for you for over 3 years now. My mother, when she saw me sleeping with the girls, stopped me and told me how much it would hurt my mate to come into the pack and be faced with a bunch of jealous ex-girlfriends, so I stopped. Dana is one of the top female warriors in my pack, and she did meet her mate, and then she apparently rejected him, because she wanted me. I do not want her, and I will not make her my Luna. That position is only for you. I just wanted you to know about my previous partners, as I want us to start our relationship on the same page, and with no secrets between us. I know you were waiting on your mate, and I am so sorry that I didn’t wait on you too, baby”, I told her, and Gabi sat there absorbing the information that I had given her.

“Does your pack allow for true mates, or will I have to fight her to become Luna, Tanner?” Gabi asked me.

“You are my true mate, and the position is yours. We do not allow girls that want to be Luna to come and take it from their true mate. Only you can reject the title, by rejecting me. But please don’t baby. I love you. I am sorry I messed up. I was young and made some dumb choices, and never even thought about how you would feel about it until mom sat me down for a talk. I stopped it right then because I always just wanted you, my mate. I didn’t want the other girls, they were only distractions, and I never wanted them to be my Luna. It was only just my mate that I wanted. So, I stopped sleeping with the other girls and told them that I was waiting for my mate, and Thad. I have waited for you for over three years and I haven’t slept with anyone for over 3 years”, I told her and looked deep into her eyes so she could see the honesty shining in my eyes. I am getting more nervous as the second ticks past, as Gabi still hasn’t answered me.

started praying to the Goddess for her to move Gabi’s heart to me and make me the happiest man in the world to have Gabi accept our mate bond. I promised the Goddess that I would take care of Gabi for the rest of her life if she would just let her accept me and allow me to mark her.

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Accepting Each Other

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Gabi’s POV

I know that Tanner was being honest with me. I can tell he loves me, but it is still

upsetting that I will still be battling uphill again when I go to his pack to be introduced. That Dana girl will have friends, and this would be another difficult situation to deal with. She obviously wants Tanner very much, if she rejected her Goddess-given mate, to wait for him to decide to make her his mate. I am glad I won't have to fight her for the Luna title, but I will still probably have to fight her at some point, as I have a sneaking suspicion he is downplaying her aggression over him. It really makes me sad that he didn't wait for me as I waited for him, but I am glad his mom stepped in and spoke to him about his actions. I saw Tanner staring at me, and I could see the worry in his eyes. Yes, I am upset that he didn't wait for me, but I love him and want to be with him, so I will allow him to mark me, and I will mark him as well. We can discuss mating later on. I looked up at him and gave him a little smile as I am still hurt by his actions, but I still love him. I went to stand up and I felt his arms lock around me, holding me down and pulling me towards him. "I am sorry, Gabi. Please don't leave me. I have been waiting for you for so long. Just give me a chance to make it up to you", Tanner tells me, and I hugged him back and leaned down to his ear, and told him, "I am not happy to hear what you have said, but I still love you very much, and I was just standing up so it will be easier for me to mark you, Tanner". Tanner releases me and takes his shirt off to allow me to mark him. I tell Tala to come forward and she is only too happy to mark Tanner. I feel my teeth sink into his neck, and taste his blood in my mouth before I lovingly lick his wound clean with my tongue. I felt him shudder after I pierced his skin, and I hoped that it was a good feeling for him, as I raised up and looked at my mark on his shoulder. It is a beautiful mark with scrollwork around a red rose, with my name showing on one of the front petals. I love it, it is a very lovely design, and I am proud to have marked him. Tanner stands up and I take my shirt off and lower my bra strap for Tanner to gain access to my neck and shoulder area. I hear a deep groan come from his throat as he is looking down at me, with clear lust in his eyes, and that makes me smile as he very clearly wants me as his mate. I am glad that he did stop sleeping with the others girls. He made a mistake, and he owned up to it. He was honest with me, and I believed him when he said that he wouldn't hurt me. Tanner sniffs my neck and takes a deep breath of my scent before his canines elongate and he breaks the skin on my shoulder to mark me. I am glad he held me as I went weak in my knees with the feelings that hit me as he marked me. I feel his love and excitement at finding me and being able to mark me. I am amazed by the depths of his love as it comes pouring into me and I give a low moan at becoming his, as this is a very pleasurable feeling. I felt Tanner licking my shoulder clean and tending to me and as soon as he was done, I raised my head to give him a kiss, and he already knew what I wanted. Tanner kisses me with all the passion that he has been holding inside for the last three years. I can feel how happy Rafe and Tala are with us

acknowledging our bond, bounding around in happiness in our heads. I break the kiss, as I need to go meet with my parents and Von, in the Alpha's office.

"I have to go meet with Alpha and Luna Wilson right now. I am so glad that we found each other and that we are marked now. When I am done, I will come and find you, OK?" I asked Tanner and he nodded and told me, "I am going to escort you to the Alpha's office, don't want you alone here. I know that you can take care of yourself, but I also know that Taylor will not be playing fair. I will be waiting for you in the dining room" as that was where he was going to meet Alpha Heath and Alan for their conversation.

We head for Alpha Wilson's office and, surprisingly, Taylor is sitting there like she was waiting for us. She gave us both a big smile and said, "I was invited to the meeting as well". In that case, I did not feel like I needed to attend the meeting anymore and I headed on past the office, as I mindlinked Von that they could grab their bags. I will not be attending the meeting.

We are halfway down the stairs as Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly are coming up the stairs. They see us heading past them to the first floor, and they both stop walking and turn towards us. Luna Everly asked, "Gabi, are you forgetting our meeting?" I told Tanner to go on ahead and go meet with Heath and Alan, and I turned back to my biological parents.

"No, I was there, but so was Taylor. I do not feel compelled to stay in the same office or vicinity as her. I will give you my cell phone number and you can call me sometime, but I refuse to stay here at Crimson Shadow, with Taylor. She already told us all last night that she hates me, she continues to try to take my mate, and even threatened us again, just a little while ago after breakfast. So no, I will not be attending your meeting. I appreciate you asking me to talk, but we really have nothing to discuss, do we? We could have talked last night, and you could have sent Taylor to her room for you to talk with her today after I left, but you made her a priority. She is clearly more important than me, and believe me when I tell you both, that your message was received loud and clear. She lives here, and you could talk to her at any time. You clearly didn't punish her for anything that she has done to me, or to Tanner. You never looked for me and gave Taylor more than she could ever need, which I would love to ask you both how that would have made anything at ALL, up to ME? You just assumed I was dead, and you were apparently OK with that, so you can just go on thinking it. Because as far as I am concerned, my parents are dead to me as well. You have two children, so go ahead and take care of them. But your daughter, Taylor, has got some serious issues. Please tell her from me, that if she ever actually puts into play what she just threatened Tanner with just 30 minutes ago. If she does end up somehow breaking us up, with whatever plan she has. Please, tell her that when I find her, I will end her life for doing it. Tell her to think long and hard over it, because you won't have to try to Alpha command the truth out of her about it. We both know she won't tell you the truth. I saw that first-hand last night. I will hunt her down, and I WILL

kill her for it. She is an immature brat who is pouting because the toy she wanted belongs to someone else, and instead of her waiting for her mate, she wants mine. Tell her, if she wants to cross me and try to take my Goddess-given mate, she had better NEVER leave your pack again, because the last sound that she will hear will be the shot I took, to take her out” I told them both and the look of shock on their faces was enough to tell me that they are truly shocked by my threat.

“We didn’t invite Taylor to our talk. I don’t know why she would even have been there”, Luna Everly said to me and looked at her husband in confusion.

“I had mindlinked both her and Stone to give us some time to speak to Gabi at 830 and to leave us alone to do it. I guess she did not get the memo correct, or she truly cannot stop harassing her sister” Alpha Wyatt said to Luna Everly.

“I am not her sister. Please stop calling her my sister. No, she got it correct, she knew Tanner would escort me there, and cannot stop herself from messing with us both. She hates me and has done everything in her power in the last 24 hours to keep me from my mate, including lying to several people about sleeping with him. She deliberately kept us from talking. I am sure you will excuse this

behavior too, as it looks like that is all you have done for her for the last 16 years. She actually confessed to stealing keys to get into his room, undressed, took pictures, and got into bed with my mate to try to blackmail him, and completely refused to tell the truth about it.

It really doesn’t matter what you feel you need to tell me. The message was received last night where your priorities lay. It was with Taylor, and not me. And you know what, I am OK with it. I never really had you after I was taken, and I have parents now. I was also blessed with Omega’s parents who, although they couldn’t protect me from all I went through in Red River, and trust me when I say that it was a lot, they loved me probably more than you two ever have. I can handle a great amount of pain now, and I will tell you that to make me snap, let Taylor come for me and Tanner. I may end up being hurt by whatever it is that she has planned, especially if it is enough for her to figure that I would reject Tanner for it, but she WILL end up dead for it. I know you will warn her, and I also KNOW that she will not listen to you and do what she wants. Because that is what she does, she does what she wants. Please tell her that I will see her again, but she will never see me coming”. I smiled at them, and I knew that they were both scared by it because the surprise on their faces let me know that I had hit the nail on the head.

They were just going to blow smoke up my ass, and I didn’t have time for that. I only wanted the truth, and I also wanted them to warn Taylor. They need to repeatedly, because if she has something so heinous planned to make me reject Tanner, I only wish I could prolong her torment before her

death. I want them to warn her. I hope that the Goddess puts it in her heart to stop. I hope that Taylor decides to stop being a horrid b***h and leave us alone. But, even knowing her for literally day, I know her. She is not going to stop, and I bet she even raises the stakes, but she will only have herself to blame when I end her.

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Crimson Shadow Gets Warned

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Tanner's POV

Gabi sent me on down to talk to Alpha Heath and Alan about what to do as far as a test, but I could feel Gabi's emotions. I could see

Heath was being watchful of the conversation on the stairs as we edged closer and closer and heard her say to them that she had parents, and Heath was so happy to hear it, but I was upset that she would think that I would do anything to her to hurt her enough to reject me. I wouldn't. I just marked her, I love her, I would never intentionally hurt her, she has been through enough.

She told them both in all seriousness that she would kill Taylor. I believed her. I could hear it in her voice, and I didn't have to see

her face as she spoke, as she in all seriousness told them repeatedly to tell Taylor to stand down. I pray to the Goddess that Taylor does

too because I cannot lose Gabi. I will kill whoever causes it myself. Gabi won't have to do it. Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly both wore the same shocked look, as Gabi walked away from them and straight into Heath's arms for a hug. I could see the unshed tears in her eyes, and I could feel how upset she is through our bond.

Gabi knows as well as I do how serious this is. I stepped up the stairs and called out to Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly to stop, that I

needed to say something as well. "Alpha Wyatt, you showed me last night how much you trust me, so I will make this easy on you. I am tearing up our treaty when I get home, so you can destroy your copy as well. We are no longer allies, as you chose to let your daughter Taylor continue to lie, and lie again, instead of Alpha commanding her. I guess I should thank you for doing that, as I know now how little faith and trust you have in me. Additionally, I have placed Taylor on the banned list, and she will not be allowed access to my pack ever again. I love Gabi, and not Taylor, and Taylor still continues to threaten us. I will tell you this, in addition to what Gabi just told you. If Taylor manages to do something to tear me and Gabi apart, tell her that war WILL occur. I will leave nothing standing here. I will wipe out

your whole pack. I know that you will warn her, and she will say the words that you two want to hear, and then she will go and do what she wants. To prevent any confusion for you, I will go to war, and I am pretty sure that Alpha Heath will join in, and I mean to level this pack TO THE GROUND if we go to war. Do with it what you will, I already know you cannot stop Taylor, so be prepared for the outcome", I told them and then went back down to the first floor and mind linked my parents that we needed to go soon, and I can see how upset

Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly are."

They both know that it is true as well, they know she lies right to their faces, but they chose to believe her, and not me, even after !
asked them to Alpha command her. It took Alpha Heath telling them that he could tell that she was lying to get them to do what I asked them for, to begin with. Well, if she continues on, it will result in war. They will warn and threaten her, but she still will not care. My pack is bigger than theirs, and I have double the warriors. I will speak to Heath about this too, as I am very concerned about what Taylor is going to end up doing. I want him to know that I would NEVER hurt Gabi intentionally.

I see Taylor at the top of the stairs, and I don't know what all she has heard, but she isn't smirking anymore. Maybe with the outcome of her own death, she may realize that she needs to stop this. But, no, she is playing an act. I see her put her nail into the side of her eye and start crying and heading for her mother, who immediately, takes her into her arms and glares at me. Taylor smiles down at all of us and then goes back to sobbing to her mother. I looked at Gabi and saw that she saw the same thing and I held my arm out for Gabi to come to my side, and I held her close and sniffed her neck because Rafe wanted to go ahead and kill Taylor right now.

"OK, since we are no longer allies, I would appreciate you being off my packlands in fifteen minutes, young Alpha. I was going to apologize to you, but since you are so immature as to not be reasonable about this, we can end it now. I will tear up our treaty, and we are done as of today. Per your wishes", Alpha Wyatt called down to me.

"It was never My wishes. It was Taylor's. She lied, you believed her and refused to Alpha command her, because you know her so well, that she couldn't have possibly done anything wrong. Alpha Heath had to force you to do it. I asked you to Alpha command her. I told you the complete truth, and I cannot get an apology from you. Taylor lied and continues to lie, and you stand there coddling her. I hope your pack members hear me and realize that it is your faith in your lying daughter that WILL result in the end of your pack". I called back to him loudly and he flushed as he realized that everyone that had just heard what I said would relay it until the whole pack knew

that Taylor would be getting all of them killed. I see a few people stop to look at us. I also saw that Taylor had stopped crying and was not looking behind me at the growing group of people who were now discussing what had happened.

This is good, because when it comes down to it, they will turn her over, to keep themselves from being killed. I see the first little trickle of fear cross her face and as the group continues to grow, Alpha Heath speaks out to Alpha Wyatt as well.

"I will throw in with Alpha Tanner in support, as well. If Taylor does something to break Gabi and Tanner up, that is squarely on her. I will also throw my pack in support of Tanner. I have every confidence that he can get the job done, but I have even more warriors in my pack, and I will tell you this also. I understand the need to protect a child. But you two wrote Gabi here off as dead, and she was right, you could have spent time with her last night. Instead, you decided to back this horrible excuse for a daughter that you have left. As Alphas, we have to make decisions every single day for the betterment

of our packs, and yet you allowed your daughter to lie right to your face, with obviously no punishment given for what she had done. There is no possible way that you and Luna Everly didn't know how bad

Taylor had gotten. It was clear to me that she was lying, and yet you refused to Alpha command her to tell the truth. When you did, you finally got the truth. But you would accuse Tanner of horrible things, and show your lack of faith in him, and what a bad Alpha that you, yourself, have become. He has been a good Alpha and I am proud that he and Gabi found each other. I see it in her, Taylor will do it, and I want all of you to know that when war comes, it WILL come because Taylor has never been given any limits or consequences for her actions. That the loss of all your loved ones, will squarely lie on her shoulders", Alpha Heath finishes and heads to the door. Luna Von and Luna Liz had arrived before the end of my speech and so they heard what had been said to Alpha Wyatt and Luna Everly.

We headed for the door to go outside, as my parents came down the stairwell, and I had already mindlinked my dad on what I had said. I saw my dad stop and say something quietly to Alpha Wyatt, and I saw both Luna Everly and Taylor's mouths drop open before my father continued down the steps and pats me on the shoulder as we exit the door. I looked back at Alpha Wyatt and just shook my head.

As he earned every bit of this, and actually more, they stand there on the stairs as if in shock. Taylor has given up even trying to play innocent and now looks torn like she doesn't know if she wants to continue on, but then I see her eyes snap up at me and that smirk hit her face and I already know that she is going to continue on with her plan.

I smiled back and told her, "I see your smile and I know you made your decision to continue with your plan. I just hope that you know, Taylor, that over 50 people down here on the first floor also saw you smile and decided when you did it, that you were going to carry on with it as well. So, when war comes, they will know exactly who brought it to their door, and your own people may be the very ones to take you out. I hope not, as that will rob us of our payback. Just remember Taylor, you are free to do whatever you want in life, but you are NOT free of the consequences of your actions" I looked over at the group still standing in the lobby and the dining room and they were all looking at Taylor, and they knew I was not joking when I told them what the penalty was. They all saw it, they saw her smile at me as she made her decision, and she cannot talk her way out of this one. Her parents are now looking at her too. I called back to them as I exited, "Maybe you should alpha command her to ask if she was lying. Or why was she hanging outside your office when you said you wanted time to speak to Gabi. She blocked your wishes on that too, but I guess you didn't think about that either. In your rush to protect your lying, extremely manipulative daughter, I guess that you forgot you asked her and Stone to stay away from your office. Stone followed your instructions, and yet you two STILL make excuses for this completely worthless she-wolf. I guess I will see you later when we go to war over Taylor's bad decisions, because we all know that she is going to do what she wants to do. I am just glad that your pack will pass along who fault this was,

as I know they know the real Taylor, even if her parents don't". I shut the door and headed down the steps.

I cannot believe that Taylor was willing to end up killing her whole pack to be Luna of my pack. It doesn't even make sense. She must be out of her mind. I just cannot imagine my life without Gabi, and I wish Taylor would just leave us alone, but after seeing her smile, I know she is going to continue with her plans. I just hope we can see it coming when she does it, so we can try to avoid it. If Taylor has me ever hurt Gabi, there will never be anywhere safe for her to hide from me. I will find her, and I will end her.