

Chapter 139

I had to do this. I knew it was time. I couldn't keep making excuses and putting it off. Meeting with him was going to answer a lot of unanswered questions.

I would finally know where I came from.

"Go for your run and when you come back, I'm taking you for breakfast".

"But I...".

"I'll call my mom but not at this time".

Right, I forgot it was still early.

"Okay I won't be long".

I didn't run I mostly jogged and then jogging turned into a slow walk. Every person I passed wolf and human acknowledged my presence by bowing their head.

I was almost back home but stopped when I spotted Derek. He was stood with a girl, a very beautiful girl with long ginger hair and the brightest blue eyes. I made my way over.

"Luna". She fell to her knees. "I...we didn't see you approach". Her head bowed she wouldn't look at me.

I made a face. Why was she on her knees? I glanced at Derek before looking back at the young girl. She couldn't be any older than sixteen.

This felt weird. Her being on her knees in front of me wasn't right. I didn't care that I was her Luna. There were other ways of showing respect.

"Darcy go and find Josh, tell him he's to show you the patrol run for tonight. I'll find you later".

She scrambled to her feet, bowed her head once more and then

took off into the forest.

What just happened?

"She's a pup showing respect to her Luna". Derek spoke.

"Should you be out here? Does Jake know where you are?".

I rolled my eyes. "One, I can take care of myself and two he always knows where I am. How come you're out here?".

"I go where I'm needed".

Fair enough.

I liked Derek. Didn't know him well, but he seemed like a nice enough guy. He wasn't a talker more an observer. Always knew what was going on around him.

Maybe he could teach me a few things about being a werewolf.

"Do you need something Luna?".

Oh, I was stood staring not saying anything. Was I making him feel uncomfortable?

"You can call me Leah". I didn't need the title and I wasn't Luna just yet. I don't think I was ever going to wrap my head around people calling me that. I appreciated the acknowledgment and respect. It was nice to finally be accepted.

"I can't now if you don't need anything can I get back to my post?".

"Do you think Jessica and her family are a threat?". I asked.

"You don't have to worry. If they are we are here and we will protect you. No one will get on these premises".

"I'm not worried I just want your opinion". Jessica didn't scare me and if she did come back, it'll be me, she's gunning for.

"No".

"No, she's not a threat or no you're not giving me your opinion?".

A sigh fell from his lips. "I don't think she's a threat because she's not stupid enough to come back here".

"Then why all this?". I waved my hand a round. "If she isn't-...".

"Bear".

I turned my head giving him a sheepish smile. "Hi".

"Leave Derek alone, I'll walk you home".

"Bye Derek".

"Are you worried?". He asked as we started walking home.

"Not even a little bit". I smiled. "I'm not afraid of Jessica and if she wants to come back here for me then let her".

A laugh fell from his lips as he slung his arm around my shoulder. "When'd you get so brave?".

"Do you know today is the first day in ages where I've woke up and felt myself. I'm happy Carter and I'll be damned if I'm going to let anyone ruin it".

"You haven't had the best time of it bear but I'm glad everything is working out for you. You deserve to be happy".

Damn right I did. My life practically took a 360, my world turned upside down in a matter of months. I didn't think I would make it, but I did, we did. It was only up from here and I wasn't going to let anything, or anyone get in the way of that.

"I'm going to meet with my dad".

"I think you should".

"Today".

"Are you sure you're ready to?".

"More than ready Carter. I need to do this. I've put it off for weeks. I deserve to know the truth about my life and if I'm honest I want to know more about my family".

I had a whole other family that I didn't know out there.

"It's a big step to take and I'm proud of you for taking it".

"Are you coming in?". I asked as we reached my house.

"Busy bear but I'll see you later".

I went inside and made my way into the living room. Jake wasn't here but I could hear the shower running and music playing from upstairs. I grinned as the thought of joining him entered my mind.

We had never showered together before.

I kicked my shoes off and pulled my top over my head as I made my way upstairs. He was in the main bathroom which I thought was weird. He only ever used the main bathroom if I was using ours.

I trusted him but that didn't stop me bursting in like a mad woman and believe me when I say I tripped over my feet getting the hell out of there.

Jack was in our bathroom taking a shower.

I saw Jack naked.

I saw everything.

My heart racing, my face scarlet I chewed the inside of my cheek as I flicked the lock on our room door. I was embarrassed.

This wasn't good.

"Leah, what's happened, are you okay?". He was in front of me within seconds. Fresh out the shower a towel wrapped around his waist.

"I thought you were in the main bathroom".

"Why would-...". He paused. "Where's your top?".

"On the stairs". I chewed my bottom lip. "I think you should go check on Jack".

A laugh fell from his lips as he grabbed me around my waist.

"Did you walk in there thinking it was me?".

"It's not funny". I buried my face against his chest. "And why is Jack here this early?".

"He's on night patrol". He kissed the top of my head.

"Doesn't he have a home?". I wasn't mad just really embarrassed. Jack wasn't the easiest person to get along with. Now it was just going to be awkward.

"Him and Lacey aren't exactly on speaking terms".

Speaking of Lacey, I hadn't seen much of her. In fact, I hadn't seen her since the night we left for the cabin. "Again? What's he done this time?".

"I don't know Leah, but we don't get involved in other people's business. Let them sort it out themselves".

Yeah, I don't think so. That may be how boys deal with it but us girls stick together.

"You're going round there, aren't you?".

"No". I'm glad he couldn't see my face. A laugh fell from my lips as he lifted me up throwing me over his shoulder.

"You're such a bad liar princess". His hand smacked off my ass cheek before he threw me onto our bed.

My eyes fell onto the towel sung around his waist. One little tug and he would be naked. I wet my bottom lip.

"You're fucking beautiful and I'm the luckiest guy in the world".

"I know". I smirked.

A laugh fell from his lips. "Did you enjoy your run?". He went

about getting ready. In and out the bathroom. My face scarlet as he dropped the towel.

Gosh he was beautiful and sexy and all mines. Could say I got lucky.

"I did".

"Did Derek tell you everything you wanted to know?"

Of course, he knew. It's not as if I did anything wrong. I had a simple conversation with him. I wanted his opinion, sue me.

"Who snitched?"

"I've got eyes and ears everywhere baby. Are you worried about all of this?". He sat on the edge of the bed. "Nobody will ever hurt you, Leah. That I can promise".

I wish everyone would stop asking me if I was worried. I was just curious as to what other people thought about the situation.

"You know I can take care of myself".

"Leah".

"No Jake I'm not worried". I rolled my eyes as I sat up. "But I'm glad she's gone. She didn't exactly make it easy for me no matter how many times I tried to befriend her. She got what she deserved now can we talk about something else?"

"My mom wants us to go over for lunch".

My stomach tightened. Would my dad be there? That's not how I wanted to do this. I didn't want anyone else involved. I had to make up my own mind without anyone's influence.

I had to do this by myself.

"Hey". He moved closer to me and reached for my hand. "They just want to help, please let them".

"Fine but I do this my way. When I finally meet with him, I want to do it alone".