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Heading out to Crimson Shadow

Chapter 27

Gabi's POV

I was up and showered by 510. I was ready to go in another 10 minutes and take my stuff into the lobby on the first floor at 525.

Heath was getting coffee and grinned over at me and said, "Just like me" and put the lid on his coffee cup. I see Alan and Hudson already

there and Hudson comes over to give me a hug. Hudson has always been a lot nicer to me than Alan this whole time and I nodded over to

Alan. We are not on hugging terms yet, but we are doing better every day. We have drills and practices that we have to do as a team three

times a week, and I hate to say it, but I like when he nods in approval when I am successful in my training, as Alan runs a tight ship. Now that Alan knows that everything that he has been told about me was a lie, he is a lot better to be around. He is training me, like he should

have the whole time, in Krav Maga and I have been absorbing it very well.

Luna Liz and Von come down with their suitcases and garment bags 10 minutes later and Hudson and Alan take the bags out to the SUV for them while they grab some coffee for themselves. I headed out to the SUV with Heath, and he could tell I was nervous and

wanted to say something, but I didn't want to say it in front of Alan and Hudson. They don't know the whole reason why we are going to

Crimson Shadow yet and I am sure they will learn today, or tomorrow, why we went. "Can I speak to you for a minute, please?" I asked and walked back towards the front door.

"Sure, little one, give me just a minute to put my stuff in the back," Heath said, and then came to me two minutes later on the steps

of the packhouse.

"We don't have to go to Crimson Shadow. I have decided that I just want to stay here. You and Von have done nothing but build me

back up, and I don't need to meet my birth parents. I have you two, and I decided last night that I don't need to go. So, if we are going just for me to find my parents, I can save you a trip, because I have already found you", I told him, and I heard a loud gasp and then heard feet

running toward me as Von almost knocked me down the stairs hugging me. I see Luna Liz standing there at the top of the stairs where

Von dropped her coffee to run to grab me and smiling the widest grin I have ever seen on her. Von has tears in her eyes and is hugging me

so tight, I am struggling to breathe.

"Von, let her go, baby, you are killing her. She cannot breathe, you are going to have to ease up on her. Plus, I want to hug my baby girl too", Heath said, and I could see tears in his eyes.

Ican breathe better when Von releases me a little and I open up my arms to let Heath hug me as well, and we just stand there

halfway up on the steps of the packhouse all hugging each other.

Luna Liz cleared her throat and said, "I may not live here but I happen to know for a fact that Heath needs to be on the road at 545, so you have 5 minutes to replace your coffee Von, come one". Von climbs back up the stairs and is talking excitedly to Luna Liz about what

they had just overheard me say.

"You have made Von so very happy saying that, and me too, little one. I know you didn't intend on them hearing, but they stepped out when you started speaking and heard the whole thing. I know you were trying to get it out before you chicken out and were focused on that. But this is a teaching moment here. Even when you are doing something important, always keep an ear out for your surroundings, honey. It could save your life one day", Heath tells me and hugs me across my shoulders, and leads me to his SUV. I notice that there is only our SUV there at the front of the packhouse and look around.

"I am driving there and back, Alan will be up front with me, and Hudson grabbed the third row to catch a nap as he is going to sleep all the way there, and you will sit in the middle with von and Liz," Heath tells me, and I nod and jump in to get in the middle of the

row.

Alan turns to look at me and grins, and I know he heard what I said with his werewolf hearing, and I blush and look down at my

hands. I heard the door open and they were still talking excitedly all the way to the SUV which Heath had already started up. Luna Von

gets in behind her husband and Liz gets in behind Alan and we take off, and thankfully it is 544 when we leave the packgrounds, or we would have heard about it all the way there, as Heath likes to be on time.

of the sisters, as I am blocking them from catching up. If we stop for a bathroom break, I will move so they can chat. I just checked my

social media pages and saw Derek had sent me a request to join my page on Instagram, and I declined it. I cannot let him back in, after 1 tried so hard to shut him out. I can't let him get a foot in the door with me, as it will only hurt me and Tala more. I glanced up front with a frown on my face and saw Heath watching me in the rear-view mirror. He glanced back at the road, and then in a low tone to not alert Von or Luna Liz he asked, "Are you OK? What's the problem?". I cannot tell him there is not one as he knows me pretty well, and I didn't know he was watching me and he already saw my face. So there is no point in lying about it, and I don't lie to Heath and Von anyway, and

won't start now.

"Derek sent me a request to allow him on my Instagram. I rejected the request", I told him. I saw Alan shift in his seat to look back at

me, I guess to see if I was OK, but I was.

"Yes, he was very upset that you accepted his rejection, and was very angry with me for allowing you on the pack lands for you to accept it. He said that he had changed his mind when he came to my office later to tell me that he had wanted to mark you and accept

you as his mate. That he was going to leave the pack behind and not take over to keep

from having to mate with Piper" Luna Liz told us.

"Too late, he thought that it was a great idea when he chose to reject me. If I remember correctly, I'am a wolf-less, weak Omega. The pain he caused me by sleeping with Piper was horrible, as was the heat he knocked me into. He didn't care about losing me, not really, he just didn't want to lose his shot at having his mate still in his life to make him stronger", I said in a low tone to Luna Liz and

Von.

"I think he had actually changed his mind about that, but I had told him that it was too late when he mentioned it to me last

weekend. He messed up, he took bad councel, and now he will have to live with that terrible girl. If it makes you feel any better, she will

be the downfall of both packs, as she only really cares about herself. She is a spoilt, only child who has never had to do anything that she

didn't want to do. The only thing that Piper excels at is shopping and spending money. I will not be bailing the pack out when it gets to

that point again. The only thing that I may give them funds for is training for the packs, as the rogues are still there and getting bolder. There are against Derek and Piper having the Luna ceremony, and I am sure that they will attack again. So, we may need your team,

Heath. Because both Derek and I believe that they will be coming back and attacking us again, and soon", Luna Liz told us and shook her

head in frustration.

"Liz, if you need us, we will be there, but you know we need to deal with the first problem, Monty. I won't have Gabi in danger from

him again. When we get him taken care of, it will be easier to get the training part done. Let us get through this weekend and then we will

set our plan into play. You know I will come with my team and get things straight", Heath told her, and then glanced at Gabi in the

rear-view mirror.

Shit, I never thought about having to go back to Red River to train. Never, not the first time that it was a thought inside my head. I

glanced at Heath who was thinking and was focused on looking at the road, and I sensed a motion and I looked at Alan. I saw him

watching me and I knew that he had seen all of the emotions that crossed my face. I know he saw me scared at the thought of it. Alan just

smiled at me and said, "You never have to worry. We have all got your back". That actually brings me comfort. I sit back and up at the rear-view mirror and see Heath looking at me, and he smiles and nods at me as if confirming what Alan said. I can put my trust in Heath,

and my fellow teammates. They will not let me down.

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We Have Arrived at Crimson Shadow Chapter 28

Gabi's POV

The Crimson Shadow pack is a big pack, with almost a thousand wolves in it. They are in the Tahoe National Forest, and the woods are absolutely stunning. We passed a large lake on our way to Camptonville, CA, and I wished we had time to stop by and just see the

water, as I really missed getting to sit and listen to the lake waves. The wind was up today, so the waves would be too. I was looking out

the window with interest as we got closer and closer to the Crimson Shadow pack. Now that I knew that I wouldn't be forced to stay here,

I felt better about the visit. I am glad that I had mentioned it to Von quietly in the back seat when I asked if I had to stay there.

Von quickly said, "No, no honey, you are coming back with us. You belong in our pack. We will be making that very clear when we are speaking with Alpha Wyatt, and Luna Eve. Don't worry about a thing, little one. We will be taking care of this".

The SUV slowed down and we took an unmarked paved road into the forest. After about 4 minutes, we arrived at the gate, and my heart started beating louder. After getting cleared through the gate, Heath glanced up and looked at me in the mirror and told me, "Calm down baby girl. I can hear your heart racing. No one is going to hurt you here. We are just talking to them and then we will have the party tonight, and we will head back to Ever Green tomorrow. I promise you, Gabi, it is all going to be OK. Remember what I told you, stay with

Alan and Hudson if you are not with me".

I nodded in agreement, as we moved closer to a huge packhouse. It was as big as the one we have at Ever Green, and we have a lot

of people there and living in houses all over the packlands, so they must be a very large pack too.

Heath pulled up to the front and stopped the SUV. A man in his mid-twenties greeted us as we exited the vehicle and introduced

himself as being the Beta for Crimson Shadow, Jared Moore. Beta Moore was handsome and looked about 25 years old. He was 6'2" tall

and he clearly worked out, he had an easy-going smile that I bet all the ladies liked. His sun-streaked blonde hair reminded me of Derek's,

and my heart clenched a little, but Beta Moore's eyes were a hazel color on the brown side, not brown like Derek's. He gave me a

practiced grin, and Alpha Heath stepped in front of me and gave Beta Moore a look. Heath can be intimidating to others with a smile on his face. I am sure this poor Beta just got the crap scared out of him. Beta Moore advised us that breakfast was still being served if we wanted to go and grab some after we put our bags upstairs. Alpha Heath advised

that we would come down shortly after we had been shown to our rooms. It was 750 am and Heath had made great time and we had not

stopped, so we still had over an hour to get down to grab some breakfast.

I would probably just grab an apple as I was really nervous right now. Heath and Von went to put their stuff up in their room, as did Alan and Hudson. Luna Liz and I put our stuff up, and Luna Liz advised that she had a lady that was going to come and do our hair and

makeup for the ball. She wanted me to look my best for the party. I didn't know how to put makeup on anyway and would always take

help from wherever I could get it, so I was happy with the help coming. The party was advised as starting at 6 pm, so the lady was going to be there at 4 to get us all ready. Luna Liz's hair was in a short bob, and she did it herself, so that would save time for Vons and my hair to

get done, and makeup all around, as Luna Liz thought that would be a fun treat for us all.

We stepped into the hallway and Ala and Hudson were already waiting for us, with Heath and Von exiting their room a minute later

and we all went down to grab something to eat. I stuck with the apple, and it didn't escape the notice of Von and Heath. I just smiled and

told them, "After the meeting, I will get more at lunch, I am just nervous right now". They nodded in agreement, and they went to get their food. Alan and Hudson stayed with me until they all came back to the table and then they both went to the breakfast buffet and filled up their plates and came back to the table. I could see some people looking over at us with interest, but with Heath and Alan at the

table, everyone stayed back from us.

"Alan, at 9 am, we have a meeting with Alpha Wyatt and Luna Eve, but I need Gabi to stay outside for the first part of it. At least while we speak to them at first. Gabi doesn't actually need to be present for the first half of the meeting, so if you and Hudson could just stay outside the door with her, I would appreciate it", Heath told them, and they both nodded in agreement as they ate.

I am now wondering what they need to discuss for the first half of the meeting, but it probably doesn't concern me, so that was

them when I can. I will just play on my phone while I wait with them outside the office. At 850 Heath, Von, and Luna Liz excuse themselves to the restrooms, and I go with the women, as I know I am supposed to stay with someone at all times. Alan and Hudson take the opportunity to go as well, as they know they are not to leave me alone here. We are all

there at the door to Alpha Wilson's office at 3 minutes to 9. I see Von and Heath are both nervous, so I go over and give them both a hug

to help them calm down. I have never seen Heath nervous, not the first time, but he is clearly nervous now.

Beta Moore is noted as coming up to the door and asking if they are ready to start the meeting and Heath nods and grabs Von's

hand. Beta Moore knocks on the door and is advised he could enter. I had brought my items with me as Luna Liz had instructed me, and

they were neatly folded and sitting on the bench next to me, and the bench was across the hallway from the Alpha's office. Hudson was

sitting on the bench next to me, next to the baby items, and Alan was standing next to me. They were about 5 minutes into the meeting

when I heard an unfamiliar voice scream "What" very loudly from the office and Beta Moore jumped up from his chair near the door like

he was prepared to fight. I could see him mindlink, and then glance at me, before sitting down in the chair. He is now blatantly staring at

me, and Alan shifts his stance to catch Beta Moore's eyes and then gives him a pointed look, and then glances down at me, to let Beta Moore know that he is watching him with me. Beta Moore holds up both hands in a calming manner, like an "I am not interested in her in

that way" movement, but he continues to watch me, and it is a little creepy. Five minutes later, I hear the sound of heels on the hardwood floors and a very attractive blonde comes into view and grins at Beta Moore, who grins back and winks at her. I see when she

notices Hudson and Alan and she saunters over to them, giving them each the once over.

She glances at me and then dismisses me and heads to the door to go into the office. "Sorry Taylor, your parents are in a meeting,

they cannot be disturbed," Beta Moore said as he got up to keep her from entering. "Can you just tell them it is me, and that I need to speak with them both about my party" the girl said, and Beta Moore mindlinked

to announce her.

"I am sorry, they cannot be disturbed, and your mother said that after the meeting that she would come and find you, but that all

the party plans are complete at this time, and there will be no changes," Beta Moore tells the girl and she growls in fury and stomps her

heel, before remembering that we are all sitting behind her watching her throw a fit like a toddler.

"Fine, I will speak to her later," she said before crossing the hallway to stand in front of Alan sizing him up again and then saying, "I

hope you both save me a dance tonight, as it is my 17th birthday". She gave me another dismissive look, then frowned a little bit at me,

and walked off down the hallway.

"I would rather fight a bear than have anything to do with her," Hudson said and looked at me with a "what the hell" expression on

his face.

"I agree, I am actually glad we have to stick with Gabi for the whole night and can use that as an excuse. I don't like her at all, she is

spoiled rotten, and she is only 17, whoever she ends up with is going to have his hands full with her". Alan said to Hudson and then they

both grimaced in agreement.

"She is young and apparently their only daughter, so they spoiled her. Sometimes, in rich families, they do that. She may not know

any other way. But yes, she did come off as abrasive, I am glad I am not going to have to stay here" I said, and I saw Beta Moore looking at

me in surprise.

"What, did I say something wrong? I am sorry if I offended you, but she is kind of an entitled brat", I said to Beta Moore.

"No, I am just surprised that you said that you are not going to stay here," Beta Moore said to me, and now it was my turn to look at

him in surprise.

Before he could answer, the door opened and Von reaches her hand out to me and tells

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Meeting my Parents

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Gabi's POV

I entered the office and looked to see where I could sit. Luna Liz is on the couch against the wall and Von goes over to sit next to her,

so I took the seat in front of the desk next to Heath.

Theard an intake of breath as I glanced up to look at the Alpha and Luna behind the desk. They were a very attractive couple, and

they were both looking at me with frowns on their foreheads. I looked at Heath and he reached over and grabbed my hand and gave it a

squeeze. I nodded at him and then looked back at the couple.

The Alpha had dark brown hair and blue eyes. He was a large man, even sitting down, and had a very handsome face. He was

studying my face for some reason, and I wanted to squirm under his scrutiny. I have never had someone look at me so hard in my life. I

glanced over to the Luna, and she was looking at me strangely too. She had light brown hair and green eyes and she looked exactly how

their daughter had looked. Only the daughter bleaches her hair blonde, but they have the same green eyes. The Luna was a beautiful lady

and looked to be in very good shape, just like her daughter, as they were both 5'9" and curvy.

I don't say anything, and I am now getting really uncomfortable with the silence. I started to rub the satin lining on the baby blanket when Luna Everly snapped her eyes down to the items in my hands and said, "May I please look at what you have in your hands". I

nodded to her and handed them to her to look at. She unfolds the blanket and then makes a strangled noise in her throat as she looks at

the outfit, and then her eyes snapped right back up to mine with tears in her eyes. "Where did you get these?" Luna Everly asks me.

"My parents at Red River gave them to me on my 18th birthday. Well, not my birthday. It was March 12th, and they just used it as my birthday as they said I looked to be 2 years old when they found me tied up in a tree. So, they just celebrate it as my birthday from then on", I told them. I heard another strangled noise from Luna Everly, who looked at Alpha Wyatt and her eyes started filling up with

tears.

I looked at Heath, as I did not know what was going on right now and he pats my hand and links me, "Everything is fine little one, no

one is going to take you away from us". I smiled and nodded at him and then looked back at the Alpha couple sitting across the desk

from me, looking at me again.

May we approach you please, Gabi?" Alpha Wyatt asked, and I nodded and now I am

frowning at them.

They both come to my chair and bend down to sniff me, at my neck and my hair, and now I do not know what the hell is going on at

all. I reach over and take Heath's hand in mine, and he covers my hand with his other hand and pats it, trying to comfort me.

They both went back to their chairs and looked at Von and said, "You also said that you had another method of proof, did you not".

She nodded at them and said, "We need to go outside for this one".

We all headed outside and to the woods. I am walking between Luna Liz and Von right now and I don't know what we are doing at

all now. I hear Tala in my head telling me "Give it a minute, you are about to find out.

They needed to bring me forward as I am the last piece of the puzzle that they needed to see". I feel better knowing that this is almost over and that Tala knows what is going on.

Alan, Hudson, and Beta Moore are following behind the group about 20 feet behind us when Luna Liz and Von take me further into

the woods to help me phase. I hadn't been phasing as I was supposed to keep me and Tala on the down low, until Heath and Von told me

I could start showing my wolf. Tala agreed with them, so I haven't been phasing into my wolf, just training in my human form regularly. Tala said that we are one and that she already knows what to do with a threat, so I haven't missed much with training with her. She is

very confident in her skills, and I trust her completely.

I remove my clothes and I go to bring Tala forward. Luna Liz gasps when she sees me and nods at Von and they walk out of the forest first in front of me, back out to the waiting Alpha and Luna.

I heard several gasps as only Heath and Von had seen me up until this point and I saw Alan and Hudson's stunned faces before

Hudson did his usual humor bit and said, "There you go Alan, that is how she beat us all, she is an Alpha wolf".

Look at the Alpha and Luna"

I look at them and they are both crying, and Luna Everly's hands are shaking now. Why are they so upset? Do they not want me

here? Why are they so overcome?

"Come with me Gabi, we need to get you changed back over and dressed. No one else needs to see you out here. We still have

things to talk about back in the office", Von said to me, and she and Luna Liz took me back to where we left my clothes.

We come back out and I am immediately grabbed and hugged by Luna Everly and then by Alpha Wyatt. Heath and Von see the confusion on my face, and Von tells me, "All will be answered in the office". We all headed back into the packhouse. We entered the kitchen and we all heard Taylor calling out to her mother.

"Well, thank the Goddess mom, can you tell me why you canceled the live band for the end of my birthday party?" Taylor said as she

walked up to the group.

"Taylor, we spent enough on your party. We already had a DJ; we didn't need a band

too. As a matter of fact, we are not through, so please, we will discuss this later when our meeting is complete", Luna Everly said to Taylor and started walking away back to the stairwell

for us to all go back up to the office.

"Well, at least tell me if Tanner is coming, I wanted to get to see him tonight" Taylor yells after her mom and then growls in

frustration when her mother just keeps going up the stairs. I glanced back at Taylor, from the stairs, and she gave me an ugly sneer and

waved her hand at me like telling me to go away. Yes, I am really glad I don't have to stay here.

"I see that you are full of surprises," Alan tells me in a very low tone. I glanced back at him and whispered back, "I was told not to

show my wolf to anyone".

"Yes, that was smart, as anyone seeing you would know who you are, and who you belong to" Alan whispered back to me.

"What do you mean" I whispered back, and stopped at the top of the stairs.

Very few wolves can phase and still keep their human eye color. I know of only one, Alpha Wyatt. Now I know of two. So, I am assuming that you are the long-lost daughter of the Wilson's", Alan told me.

Why wasn't I told? Why did they keep it a secret? Why couldn't they trust me to keep it a secret? Crap, that means that I have a mean

girl for a sister. That absolutely ruins my day, and I don't want to go into the office. I stood at the top of the stairs with Alan and Hudson. 1

didn't sign up for this. I don't want to come and live here. I certainly don't want to live with that Taylor girl, she is horrible. So, I just stay

where I am. If I knew how to get there, I would go to my room. I don't even want to stay for the party now. I don't care how cute my dress

is.

Von comes back to me and holds out her hand towards me. I shake my head no. I didn't want to go back into the office. Why didn't

Heath and Von tell me who I was? I don't want to be here now, and I would like to leave. I am angry and confused.

"Honey, we couldn't tell you, we had to protect you. This was the reason that Monty was so horrible to you. The lower the number

who knew who you were, the safer you were. I am sorry that we didn't tell you, but we were trying to protect you", Von tells me with tears in her eyes.

"Little one, come with us into the office, you are not staying here. You will be coming back with us, no matter what. They may want

you to stay, but it is your decision whether you do or not. We will always have a spot for you in our home, even if you want to stay here for

a little while to get to know your parents. But we are prepared to go to war if necessary to keep you with us. So come on and stay with us

as we finish this. You need to be in there and hear what all is said, it will fill in the blanks from when you were a baby until now", Heath

tells me.

I slowly stepped forward and followed them to the office. Before I entered, I stopped and

looked back at Alan and Hudson, who both gave me a thumb's up. I sighed out loud and then entered the office. I really don't know if I want to deal with this today. This is a LOT to take in, so much has changed today, but I take my seat in front of the Alpha's desk and then reach over to take Heath's hand in mine. That movement was not lost on them, and I saw that Luna Everly's smile faltered some, but she put it back up and smiled brightly at me again. Time to get to business.

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Taylor's Birthday is Ruined

Chapter 30

Taylor's POV

This is supposed to be my day, the whole day. I got to see my parents at breakfast, but some group showed up and they have been" in a meeting" for like 2 hours now. What could be so important that they are willing to ignore me on my special day? I mean those guys in the hallway were hot, I mean really hot, and if Tanner doesn't show up, I will have to see if I can get that big guy to ring in my birthday with me. But the rest of the group can leave. I am furious that mom canceled the band. Every year she lets me do what I want, and I have already told people at school that we are going to have that band here, as well as the DJ. I am going to look like an i***t and a liar about this to my friends at school. I guess the DJ will be good enough. We do have some awesome swag bags with my friends all getting new tablets and some great makeup in them. My ten closest friends will be coming, and they are super excited to be here for it. I had told them that Tanner was going to be there, and I was praying to the Goddess that he would be. Mom still hasn't answered me, and they had blocked my linking them, so when I saw them coming in from outside, I had to stop her and ask about Tanner. What the hell were they doing outside anyway? Was this some kind of stupid field trip or something? Why were they walking around outside? That girl with them looks a little familiar, but I know for a fact that I don't know her, her scent is not one that I am familiar with. She may have been with one of the two hot guys, she was sitting with the slimmer one, so that may be her boyfriend. I guess we will see tonight. I can take the big guy away from her anyway. I am gorgeous, and being truthful is not being vain, and I will look even better tonight. I give her a look as she glances over at me on her way up the stairs and I hope she doesn't come and ruin my party tonight. She looks like a bore, and my party needs to be awesome tonight. I have been planning it for months. My friends that I don't get to see a lot are all getting to come

as I sent out e-mail invitations, as some have moved in with their mates in their packs, and I didn't want to miss anyone.

I got the most beautiful dress I could find. It is an emerald green color, and it is a couple of shades darker than my eyes, and it fits

me like a glove. The neckline has a deep V, and my curves are highlighted in it. Mom

and dad still haven't seen it after I took it in to get it

altered. They just saw and approved the original version.

Thave a pretty good allowance and when I took it in to get altered, I assured the lady that my parents were aware it was being altered. They in fact did know it, they just didn't know by how much. It was too late now to get a different dress and my breasts looked great in this dress. I was in great shape thanks to my mother because I didn't train. I don't need to anyway, because I am going to be the

Luna of the Blood Rose pack. I am going to marry Tanner Wright, whether he wants me to or not. I had taken pictures of him when I got in

bed with him a while back before he woke up. It made it look like we were together, together, and had just had stx with his tousled

bedhead. He looked so cute sleeping. I hated that I woke him up. I was trying to snuggle back up to him so he could spoon me and that

was when he woke up and started yelling at me to get out.

I don't know what the hell his problem is, but I am doing him a favor. I am beautiful and I love him. Well, I want him, I can grow to love him. He is gorgeous and we would make beautiful and strong pups. He is so hot. He was sleeping in just his grey sweatpants, and he

was in great shape, everywhere.

What am I worried about? All my friends within a 200-mile radius know that he is my man, and to stay away from him, or they will

answer to me. It doesn't stop them unless I am around, but they have all been warned. I planned on finding out which room he is in

tonight and making sure he drinks enough to wake up with me in his arms. I also have something for his drink if he is resistant to me

again.

I don't know what his problem is. I am a catch. He would always have our pack as a backup if his pack gets threatened, or if someone declares war on him. He should be claiming me right now as his. He seemed like he would be smart enough to take me up on the offer of being with me, not put out about it.

Thead back to my room, and I see the hot guys standing in the hallway as I am going to go up another flight, so I stop to speak to them.

"Ever Giren," the big guy tells me.

"How old are you? I am 17 today". I told him.

"I am too old for you, plus we are on guard duty while we are here. So, we need to pay attention to who is all coming and poing", the big guy tells me.

I like it when they resist me, I like a good chase, and I need to make sure I have a backup in case Tanner doesn't come or is cold to me

while he is here

"I don't think that you are too old for me," I said to the big guy astran my nail down his chest, down to the top of his pants. He takes

a large step to the side to get away from me and I trail after him.

"What, you are scared of little ole me, honey? I won't hurt you, I can treat you right if you let me". I purred at him and advanced on

him again.

"Leave him alone Taylor, you heard him"heard my brother Stone say behind me, and I

whirled around to talk to him.

"I am just messing with him, Stone; he is a big boy. He could stop me if he wanted to. He is much stronger than I am, aren't you, big guy?" I said and got right back into his chest again.

"Taylor, if you don't stop. I WILL tell mom and dad about you. He is obviously uncomfortable. Hell, I am uncomfortable with what

you are doing. Please stop. you are embarrassing yourself in front of him, and making our pack look bad, chasing after him like that. Just

leave him alone, OK?" Stone said and rolled his eyes at me. He is being a jerk. I was just messing around with the big guy, just playing around. Stone cannot take even a little joke. Sometimes I can't believe that we are related.

I toss my hair over my shoulder and walk away towards my room and hear the guys start up a conversation again as I leave. I don't

care if he doesn't want to talk to me, I don't need him for conversation. I just needed him to help me out for about 20 minutes, and then

he could go, but from how he acted when I was checking out his chest and abs, you would have thought he didn't like it at all. I don't

care, I want Tanner anyway. I have plans for him tonight. I would only need this guy for backup if Tanner either doesn't show up or leaves

early.

I get to my room, and it is like ten minutes to eleven am. I think I will take a nap as I plan to be up until like 3 am tomorrow enjoying

my birthday. I go grab a shower and get in my nightclothes as I want a good nap, and it helps me to relax. I lay down and I am out in like 10 minutes. I get up a little after 1 pm, grab a cute outfit, and head down for lunch. I plan on changing my outfit again for my beautiful dress, but I went shopping at the mall a week ago and I had picked up like 8 new outfits, and I want to show off as many of them as I could

on my birthday weekend. I have a cute leather miniskirt, a white camisole with a built-in bra with a cut black tank on top of it, and a pair

of heeled lace-up boots that hit between my calf and my ankle. My outfit looked really cute, and I headed down to get something to eat for lunch. I look over to where my parents are sitting, and I see them having a discussion with Stone, who also has a completely serious

look on his face as well. I go grab my food and come over to eat with them. I was busy eating and not listening to what they were saying

when I heard Stone say, "And you are sure that she is our sister".

My head snapped up quickly and I was all in on this conversation. It is a well-known fact that I get the bulk of the stuff that I have

gotten because of their misplaced guilt over my sister who was abducted right after she turned two years old. Stone was 16 months old at the time, and I was only 8 months old. Mom had hired a nanny to help her out as it was tough getting her Luna duties done with three very young children. One day, the nanny took my sister to the pack doctor to get her 2-year-old shots, and she never came back. We all assumed she was dead. s**t, that dark-haired girl outside mom and dad's office, that was why she was so familiar to me, she looked like me and mom. This is trouble with a capital T. I won't be getting everything anymore, because they are going to have to make up for her bad life

if her clothes and shoes were anything to say about it, and this takes things from me, a lot of things from me. s**t, this is really bad. I was looking around the table and they looked totally convinced about it, so I had to ask.

"Um, how do you know it really is her? She had been gone for a long time. We all thought she was dead. How can you be sure it is her? I think she is just trying to con you all, and you guys are falling for it." I pushed my opinion at them in desperation. "We are running DNA tests here at the pack doctor. They will be done in a few hours, which is what we were told, but your dad and I'.

already know it is her Taylor", my mom tells me.

"How the hell do you know that mom?" I asked because that stupid DNA test was going to cost me everything. I could see it by

looking her in the face.

"Because we saw her wolf, Taylor. Her eyes do the same thing that both your father's eyes and Stone's eyes do, and she is a large black wolf. There is no mistake. Your sister has returned home" my mother said, and totally ruined my birthday.