25.II.2017

I love the feeling when my paws brush through the grass as I run. I feel free and far from all the troubles.

I accidentally let my mind wander while I rushed through the forest.

NO! I have to keep my focus. After all, I was called to a special meeting.

It’s strange for Ray to command a meeting at this hour of night.

-Hey! What’s up? - I realized I was the last one to arrive.

-We might have a problem. A big one. – responded Chaz, glancing at Ray wanting him to continue.

-Leaf overheard the policemen talk when he was on his survey. Looks like they’re on a track to find out about us. I apologize for waking you all up in the middle of the night, but I wanted to make sure you all stay as careful as possible. We have to watch our steps.

-Sounds quite serious.

-That’s why I want you to watch out.

4.III.2017

-Bye mum!

-Oh, going to the forest again? Come back before it’s dark, ok?

-Yea sure.

-Bye Julia. Have fun!

I headed outside and towards the wooded area. As much as I liked my animal form, I couldn’t let anyone see this. When I was sure no human eye could spot me, I shifted to my other form, a coyote. I felt so wild and free like that.

I reached my pack’s territory and decided to do a little scan of the area while also look for any packmates.

It didn’t take long. They were so loud, even the dead could wake. I looked down the hill at them where they were playing in a lake of mud. Let’s see. There was a black-white wolf – Dimitri, Dante the jackal, Jay the fox and, of course the brown wolf Chaz. Must have been him who came up with the idea.

-You guys are so immature - I said laughing.

-And? Got a problem? - asked Dante.

He was going to add something, but was cut off by Chaz, who was looking at my grinning face.

-O-o.

I launched downwards straight into the pool of mud. I was quite satisfied with myself as I had caused a great wave of muck cover them all.

And that’s how a war started. It was me against 4 boys. It was an incredible fight. Both sides created bases at either sides of the soggy grounds. We’d used mud as ammunition to throw at enemy base. The war was cruel, leaving many tired soldiers behind.

Naturally, I won.

We were all covered in wet dirt from the top of our noses to the tips of our tails.

-I’ll get you the next time! You’ll see! – Chaz said. He didn’t quite want to accept the fact that he’s lost against me again, yet you could clearly see he’s had a ton of fun.

We proceeded to wash ourselves in a nearby river. A regular meeting was supposed to start soon, so when we were done, we headed for ruins of Castle White Raven, which was our usual spot.

During those gather ups we'd usually take human forms though still with our ears and tails sticking out.

Ray was already there along with Kayleen, Leaf and Sasha. Soon later the two cats Zach and Cassandra joined us.

Ray, a silver wolf, was our Alpha. He was a great leader. We all respected him.

-So, Ray, how’s the situation with the police?- I asked the Alpha.

-I sent Leaf on numerous occasions to eavesdrop them, but it looks like they haven’t come up with anything new. – replied the silver wolf.

Leaf was a black-brown rat and an amazing spy. He could sneak almost anywhere. In the past, he’d managed to get us a lot of important information for many different operations.

-I KNEW IT!- interrupted Chaz- They are just too stupid, too blind and closed-minded to actually find out about us!

Ray ignored him and continued

-However- he made a slight pause- there is something else, that Leaf has found.

Every pair of eyes focused on him.

-Well, what is it?- asked Linn, a red fox.

-In the police archive I’d found a rather fresh unsolved case of extra violent animal attack. On a child- responded Leaf.

-How is the child?- Cass was really worried.

-Sadly, the boy didn’t make it. He was already dead when he was found. I… won’t go into the gruesome details.

There was a moment of silence, which I broke.

-…A shifter?- I asked quietly.

-That’s what I think- answered Ray.

That meant trouble. A vicious shape-shifter in our area… We would have to take care of him as the police is completely incompetent for cases like this.

This is what we did. We solved cases no normal human could, and, as much as we could, we ensured the safety of people. We fought for the good and truth.

Our main rule was to remain unseen. If we had been found out, it would be the end of us.

9.III.2017

We were stressed out for the past few days.

I feel really insecure and I watch my surroundings closely all the time.

Nothing new has occurred.

14.III.2017

It was my job to survey our territory today.

About two hours in, I was in the northern area, near the wastelands. I’ve been hearing a strange sound for a short while, and, stupidly enough, decided to follow it.

I woke up in a cold and dark place. I could smell moss and wet rocks. A cave? My head hurt slightly as I tried to recall what happened.

Survey.

Forest.

Wastelands.

Unknown sound.

Dark figure.

Sharp pain in the back of my head.

Blackness.

I tried to stand up and I heard the rustling of a heavy chain resting on my back left foot. I was cast adrift and being held hostage.

My eyes were now used to the dark and I could see a bit better. I looked around. There was one path leading from here. I couldn’t tell what was at the other end due to darkness. The only light was a weak beam of some moon crystals randomly scattered around the place.

My mind was racing. So many questions.

How long was I here?

Did the others know what happened to me? Where I was?

Were they already trying to figure out a way to help me?

Who was keeping me captive?

-Ah! So you’ve awoken!- I was lost in my thoughts when a deep voice brought me back to reality.

A figure slowly emerged from the dark tunnel.

-W-who are you? W-why are you keeping me here?- I was never so terrified in my life.

The person caught the fear present in my voice.

-No need to fear my dear lady! For you are our dear guest!- he spoke cheerfully.

-And this is how you treat your guests?- I pointed at the chain. I didn’t trust him at all.

He smiled and unlocked the chain cuff.

-Follow me- he ordered.

I did as I was told.

We walked down the tunnel. I was wondering who he was, where he was taking me, what was he going to do to me, if he also was a shifter.

We arrived at a… throne room? This was still in the cave. Was this place their lair?

We were standing before who I believed was their leader.

I could easily tell he was a shifter as he had bear ears and tail.

Could he be the one who murdered that poor kid?

-ON YOUR KNEES WHEN YOU FACE THE KING!- I was pushed down by the one who brought me here.

- I’m Griffin. And that’s Rex- spoke the bear- Rex you can let her stand up.

I was let go of and I stood back up again.

-What is your name child?

-…

-ANSWER WHEN YOU ARE ASKED- I received a strong punch in the stomach from Rex.

-It’s… Julia- I said quietly.

The ‘king’ smiled.

-So, Julia, would you consider joining us? I can offer you power, control and treasures you’ve never dreamed of!

-Thanks for the offer, but no- I had no idea what to do. I just wanted out.

-Oh. Are you sure? You’re a great talent, I’ve always considered coyotes ones of the strongest animals in the world. With us, you could really bring out your true potential.

-That’s nice of you, but I would just like to leave.

-I will let you go, but before that I would like you to tell me the whereabouts of your little pack.- I froze.- I will let you live, if you do.

-I am not telling you anything.

-Very well, we’ll take the less pleasant way then. Rex.

-Yes, sir.

This was a different room.

I was tightly tied down to a table. Next to me, was a table holding various torture tools.

Griffin was towering over me.

-Well, sweetie, because you didn’t want to cooperate, I have to do this. I really didn’t want this.

Three other figures entered the room. I realized they were all bears. Rex was among them.

-Ah! So we’re all here! Splendid!

We all? Wait, that...means they’re a whole group of huge bears! How is our pack supposed to fight against 4 giant bears!?

I was tortured for hours yet I haven’t betrayed my comrades. I couldn’t possibly give them out to our enemy!

I felt really weak. I could see my blood everywhere. I was staying conscious with whatever will I had left.

-She won’t tell us. She’s no use. Leave her in the forest and let her die.- I faintly heard Griffin.

Next thing I know, I’m in the forest carpet. I was drifting in and out of consciousness when Sasha found me. He ran to get others as quickly as a rabbit could.

28.III.2017

My wounds are more less healed up now.

We’ve had many stormy talks over how to handle this powerful pack of bears and still haven’t figured out how to do it.

3.IV.2017

I was walking on the outskirts of our town when I heard a scream. I ran in that direction and I saw that the 4 bears were about to kill 2 girls. I shifted and jumped in between them. I was now facing 4 monsters. Me and the girls were cornered. I howled, hoping my pack would hear.

I was about to get smashed flat when I saw silver fly above me.