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Chapter 41

41. I hate you but I still want you..

"Zander, listen to me son..."

"What is that commotion?" The sound of a woman screaming and pleading filled Tyler's ears as he continued to drive closer to the pack house puzzled him. It sounded like she was being tortured or mistreated, which had never happened in the history of the Sirius Bright Pack. Women were respected as much as men in this pack so who could she possibly be? Why did she sound like someone was trying to kill her? If he was correct, then he had only heard her calling the younger Alpha's name. When the Gamma couldn't comprehend what was going on, he turned to the man sitting next to him.

"What is going on here now?" He looked at the passenger seat where Beta Kaiden was watching the trouble unfold in silence, his gaze locked on the entrance to the pack house. While his ears picked up a woman's unpleasant voice. Kiaden's handsome face creased in displeasure as his wide eyes snapped to his perplexed friend.

"f**k! I think I know who she is," he clenched his teeth as he ran out of the car, trailed by the Gamma, who remained bewildered. That's when Lena and Jennifer mind-linked their mates, revealing everything that had transpired while they had been away from the pack. Maya's shrill voice was clearly audible as she was led out of the pack house by her second son, who, at the age of four, used to chase after his Mom all the time seeking attention but had only received neglect. There was not a single day in his life that he had been able to forget those memories. Iris' weeping figure was plainly visible, following behind her mother and brother. She had no clue that things would turn out so badly. Maya's current condition terrified her. She knew her brothers' hatred for their Mother ran deeply but had no idea that it was to this extent?

"Is that Luna Maya?" Tyler looked at Kaiden for a response, since the current Beta of the pack had been buddies with the twins' since childhood. He was well-versed in everything, but Tyler's case was unique. He'd only heard negative stories about Luna Maya. Why were her stories and deeds similar to Petra's? And wait! Why did she appear to be a beggar? Who had assaulted her?

"Yes, that is Luna Maya, but.... Kaiden stopped talking when they received a

command from their Alpha.

"Kaiden, Tyler!" Both of the men exchanged glances before sprinting over to the Alpha, who had a devilish aura and had aggressively grasped his Mother's arms. He'd almost buried his claws in her arms, as he was dragging her away. All the memories from the past, along with what she had said to Xavier earlier, had poisoned Zander's heart. He had only one feeling left towards this woman, pure unadulterated hatred. Even after 20 years, she was still only interested in money, power, and gaining help to save the pack she left her mate and children for. She did not return to make amends, instead she had caused a dispute between his twin and sister-in-mate! f**k! Their relationship was already fragile, and she had sabotaged it.

This woman may have given birth to them but was in no way their Mother!

"Zander, please, I beg you. Help Alpha Luca..." Maya sobbed incessantly. She'd been attempting to win sympathy ever since he had hauled her out of Xavier's room. Maya had fainted for a few moments. She had no idea what was going on at the moment. Her second son was now her only hope as he was also an Alpha of the Sirius Bright Pack. If he agreed to help then Xavier would have no other option than to agree, but trying to play the sympathy game with him was not working either.

"I would have thought about helping you if you had begged on your knees and apologized to my Father's grave for all of the you dirty deeds and acts of betrayal you committed against him! I would have helped you, if you had realized all of your mistakes but no. You are a slut, just like Xavier said. I am ashamed to use the word 'mother' because of you!" Zander yelled in her face as her older body trembled in horror. He seemed to be transforming into his wolf, ready to tear her apart. Had she not sufficiently brainwashed her sons while they were young? They'd always done as she instructed, but then everything had changed. They both hated her now. Stephen, the elderly wolf, must have turned them against their Mother!

"We will be exterminated if you do not help us, my son. The Blue Moon Pack will hear that Xavier and you have refused to help. If you don't stop them, I am going to die. Do you hear me, your Mum will die?" Alpha Roman, the Alpha of the Blue Moon Pack, had once been Xavier's father-in-law. Even if the older Alpha had rejected Petra, he could instruct Alpha Roman to cease circling Alpha Luca's pack since the Sirius Bright Pack and Blue Moon Pack were still connected through a treaty. When the gray-eyed, selfish

Mother had abandoned her wailing children, she had no clue that her twins

would end up being the ones to burn her entire world down. They had become the fear of the werewolf world! Maya shed a few more tears, crying out, so that the passing pack members could see how terribly the former Luna of the pack was being treated by her sons.

"I think you do not understand," Zander chuckled, pulling his Mother closer to him. A small smile played on his lips was quite scary for his mother.

"I had already believed that you had died. I'm quite disappointed by the fact that you're still alive and that I had to see your wretched face again. If you perish in the attack, it will have no effect on my life. I'll pray to the Moon Goddess to condemn you to a horrible death along with your whorish husband," her son revealed, pushing her away with another gentle smile. What had made that sound like a curse? What kind of son would curse his own Mother?

"Throw her off of my pack land!" The Alpha's tone was heavier and more dangerous than ever when he addressed the Beta and Gamma wolves. Within a few seconds, the elderly woman found herself on the ground at the feet of the Beta and Gamma of the pack, who pulled her up to her feet to drag her away. Maya panicked as she was being dragged away, none of the people around her had questioned the ruthless behavior of their Alpha. Everyone had been trying to act like they were blind, they were not even gossiping about what they had heard. This side of younger Alpha was scary for the other pack members, who had run away to their homes or work.

"No! Zander, do you want your Mother to die? How could you be so cruel to me?" Her big teary gray eyes had been fixed on her cruel second son. He was no different from his twin. Both of them were cruel! The young Luna had beaten her severely. The older woman had lost a good amount of blood, hair, and even her teeth had been damaged, yet neither of them cared about their mother.

"Just throw her away like the trash she is. If she creates any more problems, then I order you to finish off her pack, family, and son before the Blue Moon Pack has a chance to!" Zander commanded casually as he shoved both hands into his pocket. Maya's face turned white when she heard her son. She had come here for help but now there was the possibility that the Sirius Bright Pack could attack them as well. Her husband, Alpha Luca was an abusive manwhore. She had realized it after sometime of her marriage but she still loved him. If she went back to him empty handed then he could kill her and her son as well.

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"Let me go!" Maya shrieked, freeing herself from Kaiden's hold. He had

intentionally not held her tightly thinking that she was injured.

"Zander!!!" The older she-wolf screeched in wrath, halting her son, who had already turned to leave. In exhaustion, the Alpha inhaled a deep breath and paused his departure. She truly had a death wish. He turned to give her a bored look. She was not going to give up.

"As expected, you are weak like your Father!" She yelled like a lunatic, it rang like a death knell in Zander's ears. Evan pushed his human to step closer to the b***h who had disrespected their Father. His green eyes had turned to a mixture of bright crimson.

"Say something about my Father again, I'll forget that you gave birth to me," Zander growled, staring deep into her bold eyes. The only reason he hadn't killed her was because he had her blood in his veins. She had given birth to him, breastfed him, even if that was all she had done for him.

"Then kill me, Zander! Kill your Mother," she walked closer to him, whispering. She was no longer afraid of death. If they did not help her she would die no matter what, but she could not stand the thought of her husband and son dying as well. She would not allow her twins to have a quiet life if she could not survive or preserve her family! She'd already taken an oath.

"The truth will always be the truth! You are nothing but just a photocopy of your brother. Your luck will be as rotten as your brother! Just wait and watch for your mate to come into your life. You will be rejected, that is the curse I place on you!" Maya screamed, shaking the Alpha's mind and heart deeply. She had attacked his most vulnerable spot. Like she had said, he had rotten luck. He had found his mate but

she did not like him back. She did not even share a bed with him. Evan had become mute as his last remaining parental bond hurt him badly. Wolves were very sensitive about their close bonds. Everything about the curse that his mother had just placed on him was true. Adira did not love him...

"Zander," when Adira's voice reached his ears, his heartbeat became so rapid that he couldn't help but turn back to her. His fated mate had never addressed him by name. It felt like a dream. Had she called his name? As Adira drew closer to him, he forgot to blink. She was with Jennifer and Lena while they told her about Petra and Maya's. She raced out to find Zander as soon as she sensed his grief, which had squeezed her heart badly. She wanted to see him no matter the conditions.

"What's wrong?" Her blue eyes were filled with anxiety as she inquired. She longed for his green playful eyes that had always been fixed on her like an eagle. Not this sorrow-filled pair of green diamonds that made her heart skip a beat.

"Tell me," when he didn't respond, Adira couldn't help but reach up and touch his cheek. Why was his heart broken? She was well aware that she was responsible in some way for his condition.

"She said, you would reject me," Zander murmured this while slowly pressing his face against her smooth and warm palm. He had already warned her not to touch him recklessly, but she constantly defied his commands. Now he was yearning for more. The gorgeous young she-wolf's calm yet astonished gaze was fixed on his sorrow filled one. Isha growled in her head, desperate to shift and comfort Evan for the rest of her life.

Zander blinked, unable to bear her anguish. What had he said? He should not have said anything to her. There was nothing Adira could do about it. She'd already told him where things stood between them. He was also keenly aware that he had little chance of obtaining her in this lifetime, but he still needed to give it a try. He wanted to spend this year with his soul mate, even if in the end she did not accept him. He tore his green eyes away from her blue ones in an attempt to look away, but Adira drew him down a little.

"Since when did you start believing outsiders?" She inquired, her gaze fixed on his. The Alpha observed her closing the gap between them as her breast brushed his chest, preventing air from passing between them. What was she doing?

"All you have to do is focus your eyes on me. This is our life, we will live it as we see fit. Don't tell me you're regretting that you have found me. I'll kill you," she whispered as she lifted up on her toes and pressed her lips on his. She closed her eyes as she experienced her best kiss. Her soulmate, who she hadn't even desired, had been the one who to steal and own her kiss. Zander's eyes widened in amazement. This was her kiss with him willingly! Was this actually happening? The Beta and Gamma couples smiled at each other, but the Alpha was still convinced it was all a dream. Adira smiled as she opened her eyes to find his open ones, as she felt his crazy heartbeat under his

palm.

"Too bad, it was not a dream," with a smirk, she drew away, making him lick his lips. He blinked, finally understanding that he had passed up the chance to kiss her back! f**k! Why had that felt like her first kiss? hadn't she ever kissed anyone? f**k! It was incredibly hot! Adira turned her gaze to Maya, whose mouth hung wide open having witnessed her younger son's soulmate kissing him. She had no idea Adira had already entered his life.

"As for this old b***h," the Luna moved closer to Maya, who took a step back in terror. The new Luna appeared to be familiar to her. The older she-wolf soon realized that she was Kiara's sister. How could it be that her twins had been mated to these wild sisters? The younger sister had broken her teeth and severely injured her. Who knows what this Luna was capable of? She was fully aware that she would not receive any help from her son. After that kiss, the dangerous Alpha resembled a love-sick puppy. His emerald gaze was focused on his mate. Maya was terrified that he would let his blue-eyed Luna murder her. Adira's eyes
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were filled with both loathing and rage towards her mother-in-mate, just as Kiara's had.

"Never consider returning to my mate's life again. You will not be insulted the next time, you will be killed on sight," Adira warned as she stepped in front of her then looked at Kaiden and Tyler. Both the Beta and Gamma looked at their Alpha who had a smile on his face. He had quickly forgotten what his Mother had said to him, it had been completely eclipsed by the word 'mate' that had been used by Adira. Had she really called him her mate?

"This woman has not only degraded the Sirius Bright Pack's Alphas and Lunas, but she has cursed them as well. She will be killed on the boundaries of our territory if she tries to enter this pack again from this point forward. There will be no need to carry her dead body inside. Simply leave it for the animals when you're done. No need to inform us either. That is my command as the Luna and Alpha Zander's mate!" The young Luna's voice boomed across the pack.

"Yes Luna," Kaide and Tyler responded, dropping their heads, then returning to their job. Maya became terrified, she pleaded and screamed again, but she was violently hauled away. Zander stood behind Adira as they watched Maya disappear. Suddenly, the young woman felt her mate's greedy arms wrapping around her waist.

"You called me your mate," he murmured, seducing her wolf. Adira closed her eyes enduring his

teasing.

"Did you hate it?" She questioned, taking a deep breath. His touch was enticing to her. He knew where her sensitive spots were despite the fact that they hadn't had s*x.

"Hate?" The Alpha chuckled in her ear, then nibbled one. "I love you, Adira. My mate," he whispered.

"Kiara," Xavier yelled at the top of his lungs. He'd already shifted back into his human form and was wearing sweat-soaked clothing. He didn't know how long he'd been running, but he was furious with himself.

"f**k! I have messed everything up in anger!" He gritted his teeth. He was well aware that he had hurt

her. It was entirely his fault. Kiara's abrupt attack on Maya, on the other hand, had caught him completely

off guard. Dean had caused him to lose control. The wolf still had feelings for his mother and couldn't bear the thought of her being assaulted. Dean could have murdered that person if it hadn't been Kiara. It was too late by the time he understood what a mess he had made. She had already taken his comments to her heart. How could he have forgotten how fragile and innocent she was?

Another cause of his annoyance was her declaration that she hated him! To express his pent-up rage, the Alpha kicked a nearby tree. How can she claim she despises him? She couldn't possibly despise him! He'd never let that happen.

Without her, his mate bond had driven him wild. The Alpha had been diligently following his wife, but he had lost her when a weird fog-like object appeared.

Xavier owed Kiara an apology. He thought he was insane for feeling her sorrow.

He was aware that she was somewhere crying alone, and he was not with her!

He was already in the midst of the woods. Despite the fact that he was in his own territory, this was

the most hazardous location in this pack. The terrain and boundaries of the pack were spread out over

several acres. The route and course of this territory were known only to the pack members, but it was still an unknown place for Kiara. Would she be unable to find her way back to the pack? Why would she not answer his mind-link?

He took a wary glance around him. What was it? Fog at this time of year was unexpected. Even though the sun was shining brightly, the fog seeping between the trees appeared to be quite threatening. That's when Xavier noticed he couldn't smell his woman.f**k!

"This is a trap!" He mumbled, sprinting into the fog like a lunatic. But who was the

trap set for? Kiara's disappearance had set off a chain reaction in his imagination. He accelerated his pace, fearing that if he didn't find her quickly, he'd lose her. "Kiara!!" He came to a halt in the distance and called her name in each direction, but she never responded. How could her tempting chocolate aroma have vanished? The strangest thing was that he couldn't feel her through the bond. They'd mated and marked each other, so how could that be? Something was definitely wrong! Dean was growling in regret and anger. It was all their fault. He kept looking for Kiara like a mad dog until he realized what was going on. He couldn't smell or feel his mate, and he couldn't connect with any of his pack members. This section of the woods was bound by a spell! Who the heck would use a spell from his pack? Using spells and black magic was forbidden, anyone caught doing so would be publicly beheaded! Who the f**k had a death wish? Xavier's running feet were stopped by an unexpected sound. Who was there? "Kiara, are you there?" He yelled, sprinting to his right, only to see the fog evaporate. He came to a halt as he looked around cautiously. Why the f**k was this fog suddenly disappearing? Was it another trap?

As soon as the surroundings were as clear as before, a dead body materialized in front of his emerald eyes. When he realized it was a woman, Xavier's body grew chilled as his eyes widened. Who was she?

Kiara?!

"Kiara!" Dean and his human shouted simultaneously as they sprinted over to the body.

"Kiara," he placed the lifeless body on his lap while his whole body was sweating. His heartbeat was racing like a horse. The woman's physique had thinned and had gone white. Like the other previous dead body of the wolf, she had a bite mark on her neck. But wait, this wasn't his mate. Even though the body was scentless Xavier knew it was not his she-wolf. It was not her. He put her head to the ground slowly and took a closer look at her neck. Was it a vampire attack? In his territory? Smack dab in the middle of the woods? How the heck was it even possible?

Why couldn't he find out whether a vampire had entered Sirius Bright Pack territory? And what about the spell? It was gone too. He could now feel and smell everything. The reason behind the spell was still unknown to him.

"Kaiden, I'm in the pack's south-eastern corner. There's a dead body here. Bring a few wolves. Ask Tyler lock down in the pack again. Seal all the borders and don't

allow anybody through," Xavier ordered as he rose from the ground, his gaze searching to Kiara. The discovery of a dead body in the midst of the woods was not a good omen. If the woman had cried for help, no one would have heard her. Where had that Vampire gone? How many people had he slaughtered? Was he still in the area? f**k! Where had Kiara gone? Did... did she....

"Kiara!!" Xavier yelled again, refusing to give in to the negative feeling trying to overpower him and ran in the opposite direction. If something happened to her then he was going to burn the vampire kingdom to the ground and spit on the ashes! There was no way he could lose her. While running he caught her scent and increased his speed when he heard her sobbing. Why was she crying? Why? In the distance he spotted her behind a tree and ran to her. What was she doing there?

"Kiara," the young she-wolf stepped away from the tree and turned, to see Xavier approaching her. Her eyes were wide as if she had seen a ghost, yet her tired feet began to walk again.

"Xavier," she cried, sprinting towards him just to leap on him. The Alpha grabbed his woman's cold, shivering, and wailing body wrapping her securely into his warm embrace.

"Why did you run away from me?" He murmured, kissing her on the cheek. Fortunately, she was not hurt or injured. The vampire had been unable to approach her. Or perhaps he had found her before something awful had happened. She was safe in his arms, where she had always belonged.

"Stop sobbing. I'm here. Why are you still crying, hm?" He moved his hands over her back, through her hair and head, and kissed her neck as she snuggled her face into his neck. His scent had been helping her hold herself together.

"There is a dead body of a man. I thought you died," Kiara sobbed as she told the story, her body trembling in fear. The deceased person was odorless, and he was dressed similarly to Xavier. Venus had nearly gone insane at the thought of losing her mate before she had even touched the body. The young woman couldn't believe she was back in her mate's arms. He looked the same. He had followed her despite her demand that he not do so.

"Killing me is not that easy," Xavier chuckled, realizing what his woman had feared. He had never seen her in this condition. There was still a little girl inside her.

"I thought you left me forever," Kiara whispered, wiping away more tears on his shoulders. Xavier's fingers came to a halt on her back as his heart raced in response to her words. She was worried he'd abandon her? He drew her slightly away but her legs were still around his waist.

"Didn't you say you hate me?" He asked, his gaze drawn to her teary chocolatey eyes. He felt her emotions fluctuating up and down as the spark started to run through their blood. Before responding, the young she-wolf remembered her words and dropped her gaze.

"Yes, I hate you but I still want you," she answered with a pout, raising her gaze once again. Xavier's lips curved into a small smile before he drew her into a passionate kiss.f**k! He'd been missing those red lips terribly. Kiara closed her eyes, unable to return his kiss, but she felt his warmth and gentleness, which had taken all of her dread away in an instant. Kiara forgot herself in his embrace, while Venus growled in delight in her head. There was no way she could go on without this man. She needed him more than she needed to breathe.

"I am sorry for what I said, Kiara. You can hate me for it if you want," Xavier broke the kiss, but his forehead came to rest against hers slowly. They both stayed like that for a couple of seconds in a peaceful silence. He couldn't let Dean carry all of the blame. He was equally to blame for her yelling. He was the one who had broken her heart. Kiara raised his face and gazed into his sorrowful green eyes. "Take me home, Xavier," she murmured this before capturing his lips. She was the one who had kissed him this time. As he turned his feet to return the pack with his mate in his arms, Xavier closed his eyes and kissed her back softly.

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42. Poisonous!

As Xavier and Kiara arrived from the north of the territory, Beta Kaiden and the other wolves arrived from the east. The sound of dried leaves and broken branches being crushed under their boots were the only discernible sound in the forest. The forest had come to an end, everyone had gathered in the pack house's large garden.

"Alpha, we brought back both of the corpses," Kaiden confirmed while his gaze flickered between Xavier and Kiara, who were still holding hands. Had Luna Kiara remained beside the Alpha the entire time they were in the treacherous woods? Why? For the Beta and Gamma, today had already been full of surprises. First, there had been the

unexpected arrival of Luna Maya, now the Alpha and Luna had found two dead bodies. Why had the Luna been in the woods? Was something wrong here? The Alpha's possessiveness had been noted by everyone in the garden who was waiting behind Beta Kaiden. It appeared that the young Luna had been crying, but the Alpha's grip on her hand was adorable and she was returning his show of affection like a little girl who had been lost at a fair.

"Okay, where is Zander?" Xavier inquired, as Kaiden motioned to their men to place the dead bodies on the ground.

"I am here," the younger Alpha's voice boomed across the yard as he stepped forward with his gorgeous Luna, who hurried to embrace her younger sister. Adira had heard all of Jennifer's and Leena's stories about Luna Maya, as well as the argument that the young she-wolf had been in with her Alpha. Maya's appearance had been a disaster for the Alpha couples!

"Are you okay?" Adira inquired, concerned. Her sister had wept, she had just needed to look at her to realize it.

"Yeah, I am okay now," Kiara gave a small smile, which gave her older sister a sense of relief.

"Great, let's talk later this evening," the blue-eyed Luna suggested. Both of the sisters' gazes returned to their mates, who had been watching and listening to their exchange the entire time. Their beautiful women looked at them with puzzled expressions.

"So where are the Doctors?" Looking away from his woman's chocolaty gaze, Xavier cleared his throat. Kiara glanced away, since there was still a bit of awkwardness between them following the event in the woods. She was sorry for slapping him and he was sorry for all the horrible things he had said. On top of that, the Alpha had never apologized to anybody before. They had just held each other's hands the entire time, but Kiara had avoided talking to him.

"They are on their way," Zander averted his gaze from his blue-eyed Luna before both women thought the Alphas were being creeps!

"This time it's two dead bodies, Xavier. It's another vampire attack. We need to take action. We can't allow the Vampire King to slaughter our people. That fucker needs to learn that he can not play with us

and that the treaty is not a joke. Grandpa has called to let me know that he and the other elders had received the news. This story will spread to the other packs," the younger Alpha grumbled. If the news got out, they'd be left in shambles who couldn't defend their people.

"Yeah, we're not going to remain quiet now. It's time for action," Xavier revealed, taking a deep breath. He had already declared that he would take action on what had happened that day while the whole pack was being searched.

"Who are they?" The Alpha had begun the investigation by verifying the identity of the deceased man and woman.

"They are our pack's greatest pair of warriors," Tyler said as he joined the ranked couples with his redheaded mate who had been examining the identity of the deceased bodies with her mate.

"They had both been born in our pack, mated, married, and were two of our most loyal warriors," Lena emphasized the loss of the honest individuals.

"I'm still perplexed as to why they would travel to that portion of the forest for no reason," Zander wondered, while he observed his Luna moving closer to the dead bodies. As Kiara stepped alongside her, she rolled up her sleeves and glanced at the bite mark. Both the twins exchanged puzzled glances. Females typically did not approach dead bodies, but these two she-wolves were rather curious.

"The reason for their being in the forest at that time is still unclear, but when I questioned their acquaintances, it came to light that both had disappeared from their homes together. No one saw them leaving to go anywhere," Tyler continued, looking around as if that was the last bit of information he had been able to glean from the those he had talked to. These two people's deaths, like the preceding ones, seemed to end in a mystery.

"There's got to be something wrong! They can't have just vanished unless they've been lured into the forest by some kind of lie or deception. We all know that if those vampires had gone to their residences, we would have all felt the vampires' presence right away," Kaiden presented the dilemma in a way that seemed true.

"Do you mean to say that they weren't murdered by a vampire?" Tyler's inquiry

"I'm not sure, but if it wasn't done by them, explain to me why we've never seen or captured them? Would it make sense to call them ghosts that openly use magic and spells on our land and kill our people merely to disguise their nasty scent and identities? Vampires aren't that much of a p***y," Kaiden claimed, which both Alphas heard clearly.

"The point isn't whether or not the culprits were a vampire. The point is that the dead bodies have no blood," Adira interrupted their conversation, drawing everyone's attention.

"No blood?" Xavier and Zander observe the blue-eyed Luna who was asking for a knife from her younger sister, who promptly hands it over as if she knew what was going to happen. The twins exchanged confused gazes with each other, as well as their Beta and Gamma, were unsure what was going on. Adira sliced a little part of the woman then did the same to the lifeless body of the man. Both Alphas knelt close to their mates to observe what the Lunas were up to.

"As you can see, the blood in both of these bodies has been drained, as if they were never alive. At the same time, it is worth noting that they have not been harmed by the sunlight, which is quite rare. If they were attacked by a vampire, their bodies would have begun to rot in the sunlight, but instead they are laid out in front of us like dried leaves," Adira explained, pointing out all of the facts that she wanted to discuss.

"So the Luna wants to say that it wasn't a vampire attack, but that it was done by someone else?"

Jennifer inquired.

"Whether you believe it was vampires or not, I can assure you that this is not a natural way to die. The blood has been completely drained, something only vampires can achieve. However, we can plainly see that their bodies have not been affected by sunlight which results in a mystery. So it might be a vampire assault or it might not. But one thing is certain, this case is an anomaly that stands out from the crowd. Someone

enter the pack, covered their scent, used magic as well, then killed only honest and loyal pack members. Don't you find that strange?" Adira explained in one long breath, returning her gaze to her sister, who was also deep in thought.

"Yes, it appears that the vampire's objective is to challenge rather than to kill. For some reason, he is challenging our power," Kiara muttered. The older sister agreed with a nod leaving both twins

puzzled.

"Wait a minute. What exactly is going on here? How is it that the two of you know so much about these things?" Xavier inquired as both the brothers rose from the ground.

"Adira is studying to be a doctor," Kiara got up from the ground as she answered Xavier.

"A doctor?" Everyone's eyes widened in surprise. They had never imagined that they were going to get a Doctor Luna in their pack.

"Yes and Kiara is studying to become a Lawyer," Adira replied as both Luna's enjoyed everyone's expressions.

"You never told me you were going to be a Doctor," Zander pulled the knife from his mate's grasp while giving her a narrowed eyed look. He would never let such a dangerous weapon remain in her hands for too long

"There are many things you don't know about me," she smirked as she took back the knife.

"A lawyer?" Xavier raised his brows, getting closer to the young she-wolf.

"Such this is why these chocolatey eyes constantly show rebellion and this small mouth speak so many big ideas," the Alpha discovered. His thumb rubbed her lower lip as his emerald eyes squinted at

them. Kiara watched as he got closer to her lips but the Alpha was stopped by her finger that she placed

on his lips.

"Not here," she murmured as she looked around, seeing everyone's eyes on them.

They all averted their gazes immediately. What terrible actors they were! Of course why would they miss the show when the Alpha was more than will to demonstrate his s****l desire in the middle of crowd for the pack.

Adira was the only one who had turned away from her sister and brother-in-mate's show because Zander was still trying to take the knife from of her hand. Why was he so obsessed with her knife? On top of that, why was one of his hands suddenly slipping down to her ass?

"Don't act like a pervert. Everyone is watching us," Adira gave him a tight lipped smile, while pushing his hand away.

"Does that mean I can do it in private?" The Alpha made an innocent face, earning another tight lipped smile.

"Just try me," she pointed the knife at him to intimidate him, but Zander quickly took it away since that had been his true intention. It was flung away into the woods in an instant, leaving the young she-wolf helpless.

"Hey, that was for my safety," she complained, glaring at him.

“As long as I am alongside you, I will protect you,” Zander promised as he drew her closer to his chest, his gaze enticing. Her body was so soft that he’d jerked off countless times just envisioning her underneath him. Spending everyday and night with this sexy woman was a living hell for the Alpha since he couldn’t have her. His emerald eyes gave her breasts a ravenous stare as he bit his own lower lip.

“But who will protect me from you?” Adira lifted her brows, forcing his gaze to hers as the pack members were now in a tight spot. They couldn’t leave without permission, and they couldn’t ignore what was going on in front of them.

“Xavier... not here,” Kiara was the most panicked at witnessing Xavier’s actions. His hand had already slipped under her top.

“Why not here?” he asked, trying to get closer to her lips as he had already removed her finger from his lips. Kiara was a little stunned. What had happened to him? His green eyes showed an intense hunger for s*x. He did not care about the people around them, he just wanted to have his woman right there.

“Wait, Xavier. I...”

“Why?” The Alpha took a deep breath as he struggled to keep his wolf under control. He’d decided to pick her up in his arms so that they could go to the room for some alone time. His she-wolf needed a good f**k for hiding few important things from him. Kiara glanced everywhere except Xavier as she tried to come up with an excuse, but her eyes widened as she noticed something unexpected.

“Cole!” The young she-wolf exclaimed, pushing the Alpha away from her.

“Cole?!” Hearing the unexpected name, Xavier frowned as she followed her gaze to the young obnoxious wolf who had been captured by two pack members. Once again, the wolf had become a nuisance while he was planning something with his woman.

“What exactly are you doing with him?” Kiara demanded, sprinting over to her closest friend, who was being treated mercilessly as if he were a dangerous criminal. Xavier’s gaze was drawn to her frantic eyes. Adira, Lena, and Jennifer all raced to Cole, who had been made to kneel down in front of the Alphas.

“Alpha, he is the prime suspect that we discovered during our investigation in the woods,” one of the golden-haired men stated solemnly, dropping his head.

“A prime suspect? For what?” The young woman inquired, observing both of the twins’ furious expressions, particularly Alpha Xavier, who would have killed the young wolf with his lethal red glare.

“Alpha Luna, I didn’t do anything wrong. I’m not sure why they arrested me,” Cole began to explain, but he was kicked by the golden haired man. Kiara’s frightened gaze returned to Xavier, who did not stop his man from hitting the Omega. Cole lay on the ground in pain. Why hadn’t Xavier stopped him?

“Tell me everything,” the Alpha completely ignored his woman’s questioning eyes.

“We spotted him wandering in the same direction and location of the forest where we discovered the dead bodies. He was also unable to explain himself while we were questioning him.” The man spoke calmly to Xavier and Kiara since she was the one who was enraged by their actions.

“What?” All of the ranked females gave a startled look together, which had been instantly noted by

their mates.

“What’s the big deal? Because he was in the woods, he is a potential suspect?” Tyler added as he saw

Lena’s frown.

“Just because he was in the forest doesn’t imply that he had a hand in both of their deaths,” Lena immediately snapped. If Kiaden hadn’t brought Jennifer away for rest, the Beta female would have agreed with her.

“I agree with you,” Adira said quickly to the Gamma female, catching Zander’s astonished gaze.

“How can you testify to the innocence of a stranger?” He asked, frowning. She was now a Luna, which meant that her every word would be heard and analyzed by the werewolf community. How and why would she side with a criminal?

“Because I am quite familiar with Cole. He is a nice guy who is honest and adorable. He’s not just Kiara’s friend; he’s also mine. We’ve known each other for quite some time. I can tell that he’s not guilty,” Adira stated, confidently staring into his green eyes. The Alpha didn’t like the fact that she had labeled Cole a nice guy. Especially when she had never used any excellent or cute words to describe him, as other she-wolves do for their lovers. She had just accidentally called him gorgeous and hot one day, but he hadn’t heard anything similar again.

“Don’t hit him again!” Kiara growled at both the wolves holding, frightening them to death. They

immediately nodded, looking at the Alpha for assistance, but Xavier let her speak first.

“Alpha, I agree with Lena and Adira. Cole’s presence in the vicinity does not imply that he is behind the murders or that he is associated with vampires. I was also in the vicinity at the time, I was the first to see the man’s lifeless corpse. But none of you suspected me, so what’s the deal with Cole being a suspect?

Don’t accuse someone unless you have evidence,” Kiara defended the young wolf, who had a puppy dog expression on his face. She offered him a confident expression and glance. Cole nodded as well. He had never expected to be in this kind of situation or to be publicly supported by Kiara.

When Xavier caught their eyes interacting again, he let out an irritated growl.

“Don’t you have a tongue?! You must speak for yourself!” Xavier glared at the young wolf, his patience dwindling. As Kiara sensed his sudden rage, both of the warriors and Cole shuddered in dread.

“I… I am innocent Alpha. I did not kill anyone,” Cole’s voice stuttered, he saw himself as a small pitiful dog about to be beaten.

“So, what the f**k were you doing in the woods?” The Alpha threw him another question, indicating

that he did not believe him at all.

“Don’t waste our time, tell us everything now. I’m really running out of patience,” Zander muttered, giving the young wolf his coldest stare. Cole was smirked at by the two wolves standing on either side of him, and one of them stated.

“He is unquestionably the culprit, Alpha. He couldn’t prove his innocence when we found him, and he wouldn’t let us search his bag either. He is now taking advantage of the Luna’s trust.” His bag? Everyone’s eyes went to the bag that Cole had been holding.

“No, I am not!” Cole yelled, his gaze fixed on the two traitors to his pack, who were only interested in the Alpha’s attention. Kiara turned to face her husband, who was about to declare Cole a criminal and behead him if he could not prove his innocence.

“Cole, look at me. Please tell us why you were there. It is for the best if you allow them to check your bag. It’s the only way you’ll be able to prove your innocence,” Kiara continued, looking him in the eyes. The young wolf held his bag to his chest as he stared at the Alpha’s emerald suspicious murderous gaze. He no longer had an escape, so he nodded and unzipped his bag. Everyone blinked as they saw what he had been hiding that was more important to him than his life. The young Omega took a bouquet of red roses

out from his backpack and handed them to Kiara.

“I went to fetch you these roses. I recall you saying you wanted them. I had been looking for them for a few days around the pack lands and had finally discovered them for you,” Cole tried to conceal his blush as Kiara accepted them from his hand with a big smile. As the Omega knelt down in front of her, it appeared to be a love confession.

“AWWWW! So cute!!” Adira and Lena said together as they joined Kiara.

“Thank you, Cole. I love them!” Luna exclaimed as she hugged the flowers to her chest. He had found a rare rose that she wanted to keep in her bedroom as well as grow in the garden. When the Alpha saw the flowers in his woman’s hand, Xavier’s eyes darkened. She was bouncing with the bouquet that had been given to her by another male!

“Give that to me! They could be poisonous!” The flowers were snatched from her in an instant by the

Alpha, who pulled the young wolf up by his collar and hauled towards the office building. Zander grinned at his mate’s blue annoyed gaze as he followed his brother, crushing one of the fallen flowers on the ground under his heel.

“Hey, return my roses to me!” Kiara shrieked angrily, but Xavier didn’t even glance at her. How could roses possibly be poisonous? She was afraid, just like she had been about her teddy, that she would not be able to get the flowers back. She needed them no matter the cost!

“A... Alpha,” Cole shuddered as Xavier tightened his grip on his neck. Did the Alpha intend to attack him? The young wolf’s body was forced against the closest wall as he stared terrified between the two

Alphas.

“I certainly didn’t murder anyone, Alpha,” he said as he dropped his eyes. He had already proven his innocence, so why was he being treated as if he were a criminal?

“Do you have feelings for her?” Xavier inquired, his hand resting on the wall next to where Cole had plastered his entire body. He had no intention of beating around the bush.

“Feelings? For whom?” He stammered, sweating profusely. It was a heinous crime to have feelings for the Luna or the Alpha’s mate. Even thinking about it was a sin, he could be executed immediately.

“Don’t attempt to be clever,” Xavier snarled, his long claws scratching the wall.

“No... no.. I don’t have feelings for her...” Accepting defeat, the young wolf dropped his gaze further. He was a terrible liar, he had no clue if Xavier would believe him or not.

Still staring at him, the Alpha took a deep breath. The Omega was a terrible liar.

“You don’t have to bring any ugly teddy or flowers to my Luna. If I see you performing activities that are not in your job description, you will be banished. Do you get what I’m saying?” Xavier roared, the eyes of his wolf were flashing.

“Yes... yes, Alpha. I understand,” Cole immediately went to his knees to apologize, completely surrendering to the Alpha’s wolf.

“Ah... f**k. Now write down the location where you discovered those flowers,” the older Alpha threw a notepad at Cole’s feet. Zander handed him a pen so that he could jot down notes quickly. The young wolf immediately wiped away his tears then handed it to Xavier before grabbing his bag and fleeing at breakneck speed.

“What a kid, there is no way that he killed anyone,” Zander chuckled and shook his head, as he watched his brother put the notepad back in his pocket.

“Yeah, he’s not the murderer, but we need to locate the one who is, and now is the time,” Xavier said, shoving his hands into his pockets.

“What are you planning?” Zander asked.

“One of us needs to meet with the Vampire King. We can no longer let this problem go unchecked. He has to know who he’s messing with,” the older brother argued.

“I agree. Why don’t you go to him? While I stay in the pack with Adira. Grandpa will approve of sending you since you can handle him better than I can,” the younger brother offered as they began to move back towards the pack house. It had already been a late night.

“All right, I’ll go to see him. Please help me by sending them a letter or calling about our impending arrival and setting up an urgent meeting with them. If all goes well, I’ll go tomorrow...”

“Xavier,” Zander cut his brother off by placing his hand on his shoulder. “What?” the Alpha looked back at brother in confusion..

“Will you... Will you be alright?” Zander hesitated a little about bringing up this matter.

“Yeah, what could possibly happen to me? Don’t I go to meetings and things on my own all the time?” The older brother attempted to brush the matter aside, but the younger brother stepped in his path to confront him.

“Xavier, stop evading the situation. I’m sure you remember everything. It’s the same thing as if you were to leave for a business meeting for several days and would come back in pain because of Petra. If you want, I can go instead of you,” Zander offered, but Xavier shrugged.

“There’s no need. You are no longer single. You’ve found a mate, stick close to Adira. I’ll go alone, like usually do,” Xavier replied as he entered the pack house.

“You’re not alone, Xavier. Kiara is your mate, I know you despise being alone. You’ve always disliked traveling alone. Why don’t you bring Kiara along with you?” Xavier’s feet stopped as he listened to his brother as his heart became heavy once more. Petra had never acknowledged him anywhere outside of the pack since she preferred to be alone with Orion. He constantly yearned for her to return his affection, but she never did.

“Good night,” Xavier responded as he turned to walk back to his room. Zander shook his head, exhausted. His sibling was so obstinate!

When Xavier entered their room he slowly opened the door finding the lights were already turned off. Without making a sound, the Alpha crawled beneath the covers with

his young she-wolf. She had done all sorts of crazy things out of annoyance of losing her favorite flowers.

“Kiara,” Xavier drew her closer to his chest, but she had already fallen asleep while waiting for him. She hadn’t been able to wait for him any longer. Perhaps it was due to a very awful and exhausting day. She had cried a lot. As her gorgeous petite face drew closer to his, he turned her body to face him.

“I wanted to ask you something, but you’re asleep,” he said as he drew her closer to his chest, his fingers brushing her brown hair from her face.

“Would you like to accompany me to a meeting?” Xavier closed his eyes as he whispered, caressing her lower lip. It seemed that He would have to travel alone again.

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Outside of the pack house, the sound of luggage wheels moving on the grassy lawn, the Alpha’s shoes approached the car with the early morning sunbeam as birds’ tweeting could be heard. Gamma Tyler was following behind the twins while Beta Kaiden had the Alpha’s baggage in his hands. The pack’s second and third in command had been closely listening to all of the conversation and orders. They had wanted to accompany the Alpha since it was dangerous to go alone to meet the Vampire King, but Xavier had refused to take anybody with him.

The vampires that hadn’t cared about sunrise or sunset had accepted the invitation to meet the Sirius Bright Pack’s Alpha in just a few hours. Surprisingly, or maybe more than coincidentally, the Vampire King Alfred had also sent Xavier an invitation for a meeting the same night. The reason for his request remained unknown, but the younger Alpha, who had been working late into the night, had accepted the offer quickly. He then notified his brother, who left his bed early in the morning to arrange everything that would be needed.

Zander was going to stay in the pack, so that the older Alpha would be less stressed, but both the twins wanted to talk about a few things while they were heading to the car.

“Let me know if anything happens,” Xavier commented as he came to a halt in front of his car, ending his chat with his brother. Tyler loaded his luggage into the car.

“I’ll make sure to tend the pack. You just need to take good care of yourself,” Xavier decided to get into his car after a brotherly hug, but he paused to draw in a long and deep breath. How long would the she-wolf remain hidden? He had been waiting for her to come from behind the wall, but she lacked the confidence.

“Iris,” when her brother called her name, the young green-eyed she-wolf was startled. Why was he calling her for? Should she go back to her room and pretend she was sleeping?

The twins exchanged glances before the older Alpha ordered, “Come out here and stop hiding.”

Iris chewed her lower lip in anxiety for a few seconds before obeying his orders and

revealing herself. She had conceded defeat when she realized that no trick would fool her brothers, who had already detected her presence behind the wall.

Lowering her head she focused her attention down on the ground, she took baby steps closer to her brothers then stood timidly, which was very unlike her. This little vixen was not a shy girl, but a naughty little chatterbox, yet she was filled with remorse today.

"I am sorry, brother," he spoke in whispers and sounded as though she was going to weep. The family's only sister had wished to provide joy to her brothers via the motherly affection that she had unexpectedly received from Luna Maya, but she had no clue that her Mother was using her in order to gain an advantage over the twins so that she could preserve Alpha Luca's pack.

Instead of her motherly love, the young woman had come home with quarrels and conflicts, which had made her feel horrible. She had avoided her brothers for a whole day and night due to their fury, but she was determined to apologize this morning. But mustering the courage had been a difficult task. Zander's rage and snarls the previous day had terrified her. His brothers had never scolded her but yesterday had been a different case.

"There's no need to apologize, Iris. Everyone makes mistakes," Xavier placed his hands on her shoulders urging her to gaze to meet his eyes.

"Always keep in mind that Zander and I are your only family. The Sirius Bright Pack members are your family. That woman does not want us, so don't be caught in her trap again. We're not mad with you, so don't cry," he added. When she nodded obediently and hugged Xavier closely, tears streamed down her cheeks. As she was still hesitant to look at either of her brothers, her small hands drew Zander in for a group hug.

"Don't cry, monkey," Zander chuckled and kissed her on the cheek, which relieved his sister. After a while, she drew herself back smiling at her brothers.

"Brother, there's something important I need to discuss with the both of you, but I'll wait until you return," she smirked, raising the twins' brows. Their sister had a lot of surprises in store for them.

"All right," they chuckled as Xavier turned to face the car.

"I'm leaving," the Alpha stated, smiling as he glanced at the window of his bedroom one last time. The light in his room was still turned off. Dean whimpered in sadness.

"Take care," Zander urged as the driver opened the door to let Xavier get in.

"Xavier!! Wait!!"

'It's her!' Dean roared in Xavier's head as the Alpha turned around to find his little mate running towards him.

"Kiara?" He whispered her name in amazement. Had she not been sleeping? So, what brought her out here? How did she get here? Without his knowledge, his feet began to move closer to his wife.

"Wait for me," the young she-wolf came to a halt in front of him, gasping for air. She had dashed from the pack house to the car at full speed. Xavier came closer to her, holding her arms to support her fatigued body in front of her, as she had stumbled due to the high heels she had been wearing.

"What exactly are you doing here?" Xavier inquired, drawing her closer as he brushed her brown hair from her face.

"... I want to go with you," the young lady blinked innocently up at him, as if she was

scared to speak. She was clutching her hands at her sides in a panic. This was the first time she was prepared to leave the pack house without asking for his permission first. As soon as Adira had told her that Xavier was leaving, Kiara had prepared to go with him. Lance, her bodyguard, ran up behind her with her luggage to the car before the Alpha left. He watched the exchange between the two of them while putting her bag in the car not knowing if his Luna could go or not but he had done his duty.

"Will you take me with you?" Kiara asked, biting her lower lip causing Xavier's heartbeat to skip. She wanted to accompany him on a trip, he had never imagined that. He observed that she had dressed in the appropriate clothing, make-up, hairstyle, and trappings so that she could accompany him. When the Alpha did not respond, she had a self-conscious moment. Why would he allow her to accompany him? Just like Noah had warned, she would be imprisoned in a golden cage with no access to the outside world. She became aware of her embarrassment as she felt the younger Alpha, Beta, and Gamma's gazes on her.

"Well, it appears that I am being foolish. I should go back," Kiara scratched her nose with a little laugh as she gazed down at her feet, eager to go to avoid further humiliation. She had acted without thinking.

"Please return soon from your business trip," she said with a smile, before turning to leave.

"Oh my Goddess!!" The young woman shrieked when her body was abruptly lifted into the air and she found herself in her mate's arms. What was he thinking all of a sudden? She turned around in panic, only to discover that everyone was still there watching them! Was the Alpha insane?

"Xavier, what are you doing?"

"Why are you returning to the pack house? Our car is here," Xavier stated as he walked over to it. The young Luna blinked in confusion as he gently placed her in the passenger seat, as if she would break easily. Kiara stared at him as he locked her seat belt, his face was so close to her that she could see every little

feature of his handsome face.

"Are you really going to take me with you?" When her whisper reached his ears, Xavier turned his gaze to meet her chocolate one.

"Yes, Kiara, we're going together," his fingers stroked her pink cheek before placing a sweet kiss on it. While shutting her eyes and relishing the warmth of her mate's kiss, the young woman tightened her grasp on her heart. It must be a dream! He had really agreed!

"Let's go," he remarked as he drew away, closing the door for her. Kiara finally let out the breath she had been holding all along while pretending to act normal. The Alpha took the keys from the driver dismissing him since he was now going to drive. Xavier drove the car while studying her nervous expressions out of the corner of his eye, which she had hidden behind her calm mask.

Kiara took a deep breath as the car began to slow and then picked up pace as they exited the pack territory. It was her very first journey! This was her first trip with her mate!! The young she-wolf emotionally leaped, letting her partner know how inquisitive, excited, and frantic she was, nothing was hidden from him thanks to the mate bond.

When Xavier noticed her enjoying the scenery and journey, he smiled and shook his head. She had certainly never left the Ardara Moon Pack!

“Do you know where we’re going?” He initiated the conversation since she appeared to want to talk but was unsure how to begin.

“No, but don’t worry, I won’t embarrass you. I’ll stay out of your meeting and no one will know you’re with me,” the young woman promised with a smile, but the Alpha raised his brows.

“Why would you embarrass me? And why would you avoid the meeting? We’re headed to the castle

of Vampire King Alfred. You are my Luna, you sit beside me all of the time. Do you get what I’m saying?” He questioned, surprising the young lady who was constantly told not to appear in front of visitors when she was in her old pack. But this man was escorting her to a meeting with the Vampire King?! Was it all a joke?

“What’s wrong?” He asked, his eyes moving between her and the road.

“Yes, I understand,” she said with a little nod, returning her gaze to the windows. Kiara’s lips curled

into a small grin as she realized her mate was not embarrassed of her, in fact he seemed to want to show

her off to the rest of the world.

After nearly two hours, the young Luna felt at ease in the car with the Alpha, as they chatted about things they had never done before. He informed her about their connection with the Vampire King, the attack, and other details that she attentively listened to, she also counseled him on a few points that he took note of. This woman’s wisdom could not possibly be challenged by her age.

“What do you have in your hand?” The Alpha inquired as the signal turned red and he rested his head on the seat. She’d been holding it since they left the pack house.

“This is the breakfast I had prepared for you. It’s nothing extraordinary because I just had a short amount of time to put it together,” she explained, showing him a few tasty sandwiches. The Alpha’s mouth watered at the sight of them, since he was hungry as a beast. How could this woman be so considerate?

How had she figured out that he hadn’t eaten?

“Hmm, why are we stopping?” Kiara questioned, observing him driving into a grassy field on the side of the highway and coming to a stop.

“Come on, let’s eat. I’m hungry,” Xavier told her as he got out of the car and opened the door for her.

“Okay!” She exclaimed, as they sat under a nearby tree then began to eat their sandwiches. It appeared to her to be like a picnic! When the cold, invigorating breeze touched their skin, it was something else. The Alpha’s emerald eyes were on her hair and gorgeous face, which he had been enjoying throughout the journey more than anything else. Plus, the breeze reached him after stroking her smooth skin carrying her intoxicating rose and chocolate scent right to his nose. It was all a bit much for him. It was the first time he had not been alone on a trip, he was accompanied by a woman who just happened to

be his soulmate. Was this a dream?

Kiara looked at him with puzzled eyes as she noticed him staring at her since he had

been neglecting to eat his food. The Alpha swallowed then glanced down at her hand. "How come you're giving me all of the food?" He had barely spotted one piece in her hand since she had placed everything on his plate.

"My hunger has vanished as a result of the excitement," Kiara giggled shyly as she admitted. Suddenly, his big hand grabbed her little mouth, as he pushed a large bite into her mouth.

"Eat well, have some of mine too. Especially if you don't want to drink blood in the Vampire's coven," the young woman's huge chocolaty eyes widened in astonishment, as she began to eat properly. She had no intention of drinking blood! That was terrible to hear!

When the Alpha and Luna laid down alongside each other after breakfast, the sky seemed more lovely than usual providing them peace of mind. The Alpha mentally thanked Tyler for not removing the sheets from the car when he went on a picnic with Lena.

"Are you on time for your appointment?" Kiara asked, turning her gaze to him. He moved in closer.

"Not really, but you want to remain here for a while, don't you?" He questioned. She smiled and nodded.

"Then let's hang around here for a bit. The drive is lengthy, and I despise staying in hotels," he added, bringing Kiara closer to his chest as they closed their eyes to rest until the Alpha's phone vibrated in his pocket.

"Hello," the Alpha said tiredly, without looking at the name on the screen.

"Xavier, where are you my friend?"

"David?" Kiara looked up to see her husband's surprised expression. Who was David? She shifted her weight away from his chest to rest on her elbow.

"It is indeed me. Where are all you boys, Xavier?" The man on the other end demanded angrily.

"Why? What's wrong?"

"f**k! How could you possibly ask me that question? Did you forget about your best friend's wedding?!?" Xavier lay there on the ground, surprised, checking the date on the screen and cursing himself.

"Who said that?" The Alpha responded boldly. Kiara spotted him trying to think of some excuse quickly. Wait! Is it possible that he forgot about his friend's wedding? They sounded like old pals.

"Does that mean that you remembered today?" David asked suspiciously.

"Of course, I do," Xavier lied as he motioned for Kiara to get up and head back to the car.

"Then why can't I see you here with me, my friend?" Knowing that his bastard friend had neglected his wedding, his annoyed friend taunted him. He had already called Zander, Kaiden, and Tyler, but none of them had answered due to all of the work they were doing.

"Because I am on the way. I will be there in a hour or two," Xavier replied. "Really? I am

waiting, come quickly," Xavire cut the phone with a deep sigh.

"Is everything all right?" Kiara inquired.

"Yes, it appears I need to attend a friend's wedding before our meeting. David contacted me hundreds of times, but I had forgotten each time. If I don't join his wedding celebration, he might take a bite out of my ass as a punishment and an act of vengeance," he explained. Kiara simply nodded.

"So what is next?" She asked.

"We are going to his wedding," he responded by opening the trunk.

"We?" The young woman gave him a confused look.

"Yes, we. He knows about you, therefore he invited us as a couple," he clarified as he rummaged through his bags.

"But I didn't bring anything appropriate to wear to a wedding," Kiara said as she showed him her small bag, he immediately agreed and zipped his bag. His clothes were also not suitable for a wedding.

"Then let's do some shopping," he shut the trunk and drove to a nearby mall. These purchases seemed excessive for a wedding that would last only a few hours. Kiara couldn't even object since she didn't want to humiliate him in front of his friends. She took a deep breath as she walked into one of the stores. This unplanned shopping trip had come as a surprise. Lena and Jennifer had accompanied her the last time, but this time the Alpha had been strolling behind her closely observing as she walked by all pricey clothes without a glance.

The young woman was unsure what to choose because everything was lovely. Xavier had easily picked an outfit for himself, but she had a difficult time doing so. The Alpha licked his lips and took a gown from the rack next to him as he watched his woman's round ass. He knew what dress he wanted to see her in.

"How about this one?" Kiara turned her gaze to her husband, who had chosen the most sexy and revealing black floor length stunning gown for her.

"You want me to wear this one?" Her mouth was open a little in surprise. "Yes," he replied, leading her over to the changing room.

"I am going to pay for everything. Come out when you are done," he said, drawing back the curtains and returning to the checkout counter. He'd changed his clothing and was waiting for his Luna impatiently as the wedding had already begun at his friend's house. The good news was that there would be only a half-hour late, but women always take their time getting dressed. He had to check on her! Just as the Alpha stepped into the changing room, he saw Kiara walk out wearing the sexy black gown he had picked for her.

"Is she really our mate? f**k! I want her now," Dean nearly exclaimed as he took another step forward to eye f**k their lovely mate, who had begun to approach them.

"Umm," Xavier openly checked her out, the young she-wolf cleared her throat, keeping one hand over her exposed bosom being a bit shy. It had to be the lowest neckline she'd ever worn in her life. He carefully took her hand away from her chest and drew her closer to his body. He obtained the best view of her assets.

"Don't hide yourself from me, Kiara. I have seen everything," he whispered, kissing her neck as she closed her eyes with a moan. Yes, he had seen, touched, and tasted

everything, yet each time he ignited her body with yearning and need. That's what he was doing in the middle of the shop, as the young woman stood helpless in the arms of her partner. She was absorbed in his licking and sucking on her mark

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"Let's go," Xavire took her hand as he led her out of the shop while the other customers observed the

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beautiful couple who fled the mall and drove away in their fancy car without looking back.

"We will be there in few minutes," he told her after half an hour to give Kiara time to mentally prepare herself. She appeared to be extremely anxious.

"It's only a wedding, so don't overthink it. Just stay the way you are," he continued as he came to a halt in front of a large home

"Okay," Kiara beamed, relieved. He desired her as she was? Did this imply that he liked her the way she was? Nobody had ever said those things to her. The young woman felt like a queen when he opened the door for her and asked for her hand. She flushed slightly as they entered the wedding hall and were seen by every guest who stepped away from the Alpha and Luna's path.

Their eyes widened in amazement when they saw the Sirius Bright Pack's Alpha. Nobody had anticipated that he would be here, let alone with a lady. After the rejection, Xavier had stopped attending weddings and unnecessary ceremonies. Only Zander had attended in his place, but the Alpha had surprised them today by showing up with his gorgeous mate.

"Xavier!" David walked through the crowd as he approached his friend, for whom he had been waiting the entire time. Kiara noticed a lovely woman in a bridal gown approaching them with David.

"You are late. My wedding is over. But finally you have shown up, you jerk," he scowled as his beautiful mate laughed. He had been behaving erratically in the absence of his friends during the wedding.

"How could I have let it pass me by? My best friend is getting married," Xavier chuckled, hugging David back.

"You must be Alpha Xavier's Luna. I am Karina, David's mate," Kiara extended her hand to shake

Kiara's.

"Yes, congratulations on your wedding," the young woman replied, noticing the new bride's big belly. This was not normal, right?

"I am pregnant, five months along," Karina explained with a giggle.

"Wow, really? Congratulations!" The young she-wolf exclaimed, while her Alpha nodded. He observed her joy about the baby during her conversation with Karina. She adored babies!

"Would you mind introducing me to your woman?" David smirked, lifting his brows: Xavier sighed and drew Kiara closer to his chest. His friend was unbelievably dramatic.

"This is Kiara. My..." Xavier paused for a few seconds, which raised Kiara's heart rate. Was he embarrassed about introducing her as his wife? She smiled at Karina and David, who were still waiting for the rest of his response.

"Kiara is my mate," Xavier replied after a couple of seconds.

“No wonder, your chosen mate is beautiful, Xavier,” David poked his friend’s side, noticing Kiara’s blush.

“Not a chosen mate. She is my soulmate,” when Xavier revealed the truth about Kiara to his friend, David froze in place while Kiara’s surprised eyes snapped to him. Had he actually called her his soulmate in public?!

“What? She is your soulmate?” David asked, becoming irritated with those who had been summoning him to meet other guests because he wanted to know all about Xavier’s unexpected news.

“Yes, but now you better leave, otherwise your father will come over here,” Xavier joked while his finger roved around Kiara’s waist as his lady continued to think that it was all a dream. How and why would he disclose their relationship to others? Why would he do such a thing? Was this all a dream?

“All right, but I’ll be coming back to find out everything about your second chance mate. Don’t go anywhere, Xavier,” David warned as he went back with his mate, leaving Xavier speechless. He addressed Kiara as his second chance mate in front of her, she had heard it as well. In a panic, Xavier’s heartbeat became out of control when they played calm music for the couples to dance to. Everything had been f****d up! He carefully moved his head to her side to watch how she had reacted, but she gave him a very serene expression, which surprised him. His green eyes widened more. This was impossible!

“Since when have you known about my past?” He stared in disbelief as he drew her closer to his chest. She had been aware of it! He was certain! otherwise no lady would have been that serene after learning she was her mate’s second chance.

“Since yesterday,” Kiara responded by placing her hands on his shoulders and imitating the other couples. Too many eyes were on them. Xavier shook his head a little to clear his head, still everything was messed up for him.

“How could you be so calm? Don’t you despise being my second chance mate? Don’t you detest the fact that I had a mate in the past...”

“That was your past Xavier,” Kiara pressed her finger to his lips as she sensed his emotions spiraling out of control. He was filled with rage, hatred, and desire, but she drew him back from those memories. Xavier was taken aback when he heard her.

“Really? Do you care about my past?” He whispered when his soft green eyes fixed on hers, kissing her finger.

“Yes,” she replied, feeling his hand sliding down to her hips as he openly massaged them, ignoring everyone who was openly watching them.

“Why?” He asked, sensing her getting aroused. He watched her stand on her toes and touch her lips to his.

“Because I am your present, Xavier. Only yours...”

Xavier closed his eyes, concentrating on the feeling of her soft lips on his. If this was a dream, he never wanted to wake up.

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44. Ardara Moon Pack's second daughter

The sun gradually became hidden beneath the clouds, its brightness fading then eventually vanishing. Alpha Zander had placed the entire pack on lockdown and high alert since Alpha Xavier's departure. Every nook and cranny had been examined. On the basis of searching for evidence, witnesses, and clues surrounding the mystery of the killings so that they could be solved.

In the late evening, the warriors had filed into the pack house meeting room, one by one to inform the Alpha of the findings of their investigations. All of the responsible parties had been given an assignment, and by the end of the day they were all quite nervous since they hadn't been able to uncover any proof that would assist them in identifying the culprit.

The Alpha was emitting a fatal aura due to their failure at their assignments. Most of the warriors had dropped their heads in humiliation and dread. But some of the females had brought back some evidence and items that were worth the Alpha's attention. Xavier had left to deal with the Vampire King, but the next murder could very well have occurred by the time he returned. That was not going to happen, according to the younger Alpha. In any case, he needed to find the perpetrator!

Kaiden and Tyler had remained in the meeting hall for several hours, staying close to their Alpha. Jennifer had been getting a lot of rest as the Doctor had suggested, therefore only the Gamma female had joined her mate at the meeting.

"Alpha, Vera has left," Lena informed as soon as she received the mind-link from one of the female warriors.

"That's great, but are you certain she did her job well? I don't trust witches," Zander countered, raising his eyebrows.

"Indeed, Alpha. Vera is one of the most powerful witches I've ever met. She revealed that a spell was performed in the pack's south-east quadrant. Thanks to the spell, the deceased couple couldn't mind-link us for aid which was why the pack hadn't noticed anything out of the ordinary," the Gamma female explained.

"Hmm, so she did what I requested, didn't she?" He inquired, noting all the wolves in the room around him. The other pack members gathered in the meeting room exchanged interested yet puzzled looks since they had no idea what the Alpha had asked of the witch. Was it a top secret? But why?

"Yes, Alpha," Lena responded with the two words without revealing any other information, leaving the others in a daze.

"Okay, great."

"That's all for today. I'm not happy with how the work is progressing with you guys, but the ladies came through with some information. The female Doctors and warriors were great today. I hope everyone does their best tomorrow as well. We are rapidly approaching the end of our time limit. There will be no more killings!" Zander declared.

"Yes, Alpha!" Everyone said together they left one by one, leaving the hall empty with just the Alpha and ranked wolves there.

"Zander, are you sure this trick will work?" Kiaden asked quietly.

"Yes, it will work," the Alpha let wore a devilish smirk.

“Am I missing something?” Tyler inquired, his gaze moved between Lena and everyone else. He had been preoccupied with other tasks, thus he had not been a part of the plan that they had made.

“The Alpha has set a trap for the criminal, be it a vampire, spy, or whatever they may be,” the Gamma female said proudly.

“How?”

“Did you not notice that we brought up Vera the witch?” Kiaden remarked as he turned to Tyler.

“Yeah, but what about her? I understand you were only attempting to frighten people. Witches are not permitted on our land. It’s a crime in this pack,” he remarked calmly as he took a seat.

“It was not a lie. Vera was really here,” Lena confirmed.

“What?” Tyler sprang out of his seat, giving his mate and friends a horrified expression.

“What do you have planned, Zander?” He yelled in a whisper as the Gamma walked closer to his Alpha.

“I want to capture the culprit and put a stop to the murders,” Zander answered, turning to face his friends.

“How?” Tyler murmured once more. If the elders found out about a witch being on pack land everyone would be in big trouble.

“I ordered Vera to use a stronger spell on our pack that I had wanted. Following this, any person who would perform magic would be revealed to us right away. But when I circulated the rumors, he would not dare to and there would be no further killings. I’m sure he wants to remain hidden from us, this way no one else in our pack dies. It’s not going to be easy to catch them since they are camouflaged in the shadows and know everything about us, so I’ve imprisoned him in the pack. Neither magic or murder will be possible for him,” the Alpha disclosed his evil plan while radiating his wicked aura. With the advent of another murder, their reputation and position in the werewolf community would be called into question. There was no way he was going to allow that happen. Tyler was rendered speechless. The Alpha had disobeyed pack law, but it was for the safety of his people. He just nodded, but he was confused.

“But what about the elders? Vera’s arrival will be questioned because you spread rumors about her work throughout the pack.”

“Don’t be concerned about those old wolves. I know how to deal with them. By providing facts and explanations, I will have Grandpa on my side. That old man is rather flexible, he will understand,” Zander remarked, sitting back in his chair while they continued to discuss it.

The newest Luna of the pack was the only one standing in front of the meeting room’s window. Her blue eyes were locked on her mate, who had been working his ass off all day. She was concerned since he had skipped breakfast, lunch, and now had shown little interest in dinner.

Her sharp eyes had been watching every detail of his facial expressions that he varied

with each word while she slowly brushed Meow's fur. It used to frighten her, but now the young she-wolf found it hot. Wait! Hot? The Alpha, that pervert? Was the young Luna insane? Yes, perhaps... Ignoring him had become something akin to a sin to her over the past few days. The longer she looked at him, the more the hidden side of him became apparent, which was devilishly sexy to her.

Her gaze slid down to his strong and broad chest, without her even wanting it to. There were his strong arms that constantly encircled her in his warmth. Meow purred and glanced up at her mistress, who had abruptly stopped caressing her as she was now watching something that had her close to drooling. When she thought of the Alpha's tool, Adira's eyes traveled down farther while her mind began to play dirty. It had to be huge and deadly! But it still made her so heated and agitated that she began to visualize it as well.

She watched him walking on his long legs as well. The way he stood there with his hand in his pocket, he could resemble a ...

"A Greek god?" Zander asked.

"Huh?" Adira startled for a second before realizing her mate was standing in front of her.

"Oh my Goddess!!" She screamed, jumping in place. Meow was likewise scared and leapt onto the floor.

"How long have you been there?" The young she-wolf covered her mouth with her hand. Her heart was beating like crazy, she didn't know when it would calm down.

"Since you started eye-fucking me," Zander grinned, his firm arms wrapped around his mate's slender waist. Adira couldn't help but blush like a schoolgirl who had caught the eye of the school's gorgeous bad boy. When he had noticed her and left the room, she had no idea. Had he detected her arousal? The possibilities were endless. They were mates! s**t! This was humiliating. He had left her speechless, she had no way to defend herself.

"Why are you here?" the Alpha questioned, caressing her delicate cheek. Pushing the young she-wolf was not a smart idea, so he decided to let it go.

"Umm, I was wondering whether Meow could spend the night in our room?" Adira asked. Due to the fact that Kiara was not present, she was once again responsible for the cat that had moments ago been in her arms. Yes, she had previously fed her and wanted to spend more time with her. It had been days since she had spent the night with their cat.

"What? A cat in the room at night? No!" Zander frowned, looking around as he moved away from

Meow who was weaving around his legs.

"But why?" The young Luna pouted, earning a pinch on her nose from her Alpha.

"My issue isn't with the cat. I like her. My issue is with you. If I can't share a bed with you, no one can! First, learn to sleep next to me, then you'll be permitted to allow Meow to join you in my bed," he grinned, then squeezed her delicate cheek until he was satisfied.

"Hey!!" She swatted his hand away, almost like a cat, displaying her teeth in annoyance. What type of

situation was it? He did that on purpose!

"Let's go eat," Zander laughed, pulling her towards the dining room.

"I don't want to eat! I'll sleep with my Meow in her room if you don't let her into ours at

night," the young Luna replied obstinately, crossing her arms over her chest.

"Do what you want but do it after dinner. Let's go," He picked her up in his arms carrying her inside the dining room. He was hungry and didn't want to argue any longer. For a few seconds, Adira flailed her arms and legs out to resist, but his hold was too strong, and everyone had witnessed their drama. Isha enjoyed her mate's treatment and gentleness, so Adira remained calm and obediently followed Zander into the dining room.

"Alpha and Luna," as soon as they walked into the dining area, a group of women had been waiting for them.

"Welcome, everyone. Let's eat," Zander stated as he walked away from Adira to his seat. Lena had asked Luna to accompany her today.

"Why are there so many female warriors here today?" Adira was perplexed when she noticed her mate surrounded by all of them as they began to eat.

"The Alpha had invited them to supper to thank them for their hard work for the pack," Lena said, observing the young Luna's scowl. A few of the women had shown excessive interest in the Alpha. Touching his hand while scooping up food and rubbing their boobs along his arms while trying to laugh and joke.

"Are you alright?" Lena inquired, sensing her Luna's displeasure.

"Yeah, I'm okay," she responded, returning her eyes to her meal, but her gaze was drawn back to Zander, who was paying genuine attention to other she-wolves while they had lustful eyes on her mate.

"You're not alright, Adira. This will continue as long as the Alpha is not mated and marked by you," the Gamma female explained, placing food on her plate and smiling as Adira stared at her.

"It will keep happening? Why?" Adira asked in confusion.

"Alpha Zander is a gentleman. Yes, he will be honest and devoted to you, but you must also consider his needs as a man. I hope you're aware that once a month, unmated wolves lose their minds to the s****| yearning of their rut. Nobody knows who a wolf will choose as his s****| partner if that occurs. I'm hoping you understand what I'm saying. You must safeguard your mate from other she-wolves," Lena urged discreetly, with a smile.

Adira's gaze was drawn to Zander, who was accepting a glass of juice from a female warrior. He was

being overly generous with them. Panic and anxiety rose in her heart as she excused herself from dinner and went to her room. A few seconds later, the Alpha's eyes noticed his Luna's empty seat. What happened to her? She hadn't even finished her meal.

"Lena, please take care of our guests and send them home;" Zander said as he left for his room. When he arrived, he found the lights turned off. What was going on? He stripped and scanned the room with his wolf's eyes, only to find his mate asleep on the bed.

On the bed? Zander blinked a few times before realizing Adira was sleeping on the bed rather than the sofa, as she usually did. He crawled into bed and carefully crept under the blankets. Was he hallucinating? Was this right? Why had she abruptly changed her mind? Was it because he'd asked her to? She was definitely not the obedient type, she was rather stubborn.

Her back was turned towards him and she was motionless. Had she already fallen asleep?

“Adira, are you sleeping? Why didn’t you eat dinner? Are you alright?” He drew closer to her resting his hand on her shoulder. Was she really asleep?

“I am okay,” Adira answered softly, but did not turn to face him.’

“Ah okay, but you don’t have to sleep in the same bed as me. At the time, I was teasing you. I’ll go to sleep on the sofa. You and Meow can sleep on the bed,” he proposed, removing the covers, but Adira grabbed his hand, stopping him.

“Don’t leave,” she whispered. In confusion, the Alpha looked between her hand and her back.

“Okay,” he said, lying just behind her like before. What was running through her mind? She had not let go of his hand but refused to look at him.

“Would you like to say something?” Zander inquired, sensing her volatile emotions for a variety of reasons. Hadn’t she been arguing with him a while ago? So what happened to her between then and dinner? That was when he noticed her carefully tugging the blankets down. When her naked back was exposed to his gaze, the Alpha’s emerald eyes shone with surprise.

“Let’s do it,” she murmured as she placed his hand on her naked waist. When the hot soft skin of her waist was under his palm, the Alpha’s eyes became hazed with lust as he licked his lips in desire.

“Are you sure?” He questioned, his green eyes eagerly darting all over her back as he drew the blankets down further.

“Y... yes...” Adira clutched the blanket firmly as he ran his finger along her spine, causing her to shudder.

“You mean it, right?” He inquired, slipping his palm to cradle her breast when he realized she had already undressed herself. She was nude beneath the sheets.

“You are free to do whatever you want. I am prepared,” she said, taking a deep breath.

“That’s great. Get ready for it,” he told her as he drew her closer to his firm chest. When she felt his naked chest and erect c**k rubbing against her ass, the young she-wolf trembled. They were really going to do that.

“Spread your legs,” he encouraged while he slipped his fingers between her thighs. When his hand forcefully separated them, Adira panicked.

“Why are you flinching away when you asked for this?’ He murmured, turning her face towards him and pressing her back on the mattress so that they could see each other.

“I... I am...” her blue eyes showed her fear when he climbed over her, tossing the blankets away.

“Let’s f**k,” Zander remarked, spreading her legs apart, which scared the young she wolf. She watched him stroke his c**k and aim it at her pussy.

“Wait... wait...” Adira shrieked in terror, then covered her mouth with her hand to stop herself. Her entire body was sweating profusely as her eyes welled up with tears. The Alpha’s green eyes showed a deadly stare as he pulled the blanket over her.

“Why did you push yourself when you weren’t ready?” He growled. He had suspected that she was pushing herself from the start, but he went through with her game. He was curious to see how far she would push herself, but when she saw him nude she had broken down. Her long-forgotten terror reappearing.

"Tell me," he urged, drawing her closer to him as his rage-filled green eyes drew her in. The Alpha was heartbroken by his Luna's game since he had assumed she wanted him as well, but it turned out otherwise.

"I... I thought... if we had s*x then I could satisfy your wolf," she stammered as a fat tear escaped from her eyes.

"My wolf?" He c**** d his brow in confusion. Her guilty blue eyes were fixed on her lap before she continued.

"Mom once told me that a woman needs to be flexible at certain times in her life. We have to do our duty in bed. That's what I'm attempting to do. I'm trying to forget my past and move on. By giving myself to you but it's difficult. You are the only one in this relationship who is controlling yourself while bearing me as a burden. If we just have a year and a woman needs to be flexible, I want to devote myself to you before you go to another woman," she brushed her tears away and looked up at him.

"Before I go to another woman?" Zander asked in confusion. Then he realized that his meeting and dinner with the other she-wolves had triggered his mate in a terrible way. Adira removed the blanket again.

"I am ready now. I have made up my mind. I promise I won't scream..."

"There is no way that I am going to another woman," Zander hissed as he pressed his lips to hers. Adira closed her eyes, feeling his fingers weaving into her hair as he deepened the kiss. When he started kissing her down to her neck, her nails sank into his arms as she moaned in pleasure before he gripped her hair, forcing her to look into his eyes.

"If all I wanted was your body, I could have had it by hook or crook a long time ago. No one, not even you, could have stopped me," his green eyes drilled deep into her blue ones, leaving her breathless.

"What I want from you is your love and your heart, Adira," Zander whispered, his green eyes soft. As he drew her into his lap, as he forced her to wrap her arms around his neck, she felt his palm on her thighs. Adira's heartbeat quickened as she noticed a crazy smile on his lips as he kissed the corner of her mouth,

"When it comes to your love, I could wait for the rest of my life," he vowed softly, capturing her lips once more. She clenched her fists, terrified of her own emotions. Not even realizing that her lips had started to respond, she was kissing him back. Zander smiled between their kisses. Their tongues played with each other softly until he stole all the fear from her heart and mind. Adira suddenly felt free and light as she lost herself in his arms. What was he up to with her?

"Was I truly deserving of his love?"

"Yes, you are," Zander answered with a smile while breaking the kiss. Wait! Did she say it loudly? Adira searched his eyes for a couple of seconds before she hugged him. She would die! She would die if her mate did not stop doing this to her, but then again she would die without him.

"I would have appreciated it if you had been able to stay a bit longer," David said as he followed Xavier and Kiara to their car. He was disappointed as they had only spent an

hour with the newlywed Alpha and Luna, but Xavier and Kiara had lunch with David and Karina to convey their happiness.

“Yes, please stay with us for at least a day, Luna Kiara,” Karina begged, her face eager. The Lunas had become best friends in less than an hour. The pregnant Luna received a helpless smile from the young she-wolf. Kiara wished that they could stay as well, but they couldn’t, since they couldn’t control the situation. They needed to leave.

“Thank you for your kindness and hospitality, Luna Karina. I’ll be returning soon to visit you and your pup,” Kiara promised with a loving grin to the other Luna. She remembered how often she had run her hand over her tummy. Yes, Karina’s pregnancy had been unexpected, but they adored their unborn pup.

“Then I’ll be waiting for news of your pup as well. I can see your bump. I believe you have some good news for us as well,” the Luna remarked, pointing to Kiara’s belly with a smile that made the young she-wolf blush.

“Oh... no, no...I am not pregnant,” Kiara said confidently, catching Xavier’s grimace from the corner of her eyes. s**t! What had his body language been about when she had mentioned them being pregnant? Had he been happy? Surprised? She couldn’t figure it out. Why was the rest of the world so bold about asking these things so openly? “I’ve simply been eating and sleeping a lot more than usual lately, so I’ve gained a little weight,” the young she wolf admitted with an embarrassed laugh, bringing the situation to light.

“Oh, that is completely fine. Tomorrow, if not today, you’ll be giving Alpha Xavier good news soon,” Karina chuckled, catching Xavier’s gaze on his woman. Had this man not realized that if he kept staring at his own mate like a weirdo, people might misinterpret him? Finally, he averted his gaze, returning his attention to his friend.

“We promise we’ll come back to visit the both of you as soon as I deal with the Vampires issue,” the Alpha added, which his friend quickly agreed with. They had discussed it over lunch.

“It still seems unusual to me, Xavier. Breaking a treaty is basically an invitation to war. Vampire King Alfred is neither your foe nor your friend, but he does respect you. He is not the kind to attack like a wimp, like your pack is facing right now,” David pointed out.

“Yes, I am aware. That is what I need to figure out. The meeting is being held for that reason. If he is proven guilty, there will undoubtedly be a war,” Xavier revealed as he opened the door for Kiara.

“What about the Blue Moon Pack? I believe you and they have a co-treaty. The agreement you signed with Vampire King Alfred specified that the Blue Moon Pack would be included in the discussion of every problem and decision, yet I see that you’re attending this meeting without them. You lifted their ban yet you did not invite them to the meeting. Petra’s pack would be furious that you failed to notify them,” David observed the bitter look on Xavier’s face as he spoke. Kiara looked at her husband while sitting in the car the moment that Petra was mentioned.

“f**k the Blue Moon Pack! Yes, I have lifted the restriction, but I still do not want anything to do with them. And I sure as hell don’t want them involved in this sensitive

matter. If they have a problem with that, they may contact me formally,” Xavier hissed, firmly slamming the door behind Kiara.

“Okay, goodbye then. Hopefully we will see each other again soon,” David said. Before Xavier drove away, both friends had given each other a big hug before he had gotten into the car. Now they were on their way to the Vampire’s enclave, which was going to be a long journey.

“They look beautiful together. Petra looked like a sin standing next to him, I swear. I never liked her. I never thought my friend would get a second chance mate. A second chance mate is so rare,” David commented, hugging his mate from behind as they watched Xavier’s car drive away.

“Yeah, but I can’t shake the feeling that I’ve met Luna Kiara somewhere,” Karina said. “Have you met her? Where?” Her Alpha inquired, observing her perplexed expression. “I’m not certain. Maybe I’ve seen her someplace before, but I can’t remember where. But I’m sure I’ve seen her,” she remarked, still attempting to recall but coming up with nothing. ,

“Perhaps you’re mistaken. She is the Alpha of the Ardara Moon Pack’s second daughter, and I heard she rarely left the pack, so you had to have seen someone else. Let’s go back to our other guest,” David suggested as he led his mate back to the party.

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Chapter 45

45. the Vampire King

As the car approached the vampire’s boundary line, a peculiar, gloomy, and terrifying silence filled the lush greenery of the forest. It was a land of death and blood. Despite the consuming darkness surrounding it the Vampire Fort seemed to reach up and brush the clouds in the sky. Allowing it to be seen from a great distance. Kiara’s chocolatey eyes widened when she noticed the large metal door and the two sets of crimson eyes protecting it as they stared down at them. She was taken aback by their penetrating stares but remained composed. Her Alpha blood did not allow her to look away

Four vampires who had been waiting near the enormous iron gate had previously been alerted of Alpha Xavier’s impending arrival, swiftly opened the door. They had been able to smell their blood and hear their heartbeat from a distance. The vampire’s security was on par with the pack’s. All of them had their eyes focused on the stunning she-wolf that was sitting alongside the big Alpha. Kiara’s heartbeat had gone out of control as her husband drove the car inside the fort. Kiara had never seen a vampire before. They were even scarier in the dark!

“There’s no reason to be scared of them. They aren’t going to cause you any

harm. I'll drive you safely out of here," Xavier assuredly while he slowed the car. She thought his confidence was very high when she glanced at him. Weren't vampires and werewolves enemies? Wouldn't they take advantage of the fact that both of them were already trapped at their enclave to murder them? Xavier's reassurance, however, had made her believe.

"Promise?" She asked, immediately realizing that a promise sounded childish. A faint grin formed on Xavier's lips. The young she-wolf instantly looked out the window to cover her blush, but the Alpha grabbed her hand dragging her closer to him.

"Yes, I promise," he looked deep into her eyes before planting a delicate kiss on her forehead. The Luna smiled shyly and nodded a bit.

"Let's go," he said.

A vampire who had been waiting for the Alpha and Luna to exit their vehicle before opening the door for them. It surprised her when they bowed to them. Why would a vampire bow to a werewolf? Kiara's hand felt a bit cold, but as soon as it was in her husband's grasp it warmed up. Then they went into the Fort. Two towering vampires escorted them, one ahead and one behind him, appearing to guide them. Who offers their adversaries an embassaries' treatment? Things didn't make sense in this place.

Kiara looked at the beautiful expansive walls that surrounded them with great surprise and excitement. The stones they had used were huge and odd. The place seemed almost ancient. The Vampire's Fort was the exact opposite of what she had been expecting. There was a lot of light filling the spaces, instead of the smell of blood there was a fragrance that was quite charming. Expensive and luxurious paintings, antiquities, books, and many other unique items decorated the Fort that Kiara had

never seen before in her life.

Her head was pivoting this way and that in amazement as she took it all in. On the other hand, Xavier just kept moving in a particular direction while holding her hand without bothering to look anywhere

other than straight ahead as if he knew where to go.

"Have you been here before?" She asked her mate curiously. It seemed as if he knew his way around this place.

"Yeah, I've been here way too often. I used to play in this place when I was a kid," he explained, turning right as they entered a large corridor.

"What? You played here? How is this possible?" Her countenance was a mix of

amazement and consternation.

"Yes, because..."

"That is because I am kind of Xavier's uncle," The Alpha had been interrupted by a voice. When a tall man entered the hall, their feet came to a stop. Kiara noticed a deadly attractive man who exuded a dangerous aura. He was white-skinned with blood-red eyes. He was the King of the Vampires!

"The Vampire King was your uncle?" Kiara wondered aloud, drawing Alfred's attention.

"Kind of, but not really," Xavier answered blandly as if he hadn't just stated something out of the ordinary. As the King fastened his gaze on the young Luna, there was a sudden quiet settled over the hall. Xavier stared between the two of them before Kiara noticed his crimson eyes and turned away from him. Why was he staring at her? Was he trying to frighten her? The Alpha let out a low growl, drawing his mate

closer to him, which caused Alfred to move his gaze away from her.

The thousands of year old Vampire grinned at Xavier's possessiveness and returned to his seat. Stephen and Xavier's father had a strong relationship with the Vampire King. Alfred had watched the twins grow up in front of his eyes and regarded them as his nephews, despite the fact that both of the twins had wanted to have a relationship that was that of neither friend nor foe following the death of their father. He

crossed his legs as he sat in front of them like the king he was.

"Yes, I was like your husband's uncle until he chose to breach the treaty and kill my people," he said, scooping up a glass of blood that smelled awful to the werewolves' sensitive noses. Kiara arched her brows as she heard his surprising comments. The vampires had been assaulted by werewolves? That was when she heard her husband's laugh.

"It seems the Vampire King is in the mood to joke," Xavire chuckled bitterly as he placed Kiara in a seat near his.

"But I'm dead serious here. You are the one who is violating the treaty and murdering my people!" When Xavier returned his gaze to that of the crimson eyed King, his demeanor had altered and his eyes darkened. With a solemn expression, the King uncrossed his legs and leaned forward slightly.

"You see Xavier. I've been tolerating your pack's attacks because I thought you were just having fun, but now you've been murdering my people, something I

could never tolerate! If I recall correctly, the treaty states that werewolves will not interfere with my affairs, land, or anything else. It will persist for at least the next 10 years. Everything was going swimmingly until you launched an outrageous attack and began sending your wolves to murder my vampires. The first time might have been a mistake, but not the second time when you killed more than 10 of my people!" Alfred was snapped enraged his vicious teeth had grown larger as he spoke.

"I killed 10 of your vampires? What a joke! You can't manage your own guilt, so you accuse my wolves? You murdered three of my wolves and placed one of your people as a spy in my pack. I am the one tolerating your stunts for the sake of our previous relationship," the Alpha growled. The young she-wolf, who had been quiet for a long time had been listening to both parties, looked at both of them. Neither of them averted their gazes as they glared angrily at one another. As this continued, it seemed as if they would grab each other's collar in a matter of seconds.

"Kane!!!" Alfred yelled with his gaze fixed on the Alpha's green eyes. A tall, gorgeous male dressed completely in black entered the hall and stood like a statue behind his King.

"Show Alpha Xavier how his wolves have slaughtered our people," he demanded. Kane took a step forward to place a couple photos in front of the Alpha and Luna. Xavier began to carefully examine each photograph, only to discover that the King's people had been murdered by werewolves. Their bodies had been ripped to shreds and disfigured. The claws and teeth marks from the assaults were more similar to those of the Sirius Bright Pack's people.

"It's not possible!" Xavier stated as he examined each photograph in disbelief.

"It's time to admit it. You slaughtered my people," Alfred snapped as he drank a sip of blood. Xavier flung the photo away before returning his gaze to the King.

"Admit what? You should own up to your mistake. This is evidence of your spy committing murder! My wolves' blood contained vampire venom!" Xavier pushed the photos into Kane's hand, who gave them to his King. Alfred's crimson eyes became wicked as soon as he saw the proof.

"This was not done by my people!" he growled, throwing the photos away. "Then my pack has also not murdered your people!" Xavier sneered.

They were both staring at each other like ravenous beasts, neither of them had chosen to back down until they saw Kiara stand up from her chair. Ignoring the two of them, she knelt down to examine the photos more closely.

"It appears that no one murdered each other," Kiara murmured, but both men

heard her. "What do you mean exactly?" The she-wolf's ear was filled with the heavy voice of the two men.

"It means that there is a third party killing both Vampires and Werewolves," she explained as she rose to her feet and turned to face both of the men, who were still perplexed.

"A third party? How were you able to see that?" Alfred inquired. Kiara approached a table and placed all of the photos on it in front of the Alpha and Vampire King. "If you look closely, the killings appear to be extremely blatant. The Vampires and werewolves did

not try to conceal anything; instead they blatantly killed leaving clues everywhere. It suggests that they wanted us to know who killed them, or rather that they wanted us to believe that vampires and werewolves killed each other. When in reality, someone else is killing both of us. Someone who is trying to exploit your quarrel and start a war between the two of you to weaken you," Kiara concluded her theory as she stood there staring at the two men who had become quiet. The Vampire King took another closer look at Xavier's proof and tossed the photos aside.

"f**k! I think that she is right. Although there is a third person involved, the bite and poison are Vampire's. I know that my people would not dare to commit this crime behind my back because I would figure it out and punish them right away. I swear I have not slain any of your people, Xavier," the King said casually trying to persuade the Alpha.

"I can also guarantee you that none of my wolves have slain your vampires. They can't lie to me, and I am constantly aware of every pack member's movements," Xavier stated with the same casualness. They were speaking more informally now, but the mystery remained. Who could be responsible for these deaths?

The Alpha and the King looked at Kiara who once again appeared to be deep in thought.

"What do you say, pretty girl?" Alfred inquired, capturing the young Luna's attention. Pretty girl? Okay. This attractive vampire was a thousand years her older, so apparently she was a girl in his eyes.

"Come here, Kiara," Xavier glared at Alfred as he drew her closer to him. The Alpha was irritated by the King's red eyes being locked on his mate. Dean had grown to despise the King. Why was he staring at her so intently? He had never been interested in any she-wolves before, so what had changed?

"What do you think?" Xavier questioned Kiara, placing his arms around her waist

preventing her from seeing the man with red eyes.

"I believe there is a traitor on both sides who is assisting our adversaries. If I'm not mistaken, that person is closer to us and has been with us for years. Therefore they are well aware of our strengths and weaknesses. They are well-versed in our combat techniques, threats, and everything else that they would need to know to pull this off. Using all of this, they slaughtered vampires and planted evidence implicating us to the vampires. We experienced the same issue. Both sides have a spy or traitor, but they are well hidden," Kiara stated.

Xavier let out a long sigh and nodded, as did the King, who agreed with her.

"What do you intend to do now?" Alfred inquired of Xavier as two women with refreshments entered the hall. Kiara was taken by surprise to discover that food was available at the Vampire's Fort.

"I need to update Zander about the situation. We were under the impression that this had been committed by you, but circumstances have changed. We have a spy or a traitor among us!" Xavier had his palm clenched at his side. All he wanted to do was get back in time so that he could s***h the traitor's throat.

"Then let me know if you learn anything more about that third party. I'd gladly kill whoever touched my people and set this wicked game in motion. I'll inform my people as well," Alfred remarked, observing that Kiara's gaze was fixed on the water.

"It's not poisonous," he assured her, her eyes widened with amazement.

"We don't poison pretty girls like you, but I can't say the same for the rude Alphas," jeered the King. Xavier rolled his eyes in annoyance. This was the reason he avoided this vampire. Kiara burst out laughing.

From the outside, the King had appeared cold and frightening, yet he was actually rather cool.

"Stop flirting with my mate right in front of me. I am warning you," Xavier growled, throwing him a hateful glare.

"I'm not flirting; I'm just trying to figure out why she's pretending to not know me," the King remarked, his gaze drawn to Kiara's chocolaty eyes.

"What exactly do you mean? Do you know each other?" Xavier inquired, his gaze flickering between Kiara and Alfred.

"I'm sorry, but I don't know you," Kiara said politely with a smile.

"Hmmm, but I think I have seen you somewhere before," the king spoke quietly from his eyes Kiara could tell that he was deep in thought.

"Your Highness, the room is ready for the Luna," explained a woman who entered the hall.

"Why don't the two of you get some rest and freshen up a little? I'm sure you don't want to travel

back to the pack in the middle of the night," he advised. Kiara looked at Xavier, unsure of what his next step would be. Were they going to return? If he said yes, she needed to use the restroom first.

"Go and fresh up. I will follow you shortly," Xavier let go of her hand motioning her to go. He watched as she followed the vampire woman out of the hall, but before she left she turned to smile at him.

"Don't take too long," she told him. Xavier smiled back feeling warmth spreading inside his heart.

"Hmm, someone is in love..." Alfred commented.

"Stop assuming things," Xavier responded by rising from his chair as he tried to contact Zander. When

his brother did not answer the phone, he dialed Kaiden's number.

"Hello Kaiden, why is Zander not answering my calls?" Xavier asked.

"Xavier, there is a big problem!" The Beta yelled as he breathed hard.

"What's wrong?" the Alpha frowned. "Zander and Adira are..." "My lord," a lady dashed into the hall and knelt in front of Alfred. A sudden s**** m and other noises

from outside the hall drowned out Kiaden's words. When Xavier spotted the lady who had brought Kiara to

their room, he almost dropped his phone. The woman had returned alone and terrified.

"What is happening?" Alfred roared.

"Your Highness, we're being attacked again!" She informed, but the Alpha grabbed her arm, yanking her up to her feet as he stared deep into her dark red eyes.

"Where is Kiara?" He demanded with a lethal snarl. She shuddered in terror before responding.

"... I'm not sure. She simply disappeared," she stuttered. Xavier let go of her, but Dean was going insane. Their mate had disappeared?