

Ascension of a Gamma

Chapter 16

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milime Goddess knew I wanted to Seeing him sulk like a child was a out of character, it was a little cute.

His hold brought back the butterflies in my stomach, and the weird tingles that only his touch could awaken. There was no denying it – he really was my mate

This was surprising, especially to someone like me! Getting mated to an Alpha – lucky! Getting mated to two Alphas – the Goddess must be planning something for me. This mate thingSUTC changed the direction of my life completely

There were two things I was certain of for HOW – I wanted to leave the White Lake pack and my second chance mate was Alpha Liam. If the Goddess's will was that I spend my life with him, then so be it. But I wouldn't give in to the bond so

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Herhasiere was more to him than V10 the rumors sald, and that none oil those were the expt that he Massacred packs. This one always had the Omzas talking for weeks. Still, there might beason why he did what he did house from what he'd showtime so far, he didn't undke the kind of person who would kill without mason. This didn't male him any less dangerous. He could easily kill me, and no one could stand up to hun.

He suddenly stopped in his tracks, and only then did I realize that we have reached it – my home. It wasn't much, just a humble bungalow. The blue and white paint was chipping off the exterior walls, and dried leaves piled up on the lawn.

"Well, this is it," I said, stopping right beside him, "Home sweet home."

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Inarrowed my eyes at him.

"I knew, Lella We Walling for you yesterday, but you never Canne."

Freeing my hand from Alpha Liam's fr.asp.I walked towards the door. I didn't Want to answer Carson. He had been Alphaia Flytn's Beta ever since he took Wer his father as Alpha, and didn't want to run their relationship.

Carson would never forgive Flynn if he lanwrw about last night. It was best he didn't know. The three of us wouldn't go back to what we used to be, but at least Carson was still my best friend, and they were on good terms with each other.

Carson would be loyal to Flynn; he was a true friend to both of us.

A creaking sound, as the door opened slowly. Surprisingly, it didn't smell of stale air and dust.

Teem the wall to my leli, i found the switch and Tipped loup. The lights Flicked for a moment, Ware fully illuminating the living room. A beaten-u plwo-miler dep blue Conch tarda flatscreen ly, situated on the right side of the small room. The pack's flag hung on the wall facing the doorway, Father wanted it to be the first thing he saw when he entered the house, at list until hi e had ine, or so he said. To the left was the kitchen and straight ahead, on hoth sides were the bedrooms = mine was on the left and his was on the night

Far as long as I could remember, it was just the two of us. Our daily routine was that he would be in his office to assist the Alpha or he'd be training the warriors while I was on training with Carson and Flynn Sometimes, he would train the three of us, and if he had more time, he would give me private lessons. Even the Alpha gave Flynn private lessons. Same with Carson and his father, the previous 3 Beta.

"You kept it clean?" I asked, tad

"Impeccably clean," Carson said, chuckling. Thought you'd like it like

Turning to face him, a small smile on my face as I said, "Thank you, Carson. It means a lot to me."

"Sure. I didn't clean the bedrooms so don't come crying to me if you find skeletons," he said, smiling

Goddess, please let him find his mate already, this is seriously bad for my heart.

"Why would she go to you?" Alpha Liam retorted, glaring at him. So cute.

"Because he's my best friend," I answered. I knew I was testing huis patience here, but it was really fun seeing chim act like a child.

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“Pink” C ea Voie from behind me. Hi Yrnir favorite color

“No!” Lanswd immediately, tecline the heat on my cheeks. My roomlad pink curtains. pink whet, hnd pink cables I was Father’s ide, not mine. I didn’t mind it when I was a little girl but when I turned into a teenager, he would always sulk when I requested that I change the colors to that of the pack’s. So, my room was stuck with one coler – pink of different shades.

He pushed me inside the room lightly to make way for himself. I rolled my eyes at him, Who invited himn in?

He looked through the stick figures that were pinned to a wall – a drawing of my pients and me, my father and me, of his wolf, my friends and I, and many more. They were from my childhood, obviously,

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“I’ll Tou guys ta li, then,” Carn

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Don’t hve me alone with him!

“T have to check up on Flynn, make sure h. e doesn’t get wind of you leaving tonight Don’t worry, Bella, I’ll see you off. I

Before I could reply, he was already gone.

It’s unfair how they could move so fast!

“Nice drawings, Alpha Liam commented.

He’s happy Carson’s gone.

While he was looking at the uninteresting drawings, I made my way to the bed. Putting a hand under the pillow, I felt for the object I sought to retrieve. Something hard grazed my palm. Clutching it, I quickly pulled it from under and stuffed it in a pocket, just in time for him to turn to

Alouet.se,” he said, walking bad

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of ihr mot and into the living room. Then I felt his arms wrap Arund my walat, stopping me from reaching the front door.

It's really unfair!

"Where do you think you're going?" he asked, chuckling

Squirring against his muscular frame, he tightened his hold on me

"Hm... na," he said, "We need to talk."

"We have nothing to talk about," I said, and let my body relax, causing him to lean back a little to support my weight.

If you won't let me go, carry me then.

"You're a handful, aren't you?"

I grinned. "Yes, I am. I will tire you all day and night, so just let me go."

like he was planning something that before I could ask him, he leaned back a little more, raising my feet off the floor.

"Put me down

He gently placed me with my feet in front of the couch, then sat down. I stood glaring at him, and he flashed me a smile that instantly melted my heart

Goddess, he makes me want to smile

Nope, hold the glare, Anna. You have the upper hand here.

"Will you stop glaring at me and have a seat?" he said, patting the space beside him.

Crossing my arms, I raised a brow at him and said, "No."

"No?" he asked, leaning back into the couch as he mimicked my pose.

"No," I said firmly.

Then he pulled my arm causing me to fall into him. Which should've happened, but since they just love to take advantage of their supernatural abilities, when I opened my eyes, he had an arm around my waist and I was sitting on his lap, my legs to one side

Sit on me then," he said. "It's a nice house, by the way. But I prefer a home."

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This is my lieme," I said proudly

I was born and raised here. All my life I had only known a life that moved around here. Though it was all about to change, I would still consider this my home, not this pack, not anymore, but this house which bore witness to my Father's life, my Mother's, and mine

There was no going back in time to relive those moments. Nostalgia lingered in every corner of these four walls, but it was still home I refused to merely call it a house

"If you say so," he said. "There's really nothing here but us and posts with walls and a roof."

That's called a house. It means more to me than that and I would like to leave now," I snapped and made an effort to stand, but he wrapped an arm around my thighs and pulled me closer to him, cradling me like a baby, preventing me from getting up and stepping out that.

This inhale to me, comfortable

Does my mind, I regretted the sentiments that were wreaking war on my plans – I was lemping, but Couldn't. This friend wouldn't let her Kund down over a bond that almost kill her

"I want to stay with you like this," he said, looking down at me with a smile

"No," I said flatly, but I couldn't look away from his gorgeous eyes that seemed to look right through me "Maybe?"

My eyes widened as soon as I said the word. I shouldn't have said that; it'd give him the upper hand.

"No," I committed "Definitely not."

He held my gaze, Smiling as he brought his face closer to mine. I held my breath in anticipation, somehow expecting him to kiss me again, but as those sweet lips were only millimeters away, he moved past my face and whispered into my ear in a sexy voice, "Were you expecting a

My cheeks instantly held up from me and

Indirjos TH whole. His Annoyed laughter angling mine. I looked down on my lap, my hand falling to the sides of my face to hide my embarrassed self. That was just... THAT

He knew the bond alerted me. That even if I tried, I couldn't help but feel a strong attraction towards him. And yet he took advantage of it and played me.

It was this easy for them, huh. They were Alphas after all. They could casually walk in a room full of women and not one would refuse whatever they should wish.

Who was I anyway? I was just a disgraced Gamma who was treated lower than an Omega. Even Ornigas got respect, I didn't get an inkling of it

I bit my lower lip. I was tearing up from the realization.

"Anna?" he said. I didn't notice that he had stopped laughing. His hand cupped my cheek, and I turned my head to avoid his touch. I tried to move again to stand, but he wouldn't free my legs.

Alone, with the memories of my Father around me and no Alpha to think about

"No," he said, and he had the nerve to wrap his arm around my thighs, locking them close to him.

I shot him a look, and his smile dropped. I was about to cry. I was mad at myself for letting him play with my feelings, at him for his arrogance, and at Carson for leaving me alone with this jerk! My hands were balled into fists, and if he dared smile at my current state, I would gladly punch him square on the jaw.

He sighed. This jerk had the nerve to sigh!

Oh, that is it.

My fist went flying, and he caught it before it connected. My legs were freed! I hurriedly got up from his lap, but he wouldn't let go of my fist. His grip tightened, hurting me, and I think he realized it for he suddenly let go. I took a step back to balance myself.

I threw a side glance at the door and

Thought, I wish I had a gun. I felt like I was

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panic. I turned in the side, ready to hightail it out of there when the

"Get up," said, in a tone that instantly made me feel guilty.

I had what I needed, except for one thing. But I was alright. I was lucky enough to actually get them back without him noticing. My hand tightened around the pen like military-grade flashlight. I knew the woods like the back of my hand and could throw him off my path by heading to where the wolfsbane propagated.

Please," he added.

I found myself thinking about it. It would be unfair to him – he was my mate. If I was going to leave, I might as well reject him, but I couldn't let myself go through that again. Once was more than enough for me, and I was yet to know of his real intentions.

Maybe I was just overreacting about him.

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Sighing. I walked or to the door. Looking luck at him, he made no mome to slop me. He remained seated in the same position, giving offan air of abundanten.

I hope I'm making the right decision.

I pushed the door close, and upon hearing it, he sighed then slowly stood. Turning, he saw me standing in front of i . His eyes widened slightly for a moment..

You're here," he said, sounding relieved

Yes, I'm here, you big sulking baby.

In the blink of an eye, my back knocked at the door and I found myself caged by him. Both arms to my sides, his body pressed on mine, and his face centimeters away from mine

"You're here," he repeated, his minty breath fanning my face.

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Clearing my throat, I tried to sound imposing as I said aloud, "Let go or I'm leaving for real."

It worked. He even took two steps back to give me some space. I missed his closeness but pushed it aside. This wasn't the right time to address these emotions. For now, I had to make myself clear.

Crossing my arms, I stated the truth. "I didn't say I'm coming with you."

He frowned. As he was about to speak, I raised a hand to stop him.

*But-" I continued, keeping it together,

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everything I am. I know that you are from raptors, and you obviously don't know much about me either, so we were basically strangers. If you think you could do whatever you want just because you're the Alpha and I'm your mate, think again. Keep in mind that I can, and I will leave you whenever I wish, no matter what it takes. So, if I'm going with you, there are certain conditions."

I paused to make sure he was listening

First, no more of this touchy-feely stuff unless absolutely necessary, I need my personal space. Second, you're going to have to win my trust. As I said, we're basically strangers. And third, I can do whatever I want in your territory. I won't cause you any trouble I just want my freedom to take a run or a stroll or whatever whenever I want. Are we clear on this?

"You said you're my mate," he said, smiling

Look who's instantly in a good mood. So

Gracious of all that I said, that's what he heard

"To be honest there's no room for

"None

"What exactly do you mean by absolutely necessary

"Like when I'm in danger and you have no other choice but to get close to me?"

He smirked, "So you want me to court

That's.. not what I meant."

"It's alright, babe. You can be honest with me."

"Do we have a deal, Alpha?" I asked, sounding annoyed.

"Deal," he replied, "I do enjoy a good challenge. This will be fun."

Chapter 18

Goddess, please tell me I made the right decision.

I had a hunch. I married 14 men the

They've forgiven me, but it gave me a headache – what we did and how she stands up for me,

Goddess, she's brave

My father, her father – they saved her that day from the attack. I knew it, the entire pack ... but it was hard on its i Odcept that they were gone

And I was blinded by my own anger that I took it out on her. The whole pack blamed her for it and shunned her. If they were alive right now, they'd be ashamed of what we did.

All I wanted was to make him proud; all these years I failed him, as a son, as an Alpha

But... it's not too late yet. I could still make up for all that I did, that the pack

Carson was wrong if he thought she wouldn't stay with me – she was still my

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The pack can hate me for it: Locare ANYTHE.

She'd be my Luna. She was the only one I wanted as Luna. If it hadn't happened that day, I wonder what our lives would be like now – I'd be the happiest man in the world with my girl by my side and Tittle versions of us running around. It could've happened if I wasn't such a fool.

Now I'm siding with Farrell. I deserve it

"Forget it," Farrell said, "You lost her the moment you broke the bond. She's maled to him now.

Did you see a mark on her, Farrell? Because I didn't. And if she wanted to be with him, she wouldn't have been beneath me, moaning my name hours

"She is no longer yours! No longer ours! If only you had listened to me that night instead of beating her to death, you fool!"

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had no time for his nonsense. Animate me and I was going to prove him w

The newly man werewolves' moans and grunts and the smell of bodily fluid sserted unwanted desires in me. Ihastily mmade my way to the mansion which was worse than outside. Upon reaching my bedroom, I slammed the door shut.

Ilehed. This year, my pack was chosen for the marine ritual and this was a common occurrence during this event that we made advanced preparations for the children, the elderly, and the mated, We were in an extremely vulnerable position from outside attacks for my men were spread out thin between two

locations, not to mention their numbers were smaller because some of them were having the best time of their lives tonight.

Lucky bastards.

I shook my head and refocused on getting my mate back. I took off my clothes as I went to the shower, leaving them a

Just thinking about what happened her scent, her taste, her voice... it was giving me. She belonged to me

Agrowl left my throat. Mine

I know she wouldn't leave me for him. If she did, there'd be nothing for me to do but accept her decision.

She would choose me She had to

I exited my room and went over to theirs, back to the room I found her. It was empty. I checked the other rooms = not the best idea. Seeing too many of them fucking in the open was too much already, and now I found myself interrupting couples making out in their OWN rooms. Not that they would mind – their minds were preoccupied with more important things.

They weren't in any of the rooms. Where was she? Wait, where was he? And where was Carson? And that healer?

scent was still around. I followed her to the window at the words, and I knew where she was. I had forbidden her to visit that house since that night when I laid down with her. I had never let her walk outside

"The biggest asshole in a world full of assholes," continued Farrell

"Get out of my bed!"

"If only I could."

Deeper into the woods, I quickened my pace. It wasn't too late

She was still here. I could still convince her to stay. I didn't know what I'd do without her. I'd always been there for her and when she needed me the most, I wasn't but I was here now... always...

I was about to shift when a link tried to connect – it was Carson

"What?" I growled.

"Border," he said.

"What?" I asked, confused.

ictting me know that I work forever Carry this with me, and I had none to blame but myself. My mate was ring She had chosen

I wouldn't accept this. She wasn't leaving me behind to be with him!

I wouldn't believe this. There had to be some sort of mistake here, a foul play – maybe she was threatened by him. She was wolf-less. That alone was a disadvantage for her – werewolves, especially an Alpha would be no match for her

I wouldn't allow this. Carson talked her into it. He tried to convince me to banishi her instead of adding more and more to her workload.

This... This wasn't real.

I promised myself years ago that I'd protect you, that I'd always be beside you, that one day I would ask you that question

I'm coming, Anna. Wait for me. You're not really leaving, are you?