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Chapter 48 Hard Slap

Anna

I was in the kitchens with Aunty J and the Omegas, helping them with the dishes for tomorrow. It'd been three days since the burial and the depressing aura that hung around everyone was dissipating. Also, Liam's birthday was in seven months!

Early this morning, Rigel banged on the door to wake us up, telling me that Aunty J asked for me. It surprised me that she wanted to meet me, in her kitchen! She was still cold towards me, but I guess that was her way of warming up to me. 3

This felt amazing! I didn't realize how much I missed cooking. I hadn't cooked a single dish since I left my old pack!

We were now cleaning up, ready to call it a day. The Omegas started to leave, and I think we built a connection with my day spent here. We talked like old friends, got to know each other a bit more. I'd always have time for my three best friends, of course.

"Taking my stained apron off, I added it to

making my stained apron off, I added it to the pile of laundry – dirtied aprons and kitchen towels.

"Good work today, Luna," said Aunty J with a poker face on.

I smiled at her. "Thank you, Aunty J. And please, call me Anna."

She nodded

Goddess, this is actually happening!

"You can come by anytime you want," she said, walking towards the door. "My girls could use more energy. Now, come. The kitchen's locked at night." 1

"Actually, Aunty J. Do you mind if I stay here for a bit more?" I asked nervously.

She raised a perfectly shaped brow and asked, "Why?"

I hope this wasn't too much to ask for.

"It's Liam's birthday in seven months and I want to prepare an early surprise for him."

"Here," she said, tossing the keys in the air. I barely caught it between my hands when she was already going out the door.

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Thank you, Aunty J!" I said as the door swung back. I guess that meant she'd accepted me?

I'd talked to some really great sisters from the Red Circle. I met Liam's mentor and one of the elders, Helia. I became friends with Luan. Her archery skills were breathtaking. Liam didn't tell me we had a sister pack! They were all strong warriors.

I was being accepted by the pack. I was more anxious now, but I also felt like this was a huge step. The last thing I wanted now would be to let Liam down.

I went to the cupboard to gather the ingredients that I needed. Flour, yeast, milk, eggs – as I checked each ingredient in my head, I suddenly stopped.

Did Aunty J call me "Luna"?

My jaw dropped and I squealed. She did! She did! Why didn't I notice that? No matter – I was recognized in the pack now, at least with my fellow kitchen

w, at least with my fellow kitchen warriors. This was turning out to be an amazing day!

After gathering all that I needed, I began to follow the recipe. I taught myself how to bake using old cookbooks I found on the shelves back at the old pack. Over time, I made my own recipes – which tasted better by my standards.

While I wasn't entirely sure if Liam liked sweets, he wouldn't reject what I personally made for him, would he? The timer came off and I took the cake out of the oven. It smelled so good and looked just the way I wanted it. It had to cool off immediately, so I placed it in the blast chiller.

The icing and filling were ready – all that was left was assembly. I wasn't good at decorating cakes, but I did my best. It actually came out decent. I was happy with it. I then placed it on a box and tied a cute simple red ribbon on top. This kitchen had everything

After cleaning up, I flipped the switches off and locked the doors. It was still six – too early for bed. I walked back to the

yearly for bed. I walked back to the castle, enjoying the cool night breeze. A few warriors passed me by, and we exchanged pleasantries. Tonight, I'd ask Liam if I could train with the warriors.

Having them fight off rogues with me doing nothing – these days were over. Next time the pack was in danger, I wanted to be able to do something as well, even if it was as support.

The castle came into view. It'd been almost about a month already and I still found it a dream to be living here. I walked faster, excited to see the expression on his face. This was the first I made for him. Butterflies flew in my stomach at the thought of him not liking it. Lexy told me his favorite was vanilla. I added a bit of rum in the filling for an extra kick. Just a little surprise for my busy-busy Alpha.

I was just behind the hedges when Liam came into view through the floor-to-ceiling glass windows. The curtains were drawn. All the lights were on. Was he waiting for me? I smiled at the thought.

What I saw next made my smile drop. Salina came into view, and she was

Salina came into view, and she was looking as stunning – no, more beautiful than the last time I saw her. The jade dress she wore fit her perfectly. I hid behind the hedges. They were talking but I was too far to hear them. Salina smiled at him. Even ladies would fall for her after seeing that.

What was she doing here? Liam said the Blue Moon Pack was no longer welcomed here after he won the Alpha Duel.

She placed her hand on Liam's arm. That made me mad. No one touched my man!

Liam promptly took it off and raised both his arms in surrender. That's my Alpha! It seemed like they were having an argument because Liam pinched the bridge of his nose, but Salina was still smiling at him.

I was about to step out of my hiding place to tell Salina off but the moment I raised my head, my heart clamped. Liam had his hands on her hips. She had her arms around Liam's neck and her lips... on his. They both had their eyes closed. I immediately hid again, refusing to watch it for a second longer. 1

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My knees felt weak, and before I knew it, tears rolled down my cheeks. That... how could he? They were all this time, they

were...

I couldn't wrap my mind around what I just saw. I thought they were never together. Wasn't Salina his first mate's sister? I thought it was us now. Wasn't he

committed to me? He marked me. He opened himself up to me. I gave myself to him, completely. So why – why would he cheat on me?

Am I not enough for you, Liam?

Was she so beautiful, was he so in love with his first mate that he would do this to me? I understood that I was nowhere close to being her. She was stunning and I wasn't. She had a wolf, and I didn't. She was a strong woman... I was trying to be

One.

Am I not enough?

Was he lying to me all this time? Making me fall for him just so he could keep his affair with Salina?

My heart tore. Something clawed at it and

heart tore. Something clawed at it and squeezed it mercilessly that it was getting hard to breathe. I heard the door open and her heels click on the pavement, then the crunching of small pebbles. I hid further into the dark, hoping she wouldn't notice me when she passed by.

With a hand over my mouth, I breathed in relief when she continued walking past me I sank on my knees when she was out of sight, the box held out in front of me.

It hurts, Liam. It hurts so much more than getting rejected.

They played me well. I hope they were happy. How could he – how could he when I did everything I could to measure up to everyone's expectations of me.

Maybe Flynn was right. My sole purpose for living was to atone for my sins. Maybe it wasn't over yet. The Goddess was still punishing me. I was destined to live my life in penance, never receiving the kind of love my father gave to me. He was the only one who truly ever loved me. He was the only one who truly accepted me.

Head Gamma Aiden Fiora – my father, my best friend, my shoulder to cry on. He

est friend, my shoulder to cry on. He was the only one who saw me for me and drove me to become stronger. Now that he was gone, the rest of the world just wanted to use me.

If this was what the Goddess wanted, I condemn it. I glared at the full moon.

For countless nights and mornings, I prayed to You. I believed in You. Do You hear me now, Moon Goddess? I condemn this path You chose for me!

No more. No more mates. No more Alphas.

I loved with all in me and this was what I got in return – pain. My chest ached like my heart wanted to be out. If I could rip it out myself just to stop the pain, I would. He didn't deserve me.

You jerk. You bastard. You cheater. I love you. I love you so much that the pain of losing you scares me to death.

I wiped my tears with the hem of my shirt. My eyes stung. Taking deep breaths to calm myself, I forced a smile on my face.

Look at that.

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I still got it. Who knew it was this useful? 1

I made my way to the mansion with a skip in my step and a grin, and a painfully tight knot in my stomach. He was seated at the foot of the stairs when I opened the door. Immediately, his head shot up and he promptly strode to me.

"Where were you?" he asked worriedly." Aunty I said she _«

"I wanted to surprise you!" I exclaimed, smiling even more as I pushed the box to him.

"Have you been crying? What's wrong? Did you get hurt?" He asked the questions in one breath as he balanced the box in one hand and grabbed my shoulder with the other, his eyes roaming all over my body

I felt disgusted. Those eyes that saw all of me saw all of her

Treacherous.

That hurt. He didn't have to pretend he actually cared. Someone should give him a. in award for best acting. What else did he lie to me about? Did Lexy and Gale know?

to me about? Did Lexy and Gale know? What about Rigel? Aunty J?

Laughed a little. "I'm fine, Liam. The cake got me all emotional is all." I reasoned. "Open it. It isn't much, but I hope you like it."

"You baked me a cake?" He had a surprised expression on his face. If I hadn't seen what happened minutes ago, I'd be jumping in joy right now.

I nodded, still smiling, knowing that my voice would give everything away. He wrapped an arm around my waist and pulled me close to him. I loved it when we were intimate.

It made me feel protected, safe, and the world faded away. I loved how his scent filled my lungs, knowing it was just for me. When he held me this close to him, it was just the two of us, and nothing else mattered

Not anymore. It mattered. These arms didn't want to hold me – they wanted to be with Salina. There was a flowery scent that clung to his shirt, it made me want to vomit. He held me close to him, but it wasn't just us anymore.

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He leaned in to kiss me. I looked to my side to avoid those lips which were kissing Salina just minutes ago. I didn't want those lying, cheating lips on my skin. 3

"Babe, what's wrong?" he asked, holding my jaw and gently urging me to look at him. I couldn't. I knew if I looked into his gorgeous eyes, I'd reason with myself and forgive him. I'd lie to myself and force myself to be happy with him.

"Anna? What happened? Did someone hurt you?"

Yes, Liam.

Someone did hurt me.

It's you and even at this very moment, you're playing innocent.

He gently brushed his fingers on my cheek. I hated the sparks that traveled in my skin. It made me sick to my stomach that these hands used to touch me in ways that promised me a lifetime, with him.

"Please talk to me. What's wrong, Anna?"

His voice pained yet gentle, it awoke

His voice pained yet gentle, it awoke feelings of sympathy for him that I immediately squashed. Anger. I should be feeling angry at him right now. Even more so, I was furious. Furious that he lied! He lied to me even when his memories were hidden. He lied to me right in front of his first mate and child. He lied to me right in front of everyone, and I was blinded by my feelings for him to see it.

"Anna, please."

I couldn't do it. With both hands, I pushed him on his chest. Then I ran up the stairs with him running after me.

“Anna, please talk to me!” he shouted, now sounding more worried than before.

The tears fell and I bit my lip and ran faster.

I was no match for his speed. He grabbed my arm and spun me around. I saw his eyes soften through tear-filled eyes.

«Who hurt you, Anna?» he asked with a hint of anger. “Is it Salina? Did she do something to you?”

I scoffed. His first guess was Salina. He

puffed. His first guess was Salina. He knew she was here!

Salina did say something during the Alpha Duel. She told me how I’d never be like her sister nor would I ever be like her.

She told me you still loved Sarina and you were just using me to ban her father from your territory.

I defended you, you jerk! I was mad at her for telling lies about you. I told her she was spouting nonsense, that you loved me, even though I knew within myself that I would never be like Sarina.

I’d accepted it, Liam. I knew you still loved her, and I was alright with it because she used to mean the world to you. You mean the world to me. I assumed I was of equal worth to you.

I yanked my arm out of his grasp.

“Stop,” I said weakly.

“You can tell me -”

“I said ‘stop!’” I yelled, shocking myself by the power of my voice.

This is more than enough, Liam.

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My heart can’t take anymore. Lies. Betrayal. I can’t... I just can’t...

He tried to grab my hand, but I pulled it back

“Don’t touch me,” I said firmly.

“Anna, just tell me what’s wrong,” he pleaded. 2

"Everything!" I shouted in his face then quickly got inside my room and locked the door. My back against the door, I slid down on the floor and hugged my knees. He banged the door on the other side, shouting for me to open the door, asking me what was wrong.

I couldn't form a single word to reply. My heart was getting stabbed repeatedly, torn into a million tiny pieces with no way of fixing it whole.

You broke me, Liam.

"Please..." he said, his voice breaking. The pain in my chest intensified. He was hurt, too. I could feel it now because of the marks. We mated, and yet he still

on?

I clutched at my chest and cried. It was all too Izuchi...

Liam eventually stopped and all I heard were my own torment. It was my fault. I fell for him, and I fell for him hard.

Finally getting the strength to stand, I wobbled to the bed. Taking a piece of paper and a pen, I wrote a goodbye. Tears dripped onto the paper. I couldn't help it.

I thought everything was alright now. I finally found a place where I belonged. I was happy with Lexy and Gale and Rigel. I was happy with Liam.

Now I knew why he wouldn't tell me he loves me. All this time, it was the reverse. It wasn't I who took up much space in his heart. I was the one taking valuable space for someone else's. It hurt more that I couldn't blame him for it.

He loved Sarina. I could never take that away from him, and I accepted it. She was his first mate; it was a devastating loss for him. Seeing Salina, letting her stick around, and even stay in the same room as him – it was his way of coping. He saw his mate in Salina.

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He was only with me because their relationship was taboo. I could see it clearly now, and I couldn't hate him entirely for it because he was just... so full of love for her that... he couldn't let her g

He deserved to be happy and so did I.

I swear to Goddess I love you.

But this wasn't going to work if you couldn't see a future with me, while I could see the both of us together with a beautiful daughter cradled in your arms years from now.

I didn't know how long I cried. I hugged his pillow to my chest and cried until no tears fell. When I finally calmed down, I got my phone from the drawer and tapped on a number.

It rang a few seconds before he answered.

"Hey, Bella," he answered sleepily.

I silently took a breath and licked my lips.

"I'm sorry I woke you," I whispered.

"Is something wrong?" he asked, yawning

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"T-" I cut myself off as my voice broke.

"Bella, what's going on?" he asked, sounding wide awake now.

I took deep breaths. I needed my best friend. "Carson -"

"Is it Liam? It's him, isn't it? Sit tight, Bella. I'm coming"

I could only gasp as I fought the tears back. Turned out, I had more in store." Carson, I need you."

"I know, Bella. I'm coming. I promise. Don't hang up."

"I need you..." I cried.

My father was gone. Carson was the one friend I had left. And soon, I was leaving him too.

"I'm coming, Bella. Did he hurt you? Can you get out?"

My hands shook and the phone fell. Carson was yelling over the phone. I was making him worry. I should answer, but I couldn't. I clutched at the empty vial that was all I had left of my father. It just hurt too much to talk

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Chapter 49 Broken Promise

- Liam

Her muffled cries seeped past the door. I didn't understand why she pushed me away, why she was crying. My chest tightened as I shared her pain. I pounded at the door and pleaded but she wouldn't let me in.

I had to tell her something. When Salina kissed me, a switch flipped in my brain and I just had to tell her.

I pleaded. Her cries grew louder. My heart was tearing itself apart. Who hurt her? Who did this to her? My baby was crying on the other side and I couldn't do anything to comfort her. If only she'd let me in. I could break it down, but I was afraid of hurting her. I could sneak into the balcony, but I didn't want to invade her space,

I didn't know what to do. I was feeling her pain and I was hurting, too. Why was she suddenly shutting me out? I could only think of Salina. She must've done something or said something. Did she know? Did she see us? Why else would

Dow? Did she see us? Why else would she be crying?

Baby, it wasn't anything like that. She... kissed me. I – It was nothing. I swear it was nothing. 1

Goddess, it was me. I was the one who hurt her. I let Salina inside the territory and now she was seeding my baby lies. It wasn't true. I swear it wasn't true. Whatever she told you wasn't true.

I raised my hand to knock at the door again but suddenly lost the strength to. Powerless, I fell on my knees. Something warm and wet crept down my cheeks. I just kept on hurting her. It was all I ever did to her. From the moment she arrived here, it was because of me that she kept getting hurt.

I should've told her. Luca wanted me to. When I refused, he fought for control, so he could do it himself.

I was afraid, babe. I'm sorry.

I thought everything would be alright now. I marked her, she was completely mine. I told her about my past, and she accepted me. So why was she pushing me

cepted me. So why was she pushing me away instead of talking with me?

I had no feelings towards Salina. My baby helped me let go of my mate. We were supposed to look forward to our future now, so why would she trust her words instead of mine?

My legs were cramping. I didn't count how long I'd been here. It was silent now. She must've fallen asleep = more accurately, cried herself to sleep. Sighing, I got on my feet and stretched my legs. Luca wasn't talking to me – he'd been silent since I refused to tell her.

My hand slid along the smooth railing as I made my way down the stairs. This was the first time she made something for me, and I ruined it. I was ushering Salina out of the mansion, Anna. I swear I didn't want to have anything to do with her. 3

I picked up the box with a cute red ribbon on top of it. Did she want to celebrate something? Was it just something she wanted to do for me? Either way, it was for me and the night turned out disastrous because of my mistake.

I didn't feel like going to my bedroom. It

didn't feel like going to my bedroom. It was just a cold, empty space without her. Instead, I made my way to my office and placed the box on the table.

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When I woke up, it was around five in the morning. The day was longer than night, so it was already bright out. I hadn't realized I'd fallen asleep. She was usually awake by this time. I left my office to go to her room. I had to talk to her. Hopefully, she'd let me.

As I passed by the first floor, I saw an SUV parked outside. Lexy, Gale, and Rigel stood beside it, blocking my view.

"What's going on here?" I asked as I neared them.

This didn't feel right. As I got closer, I saw my Anna inside the car. My chest tightened.

She didn't even glance at me. The tinted window went up, hiding her from me.

"Anna!"

I jogged to them, and the three backed away as the engine started. This wasn't

ay as the engine started. This wasn't happening

"Anna!"

This couldn't be happening.

Why weren't they stopping her? Why were they letting her go?

Why are you leaving me?

Just as it reached the gate, it stopped. I felt relief wash over me. Maybe she changed her mind.

The door opened and the driver stepped out – Carson.

In the blink of an eye, he was in my face. A hard punch landed on my cheek, making me lose my balance a bit. My eyes watered. I could've stopped him, but I didn't. I deserved it.

"Stay the fuck away from her!" he yelled.

When I raised my head, he'd already shut the door and the car was now quickly disappearing from view.

I had to talk to her. She had to listen. It was nothing. It meant nothing. I couldn't even think what'd happen to me if she

an think what'd happen to me if she was gone.

I took a step forward, ready to shift into Luca when someone's arm bumped my chest. I growled. This was a bad time to mess with me

Luca was awake, furious at me, and anxious to get his mate back. I ignored Gale and focused on Luca. I didn't have time for their games. My mate was fucking leaving, and they stood by and let it happen!

"Don't," he said, placing his hand on my shoulder.

I growled. Shrugging his hand off, I was about to shift when Lexy interrupted.

"Leave her alone."

I ignored her. Shifting into Luca, I immediately sprinted, but they blocked me. Rigel shifted into his wolf and with those two beside him, they blocked the gate. If that was how they wanted to play

Backing up a little, I pounced into the air when Rigel met me

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What the fuck!

Luca growled at him, warning him to back off but he instead growled back.

"Don't make me do this, Gamma!" I shouted in the mind-link.

"You made me do this, Alpha!" he snapped.

I was wasting time. They were provoking me. I was about to run past him when Gale blocked my way. He had shifted into his wolf and was snarling at me. He'd never gone against me – so of all times, why now?

"Let her go, Liam," said Gale.

Luca growled at the two of them. "Do not defy your Alpha!"

"I will defy you for you have wronged my Luna!" shouted Gale.

That took me aback. He'd never taken a stance on me before.

"I need to talk to her, Gale! Fuck off before I hurt the two of you," I warned.

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Det her go," said Lexy, going between them.

Luca whimpered.

She was crying... our little sister was crying. Neither of us could stand it when the tears fell. I immediately shifted back and went to her, still more anxious about Anna

The two shifted back, too, and stood beside her. She was our little sister. We hated seeing her cry.

"I believed in you, Liam," said Gale. "I don't think I made the right choice."

He started to walk away with his head down.

"You know I really want to punch you right now," said Rigel. He had his hand balled into a fist and a look in his eyes that was just... tired. "But it won't bring her back. I'm calling the investigation off. There's no point in it when you're banging your ex-wife's sister."

His words made my blood boil. Lexy kept me from killing him right then and there. I never touched Salina! It got really close that day, but nothing happened, ever! I

at day, but nothing happened, ever! I wouldn't betray Sarina.

"We all love Sarina. I still miss her too. I miss Samila. And I'm so, so sorry that you lost them. I sincerely believed that you wanted to take your second chance seriously, but I was wrong. You have to let her go, Liam," said Lexy, raising her eyes up to me. I held my breath. "They're with the Goddess now. Anna loved you, bro. How could you..."

[KET-I didn't, Lex. If I could just – "

"Just stop," she breathed, cutting me off. Touching my cheek, she looked me right i n the eye. "I feel like I don't know who you are anymore."

"Let's go, Lexy," said Rigel, holding her arm and tugging her away.

They went past the gates, ignoring me Ignoring the pain that stabbed at my heart repeatedly. I watched their backs slowly disappear. I watched her leave

You promised me you'll stay beside me forever. You promised me you'll never leave me. You told me you love me. Is this how you show love, Anna? I'm hurting

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w you show love, Anna? I'm hurting here. No one believes me and I'm missing you. I'm sorry. I thought it was enough to make you feel loved. I thought my feelings were getting through to you. I was wrong. I was wrong because you still left me. I'm sorry. I'll shout it loud for the world to hear. So, please come back. I can't lose you too...

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Chapter 50 Once More

-Liam

Three days. I couldn't feel her presence for three days. The door locked; the curtains drawn; I kept myself isolated in her room. The only time I left was to retrieve the cake. It was fucking delicious.

I hadn't eaten cake for as long as I could remember. I'd never been a fan of sweets. But if it was from her, I couldn't resist. She made it just... for me.

It could've been a fun night. I planned to watch a movie with her. The popcorn was ready to go into the microwave.

My mind kept going back to what could've happened. She should be beside me right now, peacefully asleep in my embrace. Now, it was just an empty space with a piece of paper lying on top of the sheets. I laid on my side as I hugged her pillow to my chest. It wasn't enough.

I missed her warmth. I missed her smile. I missed her fingers on my face when she wakes up and thinks I was still sleeping. I missed her scent – it was gone now. Only her pillow had it. faintly. Despite my

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pillow had it, faintly. Despite my efforts to keep it contained in the room, it still went away. I missed her and everything about her.

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I don't know how to start. There's a lot on my mind I wish I can tell you. I don't know when I fell for you and how. I simply know now that I do.

I love you, Liam. I can say that now. I used to be afraid to tell you.

I'm not mad, Liam. You are not at fault for following your heart.

I'm sorry I didn't see it sooner. And I'm sorry I can't keep my promise.

You deserve to be happy. I can now see that your heart yearns for her, not me.

I'm sorry for being selfish. I have already said the words. I hope it will at least suffice.

Anna] 2

It was my fault. I should've told her everything I felt for her. Now it was too late. Even if I spoke the words, she

Ke Even if I spoke the words, she wouldn't hear me. I close to ignore her feelings; how could I have expected her to understand me

I had no energy left in me. Everything felt heavy. Nothing mattered but her...

I tried to call her, but the familiar ringtone of our voices echoed in the room instead. Every once in a while, I'd tap on the call button just to hear her voice. She sounded happy then.

Accept? Was this what she wanted? To leave everything behind and start again? To forget about me...

You cruel woman. 2

My phone rang. The screen lit up showing a picture of her sleeping. I used to watch her for hours on end. I couldn't believe someone like her loved someone like me. I fucking won the lottery and I lost it all... because I was a jerk of a bastard.

She was back at the White Lake Pack. Carson would protect her. As for that bastard, I wasn't feeling anything yet, so I was safe to conclude he didn't touch my woman. The mark must be keeping him

man. The mark must be keeping him away. At least, she was around Carson.

I inhaled the sweet scent that remained in her pillow. How could she stay around him? She must be terrified to be near him.

I won't accept. You are mine now. I'm yours...

What did she expect of me? To accept her rejection and free myself from her? Never! I wanted to be caged with her. Tied down with her for the rest of my life. Share her pains and joys and sorrows. My life was nothing without her. So why would I break away from the very reason I was still breathing at this very second.
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The morning she left I felt her pain. Something felt wrong. Luca urged me to go to her. I couldn't. She left.

When I went to her room, she had left me a note... and I understood that she wanted nothing more to do with me.

My phone rang again and again and again. I waited when it ended so I could see her picture. The three were calling – the only call I was picking up was an unknown number. And if it wasn't Anna,

known number. And if it wasn't Anna, I was adding it to my blacklist.

The calls ended. I didn't mind. I was tired. Maybe if I slept, I'd wake up to find her beside me. I closed my eyes when someone pounded at the door.

"Liam!" the voice shouted.

It was Rigel. The fucking player – if Anna only knew how many women he broke, she would've avoided him.

"Fuck, open up!"

Fuck off. I'm about to sleep.

"We found the car wrecked half a kilometer from here. She never got back to her old pack, Liam. She's been missing since that morning!"

My eyes snapped open. I immediately stood. My head felt dizzy at the blood rush but fuck it, I swung open the door.

"What did you say?"

"Anna's missing," he confirmed, growling. "Someone took her and sent Carson to the ER."

Someone dared take my Anna?

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I stretched my neck to the sides, the stiff muscles relaxing. Then I rolled my shoulders as I fought to keep Luca from gaining control. Someone took her...

Someone earned a one-way ticket to the Goddess. It'd be a shame if delivery was delayed

I went past him and he followed behind. I opened the links to reconnect with everyone in the pack

I hope you're not hurt. I promised you I'll always protect you. I promised you a lifetime. I cannot accept your rejection. It'll kill me. I'll be there soon, mate. Trust your Alpha once more...