

"Why, Anna? Why did you run away? If it wasn't because of you, my father would still be alive!" he shouted as the sharp sound rang throughout the room.

His heart ached. He didn't want to hurt her but only by hurting her could he ease the anger that arose every time he remembered that day – when the Alpha died, when his father died.

Warm tears trickled down her cheeks and she sniffed.

"I'm sorry, Flynn. I'm so sorry," she whispered.

"I'm sorry, Flynn, I'm so sorry." Anna cried when the warriors brought her before him. She repeated the words like a mantra, but he couldn't hear her. The pain that his being felt at that moment was unparalleled to all that he went through up to that point. His wolf grieved too and had retreated to a part of his mind he couldn't reach. No one had to break the news for he felt it – the last dying breath of his father. So did the rest of the pack – when their connection with the Alpha broke and their wolves unleashed themselves to release a pained howl.

In the open grounds, every member of the pack was gathered, waiting for his judgment. They held nothing but contempt and disgust towards her, their Alpha's noble sacrifice wasted on her. In the open channel, they voiced but two thoughts – that she should have died instead of the Alpha and that she was a living disgrace to her father's name.

The girl he secretly admired wailed before him, but he wouldn't comfort her this time. There would be no treats, no soft caresses on her back, no shoulder to

CFY OT, and no Flynn to hug

If the situation was different, he may have cried with her for he hated seeing the pain in her eyes. Those times when the training became too hard on her, he was always beside her to bring back the twinkle in her hazel eyes. And his heart would skip a beat when she raised her head and smile at him, knowing that he brought it out of her.

Tonight, there was only the Alpha's son

His father was gone, and it was because of her. She was no Gamma, she would never be a warrior. She was wolf-less, she should've been born human. She was Ho Luna; the pack would never accept her. And at that moment, he couldn't bring himself to accept her.

His eyes studied the pack with a passive face – their Beta was nowhere to be found and a search party was dispatched, led by Carson, much to his relief. There was no one to oppose his verdict. Carson would hate him for it but what would he know – his father still breathed.

His right hand felt the small box in his

ERIC Sunall Do In hiis jarket's packet then he raised the other and everyone's attention was instantly a ni him, 1Xcept for the poor girl whose emotions consumed her. His father's death, Anna's pain, her father's death, the pack's grief, Canson's hate – her would bear it all, as the next Alpha.

He drew a deep breath, then loudly declared, "Gamma Anna Bella Fiora, for failure to exercise the duties to which you have sworn, from the day I, Flyna Astra, receive the White Lake Pack's approval, you shall be strippel of your title and your duties reduced to those of an Omega's. You will live your days serving this pack, in any way I see fit."

You ruined everything. Anna," he said with his shoulders hunched.

"Il'm so sorry- 50-sorry."

The beat-up table creaked at their weight as climbed on top and straddled her by her hips. She held her breath as she stared at his imposing build. Leaning forward, he rested his forehead on her left shoulder. Warm liquid wet her skin and his voice cracked as he said, "Why. Anna? Why?"

Stir couldn't answer him. What was there to tell – the truth? That she ran away because of selfish reasons and she couldn't fight alongside his father and Hur ow? What was there left to say when Even the truth was no consolation for either of them

His arms wrapped around her waist as his emotions poured out of him and memories replayed.

"She's grown into a fine young lady, wouldn't you say, son?"

Flynn smiled "She'll be an extraordinary Luna, too," he replied

He wanted to hug her many times before, to have her close to him but he couldn't – the pack would lose their faith in him. Even as he grieved, his heart continued to yearn for her, but she would never be hers.

Helost his chance when he rejected her. A part of him died that night leaving a feeling of emptiness behind and he had n o doubt it was the biggest regret of his life.

bear to see her like this!" Flynn complained

The Alpha gazed outside the window of his office with his back turned to the young man. "This is a big shock to us all but she's hurting the most. Let her be for llow. She'll talk to you or anyone else when she's ready."

"I'm not having this, Father. You saw how they looked at her!"he yelled. How could his father take the matter so calmly!

His father's hands formed into fists and his voice barely restrained anger. "So what? Did you expect them to shrug it off and pretend it wasn't real? She was the future Head Gamrma, the pack believed in her. It's normal for them to be disappointed," he seethed. "I'm disappointed in you too, Flynn. As the future Alpha, you should consider the pack above all else. I expected more from you."

Flynn's reply was delayed as his mind tried to wrap around his father's words.

"Wu-was?" he whispered then he laughed, hands on his stomach as he

He abruptly stopped and in a serious tone said, "Fuck that Father, you're right. She was the future Head Gammua, Not anymore, she's going to be a Luna, my Luna," he declared proudly. "And they'll have no other choice but to accept it. I'll Lise an Alpha Order if I have to."

His father turned to face him; the simple act controlled yet domineering A grin stretched across his face and Flynn's jaw dropped at the sight of it – his father had never looked at him as proud as he did then.

He walked across the room towards his desk while saying, "The Alpha Order's off the table. Clearly, you have a long way to go before you're ready to replace me and claim her as Luna. But when that day comes, you're going to need something Special,

He opened a drawer and retrieved a small black box. Then he beckoned for Flynn to come over. "This... used to be your Mother's and now, if she accepts, it belongs to her," he said handing it to

The young man opened the box to reveal a l exquisitely cut diamond between two pearls that sat at the center of a gold band – the White Lake Pack's Luna's ring "Fa Father, I"

"Go to her," the Alpha said, cutting him off. Arms by his sides, Flynn caught him off guard when the young man wrapped him in a hug "Thank you, Father."

He hugged him back and patted his back. Placing a hand on his shoulder, he said, "Your Mother would be so proud of how much you've grown, And she would've loved to meet her. Now 90. Good luck,

Flynn left, not knowing it was the last conversation, the last hug, the last time he would ever see him.

Chapter 8 Os Missing Mate

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She slappe mc! For what?

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No, she doesn't know it yet. Fuck!

I didn't like the one of her voice

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"Now!" she scened as she raised her hand to land another slap, but I caught it by the wrist.

Not even my own mate.

I turned my head to look down on her and fuck it if I scared her. She was already afraid of me, to begin with. But her eyes held me frozen in place. They burned with ge but behind it was pain. It wasn't caused by me but by someone else Luca flashed his canines in my mind.

Whoever dare hurt my Luna better start

praying

"Liam " Lexy shouted and my grip

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She had ilus principle that we are and should only be shared with one's mate. Anday my little sister, she wild inake sure that I understood her print. Her words, not mine

To be honest, I let thought she was insane until I met mine. The fullt i alt farscrewing around before her, yored me to the point that I started thinking she would reject if she found out. But when I came clean, she didn't. and I'd never touched another since:

"Hello? Liam? Are you listening to me?" she asked, waving a nd in my face.

"You might want to sit down for this, sis," I said, my voice matching my serious expression

She pouted like a child and satbeside me whilst crossing her arms.

"Cassanova," she muttered.

Somehow, she still thought I was messing around with women. I tried to

loosened, realizing that it hurt her.

"Now why would you do that," I said calmly, so as not to care her bore. She was still my mate and loved her

We'd have to talk about this later. Leaving the bed, I dragged Lexy out of the room and into hers, despite her protest. Plans have changed.

I slammed the door shut and she crossed her arms as she glared at me

"Care explaining?" she asked.

Moving across the room, I sat on the couch, waiting for her to come over. This would be a long talk and she was already ranting

"I can't believe you'd try to fuck her when we're supposed to be helping her," she said, standing in front of me with a hand on her hip. "Helping, Liam. What on earth possessed you to fuck her?"

There she goes again with her overthinking

Ever since she caught me on top of a woman, she had always been messing

me:

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me that I

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was probably thinking she was right all along after having caught in with... wait
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Hoj," Liam said.

Seriously Luca, not now.

"So? Are you going to stay quiet or explain to me what's going on?" she

I turned to my side to face her. There was no point in brating around the couch.
Sighing, I confessed. "She's my mate.."

Her eyes widened and her jaw dropped. She gaped at me for an uncomfortable amount of time and I had to tip her jaw to close it.

"She's my mate," I repeated, and she leaned back as she gasped.

No..” she whispered, “You’re lying tom

Shaking my head, I said, “Come on, Lexy. I’ve no reason to lie, especially not to

“Da you mind, Liam? I’m in the middle of CUNTISHon,” he said chilly, obviously

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“After on stabbing from behind it actually came iseil this time, I said,

**body. You’re welcome. He smirked. This fucker nully know how to get to my

Opening my eyes, Laxy was already staring at me. She still gave me a dubious look, but I know she believrd me now.” She doesn’t know?” she asked, sounding Flure like a statement.

Didn’t get a chance to tell her,” I replier.

“Ah! I know that look,” she said, smiling

“What look

The look that says you’ve done something I shouldn’t know about, but nothing troublesome, and it makes you

“Wow. That was very descriptive, sis. And downright creepy.” I said, jokingly and we both laughed.

“I’m happy for you, bro.”

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advantar al the car that she’s wolf has,” she accused. What the- I dan’t give – Tying fuck that she’s wolf-Les What’s that o lado with anythin?

I didn’t know what was going on in that annoying head of hers, but I wasn’t dealing with it. “Look, sis. Either you believe me, or you don’t up to you,” I said as raised both hands in surrender. But I’m telling you, she’s my mate. Ask Luna, he’ll watch for me

She closed her eyes as she talked to her wolf. She knew that Luca Wouldn’t lie to her. He would gladly rat me out if I ever messed up on anything. That was how m y sister was able to keep an eye on mei didn’t even know if Luca tells her Herything, but whenever I fuck up, I’d be sure to hear from her,

I couldn’t hide anything from Luca because we’re basically one being

So much for keeping secrets.

I closed my eyes as well and began to talk to him. "What are you telling her, Luca?
Enjoying your little chat

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Thanks, si."

"Sahat now!!

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and canny throat blure Continuing She could cins whenever she wanted but
didn't want is using them – hyphucrite HNSINshe's my Luna, Alpha Flynn would
have to give her to me. He has no say on the matter."

She bodded, silently telling me to Continue "She, however – What's her

fame?

She raised a brow at me and saffed. " What? She didn't get a chance to tell

I sinirked at her and she rolled her eyes Her name's Anna."

"Anna," I repeated.

Anna Rose Fitting, isn't it?

"Your smile's creeping me out so stop i l," she said. I hadn't even realized I was
smiling, "Can we focus here, please? The mating ceremony's about to start and
my pate is probably looking for man

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is protukly looking for it."

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"Not yet

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""Single!" I exclaimed, cutting her off, and I laughed as the lush darkened in color
"Good luck with that, sis. I hope you won't be left out when I take Anna

Checked my arm and pulse, making me laugh harder

Just because you've tried to get a mate doesn't mean you'll immediately find your
mate. Can't you see that the Goddess enjoys making us wait?

As I came down, she kept glaring at me. "I'll find mine on," said she

"Of course, you will." I joked.

"Can we go back on what to do with your mate now?" she asked, annoyed.

Alright, enough teasing for now.

So, as I was saying, she can stay if she wants to I can't force her to come with me
0," I explained. "Thing is, I'm not

entirely sure what her decision will be

We sat in silence, thinking about the situation. "We're wondering if you told her? she
bluntly.

Maybe Luca didn't tell her

anything. Good boy

I could see when this conversation would go but it'd be best, she knew. "No," I
answered. "I think she felt a connection with me, but she couldn't tell it was the
bond. When you entered, she was suddenly rejecting me. I don't even know why I
got slapped!"

She chuckled at that. "Fine. I'll talk to her," she said, getting up. "You owe me

Thanks, sis," I said, watching her leave. "You're the best!" she said before the door
closed.

It suddenly opened after just a few moments and she had a worried

expression on her face "Liam, she's

I stood to my feet and walked over to her. "What do you mean she's gone?"

"She's not in the room," she said.

She left? Why would she? She isn't safe

I made my way any room and it was indeed empty of her. My pack was yet to report on the investigation mit so far, I Was bettingabad lezing about the White Lake Pack

She shouldn't be out there!

*Luca!" I called and he responded, Channeling his energy to further enhance the sensitivity of my senses, her lingering sweet scent calmed my nervous herYes. With her scent, I could track her

But another scent mixed with less – cologne. And I knew who it belonged to.

Chapter 09 Empty Bottles

* I miss him, Anna," hebb,

pulling her closer to him. It wasn't hier taule. Even he wouldn't have been able to stand up against a large number of Togies then

He should've protected her, claimed mera s his. Instead

he tainted her honor and treated her as a ni outcast

"I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I didn't mean for it to happen,"

she soubed.

He didn't care when she didn't shift at the ceremony. His

father, his mate, his best friend, his pack – he let everyone down. A disgrace,

he didn't deserve to be Alpha.

With a sigh, Alpha Flynn pulled away and wiped his eyes

with the back of his hand. He sniffled as h e recovered his composure. Looking

LAM, her body trembled in articipan This next mo.

Everything about her sent his heart aflutter. Her print

smile and unreserved laughter. What had he done to his Ann?

She certainly didn't expect him to cup her cheeks and

lovingly sweep the strands of hair on her face. Then with his thumbs, he rubbed

circular motions under her eyes. His eyes found hers and she saw the real him – the kind and caring Flynn she grew up with the Flynn she missed. Her best friend, her old flame, and her Alpha The proximity set butterflies fluttering in her stomach and red threatened to taint her cheeks

He savored the warmth on his palms and inhaled her sweet scent. She looked at him with childlike innocence, something he swore to protect. His heart twinged in guilt; he'd
nd, and he took the opportunity Em
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The soft muscle slid along hers in slow motions, lecim
Gyery length of it, teasing her ta dan with him and she responded. Their
twisted around each other in heated passion and she melted into the kiss,
entiring him more. He explored every part of her wet core, licking and sucking.
tasting her sweetness like his life depended on it, and in time it did. She
gasped for air when he broke the kiss, a trail of saliva connecting their tips.

"What are you – "she breathed but he cut her off.

"I'm sorry," he said, gazing into her eyes.

Alpha Flynn gave her a count of three before he captured
her lips again, this time, rough, bruising and demanding He nibbled on her
primpluwer lip bere tempting inside

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Her back arched in pain and he abruptly broke the

kiss. She knew then he'd

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She wasn't supposed to be doing this. He hurt her –

humiliated and rejected her.

Using inhuman strength, the ropes snapped, and her legs

were freed. He straddled her once more and wasted no time in reclaiming her

Tips. Unbeknownst to him, it was the last push she needed, and she thinew

caution out the window.

Her mate. Her Alpha. Her promise

His hands snaked her sides and moved towards the back,

cupping her ass. He gave the fleshy mounds a little squeeze, eliciting a

Se mon from her. His hands slid Fuerth it down to the back of her thighs

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Her legs tad arund his hips and he pressed himself

into her mare, letting her center feel his bulping . The sweet scent of her

Welness trickled his hasirils. She was dripping ready for him.

He ground his crnter into hers, asking for permission

while giving her pleasure. Her back anched as she crossed her legs tighter

around him, her wrists fighting to break free of the restraints.

To deny her the satisfaction of touching hinn was bliss

Torture. The continuous grinding kept stimulating her little hill through the

thin clothing of her leggings, the delicious rub of his hardness takineleri

ell what transpired. Anger pulsed through his veins at the scent of her sweet
release, muddled with his prey's. 1

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mind-shutterinjor2011. As they relaxed To catch their breath, the door

suddenly slammed open in brute force that the walls shook

Amma opened her eyes at the same time Flynn tunne ta face

the bastard who dared interrupt. There, standing on the doorway was one furious

panting Alpha Liam. The scream he heard, their intimate position. He could

smell what transpire Anger pulsed through his veins at the scent of her sweet

“Ahh...Flyrin

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She moaned in response And he felt the head drip cream. Her u

breathis came in up and sharp intake o Tale as she kept

h e closed,

faised on the high he was giving her. He humped fier, his hot breaths

fanning the tiny hairs on her nape. Wet kisses trailed her neck and jaw, hands

massaged her cups, and heat pooled in the base of her stomach.

Something... something wanted to come out of her and though

she fought to keep it in, Flynn's ministrations kept forcing its release. And

when he took her to the peak of pleasure,

Chapter 10 Min Ünly

His mate... und his prey. His mate...

had bayed him. And she will pay atteh

Anna couldn't see him, her hands still tied and her Alpha

blocking her view, but she could tell his buming game on her.

Before Alpha Flynn could say a word, Alpha Liam nipped him

off Anna and threw him across the room like he was a ragdoll. The impact was

100 strong for the weak structure that the walls gave in. Then his back made

contact with a nearby tree, leaving him wheezing for air

The building was coming down on their heads and Anna

closed her eyes, unable to scream. She waited for the roof to bury her, but a

hand instead brushed her cheek and she found herself in the arms of her psycho

Withani oldimg He, he puler din n the ground and his

“Wait here.”

He moved too quickly for her to follow.. SCATHEE her

Surrounding, sheshim maize her Alpha in the air by the neck. He was paine

to kill him!

Alpha Flynn struped to breather and try a she might to

connect with his wolf, the lack of oxygen made it difficult to concentrate. He

was about to pass out when a gay furred wolf emerged from the woods and landed

a heavy blow ni Alpha Liam with its massive paw, which sent him flying

The experienced Alpha shifted mid-air and dug his claws on

the ground to stop the momentum, trailing deep streaks on dirt. Then he

growled, loud and angry and possessive

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la rip their prey apart

Sister wouldn't be able to stop them. Their An d of brother Alpha's

Smd when she should only umelo them. That meam beland to them!

“Don't stop me, Lexy. Alpha Liam Indend in a mind-limk.

“Helaid a finger on what is rightfully mine. My male, Lexy! Mine!”

We made a deal with Carson. You have your words Alpha,”

she snapped.

“Out of the way, Lexy. Before this gets

"No!" she coolly declared and blocked Alpha Flynn from his view which angered him more.

"So be it," he said then cut the link.

"I'm giving you full control, Luca. Rip him to shreds," he seethed. He let himself go and take the

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Luc. "Nimetricks our matc."

Crouching on his hindlig, hur prepared himself to print forward.

He saw his prey shift into his wolf and stand beside Lexy. Alpha Flynn wa

almost as maksive ashe, with inky black fur and dep blue eyes. Giving alfa

dangerous aura that he was out to kill, the thought the same thing as Alpha

Lianni.

He didn't know who the she-wolf beside him was, but

Farrell answered his query.

"She's his sister. The heali," Farrell, informe

Why would she help us he asked, distancing himself fromn

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hinand Lihalok advantage of his

distraction by hitting down on his neck.

Farrell continued to howl while trying to fight him off. ALEHT

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the slightest the pain

Luca wouldn't let go, the taste of his

treat for him. He reveled in his struggle, and bit down harder, wanting to hear

him howl louder

With a terrified look on her face, Anna watched her Alpha

become victim to Alpha Liam's fury. Farrell's howls rang loud in her ears, and

the thought of losing him scared her so much that her breathing came in short

Something about a deal with CANON," his wolf answered.

Alpha LATI SDEug forward; his eyes

"We'll continue later." Alpha Flynn said and charged

well before Lexy could stop him.

The two Alphas clashed, each trying to get a hold of each

other's neck with their sharp canines. When neither gave an opening, they backed

away from each other and moved in a circle, growling possessively, and baring

their teeth

Alpha Flynn lunged at Alpha Liam and Successfully brought him down to the ground with his weight. But the latter pushed him back and was immediately on top of him, aiming for his throat.

No. Nat nur one," she thoughts her la CETIN HAT

forward, running to where they were Finding her voice, she screamed, STOP!!!"

Luca growled louder, zugrier. How dare she protect hiin!

Letting boal Farrell's neck the latter whimpered in pain

115 his wounds started to heal. Turning around, Luca walked towards Anna, and she stopped at arm's length from himni.

Please don't." she said, shaking in his preserice. And

just like before, the words got stuck in her throat.

He took a step forward, then another, and she took steps

back. Seeing his reflection on her eyes, and the visible fear in them, he

stopped. Was he so terrifying that she would seek another besides him?

His heart

at the thought. Closing the

biween them, he stick out his to

and lichad her check

A law grumble cance from behind him. Farrell was on his

feet, the bite on his neck still bleeding. He was using blood last but paid it

no heed. The only thing on his mind was making the other understand that she

belonged to him. No one would take her away from him

Luca turned his head to see Farell on his

challenging him instead of conceding defeat. But before he could properly face

him, Lexy came in between them

Do not interfere, Lexy!" Liam warned through a mind-link

This is not what you promised Carson!" she snapped.

"He touched my matel Mine!"

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"Galim down and we'll talk about this. There has to be

reason why she's protecting him," she wald in an attempt to convince him, but

he wasn't listening

"Get out of the way," he said slowly.

*If you kill him, she'll never go with you!" she said. "Il

that's what you want, then Congratulations on your wedding!"

Liam snapped out of his murderous thoughts and considered

her words. He had lost control – his purpose for attending the mating ceremony

was standing right behind him, scared stiff. He turned to face her, and she

swallowed the lump in her throat.

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tion she coulkin'i

Raising a hand, she held it out talouch his head, feeling

the soft back tur brush along her fingers. Farrell growled again, and this time Lexy growled at him.

Luca looked at Farrell, then allery, then at Anna, as he contemplated on a decision. He took in her sweet scent, then he dashed into the woods before he changed his mind.

"Thanks, bro," said Lexy through the link.

"She had better come with us, Lexy," he replied, "I'm not leaving without her."