

Outcast: The Alpha King's Beloved

Chapter 269

Anthony's POV:

When we got back to our room, Jennifer and I went to bed to go to sleep.

But even after lights out, I felt Jennifer tossing and turning beside me.

"What's wrong, babe? Is the bed uncomfortable?"

I turned on the bedside lamp to look at her with concern.

"No, I'm fine, Anthony. I'm just worried about Skylar. What if the elders of the Rainbow Pack make things difficult for her and Jerome tomorrow? I can't help but fear the worst." Jennifer sighed heavily.

"Don't worry. I'll be there."

I slipped my arms around her and cuddled her.

"I won't let anyone hurt Skylar."

"I know..."

Jennifer looked at me, softening her gaze.

"You're a kind and righteous prince. You'd never sit by and do nothing, but—"

"No buts, babe,"

I interrupted with a smile, planting a kiss on her forehead.

"Don't worry too much. It's not good for you and the baby. God will always side with the good guys. Skylar's a good girl, so her kindness will be rewarded."

"You're right."

Jennifer finally smiled, burying her face in my arms.

"Since you can't fall asleep, let me tell you a bedtime story,"

I suggested, my eyes twinkling playfully.

"Good idea."

Jennifer smiled.

“Why don’t you let the baby listen, too?”

I switched off the bedside lamp and settled into bed next to her.

Then, I began to share my favorite fairy tale with her.

Minutes later, as I was telling the story, Jennifer nodded off to sleep.

When I felt that her breathing had stabilized, I kissed her on the forehead.

“Good night, my love,” I whispered softly.

Early the next morning, Jennifer and I got out of bed to pack our things.

We met Jerome and Skylar in the hall.

After having a hearty breakfast, we set out together to the airport, where my private plane was waiting.

“I wish you didn’t have to leave so soon.”

Helen and Daniel had come to see us off.

Helen was looking at us tearfully, sad to see us go.

Elder Simon and Betty were here, too.

“Alpha Jerome, if it’s alright with you, I’ll stay in the Black Stone Pack with Helen for a few more days,” Simon said to Jerome, who nodded.

“Travel safe, Mr.Jones.”

Betty bowed to me with respect.

“I just want to thank you and Ms.Smith again for your help, on my deceased husband’s behalf.”

“No need to thank us, Luna Betty.We were just doing our job.”

Jennifer smiled at Betty warmly, while I nodded as well in response.

“Take care, you two.Call us anytime.”

Daniel shook hands with me firmly, and then he shook with Jerome.

"Take care, Jerome."

"It was nice to see you again. Goodbye, Helen and Daniel. I wish you two the best in your marriage," Jerome said with a smile.

"Daniel, take care of Helen, okay? Oh, and don't forget to prepare for the coronation ceremony," Jennifer said to Daniel, throwing her arms around him for one last hug.

Then, I took her hand and we headed to the plane.

After waving goodbye at our friends, we boarded the plane and left the Black Stone Pack.

It didn't take long before we landed at our destination.

After disembarking, we went straight to the Rainbow House.

Jennifer had informed the elders of the pack beforehand that we were arriving today.

When we pulled into the Rainbow House's gate, we found several elders were already there waiting for us.

"Welcome to the Rainbow Pack, Mr. Jones!"

Tony greeted us first with a big, toothy smile.

"We heard about what happened to Alpha Marlon. How are you? I hope everyone's okay."

"Thank you for your concern. Everything's fine."

I stole a glance at the other elders and noticed that they were avoiding my gaze.

My expression darkened.

They must've heard about what happened with Skylar.

"Let's go, Jennifer."

I took her hand, seeing that both she and Skylar were nervous.

"Mr. Jones, we had a hearty lunch prepared in honor of your return. This way, please."

Tony led us to the hall.

We all sat down at the dinner table as the food was laid out on the table.

Skylar sat next to Jerome. She kept her head down the whole time.

"By the way, Mr. Jones, we were wondering why you and Ms. Smith have come to the Rainbow Pack."

When everyone had taken their seat, Tony turned to me questioningly.

"Jennifer just wanted to visit her hometown," I replied lightheartedly.

"Mr. Jones, allow me to cut to the chase. We heard that Luna Skylar used some special power in the Black Stone Pack. Do you and Ms. Smith know about it?"

Another elder suddenly spoke up, glaring sharply at Skylar.

"The news has spread like wildfire. It's said that our pack's Luna is a vampire!"

Color drained from Skylar's face.

"We know about it. We were there. That is the true reason why Jennifer and I came here. Please calm down, everyone. Jerome will explain everything."

I stood up from my seat and spoke coldly.

Jerome's POV:

Before walking into the Rainbow House, I had hoped that the members of the Rainbow Pack didn't know about what had happened with Skylar.

But after seeing how the elders looked at us, I knew that it was foolish, wishful thinking.

They must have already known about it, but because Anthony was here, they had decided to keep calm.

I didn't expect them to bring it up as soon as we sat down for lunch.

"Elders, please listen to me."

After Anthony pacified the elders, I took a deep breath and stood up from my seat.

"It's true that Skylar has special power."

After I said that, the faces of the elders all twisted with rage and chaos instantly broke loose.

Skylar took my hand and held it tightly.

“What did you say? Alpha Jerome, explain yourself!”

“She’s a vampire! She’s really a vampire! The rumors were true!”

“We can’t have a vampire for a Luna!”

“Everyone, be quiet!”

Anthony snapped impatiently.

“Let Jerome finish!”

Only then did the hall quiet down.

“We only found out recently that Skylar has special power. Rest assured, both the prince and Jennifer know about it. In fact, they’re helping us investigate the matter, but so far, we haven’t found anything conclusive.”

As I spoke, I looked around the room, locking eyes with each elder firmly. No matter what they said, I would never change my mind.

Skylar and I didn’t do anything wrong.

“In that case, we can’t let Skylar be our Luna! If she has special power, she might be a vampire! We can’t have a vampire as our Luna!”

Jacob pounded on the table angrily.

“Don’t worry, everyone. I came back here to announce that I am giving up my position of Alpha. After I hand over the pack’s affairs, I will leave the Rainbow Pack with Skylar.”

I announced my plan loudly, making sure everyone heard me.

“Are you serious? Oh, my God!”

Jacob clutched his chest in shock.

“No, that can’t be the answer.”

Tony shook his head.

“You’re not thinking clearly, Alpha Jerome! You make an excellent Alpha. Everyone here respects you!”

"I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I've made up my mind." I looked to him apologetically.

"You can't convince me otherwise."

"Tony's right, Alpha Jerome. Even if Skylar's a vampire, it has nothing to do with you. You can always break off the mate bond with her and choose another, more suitable Luna."

Jacob glared at Skylar murderously.

"Skylar, if you have any sense, you would give up your position of Luna yourself. Don't drag Alpha Jerome down with you!"

Hearing this, I looked at Skylar worriedly. I knew how fragile she had been as of late, so I was worried she wouldn't bear such a grave accusation.

"Take back what you said, Elder Jacob." I turned to look at him coldly.

"Skylar is my mate. Alpha and Luna are just empty titles. She's my love and I'm not letting her go!"

Jacob refused to give in.

He stood up and pointed at me with a trembling finger.

"You're going to throw away your responsibilities as Alpha for a girl? Don't act so rashly!"

"Jerome is my mate! I love him! And he loves me too. We can't be separated!"

To my surprise, Skylar suddenly stood up and spoke out firmly.

Despite her flustered expression, her tone was resolute.

"Elder Jacob, you don't know us, so don't judge us so flippantly. I would sacrifice myself for Jerome, and he would do the same for me. Being Alpha is important, yes, but surely there is someone else who is qualified for the position. Jerome is a free man, and he can make his own choices. In fact, it's selfish of you to force Jerome to give up his mate. We've been through countless difficulties and we know we can't live without each other!" I looked at Skylar with awe and gave her hand a squeeze.

I was so touched that I almost burst into tears.

She was right.

We loved each other too much to separate.

Skylar was as determined to stay together as me.

Our love was so sacred that it would never be overcome by difficulties.

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Jennifer's POV:

I was deeply touched to see Jerome argue with all the elders on Skylar's behalf. I knew then that Skylar meant everything to my brother.

It was time to talk to the elders of the Rainbow Pack about our plan.

"Everyone, may I have a moment, please?"

I stood up and called the attention of the elders.

"I have discussed it with Anthony. In order to maintain stability within the pack, I am willing to take over the position of Alpha of Rainbow Pack. Please have faith in me. I will do my best to become an excellent Alpha to our pack."

The hall fell silent for a long time.

No one uttered even a single word.

"Miss Smith, I know that you are the daughter of Alpha Lewis and soon you will become the queen of the Osman Kingdom. Although it is not your lineage that concerns us, it's just that there has never been a female Alpha in our pack before."

Finally, Jacob opened his mouth.

His words sounded very polite and euphemistic, but his face was clearly full of disdain.

"That's right. Miss Smith, it's not that we doubt your ability... However, there is no such precedent in our pack. We can't make an exception in your case,"

Tony echoed, looking away in embarrassment.

I knew that Tony supported me, and his responsibility as an elder put him in a difficult place.

"We can't accept a she-wolf as our leader! If we make an exception now, the pack will be engulfed in chaos!" another elder added in a hostile tone.

"I beg to disagree," I replied with a smile.

"Since there has never been a female Alpha before, do you have any evidence to prove that a she-wolf can't be a good Alpha?"

Jacob was rendered speechless, but he immediately knelt down on the floor.

"Alpha Jerome, please reconsider your decision," Jacob said loudly.

With the exception of Tony, the other elders followed suit and knelt down before Jerome.

"Alpha Jerome, please give up Skylar and choose another Luna for the benefit of everyone! You have to think of the greater good!"

"You can't abandon us!"

"Think about the deceased Alpha Lewis. You can't just leave the pack after everything he had sacrificed for us! The elders tried to exaggerate the consequences. They even mentioned my father. They were desperate to change my brother's decision. I sneered at them in silence.

"Jennifer, let me help you, okay?"

Anthony whispered in my ear.

"If I officially appoint you as the Alpha, they won't be able to object."

"No, Anthony. You can't do that." I shook my head.

"I will lose the support of the public. If I want to become a good leader, I must lead by example."

"That's out of the question! I'm not going to leave Skylar and choose another mate!"

Jerome looked completely undaunted by the elders.

"I have made up my mind! I will abdicate. Please accept it."

I could tell that there was tension in the air.

"Jennifer, what should I do? Have I made a mess of everything?"

Skylar came to me with a pale expression and held my hand.

"I shouldn't have said that just now, right? Jennifer, I'm going to tell them that I'm going to give up the position of Luna, okay? I really don't want to see them push Jerome like this!"

"No, Skylar. You did a good job,"

I comforted her with a smile.

"Don't worry. Everything is going to be all right."

I asked Skylar to return to her seat before I walked up to the elders and stood before them.

"Elders, please don't make things difficult for my brother anymore. If he has made up his mind, there's nothing we can do to change it. We all know that's how he is as an Alpha. I am asking you to trust me. I am confident and capable to be the Alpha of the Rainbow Pack. I can be just as efficient as my brother. Please don't question my ability just because of my gender," I said calmly without any fear.

Anthony's POV:

I tried to stand up to the elders, but when I saw Jennifer's confident look, I decided to leave it to her. I believed that she would solve the problem.

Besides, this little test would help her to gain experience.

"Miss Smith, I hope you don't misunderstand us. We don't doubt your ability, we're afraid that you won't be able to sway a pack who has never had a female Alpha to your side."

Jacob was still quite adamant about his opinion.

"Alpha Jerome, please try to understand."

"Is that the only problem that needs to be solved?" Jennifer smiled casually.

"Then give me a chance to hear me out, okay? I will prove to everyone that I'm not inferior to any male Alpha."

"Yes, in fact, my sister has been better than me at everything since our childhood."

Jerome came forward to speak for Jennifer.

"All I am asking is that you give my sister a chance. If you have any faith in me, you should have faith in my judgment as well. If it doesn't work out, you can decide whom you want to be the pack's Alpha. In any case, Skylar and I will be out of your way."

The elders immediately fell silent, and their faces darkened.

"I can see that Alpha Jerome has made up his mind to abdicate and he won't change his mind. Let's not pester him anymore. Since he has vouched for his sister, I'm willing to support Miss Smith to be the Alpha," Tony said suddenly.

"What? Who will take responsibility if trouble occurs after she is appointed as the new Alpha? Are you going to take responsibility?"

Jacob glared at Tony as he was still unconvinced.

I thought it was time for me to speak up.

"I'll take responsibility."

I stood up and spoke loudly so that everyone could hear me clearly.

"Do you still have any objections?"

Jennifer turned around and looked back at me with a smile.

"I just want to ask you one question, elders. Isn't my queen qualified to rule Rainbow Pack?"

I looked at the elders expectantly.

"Well, of course she is..."

Jacob smiled awkwardly.

"Then there is no need to say anything more. I trust that my queen will make a fine leader."

I took Jennifer's hand.

"If anyone still has any objections, please summon your candidate. If the new candidate is better than Jennifer, I will stand aside."

The elders exchanged glances, but they didn't speak a word to each other.

"I support Mr. Jones' decision," Tony said calmly.

"I... I also agree!" another elder said slowly.

"Mr. Jones, you have my support!"

The other elders followed suit soon.

Needless to say, most of these elders were fence sitters.

"All right. I hereby declare that Alpha Jerome abdicates voluntarily and that the daughter of the deceased Alpha Lewis, Jennifer, will be the next Alpha. I promise to help her deal with the affairs and I'm sure that she won't let you down," I declared.

"I vow to take care of the entire pack. If anyone has anything to say to me, my doors are always open. Together we will overcome any difficulty the pack faces," Jennifer stood before everyone respectfully.

"Do you have anything else to add?"

I glanced at all the elders present with sharp eyes.

"We have no objection. We support your decision, Mr. Jones!"

The elders knelt on the floor to pledge their loyalty to me.

I quickly motioned them to stand up.

"Miss Smith, we will help you deal with the affairs of the pack!"

Tony bowed to Jennifer.

Finally, the matter was settled and Jennifer would be taking over as the Alpha of the Rainbow Pack.

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Skylar's POV:

After Anthony stepped forward in our defense, the elders finally compromised and agreed to let Jerome abdicate.

"Thank you, Jennifer. Thank you for supporting us."

I hugged Jennifer and expressed my gratitude as tears of relief welled up in my eyes.

"I don't know what I would do without you..."

"There's no need to thank me. I know that you would have done the same for me. Now that everything is settled, you and Jerome are free to go wherever you want."

Jennifer held me in her arms and comforted me with a smile.

“Skylar, sit down and finish your lunch. Don’t forget that you’re now eating for two people.”

I nodded and sat down next to Jennifer and Jerome.

We had been so wrapped up in our discussion with the elders that we almost forgot about the food on the dining table.

There was still some tension in the air and so I avoided making eye contact with the elders.

“Jerome is so ungrateful! How could he abandon everything for the sake of love?”

“Yes. It’s such a shame he isn’t willing to set his personal interests aside for the Rainbow Pack.”

I could still hear some of the elders bemoaning Jerome.

They weren’t even trying to hide it from me.

It was almost as if they wanted me to hear them.

Unfortunately, I couldn’t deprive them of the satisfaction of getting a reaction from me because I was infuriated.

Nonetheless, I had to admit that they were right.

It was because of me that things had ended up like this.

Did I do something wrong? Was I being selfish by letting Jerome ruin his future for me? As if he had read my mind, Jerome took my hand gently and said, “Don’t listen to their nonsense. Skylar. You can’t make everyone happy. We just need to worry about our life.”

“Jerome...”

I held back my tears as I didn’t want to be embarrassed in front of the elders.

I squeezed his hand tightly and whispered, “What if I’m wrong to insist on being with you. What if I’m wrong and I end up harming you?”

There were several elders eyeing us sourly, but Jerome paid no heed to them and pulled me in his arms.

“What are you thinking about now, silly girl? We love each other and that’s all that matters. Don’t be afraid. Life will bring many ups and downs, but we will tackle them together.”

Jerome’s words took me on a trip down memory lane.

We had once been separated because of Linda, but later we ended up together again.

Jerome was right.

We had gone through so many ups and downs and there would be more in the future, but nothing would stop us from loving each other.

I nodded.

Ignoring the resentful eyes around us, I tilted my head up proudly to say, “You’re right, honey. We will be fine no matter what happens.”

“Elders, please help yourself to whatever you like,”

Anthony suddenly said without raising his head.

Finally, the elders finally grumbling.

Everyone ate quietly and there was peaceful silence again.

After the meal, Tony suggested, “Miss Smith, why don’t we set the date for your official inauguration as the new Alpha. In the meantime, we’ll need a few days to prepare.”

“I will abdicate immediately.” Jerome smiled at everyone.

Jennifer nodded and said, “Then let’s set the ceremony for the day after tomorrow. We can inform the werewolves of the whole pack and hand over the pack affairs tomorrow.”

“We will all follow your arrangements.”

The elders nodded in agreement.

Even Jacob, who had been dissatisfied with Jennifer, didn’t say anything more.

At long last, I heaved a deep sigh of relief.

After the elders left, Jerome and I decided to go back to our room and get some rest.

The discussion had left us exhausted and we needed to unwind.

"We'll be heading back too, Skylar. Get some rest and don't worry about anything else."

Jennifer came to me and hugged me.

"Everything will be fine. Remember to pack up everything you need before leaving the Rainbow Pack. Let us know if you need anything. Take care of yourself and the baby."

I was so touched that I hugged Jennifer back.

"I will. Thank you, Jennifer."

Anthony smiled at me and Jerome.

"If you need anything, just let us know at any time. We're more than just friends now. We're family."

"Thank you very much. I'm afraid that as soon as Jerome and I leave, Jennifer will have to shoulder a lot of responsibilities. Jennifer, I'm sorry and I wish I don't have to leave you, but..."

I was so sad that I was reluctant to let go of Jennifer.

"Our separation will only be temporary. In the meantime, you can focus on the arrival of the baby. We will see each other again soon."

Jennifer patted me on the shoulder and smiled.

I nodded, finally coming to terms with the situation. I told myself that I had to be stronger, if not for me, then at least for Jerome and our unborn child's sake.

Jerome's POV:

It was nice to see Skylar hugging my sister. If it weren't for fate, Skylar and I wouldn't have had to leave the Rainbow Pack.

However, for Skylar and the future of our baby, we had no choice. I was angry at myself for being such an incompetent husband.

Here I was about to embark on a journey with no final destination with my pregnant wife.

What was I thinking? I couldn't help but worry about her.

"Jerome, where are you going to settle down next?" Jennifer looked at me curiously.

In truth, I had already considered this question before.

I had been secretly studying the surrounding areas outside the werewolves' territory.

"I found Rube Island after some research. It looks like a quiet place with very little cause for disputes. I've heard that people sometimes go there on vacation. I don't know much about the public security on the island, but I'm going to take Skylar there to see if she likes it. Rube Island doesn't belong to werewolves. If there's no sign of danger, we can settle down there."

"I've heard of that island too. People have been calling that place a slice of paradise on earth. It sounds amazing."

Jennifer's eyes lit up.

"Jerome, you should always look after Skylar. If the weather is good, you should take her out more. It's not good for her health to stay indoors all the time."

Jennifer's detailed instructions came from a place of love for me and Skylar.

I nodded with a smile and said, "Okay, I will. Thank you, my dear sister. You and Mr. Jones can go back now. Don't forget that you are also pregnant with a baby."

"See you tomorrow."

Jennifer held Anthony's hand and waved at us. I took Skylar's hand.

"Let's go back, honey."

After Skylar and I went back to our room, she rested her hands on her waist and walked to the bathroom.

"I want to take a bath, honey."

I quickly walked over to hold her hand and said, "Of course. Let me help you, honey. You should be more careful from now. What if you slip or fall down? We wouldn't want anything bad to happen to you or the baby."

"Sure, if you say so."

Skylar giggled, reaching out to unbutton my shirt.

"Today was an important day for us, wasn't it? Jerome, don't you think we should do something to celebrate it?"

"Of course, what do you have in mind?"

I whispered in Skylar's ear intimately.

"I love you, honey."

We were going to leave Rainbow Pack soon.

A place that held a special place in our hearts because we shared some of our best memories here.

The thought of us leaving made me feel both excited and nervous at the same time.

Thinking back to our past, I pulled Skylar's face closer and kissed her with so much passion that I hoped it would help her to remember this wonderful moment in our life.

I carried Skylar to the bed and took her clothes off.

Then I kissed her from her toes upward, slowly, as my hands spread her legs open.

I felt her back arch in anticipation, knowing where my penis was going.

My head rocked back against the pillow as she did, and the first moan escaped her lips.

"God, I feel so good..."

I smiled with satisfaction.

Skylar was the only woman in the world who could make me feel like this.

I loved her.

No matter where we were, our feelings for each other would never change