

Alpha Dimitri LS Barbosa

#Chapter 101

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Chapter 101 Claudia: "It didn't work," my father said, entering the living room where I was sitting.

I was reading through a book as I got lost in my thoughts, and I had to admit, I didn't expect him to come to pay me a visit. The last thing that I would have wanted was a confrontation, and I did hope that Ademide, his wife, would keep him busy with one of her galas. Little did I know that the human was free for the evening.

"It will," I said, closing the book. Ademide looked at me with a cold smile on her lips. I knew that she was mocking me, and I knew that it was something that she enjoyed doing.

It has been that way since my mother died when I was a teenager, and I knew that it wouldn't be changing as long as I lived under the same roof with the devil's spawn.

"Indeed, as all your plans have worked before; this one is going to be different." She said, and I took a deep breath, reminding myself to control my anger. I was under my father surveillance, and one wrong word was going to have him turning against me. To him, I was the reminder of my mother, something that both he and Ademide wanted to forget.

To him, he wanted to forget the pain of losing her when he did. For Ademide, she wanted HIM to forget anything that reminded him of her, and that included his own daughter. I knew that me being here wasn't something that she wanted, nor was it something that came in her benefit.

Her freedom was locked and she was reminded that her children were half bloods. As a full wolf myself, a pure blood of an Alpha and Luna, my blood was stronger than theirs will ever be. It was one of the reasons why she's been trying, to her failure, to get rid of me. The heir of this pack if I stayed, the heir over those that she called sons.

"I doubt that anyone asked your opinion, Ademide." I said, looking at the woman. Her hardened, and she tensed. However, all it took was one look to my father from her for him eyes

to side by her. He knew that she was weaker, and that was something that she took advantage of. "You are to respect my wife, Claudia." He said, and I smiled. I knew to expect that he would 1/3

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never be standing by my side anyway; therefore, | wasn't really surprised when | saw that now was no different. "And she is right, all your plans have failed up until now. Eventually, you just prove to fail your own pack, people, and blood. It is something that we are all growing tired of, and | want that to stop. | want a result, and so far, you have given me nothing."

"And what more do you want to take from me? Is it my life that you desire now? Is that what is going to please your human?" | asked, looking at Ademide. Her eyes hardened, and | knew that both she and my father took the silent message that | was sending. Normally, | wouldn't have insulted her this way, but right now, she had to be reminded that not only was she of a lower rank in my and all the council's eyes, but that even her children were less than | was. Alpha father or not, they still were the sons of a human, a person who was less than even an Omega was within our grounds.

My father opened his mouth to respond before Ademide wrapped her hand around his arm, stopping him. "I am going to speak to her, my love. You have a lot to deal with and | doubt that your daughter is aware of that."

He turned and kissed her forehead, letting his lips linger there for a few seconds, and | was forced to take a deep breath as | watched the woman that took my mother's place, getting the love that | do not remember seeing between my own parents. The hate that he had toward her was one that made my chest ache, but | grew and knew better than to confront him with it. The one thing that | could do was force my own power and strength, whether or not they wanted me to stay within the pack was something; however, | wasn't blind, | knew to either choose the way that | wanted or fight for my place that they were trying to take from me.

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My father took a step back and walked out of the room, leaving me alone with the devil's spawn. Her eyes met mine and | took a deep breath as | waited for what was to come from

her.

“You really do amaze me, do you know that, Claudia?” She asked, looking me dead in the eye. “You have nothing and no one, and yet, you still have it in you to not only fight. But to also argue

with the man that is allowing you within the pack grounds when YOU chose to give up on your position and everything that you ever owned.”

“It is my birthright and IF I gave anything up, it is because, I was to marry a man that I didn't want to be with.” I said, and she rolled her

eyes. “Hence why you became a whore, that was dumped when your ‘Alpha’ was done with you.” 2/3

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She said, making my stomach churn. I had to fight back my anger, reminding myself that I was not in the power to harm the woman just yet. When I regained my strength and power, I knew that she was going to be the first to pay.

“I am going to give you one small message, sweet love.” I said, walking toward her. My eyes turned into a deep shade of golden as my wolf made herself known. It was a threat, and I knew, judging by her fear that I saw in her eyes, that she understood that I was being very much serious. “You have kids, and if you want them to live; I do suggest that you choose a different game plan with me.”

“Is that a threat?” She asked, frowning at me.

“Take it as you may.” I said, putting a hand on her shoulder, tapping it twice. “I will show myself to my room, and I suggest that you keep my warning in mind. I am done playing the act of peace with you...”

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Chapter 102 Aurora: "Dimitri, | am not going to sleep on your bed while you take the floor." | said, and he rolled his eyes.

"Well, then you have to come to terms with the fact that | will not have you sleeping on a chair while | sleep on the bed." He said, crossing his arms over his chest. "You are my woman, and | am going to start acting upon it."

"I am not your woman, Dimitri. The two of us know that very well and you know the reason behind why | am saying that..."

"You are just acting upon ego, and you are angry. While | do understand why you are angry with the fact that you THINK something happened when it did not." He said, taking my hand in his. "I am trying to prove to you that things are between the two of us, and | do not want to be with anyone else. | want you, Aurora. You are my mate..."

"I am not your mate, Dimitri..."

"You are by law, our child proves it, and if you want me to mark you here and now to prove to you that you are mine and | am yours; then | am going to do so. But this is the last time. that | hear of this nonsense." He said, stopping me. | froze, processing his words, and he took a deep and slow breath as he waited for my response before | looked at the closet.

"I am going to change my clothes and we are going to bed. Our daughter will be waking up early considering that she slept already, and though | know that you will be telling me that she has maids by her side; you know that | prefer being the one that feeds her myself." | said, and he raised an amused eyebrow. "And you are not going to sleep on the floor, and if | can't sleep in another room, the two of us might as well share the bed."

"Sharing the bed will only be the beginning of this..."

"Not until | have trusted you. It is only going to be us sleeping on one bed as | am. respecting you enough not to have you sleeping on the floor of your own bedroom. However, had it been up to me, | would be sleeping in a different room, which | know that you are not going to allow me to do." | said, and he smirked.

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"I am glad to see that you are getting to know me enough to know what I would and wouldn't allow by now." He said, smirking at me.

"Not something to be proud of though." I said, and he chuckled, knowing that I was going to give him a smart remark. "I am tired of being treated as if I am the worst person alive or the fact that I am the reason behind the flaw of all order."

"And while I know that it is not something that I am going to be able to change, I might as well be able to find it in myself to try and fix things the way that I can. Even if it does include me working and doing something that I don't want to do." I said, and he raised an amused eyebrow.

"And that includes sleeping on the same bed as I am?"

"That includes breathing your same air, Dimitri." He laughed at my words, and I rolled my eyes. "Anyhow, I am going to go and get changed before the two of us can get some sleep. You know, the last thing that I would want is for you to be seeing my 'goblin' body."

His eyes

hardened as he processed my words, but I didn't bother giving him the time to respond as I knew that his remark wasn't going to be one that I wanted to listen to. But he wasn't dumb, I knew that he understood, with everything that he had done so far, I wasn't going to let things slide as easily nor as quickly as he would want me to. And that was going to be something that I was going to be sure to prove.

If not for myself, for my daughter. She wasn't going to be dealing with a weak mother who didn't know how to fend for her own right. And that was something that I was going to be

sure of

"What are you doing, Lara?" I asked, entering my daughter's nursery to find her holding Angelina.

"I was changing her, Luna, She needed to have her diaper changed and then we had her fed." She said, and I nodded. My little one looked at me and her eyes brightened. Our bond was growing stronger by the day, and I couldn't help but find myself smiling when I looked at her being as cheerful as she was.

She was my little bundle of joy, and | didn't see myself without her in my life. | had to 2/4

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admit, that thought alone was enough to have me wondering how my own parents easily got rid of me when | was just an infant. Whatever their reason was, | couldn't help but find myself wanting to have answers for it.

"Hi little one," | said, smiling at my beauty as | held her to my chest. She wrapped her small fingers around a hair strand, pulling on it. | laughed, shaking my head as she put it in her mouth only to feel Dimitri's presence behind me. He put his hand on my waist as the door closed, indicating that Lara left the room, giving us our privacy, and | flinched at his touch. The man didn't care though, he stayed where he was as he gently leaned in to kiss my cheek before removing Angelina's hand from my hair.

"Good morning, Luna." He said, taking me off guard with his title. This was the first time that he has addressed me as his Luna, and | couldn't help but find myself blushing despite trying to hide my expression from the man.

"| didn't mind her wrapping her hand around my hair," | said, and he raised an amused eyebrow as | turned to face him. His eyes met mine, and | looked down at our daughter.

"Good morning to you too, Dimitri, | slept well, what about you?" He asked, mimicking my voice. | had to fight back the laugh that almost escaped my lips, and he smirked as he took sight of the effect that he had on me. "And | know that you don't mind her pulling your hair, but you are going to teach her the habit of cutting it, and that is not something that | want for you."

"Very considerate. | wouldn't have known that it was you if | wasn't seeing you in front of me." | said, turning to the crib. | put my daughter inside it, tucking her in, smiling softly at my little angel. "Anyhow, we have a few things to tend to today. | am just going to put Angelina in bed then | am going out."

"With Natalia, | am aware." He said, and | smiled as | turned to face him. "Two of the men are going to be following close behind to ensure that you don't get harmed." "As if you would care," | said, raising an eyebrow at him.

"Believe it or not, | do care and the last thing that | would want is for you to get hurt." He said, his tone turning cold before he pulled his wallet of his pocket.

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"You are my wife and mate, and whether or not the two of us are in the best of states; the two of us know very well that you are going to be representing me." He said, stopping me. "Keep the card with you if you need anything, and | know that you would. Please don't use. your own card unless you want me to transfer the money back to you.

| looked at his card for a second too long before nodding as | took it from him. | stood on my toes and kissed his cheek. "While | don't want you getting used to this," | said, pulling away from his cheek. "Thank

you...

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Chapter 103 Dimitri: "Do you think that it is a good idea for them to be out together right now?" Ivan asked, shaking his head in question.

Apart of me doubted them being out together, especially when | knew that Natalia did not like me, and Aurora was still sensitive with everything that was going on. But | knew that stopping them was only going to drown us a lot deeper than we can afford. And for that, | knew to let them be.

"Yes," | said, looking at my beta. "It is Natalia's wedding, and she is going to need Aurora by her side for the preparations that she would be doing. Plus, the two of us have a few things to arrange before this whole wedding ceremony,"

"And you are referring to?"

"The elders who are going to attend the wedding, and the certain wolves that we do not want approaching the wedding grounds. Charlotte is not going to rest, and even if she does, her father is going to keep triggering her. | don't even know how her step mother is dealing with her being back, but the two of us can assume that it is not all fun and games." | said, and Ivan rolled his eyes. "What?"

“You seem to be more concerned about Charlotte being around than you are about your own pack lately, have you not noticed that?” He asked, and I took a deep breath. The man didn’t know the consequences that followed Charlotte and I’s relationship now that I knew who Aurora was, and that was a mistake that I didn’t put into account. I didn’t think twice about why Aurora would have been as important to the elders, specifically, the Lord Alpha. And that was going to come back to bite me in the ass.

“You do as told, and I will be sure that you know why I have my reasons about not wanting the woman being around the pack grounds. As you may know, trouble follows wherever they go...”

“Then why not make a deal with the devil? If not her, then have it with her father. The man. is about money and power,” he said, and I raised an eyebrow. “Give him what he wants, and that is going to be money and power. If that doesn’t work, then you are going to need to find an alternative...”

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“The man is going to want his daughter to be with me, especially since she chose to fight him for me in the first place. You know that she is not the type to listen to what her father says and the last thing that I am going to need is for Aurora to find out about a bargain with the woman right now. She is very sensitive to that topic, and I can’t blame her.” I said, and Ivan scoffed.

“For aman who didn’t want to be with her in the first place, I am surprised that you are worried about how she is going to feel about you speaking to your ex’s father.” He said, and I raised an eyebrow at my beta. I knew that this topic was annoying him considering the fact that it concerned his wedding, but right now, I had no other option. Until I was sure tat all my ties were cut with Charlotte, I was going to have to force them to be away.

“She is my mate, whether or not I like it, the two of us were chosen to be together. I am not going to stop that now...” H “No, Dimitri.” He said, stopping me.

“Excuse me?” | asked, raising an eyebrow at the man. He shook his head at me, and | raised an eyebrow at him, waiting for what he was going to say.

“| know you more than anyone, and if | know any better, | would say that you found something out.” He said, and | frowned in confusion. “She comes in your benefit more than Charlotte does. And don’t tell me that you suddenly felt a draw to her...”

“You shut your mouth or | am going to break it for you.” | said, stopping Ivan. His eyes met mine and he frowned. “I am going to respect that your wedding is coming up and that you have a lot on your mind. But if you think for one second that | am going to allow you to cross your limits with me; then you are very wrong.”

“Keep her away from my wedding, or so help me God, you two are going to find yourselves. in a situation that you are not going

to like, Alpha.” He said, and | raised an amused eyebrow at him. | crossed my arms over my chest, shaking my head in question as | winked, mocking the man’s threat. The fact that he was having the guts to even so was amusing, but | was going to be sure

to remind him of the limits that he was choosing to forget. And it seemed to me that he was going to need a reminder of who was in control here.

My eyes hardened again, and judging by the man’s widening eyes, | could tell that he saw and understood the mistake that he just made. But that wasn’t going to go without a price. Whatever he was believing now, | was going to break it before he thought that he could.

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| grabbed by his neck, pushing him back against the wall that was behind him, pinning him against it. “How many seconds would it take for me to snap your neck, here and now?”

He took a deep breath, knowing that this wasn’t a joke that | was playing with, and | could tell that he understood what he had done. | wasn’t the type to allow such mistakes and rebellions, and that was something that | was going to be sure that he kept in mind.

“Alpha...”

“Think of crossing your limits with me as your Alpha ONE more time, and | am going to be sure that it is the last time you even think of looking me in the eye without me snapping your neck, do you fucking understand me?” | asked, stopping him. He went to

respond only for me to tighten my grip around his neck, knowing that it would leave a mark. "And if you think that you are going to have any control because you are going to marry the heir of the Del Gardi, then I am going to remind you who permitted this wedding. Had it been you, you know that you would be roaming around to get the acceptance of the woman's father."

I let his neck go, pushing him back before stepping away from him. He took deep and slow breaths before I turned to my desk..

"Call Marcello and I don't want to see your fucking face until your brain functions as a beta again." I said, and he took a deep breath before chuckling.

"You know for fucking fact that you are digging a deeper grave for yourself, Dimitri." He said, walking to the door. "If you think that the woman is special, then you are going to need to think again. She is going to drag you deep under with the way you've become weak and frightened..."

"Out."

"Why? Because I am reminding you of the man that you were? The man who didn't fear another woman coming to his home? Charlotte was at YOUR wedding, and she didn't dare cause a problem." He said, watching as I turned to face him. "Rather than running away from her, which is what SHE expects, allow her here. But be a fucking man and face her with the woman that you want to be with. That is, of course, if you actually want to be with

her."

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He fixed his shirt before looking at the door as his eyes avoided mine. "I will show myself to my duties, and don't worry, Marcello will be here in a few minutes, "ALPHA..."

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Chapter 104 Aurora: "These are beautiful." I said, looking at the flowers.

Natalia nodded as a huge smile seemed to be plastered on her face. | knew that she was more than a little excited for the wedding, and the idea of everything finally settling for her and Ivan was one that she was more than a little happy about. It took a while, but | knew that they wanted this night to be more than perfect for them, and it was something that we were aiming for.

“You didn’t get to prepare for your own wedding?” Natalia asked, making me frown in confusion at her question. “I am asking because you never suggested anywhere or anything. You know, you just seemed to go along with everything that we got as if it were the first. time.”

“| contributed with what my mother allowed me to do.” | said, and she nodded. “You know, my situation was a little different when it comes to being Dimitris woman, and we had to make sure that we followed a certain criteria as it was our duty to do so.”

“Understandable,” she said, picking a rose. She smelled it and nodded at the cashier to charge it for her. She pulled her wallet out and | watched as she paid for it before she turned her attention to me.

She took the flower and put the stem in her bag as she allowed the red rose to dangle from it.

“But don’t you get tired of the way that the two of you seem to act around one another?” She asked, making me frown in confusion. “You know, the lack of love, and more hate...”

“We don’t hate each other,” | said, and she raised an eyebrow.

“Well, | don’t know what you two call it; but | am sure that it is hate.” She said, and expression hardened. “One minute the two of you are together, talking and the next, you are fighting. Then the man acts like your lover when it comes to guests being around. Doesn’t it get tiring?”

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“| doubt that you are here to

be questioning my relationship with the man...?”

"I am not questioning anything, Aurora." She said, stopping me. "But I am worried that it is going to end up having a major tow on you. You are going to end up getting hurt, and the man is not going to care. If anything, I doubt that he even does care about you right now!"

"Whether or not he does, it doesn't concern you or anyone around. I am content with what we are doing and my duties come above all." I said, and she scoffed, shaking her head.

"Do your duties require you to be patient while he chooses to screw a different woman? Say, he might not be doing it now, but don't you think that he will? The man chose to have another woman in YOUR bed..."

"We are here to prepare for your wedding, Natalia." I said, stopping her. Her eyes met mine and I took a deep breath as I found myself growing annoyed with what she was saying. No matter how true it was, I didn't want to find myself being slapped with something that I wanted to very much ignore.

"I am aware, but this is the ONLY place where I was going to be able to speak to you without risking the fact that the walls would be having ears within the pack grounds." She said, making me frown as she shook her head at me. "I like you, Aurora. You are the sister that I don't have, and you are kind, your heart is very genuine, but you have one thing that I despise, and it is something that you HAVE to change. Otherwise, not only you are going to be affected, but even your little one."

I didn't respond as I waited for what she was going to say, and she looked at the door for a second before looking at me. I knew that her family arrived, and I could hear them calling for her. She smiled and winked at them, motioning for them to wait before she turned her attention to me for a moment.

"You are going to have to STOP blaming yourself for his mistakes and you are going to have to grow out of that cocoon of safety that you surround yourself with. If you want your relationship with him to survive for more than just 'children, then have him chase after you as a lion do for his prey. Force him to be hungry for you, and do not give in for simple I am sorry." She said, nodding at a rose that was yet to be plucked. It had its thorns still, and I couldn't help but look down at my feet as my chest ached. "A flower's thorn cuts, and hurts, but everyone still sees it as beautiful. She fights to protect herself though she is a plant, and it is desired by everyone who sees it. Most see its beauty, others its scent, but there comes a person who plucks and removes the thorns."

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“When that person does that, the life of that flower slowly dies. It perishes as time goes, and | see that happening to you. The life that you have is going to be sucked unless you freeze your heart, as a flower is frozen to be kept for longer periods. It doesn’t deny the fact that it is dead, but no one can hurt it.” She said, shrugging her shoulders. “If you want to live; be the rose that has her thorns, that is beautiful, is taken care of, but would cut whoever dares to pluck it out. Otherwise, not only you, but even those that surround you are going to end up dying or getting hurt.”

She took a deep breath before taking a step back. “I am going to go and say hello to my cousins. You can think of what | said before | introduce you. They are going to want to get to know who our ‘boss’s’ wife is. And as you may know, a Pakhan’s wife is one who is often envied. Do you not agree...?”

She walked out without saying a word, and | looked down at the rose that she was referring to before taking a deep breath as | forced myself to turn around and face the women. | smiled, walking out of the store as | heard them ask.

“Is everything okay?” One of the girls asked.

“What were the two of you talking about anyway?” Another asked, not knowing that | could hear them. Neither one of them knew that | was a wolf to begin with, and seeing as they were all humans, | didn’t expect them to believe that | would be one anyway.

“Just a second hand’s future wife and our Pakhan’s wife talking. You know, it is customary for us to discuss how things are going to be now. Especially considering the fact that | am. going to be the closest to her now, do you not agree?” Natalia asked, looking at the women who nodded. | walked toward them and smiled.

“Hi girls,” | said, and they smiled. of

“Ladies, this is the famous Aurora Volkov.” Natalia introduced. However, it was her next words that had me choking on my breath as | knew that they might never be the reality how things were between the two of us. | wished that it would be, but judging by the circumstance, | knew that it was almost near impossible for it to be true. “Wife and love of Boss Dimitri Volkov...”

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Chapter 105 Dimitri: “What do you mean that Sergio is dead?” | asked, frowning at Marcello who shook his head. “The man is one of our closest

associates, how the fuck did we not hear of this?”

“They kept it concealed and quiet. Up until the past few days, no one knew of it, and when their doctor checked, the man has been announced dead for at least two weeks.” He said, making me frown. “Alaria has been keeping his body from his family’s eyes to ensure that she allowed Antonio the chance to mourn. But that gives us another problem to deal with.”

“And that is?” | asked, shaking my head in question.

“While we knew what Sergio was always up to and we were able to keep a close bond, | cannot say the same about his son.” He said, knowing that Alaria was one of his consorts. The two of them never thought of marrying, but everyone knew that as his consort controlled all, and that included the fact that he had no other kids from the other women that he had in his home.

“Luka.” | said, and he nodded. | pinched the bridge of my nose, knowing that the man has caused us more trouble over the years, trouble that his father had to fix, because of how spoiled he was. Dealing with him now was something that | didn’t want, and | knew for fact that it was something that Alaria had a lot to do with.

“We are going to have to manage this alliance somehow. And if Alaria is smart, she is not going to have her son lose his ONLY strong ally. As you may know, she is weak without him, but he is stronger with her on his side, weakening him with her is going to turn him against us.” | said, tapping my desk twice as | tried to think. | wasn’t speaking to Ivan, but | knew that this was something that he had to know. And considering that Luka is going to attend the wedding as to represent his family, | doubted that the man was going to enjoy seeing him when he was against everything that we worked for.

“What about a woman?” Marcello asked, making me frown in confusion as he snapped me out of my thoughts. | shook my head in question, and he smirked.

“Alaria would only be stopped IF he falls for a woman. Why not have one who is from our side? She is going to be smart enough to report to us, to push Alaria back, and if she gives him a son, she will guarantee a lot more for us. But you know, we are going to have to be

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sure that Alaria doesn’t push the woman away before the man impregnates her.” Marcello suggested, making me smirk. “And we do not need her to be Ms. Charlotte.”

“What does Charlotte have to do with this?” | asked, shaking my head in question. The fact that her name keeps popping whenever we try to ignore her existence was something that annoyed me, but | knew that she was far too big of a threat for me to just

let things slide as easily as | wanted them to. Her father and step mother were also a threat to me and that was something that | couldn't deny.

"Ademide was seen with Alaria a few weeks ago. Right after Sergio's disappearance. Rumors. have it that it was her who gave him the poison. And to send Charlotte away, to legitimize the Alpha blood of Luka, as you may know, he a consort's son, and to have Ademide's children being Alphas, they need to get rid of Charlotte. She is of pure blood, and if she is within the pack, it belongs to her if her father dies." Marcello explained...

"That requires her father to die first,"

"And if he dies right after Luka and her have mated or at least have eloped, she has lost her claim. So far, rightfully, she has no title, | doubt that Ademide knows that as she still is your consort. But if we play Charlotte, and if we manage to keep her away from Luka, then things are going to be easier for us to handle." He said, and | frowned in confusion.

"You expect the woman to kill her husband? Mind you, she is a human, and | doubt that her sons would be allowing it. You know how attached to their father they are, and killing him. will only sentence her to death." | said, and he nodded.

"She can poison him. Send a maid to his room and fake his death by her hand, and she is widowed. Her sons will not know a thing about it, and she will have one of them as Alpha. IF her sons take over as Alphas, then we are going to be attacked from two different packs. She can arrange that Charlotte and her brothers make peace as an Alpha and an Alpha's Luna. And with her hatred to us..."

"She is going to act foolishly and without much thought." | said, pinching the bridge of my nose. | got up and nodded, knowing that he was right.

"What do you suggest that we do? Because | know for fact that Charlotte is not going to listen to fake bargains right now." | said, and he nodded.

"Unless they come from you, you have to persuade her into not marrying or being with
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Luka. And if you give her the freedom that she desires, then things are going to turn in our favor.” He said, and | took a deep breath.

“In exchange of what though? Charlotte doesn’t care about her freedom.” | said, knowing the woman by heart. She aimed for more than just being an Alpha, and that was something that | knew.

“You have her under your protection.” He said, making my heart drop as | knew that this was going to be something that will hurt Aurora. | knew that she wasn’t going to understand what it is that | am doing, and | didn’t even know how am | to explain it to her if | wanted. to. “It is the only way, Alpha.”

“| will think about it,” | said, shaking my leg under the desk before getting up from my chair. “For now, we are going to keep this silent. | will see what | can do about Charlotte. But until that happens, | want no one to know about Luka taking place. When Alaria announces it, the man wouldn’t dumb to lose alliances in public. We are going to wait. In the mean time, find him a woman that you can trust and see that she enters his bed.”

“| will deal with the rest from my side...” 3/3

Chapter 106

Chapter 106 Aurora:

“So, how is he?” One of the girls asked Natalia. Her eyes widened, and her cheeks reddened, and it didn’t take me long to understand that they were referring to Ivan in bed. “I mean, surely you’ve tried to at least...”

“| doubt that my sex life should be of interest to the queen of sex, Matilda Del Gardi.” Natalia said, stopping her cousin. She looked down at her hand and pretended to be checking her nails.

“Yeah, father decided to want to chop off the next man’s cock if he finds him in my room. Well, let’s just say that I’ve been taking it to his room or to a hotel, and that is not something that he can stop me from doing.” Matilda said, and my eyes widened in surprise as | fought back a laugh despite the other girls seeming very much amused with this. Matilda seemed to be proud of what she was saying, and | looked at Natalia for a second, watching as she winked and | shook my head as a small smile crept on my lips.

The momentary distraction was one that | needed as | knew that | was going to have to go back to the pack later, and dealing with Dimitri was not something that | wanted to do right now. If anything, | did wish that | would find a way not to deal with him, his fuss, or whatever explanation he intended to give me about Charlotte.

And though | knew that | should trust him, | knew that as my husband, a man who was wanting to make things right between us, | should be willing to accept it; | couldn't do that. She was his past and | understood that, but that past was MY present and pain.

"What about you, Aurora?" Another one of the women asked, looking at me. Inna was her name, and | could see the excitement in her eyes. "She is choosing to keep her lips sealed as she is yet to be married and knows the consequences behind no marriage sex. But what about how? How is Dimitri in bed?"

"I am sorry?" | asked, my eyes widening in surprise at the woman's bluntness. Natalia's eyes widened, and | knew that she understood that they were crossing a privacy limit that they shouldn't. She cleared her throat, and the woman raised an eyebrow at her.

"Oh, come on, we are all girls here. And we are merely having fun..." 1/3

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"Minding our limits should be within the verge of having fun as well." | said, looking at the woman, watching as her eyes widened as she understood her mistake. | wasn't their friend. nor was | close associate, plus, this was the first time that | have met any of them. "I am going to the bathroom."

| got up from the chair, knowing not to press on the topic. We just finished the final check. on the wedding dress, chocolates, and flowers. Everything was done and we were just taking a break in a café, Natalia wanting to spend as much as time with her cousins before we both called it a night and went home.

| could hear her steps as she approached the bathroom while | stood in front of the mirror, and when she walked inside, | saw her annoyance in her eyes. "The girls are just trying to have fun, Aurora, you didn't need to take things as personally as you did."

| raised an eyebrow at the woman, and she took a deep breath, knowing that what she just said messed something up. She knew that this was something that | wouldn't accept, and the fact that she wanted me to was something that amazed me.

"Then you can proceed with your fun, and | am going to sow myself to the car as | wait for you. Mind you, | have my limit, and you of all people should know that very well, especially when it comes to those that | don't know." | said, and she looked down at her feet, avoiding my eyes. "I don't want to ruin your day for you as | know that you came here to have fun with your cousins, but | believe that what | came for is done, and that | can show myself..."

“You play the strong Luna card on me and my cousins, and when it comes to Dimitri, you turn into this small cat that is afraid of saying ONE word to him?” She asked, and I raised an amused eyebrow at her. “That really does show the type of women that you...”

“I am going to allow this to slide...”

“What are you going to do the next time? The same thing that you’re doing with a man that shows you that he doesn’t love you?” She asked, stopping me. “I was trying to be nice, but it seems to me that nice is something that makes you think that you’re something. Well, I am going to remind you that you are...”

I walked past her before she could go on with what she was saying, knowing that I didn’t want to argue right now, and knowing for fact that I was tired of all of this. Leaving with my daughter was not an option for me, not when I didn’t know what waited for me, but I knew one thing, and that was the fact that I wasn’t the weakling that she thought that I was.

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“I am going to show you who I am, Natalia.” I said, nodding at the car driver to open the door for me. I would have to call the pack to have another one sent to her, but I didn’t plan on waiting for her, nor did I plan on riding the same car with her.

“And Ms. Natalia?” The driver, Ernest asked, looking at me through the rear mirror.

“Call Vincent to go and pick her up when she needs him.” I said, looking out the window to find her eyes wide in surprise and fear as she saw me leaving. Two of her cousins followed. her

out, and she shook her head as I heard her heart racing. “She is going to be staying with her cousins for a little while longer...” 3/3

Chapter 107

Dimitri:

I watched as Aurora entered the house, her eyes avoiding mine as she looked down at her feet. “Aurora?” I asked, calling her. She looked at me, jumping in surprise as I broke her train of thoughts.

“Hey,” she said, crossing her arms over her chest. She walked toward me, her eyes holding more pain than I thought that it should, and I shook my head in question at the fact that Natalia wasn’t with her.

“Is everything okay? You came back without Natalia?” I asked, shaking my head in question. She didn’t answer for a few seconds, and I could tell that she was debating on her response before she shook her head.

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“She stayed back with her cousins. I chose to go back home.” She said, wanting to walk past me. I wrapped my arm around her waist, stopping her, and she sighed. I could tell that this wasn’t something that she expected, but I didn’t want her going inside being as upset as she was, and I wasn’t going to let her be ignored or feel like she was when she was in this much pain.

“Dimitri...”

“I am your chosen mate, Aurora.” I said, stopping her. “This attitude between us has to stop, малышка. Just allow me to prove to you that I am the man that you are going to want to be with, don’t keep shutting the doors in my face whenever I try to open them.”

Her heart raced, and I could see her hesitation in her eyes for a second before she wrapped her arms around me. I hugged her back as tightly, burying my head in the crook of her neck as she fisted my shirt, not saying a word. I didn’t pull away, allowing her to feel the safety of my embrace, and it wasn’t until I heard her sniffing that I frowned as I realized that she was crying.

“Aurora...”

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“I am tired of all of this, Dimitri.” She said, making my heart clench as she pulled away to look at me. “I am tired of being judged by everyone, even the ones that I call friends.”

“Who was judging you, Aurora?” I asked, shaking my head in question. “Did anything happen with Natalia...?” +5

“First, Charlotte. The woman was my friend, I thought she was, at least. She was there as I chose the ceremony guest that I wanted to wear, and then I have Natalia who is now hitting me with what she knows is my weakest points.” She said, making me frown

as | felt my blood boil. “I couldn’t even say anything as | didn’t want to risk being the reason an alliance between the two of you. But | am tired, Dimitri.”

| didn’t say a word, knowing that she wasn’t going to tell me what happened between them, and | knew to be thankful for the fact that she was actually willing to open up to me, even if a little about what happened or could have possibly happened. |, at least, knew that the reason behind her pain right now was Natalia. The rest, | can deal with later.

“| am just tired of being treated as if | was nothing. | am tired of everyone treating me as if | was their dirt rag, and | am tired of thinking that | am going to be less...”

“You are not going to be less, Aurora.” | said, stopping her. “You never were less than anyone. in the first place.”

“They don’t know that, and | am treated as if | was the worst of girls. Not only that, but | am treated as if | was more than willing to be slapped in the face by everyone and anyone, and | am getting tired of it, Dimitri.” She said, and | looked down at my feet for a second, ignoring the clench that | felt in my chest as | read her pain in her voice. The fact that | knew and understood the reason behind it was the thing that pained me most, and | couldn’t help but find myself growing more protective as | saw her growing vulnerable, especially since | knew that she normally tried her best to hide it regardless of her bursts.

| wrapped my arms around her, pulling her to my chest, my arms cradling her, holding her to my chest before | pulled away to look down at her. Her heart raced against her chest, and | put my finger under her chin, raising her face for her to look at me. Our eyes were fixed. on one another for a second, too long before | leaned in to connect my lips against hers. The kiss was gentle, slow, loving, and the fact that she returned the kiss was something that | was thankful for, especially because | didn’t think that she would bother doing so.

| wrapped my arms around her waist, pulling her closer as | deepened the kiss, momentarily forgetting the fact that we were in the living room. She wrapped her arms.

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around my neck, and | smiled into the kiss, wanting to push my tongue inside her mouth before she pulled away. | took a deep breath as the two of us rested our foreheads against one another.

My eyes were fixed on hers as her own were closed, and | couldn't help smile at her reddening cheeks as she blushed, clearly processing the fact that we kissed after a very long time of not doing so. But now, | had a promise to give her, and | was going to be sure that no one, not a single soul dared hurt her anymore. And that was something that | aimed to be make her know.

"| give you my word, | am going to be the barrier between you and whoever thinks of hurting you, Aurora." | said, my voice softening as | looked at her. She opened her face, her eyes meeting mine, and | smiled. "I know that | haven't been the best mate nor was | the man that you can trust. But I give you my fucking word that | am going to prove to you that | am."

"As for Charlotte, and | know that you are still insecure about her topic. And no matter what you are going to tell me, | am not

going to buy it when it comes to her topic, | am going to prove to you that SHE is my PAST, and she is going to be a past that is not going to be repeating itself again." | said, running my finger over her cheekbone. Her heart raced, and | leaned in to kiss her forehead, letting my lips linger there for a few seconds before pulling away to whisper. "I just need you to trust me, malyshka..."

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Chapter 108

Chapter 108 Aurora: "Do

you need help?" Dimitri asked, from behind me. He just walked out of the bathroom as | was fixing my zipper, and though the two of us talked last night, | had to admit that | didn't expect him to offer me any help.

| nodded and held the dress to my chest, not wanting it to fall, and | watched as he walked toward me. He was wearing his pants, but no shirt, and | had to admit, it took everything in me not to admire how good he looked at that moment. His eyes met mine through the mirror, and | couldn't help but shudder as | felt his finger gently brush against my lower back until it reached the top. He slowly fixed the seal before gently pulling my hair from over my shoulders, allowing it to drape over my back.

"You look beautiful," he said, and | blushed. He leaned in from behind and gently kissed my left cheek before pulling away without waiting for a response. "How is Angelina?"

"She's okay. She just went to sleep after being fed. I'll go and check on her one more time before the two of us head out." | said, and he nodded, smiling at me. His smile was gentle, and | could tell that he seemed to be somewhat content, making my heart skip a beat at how peaceful he looked. He slowly put on a white suit shirt, and though | couldn't help but find it odd that he would take ten minutes to get ready and yet would

still always manage to look as dashing as he was, | knew to only admire in silence.
“Thank you,”

“For?” He asked, turning from the closet to face me. | walked toward him and wrapped my fingers around his shirt, watching as he removed his hands from the buttons, silently allowing me to do them for him.

“Yesterday, the way you stood by my side...” “Aurora, you’re my mate, malyshka.” He said, stopping me. “I know, but...”

“But nothing.” He said, stopping me. His eyes were fixed on me as | worked on the buttons, and it wasn’t until | looked up at him that he connected his lips with my own in a surprise kiss that made me blush. “You are mine to protect, cherish, and appreciate. | am going to

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My heart skipped a beat at his choice of words, especially since | knew that he was being honest, well, at least | hoped that he was. Natalia’s words played in my head, and though | couldn’t help but find myself thinking that she was wrong. Yes, we did have a rocky edge, but he was trying to prove to me that we could go past it, in our own way and pace.

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He pecked my lips one more time, this time his kiss was a lot more gentle than the first one. He pulled away to rest his forehead against mine, and | couldn’t help the small smile that formed on my lips as we took deep and slow breaths, trying to regain my thoughts as | knew that | was getting lost in a thousand at once. Elder Jordan had invited us for dinner today, and | couldn’t help but find myself being surprised, mostly because | knew that she didn’t like me being with Dimitri, and the fact that the Lord Alpha disappeared from the vision seemed odd for me to understand or accept. | also knew that mother was going to be there, and that alone was enough to make me feel somewhat anxious..

“How about you go and check on our little one while | put on my suit. There is still something that | want to go and check on in the office. So, how about it?” He asked, breaking my train of thoughts. | nodded and he smiled. He watched as | took a step back to go and sit on the couch to put on my heels. | was somewhat anxious about how | looked, and knowing that | was going to be judged for it was not something that made it any easier.

| walked out of the room, Dimitri’s eyes were fixed on me, and | knew that for fact. But | was sure not to flinch nor react as | walked toward my daughter’s room, smiling when

her eyes met mine inside her bassinet where her maid was playing with her. She cooed, and | smiled, kneeling down to lift her in my arms.

“We won't be too long,” | said, looking at her maid, who nodded. “My phone is with me if you need anything, and aside from the two of you, | don't want anyone feeding or approaching her.”

“Yes, Luna.” She said, and | nodded, kissing my little one's cheek. She giggled, and | smiled before putting her back inside her bassinet. My heart skipped a beat at her beauty, and | couldn't help but find myself admiring her more than | already did. The fact that | gave birth to her just two months ago was something that | couldn't even believe. She was growing up so fast, and | couldn't help but find myself sinking with the love that | had for her on a daily basis.

| walked out of the room, and walking down the stairs, | fixed my dress and necklace. | smiled in satisfaction, but that smile didn't last for long as | looked up find Natalia in front

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of me. Her eyes met mine, and | looked away from her, not wanting to speak to her after last night. Her words were far too harsh, and if she believed that it was okay for her to be speaking to me that way, then | was going to be setting the limits between the two of us.

“Aurora, can | speak to you?” Natalia called from behind me, forcing me to stop. | was about to turn around to face her only to be surprised with Dimitri walking out of his office. His eyes met mine, and he shook his head at me.

“No,” he said, looking her dead in the eye. “You are going to be speaking to ME”

| didn't turn around to face the woman, but | could hear her sucking in a harsh breath, knowing that this was not something that she wanted to find herself dealing with right now.

“| have something to speak to about...” 3/3

Chapter 109

Chapter 109 Dimitri:

| watched as Aurora walked toward the door, knowing to wait for me in the hall by the door while | stood in front of Natalia. | was rarely one to interfere between the pack

members, but this one, | knew not to ignore or allow to slide. Limits would be crossed if | did, and those were not ones that | wanted being crossed or ignored.

Natalia's eyes met mine, and | could see the woman's fear in her eyes, and | could tell that this was not something that she wanted to deal with. But the state that | saw my woman in was not one that | was going to ignore. And whether or not her wedding was tomorrow did not matter to me. | wasn't going to allow her or anyone to disrespect my woman.

"Yes, Dimitri?" She asked, stepping toward me. "Are you going to scold me for your woman who doesn't know how to fend for herself? Or are you going to warn me against disrespecting her?"

"Who the fuck do you think you are?" | asked, and she raised an amused eyebrow.

"| believe that you know very well who | am." She said, looking me dead in the eye. "But | am not going to bother, nor am | going to be bothered with what you just asked. However, if you are coming to warn me against disrespecting her, | am going to tell you that | came to apologize to her."

"And you are going to expect me to have it slide because you apologized to her? You want me to let things go because..."

"Because you know for fact that every word that | told her is true." She said, stopping me. "If the two of you are foolish enough to want to admit it, | am going to be one to force you into knowing that | am right."

"You know, | am finding it amazing that you are showing your true colors the closer you get to this mating." | said, and she scoffed.

"I am not the type who would mask herself to impress any of you. But if you are falling for her and are seeing a fly around her as a threat, then that is a whole new case." She said, looking me dead in the eye. "As for what happened between Aurora and |; | came to

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apologize to her, and | came to try and fix things. However, since she chose to put you in the middle of this, she can go to hell for all | fucking care. Don't worry, | am not going to approach her."

“Good,” | said, taking a step toward her. “And the next time you think that you can judge my decisions, regardless of what they are, especially when they include my family; | am going to be fucking sure that you regret it.”

| turned to walk to the door before the woman stopped me, “Dimitri...” | turned and looked at the woman over my shoulder and she scoffed.

“The next time you try to threaten me, | am going to be sure that | feed you your words.” She said, and | let out a low warning growl. “I am not the woman that you mess with. And | think that you know, very well, that | am not going to accept being disrespected.”

Ivan walked down the stairs and frowned when he heard his mate. Even she froze, processing what just happened, and | shook my head as | took a deep breath. “Deal with your mate before | am forced to deal with her. Because believe me, | am not going to tolerate anymore of her bullshit.”

“I’ll deal with it, Alpha.” He said, and | nodded. “Good,” | said, and he nodded. “I’ll be out with Aurora. The house is your responsibility...”

“Elder Jordan, how are you?” | asked, extending my hand for the elder to shake. She nodded and shook my hand before turning to Aurora. My mate extended her hand and shook the woman’s, both of them making eye contact for a second before she removed her hand.

“I am well, how are the two of you?” She asked, looking at me. | knew that she wasn’t referring to Aurora at that, but | knew that it was something that she wouldn’t admit. Though Aurora knew not to bother with how the elder treated her, | knew that it bothered her.

“Both my mate and | are well.” | said, and she nodded.

“Come in,” she said, inviting the two of us to her house. Aurora looked at me for a second, 2/3

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and | nodded in assurance before putting a hand on her back, ushering her to go forward. The two of us walked toward the living room where she had her reception prepared. Two maids stood with glasses and two others stood beside the small buffet that she had prepared.

"You outdid yourself," Aurora said, smiling at the woman. She nodded in appreciation, and just as we were about to sit, I caught her mother's scent. Aurora tensed, knowing that when her mother came trouble. And though she didn't even argue with the woman for what she did to her and how she had treated her about the fact that she chose to tell her that her father is the elder on a special night, I knew that it still hurt her. Her eyes met mine for a second, and I saw her pain in them as Elder Jordan excused herself to open the door for

her.

I kissed my mate's temple, letting my lips linger there for a few seconds before pulling away to look her in the eye. "Regardless of what is going to happen, you aren't going to react, Aurora. We will just let the night slide and smoothly and calmly as possible, yeah?"

"You know that she is going to ask questions," she said, and I nodded.

"And we are going to be smart with answering." I said, looking her in the eye. "Our secrets are ours, and we don't let them out of our home perimeter,"

She nodded, and I smiled in assurance just as the women walked inside the living room. Both Aurora and I got up and turned to the door, smiling at the woman whose eyes met mine before turning to Aurora.

"Dimitri, Aurora, it's been a while since I've seen the two of you..." 3/3 &

Chapter 110

Chapter 110 Aurora:

"How are you, mama?" I asked, choosing to be polite. I knew better than to argue with her. right now, and I knew that showing the elder the fact that something was wrong, regardless of how small it might be, was something that I shouldn't be doing.

"I am well, and the two of you?" Mother responded, looking me in the eye. I had to admit, a small part of me regretted calling her mother to begin with, but I knew that she was still the person who raised me, and what she did for me was something that I wasn't going to deny regardless of how things came out to be.

"We are both well," Dimitri chose to be the one to respond, reminding her not to cross a limit that he wasn't going to like. I knew that what he heard on a special day like the one that we were supposed to have was something that annoyed him. But I knew that we weren't going to be able to change what actually happened nor were we going to be able to go back in time to stop her from hurting me the way that she did. We were forced to accept things the way that they were.

“How is your little one doing?” She asked, looking at me, hoping that | would respond. But | wasn’t going to, my words were going to be a bare minimum to her right now. And that was something that was going to be the fact until the end of time. She wanted it to be this way, and I knew that | would have done everything to stop that from being the fact, but | also knew that she had hurt me enough for that to happen.

“She is okay.” He said, and she frowned before nodding, realizing that | didn’t aim to respond. Her eyes studied my expression, and the Elder Alpha, seeming to notice the tight air around us, cleared her throat.

“How about we start with the first reception?” She asked, looking at me. “Would you like to start by drinking something? Orange or strawberry juice?”

“| would like orange juice,” mom said, nodding at the elder Alpha. Even the woman was taken back by the fact that she chose to respond before the Alpha. It wasn’t like she didn’t know how things went and it wasn’t like she was a new wolf who heard of the rules for the first time. The fact that she was choosing to be the first to respond was both disrespectful to Dimitri and me, and | knew that the Elder noticed.

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“A glass of water for me would be good,” Dimitri said, and the elder frowned in confusion. “We won’t be staying for long.” “| see,” the elder said, looking at me.

“A glass of water for me as well,” | said, looking at my mother. Mom looked at me for a second too long before turning her attention to Dimitri whose eyes were fixed on her, clearly both judgmental and annoyed.

“I am guessing that you two are ready for the wedding tomorrow.” Mom stated, looking at me. “It has been a while since a wolf married a human. It should be interesting to witness both families uniting. Though, | must admit, | was surprised when | saw that neither your father or myself were invited.”

“It is Natalia’s wedding. She is the one who chose who to and who not to invite.” | said, looking at her. She raised an amused eyebrow, and shook her head.

“Surely you could have had an influence. You being your pack’s Luna could have invited your own mother.” She said, and | scoffed.

“You aren’t my mother though, are you?” | asked, making her eyes widen in surprise. Dimitri’s breath got caught in his throat, and | got up from the couch. “I need to get some fresh air. If you can excuse me, Elder Jordan?”

She nodded, reading the tension in my expression. I walked out of the house without saying a word, and I knew not to even bother waiting for any of them to follow me. I just wanted to be out of here, and I knew that they could all see it. Thankfully, Dimitri didn't choose to follow me, knowing to give me my space considering that I needed it.

"I am going to go and..." and

"You are not going to approach her," I heard Dimitri say, stopping mother. She stayed quiet, and I knew that even the Elder Alpha seemed to have a hand in stopping mom from approaching us. Knowing her, she wouldn't have stopped until she had her way, allowing her to have her way was not going to be ending in a way that I was going to like. That was something that I was more than a little sure of.

"So, how are things going in your pack, Dimitri? I trust that both you and Aurora have been getting along well?" 2/4

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Dimitri kept his arm wrapped around my waist throughout the rest of the night, knowing not to give mom the chance of approaching or speaking to me.

Knowing her, I knew that she wasn't going to let this topic slide, and as much as I wanted it to end; I didn't want to find myself dealing with the bullshit that she was going to throw at me right now. However, her eyes which were fixed on me were filled with more hate than I ever bothered to notice before.

"Do you not plan on giving Angelina a brother or a sister?" The elder Alpha asked, taking both Dimitri and I off guard. I had to admit, this was the last question that I expected her to ask considering the fact that we just had our first baby a few months ago. She wasn't even sitting and the woman was already curious about us having another child.

"Of course, but Aurora is still going to need to take a break with everything going on." Dimitri said, and the elder shook her head in question, trying to understand what he was referring to. And while I understood that he was talking about the fact that it took me a while to recover after I gave birth to Angelina, I knew that it was a little detail that we both agreed to keep for ourselves.

"Is everything alright?" The elder Alpha asked, shaking her head in question.

"Yes, yes, but we have our duties to take care of. And being a first time mother, it can be somewhat difficult for me to manage things the way that an experienced mother

would.” Aurora said, trying to explain the situation. “Plus, with the fact that I don’t want to depend on maids to be the ones to raise my kids; it would be somewhat harder for me to keep giving birth every few months if I am going to regain my strength.”

“I see,” she said, looking at both Dimitri and I.

He smiled proudly at me before kissing my temple, letting his lips linger there for a few seconds before pulling away. I knew that my response seemed to satisfy the elder and my mate, and though I knew that Dimitri and I were yet to discuss having more children; the two of us wanted this.

“The two of you have gotten closer to one another over the past few months,” Elder Jordan said, noting out. Dimitri looked at her and nodded with a smile on his face.