# Alpha Dimitri LS Barbosa

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Chapter 111 Dimitri: | watched as my mate's smile grew brighter and her stance more confident than it had been earlier.

The two of us showed ourselves to the door as Elder Jordan followed shortly after, and | could tell that the woman seemed to be more impressed now than she had been before. If anything, it seemed that she was getting the answers that she wanted, and that was something that | was glad about.

"| wish that you would have stayed. You know, | would have at least had dinner prepared for you." She said, and | shook my head. | knew that the elder's maids were yet to cook. They rarely ever did unless asked or required to in such events, and | knew that it would have taken them a while before anything was ready. It was a tactic that they had and made to ensure that we stayed as long as they wanted us to. And that wasn't something that | wanted.

"We have our daughter who has been home for a long while now, and | don't want Aurora to start growing uncomfortable because of it." | said, looking at my Luna. She looked at me with wide eyes, and | winked at her before turning to look at the elder who seemed to be more amazed than ever.

"lam surprised that the two of you managed to grow as close as you are. You know, for a man who wasn't aiming to find a mate, the last thing that | expected was for you to be accepting her as much as you are." She said, looking at Aurora. "I must salute you for the that you've managed your way into his heart. It is something to be praised for."

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"He is my mate and | am his. The two of us have managed to make our family whole the way that we want it." | said, looking at my mate who smiled. Her eyes met mine and | ran my finger over her hand before taking it in mine, intertwining our fingers as | held her hand. And for the first time since the mating ceremony, | had to admit that | felt a bond that | didn't think that | would before. The way that she looked at me and her beautiful smile. Everything about her was something that | was starting to appreciate, and | knew that it was something that she saw clearly. The way that she looked at me gave her out clearly, and | knew that even she understood that now, | wanted nothing more than to be happy with her.

"lam glad that the two of you have managed to work things out regardless of the difficulties. 4/4

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that you must have gone through. As | know that they have been a lot more than one would have liked to handle or admit." She said, and | smiled and nodded. Both Aurora and | bid the elder our goodbyes, and though | could see her mother looking at us through the window, the woman didn't bother approaching us. She was annoyed that she couldn't get to break my mate's newfound confidence, and it was something that | aimed to build in her. Right now, the last thing that | wanted was for her to be hurt, and that was something that everyone was going to know.

The driver opened the car door for us, and | nodded at the man before putting my hand on my woman's back, gently pushing her inside the car before getting in behind her. Her eyes met mine for a second, and though | knew that she would normally sit by the window, sliding toward it, this time, | didn't want her to. | wrapped my arm around her, pulling her to my chest, and she smiled as

She looked up at me.

"| take it that we are no longer playing the 'lovers' game?" She asked, and | smirked, leaning in to connect my lips with hers. The two of us smiled into the kiss, and | pulled away to rest my forehead against hers.

"Well, that would depend, do you want us to play the game?" | whispered to her, running my finger over her bottom lip. "Because | have a feeling that it is getting a little old for me."

"Oh, really?" She teased,

"Yes," | said, pecking her jawline. "I am thinking that we can start by moving on toward the honeymoon phase. You know, it's a little past the time that we've done so, don't you agree...?"

"Hey, hey, hey..." | said, my voice softening as | heard my daughter crying.

Aurora got up from bed, rubbing her eyes from sleep as she walked toward the nursery. while | carried our little one from her crib. Both her maids stood by the door, waiting for what | was going to tell them, but | didn't deal with them in my woman's presence. She was the one in charge of holding the house together, and this was something that | didn't interfere in.

She nodded at them to walk out of the room, leaving the three of us alone, and | gently massaged my baby's back, running my finger over it. She cried, and Aurora pinched the

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bridge of her nose, trying to wake herself up a bit.

"Malyshka, you can go back to sleep. This is the fourth time you've woken up until now." | said, shaking my head at her. It was a rough night for Angelina, and considering that she kept waking up every few hours, so did Aurora. And though | did offer to help her, she would refuse me doing so, and | knew that it was the normal thing to do. She was our baby's mother, but | wasn't going to have her dealing with everything by herself. | wanted to take part in raising our baby, and | wanted her to know that.

Angelina's cries stopped almost instantly when she heard my voice, and when she looked at me, | couldn't help but find myself loving her even more that | already did.

"You just wanted to hear daddy's voice?" | asked, my voice softening as | looked at the little angel who lay in my arms. She looked at Aurora for a second and the coo that escaped her lips took my breath away as | saw her love for her mother. It was one that | was amazed by. She tried to move to Aurora, and | couldn't help but chuckle before handing her to her mother. Aurora wrapped her arms around her, pulling her to her chest before walking toward her closet and picking out a feeding blanket which she covered her breast with before she pulled it out to feed our daughter.

"Does it hurt?" | asked, looking at our baby. She smiled and shook her head, making me smile.

"When she bites or sucks too hard, it does. But knowing that she is able to eat and nourish. herself only makes it better. And | know that it only a matter of time before she starts eating soft food then my milk wouldn't be as needed for her." She said, looking down at her. "It is one of the reasons why | want to cherish every moment that | can with her. Time is a thief, and | can't help but find myself recalling her being smaller than even my arm, and now, she is growing older on a daily basis."

| nodded in agreement, watching as she sat on the chair, holding her carefully as she made sure to keep her eyes on her.

"Thank you for today," she said, taking me off guard. "I don't know whether or not you meant any of what you said, but you don't know how much it mean to me that you said it."

"| meant every word of it," | said, choosing to be honest with her. "But you don't need to thank me for anything, You have done a lot more for me, and | hope that you understand that no matter what | am going to say or do, | am never going to be able to repay you for it."

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Chapter 112 Aurora: "Aurora, wait..." Dimitri said, wrapping his hand around my forearm, stopping me from moving.

| let out a warning growl as | pulled my hand away, not wanting him to touch me. His eyes widened in surprise and he was quick to let my hand go, knowing that | was triggered enough to actually growl at him was something that he didn't expect, but he chose to play with fire, and that wasn't the best game that he chose to play with. And | knew very well that he saw and understood that.noveldrama

"Go to fucking hell with her..." "Aurora, just wait and listen, you don't understand..."

"Don't understand what? Huh? That you are going to go back to the woman that made our lives a living hell? That you are going to go back to the fucking ex that made me..."

"| don't want to go back to her, but | need to make a fucking deal. Otherwise, our pack and our peace are going to be at risk, and believe me, Aurora, if | have another option, | would. have taken it." Dimitri said, stopping me. My chest rose and fell with each breath that | took, trying to remind myself to calm down as | knew that my anger was not going to get me anywhere. Dimitri kept his eyes on me for a few seconds, studying my expression before | sat on the edge of the bed, at loss of words. This was the last thing that | expected to hear right now, and | knew that he saw and understood that with all his heart. But he had no words to tell me, and I knew that he was just debating on what was going to happen from here.

"Aurora, | didn't want to do this, but we are dealing with a lot more...

"Why?" | asked, shaking my head in question. "Why must everything go back to her the second that the two of us are able to calm down enough to make our relationship real?"

"It doesn't have to, Aurora." He said, shaking his head at me. He got on his knees in front of me, and | looked at the man for a second, recalling the fist time that | saw them together on our mating night. The man was yet to mark me and that was something that didn't slip my

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mind, and with that fact in my hands, | knew that him seeing her was one thing that | didn't want to deal with.

"Ademide, her step mother, is going to fight to arrange her to man that is an enemy." He said, looking me dead in the eye. "Luka, son of Sergio of the pack dark moon, is now taking place as Alpha. He the son of a consort, and regardless of him being an Alpha

born, the only heir alive that we know of, for now; his mother sees it as right to have him marrying a woman that would legitimize his claim as Alpha."

"And that woman is Charlotte?" | asked, and he nodded.

"She is an Alpha born, and her father is doing everything that he can to make himself stronger. You know how bad the man is, and you know that they are going to do everything. that thy can to break the order that we have set. Charlotte can even move by revenge, and that is not something that we neither need nor want." He said, this time more gentle as he spoke. "I know that you don't want her around, and | know your reasons. But | have to have her under my protection to ensure that WE are safe. Believe me, she will stop at nothing to destroy us if she is forced into this mating, and her father is going to keep digging a hole that is too deep for us to get out of. Her step mother is human, and she is a bitch who is hungry for power. She was a consort, just as Alaria was, and though she as two sons, Charlotte has the stronger claim as an Alpha."

"And she wants to get rid of her?" | asked, frowning in confusion.

"The one way to do so without killing her is to send her off as a bride. While her sons would still need an Alpha born, legitimate daughter to mate with for their claim, she knows that with Charlotte out of the way, half the problem is solved." He said, explaining the situation to me. "I know that it hurts, and | know that it is not something that you want to do. But please, Aurora, | need you to understand the importance of this."

"The importance of this is not something that | can ignore, Dimitri. But you need to understand that the woman has ruined not only our mating, but she looked me dead in the

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while she knew that | was going to be with you while she was your woman. | understand her hate toward me, maybe she sees me as a thief of her mate and lover, but | didn't know. of the two of you. And even when | did find out, | stepped back..."

"| know." He said, stopping me. "You fell a victim of a game that | played for power, but | did not intend for things to go the way that they are now. And | know that you might not understand, or maybe if you do, you might not trust me, but believe that | am going to be very honest here. Both you and Charlotte were truly friends. It wasn't till the elders chose to

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set the two of us up that she started despising you, or more specifically, being jealous of you."

"It doesn't matter, nor would it change the fact that she lied." | said, shaking my head. The idea of him defending her was something that | saw as absurd, and though | knew that he was doing it for my sake. He wanted me to regain confidence in those who were around me, it pained me to see him trying to make a deal about this with me right now. "Anyhow, | am going to keep an open mind to this. | am going to ignore my pain. But | have to ask, Dimitri, do you still love her? Is that why you are doing what you are?"

"Aurora..." "Dimitri, please..."

"Aurora, | don't want to lie to you, but | do not want to give you an answer that is going to break your heart." He said, stopping me. My breath got caught in my throat and it took everything in me not to choke on it. His eyes were fixed on mine, and I could tell that he saw my pain in them. "I am doing this for our family. As for my feelings for Charlotte; the

she did or does.

woman is going to have a special place in my heart, regardless of wh. for Charlotte; the But..."

"No buts..."

"Yes, but..." he said, putting a hand on my knee, stopping me from getting up from the bed, knowing that | was breaking inside from his words. His eyes were fixed on mine and | could. tell that a thousand messages were sent through them, and not only one, but the man didn't understand that all of them were now jumbled up on me. "My feelings for you are what are: guiding me."

| frowned, processing his words, and he cleared his throat. "I have one woman in my life, and that woman is always going to be you. And if had to go back in time to choose, I would have chosen you any day."

"But right now, for our safety, for our home, and pack; we are both going to put our feelings aside." He said, watching as | took a deep breath as | tried allowing myself to process and accept what he was telling me. His eyes were fixed on mine, and | could tell that he was trying to read my expression. "As painful as it is, she is going to be put under my protection, at least, until | have managed to get rid of Luka and Alaria. Only when we are safe..."

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"Doing that will only send us more enemies." | said, stopping the man. He shook his head in question, and | took a deep breath as | knew that my own voice sounded foreign

to me. "Getting rid of them would have her step mother searching for someone else. You need to be smarter about this."

"And that means?" | asked, shaking my head in question.

"| can't believe that | am about to say this." | said, pinching the bridge of my nose. "Put Charlotte under your protection, but drag Luka to your side. Give his mother an offer of an alliance that she can't reject. And only then would you be a few steps ahead. The rest can come later, but we are going to have to work faster and more efficiently."

"We?" He asked, smirking at me.

"Yes, unfortunately, | just said WE." | said, putting a hand on his as it rested on my knee. "As much as | hate this, the two of us are going to have to work together. And for that to happen, | am going to need to be willing to look at the woman. But | make no promises about slapping her if she crosses her limits."

"Well then, | think that we managed to come to an agreement." He said, raising an eyebrow. "As an Alpha and his Luna should..."

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## Chapter 113 Dimitri:

"What is going on?" | frowned, looking at Ivan, noticing that neither he nor Natalia were ready for their wedding. She wasn't speaking, her eyes avoided mine, and | could tell by just looking at my beta that something bad had happened.

"You can ask your beta what you and your mate managed to do." Natalia said, making both Aurora and | frown in confusion. My mate was quiet, but | could tell that whatever was going on, neither one of us understood what it was. "The wedding was canceled. | think that you can enjoy yourselves a little more knowing that you were the reason behind it."

"What do you mean by the wedding was canceled?" | asked, looking at the woman. The idea of it being canceled was something that | didn't put into account, and knowing that we had guests coming over in a bit. | didn't know how we were going to be handling that, nevertheless, | knew that this wasn't something that they wanted to do.

"You can ask yourselves, more specifically, your woman who has been fighting with her..." "| did nothing to break the two of you up. But you know for fucking fact that you've been playing with..."

"Aurora, enough," | said, looking at my mate. She raised an eyebrow at me, and | shook my head, silently asking her to stop. | knew that this wasn't her fault, but right now, | knew that Natalia was upset, and the idea of her taking her anger out on my woman was not something that | wanted. Especially not now when there was a lot for us to be taking care of. "You two are not going to end this wedding because of an issue that happened between an Alpha and one of his pack members."

"The pack member happens to be my mate, Dimitri. And regardless of the bullshit that can happen between the two of us; you are my Alpha and friend, and | am to deal with OUR bullshit in private. But for my mate to get between things that she shouldn't..."

"lam not going to be put in a space of a bargain. He can rot in hell for all | care right now." Natalia said, stopping the man. "And if you think that | am going to be begging for you, then you are very wrong."

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"Well, it doesn't work like that, both of you." | said, looking at both Ivan and Natalia. "You have your family coming, and | doubt that your father is going to accept the idea of canceling your wedding after the fuss that he's put through to get to it. You fought for it, the two of you, and the idea of canceling it is only going to make your father realize that he should have chosen your groom for you. And believe me when | say that the two of us know your father enough to know that he is going to give you time to get over this before setting you up with a man that he sees fit."

"As for you, Ivan, you are going to make the family sink in some dirt hole that neither one of us is going to want to deal with. We already have enough in our hands, and

responsibilities are not ones that we are going to easily neglect. Not to mention the fact that | know that the two of you are lovers, unlike my situation with Aurora." | said, looking at my mate. She nodded in understanding, and | could tell that she knew that what | said was true. Had the two of us been lovers, | knew that things would have been a lot easier for us, and | knew that the 'duty' that we were supposed to be fulfilling would have gone a lot more smooth. "Go and get ready, we have guests arriving ina bit. As for whatever the night is going to take us through, it depends on your relationship and how you are going to want to handle it. But | am guessing that you know that your father is going to want to see you as a bride, and considering that you chose to wed a human, the council is going to want to see her marked."

"| do not want him to touch me." Natalia said, and Ivan scoffed. "He can give me a temporary bite, but | am not expected..."

"You are human, Natalia. And there are rules when it comes to our council." | said, stopping the woman. "Your anger is understood, but | think that the two of you can solve things your way as the night goes. Considering the facts that you have in hand, the one

way that you are going to be safe amongst other wolves is for you to be marked. Otherwise, you are going to be in constant danger, unlike other wolves."

"| have been living among you..."

"Among us, but you are yet to find yourself gathering with other wolves. And | don't think that the elders are to be counted in this situation." | said, stopping her. She frowned as she looked at Aurora before shaking her head.

"| do hope that you are happy with what you did..."

"Don't pull up a guilt line on me," Aurora said, stopping her. "Had your cousin not interfered in what didn't concern her, and rather than apologizing or at least leaving me be.

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attacking me with what you know tore me apart; things wouldn't have gotten here." "| did come to apologize." Natalia said, looking Aurora dead in the eye. "But you went to your husband instead..."

"And | am yet to get an apology, am I? But I have to admit, | no longer expect or want it." Aurora said, taking a step back. "I would rather not deal with anyone who sees me as nothing more than a damsel who is to serve her Alpha's bed as if she were a consort."

"lam his mate, and | think that you should know that the title damsel doesn't even go on me as | had a proper mating ceremony." Aurora said, looking Natalia dead in the eye. "As for the two of us having problems, not all of us have it easy. Sometimes, more than others, the pain is too much, but we cope with things the way that we are, in our way. What | do not expect is for you or anyone to begin with, to hurt me with something that they know wouldnoveldrama

break me." "And if they do?" Natalia asked, not even bothering to care that Ivan and | were standing.

"Then | am to break whatever it is that they think that they're depending on." She said, taking a step back. "I have a daughter to check on before heading to check on the things to ensure that your night goes well. You know, | am still this pack's Luna and as a bride, you are required to get all the time that you need to get ready. Please excuse me, Alpha..."

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Chapter 114 Aurora:

"Do you need help?" | asked, looking at Natalia through her dressing room door. She was quiet as she got ready, and though | knew that she was wrong with what she did, the last thing that | would wish for a person that | considered a friend that she would be enduring what | have.

"| don't need anything, thank you." She said, and | nodded. | looked at the maids and hairdresser, nodding at them to leave. And they took a step back, not saying a word as they walked out before closing the door. "Aiming to ruin my look too?"

"Why did you choose to back away from the wedding? Don't get me wrong, but you were more excited..."

"| didn't," she said, looking away from me. "It's Ivan who distanced himself from me. When he saw that the two of us were getting in more conflict and when he saw that he was losing Dimitri's

's friendship, he started distancing himself from me. He wouldn't speak to me for days and the closer we got to the wedding, it was like he was choosing to not want me."

"Don't you think that he could be just as nervous as you might be?" | asked, taking a seat on the couch that was inside her room. She looked at me, she was already wearing her dress, as was |. We just needed a few things before we started admitting guests and her family were already starting to arrive. "The days have been hard on us, and | know that they are going to be harder. | don't know where we are going, but | know that what we're doing is wrong.

"Everything in our lives is wrong anyway. What makes this any different?" She asked, taking a deep breath as she tried to calm herself down. "Anyway..."

"I don't want to be upset on a special day like this one," I said, stopping her.

"What use does what the two of us want at this point? It is already obvious that things are turning to a different side that | never calculated for. Your Alpha has deemed an enemy, you see me as nothing more than your beta's wife, and that beta doesn't even want me. | can't blame him either. | don't know the kind of pressure that he's under and | have a lot to deal with when it concerns my family and what they expect out of me." She said, and | smiled. | knew how she felt at this point. It was a duty more than anything, but the love that one had for this duty was one that we couldn't get past or over. It was who we were and how

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we were brought up. Sometimes, all we had to do was fight to accept it. [e)

"It makes all the difference. The two of us know that we are going to manage to change things, and the love that you and Ivan have for one another is not going to be dying because of a simple argument." | said, looking at the woman. "The two of you have had. your setback, | agree on that. But that doesn't mean that Ivan doesn't love you. The man would rather die than see a tear falling from your eye and you know that."

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doesn't feel like it lately though," she said, showing her true weakness. "I knew that he loved me, | felt and saw it. But as we got closer, it just got harder to believe it. Maybe it was just my imagination all along, or maybe..."

"Maybe the two of us got too under pressure for a long while." He said, stopping her from finishing what she was going to say. Natalia froze, her eyes widening in surprise before she got up from her chair to look at her mate who held a flower bouquet for her. She looked at me, and | smiled.

"It is bad luck for you to see me in my wedding dress before the wedding," Natalia said, tearing up. The man smiled and walked toward her before looking at me. He winked before turning to look at his woman, cupping her cheeks as he gently massaged her jawline.

"Well, considering that the wedding is only for your family to attend and that you are going to be my mate forever and always; | doubt that it makes much of a difference, does it?" He asked, making Natalia giggle. She looked at me for a second and | smiled, walking toward the door as | did.

"You had something to do with this, didn't you?" Natalia asked, and | looked at Ivan.

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"Do not play this game, Ivan." | said, looking the man dead in the eye as he frowned in confusion. "What game, Aurora? The woman proved..."

"She loves you." | said, stopping him. "And | know for fucking fact that you love her."

"She got in between my Alpha and |, not to mention crossed her limit with you as the pack's Luna. You know for fact that this alone can be enough to get the two of us killed, no

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questions asked..."

"| didn't ask you to be my lawyer. What happened, Dimitri and | dealt with. You don't need to be fighting something that isn't yours to be doing. But what you need to is be by your mate's side. | doubt that you are going to accept her walking down that aisle, fearing that you are only doing this because Dimitri told you to." | said, stopping the

man. Having encountered him as he was walking outside while | was tending to the catering; | knew that | had to interfere to fix things before we were thrown off a cliff that we couldn't deal with.

And the idea of having to deal with Charlotte was bad enough for me. With Ademide being here, | knew that Alaria would be coming too. That was something that | didn't want to cause a setback in, and that meant that | was going to have to deal with them while Dimitri spoke to Charlotte before they managed to set her with Luka.

"Do not be the second version of Dimitri and |." | said, looking the man dead in the eye. "The two of are mates, lovers, friends, and significant others. Dimitri and | were set up and though | know that if | were to be asked, | wouldn't change being with him for the world, but | know that | would be changing how the two of us started."

"Don't take your most beautiful days and turn them into a nightmare that you are not going to forget." | said, my voice softening as | looked the man in the eye. "She is in her dressing room, getting ready to go out. My recommendation to you is to go and talk to her."

"Why?" He asked, shaking his head at me. "After everything, why did you choose to not want us to hate one another? Don't get me wrong, but | wasn't the best when it came to you. and with what Natalia...?"

"What happened between Natalia and | was something that YOU shouldn't have gotten in the middle of. While it was wrong of me to include even Dimitri, but it is something that included him and our relationship as well, it was one of the reasons why | allowed him to be the one to put a limit." | said, knowing that Dimitri was listening. "As for you, you and | did not get alone and it is for known reasons. You sided with your Alpha and | doubt that you would have chosen me over you friend. | would be in shock if that happened."

"Now, | am going to go and talk to her." | said, looking at the man as | crossed my arms over my chest. "Stir my words in your brain before going out. You know, you still have very long night and life ahead of you. And | doubt that you are going to want to start it on a rocky edge..."

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"lam this pack's Luna for a reason," | said, smiling at her. "We'll be waiting for you outside. You know, your guests should be arriving soon..."

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# Chapter 115

Chapter 115 Dimitri: | waited, knowing that Charlotte would be here in a bit.

As much as | wanted to deny it, it wasn't an encounter that | wanted to deal with, but | knew. that it was one that had to be done. And thankfully, now that | had my mate by my side, | knew that things would be somewhat easier.

"lam surprised to find that you are here, Alpha Dimitri." Elder Jordan said from behind me. "I would have expected you to be inside, you know, considering the fact that you are the best man of your beta."

"Elder Jordan, how are you?" | asked, turning to face the woman. | had to admit, the last ting that | expected was to find her here. The woman wasn't one to attend unofficial gatherings, and a human's wedding was the last thing that | would have expected her to care about. Nevertheless, | knew not to complain.

"lam well, and you?" She asked, looking at the door as she stood by my side. | nodded at the entering guests, shaking the hands of a few, and the woman nodded. "I take it that are still playing the role of the Alpha even here."

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"Regardless of being the best man, | am still Pakhan and Alpha. The packs have to see me here and the guests, which are human as they are Natalia's family, need me around as well." | said, "as you may know, this is still my home."

"And your mate? | am surprised to find that you are standing here alone. In normal cases, it is the Alpha and his Luna who greet the guests. You know, | can be wrong, but these are the customs that we know." She said, raising an amused eyebrow at me. "What are you hiding,

Dimitri?" "lam hiding nothing that may concern you. As for Aurora, here she is." | said, nodding at my mate. "She is my pack's Luna and

this being a big wedding, she has things to tend to."noveldrama

"Elder Jordan, my love," she said, nodding at the woman before turning to me. | wrapped an arm around her waist, pulling her to my chest before kissing her temple. She smiled and nodded, letting me know that things went well between Ivan and Natalia. | was more than a

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little concerned, but | knew that she would know how to handle the situation. Now, all | needed was to get rid of the elder as | caught Charlotte's scent. "Is there anything that you may need help with, Elder Jordan? The guests are inside,"

"| was searching for the Alpha. You know, | haven't seen the two of you and | grew curious, but it seems to me that you have things covered the way that you want them to be." She said, looking at the two of us. | knew that she was triggering Aurora with a lot, but | also knew that my mate was well aware that she shouldn't be allowing her to get in her head. The woman was something, | had to admit, and with the disappearance of the Lord Alpha, she seemed to grow stronger by the day. It was now as if she had nothing and no one to stop her.

Aurora was about to respond when the elder just turned and walked away. She took a deep breath and shook her head, forcing herself to chew the inside of her mouth as she knew that the woman was not only insulting her but was being very obvious about her lack of respect toward my mate.

"Don't worry, malyshka, we are going to deal thing her later." | said, knowing for fact that the woman could easily hear me if she wanted to. | wanted her to know that | wasn't going to accept anyone insulting my woman. No matter how the two of us have started, the last thing that | would ever allow was for someone to be insulting my mate, the mother of my child, and the woman that | was spending my life with. And the elder was going to eventually learn that. One way or the other, | was going to be sure that it happened whether or not she liked it.

"For now, we are going to have to deal with this. You know, the woman is on her way, and | can already smell her scent within the territory ground." Aurora said, and | smiled, knowing that she was forcing herself to do something that she didn't want to do. | knew that it hurt. her to be in this, and | knew that she was sucking in a lot for my sake right now, and that was something that | was more than a little thankful for. If anything, | knew that | wouldn't have been able to do it if | were to be in her shoes.

"We are going to get over this, together, malyshka." | said, my eyes softening as | looked at her. | wrapped my arms around her waist, and leaned in, connecting my lips with hers. Our lips moved in sync, and | was forced to remind myself, despite her beauty, intoxicating scent, and addicting presence, that we had guests over, coming over too, and that the two of us were standing in front of the door.

"Well, this is a sight to see," Luka said as | pulled away from my mate to catch a breath. "I am sure that you have a few empty rooms. You know, all would have been appropriate 2/3

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A Chapter 115 instead of in front of the front door."

"Welcome over, Luka." | said, nodding at the man. | extended my hand toward him, shaking his as | caught sight of Alaria, Ademide, and Charlotte walking behind him. It took everything in me not to curse under my breath as | found myself growing disappointed with the fact that they might have started whatever conversation that they were to have about betrothing the two wolves. However, | knew not to rush into assumptions without the proper facts.

He looked at Aurora before a curious smile formed on his lips. "Well, you are as beautiful as they say."

He extended a hand toward her and Aurora went to shake his hand, but the man leaned in and kissed her knuckle before she pulled her hand away. "It is a pleasure to meet you, Luna."

"How about we go inside?" Aurora asked, looking uncomfortable. Her eyes met mine and | could tell that she was uncomfortable. "For the first time, yes, | would agree with you." Charlotte said, looking at Luka for a second. "Let us go inside..."

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# Chapter 116 Aurora:

| smiled at the guests as | walked around, my eyes catching sight of Dimitri, who was standing with one of his associates as they spoke. Alaria and Ademide were talking amongst one another, and though | couldn't see Charlotte with them, | knew that it would soon be discussed that she is betrothed to the enemy, and that wasn't something that | wanted us to be dealing with.

Her scent filled my nostrils and | turned around to face her, raising an eyebrow at the woman. "| suspect that you are not too foolish to try and kill me in my home, are you?" | asked, raising an amused eyebrow at her.

"The two of us know, very well, that Dimitri has his eyes on your regardless of him being with other men. Touching a hair on your head would be unwise, but it isn't why I'm here." She said, and | shook my head in question. "Do you mind if we take this conversation. outside? They have their eyes and ears on me, and | doubt that them hearing this would be the right thing, and | have very little time."

| frowned in confusion, and when | looked at Dimitri, | saw that he already had his eyes on us. He nodded in assurance, and | motioned to the woman to head to the garden. It was the only secluded area at the moment and though | knew that it would be heavily guarded, it would be the place for us to talk.

"They are planning on wedding me to Luka." She said, and | nodded. "| heard," | said, and she raised an eyebrow. "I think that you know that your father isn't the only one with spies all over the city."

"Indeed," she said, crossing her arms over her chest as the two of us walked side by side. toward one of the benches. We both sat and | turned to look at the woman, keeping in mind that | had to keep a safe distance. | didn't want to bother laying a finger on her, and | would rather not have her touching me. "I need help. If they succeed, they are going to have my brother, Ademide's eldest son, as an Alpha. It is not something that | want, and | know for fact that they are going to do everything that they can to kill my father after that happens."

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"How do you know this?" | asked, shaking my head in question. "I am referring to the last part. The first, you might have processed when you saw that she was keen about wedding you..."

"She was always keen about doing so anyway. It is one of the reason why | chose to be with Dimitri in the first place." She said, and | sucked in a harsh breath at her statement. "Had | stayed back at home, they would have chosen a different man for me to be with. It hurts for one's father to be sending her off the way that | was almost sent, but | knew that | would rather be with a man that | chose instead of one that they chose for me. Everything was going well for Ademide, and though | was Dimitri's little secret. Ademide knew that | was stripped off

my titles. When my father brought me back home and gave me my titles again..." "You opposed a threat to her." | stated, and she nodded. "Do you think that would agree to the marriage?" your father

"My father would agree to everything that Ademide tells him to do. The woman has him brainwashed, and believe me, you do not understand when | say that she is a sick bitch that only aims for what benefits her. And though | can understand her reason, maybe, | find it hard to accept that my father is willing to choose her over his own daughter. Then again, | think that | am the memory of my mother. It is something that the two of them always wanted to get rid of." She said, and | nodded.

"Do

you want to be with Luka?" | asked, and she shook her head. My chest ached, and though | knew that she has done me more harm than anyone ever has. | knew that this wasn't a fate that | would wish for her.

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"| do not want to be with a sick monster who will do everything in his hand to break will." She said, making me frown. "He needs an heir, and until he has one, a legitimate one, he is going to use me for his pleasure and my pain. He will be patient until he has a few sons to guarantee his place before he's gotten rid of me. | have seen and heard of the rumors that surround him, and he has one lover, one that he cannot be with, not yet anyway. But the other girls, he uses so savagely that neither one of them dares look at a man again, let alone allows him to touch her. And the worst part about it is; when he is done, he either sends them to pleasure houses for his men or he sends them to hounds that eat them off."

"What is this?" | asked, shaking my head in question. "Some kind of history class?" "You can ask around. Everyone who knows his name knows how much of psycho he is." She 2/3

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said, and | frowned at the woman, seeing both her honesty and pain in her eyes. "I know that you don't have to help me, and | know that I wouldn't have done it for myself. But | ask you for this favor, Aurora, because | really do need it." noveldrama

"lam not coldhearted, Charlotte. It is a trait that | hate about myself sometimes as | know that | would be more than willing to help someone who knows for fact that she has hurt me more than she would find herself accepting had it been herself." | said, looking at the woman. "But the man is a common enemy anyway, and you marrying him would be disastrous to all of us."

"You are willing to help?" She asked, and | shook my head.

"| do not intend to interfere in something that is like this." | said, nodding behind her. She frowned and | could hear her catching her breath as she caught Dimitri's scent. His eyes met mine, and | could tell that he was silently asking me whether or not | was okay with this. In truth, | knew that | wouldn't have been before, but right now, | knew different. The two of us grew stronger, more wise, and more into our relationship. | knew that if he wanted to cheat, he would, he wouldn't have to ask this of me.

kissed his cheek and nodded as | pulled away.

"I'll be inside," | said, looking my mate in the eye. "I hope things go as you plan..." 3/3

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"| wouldn't have expected her to be leaving the two of us alone, | have to admit that much." Charlotte said, standing up as she looked at me.

"She knows that | have eyes for one woman," | said, and Charlotte held her breath for a second.

"I can assume that it is not me." She said, and I took a deep breath.

"You know why | am here, and | think, after hearing what you told Aurora, that the two of us are on the same page. The question is, can | trust that you are not going to betray or turn against me when things are done?" | asked, crossing my arms over my chest as | looked at the woman. "You know, you tend to have your ways of manipulation, and | do not intend to bring a snake into my house." noveldrama

"You know for fact that | can turn against you whenever | want, but | have no one to back me this time..."

"And that makes you weaker, doesn't it?" | asked, stopping her. "It does the one thing that you don't want to admit to yourself, but it makes you think and feel like you have no one to depend on."

"You know that | never wanted to get to this point, Dimitri. | tried to fix things between us but nothing seemed to work and | never did expect them to..."

"You lied to me, Charlotte." | said, stopping her. "And if you know anything that broke us off, you would know that it was the lies that got between us in ways that | wouldn't have wanted for them to do so. While | am not going to open the past with you right now, the two of us have a lot to discuss and we are going to mainly start with the fact that | am going to need you by my side."

"You know for fact that my father will not allow it with Aurora..."

"And yet, he has allowed you to attend the wedding today, despite knowing that you would be here. Don't tell me that Ademide has eyes on you because you know, as well as you know

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your name, that she doesn't give a fuck what you do." | said, and she frowned, knowing that | was right. "She is going to have one aim tonight, and it seems to me that not only do you know about it, but you also don't want it."

"| don't want to find myself being violated, but that doesn't mean that | want to be at your mercy." She said, and | scoffed. "And don't think because | spoke to your mate that | am going to be willing to accept the bullshit that you are going to be throwing at me. You know me well enough to know that it is the least of my concerns and while | do care about myself enough not to want to get hurt, | know that | don't want to find myself being held as a hostage point for you to stop the plans of another man."

"| want to stop them because, just like me, you know that he will not only hurt you but he will be hurting innocent people. And while | don't care what you might think of this, you are still a woman that | dealt with, whether or not the two of us are exes doesn't make a difference when it comes to having a spec of humanity." | said, looking her dead in the eye. "I don't want to do this because | care about you personally, but even my wife agreed that wedding you a monster, regardless of how much it would be deserved, if | might add, is unfair."

"| didn't do anything more than be born to be forced into a fate that no man would want for his daughter..."

"No man who loves his daughter would drag you the way that yours was taking you, house to house, wanting to show off your body to the men for a bargain." | said, stopping from the woman. "If he loved you, had one ounce of mercy toward you, he would have stopped you from giving up your titles when you came to the pack. Face it, Charlotte, even he wants to legitimize his sons against you and you are giving him everything that he wants on a plate of gold."

"As if | have another choice, Dimitri." She said, glaring at me. "I am alone in a fight that | know that | cannot win. My mother died leaving me with a monster that chose to wed his consort a month, not even allowing me to mourn in it, after she died. Do you know how much pain | was forced to drown down to survive? Or do you not even care to actually think that | too have feelings? | was abused, beaten, yelled at, locked in a room for days with no food, my hair was cut in different ways, and mind you it was never with scissors."

"If | held onto you and if | refused to lose the one person that made me feel like | was wanted, it was because | knew that you were all | had. Everyone else just wanted a bite, a taste, or a scratch out of me, and | couldn't anything to fight them back." She said, taking a deep breath as she looked away. She wiped the tears that welled up in her

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fell from them, silently letting me know that she didn't want me to see her weaken.

"| didn't know, Charlotte."

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"| didn't want your pity and that was why | never opened up about it," she said, not bothering to look at me. "Anyway, | am open to your help. At this point, you and your mate are my only hope. If | marry the bastard, then | am going to end up dead within a few years. That is, of course, unless | manage to have more miscarriages to ensure my survival. And | know that he is not going to be allowing it."

"| never forced you to..."

"You didn't have to," she said, making me frown. "With a mother like yours lurking around like a hawk would its prey; | lost three of our children long before they grew inside me by her. But doesn't matter, does it? You all got what you wanted in the end and | was the one who was left to deal with the consequences. The one person who actually was innocent of all your bullshit is the woman that

you call a mate." "And it took you this long to realize that?" | asked, frowning at the woman who shook her head at me.

"| was foolish enough to think that you would be choosing me in the end. But then again, | never did put in consideration that you would have your duty to care for instead." She said, taking a deep breath as she tried calming herself down. "What is your plan? lam sure that you have one by now, and if we are going to stop this arrangement; | think that we best do it now..."

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| watched, with a heavy heart as Dimitri walked inside the house.

His eyes met Aurora's and the man nodded at her. The two of them clearly sharing at message before she looked at me.

"How about you come and see my daughter? | think that it's been a while since that's happened." She said, and though | couldn't understand what was going on. | chose nod as | smiled. Ademide frowned in confusion, and though the wedding was going as smoothly as it was supposed to, | could tell that the woman seemed to think that something was going

on "Where are the two of you off to?" Ademide asked, approaching me.

"Uh-uh, | doubt that I, the pack Luna, am going to explain to you, a human, where | am going to go, with one of my guest if | should add, in my home?" Aurora asked, mocking her. Ademide took a deep breath, taking her place as she took a step back. "Good, now leave my sight as | did not call for you. | was merely going to hang out with an old friend. As you might remember, the two of us did go to the same..."

"Do not play me for a fool, we all know that you hate one another to the bone." Ademide said, stopping Aurora.

"That is what you wish to hear, to know, or to keep in mind. Either way, neither one of the facts that you want to believe in are true. The two of us have nothing against one another and Charlotte is not a person that | want to be in conflict with. And if you are talking about the small conflict that the two of us had, | am going to have to ask you, have you never had. an argument with a friend before? Because | think that we all do at a certain point." | said, and Ademide laughed.

"Conflict? You came and stole the man that she was with. You chose to marry him and have his daughter." She said, not bothering to care whether or not guests were around. Her words, seemed to catch the attention of a few people, and she looked down at her feet, clearly embarrassed.

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"That is what you want to think, Ademide." | said, looking at the woman who frowned in confusion as she looked at me. "The two of us have never been as close as we are now, and think that you know for fact that it was always destined for the two of them to get married. The last thing that | would be doing is stealing my friend's man and vice versa. I'm not really sure who you are comparing me to, but | know that it is not me."

Elder Jordan looked at the two of us, and the woman crossed her arms over her chest, frowning at the sight. It wasn't like a wolf to be getting in conflict, no matter how small, with a human. And | knew that this wasn't going to be something that she was going to ignore. This elder in specific had to dig her nose everywhere, and that was something that we all knew.

Alaria and Luka, taking in the scene, shook their heads at Ademide before Luka put his hand on his mother's back. Both looked at me and Luka shook his head, to his mother's dismay, but | never felt more alive than | was. Though | knew that this wasn't going to be left with consequence.

"You are indeed right, | must have not chosen to hear the rumor that have spread around." Ademide said, looking away from me. Her eyes were fixed on the ground for a few seconds. before Aurora put her hand on my lower back, nodding at me to walk with her. Murmurs. started around and most of their center was on Ademide, the woman who was pretending to be the kind and innocent step mother who never liked conflict.

Dimitri, who stood by the staircase, nodded at me and winked at Aurora before clearing his throat as he motioned for the music to start again. My heart, however, thumped against my ribcage as if | were plugged in higher voltages than my body should be able to handle. | took a deep breath as | tried to calm myself, but | knew that this wasn't going to end well for

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"Well done," Dimitri said from behind us, taking me off guard as he snapped me out of my thoughts. Aurora took a step back, standing by his side as he wrapped his arm around her. He kissed her temple and | shook my head, knowing for fact that | was at loss for words and action. | had a lot to be dealing with right now and the last thing that | needed was for me to find myself in such a situation where | was going to be stuck between ice and fire.

"lam going to be dead the second my father lays a hand on me. And | don't even want to know what rumors are going to be spread around about the topic, the light that Ademide put on me with the elder, or what Luka would do if his mother manages to still convince him to be my 'husband." | said, voicing my fear out. There was no point in hiding it when | knew that the two of them were going to be one of the reasons things were happening the

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way that they were. My hands shook and it took everything in me to force my body to calm. down as | knew that things were going to be getting out of hand if | didn't calm down.

"Neither he nor Luka is going to get a hand on you. As for the elders, let us handle that situation." Dimitri said, making me frown as | tried understanding what he had on his mind. "You are under my wing now. And IF one thinks of hurting you, he is hurting the whole pack. | think that this should be a fair deal and bargain to repay for what you just did.

"What if it doesn't work? What if they still...?"

"Then we go to war," Aurora said, stopping me from asking. "The arrow has been shot, and | know for fact that it is going to hit a target with what we've just done."

"Only the target will not be us," Dimitri said, smiling down at his mate. "Now, you have two seconds to decide. Do you still want to go down, or are you on our side...?"

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"| now pronounce you man and wife, you may kiss the bride." Ivan didn't waste a second before his lips were already on Natalia's. Both their eyes were closed, and the crowd cheered. | looked at Dimitri who smiled and nodded before the two of us took a step back, knowing that the night was just getting started.

Thankfully, things were passing without much of a fuss now, but that didn't mean that | wasn't aware that the little human was opting for not only Charlotte's head now, but even mine. And though | didn't pay any mind to it, | knew that playing the game on Luka was not the wisest of moves.

The man was known throughout the country and continent. Most feared dealing with him. and the number of men who refused to give their daughters to him were countless. No Alpha wanted to risk his daughter's safety, but | knew that Charlotte's father didn't care about her to keep in mind that she was to be sent to her death by him. Then again, | shouldn't have expected any less from a man like himself at this point.

"Are you okay?" Dimitri asked, and | nodded. He kissed my temple, thankful for the first step that went even better than we opted or it to go.

"And you?" | asked when he pulled away. "You look troubled." "Do you think that she would be choosing our side in the end?" He asked, and | shook my head in question.

"| don't see a reason why not, not now when she is under the risk of losing more than she should be able to afford. And believe me, her step mother is not going to think twice about hurting her and that is something that even she isn't foolish enough to try and risk." | said, and Dimitri nodded in understanding. And though, one small part

doubted what | said, | knew Charlotte enough to know that she was dead scared from the man that was supposed to be her one savior. When it was my parents, | always knew that | was adopted.. But he was her biological father, at least, that is what we all knew of the fact.

of me,

"Something doesn't feel too right, and with Charlotte and Luka now away from the guests, | am curious as to where things would lead. While Ademide might end up getting her revenge somehow, something tells me that we are not going to be too far from Luka's rage

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either." He said, looking around the crowd. | frowned when | noticed that Alaria's smile couldn't have been brighter, and he was right, Charlotte was no where to be seen and neither was Luka.

"Do you think that Charlotte was playing us?" | asked, voicing out my concern. If that was the case, then we were in for more hell than we could handle, and | knew for fact that the woman was mad enough to try and do so. "I don't mean to sound like | am being pessimistic, but what if...?"

"Charlotte wouldn't play with her life unless she was under threat, and if she was, then that means that we are all in deeper shit than we should be able to handle." Dimitri said,

looking at Ademide whose eyes met his. She smiled at him, and | watched as she walked toward us. Her eyes met mine for a second before she looked at Dimitri.

"Fine woman that you have here, Dimitri. She really did manage to stir the council, and | have to admit, both her and Charlotte managed to do what | wouldn't have been able to do on my own. You know, that was to prove a point that Charlotte was innocent of the small rumor that you two managed to throw in front of the elder. And as you may know, your elders do not like to have themselves accused of vile insults..."

"What are you talking about?" | asked, glaring at the woman. She laughed and shook her head before looking at Dimitri. Both their eyes met and | could see the anger in my mate's darkening gaze.

"By the order of the council and elders, Charlotte is to marry Luka. Their mating and marriage would legitimize his position as Alpha whether or not they have a son, and you can guess who is making it legitimate." She said, smiling at the two of us before turning to leave. "I have to thank the two of you for what you did. | know that it might have been a little setback for whatever you might have planned, but then again, | doubt that you would. have done yourselves any good. Had that been the case, | think that you, Aurora, would have been in a better place now, do you not agree?"

| had to fight back the low growl that almost rumbled from me, knowing that there were humans around and those that didn't know of wolves. "But now you can rest. As you may know, with Charlotte out of your way, Dimitri is all yours..."

"We need to stop this mating ceremony," | said, looking at Dimitri whose eyes met mine. He wrapped his arm around my waist, his eyes meeting mine before he nodded.

"Already a step ahead of you," he said, looking at Ivan whose eyes were fixed on us. Both he 2/4

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and Natalia shared a glance and | could see his message in his eyes before he walked toward

Us. "What's going on?" Ivan asked, "and don't you two dare say nothing. | would be having both your heads if you do."

"Charlotte is being sent a bride to Luka. Order of Elder Jordan," Dimitri said, and | pinched the bridge of my nose. It was not the time for this to be spoken of, and | knew that the mant should have been getting ready to go and enjoy himself with his wife.

"What?" Ivan asked, his eyes widening in surprise. "When?"

"Now," | said, shaking my head. "Go to Natalia, we will manage things..." "You are not kidding me right now, are you?" He asked, stopping me. "Your bride..."

"She knows that something is wrong and | think that she is not blind." Ivan said, looking at Natalia who nodded. He turned his gaze to Dimitri who seemed to be at a complete loss, and though | didn't know whether or not he was lost in his thoughts because of the setback or the idea of Charlotte being with another man, | knew not to care. At this point, we had more things to tend to, and the last thing that | was going to put in was jealousy.

"Do you know where they are?" Ivan asked, noticing that Dimitri was elsewhere. He looked at me for a second, and I could see the apologetic gaze in the beta's eyes.

"They were just here and | can assume that they are not far. We'll just have to follow their scent." | said, choosing to respond seeing as my mate didn't.

"Well, then," he said, looking at me as Dimitri snapped out of whatever he was thinking. "They're in the back garden. | can hear them talking back there and the Elder is still there with them." He said, and Ivan nodded. "Come on, let's go and stop this eloping stupidity before it leads us to more hell than we can handle. Then we can proceed to coming back to our wedding. You know, it is about time that | changed from this suit, don't you agree, Alpha...?"

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Chapter 120 Dimitri We walked to the back garden, my heart racing against my chest as found myself concerned of the outcome of the fate that we

would be living through. And though | knew that Charlotte knew the house like the back of her hand, | found myself growing more confused at the fact that she not only chose to stand back, but that she didn't even give a signal.

"Dimitri, is it a good idea for...?"

"| have no other option," | said, stopping my beta as | knew that Aurora would be catching onto what he was saying. The last thing that | wanted was for him to be here, and knowing that she could see the pain that | was trying my best to hide in my gaze was not something that | liked. | wasn't even going to admit it to her, but the pang that | felt in my chest was one that | couldn't describe, and | didn't know whether it was because | was failing

something or because of Charlotte. The idea of erosing three of our children because of

mother was not something that | was able to swallow just yet. Her getting married to the enemy was not something that | would want for her. Not after what | heard from her.

"Please let me go, Luka." | heard Charlotte say. The fear that | licard in her tone was not one that | liked, and | could see the man's hand wrapped around her wrist as he tried forcing a ring in her finger, wanting her as his whether or not she liked it.

"| thought that you were to prove..."

"By marrying the monster? Elder Jordan, surely you have another option to this." Charlotte said, and Aurora sucked in a harsh breath that | could tell she struggled to contain herself from doing. Her eyes met mine and | saw fear in my woman's eyes, though it wasn't one for our relationship; it was one for the woman who stood in front of a fire that was in front of her with a gun pointed at her from the back and a knife by her side from Luka.

"| have always suspected that you and Dimitri were together. But then again, | never did have proof to it, but | could tell that the woman that he is with is far too weak to be a pack's Luna. She has done nothing but organize events and since seeing her, this is the first time. that | saw her taking a stand as Luna. | did wonder why he ever held onto her, but it seems clear to me now that he had someone else to enjoy..."

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"| do believe that you were. For known reasons, and | do not blame neither you, nor do | blame him. But | cannot have the council of elders being questioned and with the Lord Alpha being 'out of the country, it is going to be a little harder for us to wait." She said, looking at Charlotte as we hid in the distance. The one thing that they didn't understand about these back gardens was that they were secret gardens. They didn't know that we weren't to hear from inside, but when inside, they couldn't hear us. And the deeper they went, the more they were masked and hidden. "Anyhow, let us get this over with before heading back to the wedding. The last thing that you are going to want is to be caught missing, and you know, if your lover does come, he is going to prove that what the woman said was true. That would mean his and your death. | am not sure that | can hold the 'Luna' accountable for any mistake, but | am sure that | can find one to get rid of her too."

"Why? Why is it so important to you that ...?"

"Because | do not like the gaze that we were to get if this isn't to happen. And IF Aurora thinks that she can play Luna, then | am going to be sure to break that role even before she's managed to live through it. All | need to do is start by educating her enough to do so, and you know, there is no better way to do so than to prove her wrong, is there?" Elder Jordan asked, looking at Charlotte.

| knew that Aurora's eyes were fixed on me as | kept my gaze on the elder and Charlotte. My heart raced and the anger that | felt was not one that | could longer contain as | not only heard the woman's words, but found myself raging at the insults that she was throwing at my mate. The idea of her not liking Aurora was something that | knew, but the fact that she was more than willing to threaten to kill or get rid of her for something that she didn't do, now that was not something that | would accept nor take lightly.

"You are roaming around my territory, making decisions, and without me knowing?" | asked the elder, looking her dead in the eye. "And not only that, but you dare threaten to kill me and my mate over a rumor that you

think you heard?"

"How long have you been here?" The elder asked, clearly surprised of what | just said and of our presence in the first place. Her eyes met Aurora's and | saw the fear in the woman's gaze again as she saw the anger in my mate's.

"| do not answer to questions from anyone who crosses their limits, regardless of being an elder, these are not your grounds, and you know that you cannot elope anyone here without my permission. The mating ceremony is not considered legal nor is it a true one

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unless | permit it, and if he lays a finger on her then he is to die on sight." | said, and Luka chuckled. He pulled a gun out of his holster, which was hidden under his suit jacket.

"Based on whose rules are we referring to? As far as | know, it is a wedding that we are holding and | chose to want to mate with own woman." He said, looking at Charlotte as she flinched, noticing his mad, dark eyes. "Unless, of course, you are willing to give her to me."

His eyes met Aurora's and she let out a low growl, one which the madman laughed at. "She is feisty, | would like to enjoy breaking it out of her."

"How about | kill you and show the world what it is to find yourself looking at my woman?" | asked, glaring at the man. He chuckled and | could see Ivan pulling his gun out of his own holster, loading and pointing it at the man.

"While this would be an honor for me to actually think of accepting your challenge. | think that | have more important things to tend to, and the last thing that | am going to want to deal with is an Alpha like yourself." He said, looking at Ivan for a second. "It is only a shame that the groom would have to pay the price of it."

He pressed his trigger before we could process what was going on. Two shots rang, and | looked at Ivan who moved aside, dodging the bullet before Luka's body dropped as a bullet pierced the man's head. Charlotte screamed, Aurora's eyes widened as she sucked in a harsh breath, but it was Ivan's cry of pain and the scent of a human's blood that made my heart drop to my stomach as | turned to see her white dress covered blood as she looked at hernoveldrama

mate. "Natalia?" fii}

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