

Chapter 36 - Alpha Alexander and Omega Scarlett Novel by IS Barbosa

Alexander:

“Do you want to see mummy?” I said, entering the room with Anastasia in my arms.

Scarlett was still fast asleep, and though I knew that it was due to being as exhausted as she was, I knew that she would be pissed if I let her sleep throughout the whole day.

Scarlett opened her eyes upon hearing my voice as I walked inside the room. Disadvantages of her being a light sleeper at times. She woke up on the lowest of voices and I was thankful that her wolf didn't wake her when I walked in or out of the room, clearly feeling safe that it was only her mate.

“Hey” Scarlett said, sitting up as she rubbed the sleep from her eyes. The fact that I knew that she was still hesitant about being here was not something that I was going to ignore so simply; but I was going to give her time to adjust to everything before proving myself to her. She was going to be my woman, and one way or the other, I wanted her to trust that the last thing that I wanted to do was hurt her.

“Good morning, neonata” I said, sitting on the edge of the bed beside her. She smiled and extended her hands to take Anastasia, and leaning in toward her mother, Anastasia giggled when Scarlett took her in her arms.

“Morning” she said, nodding at me.

“How'd you sleep?” I asked, trying to open a conversation up. She looked at me, studying my expression for a second before smiling in response.

“Well, thank you for asking” she said, and I raised an eyebrow.

“Now, now, what's with you deciding to be this formal?” I asked, giving her a teasing smile, making her shake her head. I wanted her to be confident around me, and that was not something that I knew would come very easily; however, I was still determined to prove to her that I was not going to hurt her. It was something that I did to her, and despite it being the result of our beautiful little princess, I knew that it was still too early for her to forgive or forget, especially after all the damage that I caused after that.

“I am not being formal, I am being decent” she said, making me laugh. She kissed Anastasia who pulled her hair, and smiling, I extended my hand, removing the strand from between her fingers, not allowing her to pull her mom's hair. Scarlett didn't seem to mind though, I knew that she wanted to cherish every moment that she had with her daughter, especially after missing a lot during the first period. I hated that I was also the cause of that, but if I was blessed with another

child, I was going to ensure that both she and the baby were safe and bonded. The mistakes that I made this time were not something that I wanted to think of repeating.

“Well, considering the fact that you were naked in front of me a few hours ago, I am surprised that you want to be decent now” I said, wanting to tease her. I expected her to blush; however, my beautiful neonata decided to surprise me with a response that had my blood traveling down south almost immediately:

“I don’t think. it was anything that you haven’t seen before; therefore, I can strip down now, and give you an entire” show if you want” she said, making me gulp. Her eyes met mine, and she bit her bottom lip. I shook my head, trying to clear my thoughts before getting up from bed, knowing that if things proceeded with this conversation that my plan of ‘self control’ would be completely ignored, and that I would end up claiming her as mine, here, and now.

“Scarlett, you are playing a very dangerous game, I will warn you about that” I said, turning to the door. She smiled, and winking at me, she didn’t respond as she watched me walk out of the room. My heart raced against my chest, and standing by the door, I forced myself to take a deep breath before adjusting my c*ck’s position, not wanting to be seen with a boner. It was bad enough that I had to take a cold shower to tame the first one, I didn’t want to end up with a second one. Otherwise, jerking off would be my only option. “Alpha?” Nile, one of my men said, walking toward me as he saw me walking down the stairs. I knew that we had a few things to talk about. The pack members did try leaving the territory despite my warning last night, but I was busy with my mate to go and cairn them down Plus, I knew that there were men assigned to ensure that they didn’t, therefore, I was not too worried “what do you want us to do to them?”

“Assemble them all, I’ll decide on a proper punishment once I’ve seen their faces...”

“What did I tell you last night before shifting?” I asked, raising an eyebrow at the pack member_; who looked down at their laps, avoiding my eyes. Their parents, who I knew were scared to death, stood in complete silence, knowing that one wrong word would cause them to also be punished, and that won’t be doing them any good.

“Didn’t I warn you about leaving the territory? Heck, say I didn’t warn you, didn’t your wolves warn you about going against your Alpha? Because I know for fact that all your wolves would submit. This was an act of a human, or a wolf that wants to go rogue” I said, making the pack members gasp. The kids started crying, and the mothers tried taking a step forward to fend for their kids; however, their mates stopped them, holding them back, and not allowing them to approach.

This was one of the reasons why I didn’t like the mothers to be around when discussing matters with their kids. The mothers could go on ahead, wanting to fend for their kids, and that would sometimes lead their kids to believe that I was being unfair to them; however, I knew that had this been another Alpha, he wouldn’t have cared whether or not they were still inexperienced. The first time was a warning, the second, they would be facing dire consequences without question. I have seen my own father take such harsh decisions, and despite knowing that sometimes, this was the best way to act, especially as an Alpha, I knew that it was too cruel for

me to do it. Yes, I knew that the kids deserved it, but I also knew that whatever punishment I decided, the main affected person would be their mothers. Their fathers would hold strong, but the breakdown would come from the women who have felt their kids inside them.

“Well, which one is it?” I asked, glaring at them, watching as some of them started crying. The mothers were still held back by their mates, and shaking my head at them, I turned my attention to the parents.

“Did I not inform you to warn your children not to leave the pack’s grounds? Were you not aware that they would be punished for doing so?” I said, glaring at them “and do not tell me that they are kids, there are wolves their ages, running packs, and it has nothing to do with the fact that they have Alpha blood. Some of them are well disciplined. Others know not to cross their limits and surpass what their

Alpha says”

“Alpha, please...”

“Please what?” I asked, stopping the mother “did I not warn them? Were they or you not informed that they would be punished?”

“You did, but Alpha...”

“What would another Alpha do if they disobeyed?” I asked the woman “what would your older Alpha do?”

The woman froze, knowing I at her past Alpha would have killed them. The woman came from another pack after finding her mate, and upon hearing my question, she went completely silent, no longer objecting. I shook my head and turned to the kids “you will all be locked in cells. No food, no water for the whole day. One meal would come at night, a loaf of bread and water. And that would be your punishment for the next three days”

“Alpha...”

“One more word and I would make them stay in the cells for a week. Object, and they will be there until_ the next shift” I said, stopping the mother from talking. None of the other pack members opened their mouths, and nodding at the men, I motioned for them to take the kids, knowing that they wouldn’t be getting up on their own. I looked at them, watching as they walked forward, heading toward the towers without saying a word, knowing that they couldn’t before turning to the parents, giving them my final warning about the topic.

“Today, I was kind enough to allow you to try and object and to simply punish them” I said, my voice threateningly low “the next time, I will be sure that they are kicked out, and anyone who wants to object is going to follow, do you understand me?”

“Yes, Alpha” they said, hesitantly. I looked at mom who was watching the scene from a distance. Her and I were yet to talk to her about her insulting Scarlett or threatening her the way that she did. I walked toward her, before stopping to look at the pack members over my shoulder.

“Clear things here and go tend to your duties. I don’t want anyone slacking”

Scarlett:

I watched as Alexander walked toward Luna Katelyn through the bedroom’s window.

His eyes were wide with anger, and for a second, I worried about something happening between them; however, I knew better than to interfere between them. She was his mother, and he was the pack’s Alpha. He knew better than to harm her, and she would know better than to cross her limits with him, if any between a mother and her child.

“Hello, you” I smiled, watching as the nurse walked inside carrying my baby girl. I was getting ready to head down, knowing that there were neighboring packs that were coming today. The pack members have done wrong by crossing the territory’s boundaries, and now we were having the pack members coming over to settle the issue once and for all. The fact that they were warned last month was something, but for them to do it again this month, now that was an issue.

“We had her changed like you asked, Luna” the nurse said, taking me off guard. No one has called me Luna in this pack for a long while now, not since Alexander told them not to, but I am guessing that me staying in his room did change something. He even had the maids bring in my clothes here, and my personal belongings were brought in by me.

“Thank you” I said, smiling at the nurse, already knowing that she was wearing her new pink dress. It was one that Alexander bought for her last month, and seeing as it was still too big for her, she was barely able to wear it today. I put her on the bed, between a few pillows that I centered for her, and turning to my dresser, I went to get her a pink ribbon. The nurse gasped, and frowning, I turned to face my daughter who was now laying on her stomach, looking at the two of us. My eyes widened in surprise, and a wide smile formed on my lips before I rushed toward her, lifting her in my arms. I kissed her cheeks, and pulled her to my chest, she giggled and grabbed my hair, making me laugh.

I removed her hand from my hair, and sat on the edge of the bed, putting her on my lap to try and fix the ribbon; however, growing excited, my little one tried to roll again despite not even laying completely. I laughed and shook my head at her, my laugh making my heart skip a beat as I realized that it had been a while since I’ve truly laughed or smiled. I knew that it was due to last night’s shift. My wolf, who has been closed up since the rejection, was now relaxed and more at ease, and I knew that it reflected on me as well.

The bedroom’s door was knocked twice, breaking my train of thoughts just as I tied the ribbon on Anastasia’s head. Her short blonde hair making me smile before I kissed the crown of her head. I looked at the door to find that it opened, revealing Alexander, who I already caught the scent of. His eyes met mine and he smiled, watching as the nurse walked out of the room,

leaving the two of us alone. I went to get up; however, he shook his head, stopping me before walking toward me and kissing the crown of my head. He let his lips linger there for a few seconds before pulling away to take our daughter in his arms. His muscles were tense, and I wasn't sure whether it was because of his conversation with his mother or the pack members, but I knew that his calm demeanor was no longer there. /

“She rolled over for the first time today” I said, crossing my arms over my chest as I looked at him. Alexander's eyes widened in surprise, and looking at our daughter, he smiled and kissed her cheek, letting his scruff tickle her a bit “do you want to tell me what's bothering you?”

Alexander hesitated for a second before he nodded at me to take a seat on the edge of the bed. The fact that he hadn't said a word since entering the room told me that it was more serious than I thought it would be, and I knew that the situation of the coming wolves was not going to be that difficult to handle; therefore, I knew that it was something else.

The two of us sat down, and looking at our daughter, Alexander's eyes softened for a second before, pain filled them “can I ask why didn't you tell me about your argument with mom?”

“Alexander...”

“Scarlett, she humiliated you and as her Luna, she...”

“Alexander, the woman is your mother, and I couldn't have put you in this situation. I know that it won't be one that I would like to be in; therefore, I didn't want you to be in conflict with her because of me” I said, stopping him “I didn't mean to piss you off, my apologies, ..”

“I heard the two of you, if you're curious about what happened or how I found out I have been noticing that she's been hard on you, but I never expected her to actually insult you that way” Alexander said, making me smile. I put my hand on his knee, and squeezing it gently, he smiled at me, somewhat allowing himself to relax.

“I did not ask for the details, Alexander. Yes, I did grow a little upset, and I did not like what happened, however, I was not going to put you in a difficult situation, regardless of the circumstance” I said, smiling when he leaned in to kiss me. His lips brushed against my own, and looking between the two of us, she giggled, breaking our moment, making us laugh. I blushed and shook my head before kissing the crown of her head. Alexander smiled at our sight before cupping my cheek with his right hand. He kissed my temple, letting his lips linger there for a second before pulling away to look at me.

“I am glad to see that you're smiling again, Scar” Alexander said, using the nickname that he used to call me when we were younger. My heart skipped a beat and I bit my bottom lip to prevent my smile from growing even bigger than it already was.

“I have to thank you for that, actually” I said, blushing, making him shake his head in question “my smile only formed because of you...”

“Alpha Alexander” Alpha Daryl, one of the neighboring pack members said, entering the house. I stood back, allowing the Alphas to talk, and catching the sight of his Luna, I smiled and welcomed her inside. The two of us knew better than to speak when our Alphas were talking or better than to interrupt when they were. Therefore, the two of us smiled at one another and simply stayed quiet.

“You do realize that this is the second time they have crossed their pack’s boundaries, right? Had we not recognized them as your pack members, we could have easily killed them” Alpha Daryl said, and Alexander nodded. It was true, usually anyone entering different pack grounds would have been killed on sight, and that could have led to a big problem between both packs; however, I was thankful that things passed without the need for that.

“I am aware, Alpha Daryl, and I can assure you that it won’t happen again. You know how new shifters can be difficult at times, and I don’t like to be too aggressive with the younger wolves” Alexander said, trying to explain the situation to the Alpha. The one difference was, Alpha Daryl was not as merciful. The man was known for his cold heart, and many of his pack members who have run away from the pack, choosing to be rogue rather than have him as Alpha have spread his rumors. Some even chose to seek refuge here, and at times, Alexander would agree to take them in, claiming that they had found their mates to keep them safe. He was not titled as the Alpha of Alphas for no reason, and despite it not being official, many of the wolves saw him as that.

“And that is ‘what happens when you choose to be lenient’” Alpha Daryl said, looking at his Luna who flinched, making me frown. I knew that Alexander was harsh when he wanted to be, but I would rarely ever flinch, even on our bad days, when he looked at me; however, the woman seemed to be genuinely scared of the man. The way his eyes met hers, and the way she looked down at her feet told me that she has been through a lot more than she showed.

“Each Alpha has his own methods, I do not judge yours, and I will request that you do not judge mine” Alexander said, his tone hardening for a second, making my chest ache. His wolf, who was initially calm, tensed, getting ready for a fight; however, Alpha Daryl thankfully shrugged, choosing to drop the subject.

“As long as you keep your pack members within your ground or at least, out of mine, I don’t think that we should have a problem” Alpha Daryl said, grabbing his mate’s arm roughly. I wanted to speak up; however, Alexander wrapping his arm around me, stopped me. His eyes met mine, and I got his silent message. He did not want me interfering. I bit my bottom lip before forcing myself to stay quiet, knowing to submit to my Alpha before the man dragged his woman out of the house without bothering to even stay for coffee.

Alexander turned to look at me, his eyes hardening for a second before he spoke, his tone harsher than it had ever been before, making my chest ache as the feeling of being safe completely left me ungrounded.

“Act like a Luna, and not this...” he said, looking me up and down “we do not interfere with other pack businesses as long as they do not concern us, and they do not interfere in ours, do you understand me?”

