

## Alpha Maximus The last lycan Chapter 26

### Chapter 26

Anna is surrounded by wolves, snapping and snarling at her. The largest one shifts into his human form; his aura giving off immense power. He must be an alpha.

Anna, you have broken the law, with my son, who is no longer Alpha,' he says. This must be my grandfather, Alpha Cal.

Anna gasps.

'What have you done to him?' She asks, and Alpha Cal laughs.'

'My impertinent son is locked up in his own dungeon indefinitely where he will be punished regularly.'

'You're a monster!' She yells.

'How do you plead, Anna Glint?' He asks.

'Being in love should is not a crime! You are defying the Moon Goddess, objecting to her choosing me as your sons' mate! She yells.

'The Moon Goddess would never curse the werewolves, with a witch as one of our mates. You obviously bewitched him!' He snarls.

'I love Levi! And he loves me! The Moon Goddess wants us to be together! I never bewitched him!' She yells.

'You're sentenced to death for breaking the law and bewitching my son! Get her!' He yells, and the werewolves shift, and grab her arms, in a lock-hold, as tears roll down her cheek.

I cry while they drag her for miles, before reaching hundreds of people waiting around a wooden post. They tie her to the wooden post, and Alpha Cal takes a wooden lit torch from a bystander, and stands in front of her.

'Any last words witch?' He asks, and she glares at him..

'I, Anna Glint, of the Healers coven, curse you, Alpha Cal. For my death shall be avenged by your own bloodline. The day you see my face again, is the day you will die!' She yells, before looking beyond his shoulder, directly into my eyes.

'Mum?' I tremble, but she smiles and nods.-Alpha Cal turns to look to where I'm standing.

'Who are you staring at?' He yells. My Mum is the only person who can see me; I'm invisible to everyone else.

'Mum!' I scream, running towards her.

Alpha Cal throws the torch at her feet, and flames spread across the hay and up the pole, and my mother screams in pain, as the fire engulfs her. The screams stop, and I fall to my knees, crying.

Alpha Cal chuckles behind me. I stand up, wipe my tears away, and face my grandfather, who's laughing.

'I will avenge my mother, if it's the last thing I do!' I yell, though I know he can't hear me.

Running towards the lake, I cry; it's the only place I've ever felt safe. The baby is crying, and a few people are gathered around it.

'It's been abandoned,' someone says.

'Well pick it up. Alpha will decide what to do with it,' the other says.

Following them to their pack house, they approach Alpha Tate's father. Alpha Tate is four or five years old. It's weird seeing him at this age.

'What is this?' He asks.

'We heard cries and found it in the forest.' The alpha grunts and sighs.

'I can smell it's wolf, so it's not a human, vampire, or a witch,' he states. An elderly woman is sweeping the floor nearby.

'Our current slave will drop dead in a few years. This baby will replace her,' he says, shrugging,

'Who is going to look after her in the meantime? Someone asks.

'Give her to the slave. The baby can be her problem!' He snarls.

The old lady takes the baby and leaves the room. I vaguely remember her. She died just before I was five, when I started doing all the chores, and the beatings began. I want to follow her but the vortex sucks me back to my world and time. Closing my eyes, I'm dizzy. I'm back under the tree and no longer transparent.

I just witnessed my mother's death! When I was found and became a slave! I lie down on the grass, and stare into the distance in shock; watching the sun set, and the moon appear.

When the moon appears, and darkness consumes me, I reluctantly stand, and return to the castle in a zombie – like trance.

After an hour, I still haven't reached the castle in my human form. I plod along in a trance. I haven't even noticed Maximus, and the others, in front of me, talking to me, and waving their hands in front of my face.

I feel like an empty shell. It's not until Maximus cups my face in his hands and kisses my lips that I'm smacked awake. He sends sparks through my body, and ignites my inner flame and soul. He is horrified by the state I'm in. The pack members stare at me, concerned.

'We've been looking for you for hours. Did something happen? You were in a whole different world. You couldn't see us or hear us,' he says.

I know what I have to do.

'Maximus... I need you to take me to the Dark Moon pack,' I demand.

'What! Are you insane?' He asks.

'There's something I need to do,' I say, gently.

'What do you need to do that's so important that I need to endanger your life by taking you there?' He asks.

I manage to speak one word before I black out in his arms.

'Kill,' I whisper, and I slip into darkness.

Damn it! She is burning up again!' Maximus yells, running with me in his arms. He doesn't bother undressing either of us before getting straight into the shower, holding me, and drenching us.

'You have to let me in. You have to tell me what's going on,' he whispers, as I stir awake from the cool water.

'Do you love me?' I whisper.

'Of course, I love you! I would die for you! I would do anything for you,' he answers.

'Even if I'm not what you think I am?' I ask.

'You're my mate and that's all that matters,' he whispers. I burst into tears, wrap my arms around him, nuzzle my face into his neck and cry for a long time.

'I love you too. No matter what,' I whisper.

'No matter what,' he whispers, and kisses my forehead and sweeps my hair from my face tenderly.

He runs his fingers down my neck and chest; his eyes and fingers resting on the ruby heart.

'I've never seen this before.' He grips my hand over his, holding the heart.

'It belonged to my parents,' I say, with a sad smile.

He looks at me, confused.

'I thought you didn't know who your parents were? I thought you were found as a baby in the forest?' He says.

'I just found out who they are. It's important you take me to the Dark Moon pack as soon as you can!' I say, with urgency.

'Who are your parents? What do the Dark Moon pack have to do with your parents?' He asks.

'There's something I need to show you,' I say, trying to crawl out of the shower.

He wraps his arm around my waist, and pulls me back onto his lap.

'You're not well! Stay here till your fever breaks. I'm putting you on bed rest. Once you're well enough, you can tell me everything. If we still need to see Alpha Cal about the treaty, we will go then,' he says, his word final.

I'm laughing in hysteria, my body is burning up, and I see flashes of my mother being burnt at the stake. I feel her pain, her burns, and her heartbreak over never being in her mate's arms again. My laughs turn into screams of pain.

'Alex, Bella, Beth! Anyone!' Maximus shouts.

'It hurts! Please stop the fire, stop the fire! Don't let him kill me!' I scream

'I'm not going to let anything happen to you. Who do you think is going to kill you?' He asks.

'My grandfather \_ Alpha Cal... 'I manage to say, before erupting into screams of pain again

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## Chapter 27

Alpha Maximus

Alex and Bella sprint into our bathroom, hearing my screams and calls for help.

'Bella! Get the doctor. Alex! Help me keep her in the water!' I yell. Hope is thrashing around, trying to free herself from my grip. She's hot to touch and the cold water isn't helping at all.

'Stop the fire!' She screams. 'It burns!' She yells.

'What's wrong with her Alpha?' Alex asks, concerned.

'I don't know. I thought she had a fever, but the cold water isn't doing anything! I don't know what to do,' I panic.

'Kiss her!' Alex says.

'What?' I ask, tilting my head.

'When she was in her weird trance your kiss snapped her out of it,' he explains.

I kiss her lips, and the moment I do, sparks fly through my body, and I know she feels them too. She stops thrashing around, and cups my face, not wanting us to part. Her tears drip onto my cheek. I hold her closer, and comfort her as much as I can, and we part. I caress her face, and she lies, exhausted, in my arms.

Alex turns the water off and brings some towels to cover her. He puts his hand on her forehead.

'She isn't burning up anymore. The kiss worked,' he says.

'Now, we just have to figure out what's going on,' I say.

'Here, hold her while I dry and redress myself,' I say, handing Hope to Alex, drenched. Alex holds her in his arms and I go into my room.

I remove my wet clothes and dry myself off, putting black trousers, and a white, long-sleeved, cuffed shirt on. I call out for Alex to bring her into the room, lying dry towels on the bed.

'Lie her down here and see where that doctor is,' I order. Alex lies her on the bed and leaves the room. I remove her wet dress, dry her with the towels, then dress her in a fresh nighty. I put her in bed under the covers, sit by her side, and hold her hand, until the doctor arrives with Bella and Alex.

'What took you so long?' I snap at the doctor.

'I'm so sorry, Alpha. I was caught up with other patients,' he replies.

My fist slams into the bedside table as Chaos tries to take over.

'I don't care if someone is dying, if I call you, you are to come immediately!' I growl. I'm standing there facing them with black eyes; Chaos is fighting me to kill the doctor.

'Chaos! That's enough!' Alex growls. 'Let Alpha Max in or we won't be able to help Hope,' he warns.

After a moment of hesitation, Chaos retreats. My eyes return to their natural colour, and I exhale, relieved. I sit down on the bed.

'Doctor, please do your check up before Chaos tries to take over again,' I say. The doctor nods, approaches the bed, and checks all of Hope's vital signs.

'What's wrong with her?' I ask

'That's the thing, Alpha. I can't find anything wrong. Everything seems to be fine,' he says, confused I look at Alex and Bella who shrug

\*Thank you, doctor.' I say, and he leaves. I look at Hope, and at her ruby heart she claims belongs to her parents.

'Bella, stay here with her. I need to have an urgent meeting with Alex in my office,' I mumble, leaving the room. Bella nods, and Alex follows me into the office, I take my seat and stare solemnly at the desk.

'Are you okay?' Alex asks.

'No, I'm not okay, while Hope is like this. She said some things, some strange things, and I'm trying to figure it all out.'

'What did she say?'

'She thinks Alpha Cal is her grandfather,' I say, annoyed.

'Alpha Cal? As in Alpha Cal who killed your parents? The Alpha of the Dark Moon pack?' He asks, shocked. I nod.

'How? Why?' Alex says, scratching his head, confused.

'She is wearing a necklace I've never seen before. It's a heart shaped ruby. She said it belonged to her parents,' I explain.

'After she went missing in the castle, she had all these questions about the Dark Moon pack. She became very defensive when I explained that a witch was condemned to death for being in love with the Alpha of the Dark Moon pack... Shit-'I say, suddenly realising

'What is it?' Alex asks.

'It all makes sense now. If Alpha Cal is her grandfather, Alpha Levi is Hope's-

'Father?' Alex answers.

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'If Alpha Levi is her father, and he was in love and mated to the witch that my parents tried to protect, that means Hope is half-'I gulp.

'Witch?' Alex says. We look at each other in shock, and my hands tremble.

'Alpha... this means Hope is the first of her kind. It explains her healing ability. Hybrids are... illegal. She will be killed if anyone finds out!' Alex whispers. "Technically your relationship with her, is against the law because she is part witch,' Alex points out. I punch a hole in the wall.

'Fuck!' I yell, throwing items around the room in anger.

'Fuck! This can't be happening! I'm mated to the granddaughter of my parent's killer, a hybrid who shouldn't exist!' I yell.

'What's going to happen now?' Alex asks with dread.

'I love her, Alex. I love her with all my heart. If anything ever happened to her, I could never live with myself. I don't care that she is a hybrid! She is my mate and I love her for her, and I accept her for her, just like she accepted me; a lycan everyone else fears and shuns. She didn't hesitate in loving me, when she saw my lycan. No matter what people think about her, I will protect her with my life! Hope is right. Why should someone be punished for loving someone else? It's irrelevant who they are," I say, with my head in my hands.

'Alpha, Hope is our Luna and your mate. That's all that matters. This pack has fallen in love with Hope as our Luna. No one here will care if she is part witch; if anything it will just make us more protective of her,' Alex says, proudly. I smile knowing the pack think so highly of her, and how accepting they are of her.

'She wants me to take her to the Dark Moon pack and now I know why. Her father is still alive. My guess is, she wants to fight for his freedom. Her grandfather killed my parents and her mother. I think it's only fair we get her the justice she deserves

for her mother's death. Which will avenge my parents' deaths as well.' Alex nods, in agreement.

'I'll get the pack warriors prepared for when Hope is well enough to pay her grandpa a visit,' Alex says, smirking.

Peering down at the floor under my desk, I pick up a folded note and open it.

Anna, my love,

They can try and keep us apart, but love will always conquer. You are my heart and I gift it to you now and forever.

Eternally yours,

Alpha Levi of the Dark Moon Pack.

After reading it aloud, I read it over and over in my mind.

'Is that a love letter between her parents?' Alex asks, and I nod.

'You are my heart, and I gift it to you now and forever,' I read, and pause in thought for a moment. 'Hope said the heart pendant was from her parents. Perhaps her father gifted it to her mother?' I conclude.

'That would make sense,' Alex replies. 'Tell the pack warriors to prepare to leave in the next couple of days,' I order.

'Yes, Alpha,' Alex replies, bowing, and leaving the office.

Returning upstairs, I check on Hope, where Bella is still sitting by her side, with Billy sleeping in her arms.

'You can go Bella; I'll take over from here,' I mumble, Bella nods and leaves. Caressing Hope's face, I kiss her cheek

'I don't know if you can hear me babe, but I love you. No matter what. I just want you to always remember that,' I whisper

'No matter what,' she whispers back

## **Alpha Maximus The last lycan Chapter 28**

### **Chapter 28**

Alpha Maximus



Waking up the next morning, Hope is snuggled in my arms. I kiss her cute button nose and it stirs her awake

She sits up, swiftly remembering everything from the day before, and she touches her face, and looks around, in thought.

You aren't dreaming. If that's what you're wondering,' I say.

There are things I need to tell you,' she says, softly.

'Hope, I already know,' I reply. She looks at me, confused.

"No, I don't think you do,' she says, puzzled.

'I know your father is Alpha Levi and your mother is Anna Glint, the witch my parents hid and tried to save,' I state.

"How did you?' She asks, and I hand her the love note, and watch her hold the heart pendant in her other hand.

'Did your father gift that to your mother?' I ask She nods.

'Yes, he did,' she smiles.

'I'm going to grant you a wish. We're going to visit your grandfather and we are going to try and free your father.' Hope's eyes well and she lunges at me, and wraps her arms around my neck.

'Thank you,' she whispers.

"Doing this puts you in great danger. So, we need to plan this carefully. You could be sentenced to death just for existing,'I explain, truthfully. She nods.

'I know. But it's not fair. Their crime was loving each other. I'm the result of that love! I'm not sorry for being born! I'm glad I'm here, because I have you, and you have me. No matter what,' she says, with the utmost love in her voice.

We share a fiery kiss, Hope straddles me, and I push myself into her, and she grinds against me, and we both moan. My hands cup her bum, and move along with her hips. I slap her sweet ass, making her gasp, and arch her back in pleasure.

'Maximus,' she moans, making my cock twitch inside of her, in pleasure.

Hope smashes her mouth onto mine, and our tongues explore each other, as we move even faster until we both cry out together in climax, filling her with my seed.

I roll her onto her hands and knees, and push myself into her from behind; thrusting my cock in and out of her, and she clutches the sheets and cries out, as waves of pleasure ripple through our bodies, again releasing my seed, before she rolls onto her side, spent

I carry her into the bathroom and turn the shower on. I kiss her blushing cheeks and her sweet lips. After our shower, we go downstairs and have breakfast together.

'When will we be going to Dark Moon pack?' Hope asks.

'I'm thinking we can go as soon as today,' I offer, and she nods and smiles. 'We can't just turn up on his territory though. I'll tell him I'm coming to speak with him about the peace treaty in person. We know he wants me dead, so we will have to be aware of any traps; I'll bring all the warriors. We don't know how he'll react when he meets you. I think it best not to introduce you to him straight away,' I suggest. Hope stands and takes my hand.

'Before we leave, I want to show you something,' she says, I nod, and follow her through the castle.

I'm sure it's around here somewhere,' she says, confused.

'What are you looking for?' I ask.

'The room where I found my mother's belongings; where I found the note and the necklace,' she explains.

'Uh huh! Hope yells.

'What is it?' I ask.

She tugs my arm and leads me to a black hole in a wall with steps descending to a lower floor.

I follow her down the stairs and she pushes on a wall, that reveals a room. I follow her in, where it's quite dark, and she lights a candle. I turn around, looking at all the things in the room, and go over to one of the bookshelves and pick up a jar.

'What is all this stuff?' I ask.

'I think they're items my mother used for spells,' she says.

'I'm surprised you found this room. It's so well hidden.'

'I found it by accident when I was lost. This is what I wanted to show you,' she says, pulling across a red velvet curtain, hung between the shelves, on the wall, to reveal a painting. My jaw drops.

'Hope! That's you in the portrait! How? I don't understand," I ask, shocked.

'It's not me silly. It's my parents,' she says, beaming with a smile.

'You're identical to your mother. The same eyes, hair, nose!' I point out, and Hope is smiling.

'I was wondering, if, maybe, we could display this in a better place, where I can see it every day,' she says.

Without hesitating, I step closer, and carefully lift it from the wall. It's heavy and well painted; the detail is amazing. Hope blows out the candle and we leave the room.

Already knowing the perfect spot to hang it, I enter the large dining room and position it on the wall, in the centre, where we and the pack can admire it every day.

'Thank you,' she says, standing by my side and looping her arm through mine. We stand there in silence for a few moments, taking in the image of her parents.

'Pack a bag. I'll get Alex to get the pack warriors ready,' I mumble, and before she can walk away, I quickly grab her wrist, spin her around into my chest, and kiss her lips, and twirl her back around and let her go.

The pack warriors are ready to leave and Hope comes back down stairs, as Nathan and Sally return. They have been informed where we are going and who we are visiting.

'You can't seriously take Hope with you! If he or anyone outside this pack finds out she's half witch, she'll be hunted and killed!' Nathan says.

'Nathan, her father is still alive, and has been kept in a dungeon all these years. He probably doesn't know his mate saved Hope! We need to free him. As for her grandfather, Hope has every right to justice, for her mother's death. It will avenge my parents' deaths too!' I explain.

'I understand, but I'm coming with you,' Nathan says, and I nod.

'That would be good. Sally should stay here with Bella. It's risky as it is,' I order. Sally opens her mouth to protest but Nathan shakes his head.

'Alpha is right. You need to stay here, and stay safe,' he says, agreeing with me. Sally sighs, and nods.

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'We will be back later you know it,' Hope says, smiling at Sally

'You'll bring Nathan back to me, safe and sound, won't you?' Sally asks, her eyes welling up

'Of course,' Hope replies, with a reassuring smile.

Opening the car door, I help Hope in, sit next to her, and hold her hand, Nathan drives.

Just don't swerve like you did the other time,' I warn.

'Yes, Alpha,' Nathan salutes.

'Alpha Cal knows we'll be arriving sometime tonight. He said he won't be signing a peace treaty, no matter what I say to him. I told him I'd at least like to speak with his son, Levi, briefly. At first, he said no. I told him I have a big surprise for them, that will change their lives for ever. Curiosity got the better of him and he is allowing us passage into his territory. The look on his face when he sees you is going to be priceless,' I beam.

'Do you think my father will want to see me?' Hope asks, nervously.

'Of course, he will want to see you! You're his daughter,' I say, and she nods.

'I hope so,' she says, wistfully. Hope sleeps with her head on my shoulder for the next few hours, before we arrive in Dark Moon territory. His pack warriors stand up ahead, on the border. Nathan winds the window down, speaks to a guard, and we are waved through.

My pack warriors aren't far behind. Knowing they aren't allowed in, they wait, on standby, in case things get ugly. And if they do, they know to fight their way in, and to us.

We arrive at the very large pack house. I tell Hope to stay hidden behind Nathan. She'll know when to make herself known to her father and grandfather.

Alex walks in beside me, while Nathan stays back with Hope. A couple of pack warriors get us to follow them into a large room where Alpha Cal sits in his large throne – like chair.

Alpha Maximus,' he grimaces.

'Alpha Cal,' I smile, and look around the room.

'Where is your son?' I ask. Alpha Cal scoffs.

'I'll have him brought here when I'm ready to have him here,' he says.

'Of course,' I say, smirking, and crossing my arms.

'Now, tell me why you are here, and why I shouldn't kill you right now,' he says, angrily; my smirk becomes a bigger smile.

'Well, I'm not here for the peace treaty if that's what you're thinking. I know full well there will never be peace between us,' I snap.

'Then why are you here? What is this so-called life changing surprise you speak of?' He asks.

'When your son is here, I'll show you,' I say, smiling.

Alpha Cal yells for the pack warriors to bring Levi up. They drag him into the room with his wrists chained. He is underweight and haggard, and covered in dry and fresh blood. I can see the emptiness in his eyes, and in his soul; he is an empty shell. I give him a sympathetic look, and he slowly looks up, and makes eye contact with me. His eyes tell a sad story.

He doesn't want to live.

## **Alpha Maximus The last lycan Chapter 29**

### **Chapter 29**

Alpha Maximus

"This is the first time in over eighteen years Levi has been out of the dungeon, so this better be good, Alpha Maximus!" Alpha

Cal snaps.

Levi squints at me when Alpha Cal says my name, and studies me for a moment; looking me up and down

'Your parents... they tried to save my beautiful mate, my love, she was my whole world,' he whispers. I nod.

"I'm sorry they couldn't save her," I whisper.

'I'm sorry my father killed your parents Alpha Maximus. I'm truly sorry,' Levi says, sadly. I nod.

Me too.

\*This isn't a family reunion! Hurry up with your business before I kill you!' Alpha Cal yells. He is old, probably in his late sixties, but still very strong and well-built.

'Actually, Alpha Cal, that is why I am here. This is a family reunion,' I say, smiling from ear to ear.

'What are you talking about?' He snaps, and Nathan comes into the room.

'I have someone I'd like you to meet,' I say, and Nathan stands aside, and Hope and I are face to face.

"Are you ready?' I ask her. She nods, and takes my hand.

I gently pull her beside me, and Levi falls to his knees, and cries in disbelief; reaching out to touch her.

'Anna? How is this possible? I killed you. I burned you at the stake! This isn't possible!' Alpha Cal yells, angrily.

Hope moves closer to them. She is wearing a beautiful white dress with a wide, long-V-front. The dress is ankle-length, and has a slit up her left thigh. She looks like a Goddess who has fallen from the sky.

'My name isn't Anna,' she says, firmly.

Hope

'What kind of game are you playing? I killed you! How are you here?' Alpha Cal snaps. I turned to look down at my father who is on his knees, crying, and looking up at me.

"I can't believe you're alive! My Anna,' he says, softly, holding his arms up for me to embrace him. I drop to my knees, wrap my arms around him and cry.

'I'm not Anna. I'm Hope. Your daughter, Papa,' I say, crying.

'What? Papa?' Alpha Cal yells. Levi cups Hope's face.

'How is this possible? I knew your mother was pregnant but no one else knew. She escaped and Alpha Cal caught her and killed her. I thought she was still with child when she was killed,' he says.

'No Papa. Mum left me near a pack house in a forest so I could be found. I was a newborn. She must have not long given birth to me. She led Alpha Cal and his pack away from me before she was caught and killed,' she says, crying.

'Are you telling me you're my granddaughter? A half breed vermin?' Alpha Cal yells, and Hope stands and glares at him.

'Well, hello to you too, grandpa!' She shouts angrily at him. Alpha Cal looks her up and down, and bursts into laughter. Composing himself, he straightens in his chair and clears his throat.

You do know coming here is signing your own death warrant, my dear, sweet, granddaughter?' He says.

Hope laughs, mocking him; it makes him a little on edge.

I'm here to sign your death warrant, grandpa,' she clarifies. Alpha Cal smirks, and rubs his chin, in thought.

We truly are related; you remind me of myself,' he grins.

"I have something I'd like to say to you. Something that is going to send chills down your spine; something you have heard before,' she says, faintly starting to glow. 'I, Hope Glint, of the Healers coven, curse you Alpha Cal. For the death of my mother shall be avenged by your own bloodline. The day you see my face again is the day you will die!' Hope declares, shifting into her wolf and lunging at him.

He pales, shifts into his wolf, and starts to fight Hope off. Warriors come running in, and attack Nathan and Alex. Our wolves rip the warriors to shreds.

Even though she is strong, when she struggles against Alpha Cal, and whimpers in pain, my attention is on her. I pounce on him, forcing him off her, he snarls, snaps, and rips a chunk of flesh out of my neck with his teeth. Blood gushes out and everything around me fades into darkness. Alpha Cal hovers over me snarling, about to kill me, before Hope lunges at him, ferociously biting into his neck with all her strength, almost ripping his head off.

Shifting back into human form, I'm slowly dying. Hope cries, puts pressure on my wound, and my eyes roll back

'Max! Don't you dare die on me! You need to stay with me!' She cries, glowing, with silver eyes and static hair.

The large wound on my neck slowly closes over. Hope's hair falls, and her eyes return to normal. She wraps her arms around me, crying

'Maximus!' She cries, helping me sit up. The warriors in the room are all dead; the remaining living bow to us as Hope and I are now their new Alpha and Luna.

“Unchain him! Hope snaps, pointing at her father who is shocked and speechless, witnessing Hope heal me.

‘You’re a wolf and you can heal?’ Levi stutters.

‘Yes, Papa. I was blessed with yours and Mum’s best traits,’ she says, smiling. Levi wraps his arms around Hope and cries.

‘My daughter, my beautiful, sweet daughter. You don’t know what it means, knowing you’re alive!’ He cries, before collapsing on the ground.

“Take him to the doctor, Feed him and nourish him. If anyone harms him, I’ll rip your head off!’ Hope snaps at the warriors.

She returns to me, and helps me stand. I’m a bit woozy from the blood loss. Nathan and Alex sit me at a table where food is served to us.

‘Eat. You need to regain your strength,’ Hope orders, passing me a plate of food. Hope is a true Luna; Immediately ordering the guards and warriors to dispose of the dead and to release any other prisoners. She instructs them to have rooms ready for us, and to remove all of Alpha Cal’s things, and burn them with his body.

She goes down to the kitchen and tells the cooks to prepare a banquet to celebrate her father’s freedom.

I’m so proud of her and admire her greatly, watching her delegate. We are escorted to a large bedroom, where she helps me into bed.

‘We did it. We killed him and freed my father!’ She remarks, proudly, leaning down, and kissing me passionately, before running to the bathroom, mid-kiss.

‘Are you okay?’ I ask, sitting up. I hear her vomiting. I’m about to get out of bed but she returns.

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‘I’m fine. I’m just exhausted and overwhelmed with everything that has happened. I’ll lie down with you before we go to the banquet,’ she says, looking a little drowsy.

She climbs into the bed and snuggles into me. We have a short sleep before freshening up for the feast.

‘You look stunning,’ I tell her, twirling her around in her red, floor-length dress.

‘You look quite edible yourself,’ she purrs, running her fingers down my chest.



Taking her hand, we walk downstairs to the large dining room where Nathan, Alex, Levi and unfamiliar pack members sit. They stand as we enter, and bow submissively. Levi steps away from the table and holds his arms to hug Hope. She runs into his arms and they weep.

'How are you feeling now, Papa? Have they been treating you well?' Hope asks.

'Like a king,' he says, smiling. 'All thanks to you and Alpha Maximus. I didn't think I'd ever leave that dungeon. I can't believe how much you look just like your mother,' he says, cupping her face. Hope smiles at him, and turns to face everyone.

'Let's celebrate my father's release, and the changing of laws! Hope yells. "We own over half the wolf territories. We have the power to do as we please. No one will defy us – we can't be overpowered,' she whispers, grinning from ear to ear. 'Now, make it known to the rest of the packs that no matter who the Moon Goddess blesses you with as your mate, it's final, and no

longer a crime to be mated with another species,' Hope declares, proudly.

Hope hands fifteen scrolls to fifteen warriors.

'Now, go! And if any of them deny our union, our leadership, and our ruling, they will be sentenced to death by yours truly! She yells, finality in her tone, and the warriors nod and bow.

'Long live Queen Hope!' They say, before leaving. She smiles, turns to me and wraps her arms around my neck

'No longer will anyone be punished for love. No longer will anyone try and destroy you. You are my love, my lycan, my king, my everything. I'll be damned if anyone tries to hurt you, or I, ever again!' She says, fiercely. She grabs my jaw, and kisses me wantingly, before resting her head on my chest.

"No matter what,' she whispers.

No matter what,' I reply, kissing her forehead, tenderly.

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Hope

I try my best to smile as we eat and celebrate, during the banquet, but it's too much for me. I stand, kiss my father on the cheek, and Maximus on the lips.

'Please excuse me while I freshen up,' I say, forcing a smile. I run quickly to the nearest bathroom. I'm not feeling very well at all, but I don't want anyone to think of me as weak, or unwell.

Feeling better, I rejoin everyone at the table. I'm so caught up in conversation with my father about my life, I don't realise how late it becomes.

I think it's time we finish up here and go to bed, before we travel Home tomorrow' Maximus says, smiling; I nod stand, and take his hand.

Before I wish you a good night, I want to know what you want. Do you want to live with Alpha Maximus and I, or do you want to reclaim your position here, as Alpha?' I ask.

My Dad is taken back by my question.

What do you want me to do?' He asks:

'I want you to be happy,' I answer, and he pulls me into his chest and wraps his arms around me, lovingly.

I'm so proud of you. Your mother would be so proud of you as well,' he whispers. We cry in each other's arms.

You don't have to decide right now. We're not leaving until tomorrow." He nods, lets me go, and wipes away his tears. I take Maximus's hand and follow him upstairs, to sleep

The next morning, we wake up in each other's arms smiling,

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'Let's go have breakfast and see what your father has decided, Maximus says, climbing out of bed:

We're the only ones at breakfast, and Alex and Nathan come down just as we are finished.

'Have you seen my father?' I ask them.

'He was wandering around outside earlier,' Nathan says.

I'll find him and talk to him, I say, kissing Maximus' cheek.

I wander out the front door and to the back garden.

My Dad is sitting on the grass, looking at the sky, taking in his surroundings.

'It must have been awful spending eighteen years in a dungeon, never seeing the sky n or even a flower,' I say, approaching him, and sitting down beside him. We smile sympathytically.

'I thought I'd never see the sky again, or feel the warmth of the sun on my skin. I prayed to the Moon Goddess to let me die during the beatings, but now I know why she didn't answer my prayers. She knew you were alive and wanted us to be reunited,' he says, smiling.

'Papa...' I say, sweetly placing my head on his shoulder. "Have you decided what you want to do? | ask.

'Someone needs to stay here and be in charge of the Dark Moon pack. I would love to be reinstated as Alpha, but I would also like to spend some time with you. Perhaps the Beta can run things here for a while, I can spend a few months with you, then return as Alpha,' he says, smiling.

I wrap my arms around him.

'Unlike the idea,' I say, excitedly, kissing him on the cheek. 'You'll love it at Blood Moon. The pack house is a big old castle,' I explain.

"Your mother told me about it. She was best friends with Maximus' mother. They go way back. When she found out Anna had been sentenced to death, they hid her in their castle. The castle staff didn't even know Anna was hidden there, in a secret room. I had been demoted and put in the dungeon here; your mother only just escaped in time. We also had only just found out she was

pregnant with you

She stayed at the castle for months, until news spread she was being hidden and protected there. My father paid them a surprise visit. They weren't expecting him. He demanded they hand her over, but they denied her being there. His pack warriors tore the castle apart and they eventually found the room she was in. Anna must have known they were there, because she had fled the castle. She was due to give birth any moment. She made it as far as Black Wood territory, where my father caught her. You were probably a day old when you were found. My heart shattered and sank when my father told me he had caught her and burnt her at the stake I knew that meant you died with her. Anna was the most selfless woman I ever met. She made sure you survived. I'm forever grateful she saved you. I just wish she was here to see you, and see what a wonderful, loving Luna you are,' he says, wiping a tear away

'I wish she was here, too,' I say, with a sad smile. A glow emits from my chest, and I pull the heart pendant out, and hold it in the palm of my hand, watching it glow brighter.

Where did you find this?' My father asks, in disbelief.

"At the castle, with this,' I say, handing him the love note.

I can't believe you found this! I had this necklace specially made for her. Part of my heart is in it. And part of her soul and essence, he says, gleefully

"How did you manage to do that?' I ask.

it was made during a secret love ritual, by witches who accepted the love between us. We lay on a stone table where they chanted over us and coloured mist swirled in the air and formed the ruby heart. It was such a magical experience. Your mother and I knew the love we had for each other was pure and genuine. One of her witch friends suggested we perform the ritual, and put part of ourselves inside the heart. Your mother was all for it. I wanted to do it as a token of our love and what she means to me,' he explains.

On Papa. You are quite the romantic, aren't you?' I say, in admiration.

"When it came to your mother, I would have done anything for her," he says, pondering something, while looking up at the sky, smiling

"Here, this belongs to you,' I say, placing the heart and chain in his hand. He gives me a beaming smile, before kneeling behind me and fastening it around my neck.

'It belongs to you, Hope. So you will always have a part of your mother with you,' he smiles.

'Are you sure?' I ask, and he nods.

'Yes, but I'm keeping the note!' He laughs, pressing it against his heart, and we smile.

"Let's go home,' I say, and he nods, stands, takes my hand, and helps me up. We approach the house where *Maximus*, *Nathan* and *Alex* are waiting near the cars.

I run and jump into Max's arms, he spins me around in a circle, and we kiss.

"Dad wants his Beta to run the pack house here for a few months, so he can spend some time with us. Then he will return here as Alpha,' I explain. *Maximus* nods and smiles.

"I'll speak with the Beta. Get yourselves ready to go home," he smiles, before walking a way.

The drive home is quick because my father tells me stories about he and my mother. He asks about my childhood. I tell him about it reluctantly, and he is naturally quite upset. I reassure him that none of it was his or my mother's fault, and that's all that matters now, because I'm happy and safe and with Alpha Maximus.

We arrive at the castle, where I give Dad a small tour, telling him I still didn't know my way around completely just yet. After another bowl of nausea, I have to cut our tour short.

"We can continue the tour tomorrow. Find Alpha Maximus so he can show you to your room while I have a lie down," I say.

In the bathroom I'm sick again. I jump into the shower then get into bed to rest Maximus comes in, worried.

'Are you ok? I've called the doctor to check on you.' 'I'm sure it's nothing I'm just constantly tired, hungry and nauseous. It's probably just a bug' I say, seeing the doctor standing behind Maximus

Maximus leaves the room while the doctor takes blood samples and runs tests. The doctor lets him know when he can come back in.

'Is she going to be okay? Maximus asks, beaming.

She is going to be fine. She is going to be a mother. Congratulations Alpha. Hope is pregnant,' he smiles.

Maximus' face lights up with a beaming smile, matching the doctors.

'This is the best news ever,' he says, excitedly, placing my hand on my stomach

'Am I really carrying a baby inside me right now?' I ask, in shock, but happy.

'Yes, you sure are! The doctor answers. 'I suggest as much bed rest as possible, and to start eating for two,' he says, winking, and I giggle.

The doctor leaves, and Maximus climbs into bed, kisses my belly and rubs his hand over it.

'Even though I haven't met you yet, I already love you. Your mother and I will give you the best life; filled with so much love, little one,' he whispers to my belly.

Leaning down, I kiss his head, and he looks up at me.

'No matter what,' he whispers.

'No matter what,' I whisper, smiling.

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Hope

My father returns as Alpha of the Dark Moon pack after staying with us a few months. All the peace treaties are signed by the remaining packs, and new laws allow any species to mate.

Dad returns just in time, when I'm giving birth to my first child. Everyone is in the house, excited, waiting around for the doctor and Maximus to give them good news. I spend hours screaming, in labour, and then go quiet. Maximus leaves me to announce the birth of our new little boy; the future Alpha and Prince of Blood Moon.

Everyone cheers and roars, delighted by the news, and then goes quiet when I start screaming again, clearly needing to push out a second baby. Max runs back to me, worried, and shuts the door behind him.

I continue to scream and push for a few more minutes, before the doctor catches our second baby boy. Max wipes his tears away with the back of his hand, and leaves me, to give everyone the good news again. I can hear everything through the door.

There's another one. We have twins! A boy!' Max announces, overjoyed.

Seriously? Twin boys? I have two grandsons!' Dad declares, delighted.

'Hope did so well. She is exhausted, but she will be fine,' Maximus says. Everyone celebrates the births of the twin alphas.

Maximus comes back to me, sits in the chair next to me, and accepts the second baby boy the doctor hands to him to hold. I'm holding our first son on my chest.

We look at each other, smiling, in disbelief, at our perfect little twin boys.

'I never thought I'd have the chance to be a father. She—wolves didn't want to go near me,' Maximus confesses, and I scoff.

I'm glad they didn't, because you're mine and mine only! I say, smirking. Maximus chuckles.

'So, what are we going to name our sons?' Maximus asks.

'Well, I'm thinking we could name one after your father,' I say,

Theo?' Maximus asks and I nod. And the other?' He asks.

I'm thinking Leo. It rhymes with Theo, and I like the sound of Leo the Lycan,' I say, chuckling, and Maximus smiles.

'I like it too. Theo and Leo, it is!' He says, proudly.

The next day I'm well enough to leave the room with the twins. Everyone loves their names, especially Dad.

He is very protective of his grandsons, telling everyone to keep back. He hogs the babies. And if other pack members have held them for too long, he simply takes them back in to his arms. It's sweet how protective he is of them.

A few years pass, and I give birth to another baby. Little Lyla. Theo and Leo look exactly like Max, but little Lyla has my white hair and silver and blue eyes.

When Lyla is a few days old, we receive an unexpected visitor. Her name is Lea. She has travelled from the other side of the world to be with us. She is the witch who organised my parents' sacred love ritual.

I need to speak with your father. It's about the ritual. There's something he needs to know,' she says, guiltily.

'My father arrived here last week, so he could be here for the birth of his granddaughter,' I tell her. 'Please come in. I'll take you to him,' I smile.

I can't believe how much you look like your mother,' Lea says, looking me up and down.

'So I'm regularly told,' I smile.

Lea follows me inside the castle and I take her to Dad, where they both smile and hug each other, happy to see each other.

I didn't think I'd see you again Lea, It's so good to see you,' he says, embracing her.

I'm here, because, I haven't been able to sleep at night. For years, now. The guilt has been eating me up. And I was too afraid to

come back, because I helped Anna escape. I thought I'd be sentenced to death if I returned.

Recently, I found out that Alpha Cal is dead, and that the laws have changed. So, I've come back here straight away to make things right,' Lea explains.

'Everything is right, Lea. My daughter is happy, a mother of three and a Luna. What more could I ask for?' He asks.

Lea looks into his eyes.

'Anna Anna Glint,' she says, and Dad steps back from her.

"Lea, she is dead. Alpha Cal burned her twenty-one years ago,' he whispers, sadly.

That's why I'm here, Alpha Levi. There is something I need to tell you. Anna has never fully been gone. She has always been here, Lea says

What are you talking about?' Dad asks, becoming frustrated.

The heart necklace; the one created in the ritual; do you still have it? She asks. He turns, looks at me, and I pull it out of my dress

This?' I ask.

Yes! That's it. Will you let me have it?' Lea asks.

I take a step back, gripping the heart,

'No, you can't just have it. It was my mother's!"

That's what I'm trying to tell you! Your mother's soul, her essence is inside. With this pendant, I can bring her back to life in the flesh!' Lea explains.

Are you saying you can bring Anna back from the dead?' Dad asks

"When she was burned, she didn't die. The rest of her soul and essence is in this heart, to be whole again. I know the spell to set her

free; to bring her back,' Lea states.

I lift the chain over my head, and hand it to her.

'I want to see her. I want my mother back,' I cry, my eyes welling up. Lea nods.



Come,' Lea says, leaving the room with Dad and I.

'It has to be done on a full moon. Tomorrow night,' Lea explains. Itell Maximus about Lea and the necklace. He wants to be there with Dad and I when Mum is brought back to life.

It's dark and the moon is full. Lea places the ruby heart on the ground in a circle of rocks. She tells us all to stand in a circle and hold hands. She starts chanting and the heart sounds like breaking glass, before a stream of red mist billows into the sky. The mist dissipates to reveal a figure standing in the circle.

'Anna?' Dad yells, pulling her into his chest, crying.

'Levi, my love. Is it really you?' She asks, crying into his chest.

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'Yes, yes, it's me. I love you so much. I never stopped thinking about you,' he cries.

'I know. I have missed you so much too, Levi,' she says, cupping his face.

There is someone I'd like you to meet,' he tells Mum, slowly turning her around, facing her with the younger version of herself, just as beautiful. I fall to my knees on the ground crying, and look up. Mum?'

My

daughter. My precious daughter! Mum cries, kneeling and embracing me. Maximus, Dad and Lea are crying. Mum looks at Maximus and gives him a kind smile.

'Are you going to introduce me to this young handsome man?' She asks me, wiping her tears away.

This is my mate, Alpha Maximus,' I say, trying to stop her tears.

'Not little Maximus? Not my best friend's little boy? Alpha Theo's son?' She asks, amazed. Maximus smiles.

'Yes, the one,' he replies. Mum smiles and embraces him.

'I couldn't ask for a better mate for my daughter,' she says.

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'Mum. Come and meet your grandchildren,' I say, smiling.

'I'm a grandma? She asks, her eyes welling with tears again.

Dad picks Mum up and nuzzles into her neck. Maximus scoops me up, and I cup his face and kiss his lips, and we go into the house.

The children are sleeping but Mum sees them anyway. We quietly cry and coo over their cuteness, looking forward to them meeting Mum properly soon.

Mum and Dad return to the Dark Moon pack, a few months later, as Alpha and Luna. It is agreed that after Mum and Dad pass away, Theo will be Alpha of Dark Moon pack and Leo will be Alpha of Blood Moon.

Max and I sit on the grass watching baby Lyla crawl around, and our sons play ball and fight over it.

'I'm so lucky to have you. For the Moon Goddess blessing us with these perfect babies. I couldn't have asked for a more perfect mate,' I say, my love for him evident in my expression,

'And I'm lucky to have you, my beautiful little hybrid wolf-witch And my hybrid pups,' he says, cupping my face.

'I love you. No matter what,' I whisper.

'No matter what,' he whispers, pecking my nose.