

ALPHA'S REGRET: HIDING MY EX-HUSBAND'S TWINS

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A Talk with Luna Grace

ISABELLA'S POV

After such a long time, I found myself now back inside the packhouse of the Lunar Crescent Pack. My heart felt heavy with a mix of emotions as I faced Luna Grace who was sitting beside me. Only the two of us were present in this room, but the air in the room felt thick as I struggled to find the right words to say with the guilt gnawing at me.

Luna Grace was once a mother figure to me, and I can still feel the bond between us despite not meeting for how many years. But then, I find it hard to meet her gaze, not after what I've done. I didn't even know how I'd explain my sudden disappearance in the past to her.

After a while, I finally took a deep breath, steeling myself for what needed to be said.

"I'm sorry, Luna Grace." I began with my voice barely above a whisper.

Contrary to what I expected, Luna Grace doesn't look angry nor disappointed. There was no chill, neither resentment flashing in her eyes. Instead, her face, which was beautifully aged through the seasons of time, reflected only kindness and understanding.

Slowly, her hand reached out, taking mine firmly yet gently into hers. I let her, feeling her warm and reassuring touch.

"You don't need to apologize, Isabella." She said softly, her gentle tone making me feel slightly at ease.

Seeing her kindness, after everything I had done, was almost too much to bear.

"But I still want to apologize, I insisted, lowering my head in guilt. "I'm just ashamed... for suddenly leaving years ago without a word."

Luna Grace just shook her head gently, flashing me a warm smile. "There's nothing to be ashamed of, dear. Everything happens for a reason, and I'm sure you had yours. What matters now is that you're back and safe."

The understanding on her tone made my heart clench tighter. She was so kind and forgiving

that it sent a wave of warmth through me. But then, the guilt remained.

I sighed deeply, struggling and somewhat hesitating whether to tell her everything that happened to me – to unburden the guilt that had weighed me down for so long. Luna Grace and Alpha Martin had always treated me with such care. In the past, they had taken me in when I had no one, cared for me like I was one of their own even before I discovered Xavier was my mate and we got married.

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After all, I still owed them an explanation.

"The truth is..." I began speaking once more, swallowing the lump on my throat as I tried to steady my voice. "After I fell off the cliff during that rogue attack, some members from the Bluemoon Pack found me, washed away by the river."

Luna Grace's eyes widened slightly, but she remained silent, waiting for me to continue.

"I was unconscious for a whole week," I continued, my voice steadier now. "They treated my wounds, and when I woke up, I met my brother... he was one of those who saved me and he told me we have been separated since young. I knew he was telling me the truth. So I decided to stay with him... to stay in the Bluemoon Pack."

"I needed to heal, both physically and emotionally that time." I added.

I received a small nod from Luna Grace, her expression still soft and understanding. "It was up to you to decide, dear. And from what I can see, you made the choice that was right for you at that time."

"Yes." I slowly nodded my head at her, my voice turning earnest this time. "But I still want to apologize. I know that my decision must have caused trouble for you. I left without a word, abandoning my duties as Luna. I was just... I was in so much pain, and I couldn't bear to go back and continue staying here..."

"I understand." Luna Grace's face softened in sympathy as she squeezed my hand. "The thing that happened between you and my son... I know it hurt you deeply, and for that, I am guilty too because my own son had let you down."

The sudden mention of Xavier... the thing that happened between us... was enough to make me freeze. Memories started to flash back in my mind, but I pushed them back, trying to focus and not look as affected as I was in front of Luna Grace.

But I said nothing, listening as she went on with her words, her face turnings serious. "But I want you to know that we never stopped searching for you. We tried everything we could to find you."

Her sincere words filled with me with so much emotions that I even turned speechless for a second. I could feel the warmth in those words, but then a wave of guilt came crashing back to me once more.

"I know, Luna Grace," I whispered, my voice thick with emotion. "It was my fault for not informing you about my decision. I was just... I was just so lost."

She nodded in understanding, before she moved closer to me, clasping my hand in hers once more. "My son... Although I do not condone the irresponsible things he did to you, Isabella, my

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dear... I also saw how it affected him... how your disappearance affected him."

Luna Grace had a serious and honest look on her face as she continued. "He's been searching for you all these years. And I witnessed how much he regretted the things he did. He's never

been the same since you left."

My chest tightened upon hearing those words. But then, I couldn't quite imagine Xavier being affected by my absence, not after the way he had treated me during our marriage.

Although he keeps insisting that he never wanted a divorce in the first place, and that everything was just Sophia's schemes, I just can't understand why he would get affected. He had never marked me, never shown any real affection to me. Why would he care? Why would he suddenly want me back? Was it because of the role I had left behind as the Luna of this pack?

Had he truly changed, or was it simply guilt that drove him to find me?

Facing the current turmoil inside me, I didn't know what to say. I remained silent, trying to deal with my chaotic thoughts. Luna Grace must've sensed my dilemma as she reached over and patted my shoulder.

"I know it's hard, but I hope you'll consider giving him a chance... to at least unite your family."

Her words made me pause, and I realized with a sinking feeling that she must have already met Liam. She must have figured out that Liam was my son with Xavier... and now she was hoping to mend the rift that had formed between us.