

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

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Regret

ISABELLA'S POV

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I could feel the sweat coating my palms as my heart pounded furiously in my chest. The realization hit me all at once, and nervousness surged through me like a rising tide. Avoiding Xavier's gaze, I stared down at my lap, trying to calm the erratic rhythm of my breathing.

I was still lying on the bed, feeling weak, almost paralyzed by the weight of everything that had happened. My limbs refused to cooperate as I tried to push myself up, but then I felt strong arms gently lifting me. Sparks shot through my skin at his touch, and my body instinctively reacted with different sensations that started surging through me again as I realized just how close he was. I could feel the heat radiating off his body, intensifying the already overwhelming pull of the mate bond.

The bond had grown stronger since last night, every nerve in my body heightened, more sensitive to his presence. My pulse quickened as I felt his firm hands steadying me, holding me up as if I might crumble without him.

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Disappointment twisted inside me, sharp and bitter, tightening my chest. I bit my lip, trying to shake off the lingering frustration. It wasn't the time to dwell on it, not with so much still unanswered.

"Do you want me to get you something?"

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"Where are the kids?" My voice was quiet, and I glanced anxiously toward the door. It was well into the afternoon now, judging by the sunlight filtering through the window, and I hadn't

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I nodded, taking the glass and focusing on it as I sipped, avoiding his eyes. Every time he looked at me, I felt exposed, as if he could see everything I was trying to hide. As if he could see straight into my soul. I wasn't ready to face what all of this meant yet, not with my emotions still raw and confused.

"Are you hungry? I can make something for you." His voice was soft, almost tender, and it took me by surprise.

It was too much. The closeness, the tenderness—it was so foreign. The Xavier I had known before would never speak to me this way. My wolf purred in satisfaction, but I couldn't shake

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wasn't so sure. Xavier had never marked me in the past, even after we got married. married.

He had always held back, and I had thought it was because of Sophia, his first love. But now, I knew that wasn't true.

Sophia wasn't the reason. So why hadn't he marked me then? What had changed now?

I wanted to ask, but the words were stuck in my throat, tangled with fear. Was it duty? Did he mark me because he felt responsible now... because he thought he had to?

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noticed him stepping toward me until I felt the weight of his gaze on me again, piercing and intense.&nbsp;

"What's wrong?" His voice was gentle, but the question hit me like a punch to the chest. The concern in his eyes, the way he was watching me so closely—it was almost too much.

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"I... I need to see the kids," I stammered, avoiding his question entirely. I swung my legs over

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to get away from him, away from these suffocating emotions.

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"I can manage on my own," I muttered, though the weakness in my voice and my body betrayed me. I could barely stand, and he knew it.

His grip tightened, firm but gentle. Then he stared down at me with his dark and serious eyes.

"Do you regret it?" He suddenly asked, his voice low, filled with something I couldn't quite name.&nbsp;

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my ribs as I stared up at him, unable to look away this time.

"Do you regret letting me mark you?" He asked once more, his voice barely above a whisper.

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