

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

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Though the Tael Valley was still a distance from the pack borders, the rogues surrounding us were a clear sign they had infiltrated deep into our territory. My heart raced, but I stood my ground and forced to stay calm.

“Don’t worry. I’ve ordered Lucas and the others to be on standby.”

Xavier’s voice rang inside our mind link. He was still standing in front of me, his stance was strong and unwavering and he exuded that kind of power and authority. But there was a sense

of calmness and assurance in his tone as he spoke to me, somehow comforting my senses.

The dread in my heart slowly dissipated. I took a sharp breath.

We had anticipated something like this to happen. Earlier, we have considered that this meeting with Theodore could be a trap, and we weren’t entirely mistaken.

I just can’t believe how could Theodore be too audacious.

“You’re still inside my pack territory;” Xavier snarled, his voice dropping to a low, menacing growl as he stared at Theodore in warning. “Do you think you can succeed in whatever your planning?”

A sinister smirk twisted across Theodore’s face, his eyes mockingly stared at Xavier.

“Of course not.” He replied with an air of mockery, as though Xavier’s question was nothing more than an amusement.

I frowned, my chest turning cold, full of disdain and wariness as I stared at the rogues surrounding us. They looked restless, watching with us hungry eyes, but none of them moved. They waited, poised on the edge of violence, ready to strike at Theodore’s command. My gaze swept across the group, my body on high alert.

“Why are you doing this?” Xavier demand, his voice even harder this time.

Theodore didn’t speak for a while. He just stared at Xavier, his smirk never faltering. The tension mounted, a taut wire threatening to snap.

The sounds of rogues baring their teeth with their growls rumbling in their throats against us echoed throughout the surroundings, and I shot them a sharp glare, quite displeased at their audacity.

But then, they seemed to be large in number, and though we have anticipated such an attack,

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the result of whether a fight would conclude between our side against them still depends on this talk with Theodore.

“Because I want to?” Theodore finally replied at Xavier’s question, He just stared at Xavier, his smirk never faltering.

I narrowed my eyes, disbelief mixing with disgust. His words were casual, but the threat was clear. This wasn’t just a power play. This was something more personal, more twisted.

“Have you forgotten what happened in the past?” Xavier’s face darkened as he clenched his fists. “I never thought you would stoop so low and collude with these very scum creatures who had killed your father-”

The effect of those words was immediate. Theodore’s smirk vanished and his eyes instantly blazed with fury

“Shut up!” He snapped, seething his teeth. His hands curling into fists as rage contorted his features. The mention of his father had struck a nerve, an old wound ripped open by Xavier’s words.

I could feel Xavier’s intense emotions too through the bond. I can’t imagine how hard this is for him discovering Theodore had hidden motives and even helped the rogues infiltrate the

pack. I too, just can’t understand the reason why Theodore was doing this.

Was it because of Sophia? It could probably be one of the reasons...

But was this reason enough for him to turn his back to the pack and to Xavier who had treated him like his very own brother? Xavier was right. Why would he collude with the creatures who

were responsible for his father’s death?

“You don’t get to talk about him!” Theodore seethed, his orbs which was previously swirling black returned to their original color but going bloodshot in an instant as he glared at Xavier with unbridled hatred.

“I’m just stating the truth.” Xavier responded, his tone cold and calm, though I could also sense the storm brewing beneath his calm exterior.

Theodore scoffed, his lips curling into a bitter smile, though his eyes burned with malice.

“You’re surrounded;” he said, the smugness creeping back into his voice. “And yet here you are, wasting time reminiscing about the past?”

Xavier remained silent, his deep, calculating eyes bore into Theodore’s form. I could feel the huge displeasure oozing from him, and I resisted the urge to hold and try to calm him down. We were now in such a situation. The pack is at stake.

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“With just a wave of my hand, they will immediately follow my orders and attack.” Theodore’s smirk widened, clearly enjoying the power he held.

Xavier pressed his lips, then calmly asked afterward. “What do you want?”

My eyes darted towards Theodore too. For sure, he had hidden motives. If he simply wanted to attack the pack, he wouldn’t have resorted to telling Xavier this and just do the act. But instead, he was now in front of us, and the rogues showed no signs of attacking as there were still no orders for them.

“Considering our relationship from the past, we can skip the battle for now.” Theodore answered casually, as if he was talking about nothing serious and just some trivial matter.

“Let me leave, and I’ll spare your pack, tonight at least.”

I resisted the urge to scoff, feeling absurd at how Theodore sounded so confident that he could take the pack down with these rogues. The Lunar Crescent Pack is still the Lunar Crescent Pack after all. Even though it was still unclear how many rogues Theodore have brought to infiltrate the pack, we still have strong warriors who were prepared for battle any

time.

But then, if a fight did occur, both sides will still suffer some huge loss. Other pack members might not be prepared, especially the children and the women for this fight if ever. So, this

needs a lot of consideration.

Slowly, I was trying to weave all the threads together, finally realizing why Theodore sounded too confident just now.

He knew that despite the strong fighting skills of the pack warriors, that despite the strength of the pack, other members would still be put into such a vulnerable state. And he also knew that Xavier, as the Alpha, would prioritize the well-being of his members first.

He hadn’t really intended to initiate a battle. He was just showing off his current power and betrayal.

But why reveal it this time?

Xavier and I exchanged glances for a few seconds, and I knew he was weighing the same concerns. I felt his turmoil, the war between wanting to protect his pack and the desire to crush the traitor standing before him.

Through our mind link I asked, “Will you let him go?”

“This is the most rational decision to do, for now.” He answered.

I nodded knowing the implications of myself clearly. I just couldn’t help but feel full of unease

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with the thought of letting Theodore go. In fact, he had been staying in this pack for a long time, and he should’ve known some secret matters about the pack. He would bring this information with him and might possibly use it against us. Letting him go was like allowing a snake to slither back into the grass, knowing it would strike again.

But I knew that a battle should not occur at this moment too. And I trust Xavier. Even though he had decided to let Theodore go, I knew he was thinking ahead and already had some plans

too.

So, I didn’t object with his decision.

“From this moment, all ties between us are severed.” Xavier stated, his tone cold yet full of authority.

Theodore’s smirk never wavered, though his eyes flickered with something darker, something more sinister. He then performed a mocking bow in front of us, chuckling darkly in the process.