

## Chapter 49 Paintings

Amarah

I wake up with Joseph sprawled over my chest and I feel Theseus' eyes on me as I slowly turn my head towards him, "Goodmorning, my Alpha." He says as he lowers his head to kiss me and I enjoy the feeling of his lips on mine. "He crawled in here about an hour ago. I am surprised him slipping in between us and shoving me out of the way didn't wake you." He says.

"I think Griffin was the one to push in between us. He is holding on to my arm tightly as if he is afraid I might run of." He says and I look down to see that Joseph has his arms wrapped around Theseus' arm, using it to rest his head on. I kiss the top of his head as I inhale the scent of my Little Wolf.

I don't want to wake him, but I have to get ready for my final match in this Competition and I slowly move Joseph from my chest onto Theseus' chest, before I crawl out of bed to take a shower. "Just give him a few more minutes before you wake him, my Alpha." I say as I kiss Theseus, before I walk into the bathroom.

I have just rinsed the shampoo from my hair when I hear a small voice in my head, "Mom, can I take a shower too?" I smile as I see him popping his head around the corner of the door and I tell him he can come inside. He gets out of his pajamas and grabs the shampoo and shower gel that belong to Theseus.

"Did Griffin need to be close to Mom and Dad?" I ask Joseph after I have helped him wash his hair and he smiles at me as he nods his head. I remember that after I shifted for the first time that Minerva had felt the need to be close to Mom and Dad too.

"That is fine, my Little Wolf. Maybe you should ask Grandpa about Minerva after our first shift." I tell him and I see a twinkle in his eyes as he asks me how old I was. He apparently knows exactly what I was getting at and we both laugh as I tell him that Grandpa wasn't as lucky as Theseus.

As I help Joseph get dried off Theseus disappears into the bathroom to get ready and I see he has placed two sets of clothing out on the foot of the bed. Joseph smiles as he sees that both sets are similar and through our mind-link he says he wants to pull a prank on Theseus.

He grabs one set of clothing and takes me by the hand to guide me to the walk-in closet, he leaves the door ajar as we take a step backwards. The water shuts off in the bathroom and a moment later we hear Theseus walk into the bedroom, the next moment we hear Linus laughing as we see Theseus stare at the clothes on the bed.

Joseph giggles as he walks out of the closet holding on to Theseus' clothes and I grab the opportunity to put on my outfit before I exit the closet as well, "Looks like our Little Wolf has inherited your naughty streak, my Alpha." Theseus says teasingly.

The three of us are still laughing as we enter the dining room and Joseph tells the others what he had done as he sits down, not giving a damn he sits down in the chair reserved for the Alpha. Theseus and I just stare at him as the rest tries to hold down their laughter, but that fails the moment Joseph says, "Now Mom and Dad don't have to fight over who gets the Alpha seat."

Theseus and I sit down in the empty chairs on either side of Joseph as the rest is catching their breath and we both kiss him on the top of his head. Breakfast is spent talking about Joseph's shift and how amazing Griffin looked next to Minerva with his golden fur.

Eos shows him a picture she took of Griffin as he stands between Minerva's front legs and I link her with the request to send it to her Mother, she knows exactly what I want her Mother to do. It will make a great painting for the main lobby of the Pack-house and it will show everyone that he is our Son in every sense of the word.

It will start a tradition I want for our family, a painting of our Pups with their Mom or Dad and I think it will make a great addition to our new Pack. We will take traditions from both Packs to fit our new Pack and we will start quite a few new traditions of our own.

Joseph loads food on his plate as he talks to Eos about his training and I am smiling as the pile on his plate gets bigger. He starts eating as he listens to Eos explaining his training schedule and I see the others stare at her as she tells Joseph how we train our Pups.

"Damn, no wonder your Warriors are considered the best around." Theseus mumbles and we start talking about the difference in training within our Packs, making me realize quickly that they lack in more ways than one. Not only didn't their leadership get the training they needed their Warriors didn't get it either and I see a grin on Melia's face.

I go through every training with Theseus our Pups go through as Joseph fills up his plate again and I am not sure if Theseus looks dumbfounded at what I am saying or that it is Joseph's huge appetite. Looks like we have our work cut out for us the moment we get back and I discuss with Theseus how he feels about this.

"I am not sure what to say, I always thought we did a great job at training our Warriors. I think this will cause some to object, especially the older Warriors, but I also believe it will benefit our Pack. My Father has a lot of explaining to do when we get back and I want the entire former leadership present from both Packs.

I want everyone to hear what I found out in the past few days and I want Ademus to explain the financial status my Father left his Pack in, I want to hear everyone's opinion on what to do with my parents. I think it is time he pays for what he has done in the past and after I took over from him." Theseus says.

Joseph has crawled onto his lap to calm Linus down and I love seeing them together, he might not be ours by blood but he is ours in every other way. Joseph and Griffin aren't the only ones that have fully accepted this adoption, Linus and Minerva consider them their Pup and that counts for Theseus and me as well.

I know I keep repeating myself, but Minerva agrees with me Joseph is ours. I can't wait to see him all grown up with his Mate and Pups of his own, but I will enjoy every moment with him until that time. I smile as I read Dad's response to Theseus' message that Joseph found his way back to our suite.

Theseus already told me everything he just mentioned and I understand why he wants everyone present to hear what he has to say, it wasn't a pretty picture he drew for me. I told him I was impressed with how he had turned things around and that he and Ademus did a great job in rebuilding their financial status.

I can't wait to hear Damon's explanation for the mess he left for his Son to clean up or how everyone will react when I explain how we run our Pack, because I know there is a lot I haven't told Theseus yet and he is in for a shock. I have seen the difference between how Theseus and I interact with the rest of our leadership.

It isn't that he doesn't trust or respects them, he just keeps a lot to himself instead of sharing it with his Beta and Gamma and none of them realize that Deltas are there to make a Gamma's job easier. They will have to learn that that will be the way things are going from now on and I know their Mates will help them every step of the way as I will do for Theseus.

Rhea had already pointed out that we had surprised Midas a few times by the way we work together, especially after he saw that Ione designed the Pack-house and the Hospital without any interference from me. It was something I had noticed with Theseus and his Pack finances, Ademus does nothing without approval from his Alpha.

I suspect that Damon made it look to the outside world that he had a good bond with his Beta and Gamma, but that they would deny it if you asked them and that is why Theseus had a mess to clean up when he took over. Hell, it wouldn't surprise me if that was the reason why Damon kept everything close to his chest.

"Mom, we have to go." Joseph says and I look forward to kicking another Alpha's ass. I am not sure yet if I will go for another "tap out" or that I will take him out as fast as I can, making him tap out will humiliate him more than getting knocked unconscious by a female. I will make that decision the moment the match starts, so it will depend on what Alpha Ajani does.

Joseph has his face buried in my neck as we take the elevator down and I talk with Theseus about the furniture for our main living room, we decided against soft natural colors as everyone will be walking in and out with dirty feet. We both didn't want to add to the chores of the Omegas and we agreed on some darker colors, but not too dark.

The walls will get a light natural color to be a contrast with the furniture and when Joseph asked what we would put on the walls Theseus suggested a painting in three pieces, on the outside both our Packs with in the middle our new combined Pack.

I saw Eos typing on her phone and I know she is going to keep her Mom busy with our ideas, she now has two assignments for our new Pack-house. A lot of the paintings in our current Pack-house were made by Eos' Mom and I know a lot of Pack-members will be happy to get one of those paintings, all of them are showing a part of our Pack grounds.