Ascension of a Gamma

Chapter 4 od obliviously Sweet

warmth cowred ine. Ii lali so nice and i wanted to sleep more bit the strong smell of antiseptic wouldn't let me Opening my eyes, I found myself staring at the usual dark ceiling My chest felt constricted and when I plard a hand on it felt that it was wrapped in hindages Memories of last nighi carne crashing my mind and my heart immediately ached Are you happy new, Flynn Is this what yoki wante? Is this the Alpha that you wanted to be? I didn't want to know the answer, to COL ' to feel sympathy towards him. He hurt me. And last night, he showed me that he'd go to great lengths to prove his point Wasn't he hunting too? Didn't Farrel fight for you? This is exhausting. I wish my brain and heari Would guit Insisting their owri take on the matter. There was no denying that my sin was heavy, and my life was Insignificant to theirs. But before it happened, we were the best of friends. We grew up together, trained together, and fought together Twas his mate – had hechanged so much thut he was no longer the Flymin that I knew?

No. I refused to believe it. The slight opening that Firrel took advantage of last night w proof It's not lod late yel, Alpha. For you, I will Try one last time. Then I will leave, I will make him remember – he will not taint your blood and legacy My palms dug into the soft mattress as I sat up and scanned the room. The cream–colored walls held no decorations and traveling bings were scattered on the floor as if they were just thrown there. The only Furniture besides the ling–sized bed was the couch and coffee table that sat at

the center of the room lacing the glass Windows to my right and the bedside table to my left.

The room gave off an alr of seclusion, of loneliness, like It was made for a person who had lost hape of something that belonged to the the world. But the one that in The room contradicted this assumption Displayed un a drinking glass half–filled with water reflecting the sun's yellow rays. was a fully blossomed red rase. Its stem still had its thorns, a pod mechanism to protect itself but was futile in the hands of its gardener, songw Te cung to life, from the basic necessite I was provided. I showed breathtaking clegance, but I knew that it was suffering a slow death in the I took my sight of the dying bety and pushed the sheets Thavela Pet out of here My eyes widened in shock at what

lud to plants

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Whoever ved melastiche didn't tash

Sihat didn't hurt down there. I. inderstood the shirtless situation, I was Mapped in wodages.

But why take inty pinig

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Looking around the room ance mure, mily eyes fell on the bugs All contemplated whether tu" borrow clothing, the door swung Boze shifted to the person who enteral Her dark auban hair was died in a Dessy bunt and there were dark circles

When she

mall me, her blue

kindness and I Imwardly cursed at myself far my gratefulness. I hustily covered myself with the covers, embarrassed to show her the scars that bore testament! to my teperitance. She noticed but acted like she didn't and for that, I was She sai beside me and in the softesi voleu I've ever heard salil, "i'm glad you're finally awake. How are you feeling? Unsure on how to reply, I kept my head down and said, "UHIT good. Thank you for last night" I'm sorry we couldn't and you sooner," she said, a hint of sadness in her voice "No.. uhm.. thank you for helping me." "I'm Lexy, head healer of the Red Claw Pack What's you Dame? not after what she has done for me Anna Call me Anna," I replied, She lightly placed a hand on mine and I would've retracted it upon contact But her hand paua mina upon contact. But her hand gave mind a fentle squeeze and it oazed of Remune compassion. It took all in me to not break down in tears as memories replayed in my head, She'd never see me again after this, but she'd always remain in my memories. I raised my head to see her still smiling at me. "You'll be alright now, Anna: We're still a t your pack's but you're safe now, with us," My eyebrows surrowed at the mention of Wait, didn't she say she was from the Red Claw Pack! Sensing my alarm, she held my hands in hers, her smile unfaltering "Our Alpha found you last night. He's working on how to get you out of here. You can come with us then decide what you want to do terwards Squad may handa Bunily. We won't fore you to leave but Frankly, I don't see any reason why you should stay," she said in serious My otherwise placid expressioni contorta to that of shock 1 slowly shook my head; I must've heard Wrong That psychopath saved me? What would he know about helping = all he does is fake! "I know you've heard the ruitors about our park, and I

won't ask you to change your views about iis, but I promise that you will be safe. No one will hurt you there." I shook my head faster this time, denying her words. I'm not leaving, especially with the Red Claw Pack. I HERAVE something to settle here. the holiny head rostop me and said, – I'm sorry, Ly be can't I model and curved my lips tp a little She held my hands gain; her with was comforting It's alright now. You can ask anything free us, we'll try to do what we can I'm sure our Alphacan ifrange things by tonight Will you give me your answer then?" she asked hadded. Her blue eyes lit up in response, happy with my lie When she leaves, I'm walking out that доог That was what I thought but then I yawted, my body heavy all of a sudden, my eyes droopy. "It's alright. You still need rest. Sleep, Anna. No one will hurt you," she said, as she lowered in y head on a fluify pillow, but I could barely hear her for I was slipping When I awakened, the sun was in the midst of retiring Questions popped in my mind as I considered my options,

Who am I kidding? There is only one path

for me

Lexy had left and I have a plan to executa. Time to leave.

My clothes were neatly folded atop the bedside table,

presumably left there by Lexy. I sat up and threw my legs over the edge of the bed when the door opened slightly.

A man walked in slowly, his black chambray shirt outlining a well–built frame. His inere presence radiated dominance stronger than Alpha Flynn's and I instantly kriew who he was.

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e of the nasi lind racit, the bod Ehty Alpha,

His name was associated with every park Hassacre within

the region and mors said that even rogues store clear af his tenitory.

He stood still and his barrel.chiest teavid

as he

took a deep inhale of air which somelia sent chills down my spine 'Then his gaze fell upon me and my body shook involuntarily. Emotions danced in his that I couldn't decipher. He looked at me with burning intensity like I was guilty of something. Then he walked towards ine and I know I reeked fear

Chapter 05 Serond Chance I wanted to senam but my throat lela What does he want? what does he plan to do? Why is the looking at me like that

Did Toffend hlm SanchOW?

Questions as sinch raced through my

mind, but I had no answers for any. He Jooksmall steps and buffed deep breathes like he was trying to kerp himself in control, his gorgeous browni orbs glued on i ne.

Wait, gorgeous? What are you saying,

Annal

He stopped half–way, closed his eyes and the deadly na emanating from him disa ppeared

in an instant I watched his lips parties he breathed out, as his tongue peeked to tr ace the inside curve of his lower lip. For relsons unknow, I set off butterflies in m y stomach.

The dirthing cand and when he pues, his face which haftenens . For aning in Tamil meania. Do you

My maith felagape at his words, unable to respond. The mighty Alpha apologized and askel for person

My pomisjon?

It was as if the scary Alpha was an illusion and this was the real one – polite with a n incredibly SEXY VOILE

Ah! Siap it, brain! You're supposed to be the voice of recen here.

He opened his eyes, the intensity in them gone and he smalled a little. He looked like he was carved to perfection by the Moon Goddess herself and She blessed hi m with a smile – like it was an ultimate Weapon lo disarm a woman's defenses

He must've seen through ine because he Stilrked, my reaction seemingly normal f or him and I could tell he liked it.

"May I?" he asked again,

Texpected him to charge and direct ihnea

Aported him to changer and direct those Intruse emotion but herlin' which w uspl clots; Ho win' Arthug He with the mold Hew supposed to be a cold–liearted murd eres who take pleasure in the destruction of a pack. Every Alphuistered clear off his way in le of lncurring his wrath

He Hiled his own parents, huis own mate, and here I was getting flustered at the handsome devil in front of me

He's dangerous. He should be. Yet here he was, smiling at me, and acting all civil.

The little voice in my head told me to let him and I mindlessly obeyed, nodding y head. His shoulders relaxed. Mine

He sat at the foot of the bed, keeping his distance, looking away from me. Before ! could catch myself, I let out a relieved sigh. My hand immediately shot to cover my mouth and he chuckled in response. It sulted him too.

What am I thinking!

T–'Thank you, Alpha," I whispered.

His head turned to face me and with an

head turned to face me and within robowalsed he inquind. "Alpha?" "Thank you, Alpha Lam, Sir!" I hurriedly replied, realizing my mistake.

Helighed and slowly bol up. His eyes settled on me and he inched closer and close r. My heart raced and the butterflies retum . I directed my gaze on my hands, knu ckles white from clutching onto the sheets. Then his hand appeared i

my line of sight, molding onto mine

Tinstinctively raised my head; he was staring at me. His cyes darkened; he growle d, and my breath hitched in my throat

He's going to kill me!

I scampered on the bed, attempting to pul distance between us. I understand no w = he was restraining himself from lashing out because I disrespected him. H

probably expected some sort of gesture ! o show respect the moment he walked in – he's the freakin'Alpha – and like an Idiot, I stayed on the bed and g awked at hire

A huge arm wrapped around my stomach

GUCA wrapped round my stomachi und pulled me back, I suffened when my luack callided with something hard. Cold air brushed my hale from above as his chest rose and tell and I could feel the hurd nulis beneath his shini contracting His woodland fragrance filled my lungs, making my head spin as strange sensations erupted within me.

My ears picked up on his

thumping heart and every beat of mine synced with his own, an endearing calmin g rhythmn. We were creating a

song, aplere unique to u s, and it was beautiful – I found myself being lulled into i t – I could listen to this forever

Ileaned into his stony chest, my head Euming to the side, lost in the bearing

sound.

Then another arm slithered its way down may left shoulder and moved to my righ t, entrapping me to him and my senses jolted back to reality.

He's going to choke me!

I frantically pulled at his arms to get it away from my neck but he tightened his h old and pressed me to him and

danded me to him and

mething hard poke my lower bank but ilgiored IL He was too strong, I could ctly whunuper and wait for the mifloration while my body continued to Tea ch oddly in his hold.

*T–Please don't," I whispered, hoping to TEVE Ever of mercy.

He didn't reply, Instead, my right. shoulder dipped at the weight of his head He in haled sharply like he was taking in my scent and I shuddered at the thought. Warı n breathis fanned the side of my nick giving me goosebumps and tingling on my s tudiach.

Then something soft and wet came in contact with my skin and slowly traced a pa th from my clavicle up to my jaw. The tingles intensified and I involuntarily let out a throaty moan. He must've liked what he heard, for next, he licked and sucked o n the delicate skin, and I moaned louder, for him

He whispered something, I couldn't quite catch it except for the last two words.". found you," he had said,

Ah... you did, Alpha

My head in a doze as my boily succumbed In the pleasure and I found myseld wan ting...tulee mure.

Alpha," I let out, my voicelow indallen

His reply was a sensual whisper. "I know, my dear."

"Ah," I breathed when his lips brushed Anst my marking spot

My marking spol.

My marking Spot

My marking sport

My head cleared in an instant, the tingles disappeared and I pushed on his arms.

"L–Let me go!" I screamed but he didn't budge so I kicked and twisted in his hold until he complied

I crawled to the other side of the bed but iny hand slipped on the edge. I was sup posed to fall – to land on the floor but I fell into his ams instead,

"Careful, my dear," he said, a worried look on his face. "Are you hurt?

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ered closer to my face with a playli) mile on lis face saying. Now, where

WIEC W

"N Nal Stay away from me!" I pushed his head away from me as I creamed for

The door suddenly swung ajar, snehody heard. A woman barged in: it was Lexy Sli e looked ready to say something but fraze when she sw US

He was on his knees, holding me like a princess while my hands were still pushing his head Tears invariably stralced my cheeks and my voice craiced wh en I spoke

I wis then that she recover

"Let go of her, now!" she demanded, her checks turning red in anger

Alpha llam sighed, stood then put me down on the bed.

She pointed outside and said, "Out!"

D 'Lite that toe on , Lexy," he Teplied in a ton thuit didn't hide the latt thula was p assed

!!! Now, Liam!" she said, inching his

He growled at her, warning her to back off I saw his hands ball into fists as his jaw clenchel Lexy did t he same.

Oh, no. What was I thinking! Calling for help, there was no one who could standu p to this man.

"This isn't what you think, Lexy," he said through grittel teeth, but she Scoffed in return

I didn't know why she wasn't afraid of fiim. If it were anyone else, they would've h ighralled it out of here. Or maybe she wanted to but she was trying to protect m e Perhaps she knew he wouldn't harm

her?

Why she'd defy him for me when we didn't even know each other. Tf I let them go at it, it would create an opening for me to escape. But given his reputation, it wo uld end in blood. And I didn't want her

idend in Liloaul. And Idn't want her to get killed

He took a step forward but before he could take another, I pulled on his shirt o stop him And immediately regrettedi

He directed his attention to me and I looked down. Because I didn't want to look into his eyes again. Not when I could feel the intensity of his game on me i swallo wed the lump in my throat. My Voice was shalcy wiren I pleaded, "Please ...dau'.. don't dll her

He didn't reply. He stood there watching me, without a saying word. Lexy was sile nt as well

"Is that what you think of me?" he askal, a hint of pain in his voice. And a part of m e wanted to comfort him, and take my words back.

He gently removed my hand from his shirt and gave it a light squeeze. His hand w as bigger than mine and was so warm, I was oddly comforting

Look at me," he said and Iralsed my head

His gaze metine and without breaking 1 Towered himself to place a soft his on the back of my hand

"See I'm not scary," he smirked.

I couldn't respond.

The tingles were getting stronger and my fluttering heart Wouldn't calm down. A simple kiss, a Sexy smilk. His wilonsolicited involuntary reactions from my body i

Weird but it seemell right. Like this was all normal, but I don't understand why.

His fingers tangled into mine, a perfect fit Then he leaned closer and cupped my c heek. His touch was so warm, soft, and comforting

He was getting loo close for comfort but I didn't mind. I didn't back away nor did. 1 look away from his deep brown eyes, tinged with golden orange. Then I felt it. His lips

on mine. My chest heaved and fireworks exploded in the background Allcast, in t he image that popped into my mind

His tongue asked for entrance and tiy lipy parted. I didn't light him I gave him full o ss and he explored inside, Hicking and teasing, gliding the soli | ele over me |

So sweet, he tasted so... delic misly sweet,

My

back hit the mattress as he laid me down, without breaking the kiss. He was Ketti ng agressive, and I liked it. I puta hand on the back of his head to push him into th', deepening the dai

We both gasped when we parted. Then he pecked my lips, once, twice, and more until I lost count. He hovered above me and his eyes offered affection

Then he leaned to my side and whispered, "That was awesome. . mate!

"What?" My voice came out flat when I replied. There was no way I was mated to him. This has got to be a prank, or my mind messing with me. But I heard right, so it was definitely the former

What

kind of game is he playing? Calling me his mate. I have to mate! I was Fejected!

Flipped my fingers off his and when he bir up, the sound of a sharp slap echoed in the room. His head tilted to one wide from the force I applied and the mark of m y palm leddened his cheek

"Get off me," I commanded coldly and his jaw clenched. Anger pulsed in my veins and I wasn't afraid of him.

"Now!" I screamed as I raised my hand to land another but he caught it by the wri st and wrapped his hand around it until it hurt

Liam!" shouted Lexy, and his grip loosened

I've forgotten she was here

He turned his

gaze on me but I wouldn't look at him "Now why would you do that," he said calm ly, and I audibly gulped, His silenLanger was scaner than when it was obvious.

I felt his weight leave the bed and I heard Lexy say, "Hey, let me go!" before the door closed.

Within minutes the room fell silent. Tears threatened to fall and l ahhadon –

lineatened to fall and I dabbed on m with the shirts and hurled to

vity

What is wrong with me?

How could I let that happen?

Was he going to mark me?

My hand wrapped around a special spot. I remembered the way my body reacted and the ungodly sounds that I let out. It felt... right.

The door opened slowly, breaking my thoughts. A man walked in saying, "Did you really think you could hide from m e?"anger evident in his voice, Alpha Flynn

Chapter 6

Self–Imposed Punishment Hanger reeled when he stw

het Flushed cheeks and disheveled hair. He questioned why she was in such a

state, worried that Llam hurt her, but knew he had no right He caused her pain

over the years, and his deeds last night Were unforgivable.

Her honey glazed orbs stared at himn In fear and... something

else. Something she kept hidden since that day, a promise, but he could never

bring himself to ask her.

He saw his reflection in her eyes – a monster. There was a

time when he wanted to see in those eyes the Alphia, he secretly promised he'd

be, for her. He missed how she looked at him with adoration and love. Now all

he could see was the kind of person he swore he'd never be and he blamed it on

ber. She did this to him.

He'd be lying if he said he wasn't jualan that she was in

that bastard's bed instead of him. But it Would never happen – they have

rejected each other. It was what he Wanted, didn't he? He raised a brow and she held her breath Using his abilities, he was instantly on her fare with a devilish smirk playing on his Hips, and dark thoughts on his mind. She caused him trouble and she will sort it out hersell, even if he had to force her. Forcing herself to speak, the words came out as a stutter.

"A–Alpha. I–L."

"You're coming with me," he said then smarked the back of

her head, hard, rendering her Unconscious

He carried her in his arms, close to his chest, and

Pamled her face. She will always que in luis eyes, even if his actions

troyed otherwise. He walked out of the room, cherkel if there was anybody.

tround and within minutes, he was Walking through the woods.

From the other side of the woods, the mating rituals were

being held. Although far from his location, he could hear the cheers and howls

A great bonfire lit the sky, and the joyous sounds only grew louder.

He slowed dowli, savering every secondo f their intimate

position, for he knew it would be the last. With what he planned to do to her,

forgiveness was impossible.

His wolf whimpered, but he paid him no attention Farrell

hadn't spoken to him since last night, feeling betrayed that he rejected their He looked down at herid Towed.

"I didn't we'd be on that ide by new.*** I said sailly

Then a private link tried to connect, interrupting his

thigher lo an annoyed tone, he answered, "What, Carson?"

"Alpha, the Red Claw Pack is up to Something. They've been

tailing our men and asking questions from the Omeras. And_" Carson tralled,

annoying him more

"And? Speak up, Carson

"We still haven't found Anna. Alpha Liam's men are

secretly looking for her," he reported.

Alpha Flynn grinned at the Red Claw Pack's fuille

affumpts. He was taking her to a place they wouldn't find and given her predicam ent.

I was more than easy to lie to the other Alpha about her whereabouts.

listrict everyone to let thele pani AS for Ama, stop

the search," he sald. The other line didn't lespond for a few seconds

*Forgive me for asking, Alpha but... is she

with you?"

Carson bald with a worried tone.

Leave it, Carson, Flynn warned then cut the link He

glanced at the inconscious woman and smird. It'd bren years since he last held

her

Farrell snarled at him and sought to be released but he

blocked him He would betray his heart many times more, as payback for how she

had betrayed his trust and affection.

He soon reached a small shack, hidden deep in the woods

ind it was near impossible for

was near impossibile la Wewe tal find heel wat

Only a few from his pack knew about it. existence, and

ohly those with high offense an enemy ples were brought there – Tur torture,

Interrogation, and in the end, death. The.. doorhad my lock and there were 110

windows for sich weren't needed

He kicked it open and Laid her ona dusty wooden table in

the center of the radil To his left was a Widden cabinet, to which he retrieved

from a drawer, candles, and a box of matches. He lit every candle and placed

them around the room for illumination, Then he peeked outside, observed the Su rroundings,

and closed the door

The pale-yellow light casted shadows on the molded plywood

walls where blood and spit and sweat hudance been plattered, Heside the

Cabinet was amaller table, a wide array a fdusly torture tools and neatly

atop, its drawers undoubtedly containing mare. Chains, ropes, and shackles hung

on

the wall, and the unconscious woman cemained oblivious to the horrors around

Alpha Flynn opted for the rope and proceeded to the her

spread–cagled to the table, around her wrists and arkles, the excess bound to

the hooks on each of the table's edges. Then he brushed the stray strands of

hair from her pretty face. His thumb pressed on her lower lip as he bit his –

how he

wanted to taste the plump flesh. H e leaned to close the distance between them, his sight transfixed on his target when she stirred, and her eyes shot Anna iedaddy frote and he skudt. surprise. Her first thought was to push Frien away, but her arme wouldn't let hee Herryes widened when she saw that her wrists were tied Pank surge through her when she realized her an der were tied as well she struggled ta free herself, the ropes rubbing against hier skin that it reddened, but it was a useles alterupt

"Keep still. You'll hurt yourself the more

You struggle,

he said

"Why are doing this? Where am I?" she Crned her head to

scan the small expanse and audibly gulped. Everything screamed of a painful death.

"Let's just say you're in a place where you can scream all

you want and no one will hear v

i

I want and no one will hear you," he Thuid casually giving her pooshima

Wi–What do... – plan to plan to da?"

"Depends," he said, putting a land in der hils chiin to make

it seem like he was thinking. Then he gestuted to the displayed torture tools

and said, "If you cooperate I won't havet a use any of these

He expected her to cry and scream. Ta

Creath at him and

bez la let her go. But she didn't She didn't turn her head to the other side.

she didn't move, and she didn't make a

Thinking she was too afraid to react, he taunted, "What

happened? Need help with your tongue? know "Hahahahaha!" she interrupted, laughing like a maniac with her cyes shut tight and he froze. She never laughed the way she did velged the way she did Tolithili wa always happy and rartree it was how he remembered it – but tonight her laughter plerced through the silence, heavily laced with mockery Then just as abruptly as it started it ended. With a smile, she looked up at the ceiling and said, "This.. This is the Alpha you wanted to he?"