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55 Prepare to Fight

Simone POV

“Don’t worry Grant, I don’t want you anymore than you want me. No, this is just another way for that b**ch the goddess to make you suffer for all you have done. This is for you to know the pain of being rejected by the one person that is supposed to love you above all others. You have caused so much suffering and I am part of that punishment. She knew I would never accept a beloved. We are both cold and only care about what we want. I’m sure one day I will suffer for my crimes as well, but today is not that day.” He looks at me with anger and confusion. “I, Simone Laster, reject you, Grant Hoffner, as my beloved.” He screams and the pain of the rejection takes him off his feet. I feel a twinge of pain, but my heart is nothing more than an organ to pump the evil blood that flows through my veins. I feel nothing for the man that is rolling around on the floor. His Beta rushes over trying to help Grant but he fights against him. “You f**king b**ch” he manages to get out through groans of pain. “Accept the rejection so we can get on with the reason I’m here.” His eyes meet mine and they are as black as night. His wolf is angry that I am so callous about rejecting him. “I, Grant Hoffner, accept the rejection.” After a few minutes, he manages to make it back to his seat.

“Your Beta tells me that you are trying to get your chosen mate back from the Nightfire pack.” He clenches his fists when I call her chosen. I know everything he has done in the past. I make sure I know who I’m dealing with before I make any deals. “I want something from the pack as well, so it would be wise for us to work together.” ” She should have been destined to me by the goddess in the first place, but just like you, she is an evil b**ch. If you are so powerful, why do you need my pack to get this wolf you’re so interested in.” I laugh “I guess you aren’t as stupid as you act.” He growls and I roll my eyes. “The Nightfire isn’t a typical wolf pack and your pack will serve as the perfect distraction for me to get what I want.” This time he laughs “so we are to serve as your diversion and you will leave

us to the slaughter.” I smile and he crosses his arms over his chest. “If we are going to do this, I want a blood oath that you will hold up your end of the deal.” “I can’t guarantee the safety of your men with the number of witches living in that pack.” He shakes his head and I’m the one who is confused now. “The only thing that matters to me is getting Evelyn back. It doesn’t matter how many of my pack members die in the process. I will get more wolves but I only have one, Luna.” I watch his Beta stiffen behind him because

of his words. He really is out of his mind over the stupid she-wolf. "Fine, I will do the blood oath. Do we have a deal?" He takes a dagger from his desk and drags it across his hand before he gives it to me. I do the same and offer him my hand.

Once our hands touch, I say the words of the oath. "I, Simone Laster, vow to ensure that Alpha Grant Hoffner gets his chosen mate, Evelyn Hoffner, back." He squeezes my hand and his eyes meet mine. "Alive and well", he says, and I smile. He really is much smarter than I gave him credit for. Meeting the terms of the oath is very dependent on exactly what is said in the vow. If he didn't just insist, I add those three words, I could give him her body and fulfill the oath. I repeat the oath adding the words alive and well. A black flash from our combined hands seals the vow before I pull my hand back. I stand "get your men together because we are heading to the Nightfire pack tomorrow at dusk." He nods and I teleport myself back to my cottage. I begin working on the silver and wolfsbane mixture to hold the red wolf once I have her. Her power is intoxicating and once she is here and defenseless, her power will be mine.

Rose POV

"Our mate is beautiful" Clara says with a purr. I can't help but chuckle. Oscar looks at me with a knowing smirk. "I take it you're talking to your wolf." I nod "she thinks you're beautiful." He smiles "I don't think I have ever been called beautiful in my life. I can't wait to meet her." Clara is prancing in my head and I roll my eyes. "Mate and mark him" she says. I want that to but she needs to calm down. I put a block up so I can focus on talking to Oscar. He takes my hand in his and the tingles dance on my skin. It is the most amazing feeling. "Rose, does it bother you that I'm a vampire." "No" I say harsher

than I mean to. "Oscar, I trust the goddess completely and she picked you for me. I would be an i***t not to accept you even if you were a flying monkey." He laughs and goddess, I love that sound. "That's one of my favorite movies." "Me too" I say and we continue to talk about things we like. I always thought meeting my mate would be more carnal, but this is so much better. Don't get me wrong, every part of me wants to feel his skin against mine, but getting to know his heart and mind is going to make that moment so much better.

We talk for a while longer before there is a knock on the door. Oscar stands and when he reaches the door, Magnum is smiling at us both. I notice that he isn't marked either and I feel a little better that we didn't just complete the bond. "I'm sorry to interrupt your time with your beloved but we need to meet with the others about Grant." I freeze hearing that ba**ards name. I'm on my feet and standing by Oscar's side. "Let's go", I say not waiting for Oscar's response. Once Larisa joins us, we head to Eli's office. The room is full and when my eyes land on my parents I chuckle. My mother is wiggling her eyebrows at me and my father is scowling at Oscar. I know it's just because I'm his little girl, but he will have to get past that. Oscar is my fated mate and I will never let him go. Cayden and Penny are smiling at us and my mind wanders to what he will think about Clara being my wolf. "Cayden is going to be happy for us. You need to let that worry go,

Rose” Clara says. Oscar’s arm pulling me into his side brings me out of my thoughts. He kisses my forehead and I focus my attention on Eli and Calliope.

Eli POV

After Magnum and Larisa came to speak to us about Grant, I had to push down the rage. That ba**ard took so much from Clara and he continues to plague our lives. I am not usually the one to make the first move because it can be telling to your enemy, but I agree with Magnum, it’s time to take the fight to that ba**ard. Once everyone is gathered in my office, we discuss our attack on the Red Moon pack. “I want to be the one that kills that ba**ard” Evelyn says, and everyone looks toward her. I can see Hudson wants to protest but he stays quiet. “Mom” Cayden starts to say, but she shoots him a glare. “He took my pups from me for eighteen years. He made me believe that I was his goddess given mate

when I wasn’t. My pups and I are the ones that suffered the most because of his actions and I will be the one to make him take his last breath. This is not up for debate, Cayden.” I can see that Cayden wants me to forbid her but he knows that isn’t possible. Evelyn has every right to want this and I will not interfere. I will protect her just as Hudson and Cayden will, but she is strong. I nod at Evelyn. “Magnum and Oscar will be returning to the coven so they can be ready to fight by our side. We will leave for the Red Moon in two days. I expect everyone to be at training tomorrow. I know how strong you all are, but we can’t afford for any of us to be cocky. We are stronger than the Red Moon but none of us know who else Grant has involved in his attempts to get Evelyn back.” Hudson’s growl shakes the office and Evelyn climbs into his lap to calm him down.

We discuss things for another hour before we have things completely settled. Everyone leaves my office and I take a seat in my chair. I wish we could just have some peace. I want to spend time with Faith and Calliope without all this hanging over us. Calliope slides into my lap and I bury my head in her neck breathing in her scent. “That time will come, Eli, but right now we need to fight to keep the people that are important to us safe.” “I’m so grateful that the goddess sent you to me. I’m so sorry for how stupid I was when you first arrived.” She chuckles “you weren’t stupid, you were hurting. I’m grateful every day that you gave me the chance, even though you were afraid too. I love you Eli and all that is in the past. I want to focus on our future. Once all this is dealt with, I want to take Faith and meet my mother’s true mate. She sounds so happy and after all Mateo did to her, she deserves that.” I kiss her forehead. “Let’s go get our girl and spend time with her, because the next two days are going to be grueling.” She presses her lips to mine and the love I feel for her washes a peace over me that I know won’t last, but it feels amazing in this moment.

I lift her carrying her to our floor. We thank my parents for keeping Faith and they leave us to find Larisa and Magnum. Larisa and Rose will be heading to the coven for the next two days. Part of me is sad that Larisa’s mate is going to take her from the pack but I’m happy that he came to his senses. I can see the love he has for my sister by all he has

done to make amends. Calliope grabs Faith from her crib to get her something to eat while I start on our dinner. "Eli, Calliope can't fight with us this time",

Silas says and I chuckle. "Silas, I love you because you're my wolf, but I will not go against our mate because you are afraid of losing her. I know the fear because I feel it too, but that's not fair to her. She is strong and capable." He growls at me and I stiffen because his anger has never been directed at me. "Do you really think I don't know how capable our beautiful mate is? She is carrying our pup in her belly. She needs to protect our pup and you need to convince her to sit this fight out." I turn staring at Calliope, who is feeding our daughter. Pictures of her belly round with our pup play like a slide show in my mind and I know Silas is right but she is a warrior. Goddess help me to make her understand.

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56 I Have My Reasons

Eli POV

I stare at our beautiful mate as she feeds our little girl. I never thought I would be here having this second chance and feeling whole again. Losing Clara almost killed me, but I had to live for Faith. Now that I have Calliope and I know that she is carrying our pup, I feel the fear wanting to swallow me whole again. Calliope looks at me and I know despite the block I put up she can feel my concern. "Eli, you need to talk to me. We are in this together and I don't appreciate you blocking me out. There should never be a reason that we can't be present in each other's minds." I walk over and place a kiss on her forehead and then Faith's. "I'm sorry love. I never want to keep things from you. I am just worried. I won't block you out again." "Good, now tell me what's going on in that beautiful mind of yours." I chuckle "I know that we have only been together for a short time, but I believe everything happens for a reason. You are my destiny and you make me whole. Silas just told me something and I'm not sure how you will feel about it, but I'm over the moon." Her hand freezes in the air before it reaches Faith's lips. She turns her head to look at me but I can't decipher the look on her face. Before anything can be said, our daughter's first sweet word breaks the silence. "Mama" she says and both our heads whip in her direction.

"Did she just call me mama" Calliope asks, and I can hear the emotion in her question. I look at my daughter and she is reaching for Calliope. "Mama" she says again, and this time Calliope takes her from the chair and presses her to her chest. Calliope's tears stream freely down her cheeks. I wrap my arms around both of my girls and we sit like that for a long time before Calliope breaks the silence. "Eli, am I pregnant?" I press a soft kiss to her lips before I answer her question. "Silas believes that you are and I agree now that I smell the change in your scent." She looks into my eyes "are you really

happy despite the timing?" "Happy doesn't even begin to describe how I feel." I lay my hand on her still flat

stomach. "A piece of me and you is growing inside your body. That is amazing and soon we will have another pup to love. How could I not be happy about that?" "Eli, I know you're afraid, but I promise you that I will protect this pup just as I will protect Faith." I hate to even speak my next words out loud but I know if I don't tell her how we are feeling that I would be hiding something from her. I don't want there to be secrets between us. "Silas and I don't think that you should come with us and fight against Grant's pack. I would never dream of telling you what to do as we are equals, so I am simply asking you to stay in the pack." She is quiet for a long time and I realize she is talking to Aurora.

Calliope POV

When Eli says he is over the moon about something Silas told him, my heart stops. "Aurora" I say but everything falls away the moment Faith calls me mama. My heart feels like it's going to beat out of my chest. Faith has two mamas and I'm just so happy to be one of them. I lift her from her highchair, holding her to my chest. Eli holds us like we are his whole world. I feel the same way. "Aurora is Silas saying that we are having a pup?" She looks like the cat that swallowed the canary. "Why didn't you tell me?" "Silas and I wanted Eli to be the one to tell you. We are very early in our pregnancy", Aurora says. Eli has let the block down and I can feel his happiness mixed with fear. I understand why he is afraid, but I will always protect our pup. "His fear isn't just about something happening to our pup, Calliope." When he says that he and Silas don't want us to be involved in the fight with Grant's pack I'm torn. I want to fight by Eli's side, but I also don't want to cause him worry so he isn't focused on the battle. I need him to be present in the fight and I know having his pregnant mate there may make that an impossibility. "Calliope, someone will need to be here to defend the pack and protect Faith", Aurora says. "I know how hard this is for you because I want to be with them too. We will still be able to shift safely for another week or so, but if we don't have to, I think we should avoid it", Aurora says.

I look back at Eli and I can see that he is waiting for us to fight him about staying behind. "Aurora and I will remain here and defend the pack. I will protect both our pups." The shock on his face is comical because I'm sure he thought he would have a pissed off she-wolf on his hands. In any other case he

would have. His features soften and I can feel the love he has for me flowing through our bond. "My parents, Rose, and Oscar will be staying with you" Eli says, and buries his head in my neck. "Eli, I am doing this because I respect how you feel, but I need you to understand that I am a warrior as much as you are. I feel that need to protect the people we love as much as you do. If something happens while you are gone, I will make sure that the defenseless are in the bunkers, but I will defend our home and pack." He picks his head up to look into my eyes. "I would never want you to change who you are for me. I love that you are a warrior and strong. I love that you care about

how I feel and that you want to protect our pups.” He leans in to press his lips to mine and Faith puts her hand on his face. I chuckle “I think Faith wants a kiss from her daddy before he gives one to me.” He leans down and peppers kisses all over her little face before he sets her down on the floor. He takes my face in his hand and kisses me. When he pulls back, he goes to his knees. He picks Faith up and tells her about her new brother or sister as he points to my belly. I can’t help but laugh at this big man talking to my belly. We are so blessed to have him as our mate and the father of our pups.

Larisa POV

I take Magnum’s hand and lead him toward the cells. I want to make a few things perfectly clear to that a**hat of a warrior. I won’t be remaining in the pack but I don’t want Magnum uncomfortable when we return to visit my family. Eli has allowed me to decide his punishment. I have never dated any pack member because I only wanted my fated mate. I don’t appreciate him even saying that I would take him as a chosen mate. As we go down the stairs that lead to the cells, I see Marcus. I’m grateful that he alerted Eli of what Liam was doing or things may have ended very differently. “Marcus, Eli told me what you did. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate that you are a man of honor.” “You never have to thank me for doing the right thing Larisa. Besides I could tell that they were no threat to us.” After I introduce him to Magnum we head to the cell where Liam is being held. When he sees me he smiles, until he sees I am holding Magnum’s hand. I’m grateful when he stays quiet. “Liam, I’m disappointed in your behavior. We have laws for a reason and the fact that you thought it was alright to go against them is very disappointing. We are taught in training to respect those laws.” He lowers his gaze and I can see regret in his eyes. Content is property of

“Why would you ever say that I would take you as my chosen mate? We have only ever been friends, Liam.” I see pain in his eyes and I’m not sure what he is thinking. “I was angry at him because I can’t have my mate.” Now I’m truly confused. “I found my mate the day you were taken. We were searching and I found a vampire in the woods halfway between our pack and the coven. She rejected me because I’m a member of the pack that her leader hates. I knew when you returned gripping that shirt that smelled like him that you meant something to him. I wanted him to hurt like I’m hurting. I’m sorry Larisa. I let my own hurt cloud my judgement.” My heart aches for him. “Did you accept her rejection” Magnum asks. He looks at Magnum and then to me. “Magnum is my mate and there will be no more bad blood between the coven and pack.” I see the sadness in his eyes replaced with hope. “No, I didn’t. She ran from me and I didn’t dare to enter your territory alone.” “Liam, Eli has left your punishment up to me and honestly I came here to strip your warrior rank after your disregard for the pack law but now I understand what you did. We are returning to the coven to prepare them for the battle with Grant and I think you should come with us.” His eyes get big and I know that I’ve made the right choice. He made a mistake but he isn’t a bad person. “Marcus, please release Liam.” He does as I ask and the two men embrace. I can’t imagine how hard it was for

Marcus to do the right thing against his best friend. They both shake Magnum's hand before they hug me.

Once we are outside Rose and Oscar are already waiting. When Rose and Oscar see Liam, they both look worried and confused. We give them the short version before we head to the coven. It's amazing how fast Oscar and Magnum run. I knew vampires had speed but I never imagined they were faster than us. They beat our wolves to the coven. I'm glad to see they are waiting with clothes for the three of us. When we are dressed Magnum leads us inside. I'm shocked to see that the coven members have all gathered in a large room with a stage. Magnum leads us to the stage and I can feel the nerves jumping around in my belly. Most of the vampires are quiet but I see a few looking at me with hate in

their eyes. One woman in particular looks like she wants to rip me apart. I knew this wouldn't be easy but nothing worth having ever is. Magnum is mine and I'm never letting him go.

Magnum POV

I don't like how some of the coven members are looking at my beloved. Brenda in particular is not hiding her disdain. I haven't been with her since I was with Jonelle, but apparently, she was hoping that would change now that Jonelle is gone. I flash my eyes red and everyone in the room bows to me. "I know that you know what happened in the past and I am here today to tell you that I was led to believe things that weren't true. The Nightfire pack has done nothing wrong against the coven." I notice Glenda one of my fiercest soldiers is staring at Liam. He is very lucky to have gotten her as a beloved. She is strong and loyal. She has waited for her beloved which is rare with our kind. "The Nightfire pack is no longer an enemy of the coven. In fact, the goddess has gone so far as to bless both Oscar and myself with our beloveds from the pack. We have both accepted the bond and will be marking our beloveds. If any of you have a problem with our mating you can leave now because I will not tolerate anyone mistreating my queen." I look around and take note of those that I believe will have an issue. Brenda is at the top of at list. I know Larisa can defend herself but I will not allow anyone to hurt her. I can't wait to see my mark on her neck. I'm ready to be done with the meeting. "All of you that do not wish to stay may break your ties to the coven. You may see me before I leave this room otherwise, I expect you to act accordingly. I will be meeting with all my soldiers before the night is over." Five of the older members that were here when my father was in charge step forward and I expect them to be the ones to oppose my union with Larisa.

"Magnum we are glad that this is finally over. I would never speak against your father but most of us didn't agree with the attack when it happened" Jacob says. "Thank you, for your support" I say and I truly meant it. They all introduce themselves to Larisa before they leave. No one is asking to leave the coven but I will watch the ones I'm concerned about causing problems for my beloved. Larisa puts her hand on my forearm and I look at her to see her motioning with her head to the corner of the room. I

look in that direction and see Glenda wrapped around her beloved. I can't help the smile on my face. The goddess does love to play match maker and I couldn't be more grateful. I'm just about to lead Larisa to the new room I had set up for us when we're at the pack when a voice stops me. "I challenge Larisa Thomas for her position and beloved.

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57 The Challenge

Larisa POV

Did she just challenge me for my mate? Magnum's hand tightens on mine. I turn to see the woman from earlier that was shooting me dirty looks with a huge smirk on her face. Magnum releases my hand and before I can stop him, he has the woman by the throat against the wall. She is doing everything she can to loosen his grip on her, but her attempts are futile. I lay my hand on Magnum's arm. "Let her go, Magnum" I say and his eyes snap to mine. I'm grateful when he drops her on the floor. She is gasping for air as she tries to move away from him. I bend so I am eye to eye with her. "You cannot challenge me for my mate or position. Not only because I'm not marked, but because he is not a possession. Having said that, I will gladly fight you because you're stupid enough to challenge me to fight." I see a smirk spread across her face as she rubs her neck. "Fine, I'm sure he will want me after he sees how pathetic you are mutt." I can feel the rage radiating off of Magnum. "So, you want this to be a challenge to the death instead of submission" I say making sure that is what she truly wants. She nods and Magnum takes my hand in his. "Does she have any family," I ask Magnum. I'm shocked to see Glenda step forward. I see sadness in her eyes and my heart breaks for her. "My Queen, she has made her choice. I have told her over and over that she has no right to want something that was never meant for her. Beloveds are sacred and she should have put more effort into finding hers, instead of trying to take yours."

"Shut up Glenda, you are just as pathetic as these mutts. I'm your sister and you should stand by me no matter what I do. Maybe I'll kill you traitor a** next." A growl shakes the room and I turn to see Liam's eyes are black. "Glenda go to your mate." She does as I ask and as soon as she reaches him, Liam begins to calm down. I turn back to the woman who has now made it to her feet. "I guess you've made your choice" I say before I turn to walk outside the mansion. Magnum follows the two of us out

and I can see he isn't happy that I accepted her challenge, but the coven members will not see me as a leader if I back down from her. Magnum comes to stand in front of me. "You don't need to do this. You are my beloved and you have nothing to prove." "I know you have never seen me fight but I'm a warrior and I need to do this. If you want me to stand by your side to rule the coven, they need to know I'm strong. That I will be here to fight and protect them just like I would do for my pack." The anger that was plaguing his

handsome face begins to slip. "You better kill her a** quickly. I have plans for you, my Queen." He surprises me when he presses his lips to mine. When he pulls back, he winks at me before he steps to my side. I nod to Liam. Belonging to

"This is a challenge made by Brenda Larkin against the coven's future Queen, Larisa Thomas. The rules of the challenge are simple. No one outside the challengers can interfere and it's not over until someone is dead." He looks at me and I nod. He looks at Brenda and she nods. He steps back and we both take a fighting stance. "Show this b**ch what's up", Ara says, and I can't help but chuckle at my wolf. We start to circle each other and I wait for her to make the first move. I need to see what kind of fighter she is. She comes closer throwing the first punch, which I easily sidestep. She turns and I punch into her right side. She grunts and manages to back up, trying to steady herself. "You f**king b**ch" she says as she picks her head up. She's guarding that side and I'm sure I broke some ribs. If looks could kill, she would have won already. She comes at me and I can tell her movements are fueled by anger. She charges me and I do a roundhouse kick connecting with her face. She lands on the ground with a thud. She gets to her feet again and she runs at me. This time she uses her speed to connect with me. She digs her claws into my side and it burns like hell. I bring my elbow back and into her nose. Blood begins to pour out and she releases my side. I can feel my own blood running down my side and soaking my shirt.

Ara will work on healing me, but it still hurts like hell. She smiles despite the blood on her face. I'm done with this b**ch. I use my own speed to rush her this time and superman punch her in the face. It knocks her off her feet and I don't give her a chance to get up this time. I rain punch after punch down on her face. I reach down gripping her throat and her eyes get big. I elongate my claws and rip out her

throat. I stand to my feet and drop her flesh on the ground. I look around at the coven members who gathered to watch the challenge. "I am here to be with my mate and protect the coven. I will always protect you, but if you do anything against me, this is your fate" I say pointing to the dead vampire on the ground. All those that are present bow and I nod. "Oscar have the soldiers take care of the body." He turns to the coven. "I want everyone in the yard at nine tomorrow, no exceptions." Everyone nods before they begin to disperse. Before I can say anything, I'm thrown over Magnum's shoulder. He heads toward the mansion and I can hear Rose laughing behind us. "Magnum, I'm covered in blood." "Sweetness, I'm a vampire and honestly I wouldn't care what you were covered in. You are mine and I'm about to make sure that everyone knows it." A shiver runs down my spine at his words.

Magnum POV

It took everything I had in me not to snap that b**ch's neck when she challenged Larisa. I finally have my beloved and someone wants to take her from me. I will never let that happen. Watching her fight is the sexiest thing I have ever seen. She seems like such a kind and soft soul, but she is right. She is a warrior. Brenda is a trained soldier and Larisa is kicking her a**. When she finally ends her my body relaxes. I couldn't be

prouder when she addresses the coven, because she is my queen and nothing is going to change that. The vampires can either accept it or die. I have killed for her before and I will do it again. I don't know why the goddess thought me worthy enough to give me an amazing beloved like Larisa, but I'm grateful she did. I will spend the rest of my days worshiping her like the queen she is. As soon as she's done speaking, I throw her over my shoulder. I need her more than I need my next breath. I take the steps two at a time and lead her to the room that I have made into ours. Once we are inside the room, I set her on her feet. Despite the blood that is covering her body, she is the most beautiful woman I have ever seen. I can see her confusion about the room we're in.

"Isn't this the room I was in before I left?" "After I sent you away, I started using this room to be surrounded by your scent. I want this to be the room we share. You can change anything you want about it as long as you share it with me." "I love this room and I want to share everything with you." She

takes my hand and leads me to the ensuite bathroom. She turns to face me before she pulls her shirt over her head. She pulls her pants down her legs and she is left in lace bra and panties. I can feel my c**k twitch in my pants. She walks over and turns the shower on before she walks back to me. I have never been nervous with a woman, but she isn't just a woman. She is my beloved. Her hands grip the hem of my shirt and I help her pull it over my head. I rub my hands down her arms and the tingles are doing nothing for my control. I wrap my arms around her and unsnap her bra, dropping it to the floor. Goddess she's gorgeous. Her breasts pressed against my chest is making my c**k harder than it's ever been. I run my hands down her back and cup her supple a** in my hands. She kisses my pec before she steps back and shimmies out of her panties. She steps into the shower and I quickly rid myself of my pants and boxer briefs. I won't take her the first time in the shower, but that doesn't mean I can't make her scream my name.

I step in behind her and watch as she washes her body. The blood swirling down the drain and leaving behind her perfect porcelain skin. When she turns to wash the shampoo from her hair, I go to my knees. "Magnum" she says in a breathy voice. "I'm going to worship your sweet p**sy until you c*m all over my mouth. Then I'm going to make you mine completely." Her breath catches at my words but she stares down at me. I lean forward and start to circle her cl*t with my tongue. Her moan is the sweetest sound I've ever heard. "Magnum, that feels so good" she says as I lick her from opening to clit. I eat her like she is the best meal I've ever had. Her taste on my tongue is making pre-c*m bead at the tip of my c*ck. She threads her fingers in my hair and I can feel she is getting close as she b**ks her hips against my mouth. I bite lightly on her cl*t and she screams out my name. My name on her lips is enough to make me go off like a teenage boy. I stand and slam my lips down on hers so she can taste her sweet juice on my lips.

I shut off the shower and dry her quickly. I need to be inside her. I need to mark her as mine. I lift her and carry her to the bed. As I hover over her, I see nothing but love and acceptance in her eyes. "Larisa, this is going to hurt at first, but I promise I'll make you feel good." She lays her hand on the side

of my face. "I trust you, Magnum. Make me yours and become mine." I line my c**k up with her opening and start to push forward. Her p**sy is so tight, it's perfect. She is made for me. I feel her barrier and I kiss her deeply as I push forward. I swallow her screams. I give her a minute to adjust to my presence before I start to move again. I pull back and she digs her nails into my back. "Magnum please" she says, and it's all the encouragement I need to move faster. I start to rock my hips and I can feel the familiar build of my climax, but I need her to go over with me. I bring my hand between us and begin to circle her cl*t as I thrust deep into her body. I know she's close and I bring my fangs to her marking spot. The minute I taste the tang of her blood in my mouth, she screams out her orgasm. I pull my fangs out, licking my fresh mark. I feel the sting of her marking me and it pushes me over the edge. I c*m hard enough to see stars. The bond is complete and this woman is everything to me. I will never let her go. I roll to the side and pull her close to me. "Magnum, thank you for coming back for me and accepting me." I turn her to face me. "I will always come for you and I am lucky that you could see the man that I was despite all that I did." I press a soft kiss to her lips and she lays her head on my chest. I know that a battle is coming, but with her by my side, I know we will be fine

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I still can't believe we're having a pup. I'm worried about tomorrow, but I can't help the happiness I feel right now. Knowing that Eli and Silas are just as excited is amazing. Eli went to speak to his father in the office, so it's just me and Faith this morning. After I got her dressed and gave her breakfast, we put a DVD on. I love these moments when it's just the two of us. She loves simple songs and Mickey Mouse. I smile down at her and she crawls over to me. Faith reaches for me and I pick her up, peppering her face with kisses. "Do you want to call grandma? She is going to be so excited that you're going to have a brother or sister." She is going to be so excited about having another grandpup. I kiss her forehead one more time before I dial my mother's number. The phone rings twice before she picks up. "Hello" she says and I smile hearing her voice. I miss her, but we are both where we need to be. "Hi mom, how's Leo?" "He's fine Calliope. I was just about to call you. How are you?" It's strange that she didn't ask me about Faith or Eli. That's usually her first question after she greets me. "I'm great actually. I know I won't get to see you for a few days and I couldn't wait to tell you that Eli and I are having another pup." I pull the phone away from my ear as she squeals. After a few seconds, I put it back to my ear. "Mom" I say with a chuckle. "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to scream in your ear. I'm just so excited. How far a long are you?" She knows Eli and I haven't been together that long, so that's a strange question. "I'm very early. I was a little worried about the timing, but I'm happy. I have an appointment with the pack doctor today."

"Calliope, I know you can't come here with everything going on, but I can come to see you if that's alright?" "I don't want you to leave your pack vulnerable. I have no idea what the ba**ard has planned. He has tried to get so many supernaturals involved. Goddess only knows what will happen when Eli and the others arrive at Grant's pack."

“I’m sure they can handle the pack for a day without me. Besides, I need to see you after the big news. You will not be going with the pack to fight Grant. You have to protect my grandpup. I’m sure your mate feels the same way I do.” Something doesn’t feel right about this conversation. It sounds like my mother but she would never say these things to me. “Mom, I

won’t be fighting. I will be staying in the pack.” “Good, you have always been a smart girl. I wouldn’t want you to get hurt. I’m so happy to have you as my daughter.” “Thank you, mom.” I have to say something that lets me know if I’m just being paranoid or something is going on with my mother. “My wolf Scarlett and I are excited for you to come and visit.” Aurora growls low and sits on her haunches at me calling her the wrong name. “I miss Scarlett too. I will be there before dinner if you want to let the patrol guards know.” “Absolutely, I’ll see you this afternoon.” As soon as I hang up, I dial Oliver. He picks up on the third ring.

“Oliver, where are you right now?” “I’m with Tony and his parents in their cottage.” “Have you seen my mother today?” “I haven’t seen her since our run after training this morning. What’s wrong, Cali?” “I just got off the phone with my mother and despite sounding like her, something isn’t right. She didn’t know my wolf’s name.” There is silence for a moment and I wonder if the call dropped. “Oliver, are you there?” “I’m sorry, I was just taken back. She would never forget Aurora is your wolf.” Aurora preens in my mind at Oliver’s words. I roll my eyes. “I need you to get Leo to call me in private. He would know if she has been acting strangely.” “He’s probably in the kitchen. I’ll head back to the pack house and have him call you.” I disconnect the call and the door opens. Eli steps inside smiling until he sees my face.

“Calliope, what’s wrong” he asks as he comes toward me. I tell him about the conversation with my mother. “It sounds like my mother but something’s wrong. My mother would never get my wolf’s name wrong. She would never tell me not to fight. She knows that I have never backed away from a fight. I am stronger than most male Alphas.” I see hurt and sadness flash in his eyes. “Eli, if I didn’t want to do this I wouldn’t. We discussed it like adults and I agreed. You didn’t order me not to fight. I know you respect me and that’s all I ask as your mate.” I lean in and press a kiss on his lips. When he pulls back, I can see nothing but love in his eyes. The phone ringing on the table gets my attention. I pick it up and Leo greets me. “Oliver said you needed to talk to me about your mom. She isn’t acting like herself this afternoon, Cali. She has been avoiding me since training this morning and even told me to leave her alone when I went to bring her food”, Leo says. I can hear the hurt in his voice. “Leo, my mother loves

you. Something is wrong and I intend to find out what that something is.” I hang up with Leo and tell Eli what he said. “Can you ask Lily to join us at the border when she arrives, Eli?”

Eli POV

Why can't things just slow down? We should be excited about going to see our new pup, but instead something is going on with Jasmine. I agree with Calliope that something is off. We head to the pack hospital. I'm holding Faith and she is babbling. I keep trying to get her to say dada but she is making every other sound. Calliope is laughing and I pull her close to my side. These are the times I love the most. Just us doing normal things instead of waiting for another issue like an attack. We reach the hospital and the doctor is waiting for us. She leads us to the back and a nurse comes in to draw Calliope's blood. Once she leaves, the doctor pushes an ultrasound machine in. "We did the blood work as is protocol, but Alpha Eli assures me that you are pregnant. I brought the ultrasound so we can get a look at the pup." Calliope smiles at me and I take her hand in mine. The doctor starts to move the wand over Calliope's stomach and I stare intently at the screen. I wait for the little jelly bean to appear like last time. My heart squeezes in my chest when the screen comes to life. Calliope is staring at me with concern on her face, but I can't even speak. "Well, it seems that you will be welcoming two new pups, Alphas." "Twins, we're having twins" Calliope says, and I can't help the smile that breaks out on my face after the shock wears off. "Did you hear that, Faith? You're going to be a big sister to two pups."

"Alpha Calliope, you're about two weeks along. Since you are both of Alpha blood, your pregnancy will be shorter than average wolves. The pups will grow faster and the pregnancy will last about four months. I'll print you a few pictures and grab your vitamins." The doctor leaves and Calliope still hasn't said anything. Is she upset about us having twins? I know it's a lot to have a pup and add two more to the mix, but we can do anything together. "Calliope, talk to me" I say and her eyes meet mine. "We're having two pups." I chuckle "I know sweetheart. Tell me what you're thinking." "I'm a little overwhelmed, but I'm happy, Eli" she says. I smile and bend to kiss her forehead before I help her sit up.

Once she is cleaned up, we head to my office. I want to tell my parents before we talk to everyone else. I place Faith in her pack n play and take a seat behind my desk. I pull Calliope onto my lap and kiss her, pouring all my love into the kiss. When I pull back, I place my forehead against hers. "I love you, Calliope. Thank you for making me a father again. I can't wait to see you round with our pups." "I love you, Eli. Aurora and I are excited about carrying our pups." A memory flashes in my mind and I try to push it away. Calliope takes my face in her hands. Before she can say anything, the door to my office opens and my parents walk in. "Sorry, we didn't mean to interrupt but you linked us, Eli", my mother says and I laugh. "No come in, we have some exciting news to share with you both." I look at Calliope. "We are expecting two pups" she says. My mother screams and my father's smile warms me. Calliope stands and my mother practically squishes her. "Mom, don't squeeze my mate to death." My mother gives me a glare before she loosens her grip on Calliope. "Congratulations" my father says before he hugs us both. After we all sit down, we tell my parents about Jasmine's behavior and upcoming visit. "We will take Faith, but please be careful. You know your mom, Calliope. So, if something doesn't feel right, then it probably isn't", my mother says. "One last thing before we head to the dining room. I would like to have Calliope's Alpha

ceremony next week.” My mother nods and I can see her wheels turning. “Something simple will be fine” Calliope says and my mother looks disappointed but smiles.

Calliope POV

“The patrol guard linked me. Your mother is at the border”, Eli says. I take a deep breath and we head out of the pack house. Lily is waiting in the yard. She smiles and I have a feeling that she knows about the pups, but I stay quiet. Amelia is her best friend and I would expect no less. “Let’s go see what’s going on with your mom”, Lily says. We make it to the border in ten minutes. My mother looks like she is ready to lose her cool, which is not like her at all. “Calliope, why am I being detained like this? I am your mother and I shouldn’t be stopped when I come to visit.” The patrol guard looks at Eli and he nods, giving them permission to leave. I go to step closer and Lily stops me. “That is not your mother” she says. “Calliope, what the hell is this woman talking about? Of course, I’m your mother. What the

hell is going on here” my mother yells. Lily waves her arms and begins to chant. “Show your true self” she says, and the figure changes before our eyes. A girl who can’t even be eighteen is standing before us. She looks petrified and my heart clenches in my chest.

“Where is my mother?” The girl bursts into tears. “The witch has her. I was supposed to get close to you and let the witch know when we were alone. She wants to take you away from the pack before the attack begins. It will weaken your mate. I didn’t want to do it but they have my brother. He is just a little boy. Alpha Grant doesn’t care who he hurts” she says in between her sobs. “How are you to let the witch know when you have me?” She pulls a vial of bright red liquid from her pocket. “I smash this and it brings her to it. I’m so sorry. I just wanted to help my brother.” Lily puts out her hand and the girl sets it gently on her palm. Eli pulls me to him and buries his head in my neck. “Mine” he says and I rub circles on his back. “No one will take me from you. Lily, please take the girl to the cells and make sure she is comfortable.” I turn to her “you are not a prisoner, but I can’t have you walking around the pack until we figure everything out. We will help you save your brother.” Her eyes brighten at my words and she nods. Lily takes her hand and once they are gone, Eli pulls back. “What if you hadn’t realized that something was off about your mother?” “Eli, I know your scared but I am strong and I will do my best not to fight, but I might have no choice with a witch involved. We will come up with a plan and we will keep everyone safe, including our pups.”

Chapter 125

59 The Coward

Earlier That Day

Jasmine POV

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I walk over and thankfully she doesn't try to stop me. I push the needle in and force the plunger down until all the blue liquid is gone from the syringe. I see her almost lose her balance but thankfully the girl knows to steady her. "She is no threat now. I'll open the portal and you can help her step through." She does as I order. "Take her to the room with your brother." I follow closely behind her and once they are in the room, I close the door and lock it. I wave my hand doing a sealing spell before I teleport back to the battlefield. It seems that Grant's mutts are not faring well against the Nightfire pack. "Where the f**k were you" I hear Grant snarl from behind me. What a coward? He isn't even fighting with his warriors. "I got what I came for and once I get your Luna, you are on your own." He grabs my arm and I look back into his eyes. "You will get us out of here before you abandon me. Remember the oath, safe and sound." Goddess, I would love to smack that smirk right off his face. I wrench my arm away from him before I look around the c****e. I find a female wolf fighting next to a bear. My eyes search out the witch and she is busy fighting with Grant's mutts. She must think I left for good. I smirk before I turn back to the wolf. I produce another syringe and teleport myself to the wolf's back. Before she registers what's happening, I slam the syringe into her shoulder. It forces her to shift and we appear next to Grant. He scoops his Luna up and I create the portal to walk through. We are in his office. He gazes down lovingly at the woman in his arms. I roll my eyes. "My blood oath has been fulfilled. Our business is done." I don't give him a chance to respond before I teleport to the cottage. I reappear in the living room and I'm grateful that little ba**ard isn't crying. The cottage is quiet, too quiet.

Eli POV

I snap the neck of another member of Grant's pack when a blood curdling growl causes a silence to fall over the battle field. I turn to see Hudson and Cayden's beast take off toward the border. Where is Evelyn? I search for Grant but he has left his pack to die. This time I let out a growl that shakes the tree before I shift. All those that are fighting halt and stare at me. "Your Alpha is a coward. He brought you here to be slaughtered while he fled with a woman who wants nothing to do with him. I have no problem killing ever last one of you but is that what you want, to fight for a man that sacrificed you for his own selfish desires." I see a wolf shift and I can tell he is of Beta blood. "The Alpha of the Nightfire pack speaks the truth. I had hoped our Alpha would come to his senses but he is not the man we all once knew. I will not die for a man that is willing to sacrifice

me to have someone else's mate." The man drops to his knees and bears his neck to me. I watch as the remaining men drop to their knees and bear their necks. "Take them to the cells for now. They are to be treated humanely. I will be down to speak to them shortly." I don't wait to speak to anyone as I shift and run to the pack house. I need to see Calliope more than I need my next breath

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What the hell is taking that stupid girl so long? I need to be with Grant to fulfill that damn blood oath. It seems I can't wait any longer. I will just have to leave if she summons me. I appear in the trees and I can sense one witch among the wolves. Maybe I over estimated this pack power. I come to stand next to Grant. He points to his Luna and I nod. All hell breaks loose and I begin to throw dark energy balls at the wolves but they are dropping to the ground before they can hit even one of the mutts. It's not possible. I notice the witch standing with her arms held high as the wolves start to advance toward us. The f**king witch can only be eighteen. How the f**k is she so strong? Just as the thought pops into my

head the potion summons me. I don't even look Grant's way as I disappear. I reappear in a room and I smile at the sight before me. Alpha Jasmine's figure is holding a knife to her daughter's neck. "It's nice to finally meet you, Calliope." If looks could kill I would be dead. I smile at her resolve to stay strong. In the end she will beg for mercy but right now I'll give her this moment of defiance. I wave my hand and produce a vial of wolfsbane. "This will hurt far worse if you fight against me. I wouldn't want your mother to slice your pretty little neck. This will only make your wolf dormant until I need her to be present." For the first time I see a flash of fear in her eyes.

I walk over and thankfully she doesn't try to stop me. I push the needle in and force the plunger down until all the blue liquid is gone from the syringe. I see her almost lose her balance but thankfully the girl knows to steady her. "She is no threat now. I'll open the portal and you can help her step through." She does as I order. "Take her to the room with your brother." I follow closely behind her and once they are in the room, I close the door and lock it. I wave my hand doing a sealing spell before I teleport back to the battlefield. It seems that Grant's mutts are not faring well against the Nightfire pack. "Where the f**k were you" I hear Grant snarl from behind me. What a coward? He isn't even fighting with his warriors. "I got what I came for and once I get your Luna, you are on your own." He grabs my arm and I look back into his eyes. "You will get us out of here before you abandon me. Remember the oath, safe and sound." Goddess, I would love to smack that smirk right off his face. I wrench my arm away from him before I look around the c****e. I find a female wolf fighting next to a bear. My eyes search out the witch and she is busy fighting with Grant's mutts. She must think I left for good. I smirk before I turn back to the wolf. I produce another syringe and teleport myself to the wolf's back. Before she registers what's happening, I slam the syringe into her shoulder. It forces her to shift and we appear next to Grant. He scoops his Luna up and I create the portal to walk through. We are in his office. He gazes down lovingly at the woman in his arms. I roll my eyes. "My blood oath has been fulfilled. Our business is done." I don't give him a chance to respond before I teleport to the cottage. I reappear in the living room and I'm grateful that little ba**ard isn't crying. The cottage is quiet, too quiet.

Eli POV

I snap the neck of another member of Grant's pack when a blood curdling growl causes a silence to fall over the battle field. I turn to see Hudson and Cayden's beast take off toward the border. Where is Evelyn? I search for Grant but he has left his pack to die. This time I let out a growl that shakes the tree before I shift. All those that are fighting halt and stare at me. "Your Alpha is a coward. He brought you here to be slaughtered while he fled with a woman who wants nothing to do with him. I have no problem killing ever last one of you but is that what you want, to fight for a man that sacrificed you for his own selfish desires." I see a wolf shift and I can tell he is of Beta blood. "The Alpha of the Nightfire pack speaks the truth. I had hoped our Alpha would come to his senses but he is not the man we all once knew. I will not die for a man that is willing to sacrifice me to have someone else's mate." The man drops to his knees and bears his neck to me. I watch as the remaining men drop to their knees and bear their necks. "Take them to the cells for now. They are to be treated humanely. I will be down to speak to them shortly." I don't wait to speak to anyone as I shift and run to the pack house. I need to see Calliope more than I need my next breath. : ©.

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60 I Am Not Yours

Simone POV

I stand in my living room staring at the door where I have the four prisoners. I have no use for the other three. I suppose I could sell the brother and sister off as slaves to the coven. I'll keep Calliope's mother for a while to keep her compliant. I can't keep giving her wolfsbane if I want to use her wolf. Once I'm done using her, I'll kill them both. Why haven't I heard any noise coming from that room yet? That kid didn't shut up for five seconds before I left. Maybe bringing his sister back finally calmed him down. My mind starts to wonder if they are planning something stupid. If they think they can ambush me they are sadly mistaken. There is no way they could have gotten out of that room, so I know they are in there. I walk down the hallway and soon as I reach the door, I start to chant. I reach for the handle but before I pull the door open, I feel unsettled. I turn the handle and slowly open the door. My eyes search the room until they find two figures standing by the window. What the f**k? "Let me make the introductions" a woman with long black hair says as she looks into my eyes. "My name is Lily and I'm the Gamma of the Nightfire pack. I'm a blessed witch and you tried to f**k with my family. I may be a light witch, but that doesn't mean that I will allow people to hurt those that I love." My eyes move to the woman standing next to her. "I'm sorry that was rude of me. This is Selma and she is another witch in my family. She is as powerful and pissed as I am, which is not good for you. You're about to find out why dark will never beat light."

“This isn’t possible. I would have known if I didn’t have her. I would have sensed your power.” She laughs and a feeling of fear settles in me. It’s not a feeling I often have and I really don’t like it. I focus on getting myself the f**k out of here. I need to regroup and make a new plan. The minute I try to teleport, I can’t reach my magic. “What the f**k have you done to me?” She smirks and I turn rushing for the door. I don’t make it two steps before I’m frozen in place. They begin to chant and my body

starts to feel hot like I’m on fire. I can’t even move my mouth to scream. The pain that passes through my body is like nothing I have ever felt before. I collapse to the floor and feel myself losing the battle to remain conscious. Before the darkness completely consumes me, I see the face of the dark-haired witch again. “As much as I would like to be the one that ends your pathetic existence, I have an Alpha waiting for you.” I’m left in darkness and honestly, I pray that I don’t wake up from this. I can’t feel my magic, so I will have no way to fight an Alpha wolf. This is all Grant’s f**king fault. I should have killed him instead of just rejecting his a**.

Evelyn POV

My eyes flutter open and I look around a room that I had hoped I would never see again. I’m grateful when I don’t see Grant lying next to me. I would hope he wouldn’t take me without consent, but I’m not sure what he is capable of after all he has done. I would never want Hudson to feel the pain of betrayal even if I wasn’t a willing participant. I know he would love me no matter what, but I still wouldn’t want that to taint our future. I sit up and slide from the bed. I can feel Sadie but she hasn’t answered me yet. I walk to the door even though I’m sure he has locked me in this f**king room. I jiggle the handle and of course, I’m right. I move to the window and I see a handful of wolves that I’ve never seen before guarding the grounds. The smell of rotting meat is prominent and it makes my stomach rebel. What the hell has he done? He sent the pack to the slaughter and he has rogue wolves guarding the pack house. Before I can give it any more thought, the lock disengaging gets my attention. I turn to face a man that isn’t a man at all. He is a monster that fooled me for years. As soon as he sees I’m standing next to the bed, he smiles at me. He can’t really believe that I am happy to be here. He is truly delusional to believe that I want to be anywhere near him. The only man I will ever want is Hudson. “I’m glad to see you’re awake so we can finally talk”, Grant says, like this is a normal conversation. “Alright Grant, you want to talk, let’s talk. Let’s talk about how you made me believe that you were my second chance mate. That you and my father conspired against me to form some fake bond. Better yet, let’s talk about you taking my pups away from me. Watching me suffer while I believed they were dead for the last eighteen years. My pups suffered because you want a mate that was never yours to have. I

hate you, Grant. I don’t know what you thought was going to happen here, but I hate you. I am not yours.”

“I know you are angry with me but I need you to see I did all of this for us. I have always been a good mate to you, Evelyn. I have treated you like a queen. I couldn’t raise

someone else's pups. I wanted to have pups with you. It just never happened," he says. I can't help the sick laugh that crawls up my throat. "Thank the goddess, we never had pups. I would never want to bring pups into this world that were a part of a monster like you. You think I'm angry with you. Grant, I want to watch you breathe your last breath. Angry is not the word for what I feel. I loathe you and I don't want to breathe the same air as you." I can see his eyes flash between his and his wolf's. "Evelyn, I'm here with you" Sadie says. I'm so happy to hear her voice in my mind. I couldn't be more grateful for Selma in this moment. She was worried that if Grant somehow got me, he would give me wolfsbane. She placed a spell on me to help me process it quicker. He starts to move toward me and Sadie pushes forward. I take him by surprise when I swipe my claw across his chest. He roars and reaches out to grab me. I move to the left and kick my leg out, catching him in the stomach. I need to get out of this room so I can shift. :
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I reach the door grabbing the handle before I feel myself being pulled back by my hair. Instead of fighting against the pull I step back. I turn coming face to face with Grant. His eyes are black as night now. "I loved you even if you weren't my fated mate", Thiago says. "Neither of you know what love is. You had a mate and you threw her away. You took me away from mine." He whimpers and I watch as his eyes shift back to Grant's brown color. "This is it Sadie, it's time to end this", I say as I extend my claw again. He slams me against the wall, but I stay focused on what I need to do. He has lost his patience with me and grips my throat with his left hand. I see something flash in his eyes and his gaze drops to my stomach. "Fine Evelyn, if I can't have you than neither can that f**king disgusting werebear. You and his pup can die by my hand." With those words the rage takes over. I reach up with my hand and force my claw into his chest. His eyes go wide, I'm sure from the shock and pain. "I hope

the goddess makes you relive this moment for all eternity." My hand is wrapped around his heart and I squeeze until it stops beating. His grip loosens and his body drops to the ground.

Blood drips from my fingers as I make my way out the door and downstairs. I regret nothing that just happened, but it's still hard to believe that it's over. Grant's words play over in my mind. He had no reason to talk about a pup, but it doesn't seem possible. "It is true, Evelyn. You were right about the goddess not wanting Grant to have a pup. We are pregnant with our real mate's pup", Sadie says. The front door to the pack house slams open and my eyes land on the man that the goddess made for me. He is covered in blood but he still looks amazing. He sweeps me into his arms. I bury my head in his neck and he does the same to me. "Grant is dead" I say and he relaxes further. "Hey, I would like to hug my mom too, dad." We both freeze and pick up our heads. Cayden just called Hudson dad. My heart squeezes in my chest. Hudson sets me down, but before Cayden can hug me, Hudson pulls him into his arms. "Thank you, Cayden", Hudson says. "You are my son." He releases Cayden, who wraps me in a hug. "Don't scare me like that again mom." "I promise I won't. I'm just glad it's over." We start for the door and Cayden stops walking. I turn to look at him and I can't read his expression.

“Cayden, what’s wrong?” “Mom, you killed the Alpha of the pack. Doesn’t that make you the Alpha?”

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61 New Alpha

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Silas runs as fast as our legs can carry us back to the pack house. I need to wrap Calliope in my arms. I know that she is safe but I need to see her. As soon as we reach it, we shift. I pull on shorts and rush through the door. I take the steps two at a time until I reach our wing. I throw the door open and I feel my shoulders relax when I see Calliope, Faith, Penny, and Jasmine sitting in the kitchen. I notice the girl the witch used and a young boy are sitting on the couch in our living room. Calliope is on her feet and around the couch as soon as she sees me. She jumps in my arms before I can even ask questions and, honestly, holding her is all I care about right now. I bury my head in her neck and breathe in her enhanced scent. A mix of hers and our pups surround me. I’m instantly calmed and at peace. When we finally release each other, Calliope leads me over to the love seat. I pull her onto my lap. “I’m going to take Faith and lay her down”, Penny says, giving us a few minutes alone. She must know that Cayden is safe or I’m sure she would be running out of here just as any of us would for our mates. I pray that Evelyn makes that ba**ard suffer. Jasmine sits on the couch nearest us and smiles at me. “Calliope told me the good news. I’m so happy you two are having another pup.” “Thank you, Jasmine. I’m glad that Lily and Selma were able to get you away from the witch safely. It’s a good thing your daughter knows you so well or we might not have realized it in time.” I notice the young girl’s eyes fill with shame. Jasmine must notice it too. She looks at the girl with sympathy. “Anna and Felix, I want you to meet Alpha Eli.” They both stand and bear their necks to me. “It’s very nice to meet you both. Anna, no one is angry with you for what happened. We all would have made the same choice.”

Anna’s eyes meet mine for the first time and a genuine smile beams at me. “You were very brave, both of you” I say and Felix puffs out his chest. “Mom, wants to take them back to the Crescent Moon. She has already spoken to Oliver and Tony. They want to adopt them. Their parents were killed when Felix

was a baby and Grant took them from the orphanage because he knew no one would be looking for them” Calliope says. Silas tries to push forward and growl but I don’t want him to scare them. “Of course, Anna had no choice in what she had to do. Grant and that witch are the only ones to blame. You or I would do anything to protect our family,” I link her back. “Is the witch in the cells” I link Lily. “Yes, she is Eli. I told her that the Alpha will be dealing with her.” I chuckle and Calliope looks at me. “Jasmine, we need to deal with two things in the cells. When we are done, we will take you back to the

pack. I'm sure Calliope wants to tell everyone about our pup. I'm sure Leo is losing his sh*t because I would be." Jasmine nods and I take Calliope's hand. We make our way downstairs and to the cells. The cells on each side are filled with the members of Grant's pack. They all bear their necks as we walk past them. I'm glad they are not hostile, but I'm a little shocked that none are angry about what happened. We come to the last cell and the witch is chained to the wall.

We step inside and she picks her head up meeting my eyes. She looks between me and Calliope. I can tell she is trying to call upon her magic and I smile. "Do you know why you can't reach your magic?" She glares at me but doesn't answer. "Fine, I'll tell you. You tried to take my mate from me. The witches that brought you here have stripped you of your powers. You are for all intents and purposes a human now." Her eyes get big and she seems to be checking my face for any sign of deceit. "It isn't possible" she spits out with all the venom she can muster. "You are never leaving this cell. That ba**ard you came with is probably dead by now, not that he would rescue you. He is so delusional that he sacrificed his own pack. You aren't important to him." "F**k you, just kill me already." I laugh "I won't be the Alpha that kills you." I step back and Calliope steps forward. "You took my mother and those two children to get to me. You wanted me so badly. You are going to wish for death by the time I'm done with you. No one f**ks with my family." I can't help when my c**k twitches in my pants as I watch my sexy mate walk toward the b**ch hanging on the wall. She must feel my desire through our bond. She turns and winks at me. "Later Alpha" she links me. "Our mate is a bada**" Silas says and I laugh. "Yes, she is, our bad**."

Evelyn POV

I never really thought about the fact that killing Grant would make me the Alpha of this pack. The pack was mine by birthright but my father handed it over to Grant because he had a d**k. "I've never thought about being Alpha. I'm sure that the wolves in this pack won't want to follow a woman if they are anything like Grant." "To f**king bad. They can follow us or become rogues. We deserve to be the Alpha", Sadie says. I look at Hudson and he smiles at me. "I am glad to be your Luna as long as I don't have to wear a dress", he says, and we all burst out laughing. I wrap my arms around his middle and he kisses my head. "You and I will be Alphas if there are any wolves left to live in the pack after Eli finishes with them." I pull back and look at Cayden. "That means some day that you will become Alpha if you want to Cayden. I won't force you to but you are my oldest child." He smiles "I love that you want that for me, mom, but I don't want to be Alpha. I just want to be a warrior, have my mate, and some pups." I nod and Grant's words come back to me. Without thinking about it, my hands go to my still flat stomach. Cayden and Hudson both look at me with confusion. I can't help the smile that spreads across my face.

"Evelyn, what's going on", Hudson asks. A mix of worry and love in his expression. "I think I might be pregnant." Hudson's eyes get big before he drops to his knees. He places his head against my belly and wraps his arms around my waist. After a few seconds, he stands up and I can see excitement in his eyes. "I can hear the heartbeat."

He lifts me and I wrap my legs around his waist. He kisses me, pouring all of his love into the kiss. "I'm still here", Cayden says, and I chuckle against his lips. Hudson lowers me to the floor and Cayden wraps me in a hug. "Congratulations, I can't wait to be a big brother." I hear the pain in his voice. I know he is happy for us but he is thinking about Clare. He still carries guilt that he shouldn't. "We better get back" he says as he releases me. "Hudson, can I talk to Cayden alone for a moment?" He kisses me before he heads for the door. I turn to Cayden but before I can say anything, the room is bathed in light. We both turn and a man I thought I would never see again smiles at me. "Theo" I say and he smiles. "You are as beautiful as ever, Evelyn. Hudson is a very lucky man. I knew he would be good to you." I should have known he would have been part of sending Hudson to me. "So, I don't have much time. This is the last time I will have the chance to speak to

either of you. The goddess has been very generous with my visits. I want you both to be happy. You won't miss anything this time, Evelyn, and you deserve every bit of happiness this pup will bring you." He walks toward us and comes to stand in front of Cayden.

"I am proud of the man you have become. Your sister has been given a second chance at life and happiness. You don't need to feel any guilt about moving on with your life. She wants you too. It's alright to love this pup and be the best big brother. It doesn't mean you don't love Clare. You are the reason that she was able to live the life she did, Cayden no matter how short it was. You are the reason that a piece of her will live on in Faith. If it wasn't for your sacrifice she was destined to die in that hell", Theo says. Tears start to roll down Cayden's cheeks. He turns to me and I wrap him in a hug. Theo places his hand on Cayden's back before he touches my cheek. "I love you both and I always will", he says, before he is gone. We stay like that for a long time before he finally picks up his head. "I can't wait to tell my brother or sister about their big sister. Let's go find out if any of our pack members survived." He takes my hand and we walk out of the pack house. Hudson smiles when he sees us. He shifts and lowers down for me to climb on his back. I lay down enjoying the feeling of the tingles as we run back to the Nightfire pack. I close my eyes and picture a future that I never imagined.

Eli POV

I lead Calliope out of the cell. "Eli, we are on our way back. Mom killed Grant. Are there any survivors from the pack" Cayden asks. "Yes, I have them in the cells. They all surrendered after the Beta spoke against Grant. I was just about to speak to them." "Mom has decided to become Alpha of the pack. I'm not sure if they will agree, but she has killed their Alpha." I smile "well, if they don't, I'm sure they can leave because she has earned the title. They can become rogues if they aren't happy with their new leader. We will wait for you all to arrive before we speak to them. Calliope needs to clean up anyway." "Is she alright" he asks with concern in his voice. "She is, but the witch is dead." "Good, now we just have to deal with Octavius." He cuts the link and Calliope is staring at me. "Let's go get you cleaned up it seems that the new Alpha of the Red Moon pack is on her way."

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62 Punishment

Evelyn POV

We reach the Nightfire pack and Tyson lowers to the ground so I can slide off. He rubs his snout against my belly before he shifts back into Hudson. "Tyson is excited about our cub" Hudson says before he kisses me softly. Cayden and Hudson grab shorts from behind a tree and we head to the pack house. Eli and Calliope are waiting for us. "Welcome back, Alpha Evelyn", Eli says, and I roll my eyes. I pull him into a hug. He will always be my son. He gave Clara more happiness than he will ever know and I will always be grateful for her time with him. I'm so happy that the goddess gave him a second chance with Calliope. I know my daughter and she wants him to be happy. Calliope is an amazing woman and I know she will treat my granddaughter like she is her own pup. I pull her into a hug. "I will have the warriors bring the man I assume is the Beta of Crescent Moon out here to speak with you before you address the remaining warriors", Eli says, and I nod. A few minutes later, Leland steps out of the pack house followed by a warrior. As soon as he sees me, he drops his gaze. He was always a good Beta and friend to me. I have no idea what Grant told him, but I'm sure he didn't have all the details of what Grant did to me. "Leland, I need to speak to you about the pack and everything that happened." "I'm so sorry, Luna" he says but never picks his head up to look at me. : ©.

"Leland, I need you to look at me." A few seconds pass before he finally makes eye contact with me. He looks so defeated. "Grant is dead. I know you were loyal to him but he was not the man you thought he was." "I know that now, Luna." Cayden growls and I place my hand on his arm. Leland looks between us and I smile. "Leland, this is my son Cayden and my mate Hudson", I say pointing at each of them. I can see the confusion on Leland's face as he stares at Cayden. He watched me suffer after I lost my pups. He tried to help me as it was part of his job to protect his Luna. We became good friends and I'm sure if he knew what Grant had done, he wouldn't have stood by his side. "The twins didn't die,

Leland. Grant gave them to a rogue. He didn't want to raise another man's pups. He wasn't even my second chance mate." He growls and I can see his wolf is at the surface. He takes a few deep breaths to calm himself down. "I hope you made him suffer before you killed his pathetic a**" Leland says and I smile. "He is in the past but we need to talk about the future of the pack. Killing Grant has made me the Alpha of the Crescent Moon." Leland bares his neck to me. "I would like for you to remain my Beta, Leland. Hudson will also be Alpha of the pack by my side." "I would be honored to be your Beta, Alpha Evelyn."

Eli leads us down to the cells and it looks like about forty warriors survived the attack. I'm sure the women and children are in the bunkers back on the pack lands. They will wait for the warriors to return before they come out of the bunker. "Alpha Grant is dead. He has committed crimes not only against me, his former Luna, but against my pups." I hate to talk about the past but I need the pack to understand how we got here. They need to understand just how evil and delusional Grant truly was. As I recount all of Grant's offenses, I see warriors looking around at each other and at Leland. "I know that this is hard for all of you. Grant only showed you what he wanted you to see. He did that to me for many years. I am now the Alpha of the Crescent Moon as is my right for killing Grant. Alpha Eli has been gracious enough to spare all of you despite the attack on the Nightfire Pack. I promise to be fair and to treat each and every one of you with respect. Beta Leland has graciously accepted to remain the pack Beta by my side." The warriors look at him and he nods. You could hear a pin drop before the warriors begin to drop to their knees and bare their necks to me.

Octavius POV

Bryer's coven members have finally arrived and tomorrow I will be rid of the two-half breeds. I don't care if we have to level that entire pack of mutts. I wish I knew that Grant was so weak. If he had just killed those two ba**ards when he had the chance, none of this would be happening. They should never have existed. Theo was pathetic for giving into that damn mate bond. I head to my room and straight into my bathroom. Once I'm showered, I slide into bed and pull the covers over myself. I'm

almost asleep when I'm alerted by the patrolling warlock that the coven has been breached. It's not possible. I did the protection spell myself after Selma escaped. I teleport myself to the yard after I tell Bryer and his sniveling father to move their a**es. As soon as I'm outside of the mansion, I step back. Twenty of my warlocks are dead on the ground and I can feel an immense power radiating from the woods. More of my men pour out of the mansion and I raise my hand to shield us. They haven't showed themselves yet, but I can feel their power. "Show yourselves" I scream into the dark of night. The only thing I can hear is the wind rushing through the trees. I wave my hand and try to light up the area surrounding the coven but I'm being blocked.

After a few minutes, Selma steps out of the trees with a smug smile on her f**king face. She will be the first one I kill. She can join her weak brother. "You little b**ch, what have you done?" "Now uncle, is that anyway to speak to your niece." Before I can say another word, five people step out of the trees to stand behind Selma. One is Bryer's brother but I have no idea who the other five are. What I do know is, the three women are powerful. They may be powerful, but they can't take on the entire coven. "Uncle, these are the witches and warlock from the Nightfire pack. Lily, Pheobe, Rose, and John, this is my piece of sh*t uncle, Octavius. They are from the pack where my nephew and niece live. I've told them all about what you plan to do to Cayden and Faith." "You are betraying your own kind for some mongrels. Do you really think I'm afraid of a few witches?" The woman with long black hair steps next to Selma and waves her hand. Twenty of the warlocks standing next to me fall to the ground. "How

can you do this to your own brother” Bryer screams and his brother laughs. “You marked my beloved against her will. I’m going to take great pleasure ending your life, Bryer” he says. I can’t worry about their bickering. This isn’t over, but I won’t stay here to be slaughtered. I attempt to teleport but my magic isn’t working. My eyes meet the blonde witch’s and she smirks at me. “You weren’t trying to run away, were you Octavius,” the woman says.

I raise my hand and start to throw energy balls one after another. Every time they get close, the warlock knocks them away. What the hell is this? They start to move toward us and I see Selma’s eyes turn a

deep purple. My body stiffens and I feel like I’m on fire. “What the f**k are you doing to me” I manage to rasp out. “I’m showing you exactly what happens when you f**k with my family. You killed Theo, your own nephew. You are a monster. I pray that the goddess tortures you every day of eternity for all you have done.” I can see warlocks running towards the woods, but it’s futile. They are bursting into flames all around me. Bryer is fighting his brother and his father is lying dead a few feet away. Bryer flies toward a tree and when he lands, I can see that his neck is broken. How could this all have gone so wrong? Selma is right in front of me now and I’m barely holding on as the air is sucked from my lungs. She looks into my eyes with pure hatred before I fall into darkness. I can hear sounds around me but the darkness is thick like soup. I feel like I’m drowning in it. The darkness clears for a moment and I’m in what looks like a throne room. The throne is made of tree branches and it’s covered in flowers. Maybe I’m not dead. Selma has always been weak. She probably just knocked me out but didn’t have it in her to actually kill me. When I wake up from this, they will all pay.

“Even in death you are a ba**ard” I hear a voice from behind me. A woman with long flowing red hair steps to the chair and takes a seat. “Where am I?” “You, Octavius, are here in the in-between realm for judgement. I have watched all you have done to my children with great disgust.” “Selene” I say on a whisper. “I’m surprised such an evil man knows my name. I go to speak and she silences me with a wave of her hand. “You will not speak. There is nothing that you can say that will change your punishment.” A woman with curves and tangled hair steps to her right side. Her eyes are black and her teeth look like they have never been brushed. She holds a whip in one hand and chains in the other. “Octavius, this is Tanith, the Goddess of Torture. You have been found guilty of unforgivable crimes against not only your family but my children. You will spend eternity with Tanith and she will ensure that you experience every bit of pain that you inflicted on others.” The woman walks toward me and wraps the chain around my neck. The darkness consumes me for the first time, I feel fear of what is to come.

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Once she is dressed in her purple dress, we head to breakfast. Mason and Micah will be staying in the pack today while everyone heads to the ceremony. I'm happy to see Rose, Oscar, Magnum, and Larisa will be joining us today. I hand Faith to Amelia and we take our seat at the table. "Cayden, how is your mom feeling?" I haven't had much morning sickness but my mom has it every day. "She is alright. Hudson's hovering is driving her a little crazy", Cayden says, and we all laugh. "Wait till Penny is having a pup. You will act just like us", Eli says. I see a flash of something on Penny's face but it's gone so quickly I don't know if I imagined it. We finish eating and we all head out of the pack house to the SUV's. We drive about an hour to reach the Red Moon pack. I have never visited this pack but it reminds me of Crescent Moon. The pack house is similar and the cottages are laid out the same way. We park and Eli comes around to open my door. He gets Faith out of her car seat and I take her from him. He takes my free hand and we follow a path that leads to a beautiful garden. "My mother is responsible for this garden", Cayden says, and I smile. We take our seats and wait for the ceremony to begin.

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As we approach the garden, I can't help but smile. Mom is so proud of the work she put into it and I'm glad she will get to tend to it again. Everyone starts to take their seats when I notice Rose and Oscar are looking at me. Rose and I never got to have that talk with everything that happened. We have a few minutes before the ceremony. I lead Penny over to them and we follow the path that leads to benches. We all take a seat and I smile at Rose. "Rose, I know you wanted to talk to me and we haven't had a moment, so I thought we could talk now before the ceremony starts." She looks at Oscar and he smiles. "I was worried to tell you this but now I realize that was truly silly of me. I have no control of the wolf the goddess blesses me with and I wouldn't change my wolf for anything." Now I'm truly confused.

Why would she think I would be upset about her wolf? I can feel Rigg's happiness through our bond. "Cayden, Clara is my wolf." Did she just say that Clara is her wolf? I feel Penny squeeze my hand. I sit there processing the fact that my sister was given another chance by the goddess. She was given a chance as Rose's wolf. I wish things could have been different, but my father is right. She is getting her second chance and she is happy. I stand and Rose does the same. I pull her into a hug. "I'm glad that Clara got an amazing human like you, Rose. I'm glad you both have your mate and you will have a future together. I'm happy she will get to see the woman Faith will become."

We head back toward the ceremony and I feel lighter. Hearing what my father said and now knowing that Clara is getting a second chance at happiness lessens the pain of losing her. I know that the goddess always has a plan. We just don't always understand it, but I trust her despite everything that happened. I have suffered in my life but the joy and happiness I have now make it all worth it. I have my mother and a bonus father. I know despite not being able to speak with him, that my father will watch over us. I have a beautiful mate and soon we will have a beautiful pup. She almost slipped at breakfast but we wanted to announce it to my mother and Hudson first. We already told her

parents this morning. I can't wait to tell everyone else later today. I have huge family that wasn't made by blood alone. All of these people that are gathered here today are my family. We are all living proof that despite being broken because of tragedy, the pieces can be put back together. I look at Eli with his arm wrapped around Cali while she holds Faith. He may have been a broken Alpha, but love has made him whole again.