

Chapter 17: Kitty, Honey

~ Sebastian ~

Within a private room of Brawnlyn Hold Castle, five prominent people sat in front of a table.

Sebastian listened as the king alpha of Taplean spoke to him and King Henry. Kieran said, "Having lost our daughter for over a year, we -"

Kieran gasped and looked Sebastian in the eye before resuming, "My wife and I had decided to cancel the marriage between our daughter and Sebastian."

The revelation stiffened Sebastian. He felt utterly backstabbed because he and Kate had already agreed on this marriage. He was about to react when Kieran spoke again.

"However," Kieran held Sebastian and Henry from speaking, saying, "My daughter has told me that she will marry Sebastian, as agreed upon originally -"

Kieran stared at Sebastian and added, "And I believe Sebastian and my daughter have their agreement."

Sebastian let out a sigh. A sense of ease washed over him. His eyes searched for Kate, and he met her hazel orbs as if she silently told him she did not betray him. He gave her a nod, and she gave him a weak smile.

"For a moment there, you scared me, Alpha Kieran," King Henry smiled. He also took a deep breath and turned to Kate. He said, "Thank you, Kate."

"All that we ask is for Sebastian to take good care of my daughter," Alexia said. "We will be arranging regular visits. We have provided her with a bank account accessible in Vottara, so she can attend to her needs, and we expect regular phone calls from Kate and Sebastian."

Sebastian bowed to Alexia, saying, "Understood Luna Queen."

"So, when will the wedding be?" Alexia asked with a smile.

"We are still making arrangements, but the date is January 28. That's less than three months from now," Sebastian replied.

"Then, we will be back with Kate's brothers," Kieran said.

King Henry was smiling from ear to ear. He declared, "That will be the most awaited moment! I'm glad we can move on from here."

"I'd like to speak to Sebastian, alpha to alpha," Kieran asked. He turned to the door before glancing back at Sebastian. He requested, "Shall we take a walk, Sebastian?"

"Yes, Sir," Sebastian nodded before getting up from his seat. "Let me lead the way."

Sebastian took the alpha king of Taplean around the vast halls of the castle and into an open lawn at the back.

Brawnlyn Hold Castle's garden extended to over an acre. Centuries-old trees provided a leafy canopy on the sides, featuring vibrant emerald green grass. This perfect carpet stretched out in all directions, accented by vibrant flowerbeds.

Sebastian and Kieran followed a walking path with their heads held high and arms behind their backs. As they strolled, it was as if they threatened the trees. The air felt chilly because power exuded from both of them. Sebastian sensed it, and he was sure; the workers and guards also realized this as their heads were constantly on the ground.

"If you do the same thing that stupid Xander Baros did to my daughter, I will not hesitate to kill you," Kieran threatened.

Sebastian sucked in a deep breath. He thought, 'They were going to be in a loveless marriage. Surely, it will not happen to them. Besides, I will not be marking Kate.'

Of course, he did not dare voice out those thoughts. He answered, "I will care for Kate and give her the utmost respect. However, Alpha King, you must know I cannot mark her -"

"I understand and know about your curse. We will not risk that, of course," Kieran replied. "But that does not mean you can betray the vows of your marriage! You must be loyal to my daughter, or else I will cut all your limbs!"

Kieran faced Sebastian with his alpha aura emitting. It was so strong that his body also hardened. Kieran said, "Take this as a warning."

However, Sebastian was no weak alpha. He also let his alpha aura, which surprisingly caught the king off guard. Kieran also straightened his back, and the two began a staring contest, their eyes frostily glaring

at each other.

Time stretched awkwardly as the two continued to increase the level of their alpha energy. After what felt like a minute, however, both their shoulders fell. Shockingly enough, it would seem like their powers were at par?

'Hmm,' Sebastian could not help but gloat. The Moon Goddess may have cursed his lineage, but she repaid him with strength.

Kieran might have realized this too that he snapped at Sebastian, "I was holding back. After all, you will be my son-in-law."

He pointed a finger at Sebastian, saying, "But just to remind you, three great nations back me up - Azenna, Paredon, and Eswen!"

'Ah, that was his real advantage,' Sebastian mused. The eminent king of Taplean had allied with the great nations. The king and queen of Azenna were his in-laws. Eswen's king and queen vowed loyalty to Kieran. Paredon respected Alpha Kieran too.

"I will never think about crossing you," Sebastian said. "And all this time, while Kate was missing, I had always considered you my second King, Alpha Kieran."

"Good," Kieran sighed and said, "I'm sorry for all the trouble my daughter has given you."

"She felt her freedom taken from her, so she made wrong turns," Sebastian answered. "But I can tell she regretted her decisions. It's water under the bridge now."

"Are you taking care of Xander Baros?" Kieran asked.

"Slowly but surely, Alpha Kieran," Sebastian replied.

For the rest of the day, Kate spent her time with her parents. Sebastian did not tag along, hoping to give them private space. He also understood that Kieran and Alexia would use the following day to bond with their daughter. Thus, Sebastian used his time wisely and instead worked his ass off.

He took rounds with Zev, overseeing the capital's security. Since the king and queen of Taplean were around, he ensured there were no infiltrators. He also worked within one of the castle's private offices, connecting with the warriors who were stationed in nine of his other territories across Vottara.

It was already evening when Kate reunited with Sebastian. They had dinner with her parents and the king and queen of Vottara.

Out of respect, the same other alphas were still invited to the gathering. They tried to catch Kieran's attention, but with just one threatening look from the alpha king, they were forced to bow their heads.

Kieran told the other alphas, "I will speak to you if you are anything as good as Alpha Sebastian."

That practically shut them up. Although Sebastian knew jealousy was brewing inside them, he did not care. He would not let them affect him, even if they talked behind his back.

Kate, however, noticed the stares from the other alphas. She turned to Sebastian with a smile, saying, "Seby, Honey. I'm sorry I was out with my parents too long. How was your day today?"

Inwardly, Sebastian growled.

'Hahaha!' Zev, sitting next to him, was so entertained, mind linking his laughter.

"I had a -" Sebastian smirked behind his mask, and somehow, he was happy Kate could not see his face. He resumed, "I had a hectic day today, Kitty, Honey."

'Haha!' While Zev laughed internally, linking with Sebastian, he watched as 'Kitty' narrowed her eyes at him.

After dinner, King Henry had plans in mind, one that involved an authentic werewolf liquor.

They drank for three hours. King Henry became drunk, but the said liquor did nothing to Sebastian, and it did nothing to Alpha Kieran either.

The queens, Alexia and Regina, only had a few glasses and were quite sober.

Kate, however, drank more than she could handle. When Sebastian and Kate returned to their room, Kate carelessly washed, changed, and climbed on the bed.

While Sebastian slept on the floor with his comforter and pillow, he noticed Kate was restless in bed. He saw her moving from side to side and blabbering. He reminded himself, 'No werewolf liquor for this

woman - Uggh!"

Suddenly, Kate's heavy frame fell on top of him. She fell off the bed!

"Hmmm," Kate hummed. "This sure smells nice."

Kate dropped her head at the nook of his neck and dozed off.

Meanwhile, Sebastian froze. He did not know what to do! He waited for two minutes before thinking of what to do, 'Should I wake her? And risk her tumbling and turning in bed again?'

He studied her and felt her arms cozily wrapping around his torso. She even smiled as she slept. "Hmmm."

Kate's snowy pine scent engulfed him unexpectedly, lulling him to sleep. Before he knew it, he protectively wrapped his arm around her waist and... fell asleep with Kate lying on top of his frame.

The next day, Sebastian awoke with the scent of arousal invading his nostrils. He widened his eyes in shock. He took a big whiff of that intoxicating sensual fragrance and growled!



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