

# Darkness Mate Cheated Versus Fated by Victory Done

## Chapter 101

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Zora

I wondered how Hardy was doing and if he had indeed moved on. I hoped so because the last thing I wanted was for him to feel cheated.

“Come over,” I heard Darius in my head, and I left the bed naked and went into the bathroom. He laid in the tub with water and asked me to sit between his legs so he could wash me

I got in with him, and he kissed my shoulder, which made me moan. He lathered the sponge and began to wash my skin. I knew I was being pampered, so I relished the moment. Taking everything in and letting him spoil me.

Morning came, and we had our breakfast together.

Everyone congratulated me, and I noticed Kara was a bit affected by it. She was happy for me, but she was sad for herself.

I touched her hand lightly to encourage her, and she knew that I knew.

Soon we left the place and got ready to go to the council hall.

Nellie approached us on our way out, and I was a bit uncomfortable.

I did not know what to tell her, but I chose to be civil for Darius’s sake.

“Good morning, dear Zora,” she said, and I smiled at her in response.

“Congratulations. Thanks to you I will soon be a grandma,” She said, looking genuinely happy, and I smiled at her, not wanting to say anything.

She touched my hand and patted it lightly.

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“We should talk when you return,” she said gently with pleading eyes. I **did** not want to be alone in a room with her, but I knew Darius won’t see anything wrong with it, so I nodded.

“As long as the conversation does not include my doom and slurs, I will make room,” I said, and Darius chuckled.

She pulled me into a hug.

“I am sorry for all the hurtful things I said to you,” She said. Because she didn’t strike me as the type to eat her words, I was wary of her apology, but I accepted it for Darius’s sake. I did not want him to feel torn between his mother and me, but I had questions for her and hoped she would be truthful enough to answer them.

We walked away, and a vehicle was waiting for us.

Usually, Darius used his jeep; I wondered why he opted to have a driver drive us in a car. We got into the backseat, and he held me.

“A car?” I said, and he nodded.

“No one drives my jeep, and I want to hold you all through,” He said and kissed my neck.

“I still can’t believe you rejected your fate for me. You have proven to me that true love exists,” he said, and I looked at him and searched his eyes. The driver started the vehicle and moved.

“I was scared you would be mad,” I confessed, and he shook his head.

“I wasn’t growling from anger, green eyes; I was growling from fear. Ever since the attack on the northern gates, I have feared that Hardy would take you from me. What you told me has now put my mind at peace,” He said and touched my belly lightly.

“I want to claim you so badly, and I doubt I can wait until the blue moon.

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If I did not need the blue moon for it to work, I would have done it last night. I want us to be connected on all levels, Zora; I want you inside me. I want you to share my soul, and I share yours," he said, and we kissed.

We finally arrived at the council hall and went to sit in Darius's box. Everyone was there, Kara, Marcel, Raphael and Eloise. On the floor at the centre was a broken version of Abelardo, a very afraid Bryce and a furious version of Larry.

I knew Larry shouldn't be there, but Darius wanted to humiliate the man and make him suffer.

He was justified to do so because the man tried to use Abelardo to work against him.

The sooner Abelardo realises the enemy is from without, the better.

Vino greeted Darius and acknowledged our presence, then handed over to Jacob Mikhailov, the council spokesman.

"I speak on behalf of the council when I say you have overstepped your bounds, my lord," The man said, and Darius was silent.

"Civil and criminal matters are overseen by the council. You have abused your power by holding the prisoners in your custody and choosing to preside over this case. We hereby ask you to withdraw and only observe as we deal with the matters." He said, and Darius raised his hand and

signalled the man to be seated.

"Tell me of the council's investigations and findings first before I respond to your demand," He said calmly.

Pamela, who I had slowly started to hate, stood up to speak.

"What more is there to know? Enforcer Golubev has confessed the truth. We are here for sentencing," she said, and I could feel Darius's rage.

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this council to reduce my workload for me. If I have to **get** involved with the investigations, I will water down the council's power. According to the law, I can do it," he said, and they were all quiet. I noticed some of them look at me scornfully.

"With all due respect, your Eminence, Lunas are not allowed in the council hall, and they are not allowed to preside over matters. Their duty is to make sure the H and bloodline always has an heir. You are not married to this woman yet; it will be advisable to keep her out of our business for now," Joan said, and I knew what they were implying. I always wondered why Nellie never came; now I know why.

"Well, not in my Epoch," Darius said and stood up.

"How many of you can boast of having Zora Riverstorm Albert's achievements added to their belts? She is a strategist, an analyst, a warrior and one of the best investigators in our world. If that does not qualify her to sit in this box, observe, interfere and decide over matters, then I don't know what would," he said and sat down.

"I will not repeat myself. Let this be the last time any of you will speak of my Luna as if she is an outsider and an object. I will take it as an insult to my person, and I will not take it easy regardless of your family." He said and sighed.

I looked at them, and they were silent. Some of them looked at me scornfully, except for Vino, who was smiling at me. I returned his smile, and he nodded.

They read the photocopied letter that Darius had passed to them, and they were silent. Then Pamela moved to question Bryce, and he was honest. She asked him if anyone was coerced.

"Are you sure you speak the truth, Enforcer?" She asked him, and Bryce kept his head down.

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were clear. I was to get to the Hand estate so it would seem like I had a meeting with Lord

Abelardo. I was to go to the East and state that the council sent me under Lord Hand's orders to collect development tax. I was asked to be rude and threaten the head Alpha of the

East, and when I was asked who sent me, I was to tell this council it was lord Abelardo Hand. That is the truth." The man said, and Pamela nodded.

"So, what made you tell the truth?" She asked him.

"My Lord and Lady interrogated me in the council prison and figured out I was lying. I had to give up the pretence and tell the truth," he confessed, and Pamela shook her head.

"Are you sure you were not coerced by Lady Zora?" She asked, and I would have slapped her if I had been close to her. Suddenly I began to feel the woman loathed me. I wondered what I did to these people.

She was now high on my investigation list. She better be clean, or I would disgrace her and make sure she loses her seat. I will make an example of the bitch. I was pissed off.

felt Darius's hand on my thighs, and he touched it gently and smiled at

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"Calm down, green eyes," he pleaded with me, and I nodded.

"I wasn't threatened or coerced by my Lady." Enforcer Bryce said, and the woman kept quiet. I thought she would dare to ask if Darius coerced him, but she didn't. The bitch.

"Very well then, I doubt there is any need for a trial," Vino said, and people were silent.

"I hereby acquit Abelardo Hand of all the allegations made against him. I also acquit Councilman Larry McMillian Babanins of the suspicion of conniving with Abelardo to commit treason." Vino said, and I

remembered the Babanins as one of the families that Collier took out,

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according to **Jake** Brighton. I kept a mental note of it.

Some enforcers went to release Abelardo and Larry from the chains. Abelardo walked away with his head bowed, feeling ashamed. Likewise Larry, but I noticed something while they walked, Abelardo kept his distance from Larry. Locked up for a few days, death looming over his head made Abelardo rethink certain things.

Soon I saw Abelardo come to join us in our box. I was uncomfortable, but he was Darius's brother.

"Enforcer Bryce Golubev, you have lied against royalty. You committed an offence that would have cost the man his life. You also misled this council, which is an act of treason. As a result, we sentence you to death by beheading." Vingo pronounced with a tinge of anger, and I squeezed Darius's lap.

"Do not let them kill him. This will not be the end of people plotting against you. The next person will never tell the truth if Bryce loses his life." I said quickly, and Darius stopped the enforcers from taking Bryce

away.

"No one is going to die by beheading," Darius said comfortably, and Abelardo growled. I could understand Abelardo's anger, but Bryce had no choice.

"He spoke up and told the truth. He could have also maintained his lie, which would have saved him from punishment. But he told the truth and, in turn, saved my brother and councilman Larry from being sentenced for treason. As a result, I pardon him and move him to work at the Hand estate. I would rather surround myself with honest people than connivers," Darius said, and the council murmured.

"The law, your Eminence," Pamela said, and Darius shook his head.

“I choose mercy,” he said, and the woman looked at me. Her eyes showed she knew I was the one that instigated it. I needed to find a way to clip

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## **Chapter 103**

Hardy

I decided to attend Jake’s festival to unwind. It was a last-minute decision. I planned to spend four days in Brighton and then return to Red Moon. It was a great plan. It was supposed to ease my stress and help me think straight.

When I arrived in Brighton in the evening of the festival and Jake told me that Zora was around, I was giddy. Rex was overjoyed, and I could not believe how easy it would be to take my mate away from Darius. Hearing that Darius sent her to have a peace talk with Jake unaccompanied made me think of two different extremes.

Either they loved and trusted each other so much that he would allow her to handle state matters without fear, or her life meant nothing. He was willing to gamble it away by using her to apologise to Jake, hoping Jake won’t attack and kill her.

Hearing Jake talk about her made me realise she was alright.

He told me she arrived a bit ill and pale looking, and I was afraid Darius maltreated her in the north.

I planned it all.

The rose, the garden. I wanted it to be perfect. I wanted it to be romantic. It is all I have ever wanted. Finding my mate and starting a real life in love and happiness.

Zora was perfect. I did not care that she was once married or was taken by the wolf lord. I did not care. I just wanted my mate.

Rex hoped to hold her, accept her and claim her. I wasn't going to waste

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any time.

**I was** going to run fast and sink my teeth into her.

I did not need to wait for the blue moon; that was only done by chosen mates for the claiming to work.

I did not need the blue moon to claim my mate. The moon goddess had given her to me.

So I used my scent to lure her.

She scented Peach and Wildflowers. Her scent was vivid and more precise than when we first met at the party.

She was delicious, and she was mine. I hoped she would follow, and she did.

When she saw me and tears started streaming down her cheeks, I knew it wouldn't be easy.

Everything she said to me in tears broke my heart. Not because she refused to run into my arms, but because what she was saying was true.

I took my moment with her for granted. I wronged her deeply.



I knew she was hurting with Casey, and I should have challenged him for her hand, but I was diplomatic about it. I made the biggest mistake of my life.

I should have taken her from him that night. I took our moment for granted, and Hand stole her heart.

I could not blame her for rejecting me. But deep down, she should have given me a chance to prove myself.

No pain or weakness came with the rejection, but the feeling was the same.

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I knew she battled her wolf to let me go. As much as I wanted to be persistent, I had to respect her wishes. I lost my chance, and I hated myself for it. Rex did not forgive me for accepting the rejection.

We actually thought she would let us claim her. The feeling was right. It felt so good, and I wanted to sink my teeth into her neck, but she pulled away. I could not force myself on her.

I left Brighton the next day a broken man.

Throughout my journey back to Red Moon, my wolf howled, blaming me for the loss and rejection. He, too, was right.

When I held her in my arms at the party, he urged me to throw away the alliance and challenge Casey for her hand. Her eyes were sad and withdrawn. I should've listened to my wolf, but I didn't.

I wanted the marriage to end naturally because they weren't ready to let each other go, even though Lori had come between them. I know Casey still feels the same way.

I got home and thought I wouldn't long for her anymore, but I still wanted her. I remembered how it felt to have her in my arms, and I wished things were different and she didn't fall in love with Hand.

"What will we do now?" Rex asked me, still mourning our loss.

"I do not know, but I think we shouldn't be quick to move on. Zora does not like to share, and knowing the history of the Hands, they always have more than one woman. I plan on waiting a bit to see how things go between them." I told my wolf, and he was silent.

I wasn't going to actively try to separate them, but I was afraid she might lose on his side too. There was no way he could be different from his father. I had to make sure I remained available a little longer for her sake.

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She **is** ours. He has stolen what is ours," Rex said, and tears streamed down my face. 1

"She is in love with him, Rex. We can't beat that. The only thing we can do **is** wait them out. He might slip up, and if he does, I will be there for her, even if it is as a friend, but this can't be it," I said, trying to convince myself there was hope.

My day went slow, and I returned to Red Moon more depressed than I had left .

A day later, I was sitting in my office when Lukman, my beta, brought me an invitation from the Northern Council.

"We hereby invite your pack to partake in our tournament starting next month's new moon. The open competitions are Polo, Swimming, Football, Golf, Croquet, Volleyball, One Hundred Metre Dash and Ring Fight (without any presence of Silver). Please reply with the list of sports you are interested in and the

name of your team members. Thank you, and we look forward to hosting you,” it read, and I looked at the person that sent the invitation.

“From the Northern Council, Signed Joan Clayman.

It was strange that the northern council would invite me to participate in the all — region sports games. They usually invite lesser southern Alphas, but they had chosen to invite me this year. I contemplated whether I should accept or not.

“Weirdly, the council would invite us, knowing we have an issue with the lord,” Lukman said. I even had more issues with the Lord because Hand had stolen the heart of my fated.

“Should we take part in it?” Lukman asked, and I did not know what to say.

Usually, I would say no, but it also meant I would see Zora one more time

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before her wedding.

**It** meant

I could officially spend a month in the north without having any hindrances because the tournament takes that long before we complete.

The Polo alone takes two weeks. It would be a great opportunity.

“Do you know if Hand is participating?” I asked Lukman, and he nodded.

“He plays Polo every year.” He said, and I began to grin from ear to ear.

“Do we have a good Polo team?” I asked him, and he nodded.

“Nikolas Sullivan has a good team. He is a northerner but relocated to the south eleven years ago with his niece. I am sure they would participate in the north as a southern team against Hand’s team.” He said, and I began to grin because this would be an excellent opportunity to spend time with Zora.

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As much as I hated to think of it, she would be around Darius often, and if he played Polo, we would be around each other often.

It will give me a chance.

I need to prove that I am a better man for her. I did not plan on playing dirty, but I planned on making an effort. If I still lose, I would gracefully bow out, but I would try as penance for not taking her away from Casey when I had the chance.

Somehow I knew it was my fault she ended up in the north. If I had taken her from Casey, the north would have still attacked the east, but she wouldn't be there to give herself up. She would have been **with** me.

I looked at Lukman, grateful for the opportunity that had dropped on my lap, and I wasn't going to waste it.

"Ask Nikolas Sullivan to see me in my office. I need to finalise with him. and respond to the Northern council as soon as possible before the slots for Polo teams are filled." I told Lukman, and he went to sort the matter.

I waited nervously in my office, grateful for the opportunity.

Knowing the invitation came in late because most Alphas received their invites two weeks ago, it seemed like a last-minute thing. I believed I wasn't meant to be invited, but they chose to invite me for reasons known to them.

I felt it was off that the council would invite me, but it might be their step toward making peace with me. After all, Darius had sent Zora to Brighton to make peace with Jake, and he had somehow made peace with Casey.

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Casey never spoke scornfully of the Dark Lord Alpha, and I believe he should because the man took his wife, whom he still loves, but Casey seemed to be okay **with** it. Hand might have suddenly realised the errors of their ways and wanted to make amends, or this might also be an attempt to keep his enemies close. I did not know what it may be, but I was on alert. If it was a trap, I had to get out of it. If it weren't for my need to see Zora again and try to prove myself to her, I would have declined.

Nikolas arrived a few hours later, and he had brought his niece. Lukeman had sent a helicopter to pick him up from Pridewood, where they were staying. It wasn't far, but they would have taken longer to get to Red Moon.

The man looked fit and a bit younger than I imagined. He was in his early forties, and I was sure he could swing a mallet with ease. His niece was a pretty blonde woman, roughly twenty-six or twenty-seven. She was very stunning and had that legendary northern beauty.

I stood up to greet them, and they greeted me with a lot of respect. His niece seemed in awe of me and made me feel like a celebrity.

"Please, make yourselves comfortable," I said, offering them seats, and they sat down.

"To what do we owe this honour, alpha?" Nikolas asked, and I smiled so he would know to relax and that I meant well.

"I heard you have the best Polo team in the south," I said, and the man smiled, trying to be modest.

"We try alpha, but it isn't a popular game in the south as it is in the north," he said, and I nodded.

"I know you relocated here with your niece from the north. I was hoping your team could represent us in the all-region tournament starting next new moon," I said, and the man was stunned. He could not contain his joy.

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“It **will** be an honour. I have been looking for an opportunity to showcase my teams. It will be great,” The man said, and I looked at his niece, who seemed to be drooling over me, and I smiled at her.

“You play too?” I asked her, and she nodded.

“Yes, she does, but she won’t play at the tournament. She isn’t qualified to play **at** that level; she will just manage the teams,” The man said, and I had no clue what it entailed, but it sounded like a good thing.

“How many teams would we enter into the competition?” I asked the man.

“Three. We have only three strong teams in the south,” He said, and I nodded.

“Very well then, I will reply and ask them to save three slots for us in the polo tournament. I will need the names of your teams and team members,” I told the man, and he nodded, smiling.

“They will give you a place to rest, and the helicopter will take you back to Pridewood tomorrow,” I said, and the man was excited about it.

I was excited, too, because I had a non-threatening legal reason to be in the north for a whole month. Rex and I were elated, and I relaxed a bit on my couch, hopeful.

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Abelardo locked himself in his room for three days after we returned from the council hearing.

I knew it was shame and fear.

Somehow the man did not expect that to happen to him.

I believed realising that he could easily lose his life woke him up.

I wondered how his relationship with Larry would be henceforth.

I knew the council was working against the Hands, but we needed to find out who the mastermind was and why so I decided to start from the beginning.

I went to Darius's office, and he was deep in thought, concentrating on the documents on his desk. Realising some people were actively working against him put him on edge.

Initially, it was based on speculation, but now it was apparent.

Whoever threatened Bryce was either the mastermind or part of the clique.

looked at him and realised he needed a break.

I had to clear my throat for him to realise I had entered his office. It was either he was far away in his mind or so used to my scent that he did not think I had come in. Either way, he looked up and smiled at me.

"Hey," he said, and I smiled and looked at him.

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"I want **to talk to** you, but first, **let's** go horse riding. I want to go back to the cliff where I can see the alpines," I said, and he smiled at me, but his eyes looked tired.

"How about we do that tomorrow, darling? I am busy. Besides, it would be best if you weren't riding in your condition; I will drive the jeep there. Maybe have a picnic?" he asked, and I laughed.

"But I am allowed to ride you..." I said, and his wolf flashed

"I want us to go now, you need a break, Darius. It would help if you unwound so you can think straight. Everyone is going crazy. Marcel and Raphael look like you. Abelardo has locked himself inside his room, and your mother is confused. We all need a break, and I want to take it now, with you, at the cliff." I insisted, and he closed the file on his desk and put it away in a silver safe.

It amazes me how comfortable the northerners were around Silver. They trained with it and used it as storage for essential things. It was mid-bugging. The silver was not in the same space as him but was enclosed in an iron cupboard to prevent it from weakening the people in the room.

Darius followed me to the room, and I was glad he listened.

We returned to our bedroom to change our outfits.

“What did you want to tell me other than going to the cliff?” He said, and I smiled at him while I changed into something comfortable.

“I think we should send proper investigators to search Jenny’s house and go through her belongings. Kara, Eloise and I can lead it. There are specific things that I am looking for that the people we send might miss, and we are bored sitting doing nothing,” I said, and he was silent; then he went to sit on the bed and started unbuttoning his shirt.

The sight of his bare chest might stop us from making it to the cliff because I was already getting turned on by his stripping gesture alone.

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“What are you looking for?” he asked.

“Journals, notes, emails, scribbles, objects... things that can tell a story,” I said, and he took off his shirt, flexing his muscles.

He was so hot that I could no longer concentrate on what I was doing.

I wanted to run my fingers against his chest and feel his muscles. He was mine, all mine, and I wanted him.

“Darius,” I asked him, drooling over the sight of his body. He looked at me with a question in his eyes.

“What a hot body you have,” I said to him, and he laughed.



We both laughed; just like that, his spirit was lifted, and his mood was lighter.

“The better to seduce you with, my dear,” He said, and we both laughed because I was playing the role of little red, and he was my big bad wolf.

I could not handle my hormones anymore.

We could talk about Jenny after. But the cliff would have to wait for another day. I went to straddle him on the bed and opened my shirt.

“You need to finish the talk, darling. The wolf desires to eat little red riding hood. Unlike her, I am willing to be devoured,” I said, and he gently touched my tits and sucked them gently in his mouth, swirling his tongue on them.

They were sensitive and hard, and I moaned. I wanted more, something was starving in me, and I needed him to satisfy it.

“I will eat you until you beg me to stop,” he said with a low growl and flipped me onto the bed.

He kissed my neck and nibbled my ears, sucking the lobe and breathing

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into it. I had goosebumps all over, and my pussy was clenching violently.

“Oh, Darius. Please,” I pleaded with him.

My body craved him, aching for his touch, tongue, and cock. My core was aching for release.

He worshipped my body with his mouth and travelled down, sucking and licking my skin, leaving a trail of ecstasy, anticipation, need, desire and want. I dug my nails into the sheet, anticipating him.

“Darius,” I moaned, and he kissed my lips but avoided my clit. He was teasing me.

“Ahhh,” I moaned from anticipation and lack of patience.

“I need it now,” I said, trying to press my thighs together to ease the ache.

“Tell me what you want, Zora,” He growled lowly.

“I want you to eat me until I can take no more, then fuck me until I come all over you,” I said, moaning and writhing under him.

I wasn't a shy woman, and now he knew. I could be vocal when I wanted, and I wanted those things and more.

“Now, Darius,” I said, my pussy dripping and anticipating his attention and care.

“Prove to me that you are my big bad wolf,” I said, and he growled and dug in.

He licked my knob and travelled down my slit to my pussy.

“Ahhhhhhhh, Darius,” I cried.

I **was** extra sensitive, and he knew it.

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“Do not cum until I tell you to,” He ordered, and I nodded, waiting to see how long I could hold out against his skilful tongue. His skill was unparalleled.

“Darius,” I cried, wanting to cum so he could bury himself in me. I wanted to feel his skin against mine. I wanted to wrap myself in his scent.

He worked on me until I could no longer take it.

“Please, Alpha...” I moaned, and he growled with satisfaction.

“Cum,” he linked me.

I released and felt the climax ripple through my veins.

My nerves tingled, and my hair was probably standing.

I felt

like my spirit was going to jump out on me, and I stretched, then began to crumble from the over-sensitivity of my clit that he refused to let go of

Darius placed his finger in me, kneaded my walls sweetly, then placed himself in and began to pump.

He pounded into me like a beast. Stretching my walls and satisfying my need for him. Everything was heightened, and I was enjoying it.

I dug my nails into his skin and took it all.

Placing my legs over his shoulder and kneeling between my legs, he pumped viciously, going all the way in.

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I saw his teeth elongate and his claws grow out, meaning he was enjoying himself. Cremin was trying to take over, and I wanted him to.

He pumped and fought a claim. I shattered all over him, feeling liquid slip out of me. Darius finally came and lay by my side. I could see that he was relieved, and I was satiated.

“So you want to play detective?” he said. After we had laid down for forty minutes, I nodded.

“I, too, believe we will find something out in Jenny’s place. Hence why I sealed and guarded her house after her death,” he confessed, and I squealed at him.

“But I can’t let you go there with the ladies,” He said, and I frowned at him. He sat up and sighed.

“You are my life, Zora. I have never been this much in love in my entire existence, and people know. They know you are my weakness. They know how much I love you because I do not hide it. I can’t, even if I want to,” he said and bowed.

“After what happened with Abelardo, I realised people are out to get me and hurt me. They can only hurt me by hurting you and our baby. We will be parents soon, Zora. I want you protected at all costs. I know you will do an excellent job, tell my men what to look for, and they will bring it, but I can’t let my wife out of my sight,” He said and bent to kiss my lower belly.

“I have wanted this all my life. A mate that genuinely loves my family and me. Now that I have you, I can’t be careless, Zora. Please. Do not push it. These people are dangerous. They took Bryce’s pregnant mate. I am not saying you are weak or can’t defend yourself, but they are cunning and unknown. There is nothing more difficult than fighting the unknown,” he said and touched my hand.

“Please, my love, do not argue with me on this one,” he pleaded and

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heard **someone** whispering on the phone. I did not like eavesdropping, but these were dangerous times, so I leaned closer to listen.

“It is too tight right now; I can’t get it for you. You will have to wait and let things loosen up a bit. Maybe during the games,” A voice that sounded like Lily said. Then I heard her

hang up and approach, so I hid behind a door. She walked out of the corner she was hiding and looked about to be sure the coast was clear before leaving

I knew women from the harem were not allowed phones, and Darius never told me she had special privileges. Whatever she was doing, she was up to no good, and I wondered what she was asked to procure that would need to be done during the games when the security wasn’t so tight anymore. I planned on telling Darius and having the woman investigated. She was scornful and might try to hurt us for it.

I walked and bumped into Nellie, the last person I wanted to see.

Nellie did not look well. Her eyes were swollen, and her hands were shaking. It was clear that she had been crying.

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I wanted to ignore her, but I couldn’t. I knew Darius wouldn’t, so I decided to show some concern.

“Are you alright?” I asked, and she looked at me and shook her head.

“I am not, Zora. Everything is falling apart. Abelardo won’t come out of his room. He said he feels like a nobody. I have tried to talk him out of it. but he is too ashamed to let himself mingle,” She said, and I nodded.

“You need to give him time, Nellie. He had a near-death experience. If Bryce had not confessed, he might have been dead by now

w. He will need time to recover from it,” I said, and she hugged me and began to cry.

I did not know what to tell her. So I hugged her in return and patted her back.

“You need to take it easy, Nellie. Crying won’t fix him. You need to find the things and people that make him happy and try to surround him with them,” I said, and she sighed and bowed.

She looked at me and studied me.

“You will be the Lady of the north soon, Zora; there are things I need to tell you. Things that I swore to take to my grave but I suspect are part of why all these are happening to my sons,” She said, and I was surprised that she was willing to trust me with her secret.

“Are you sure you want to tell me?” I asked her, and she nodded.

“You will be Luna soon and rule by his side. You’re already doing it, and unlike me, your Alpha loves you and gives you freedom. You take part in

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and give advice. None of which I was allowed in my time. You give northern women hope, Zora.” She said and sighed.

“There are things I need to tell for the sake of the Hand bloodline. You need to know that you have a Hand growing inside you. You need to know the truth about Collier and our children..” She said, and my mind went to what Jake had told me.

Was she planning on telling me the truth, or was she planning on deceiving me like she might have deceived her children?

“Does it have anything to do with what is going on?” I asked, and she paused, looking at me. She was contemplating what to tell me. She was sizing me up, and I wasn’t angry at all.

“It might,” she confessed, and I looked at her.

“I will join you in your room in a few minutes. I want to check on Kara. The hall way isn’t as safe as we think; we might have spies lurking about the place,” I linked her, and she nodded at me.

I still could not shake off Lily’s phone conversation. I could not shake off the fact that I knew she wasn’t supposed to have a phone. I couldn’t shake it off. Something was off, and I planned on figuring it out.

Nellie walked past me, heading to her room while I headed towards the Beta’s wing to see Kara. I would have checked on Eloise too, but I knew she and Marcel went on a date.

I got to Kara’s door and knocked.

“It’s open,” I heard Kara say, and I gently let myself in. I saw my friend sitting on a couch and working on an embroidery piece. I looked at the leaf design she was weaving into the fabric and realised that her skill had improved, but she was still marring the fabric.

“Zora, you and Darius missed dinner,” She said, and I nodded and sat

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beside her.

“How are you feeling?” I asked, and she sighed.

“I feel nervous,” She said, and I wondered why.

“Why?” I asked, and she sighed and put down her supposed artwork, which was more of a cluster and an honest attempt at being creative.

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"I have wanted babies for as long, but when Gabriella Shieldse came into our lives, it became a tall dream. Now I found love again. Marcel and I started trying before you and Darius got together. Then Eloise and Raphael got together," She said and bowed her head and began to weep.

"Yet I am still waiting in line, Zora. I waited in line with Sheperd, and I believe that was why Gabriella Shieldse got the best of him, and now here I am with Marcel," she said, and I moved close to her and rubbed her back.

"Do not be afraid, Kara; it will happen for you, too," I said, rubbing her back.

"But when?" She asked, and I sighed.

"You should see a doctor to know if anything is wrong and if it can be corrected. That is what I would do," I said, and she broke the hug and stared at me.

"You are right, Zora," She said and held my hand.

"Join me at the hospital tomorrow, please," She said, and I remembered my conversation with Darius about protection and not being on my own.

"I suggest you go with Marcel. It would be best if you handled it together," I said, and she shook her head.

"I want you to come with me, Zora. I do not want Marcel. What if

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something is wrong with me? He will know and might change his mind. I love him, Zora; I can't lose him," She said with genuine fear in her eyes.

"Nothing is the matter with you, Kara. I will speak to Darius to let me follow you to the hospital," I said to ease her mind, and she thanked me.



I tried to counsel her to the best of my ability and decided to leave because I did not want to keep Nellie waiting.

My actions might have seemed a bit stupid. Whatever Nellie wanted to tell me must have been serious, so it was wrong to put her on hold, but I knew that whatever she was going to tell me might leave me

shellshocked, and I won't be able to check on my friend, so I wanted to get it out of the way before speaking to Nellie.

I walked still barefooted so people could not hear my footsteps. I took a mental note to do this often. Lily was on my watch list. I needed to know who gave her a phone and who she was communicating with.

I got to Nellie's door and knocked.

"Please come in, Zora; I know it is you," She said, and I let myself in.

"Lock the door," She said, and I did as she said and approached her where she sat on the couch in her room.

I went to sit with her, and she smiled at me. I was still wary of her, but I let it be because she was open to me again. There were only two possibilities: to misguide or tell the truth, so I was attentive.

"I am sorry to ask you this question, but I need you to be honest. How did it feel when Casey met his fated?" She asked, and I looked at her. I contemplated answering it, but I knew I had to, or the conversation won't make headway.

"Heartwrenching. My life was over. He **was** the lead alpha of the East; I had nowhere to go, and no one would want me. I could not leave, so I was

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**there** through it all until the north attacked and gave me a chance to escape,” I said, and she looked at me stunned.

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“Yes, I gave myself as a tribute to leave Casey. We would have subdued the people who attacked us, but I did not want to be the third wheel in their home anymore. They were going to be a family. There was no place for me,” I said, and she looked at me worried, but I smiled at her.

“I am glad,” I said and placed my hand on my belly. “I found love in the north and everything I ever wanted.” I told her, and she smiled.

“Do you know if Casey were Darius, then truly you would have nowhere to go? Darius is a step up from Casey, but no one is a step up from the Wolf lord. So, in that case, you will be stranded forever, and even if you want to leave him, it would be impossible. Society won’t allow it, your family won’t allow it, and your heart and wolf will hold on so tight, and it won’t allow it. There is something in us that seeks the dominant male,” She said, and I wondered why she was saying such things.

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“I didn’t call you here to discuss your relationship.” She said and sighed. I called you here to discuss mine.

“Something my sons did not know was that their father had a fated,” she said, and I exclaimed, pretending not to know so she could give me her version of the story.

“Everyone that knew was sworn to secrecy by Collier. Her name was Alissa Pavlishchev, and she was from Gad in the western region. Only the people in the council and older western Alphas knew of her.” She said.

“Collier loved me wholeheartedly until he met her. He never slept with anyone. Like Darius is with you, my husband was that way with me. Maybe not exactly, but you get the picture,” she said, and her eyes welled up in tears.

“I loved Collier with all my heart, and I thought our lives would be rosy, but I was wrong. He met Alissa and took her as his mistress. My family and the council did not let him claim her because that would insult me, so he slept with her and made me endure unimaginable pain. The woman wasn’t a saint, either. They never are. It is not by choice but by design. No fated would want to be a mistress. They see us as taking their space, so they would do anything to replace us fully and not share their mate.

She plotted against me and manipulated my husband.

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She was the one that made him start the war frenzy. When my family and part of the council pushed back, Collier moved to eliminate them to make her Lady and his Luna; I had given up hope. I had Abelardo then, and he wasn’t an Alpha, so I knew my days with Collier were numbered.

When she got pregnant, I left the estate and returned home with Abelardo. Collier did

not look for me. He doted on her and loved her, but he never claimed her. The woman was so wicked that her people refused to come and work in the estate to help her. If you think I am lying, you can investigate. Because of this, Collier forced me to return and be her midwife. I was maltreated and abused. He would beat me because of her and her lies, and she never ran out of lies. I was tired. If it was a lesser Alpha, I could run, but who would challenge the wolf lord for my sake? I knew I wouldn’t be able to leave until he let me go.

The goddess took pity on me and she died giving birth to her son. Collier lost his mind. First, he said I poisoned her and had me locked up in a cell, but it was proven that

she died of a dangerous case of preeclampsia. I was released and asked to care for the child, but I refused. I told Collier I would

not touch his bastard because that was what the boy was. Collier felt guilty for locking me up, so he did not try to force me to care for the child. Soon he found out all the lies she told about me. When the boy turned one, Collier found out he had an Alpha wolf, so he sent him to Grizlo in the north to be cared for by a small family. Around that time, I was pregnant with Darius, but things weren't the same. Although Collier loved me, the loss of his mate destroyed him, and he found himself drawn to women of the west who looked like her, so he started actively keeping a harem. He conquered the entire west for other reasons but took their women so he could replace Alissa briefly. I handled it well, had Darius, and when Collier found

that Darius was an Alpha, his love for me increased, and Alissa

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and her son faded away." She said and looked at me.

"That boy's name is David Pavlishchev.

Collier did not give him his last name because he was a bastard." She concluded, and I

was in shock.

"That bastard was why I left here, Zora. I went to see if I could find out about his whereabouts because he was the only one that would want to kill my sons. He is the only one who will have something to gain from this. Abelardo and Darius *do* not know of his existence. I told Abelardo yesterday, he didn't take it well. That is why I am telling you this

so you can help me tell Darius. We need to find David and be sure he isn't behind all this. I do not

have proof; I am just speculating, but I know you are good with investigations.

I will need you to carry one out for me and figure it out," She said, but

I was too dumbfounded to respond.

Shock could not describe how I felt after Nellie had told me everything.

I sat on the couch and stared at her, speechless.

“Why are you trusting me with this level of information, Luna Nellie?” I asked her, and she wiped away her tears.

Going down memory lane was hard for her, and I could see she loved her husband dearly, just like I loved Casey, and I wouldn't have let him go.

To be fair to her, I could understand her predicament, which was why I had to let Hardy go when he came to me.

I couldn't be selfish and crush the one person that dared to love me through my pain.

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My heart truly belonged to Darius. I was lucky.

Nellie did not have a Darius that would sweep her off her feet and rescue her, so she had to deal, but hearing her open up to me like this made me afraid.

I wasn't her best person; in fact, there was friction between us, and I doubted it would change. For her to tell me this meant she was desperate.

I tried to remain calm while I waited for her to respond.

“I think he is behind this, Zora,” she said and bowed.

“He might feel cheated. He is an Alpha, and he is older than Darius. If he weren't a bastard, he would have been the lord of the north. I am sure he knows I am the reason Collier could not marry his mother properly,” she said, and I wondered if she was speaking from knowledge and not just a hunch. There was no way she wouldn't know what was going on in his David's mind if she wasn't privy to it.

I looked at her for a bit.

“Are you sure about these things?” I asked her, and she nodded.

“I can’t lie about this,” She responded, and I wanted to beg to differ, but I held my tongue.

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“You know if I tell Darius about this man, he will hunt him down, and there will be no going back from this,” I said and sighed.

“Are you sure he is a threat to my mate?” I asked her, letting her know Darius was my first concern, and she nodded. I smiled because I had her right where I wanted her.

“In that case, I need you to come clean about it. Tell me how you are so sure that his man is a threat?” I asked her, and she looked at me and nodded her head.

“I do not know how to explain it, Zora, but I just have a hunch. At least let us find him, and then we will know what to do

from there,” She explained, and I understood what she wanted from me.

Nellie wasn’t sure of her hunch, and she knew Darius would not have a subtle approach, and his approach could

aggravate this David. She wanted me to tell Darius about David and make sure he is subtle about it.

“Very well then..” I said, and just then, I heard Darius’s voice in my head.

“Where are you?” He said, and I knew he had woken up and wondered where I had gone.

I got off the couch

*and* looked at my barefoot.

“On my way back to you, darling,” I linked with him, and he was quiet.

“I have to go back,” I told Nellie, and she nodded and looked  
**at** me.

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“I am truly happy for both of you. I know it may not seem so, but I am. I am also begging you not to break his heart, Zora. Shanon left my baby wounded, which is why I have been uptight. Please.” She said and looked at my tummy.

“I am sure you two will make a great family,” She said, and I  
smiled at her.

“I cannot hurt him, Nellie, and he knows it. I love him with everything I am, and I have **turned** my back **on** everything just to be with him. My love and heart are in his hands. I hope he does not break me,” I said, and she could not speak.

I did not owe her the explanation that I had rejected my fated for his sake. That was to remain between Darius and me, but she needed to know that I was in my relationship a hundred per cent, **and** I did not plan on ever letting my man go.

I hugged her and assured her everything would be alright before leaving her room and heading towards mine. I bumped into Cindy on my way, and she looked at my foot.

One thing I noticed was she was lurking around our corridors too much. I know Darius was easy on her, but this wasn't her wing.

“Good Evening, Luna,” She said to me, already according me the respect of Luna.

“Hello, Cindy,” I said, and she looked at my barefoot.

“Is that because you are pregnant?” She asked me with a tinge of jealousy, and I smiled.

“No, dear, **it** is so I can sneak around the place unnoticed,” I said and walked away from her.

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I felt her eyes on me, and I turned to wink at her.

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I wanted her relaxed and a little bit on edge simultaneously. She was bound to make mistakes faster when on edge than when relaxed.

“I entered the room and went to bed. Darius wrapped his arm around me and kissed my neck.

“The bed was cold,” he said, and I turned to look at him.

“Since when did a cold bed start troubling you?” I asked, wanting to laugh.

“When you started sleeping in it, Zora,” He said in his low deep voice, and it made me shiver in a good way. Darius knew how to turn me on, and this was one of those.

He came on top, and I knew the night would be longer than expected.

We had breakfast in the morning with our friends, and Darius brought up the investigation.

“I will want us to go through the things in late Jenny’s house,”

Darius said, and Marcel looked at him.

“Have you told the Lawrences about it? Especially Vino. She might be occupying a Babanin seat, but she is still his aunt.” Marcel said, and I was a bit surprised that Jenny was Vino’s aunt, but the name was a dead giveaway. Sh



e was Jenny Lawrence; I just thought she was a different Lawrence. In light of this, things were a bit confusing in my head.

“I do not need permission, especially when I am trying to figure out why she was killed,” Darius said, and Marcel

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nodded.

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“Sign me up,” Eloise said immediately, and Raphael looked a bit pissed at her.

I understood why she committed herself quickly because she knew he would try to stop her because of the pregnancy.

“Are you sure it is the best way to go?” Marcel asked Darius, and he nodded.

“I knew my mother wasn’t the target of that attack. Jenny might have been involved in something or known something to be eliminated.” Darius said, and Marcel sighed.

“What about the wire transfers that Lily was working on? Does it show any funds leading to or from Jenny? We have to check everything knowing that your father almost wiped them out.” Marcel asked.

“They should lead somewhere,” Marcel added, and I

remembered her phone call and contemplated bringing it up,

“All those anonymous transfers lead to the south, and now some are going east. I have asked Lily to take a break. I cannot leave her with a computer unattended, and I want to spend time with Zora. So I will find another way to trace the

transfers,” Darius said and touched my hand. He kissed it, making my body shake.

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Zora

“I am worried that some people are stationing people in the east and west. With what has happened recently, I hope an attack that would be blamed on the north will not ensue. We are yet to understand why the transfers and the people they are going to are anonymous. I can’t shake off the fact that everything is directed at destroying my family. The fact that my father had many enemies does not help matters either. I am thinking of reaching out to the distant Hands for help,” He confessed, and I touched his hand.

“Very well, what time do we go to Jenny’s house, and how many of us are going?” Raphael asked. Darius smiled and kissed my hand again.

“See it more like a date because we are bringing our mates with us,” he said, and Marcel shook his head.

“Kara and I have a doctor’s appointment this morning,” He said, and Darius shrugged.

“Go and return. Pending on what the doctor says will determine whether or not Kara will be coming,” He said, and Marcel nodded and thanked him.

After the serious discussion, we returned to our food, and Darius could not keep his hands off my body. He got me all worked up that I might have gone on top of him in that room.

He breathed in my scent and ensured his pinewood scent

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surrounded me. He nibbled my ears and sucked on my sweet spot.

“My mark will be there soon, darling. You will be truly mine,” He linked me, and a faint moan escaped my lips. The room was a bit blurry, and he was getting me worked up.

“I am already yours,” I linked him back, and I felt his tongue brush through, making my body shiver and the hairs on my skin stand because of the goosebumps his action produced.

“Darius..” I moaned, and he placed a grape in my mouth, allowing his finger to enter my mouth. I sucked on it to let him know the work I could do to his cock. He felt it because Cremin growled, and Monica purred in my head.

“You two should get a room,” I heard someone say, but I was too far gone to know who did. It was between Eloise and Kara.

We finished breakfast, and Darius and I returned to our bedroom.

I was wet and horny, but at the same time, I needed to tell him about Lily.

We entered the room, and he rushed at me, ready to take me. As much as I wasn't selfish, he had ignited a fire that needed attention, so I let him go to work on my body.

It was a passion-filled morning, and I confessed to all sorts of things.

He made me say something that I wouldn't have on a typical day while hitting the right spot; with his intoxicating scent and the love I felt in my heart, I could promise him the moon, which wasn't mine to give by the way, but I could

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hypothetically give it to him because he had taken me there. and back and he knew it.

We lay on the bed tired, with my head against his chest. I kissed his chest, and he touched my back gently.

I thought of the few times I heard of him while I was in the east.

If anyone told me he would be the love of my life back then, I wouldn't believe them, but the funny part was there was no day that I judged or resented him. It helped me decide to come to the north, and I was glad I did.

"I need to talk to you about something," I said, and he made both of us sit so he could look into my eyes. He looked worried, so I smiled at him to be calm.

"Are the women in the Harem allowed to have cell phones?" I asked him, and he froze.

"I can't let them have cell phones, Zora; that will defeat the purpose of keeping them in check. They can also betray the north and easily sell information that way," he said, placing his hand on my cheek. He thought I wanted him to give them cell phones. It was cute.

"I know you are a kind woman, but please do not ask me to give them a phone. Please do not ask me to endanger the north." He said, and I shook my head and kissed his hand on my cheek by turning towards it. I used my hand to gently hold his palm against my face and closed my eyes to relish the feeling.

"I need you to act rational and wisely about what I am about to tell you. Promise me you won't lose your shit," I said, and he

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looked confused.

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“Last night, I decided to check on Kara in her wing, so I left barefoot, knowing my attempt to wear something on my feet would wake you up. While I walked down the hallways, I heard a voice. I hid behind the door to listen; it was Lily talking on a phone. She told someone that things were a bit tight and she couldn’t get something for the person and that the person should wait until during the all-region game when security is loose,” I said, and I saw rage rise in his eyes. Darius looked like he was about to kill someone, and I hoped it was nothing for Lily’s sake.

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