

The Dark Side Of Fate By Karima Sa'ad Usman Chapter 266

103 Fallen But Hopeful

~Leo~

We spent the entire day preparing to leave. After breakfast, Sylvester retired to the

room, and we did not see him and Tamia until lunch.

I would lie if I said I wasn't nervous about what would happen in the North.

I just wanted it to be over so we could live our lives. Knowing that I would be a father

soon motivated me to do more.

We decided to gather at the lounge in the evening to relax and discuss the following

events. At the same time, Amelia chose to party with the women.

On my way to the lounge, my father linked me, telling me he had something urgent to

discuss with me. I had to see him before heading there.

He was in a small living room with Grey Sullivan. I wondered where my mother and

Rebecca were.

"Just the two of you?" I asked, entering the living room, and he nodded.

"Amelia invited Martha and Rebecca to hang with the ladies. They deserve to be

around younger women for a change," My father said, laughing, and I nodded in

agreement.

One thing I was sure of was that the women would have a blast.

Everyone there knew

how to have a good time, even in hard times.

"Please have a seat, Leo," my father said, and I sat on a single couch to listen to what

he had to say.

"Grey has something to tell you. It might not mean much, but I implore you to listen

and convey it to your friends,” He said, and I frowned at him and looked at Grey, who was slightly nervous.

“I know you do not trust me and my wife, and that is why we kept this from all of you this morning, but we have now confirmed it as true,” he said, and I became nervous.

My heart was beating fast because the least I wanted to hear was that we were compromised.

“The South fell yesterday,” He said, and I frowned at him.

“Word has not spread because Yuri wants it to be a surprise. But every Yuri group member has been asked to report to Greenville,” he said and handed me his phone.

A text instructed them to report to Greenville and receive new assignments.

“Does Devin know?” I asked them, and Grey shook his head.

“Yuri is pulling all the strings at once to set things in motion, and he is doing it and ensuring word doesn’t get out. A lot of people were imprisoned last night, Devin’s Beta inclusive.

I do not know if Yuri would kill him, but he has yet to appear in the South. He has representatives there, and one of the representatives is one of Erik’s men,” he said, and I realised why he was looking worried.

“Do you think Erik was lying to us?” I asked, and he shook his head.

“Grey, just tell him everything. No need to watch your words,* my father said,

sounding impatient. I guess he got the bug from my mother. She was the impatient one.

“You need to secure Erik in Hayland because a friend told me the East is

next, and it
will happen soon..." He said, and I frowned at him.
"All you have control over are Hill Valley and Mountain; all the other
alphas would fall
within this week. Since they have refused to join up, a kill order has
been sent to
eliminate them this week. Erik might not make it past this week because
of the traitors
in his circle. We have told him, but he has nowhere else to go," Grey
said, and I could
see the concern in his eyes.
"So what do you suggest? He has a lab down there?" I asked, and my
father nodded.
"Erik is a significant player in this. Yuri would never be at peace until he
dies because
of the AgK32 and the fact that Erick controls half of the Stepanov
fighting force and
could make more if he likes," My father said and cleared his throat.
"Speak with Sylvester and take Erik to the North. Let him prepare in the
North. We will
lead the army in Mountain and hold the forte here. It has been long since
we've been
in a battle, but we aren't rusty. Be assured Yuri will strike the East now
that the South
is gone, but we will be here to push back for Mountain," My father said,
and it was a
serious matter.
I stood up, acknowledging it wasn't in my place to make such decisions.
I might be
head alpha of the East, head of council, and maybe soon a Lord without
an office, but
this wasn't my call to make. I still answered to Sylvester and the Lords.
"You have to join me in the lounge and explain these things extensively
so we can
brainstorm there," I said, and Grey looked worried.

He had annoyed the Volkovs the last time; I knew he would be worried. “They let things go easily. You should not stress yourself that much,” I told him, and he breathed a sigh of relief.

We returned to the lounge together, and everyone acted as if having my father and

Susan’s father there was normal. They seemed relaxed about it.

Sylvester looked

well-rested. He deserved the rest because he had much to do when we got to Lucland

in the North. I didn’t want to be in his shoes.

Grey soon told them all he had told me, and Devin did not act surprised.

“Aren’t you the least worried for your people?” Kyle asked him; surprised by his words, he shook his head.

“We saw it coming. I had already given Lukman directives, and I am sure he followed

them accurately. They were meant to surrender when Yuri came forthem. I did not

want anyone dying,” He said and sighed.

“Why would you do that?” Sylvester asked him, realising what Devin had lost.

Devin sighed and looked at all of us.

“I might sound proud and overconfident, but I believe in this team. We have done it

once, and I am sure we can do it again. We have things that Yuri doesn’t have. We

have family, love, trust and loyalty. Yuri has led his people and devotees with fear, so

they are always quick to give him up when caught. I know we will win.

If we don’t, I am

willing to live in the North with my mate and raise my children quietly.

Nothing is worth

dying for. The pack members would equally have a good life under Yuri, just as they

did under me. Unless he has insidious intentions towards the people, the only thing that would change for them is leadership; why should I then require them to lay down their lives so that I remain in power? Susan and I had discussed it, and we are fine with not being Luna and Alpha of any pack. Blessed be the moon if we win and get back the South. If not, blessed be the moon. As long as we are alive and we get to raise our children in peace, I am fine,” he said, and I realised that he had indeed made peace with himself on the matter. I doubted I could let go of the East like that, but we weren’t in the same situation. I had loyal alphas that would risk everything to keep it intact; he had traitors easily swayed in the South. We weren’t working with the same material. “We will get it all back, Devin. The South has been under the Corrigan’s for hundreds of years. I won’t let them take it from you.” Sylvester said with determination in his voice and looked at me. “You need to call an eastern council meeting this evening and warn the alphas of the danger that is coming. You and your father need to educate them on all that is happening and teach them how to fight those things because no matter what, we have to be in the North tomorrow and set things in motion,” Sylvester said, and I nodded. It was an order and not an advice. I got the message loud and clear. “Alpha Richardo, tell Erik to transport himself, Nelson and two of his trusted scientist

to Hill Valley now. He has to ensure he gets there safely. Alexei will bring him, and I will be taking him to the North. Even though Gordon will be arrested, he can no longer continue to stay where he is because he has been discovered,” Sylvester said, and my father nodded. It was amazing how Sylvester took charge almost immediately.

Indeed he was raised for this.

He looked at Clay, and Clay paid attention, waiting for his orders.

“Tell Alexei to wait for Erik to arrive and help us transport Erik to Mountain tonight. He

should also secure his mate and pack members. If Yuri is going to pull the strings at

once, he plans to kill everyone. Alexei should bring Timothy too. His granddaughter is

recovering from silver poisoning, so they can move him here to be close to her. If Grey

and Richardo are here, Mountain will still have some resistance,”

Sylvester pointed out, and we agreed.

“After we arrest Gordon, we will be here to help them out,* Max said, and It was the

best offer we could get. There was no way they could go wrong with three Alphas and

a strong Beta. We also had Nitric acid in Mountain, so it would work out.

“I have made arrangements with the airline company transporting us. Amelia, Clay,

Alexei and I will be the visible passengers. At the same time, the rest of you will travel

in disguise as part of our crew. Some Kappas will come along to make it believable,” I

said, letting Sylvester know that I had made the arrangements already.

He nodded and smiled, then took out his phone to make a call.

I moved away to call for an emergency meeting on my phone. It meant the meeting would hold at night, but it was necessary because I was beginning to suspect Yuri already knew what we were planning and was trying to delay us from acting.

Once he takes the East, he would have successfully divided the kingdom without asking.

If he pulls the strings at once, it means the attacks and eradication of the ruling

families in the East will happen at once. It meant he was willing to unleash an army of

weirdos on every pack in the East simultaneously; it also meant they were already in

the East awaiting orders. No matter what, it was paramount that we act immediately. I

looked at Andrew while on the phone and saw Clay staring at him. We had to keep an eye on him to be sure he could be trusted.

104 Pre-Meeting

~Leo~

I waited for Alexei to arrive so we could attend the meeting together.

The fact that the

alphas did not complain about the sudden meeting meant they knew something was

wrong.

It was odd of me to suddenly call a meeting impromptu.

Knowing that Alpha Gordon would be there made me want to cringe. I knew I would

have to arrest him right away for arson. So I instructed Max and Kyle to accompany

me too. They might no longer own packs, but they were eastern Alphas.

Alexei did not arrive until seven in the evening.

Erik had listened to my father and gone to seek him. Hill Valley wasn't far from Hayland, so the trip was quick and easy. Timothy looked worried when I received them at the door of the pack house. He felt something was wrong. "Leo, Leo," He said, walking towards me, and I saw Alexei shake his head with boredom. "Leo, you can't trust this man; he is mad," Timothy said, pointing at Erik, and I looked at Erik, who was laughing at Timothy. Seeing Timothy now, I knew it was true when they said he reported everything to me. "What did you do?" I asked Erik, and he shrugged. "He told me age is an interesting topic, and he would like to run research on me. He tried to take samples off me,' Timothy complained, and I looked at Alexei, who confirmed what he said. I could not scold Erik for it, so I just told him to apologise to Timothy for giving him a scare. "I wouldn't have done that if he wasn't going on about my appearance. It gets to me, you know," Erik said, and I could understand his angle, but I wouldn't blame Timothy; the guy looked weird. Especially with the two eye colour that I was now uncomfortable asking him about after hearing questions about his looks got to him. I guess that would remain an unanswered question. Alexei walked upto me, and we extended handshakes. "The whole gang, right?" he asked, and I nodded. "Did the alphas make a fuss?" he asked, and I shook my head. "I guess they knew,' I said, and he nodded.

“What will we do about Gordon?” he asked, having the same concern as me.

“Arrest him quietly tonight. He just won’t show up in Hayland. By the time they figure it out, we would have put everything in place in the north the day after tomorrow. Kyle and Max will secure Hayland tomorrow just to be safe. It might create a slight issue, but there is no other way. If I speak to the alphas tonight, he will convey our meeting to Yuri, and we can’t have that,” I said, and Alexei nodded. We walked into the pack house.

“Have you secured Alia?” I asked him, and he nodded.

“The pack members have moved to the bunkers. Max didn’t have many pack members left, to begin with. The men above ground were the people I brought with me,” He said, and I knew that part already.

“By the way, Clay told me how you cheated,” I said, and he smiled and rubbed the back of his neck where the device was embedded.

“Stealing is a crime, you know. I bet the mad scientist does not know you have it,” I said, and he shook his head, smiling.

“Anyway, it served its purpose,” I said, and he agreed.

“I must confess that I was shocked to see Erik in Hill Valley. Who would have thought he would end up being our ally? After listening to him, I realised he was misunderstood. Andrew exaggerated things, claimed he wanted to have Amelia reproduce with his son and so on. The man just wanted a blood sample from Amelia and the rest of us. He has taken mine, by the way, and I am sure he will ask Clay and

Amelia for theirs,” Alexei said, laughing.

“He took mine too,” I told Alexei, and he frowned at me. I knew why he would frown

because there was nothing spectacular about me as a person.

“Well, according to him, I am the first Alpha with Stepanov genes,” I said, and he gasped.

“Don’t worry; we aren’t related. Apparently, my ancestor, Patrick Volkov, mated with a woman from the Stepanov clan. Alberts are products of both of them,” I said, and he widened his eyes with shock.

“Patrick is Sylvester’s ancestor,” he said, and I nodded.

“So you are related to Sylvester,” he concluded, covering his mouth with his eyes almost bulging out.

“You are closer to him than the Orlovs, Sidorovs and Balyeavs,” he said, and I nodded.

I did not know how to feel about it, but I must say I felt good that my lineage was

known to me. I knew where I came from, and my silver healing abilities were finally explained.

“Interesting,” he said, and I nodded.

“So, is Andrew still on our team?” he asked me. He was worried. I figured he didn’t

trust Andrew either; they did not trust their cousin anymore. All three of them; Amelia,

Clay and Alexei. It was amazing to see how they could switch quickly. It doesn’t take

much to lose favour with the three of them. However, they might not have grown up

together, but their behaviours were alike.

“He tried to use us to get revenge for his father. My father and Susan’s

father clarified
the issue. Yuri sent Mikhail to eliminate Erik, but Erik got lucky. That
was what
happened, and that was why Yuri could not cry foul. Mikhail's hands
were dirty, and
he believed in Yuri's actions. Meanwhile, Erik is just a scientist that
wants to be free." I
said, and Alexei nodded.
"I could see that. He was desperate enough to try to change his eye
colour with
science. That is why he has two eye colours. He performed an
experimental surgery
on one and left the other because he was scared he might go blind,"
Alexei said,
explaining the two eye colours. Though having two eye colours wasn't
impossible,
seeing it on a Stepanov was just odd. They all had grey moon clouded
eyes. It has a
uniform look.
"Did you ask him about it?" I asked Alexei, and he shook his head.
"Timothy did. He answered Timothy's question and took out a large
syringe to ask for
his blood," Alexei said, and I laughed.
We both laughed.
Sylvester, Marcel, Theodore, Devin and David approached us in the
Foyer, and I reintroduced them again. Alexei was very respectful and
treated Sylvester and the Lords
with the utmost respect.
"You will soon be joining us in the north,' David said, and Alexei
nodded.
"Alia and I plan to move there," he said, smiling, and they frowned at
him.
"What about your pack?" Marcel asked, and he shrugged.
"I only took over the pack to slow down the takeovers. Now that we will
deal with the

problem, there is no point holding on to the pack. I want a quiet life; running a pack

isn't easy, and my wife is already exhausted," He said, and we all laughed.

the officeless lordship title. There was just so much I could do at once.

"Well, in that case, you will be most welcome. A property will be secured for you in

Lucland to your liking, or you can just stay in the Stepanaov estate. It will need a lot of

renovations which we can arrange," Sylvester said, and Alexei nodded and smiled.

"I look forward to it." He said, and Sylvester looked at me.

"Shouldn't you be off to your meeting? It should start by nine," he said, reminding us

of our engagement with the eastern Alphas.

"Kyle and Max must follow me because we must arrest Gordon tonight.

I would not

want to risk the douchebag conveying the proceeds of our meeting to Yuri. The

bastard should not know that we are ready and prepared." I said, and Theodore

nodded.

"I am sure Gordon would have told him about the meeting. If he doesn't hear any

news from Gordon, he might hold his horses and stay put," Theodore said, and it was

a plausible outcome. I hoped for it because whether they had nitric acid or not, it

would still result in a blood bath. It was a war we had no business being caught up in,

but here we were, right in the middle of it, taking all the hits the players were throwing.

Alexi and I left the lords in Foyer. Alexei went to settle in to prepare for the meeting

while I went to dress up for the meeting.

I linked one of the kappas to take Timothy to the hospital so he could spend time with his granddaughter while she recovered. It was important he remained by her side. As for Erik, Nelson and the two nurses they came with, they had each been given a room, except for the nurses who have to share space with the Omegas for just one night before we leave for the north tomorrow

