

## The Dark Side Of Fate By Karima Sa'ad Usman Chapter 268

### 105 The Gathering

~Leo~

Amelia was in the room. I knew she had not retired to the room. It looked like she had come to use the bathroom and get something. She exited the bathroom, and her eyes fell on mine.

"What are you doing here?" she asked, and I smiled at her.

"Called a meeting with the other Alphas, came to dress up before I leave," I said, and she frowned.

"Do not tell Susan this, but the south has been taken already, and the next stop is the

East. Yuri plans to take the East this week. I am trying to ensure that every Alpha has

equal fighting chances. So I called for an emergency meeting tonight. Because we are

leaving for the north tomorrow. I am also arresting Gordon tonight so he does not

convey the meeting's outcome to Yuri," I said, and she sighed and walked up to me.

She searched my eyes just as she used to when we first met, and I wondered what

she was looking for in them this time.

"Please be safe, Leo," she said, took my hand, and placed it on her lower belly.

"It isn't just you anymore," she said, and those words hit me hard.

"I won't be reckless, Moonlight. I promise to keep it safe and come home," I assured

her and bent to kiss her.

I kissed her and felt calm wash through me. Along with it came courage and hope, just

what I needed for the coming days.

She left the room to return to the ladies, and I headed to the closet to get dressed for the meeting.

My father, Alexei, Max, Kyle, and I headed to the town hall where our meetings were held.

I was nervous, but it was expected after all we had heard and experienced so far. We also had to watch our backs in case an attack ensued.

"Do you know the irony of all of this?" Kyle said while in the van, and I looked at him to speak quickly.

"We are going to the town hall to arrest Gordon and have a meeting. What if Gordon has already told Yuri, and he decides to take all of us out there? Look at it this way.

Every Alpha leading a pack in the East will be there tonight. Won't that be an easy kill?" he asked, making a lot of sense.

"We will have to take our chances. We won't get anywhere if we have to calculate every move and outcome. There is risk in everything we do, and you have just

mentioned the risk of what we are about to do. The best Leo can do is make the

meeting quick and not spend as long as usual," My father said, and Alexei sighed.

"I agree with you, Alpha. Let's see how it goes. Worst-case scenario, we will fight and run away," Alexei said, meaning his words, and as cowardly as it sounded, I agreed with him.

I could not afford to die now that I was about to have my own family. I understood his plight; he would soon be a father too. We had so much to live for.

Being cowards was allowed. It was best to run away and fight another day. Call it being a coward; I called it being wise.

The rest of the ride was silent. Kyle's words had put some unspoken fear in us, but we were all brazen about it.

We finally arrived at the town hall, and almost everyone had arrived. It was surprising to see how people responded quickly to my call. Alpha Gordon was there, and he seemed relaxed. He wasn't behaving like a guilty person, but he could not fool me.

People were surprised to see my father. Especially those who were alphas before I took over from my father. They had attended meetings with him. They came to greet and welcome him, and he was warm towards them.

I kept an eye on Gordon, who remained where he was sitting.

Soon I went to sit where was designated to me, and the moment I sat, everyone proceeded to their seats.

"With all due respect, head Alpha, Kyle and Max no longer own packs; they aren't supposed to be here," Alpha Thomas, the spokesman, said, and I sighed,

"Max is representing Alpha Timothy of Brentwood, and Kyle is here on my request," I said, and they relaxed.

I greeted all of them and thanked them for coming.

I looked at everyone and took a deep breath before speaking. I had to make it quick so we could head back.

"I know you might all wonder why I called this emergency meeting, but I am also sure

that you have all heard of the strange things happening in the south and part of the east about the silver immune terrorists,” I said. People began to murmur, confirming my thoughts on the situation. I banged the gavel to silence them, and they were attentive. “I am forced to believe that there is a ploy to take over the south and east, and we are the ones caught in the middle,” I said, and I could hear the worry in their murmur. “With all due respect, Alpha, we should ask Alpha Kuznetsov to explain himself. All this started happening when he took over hill valley, and Alpha Max accused him of cheating with silver. He must be immune to it and have a hand in this,” Gordon said, and I fought the urge to shut him up. “I will get to that later,” I said, and he smiled and sat back down. “Unfortunately for Alpha Corrigan, also known as Bane, he has had many traitors in the south. Because of that, the south has fallen to a man called Yuri Stepanov of the Stepanov bloodline we dared not speak of,” I said. Some of them gasped, meaning most of them knew what was happening. “I thought Lord Dimitri Volkov eradicated that bloodline,” someone said, and I nodded. “So we thought, but that has not been the case. They live and walk among us,” I said, trying to sound mysterious in the process. “Yuri Stepanov has taken over the South, and he is coming for the East,” I said and cleared my throat. “I know these people have approached some of you, and most of you have refused to collaborate with them. I commend those who rejected their offer

and chose to be loyal  
for your loyalty and bravery. Because of you, the East has  
remained impenetrable,” I  
said, looking around. Then I signalled Kyle and Max, who  
immediately stood up and  
when to stand beside Gordon.  
“I want to commend those of you that have refused to allow greed  
to drive you and  
stand for what is right. Whilst doing this, I will also want to  
condemn someone in our  
midst,” I said, and Gordon wanted to get up, but Max and Kylke  
held him down. Kyle  
pulled a silver cuff and clamped it on Gordon’s wrists, arresting  
him.  
“Alpha Gordon, I am placing you under arrest for arson at this  
moment,” I said, and  
people began to murmur.  
“You will have the opportunity to defend yourself, of course, but I  
have a Kappa that  
claims he told you of my Nitric plant the night it was set ablaze.  
The significance of  
that plant has forced me to take the matter seriously.” I said, and  
Gordon began to  
protest.  
“Why would I burn down a Nitric plant? Why?’ he asked, trying to  
sound like a victim,  
and some people agreed with him.  
“On the surface, you will have no reason to do so. It is useless to  
you, but when it has  
been used successfully to combat the silver mutants, it begs the  
question of why it  
would suddenly be set ablaze after it had sat there for many  
years,” I said, and people  
were silent. They knew where I was headed.  
“Just as they did in Pridewood in the south, Yuri Stepanov sent

his men to do the same to Brentwood. They were to pump silver into the air while the occupants inhaled it and died. Luckily my father had a bright idea of dissolving the Silver with Nitric Acid.

It was a guess, but when we went to help Alpha Timothy, and they attacked, we had to use it, and it worked. We were able to save Brentwood with it, and because of that,

Mountain is safe, and the East still stands.

That is why we think Gordon brunt it down,' I said, looking at Gordon in the eyes.

"Because he is working for Yuri Stepanov," I said, and people gasped.

"Call me paranoid, but I will hold you in Mountain. Until you can prove otherwise," I

said and nodded so Kyle and Max would know to empty his pockets. I also knew we

couldn't waste time as usual. The earlier we disperse, the safer for all of us.

"Guessing that Gordon has been compromised, we cannot linger here and argue as

always. I will just convey my message, and we will all leave to ensure we do not allow

Yuri to attack and kill us at once because I believe his men are in the East right now,

awaiting his orders,' I said, and everywhere was silent. They were all attentive.

"I have inside information that Yuri plans to strike this week. Make sure you send your

civilian pack members underground and only leave the warriors above ground. Wear

goggles and gas masks; have tons of Nitric Acid on standby to pump into the air if

they attack. Once you do these things, they would have no choice

but to fight you physically without silver. Without their silver weapons, they are easy to kill. If they inhaled the silver themselves, they could only shift partially. Their healing capacity would be slow, strike them and create mortal wounds. Do not underestimate them; they are more advanced and enhanced than us,” I said, and they murmured. “What about you, head alpha?” One of them asked me, and I nodded. “My father would be in Mountain to hold the forte. While I try to gather an army to take the war to the south where I believe this Yuri Stepanov will make his resting place,” I said, and they stood up. “When the time comes, call on us, and we will be there to fight beside you, Alpha,” Thomas said, and the rest agreed. They had all offered themselves and their warriors at once. Which meant we would have more warriors that would use Erik’s AgK32. We stood a chance against Yuri. The meeting ended, and everyone dispersed. We did not spend up to thirty minutes in that meeting, but the minutes counted, and we had hope. Holding Gordon in our van, we returned to Mountain to secure him as our prisoner and prepared to head north the next day.