

Chapter 276

King Alaric's P.O.V.

After I disconnect my call with Council-member Vivyanna, I link my Mate and my Grandmother and ask them to join me in my office.

My Betas Ethan, Conroy and Rainer are with me and I link my Gammas Malachay, Ward and Eamon to get to my office as well.

As soon as we are all seated in the lounge area of my office, I look at my Mate and wonder why Council-member Vivyanna suggested that I bring both of them with me.

"Council-member Vivyanna just contacted me, she wants me to come to the Academy. There is an issue I need to deal with and she wants me to bring the two of you with me." I say as I look at my Mate and my Grandmother.

Ethan, my Beta, says "They received a call from Blue Crystal Pack to pick up someone that was convicted by the Pack." It still does not make sense why they would need my presence, but I will humor them.

After going over a few things with my Betas and Gammas, I get in an SUV with my Mate and my Grandmother and head towards the Council's Academy.

It still amazes me that the building survived the war between our kind and Human kind, but I know that the Council uses it to its fullest potential.

As the elevator reaches the right floor, I can feel it. The same pull that always tells me that Grandmother is nearby. "Alaric..." I hear my Grandmother say and I know she is afraid to finish the sentence.

"Grandmother, if it was Izabella she would have told me." I put my arm around her shoulder as we walk towards the door. The closer we get the stronger the pull.

My Lycan pushes forward and slams open the door and as I look at the girl sitting in a chair next to Armas, I know that my Aunt will never come home. Looking in her eyes I recognize that she is Izabella's Daughter and I want to know everything.

As she is still laughing, I notice that Anayah is laughing with her and I know that my family is finally complete. Then I hear her whisper "You look just like my Mother."

I don't think I have seen or heard Grandmother cry in all the years that followed Aunt Izabella's disappearance, but at her words my Grandmother finally breaks.

She sobs as the girl holds on to her, rocking her in her arms, whispering to her. As they just sit there, the Council-members leave the room, one by one.

The three Deltas that picked her up are still in the room and it takes me a second, before I remember they were with my Aunt, constantly. If I remember correctly they were her personal protection detail and after she ran away, they signed up with the Council.

"Your Majesty." They say in unison with their heads bowed. I ask them why they are here and they tell me that the Council had send them to pick up a member from Blue Crystal Pack.

I turn to my Cousin and wonder what happened, I gesture the men to follow me and we walk back to the seating area. I hear her tell Anayah that her name is Taliyah.

"Taliyah, can you tell us why your Pack convicted you?" She looks at one of the men and he nods his head as he steps behind her chair.

She tells us about her life, her Father and finally the note that started the chain of events that lead her here.

By the time she is finished my Grandmother is fuming and I am not doing better. But luckily I have my Mate with me, she is running circles on the back of my hand with her thumb and it soothes my Lycan.

Taliyah's P.O.V.

I hate to see the look in my Grandmother's eyes as I tell her about my Mother and I wish there was something I could have done to ease the pain. I see Anayah rubbing her thumb over Alaric's hand and slowly I see his eyes turn back to his own color.

Apparently my Mother ran from one monster to the next, but there had been no one around to save her from the last monster that entered her life.

"Grandmother, she got her revenge on him, even though he is still not aware of it." She looks at me and I tell her the rest of the story and I can see a smirk appear on her face as she says "That's my girl."

Ivory chuckles in my head and says that she likes my Grandmother. "Ivory, do I have to point out that she is also your Grandmother." Ivory's jaw drops and then she tells me to say to Grandmother that she loves her.

"Sweetheart, what is wrong?" Grandmother asks and I realize that she caught me, while communicating with Ivory. "Sorry, Grandmother. But Ivory said to me I like your Grandmother and I had to point out that you are also her Grandmother." We both chuckle and then I say "Ivory asked me to tell you that she loves you."

Tears stream down my Grandmother's face and I have to fight back my own tears.

Armas walks back in to the room and tells us that dinner will be served in thirty minutes. At that exact same moment my stomach grumbles and I turn beet-red as Alaric starts laughing.

I get out of my seat and walk towards him, he is the only one that can see the twinkles in my eyes as I say "You might be King, but you do not make fun of me." The guys gasp and Anayah and my Grandmother giggle.

I can tell that he gets my drift and he asks me what I intent to do to stop him. Because he reminds me of Xandros, I think I know his weak spot and I am dead set on using it against him.

"Well, I won't ask Grandmother to take you over the knee." I say as I walk closer towards him. "I have this funny feeling I know exactly what your weak spot is, Your Majesty."

He looks at me and tells me to give it my best shot. I start walking to his left, while I keep my eyes locked with his. Suddenly I reach for his side and start tickling him.

I was right that it was his weak spot because within a few seconds his knees buckle and he falls to the floor. I keep going and soon he is begging for mercy. "Well, Your Majesty, it looks like you do have a soft spot. Now, next time you want to make fun of me, you better keep in mind something my Mother taught me."

He looks at me and I can tell that he is curious as to what that might be. "It was something her Mother taught her." I hear Grandmother giggle. "Females don't fight fair." And I finally release him.

We both lay on the floor looking at the ceiling, laughing. "Grandmother, please tell me you did not teach Aunt Izabella that line?" But we both already know the answer to his question.