

## His Beta 184

### Chapter 184

Lanie

“Gabriela, what is it?” Braden asked, a concerned look on his face.

I was desperate to hear her answer, but if she was here with Malachi, then no one was trailing Orion.

What if he’d already captured Mason? What if he was torturing him right now?

My mouth went dry, and the place on my neck where Mason had claimed me tingled.

“He’s in danger.” Lily was freaking out, too, but stating the obvious wasn’t helping.

I braced myself to hear the worst—that Mason had been captured and killed, but I wasn’t expecting what came next.

“Orion has what he needs,” Gabriela said. “Two hybrid babies.”

Wait, what? Two babies? But they weren’t...they couldn’t be....

“No,” Xander said firmly. “It’s not them. Tell me it isn’t them.”

He rushed down to the spell border where Gabriela and Malachi still stood on the other side. Zane

followed him as if in a daze.

“I wish I could say it’s not, but..” Malachi trailed off, his handsome face was twisting in disgust. “I’m afraid your father’s plans run deeper than we’d even imagined, Xander.”

Xander looked at Gabriela. “What is he talking about?”

I watched them closely, my heart hammering so hard it made me nauseous.

“Do you know much about Alice’s family, Xander? Do you, Zane?” Malachi asked.

Their faces scrunched in concentration, but they remained silent.

“It took her years to be mated, did it not?” Malachi asked. “And when she finally was, who did she get mated to?”

“Gregory and Lucas,” Zane said, his voice barely a whisper. “The men Orion paid off to mate hybrid she-wolves so he could use them for testing.”

My breath caught in my throat. “Alice was a hybrid, too.”

Everyone turned to look at me. Xander’s and Zane’s faces morphed into masks of shock and horror.

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My heart panged for them. They’d had no idea what kind of danger Alice was in, what kind of danger

their

pups were in.

But deep down, I also felt a terrible, ugly jolt of jealousy. Alice and I had been the same, I wasn't stronger or more special than her. And Mason, Xander, and Zane had all loved her, too.

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knew Mason

Constantine, but the twins were only useful to Orion if their vampire side came from an ancient bloodline.

Malachi nodded.

"She's not from my bloodline, but I'm one of three surviving ancients," he explained. "The others...they don't live in this region. I don't know who her ancestors were, but I'm guessing Orion does."

"F uck!" Xander cried, pressing his palms to his hands. "Where are the twins now?"

"With Orion," Gabriela said. "He's bargaining with the Council before he hands them over for testing."

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don't have much time."

My heart ached for the twins. They were so little, so innocent, and Stella could have just as easily been

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