

## His Beta 350

### Chapter 350

Gabriela

Lenora's soft words chimed in my mind like bells as I made my way back to our quarters

She'd been so apologetic, so concerned I would be upset, but the truth was, I'd had som before we came to Brightsky. And wasn't it always better to confront your concerns?

I'd spent the morning in the communal library, trying to research, but I'd been able to find very little should have met with Lenora again today to ask more questions.

Maybe if I'd listened to my wolf's unease about my husband and his long, unexplained absences, I'd have learned long ago that Orion had been unfaithful. So much might have been different, if only I'd trusted myself instead of shoving any fears deep down.

It wouldn't have to be an angry confrontation or anything like that. I liked Lanie and always had, and it was also clear that she was a much better mate for my son than Alice could ever have been.

But what if Lanie had compelled Xander into loving her?

What if, what if, what if.

I hurried along the corridors without paying much attention to where I was going, heading toward the children's wing instead of home. The urge to get back to my babies was so strong it felt like an invisible fist. yanking me step by step back along the hallways.

Those little ones needed my protection. I could feel it in every fiber of my being.

I'd texted my son about half an hour ago, but so far, Xander hadn't answered me. Visions filled my head of him bloody, injured...or worse. Yes, I knew it was more likely he was in bed with his mates, but at the same time, my mother's instinct had kicked in.

Moon Goddess, I prayed. Guide me. Give me strength.

Help me sift out the dangers.

It was true that I no longer felt her inside me as strongly as I had before Lanie became the Luna, but the Goddess would never completely leave me. No matter how I strained now, though, I couldn't feel her presence.

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My wolf rose, pacing and growling under her breath

She, too, was fiercely protective of the pups and Xander. She'd always been a little standoffish with

about

Lanie's wolf, Lily, but I'd always thought it was simply because they hadn't had much of a chance to run together. There'd always been a tiny bit of Luna rivalry, even though I had willingly abdicated my role

when my

son was mated.

Gabriela! Hellca

I barely stopped moving when a voice called to me. It took me a few seconds to recognize it It

belonged to Meliria

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Immediately, I tossed up a thought-shield. I'd begun learning to hide my thoughts behind a wall from

Orion, long ago, without even realizing why. A sadness crept into me that I also hid behind the wall and

the wide smile I put on my face as I turned to her.

"I'm on my way to pick up the children," I explained, keeping my voice light and calm.

Melina looked surprised. "Oh, but it's so early! The school usually doesn't release them until closer to

the dinner break. I thought you and I might spend some time getting to know one another.”

“I miss them. I forced a laugh, trying to sound like a silly old woman. “I spent so much time with them when they were tiny. I’ve been the twins’ primary caregiver since they were born.”

“And little Stella, our Celestial wonder, Melina murmured, tilting her head.

“Yes. Lanie’s child.” Stella was special because her mother was, and I loved that little girl fiercely because she was my blood...but there was no denying that I also feared what might be on the horizon for all of us because of her.

Melina’s eyes narrowed, and I strengthened my shield.

“Perhaps we could have tea another time?”