

## **His Beta 97**

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Mason

Xander and Zane's wolves retreated, but mine wasn't going anywhere.

And neither was Katie.

Especially not with these two as sholes.

She and Stella weren't leaving my sight now.

Not with Xander in town.

The way that he and his Beta looked at Katie...it was like they wanted to devour her.

I knew I couldn't trust them.

Not with someone as precious as her.

From the second I'd laid eyes on her at the regional gathering, I knew there was something different

about

My wolf knew it, too.

He wouldn't leave me alone, practically begging me to get closer, to stay with her when she needed me.

But he didn't need to beg.

I needed to be near Katie, too. All the time, so I could protect her.

I also wanted to claim her, to kiss her, to touch her, but I didn't dare push it.

I wanted her to want me as much as I wanted her before I touched her.

We weren't going to repeat what had happened between me and Alice.

I'd already lost one person I loved to Xander and Zane, but even I had to admit it wasn't totally their fault.

Alice was playing with me, twisting my emotions to get what she wanted.

I'd told her I loved her, then made the mistake of confiding the biggest secret of my life: I was Orion's son,

At the time, I thought she'd realize that I was as much an Alpha as Xander, and that she'd finally leave him and Zane for good

But she didn't

And as it turned out, she'd already confronted Orion about who I was. There I was, thinking I'd confessed my deepest secret to her, but she already knew.

I stupidly convinced myself that it was complicated, that she kept seeing me because she loved me.

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She was just covering all her bases by fucking me and Xander.

She never really loved me, even though my love for her was so real it nearly drove me mad.

I didn't think that kind of love was possible again, not so soon after she'd died, but then I saw Katie.

"Are you alright?" I asked, turning to her and Stella.

Katie nodded and swallowed hard."

But Stella's face twisted up, and she unleashed an anguished wail.

Katie's eyes welled up as she began rocking her back and forth, but Stella wasn't calming down.

"She's probably scared," Katie said. "She can feel that I'm upset, too."

I felt my wolf retreat

We both knew what we needed to do.

I reached out for Stella, and Katie willingly handed her over.

Her hands were shaking and she looked dazed.

“Thanks,” she said quietly.

As soon as Stella was in my arms, she fell quiet and Katie gave me a soft, relieved smile.

An all-consuming warmth bloomed in my chest and traveled through my body.

I’d met Katie days ago, but looking at her already felt like being in love.

Hell no were these arrogant bas tar ds going to take that away from me.

Not again.

Zane

Blade clawed at my insides incessantly.

It had taken every ounce of willpower for Xander and me to push our wolves back down, and now that

Mason was holding Katie’s baby, Blade was going absolutely feral.

“Take her away from him,” Blade snarled. “She doesn’t belong to him.”

“Chill the f uck out,” I demanded.

I was almost doubled over with the effort of calming him down.

What Blade was saying didn't make any f ucking sense.

The baby looked exactly like Mason

He was obviously the father.

"She doesn't belong to him. She belongs to you."