

The Alpha King's Claim

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Serena

It turned out, Ineri wasn't a town or a city, it was the name of the cave where all the pools were housed. This cave was the biggest I had seen by far. I had been in some on Earth and one on Viacronis—where that human hunter named Manross captured me—but they paled in comparison to this cave in Ehnrelil.

It had a closed roof, so no light from the outside penetrated it. The entrance had a small lobby, but beyond it was a gaping hole with about a hundred foot drop to the darkened ground. It looked like a sinkhole to me, but with shimmering waters flowing down seemingly to fill it.

When Adamar and Adaen and Lady Hanhenna led me here, I found myself immediately giddy. I felt a rush of energy the moment I stepped inside its territory. Since only pregnant faes were allowed, the twins guarded the entrance while their mother returned to her house.

From where I stood, I saw faes like me inside the cave, relaxing and some chatting, but they were in different pools in different distances, wearing nothing but thin cloths like nymphs in a river.

When they saw me, they waved their hands and dipped their heads. I returned the gesture and smiled.

There were only two ways to cross the sinkhole into the sectioned rooms ahead, and it was to fly or to teleport there. I chose the latter and conveniently found myself next to a vacated pool. The water in the pools had a glowing rainbow quality. Some had two-toned colors, some a combination of five. The sizes varied also, but I saw a majority of them able to accommodate five to ten bodies.

Mine had a yellowish-pinkish glow on the water and the size fit to only three people. When I submerged under the water, I was instantly lost. My babies and I felt like we were soaked in oatmeal, honey, milk and batteries.

Yup. Batteries.

One, I felt relaxed and rejuvenated instantly, like eating or in some cases, facial masking this three-ingredient breakfast.

Two, I felt energized, as if my body absorbed the magical energy around the area. I literally imagined batteries around me because the rush of electricity inside my stomach, to my nerves, to the wirings of my brain and to my triplets was overwhelming.

No wonder the pregnant faes frequented this area. With only three months' worth of carrying a child in their wombs, it was bound to need an assistance like what this cave provided.

And I agreed with this. And I understood the setup. This was the faes nature. My nature. Or at least, half of me. My god, if I knew about this cave early on, I would have soaked my ass here again and again.

I stayed inside the cave for probably two hours or so. When I exited the area, it was already late afternoon. Adamar and Adaen were still present guarding the entrance, and they had made a cozy bonfire to warm their butts.

"I'm sorry if I took time," I told them, looking apologetic.

They stood up from the log they employed as a chair and neared me.

"No worries, Serena," Adaen was the first to reply.

"We enjoy it here too. Don't you know? Even when we aren't pregnant—"

"Ew, brother, that sounds gross," Adamar interjected, making a disgusted face at his choice of word.

I chuckled.

"Whatever," Adaen said while rolling his eyes.

"Yeah, like I said, even when we are not carrying a

child, we get a share of the energy of Ineri too. It also recharges us.”

“That’s good to hear then. I can’t believe I only had little knowledge about this place.”

Adamar shrugged. “Well, maybe because you were a priestess in training and you weren’t allowed to get pregnant? You were always in Rexhus Tower, remember?”

A sigh escaped my lips after the memory of my past popped in my head. “Yeah, I remember.”

Adaen then touched my shoulder, demanding my attention. “Hm, I see that your belly has grown bigger now than before you went inside the cave,” he commented.

My brows arched in disbelief.

“It did?” Then, I looked down, “I don’t think—holy molly, it did.”

He was right. My belly had grown about two inches larger. I certainly didn’t notice this while I changed to dry clothes earlier, but now...

Wow.

“How far along are you?” Adamar asked, kneeling down near my belly as if giving it a laser vision.

“Three months,” I answered.

He nodded and snorted. “I think you’re close to popping, Serena.”

I scoffed. Since when did this man became an expert about pregnancies?

“Bro, she’s half-were,” Adaen reminded while patting his brother’s shoulder. “I don’t think she follows the fae standards.”

“Want to bet?” Adamar stood up and grinned. The latter flashed his teeth. I gave them both a scowl. Were they actually doing this in front of me?

“Sure!” Adaen exclaimed, “I bet two more months.”

“So you mean she’ll be carrying her triplets for 5 months?” Adamar crossed his arms and clarified.

“Yeah!” was the other twin’s excited response. I rolled my eyes.

They were really going to bet in front of me. Ugh.

“Okay, then I bet after two more weeks of soaking in the pools, she’ll be popping those Little Aeros to the outside world. Deal?” Adamar continued.

“Deal!”

That’s it. I had enough.

“Hey, guys, I’m right here.” I waved my hand in between them. “You forget about me. I want to join your bet too.”

“You don’t count,” was Adamar’s swift and stern reply as he faced me. “For all we know, you know already when is the due date.”

“I honestly don’t!” I cried, my nostrils flaring, but then I bit my lip and lowered my eyes to the forest floor. I suddenly wasn’t sure of my answer any more. “Well, come to think of it...seeing the sudden enlargement of my belly, it could be...it could be near.”

“Haha!” Adamar cracked a hearty laugh then. He pointed a finger to Adaen rather comically and said, “No backing out now, bro.”

“Whatever,” Adaen rolled his eyes. “I still have a chance.”

Seeing this two just makes my day brighter. They always bring humor whenever they’re with me, and I enjoyed it as much as Aero does.

“Let’s get going. Your mother told me not to stay here long, especially at night,” I reminded them.

“Oh right, of course,” they both whispered as if this reaction was already coded in their genes.

“We almost forgot about the Sachrishas, Serena. Let’s go.”

Adaen responsibly killed the bonfire with his water spell, and Adamar checked the perimeter of the cave.

“Clear,” he said a minute after, and we all took the path toward the portal.

“Have you ever fought one, Adaen?” I asked when we were halfway across the path. He was

walking next to me while his twin in front of us. They were acting as my monster-proof shields now.

“I have,” he answered, looking proud of himself.

“Killed a hundred and twenty-one of them.”

“Hundred and sixty,” Adamar chirped.

This made the former groan. “Pshhh, whose counting.”

Once again, I chuckled at their innocent banter.

Walking ahead, I sighed and reminisced about the past.

“I remembered I spotted some before I erased my memories and went to Earth, but they didn’t harm me at all.”

“That’s because you weren’t pregnant before, Serena,” Adamar confidently answered over his shoulder. He was listening to me and at the same time vigilant with his surroundings. I understood why.

“Plus, Sachrishas are known to be quite unpredictable with their appetites,” Adaen chipped in;

also cautious, with one hand on his waist, near the handle of his sword.

“I think as queen of Ehnrelil I will have to deal with this plague of monsters, huh?” I remarked.

This wasn’t a big of a problem really, but it had been going on for quite some time—since King

Alduin's rule, for that matter. Surely, my aunt had already devised a plan to fix this problem.

But...had she really? I mean, the people of Ehnrelil is still being attacked from time to time.

"Had Queen Adna ever sought the help of the King of Sattus for this?" I asked, feeling the need to fix this problem and stat.

"No," was Adaen's short reply.

Then Adamar continued. "She didn't have the drive to seek help from the other realms after King Alduin died, Serena."

"Well, now is different," I said with conviction. "I'll talk with Queen Adna about this."

And I did, the moment we safely arrived in the palace.

Queen Adna looked guilty somehow and apologized to me. I understood her and comforted her and successfully, we were able to devise a concrete plan to finally rid the people from these creatures of the night, and that was to seek the King of Sattus's help.

But that plan got deferred when his right-hand man, Kelios, told me personally that King Hein was on a covert mission in Gehenna.

Covert mission? My brow couldn't arch up any faster.

Why would the King of the Underworld undergo a covert mission when he was the ruler of his

realm?

And then Kelios explained it to me and mentioned something about his mate being trapped there.

Mate.

I immediately understood the reason. Figures.

So, in the end, while on top the highest tower of the palace, I erected a stronger barrier spell around Ineri and the cities of Ehnrelil as temporary solution to this monster problem.

After doing this, I returned to my temporary chamber. I planned to mind-link my husband, but he beat me to it.

'How are you doing there?' he asked, concern clear in his voice.

'Excellent, my king,' I answered with a smile. I picked up a hairbrush and started brushing my wavy locks in front of the vanity mirror. My bugs were with me this time, perching on the mirror frame and soothing me with their presence.

'And how about your trip in Ineri?' he continued.

'It was uneventful. The water there was rejuvenating. You should see me now. My belly is larger.'

I heard his rich chuckle in my head. 'Hm, really? I can't wait, Serena.'

'You sound tired,' I pointed out. This was a first. He gets bored while in court duties and meetings, but he never gets tired. 'Are you all right?'

'I will be better when you're with me,' he smoothly changed the subject. Somehow I had the sense he was battling something that was on a personal level. I wanted to ask him, but I decided to give him space instead. He'd share his problems anyway when he's ready.

'You should go sleep now. I'll see you after the guardian ascension ceremony.'

'You should go to sleep too, Serena, and dream sexual dreams with me.'

I giggled. There. That's the side of Aero I was missing.

'I sure will,' I answered.

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