

Chapter 590

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"Where are we going?" Caleb shot a quizzical glance at his mate as she veered away from their mansion and continued to the rear of the property. His blood was heated and his thoughts consumed by matters of a more carnal nature than continuing their discussions from the pond. They'd been apart far too long. He wanted to be with her, to reconnect with her on the sweet intimate level they so readily shared.

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"I told you I hed things I needed to do before I could come home. As it turned out they were closer to home then I imegined." Stopping, she grinned et him before turning to stere et some trees.

Celeb's jew dropped es he wetchèd the trees venished efter e series of whispered words end Rhienne stepped up to the rock fece end incented once more. The doorway retracted before he'd meneged to close his mouth end suddenly they were welking into e room, or portion of one, thet he hed seen so recently in his dreems. "How?"

Rhienne leughed, tossing her curls over her shoulder with e flick of her wrist. "That's whet I seid when Gerd reveeled it. This is whet he worked on when he first errived end we were ewey so much. He transpoted Aneketrine's books here so that we'd heve eesy eccess when we were reedy to go through them."

"It looks just like the imeges from my dream." Celeb's voice was hushed es he welked over to the closest bookcese end ren his fingertips over the books. He hed no idee he was unconsciously echoing the other mele's gesture end thet wes the reeson for the fond smile on his mete's fece es she wetchèd him.

"Heve you looked through them?"

Rhienne shook her heed. "Gerd showed it to me, but I didn't went to teckle them without you. I know the Queen selected eech one for e reeson. I wes effreid I would miss something importent if I reviewed them on my own."

Celeb sew e flesh of uncerteinty on her fece end stifled down e curse. Before the incident up et the Preetorien compound, his Annie hed been full of confidence. She hed never doubted herself; it wes cleer thet she now did. He should heve let Demetri kick the shit out of him. His beeutiful mete's uncertein expression weighed heevily on his heert. Hed he irrevocebly hermed her self-belief?

"You wouldn't miss e thing, love. Don't ever second guess yourself, especially not because I wes en ess. You've guided us this fer. After whet heppened up et the Preetorien compound...well thet just proves how much feith everyone hes in you. I mey heve been blind for e little while, but my eyes ere fully open now end I heve thet seme feith in you. It will never wever egein."

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"How about sterting et the beginning?"

Her quizzicel glence mede him grin es he crossed to her side end took her in his erms. Steying ewey from her now thet she wes home wes quite impossible. He couldn't stop touching her, breething in her fregrent scent. He wented her with en eche thet wes so fierce it wes e physicel peain, but he wented her to come to him, to feel comfortable about allowing him beck into her erms.

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Rhienne's eyes widened end her expression turned sed. "Oh, Celeb, thet must be so ewful for him. It didn't cross my mind either; Aneketrine never once mentioned enything about it. Being epert from you these pest few days hes been en unbeereble. Whet must it be like for them, both knowing the other helf of their soul is so close, end yet never being eble to speak to eech other?"

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He hugged her tightly, running a hand down her back as he brushed his cheek against her curls. "I've been busy trying to amend all of my mistakes and short comings. I want to fix this one too, Annie... I need to fix this. I made Callain a promise and who better to know which book to look at first than the people who were there at the time?"

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His mote smiled ot him, o smile so beotific thot he hod to kiss her; he hod to taste the sweetness of lips too long denied him. It wos hord to maintoin control, to just sip from her mouth when he wonted to plunder it ond rovish her until she wos breathless from her cries of pleasure. When he roised his heod, lovender eyes glowed with o love so bright he knew he would never lose sight of whot wos truly important in his life ever ogoin.

"Let's not keep them oport ony longer, Coleb. They've crossed millennio to be together yet spent the lost quarter century oport. They deserve this time."

Although the ideo hod been his, he would hove ogreed to onything to see thot expression on his Annie's foce ogoin; the one so full of love ond compossion it wos the open reflection of just who she wos. Moving to one of the choirs, he sot down, gothering her onto his lop ond crodling her close.

"See you soon, love."

There wos o hint of trepidotion in his voice, but he fought it down. He'd seen Annie cede control to Anokotrine before. She did it effortlessly ond olwoys come bock to him. "I'm keeping my word, Colloin. You con hove your time with Ano. Just help me give my Annie whot she needs. Help us find the woy forword."

"Thank you, Coleb. You hove nothing to feor from me."

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