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Chapter 21

Ana

I stir awake and smile at the figure I'm sharing the bed with.

He is just the best. Yesterday he was extremely patient with me and did everything to make sure I was okay. I had to sleep early because of my sore mood. I'm glad I will be holding my baby again any minute from how.

My mate is soundly sleeping and has his head laid on my tummy. I smile at his cute face which always reminds me of Liam. Slowly, I run my fingers through his hair, and he groans instantly opening his eyes.

"Shi t, sorry for waking you, baby" I remorsefully whisper, wishing I didn't touch him. Jace looks so tired. He must have a bunch of stuff worrying him. No. Baby you didn't, I was already awake" he whispers moving upwards to kiss my forehead.

How are you feeling? are you better now?" he enquires and I nod with a smile. Yes, I am. You look, tired babe, sleep some more while I make us breakfast, Okay?" I tell him pecking his lips. My mate slowly lays beside. me and it doesn't take a minute for him to start releasing soft snores. I knew I had woken him. He must be so f u c k i n g alert then.

"I love you" I gently cover him and walk to the bathroom for my morning routine. Being the rich man Noah is, everything he desires is instantly delivered at his call. Like a bunch of clothes and necessities. delivered to us yesterday.

Hello, Dad?" I kiss his cheek and hug him from behind. He is sitting at the dining table having his coffee. There is also a laptop in front of him and I wonder if he works from everywhere.

Sweetheart, you feel better?" he kisses my hand and lifts his head up to look up at me.

Yes, are they here yet?" I ask referring to Leo and my son.

Any minute from now, I told your boy to get ready. You know Leornado is not to be trusted" My boy? I don't know why he doesn't like my mate. You are being hard on Jace you know I pull the seat beside him and lower myself in it.

He seems smitten by you though' Noah smirks and I roll my eyes. "That's because he is my mate

"I need him, strong sweetheart, this world is not for the weak. You are training alongside him when we get home" F u c k me.

"Is it necessary?" I asked dreading the vigorous hustle. I have never trained all my life. In our pack, they only trained shifted wolves and I haven't yet.

Goddesst. I hate sweating.

"You know its non-negotiable princess, one day you are going to be my successor, you need to know everything about royalty"

"Hold on please" I stand up and stretch my hands forward in his direction. F u c k! I feel like we are moving so fast. It's just yesterday I learned about him being my dad, and today we are talking about me being his successor.

"I don't know anything about you and you don't either, let us not get ahead of ourselves Noah"

No matter what pace we decide to go with, we can't change the fact, sweetheart. You are the only kid I have and you know what that means" I sigh sitting back down.

"I just wanted a quiet life Dad" I laugh, intently staring at a dark spot on the mahogany table." I had this crazy dream of having many kids. All I ever wanted was to be a mother, to take care of my kids" I sadly sigh remembering I can't achieve that anymore.

"You can have that, sweetheart all I want is..."

See what I'm talking about?" I chuckle pushing my chair back noisily" You don't know shi t about me" Noah stands up too and from how his jaw is tightly clenched, he is not proud of the choice of my words.

Please sit down okay?" He gestures to my sit and does it with a huff.

First, you are going to watch your language with me. Second, ask me whatever you want to know" Noah pushes his chair back and sits down with a sigh.

We remain silent. It looks like everyone is trying to calm themselves down. What happened?" Noah whispers and I swallow a lump forming in my throat. I hate talking about it.

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Mmh...I clear my throat as I try to think of the shortest sentence I can 1 use to summarise everything he needs to know" I lost my womb. Liam is the only kid I will ever have" I whisper doing everything not to look at him. Baby, I didn't know that" he whispers quickly approaching me.

"What do you know?" I whisper to the man kneeling in front of me. "Look, The day I met you at the mall is the day I find you. I never stopped looking for you, and that day my men spotted you coming out of that pack. I had them follow you to the mall sweetheart, do you know how happy I was?"

"I had to see you baby, and the moment I saw you, I had no doubt that you were mine" He smiles holding my hand and I slightly return it.

Baby, I am sorry I didn't find you sooner okay? I....." he whispers. lowering his head in defeat. Noah places his head on my lap and starts sobbing. Slowly, I tangle my fingers in his hair and gently massage his scalp. No matter how strong someone is, they always have a breaking point and I hate to watch him

this way.

"It has not been easy for me you know. Sitting on that throne, and going back to the empty house is not what I wanted for the rest of my life." He lifts his teary face and I hastily wipe away his tears.

"I am sorry Dad"

No. Why do you think I never chose another woman for myself? It's because when I'm not in that boring courtroom, I'm traveling around the world to look for you"

"I am sorry, I didn't mean to be rude okay?" He silently stands up and takes back his seat.

Noah places his arms on the table and lowers his head. Shi t, I got him upset.

I get off my chair and hug him from behind again.

We remain that way until he finally places his arms on mine.

About the succession, can't Jace do it? I want to take care of Liam Dad, though I can help when needed" I place a kiss on his temple and he sighs. Discuss it with him first, I don't want to force any of you into anything sweetheart. There are a lot of people lined up for that title but my worry. is giving it to the wrong hands"

I know, Father. I wouldn't want that either"

ather. I wouldn't

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What are planning to do with them?" I mumble referring to my mate's parents, They hurt me sweetheart and I'm conflicted because they are your family too. I need your guidance, my lady" Dad jokes turning to look at me and we chuckle.

He is poor at cracking jokes.

"Let's make breakfast. You can cook right?" He takes my hand leading me to the kitchen.

"Of course, I can cook. I am a mother, dad" When I gave birth to him, I had to learn to cook. I don't want a maid making him his meals.

Okay, surprise me" He sits on the counter and pulls out his phone. "How far, are they?" I ask mixing the flour for pancakes.

"Let me confirm sweetheart"

"Ohl they are here come on" He ushers me out of the room and I quickly rush out.

"Jace" I shout and I have no doubt he heard me. I know he is awake but he doesn't want to be in the same room as Noah.

The lift ride downstairs has never been this long. I Impatiently tap my shoe on the floor in anticipation.

Is my baby okay?" I ask dad.

"Yes, So far everything is okay. Strangely, he complied and I find it suspicious. You two should be ready for anything." Jace and I nod in unison and when the lift stops, I rush out of the door with all my might. I can smell them. They are here.

A fleet of cars comes to a stop in front of the pack and I wait patiently for them to alight because Dad thinks something is fishy.

My son is in there and I hate having to wait.

The armed men come out, and my heart jumps when Leo follows with my sleeping baby cradled in his arms.

Oh, goddess!

I can feel Jace's heartbeat. He is anticipating too.

The sick smirk on Leo's face proves he has something in his sleeves. I will be dam n if I let anything happen to my baby. They will have to kill me before laying a harmful finger on my pup.

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"Your Highness, he refuses to let the kid go until he talks to Princess," One of the guards says and I quickly take a step forward but Dad obstructs me..

My mate is like a ticking bomb and I'm not left out either.

Hand over the boy Leornado" Dad slowly whispers and what happens. next darkens my sight.

"NO," Leornado says drawing out a dagger and holding it on my baby's neck.

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No" Leo smirks and places a dagger on my son's neck. So it is true? he was a pretentious snake all this time. He was only close to Liam to please me, and not because he cared.

Gianna is coming with me, and you will have the boy," he says with a satisfied smirk not realizing how big of a mistake he just made.

Or maybe he is just stup i d.

All I know is that I will be dead before he does anything to my baby.

Jace releases a warning growl, and before anyone can sense what is about to happen, he instantly shifts and charges at Leo. His movement a blur.

I start to shift too. The pain and the dark veins start appearing, and it's d a m n painful but I can take the pain if it means Liam will be safe.

"It's okay, baby. I will bring you your son" Dad places a hand on my shoulder, and the pain immediately disappears. I wonder how he does it. Jace aims at Leo's neck and knocks him onto the floor, but careful not to harm the boy. Instantly my dad approaches them and grabs my son before he could touch the floor.

Thank you, goddess.

The fight between the two men starts. Jace has a lot of frustrations right now and a fit of immense anger toward Leo. To make matters worse, he threatened his mate and pup.

I never met his wolf before, and looking at him today, he is bigger than I thought. His wolf is pure black. He is more enormous than his dad's or any alpha wolves I have seen. This is not normal.

Leo decides to shift too. It's a surprise that his and Jace's wolves are of the same height and color, despite Leonardo being a lycan wolf.

Here sweetheart, Dad pulls my attention from the fight, and hands over my still-sleeping son to me. How come he didn't wake up after all the fracas? Is he this tired? His steady breaths assure me that he is okay.

Stand down Marco, let them fight" Dad raises his hand and stops his men when they start advancing to the fight.

I want to see how good he is" he whispers, intently staring at the wolves, So far, my mate is taking the lead and I can't help but smile. He said he LOVE ME AGAIN, MATE

was the best warrior and I'm not surprised. I am so proud of him.

Is your mate an ordinary wolf?" Dad whispers staring at Jace with an emotion I can't decipher.

I am confused too Dad, it's the first time I'm seeing his wolf or in a fight" My mate has Leo pinned down and his canines sunken in the flesh of his neck. His aim is to kill. Jace is not after submission in this fight. To him, Leo is a threat that should be instantly eliminated.

I look down at my son and sigh in relief. He is finally here. I bury my nose in his hair and greedily breathe in. He has mine and his father's scent, and it's so cute.

When he finds his mate in the future, I'm gonna demand a lot of grandchildren from them. I can't wait to take care of those little cute munchkins.

"That's enough" Father's voice growls, and my mate immediately stops battering his opponent. Leonardo is not a match for Jace. He is a big disappointment.

He is not as bad as I thought" Dad mutters walking to the wolves, and I remain in my position. I wouldn't want my son to wake up to the sight of animals.

My mate is still releasing warning growls. His front paw is tightly pinning Leo's neck on the ground. No matter what his intentions are, he has to obey the higher power even when he doesn't want to.

"It's okay son, you can shift back" Dad slowly rubs Jace's back, and he lowly

growls in return before shifting back. Goddess! Is Noah finally warming up to my mate?

Get him clothes" Marco instantly stretches clothes toward my mate at my dad's order and he disappears in the opposite direction to shift back. It doesn't take a minute for him to show up again without a scratch.

I don't wait for him to reach me. I adjust Liam in my arms and happily rush to my mate.

Goddess! I love him so much, and Jace fighting like that was so f u c k i n g hot.

"I love you" I quickly press my lips on his and he growls holding me tight. Jace returns the kiss with the same energy before finally smiling in the kiss.

When I pull away he glances at his son and all kind

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his eyes.

"Can I hold him?" he whispers in a breaking voice. His eyes start to water as he stretches his arms to take him

Sure baby, he is ours" I hand the boy to him and as if in a queue, Lianis eyes snap open immediately Jace holds him. Jace buries his face in the boy's hair like I did carlier and breaks down.

Shi t, are they tears of joy?

This is the last reaction I expected from my mate.

"I am sorry, son. I neglected your mother and you for two years, please forgive me" he croaks out and falls on his knees with the baby still in his hold.

"I should have known. Forgive me for being a coward" Jace cries harder and I instantly kneel beside him. I cradle both of them on my chest and hold them there. I do everything not to cry. I want to be there for my babies.

From my peripheral view, I spot Dad ushering everyone away to give us

space.

That is so thoughtful of him. He understands what this feels like.

Are you okay now?" I mumble kissing his head and next Liam's who is as confused as hell.

Mummy!" The boys exclaim jumping into my arms and I chuckle holding him. Is he seriously seeing me now? Or the sight of his dad blew him away.

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How are you, sweetheart" I kiss his cheek and he giggles in excitement clapping his hands.

F u c k! These two are my life.

Say hello to daddy" I point at my mate and the little bundle of joy stares at his dad with furrowed brows. It's like his little brain is trying to figure out who he is.

Jace on the other hand, has the utmost tender look. His eyes are still full of emotions and I just want to hold him so tight to me.

"I love you" I kiss his forehead and my son stares between us in wonder. Goddess, I wish I could enter his little brain and find out what he is thinking. He has never seen me kiss anyone else but him nor admit to love someone elsé.

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Baby, say hi to Daddy" I nudge him again, and this time he decides fo talk. Hi, Liam timidly whispers, and Jace quickly scoops him up from my arms. Liam looks wary at first but calms down afterward.

This is why I didn't want him with Leo. It's confusing to him and it makes things hard for my mate. But I am confident he will come around.

The bond will make it happen, like Noah and I.

"Do you hear that?" I whisper, nervously staring around us.

"Yes, take the baby and go inside." Jace quickly answers but I shake my head. I am not going anywhere without him.

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Ana, they are close. I can't let anything happen to any of you. Have your dad send backup" The stench smell of wolfsbane and rogues surrounds the building and I wonder where the dam n guards are.

I look at Liam who is innocently staring at his father and quickly take him. We can't let him get hurt.

Leornado came prepared. Maybe he is not stupi d after all.

Ana run" Jace shouts and just then, wolves surround us from all directions before I can make it to the door.

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I hold my son tightly to myself and try as much as possible to hide his face from the destructive animals.

Though, his little whimpers inform me that I am doing a shi t t y job at it. He nervously looks around us and his eyes go to his father, who is taking off his shirt and getting ready to shift.

I can't mind link, Noah. The only way to protect ourselves is if I run to the house, and alert them of what is happening. Can't they smell the foul scent though? Or Leo did do something?

Normally, guards are not supposed to be in the house, but outside looking out for any sign of danger. I think something is fishy here.

Baby, go," Jace says again and I nervously gulp. They are blocking my way. "Mummy," My son stares in front of us and back at his father. Little Liam stretches his hand toward Jace, and I took that as a cue to leave. I can't let him see more.

"I will cover you come on" My mate takes my hand but before we could move, an arrow is sent our way and he precisely catches it.

'Noah' I try the mind link and sigh when I don't feel anything

'Sweetheart is that you?' his voice sounds again after a minute. Thank you, goddess.

'Yes, we are attacked. None of your men are in sight, hurry up dad' 'Shi t, where the hell...f u c k baby, they are dead. Give me a second' his words causes my senses to freeze. This is a planned attack. Leonardo came knowing what will happen, and it is evident he had a spy among my dad's men.

"I am gonna shift, and when I do, get away from here. Go hide somewhere safe. I will find you, okay?"

My mate whispers and when he counts to three, I'm on my toes running toward the building. His wolf protects us from the arrows that keep coming and I pray none of them touches him.

Almost at the entrance, two other wolves emerge from the house and I sigh in relief when I smell Dad's scent. I quickly rush to the entrance and shut the door behind me.

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"We will be okay, I promise. Daddy will be okay too. He will come back to us" I mutter to my son in assurance as I run my fingers in his hair. He is scared and he keeps glancing around us warily.

"Mummy, I am scared"Liam whispers and I hold his head in the crook of my neck.

His shaking body and silent sniffles break my heart. This is going to be a nightmare for him.

Mummy" He lifts his teary face up and points at the door behind us. "Daddy. Let's go"

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F u c k! he sensed the danger his dad is in. I trust Jace. He will be okay. Your dad is like a superman, he will find us okay?" I kiss his forehead and walk to the elevator. Right now the top floor is the safest place for hiding. Before they reach us, we would have figured something out.

However, before the door could completely slide closed, a foot I know so well stops it and look at him in horror.

No.

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"Hey sweetheart," Leo says with the same proud smirk as earlier. He is supposed to be held hostage or something. Those f u c k e r s betrayed my dad.

"You missed me right? I can see it in your eyes" What am I going to do? I don't have a wolf-like everyone else, and it will be so hard to defend myself or my son. If I call Dad or Jace, one of them can't take out the outside beasts by themselves.

"What do you want Leonardo?" I seeth holding My baby's head on my chest so he doesn't look at the vile man.

"Let's see" Leo places a hand on his chin and glances at me. His eyes so slowly take me in and I feel every part of my body cringe. His intense glare causes my skin to crawl like a thousand needles are p r i c k i n g it" I want all of you. First, I wanna have a taste of the sweetness between your thighs" he licks his lips and smirks.

He is not touching me.

Never.

Mummy?" My son cries again trying to fight out of my graso but I hold TOVE ME AGAIN, MATE

"Oh! hey, Liam "Leo cranes his neck to see his face but I block him away. I suggest you shut the f u c k up, I'm trying to have a conversation with your mother" Leo shouts and, my baby whimpers holding me tightly.

Do not, ever shout at my baby Leonardo. Whatever sick game you are playing, you chose the wrong girl" I seeth and I can already feel my anger coming up. Like I said, I will be dam n if I let anything happen to my baby. He is all I have, and if it means dying in his place, so be it.

"Oh yeah?" Leo chuckles in mockery " So you have balls after all" he dismissively waves his hand in my face like what I just told him are baseless threats.

Like I was saying, after I taste you, which I have been dying to do, I will marry you and together we will kill your stupi d father and mate. That is if they make it, which I highly doubt. Do you know what will happen next, my love? he chuckles taking a step toward me and I take one back. I can sense my wolf.

And the slight discomfort I'm feeling only means she will be out soon. "You and I will take the throne, and after I'm crowned king, I will decide whether to keep you as one of my concubines or kill you just like we ended your sweet mummy. Oh! She was delicious".

Out of nowhere, I release aloud inhuman growl that sounds completely. foreign to my ears. Instantly, my claws immerse Leo's neck. I don't know where the strength came from but I effortlessly lift him from the floor and hold him mid-air. No matter how hard he fights, my hold remains unwavering. My wolf is in control.

My body is full of fur from top to bottom. My teeth are replaced with sharp canines and I feel extreme energy and power in my veins.

I will make you suffer Leo. I will make you regret targeting my family and when you beg me to kill you, I won't. I will make your death the longest of all. When I am done with you, I will make sure your spirit burns in hell" I whisper meaning my every word. I will do what I just promised.

When he starts gasping for air, I drop him on the ground with a heavy thud. Dad said he is working for someone and he needs to question him. From what he just said, he clearly is betraying his master and wanting the throne for himself.

He coughs so hard while holding his healing neck and I feel refreshment.

"Sweetheart, I want you to be brave for mummy, okay?" I whisper, gently rubbing his back. Liam slowly lifts his head to look at me and he doesn't let anything out. His intense stare lingers on my face, my neck, and the hairy hands holding him. Whatever he is thinking, he doesn't show fear and I am glad.

I want you to go to that corner, face the wall and close your eyes" I slowly place him on the floor, being careful to watch out for Leonardo.

You remember the song I sing to you every bedtime right,?"

"Yes, mummy" he lowly whispers, staring at Leo who is now on his feet. "Go, baby, make your mummy proud" I slightly push him and he runs to the place I told him.

Before I couldn't completely turn around, Leonardo tackles me on the floor and starts reining punches at me. I do everything to block him but man! Is he strong, and angry?

He places his hand around my neck and starts to choke me. To think he claimed to love me. He is a .

I have every reason to fight him.

The pain rushes through my body and the strength appears again. I lift my knee and kick him so hard, the impact makes him detach from me.

completely. During that moment of weakness, I sent a powerful kick in his stomach and he flips back with a grunt.

I don't give him time to recover because I know he will kill us if he gets. the chance. I hold his neck with all my strength and twist it. He won't die, but it will make him unconscious.

His body slumps on the floor and I sigh in relief moving away. My son is still singing. The words are too hard for him to pronounce but he doesn't give up. I admire his braveness.

My joy is short-lived when the door suddenly opens and a poisoned arrow pierces my chest.

F u c k, I have heard of Wolfsbane but I didn't realize how bad the poison hurts.

Hello there," the sick voice says and I stare at the person in horror. Of all the guesses I could have made, I would never saw this person as the LOVE ME AGAIN, MATE

All this f u c k i n g time, the enemy was under our noses.

Surprised?" they crouch beside me and tightly grip my chin. The singing stops and I know he sensed it. "Go ahead son", I mumble, feeling my strength fading away.

"Let go of my mummy" Liam hits my assaulter's back and unexpectedly, my son is slapped so hard that his painful scream fills the room.

"No goddess, save him" I defeatedly mumble, as my tired body slump on the floor. 'Jace, protect our baby' I remember to link my mate before my consciousness fades.

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"Take them" is the last thing I hear before my mind gives up.

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