

## LOVE ME AGAIN MATE By Katie Spheres Chapter 23-30

Chapter 24

Jace.

How is she doing?" I sadly stare at my mate who has been unconscious for the last three days. Ana's body is pale from the poison. But the doctor keeps assuring us that she will be okay, despite her not revealing any positive change.

Our son has been sad throughout. He refuses to leave her bed and it's shattering my heart. I detest looking at the slap marks on his face. I don't understand how some people can pretend so much. How do you even harm an innocent baby?

We were in the middle of the fight when her tired voice linked me. The rogues were many but not trained. That was an advantage for us. Also, the Lycan king is so powerful than I imagined him to be. He didn't take a second on killing the wolves and that made the work easier for us.

However, it was too late before we realized the attack was just a distraction while that does what brought him here. Half of the men the king came with were all traitors, but they didn't survive either. The remaining are already in the cells for questioning and judgement. When I reached the top floor, the mixed scents made me hasten my steps. and the sight I met in there was not something I was prepared for. Not in this life, no. It was the saddest and most shocking scenery to ever have witnessed in my life.

The woman who gave birth to me was right there in front of my limp mate. Giving out orders to the culprits she came with. My son was slumped on the floor crying in pain, and I cried when I saw the marks on his face. Liam never hurt anyone, he is a harmless baby and that was the absurd thing she could do.

Unfortunately, she took my moment of shock to her advantage and flee. They left Leonardo behind and I wished my mate could have done more on him. I will finish him off when the king is done with him. That day, I was left with a dying mate and an injured son. Something I wish I will never experience again.

F u c k! I hadn't registered the fact that they took Ana away from her family and now them being traitors? For my sake, I hope Dad is innocent.

I know one thing though, I will make her pay dearly. I won't have mercy or any form of empathy when I get a hold of that bitch.

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"Daddy Small fingers caress my cheek and its now I'm realizing the tears on my face. The boy is wiping them. Stop crying" he whispers and that intensely

clenches my heart. I can't help but cry some more at his small innocent act. I hide my face in his hair and harshly bite on my lower lip to hold in the pain. "I'm sorry" I whisper with a kiss on his head. I should have reached them on time. Now that I think about it, meeting Ana in that forest was not a coincidence. The woman knew she will be there, and she intentionally kept her away. Not because I got attached to her but because someone wanted her away from her family.

If she cared for me, she wouldn't have done anything to hurt me. Let alone threaten me. The countless photos of Ana, even in her room at night, were all mothers doing. Does Dad know about this? Are they in this together?

Why is she working for the enemy? What is it in for her?

"Tell mummy to wake up" Liam whispers tugging at her hand.

I share glances with the King who has been silent, and I'm glad he understands my plea. He is coming around.

Come on sweetheart, do you want ice cream?" He walks to us with stretched arms and Liam quickly nods stretching out his to be picked. Looking at it now, I am glad my son arrived after we left her house. Thank you, goddess.

"Is there something I should do?" I whisper rubbing the back of her hand. "Yes son, there is one thing that will speed up the process' I expectantly stare at the doctor.

What is it?" I quickly sit up at the glimmer of hope.

\*If you mark her, it will activate her wolf and she will help her to recover at a quicker pace"

"Why didn't you tell me this sooner?" I mumble in exasperation. We have been in this room for three days, and nights and he knew the possibility of waking her up. The boy doesn't sleep, and if he does, the nightmares wake him up and he starts crying for his mum to wake up.

The king doesn't sleep either, We stay in this room watching as the clock ticks without any sign of her recovery,

"Okay, give us space" The man silently nods and exits the room.

Baby, you have to wake up" I caress her cheek and sigh in frustration,

Nowly I close my eyes and summon my wolf who doesn't waste time to appear

Lain sorry I have to do this Ana" Marking her is the last stage of completing the mate bond, and I need her consent to do this. We never got the chance of talking about it. I can't believe my mother caused all the pain we went through, and pretended to care all along. It hurts.

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I slightly move her head to expose her neck, and gently nibble on the spot I am supposed to leave my mark. Without wasting time, I give my wolf full control and he sinks our canines into her tender flesh. Ana doesn't move or

make any kind of reaction.

I don't know what else to do but wait. Time moves and soon, it's evening without a change.

'Come with me son, Her dad says from the doorway and I sigh letting go of her hand. I hope the goddess saves her for me, for our baby, and for her father.

I follow the man outside the room and he leads me to the hallway that leads to the living room. After the attack, we immediately moved to the palace. As I had expected, he has his own separate house and no one apart from himself lives here. I haven't seen any workers or guards around and I applaud him for that.

Someone else in his position would take advantage of the lavish lifestyle and not a simple life.

I'm sorry at how everything is turning out son" He gives my shoulder a slight squeeze and motions to one of the seats in the living room.

Before the attack, I had a conversation with my daughter The man tills the two glasses on the table with water and hands one to me

"There is no going back Jace, you are too far gone in this relationship to back out now" I stare at him in confusion, and wonder where he is going with this. I am not leaving Ana and my son if that is his implication.

"I am not leaving my mate" My voice sounds defensive but I ease down when he slightly smiles at me.

I know. You impressed me when you fought for them earlier. However, Ana said she is not into being a leader and she only wants to take care of Llam and you" I furrow my brows, not following anymore

What do you mean?" I ask gulping down the water in one go

In the last few days, you have seen a glimpse of what lengths people will go to have the seat I'm currently occupying. You are my sor's mate and since she doesn't want the title, that only leaves me with one option he mumbles, intently watching my reaction.

Crap. I never thought about this.

I trained to be Alpha, not a king. The possibility has never crossed my mind.

\*You are my successor Jace. After Ana recovers, the two of you will start training right away. Trust me, you need to be prepared for what is coming"

What about my pack My dad was about to stand down when Ana came

"That reminds me, we brought your dad in. He is in the cells as we speak."

What! I exclaim and quickly get on my feet. I have a feeling that he didn't know what Mum was doing. But then again, I didn't know what Mum was doing

I know he is innocent until proven guilty. Now, you have one job to do. As the

next ruler, I need you to question the culprits, and pass your judgment accordingly. Regardless of who they are”

The man stands up too and I stare at him in shock. I know where this is going As you know, the penalty for everyone in the cell is death. That is if they are guilty. The task starts tomorrow son. You can go back to your mate  
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“Daddy, look, it’s you and mummy. How did I do? My baby stares at me with a wide happy grin, and I can’t help but pinch his chubby checks. Thanks to mine and Ana’s strong genes, the slap marks are no longer on his face

I stare at the drawing and chuckle. He drew two sticks that are close to each other.

Wow! I act surprised and place my palms on my mouth for effect. “Baby, this is so amazing, how did you do it?” The proud look on his face is worth it. F u c k! I see myself in this boy. He is like the miniature version of me.

I just know. Do you want me to teach you?” He eagerly asks and giggles when I frantically nod.

The king suggested that we should start doing stuff that would keep his mind away from his sick mother. So we have been doing different activities together, and I love that he is warming up to me after all.

He is adorable, and I still can’t believe I made him. Well, Ana and I did,. but if anyone saw him, they would comprehend he is mine without having to ask.

“I want to be as awesome as you” I chuckle when his eyes twin k l e with delight.

“Don’t worry, you will be awesome like me” He assures grubbing a drawing paper for me. I despise that I missed two years of his life. “Can I interrupt you guys?” The king peeks into the room, and my son quickly gets on his feet with his drawing paper.

Grandpa look, I am awesome. This is my mummy and daddy” He points at the contents of the paper, and the man chuckles acting shocked.

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You are truly awesome sweetheart. I need your dad for a moment, can But I want to teach him, he wants to be like me too” He complains his face scrunching in sadness.

“It won’t take long I promise, and you can teach me if you want” He bargains, and just like that, he is happy again. How can one hurt such innocence?

This is my beta. Fred. He will take you to the cells.” What about my mate? We were supposed to start the operation when she woke up.

We can't wait until she recovers son. Start questioning them now, don't kill them just yet. I want you to get around the basics. I will start teaching you my way tomorrow" he answers my unasked question and I nod with a sigh. I wanted to be the first thing she saw when she woke.

The royal cells are located in the middle of the woods. The building is old and it's surrounded by a silver fence. There are lycan wolves guarding every corner and miles away from the building.

There are also armed guards in human form patrolling the entrance. This place looks dangerous and I don't want to believe my dad is here. It's clear no one comes out of those buildings alive as the rumour says. Breaking out is also impossible. If by any chance the prisoner escapes the guards or the silver, there is no way they will pass through the Lycan wolves.

I heard that they are rabid. These wolves can no longer shift back to their human form and they attack, and kill even the werewolves. The dead prisoners are their daily treat and it makes my stomach churn when I think about my dad.

What amuses me though, is the fact they understand power. They still submit to ranks like the normal werewolves do.

"It will take time to get used to this place. Personally, I hate it." The man leading the way tells me, and I can already feel my stomach swirl in discomfort at the foul smell emitting from the building.

"Now that the king has found his heir, I can't wait to retire. Men! I wanna travel the world and have alone time with my mate" I still haven't thought about the offer yet, I need to discuss this with Ana. This is not just ruling a pack, it's ruling over werewolves. All the packs in the world. Also, half of the royal pack is occupied by Lycans. Will they bow to a mere wolf?

F u c k! I know when he announces it, there will be challenges from every corner. Now I see why he wants me to be prepared because if I don't, I will easily lose my mate. Ana is my life.

"Don't you have like a council that takes care of their punishment?" "They used to until they became corrupted too. The king has handled everything by himself since then. He doesn't seek advice and his word is final. No one questions his authority and that's why he is still the best to exist. You have a lot to learn son. You should meet my boy, I am sure you

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will learn one or two from him"

Will they accept me?" I vuler out my worry and he chuckles,

"I just told you his word is the law right, what you need to worry about are the challenges that come with that title. I heard you are a good fighter though.

That will be beneficial to you"

"I will be in the next cell" I nod and proceed to the one holding my dad.

The guards wordlessly open the room and I cringe at the foul smell of the dried blood and urine. This place is damn nasty, I can't be here for long. I remain in the doorway staring at the man in the electric chair. His hands and legs are tied with silver chains. I can only imagine what he is feeling. F u c k! Prisoners in packs are not handled in this manner. I pray for my sake that he is innocent. I can't lose Mum and him too. "Please tell me you didn't do it" I whisper walking inside and he weakly lifts his head to look at me.

Son" He murmurs and i clench my fist. It hurts to see him in this position. "I didn't do it, Jace. I could have never thought my mate was hurting my kids all the while" He remorsefully whispers, and I crouch beside his chair. I believe him. I can see it in his eyes and this is just the assurance I needed.

"I trust you, Dad. Do you know anything that will lead me to her? He hurt Ana and my son"

"F u c k! Are they okay?" He is hurting. There is no worse betrayal than that from your mate. The person you have trusted the most in your life.

"The baby is okay, but Ana hasn't woken up. I don't know what to do, it's the fourth day" When I marked her, her body started spotting changes. She regained her normal tone and her breaths are normal. I want her awake.

"That b i t c h. When I met her, there was something unsettling about her. She used to appear sneaky and refused to tell me where she came from. The only thing I know about her is that her parents died and she has no other relatives"

"Goddess! Dad, why didn't you do some research? Are you sure she is even your mate?" I can't believe he just believed her lies.

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"I was out of the pack grounds that day, and the first thing she asked me was my rank in the pack. When I told her I was alpha she gave me this weird smirk and accepted to come home with me" It's obvious she followed him for his money, only. Now I understand why she likes a lavish lifestyle. If this man was anything lower than alpha, no doubt she would have rejected him instantly. Yes, she is my mate. that was not a lie."

Have you suspected anything about her, Like anything?"

"Now that I think about it, she has a safe in her closet that she never allowed me to go near. You should check it out. I ordered my beta not to allow her in the pack grounds when we heard the news"

"I should have known, did you know why she kept Ana from her family?" "I didn't, her excuse was the same one we gave the king. I should have known. I regret being blinded by the mate bond" Father remorsefully whispers.

A lot has been happening for real. No, I hate myself for wasting my two years instead of being a man. Mother has been playing with us and we didn't even

know it.

I need to get Dad out of here.

"I have to go" I mumble walking out of the room

I need to see the contents in that safe.

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"He is innocent" I mumble leaning on the kitchen counter.

I figured son, I will have him released, and stay here until the case is settled" Ana's dad is on the stove making waffles. Guess for whom? With everyone betraying everyone around here, you can't trust anyone to do anything for you. Especially cooking for you. The man does everything for himself and I'm thinking about following in his footsteps.

I can't let harm come to my family just because I couldn't accomplish my responsibility.

"Thank you. He mentioned Mother having a safe in her closet, I wanna check it out and see if it will lead us to anything"

"That's a good idea but I suggest you see your mate first"

"Is she up?" the hope and the eagerness in my voice is unmistakable. "Yes, she woke up 20 minutes ago and she hasn't stopped asking for you" F u c k! I don't wait for him to say it twice before rushing out of the room. I hastily open the door to our room but pause at the magnificent view in front of me.

And...and...I draw you and Daddy, and also grandpa read me many stories of big wolves, and..and... bad vampires" Liam says in one breath with a wide grin on his face. " And, daddy said I am awesome, and... and he said I should teach him to be like me" He proudly exclaims, and I lowly laugh. I love them.

"Really? Oh, goddess! my son is really brave. Tell me more baby" Ana pulls him on her lap and starts caressing his hair. It's getting longer. I don't know if she will allow me to take him for a haircut.

Mummy, I used my Superman powers to wake you up. Daddy and Grandpa don't know anything" F u c k, is he trying to win her over himself? Ana laughs and kisses his cheek" What will I do without you, baby? You save me all the time"

"I will go and bring your food. Grandpa is cooking. He said if you eat you will be strong like me" He shows off his tiny biceps and his mum laugh harder.

She is lucky to have him for the last two years.

This baby is just cute.

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"Minh I clear my throat and all eyes turn to me. She looks a bit weak but at least she is here.

"Daddy, I made Mummy wake up" He shouts running my way and I crouch down to hold him. As expected, he jumps in my arms and I easily catch him.

So much energy. He is an alpha baby after all.

“That’s, amazing son, I didn’t know you had powers?” I praise and he giggles looking at his mother. He wiggles in my arms and I let him down. It doesn’t take a minute for him to disappear behind the doors to get his mummy food. He talks a lot too. He will be just like me.

‘He is awesome” I mumble walking to her and she weakly stands up to meet me.” Baby, you should lie down, okay?” I quickly pick her up and she instantly wraps her legs around my waist.

“I am okay Jace” Ana mumbles staring at me like I’m her favorite snack. “You Scared the hell out of me baby” I sit down on the bed with her straddling my lap.

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Is my dad being hard on you?” She tenderly holds my cheeks. I missed the feeling of her hands on me.

“No, he is good. I am sorry for what that woman did Ana”

“I can’t believe she was the one threatening you Jace”

“Sorry, I marked you” I trail my index finger on my mark and she shivers craning her neck to the side.

You saved me baby” she whispers, longingly staring at my lips, and I am tempted to kiss her

she is sick, and I shouldn’t be thinking about doing anything with her.

“Stop staring at me like that” I whisper but my eyes are stuck on her lips. It’s been a whole four days without my mate.

“Like what?” she whispers with a smirk. Dam n, this girl.

“Baby, you are sick. Stop teasing me okay?” I grumble but the mischievous glint in her eyes makes me chuckle. It’s impossible with Ana. “I missed you. Don’t do that again, yeah?” I whisper, slightly squeezing her as s and pulling her body impossibly closer to mine.

Maybe if you kiss me, I will think about it” I groan smashing my lips on hers. She is irresistible and she knows how to get what she wants.

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“Mummy, Waffles” My son barges in the room and we quickly pull apart.

“Oh, goddess! Did you eat my food?” Ana mumbles in fake surprise and our kid’s eyes widen in guilt. He has evidence all over his mouth. He even used his t-shirt to wipe his mouth. Boy.

“No...” he shakes his head taking a step backwards. So he took over our crazy love for waffles? I don’t even remember when I ate them last. I overgrew the cravings.

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Come here” She moves from my lap and Liam dashes out of the room with a



scream, followed by happy giggles. I love this. It's so refreshing. Now I understand why she was so obsessed with the idea of having kids.

"Grandpa, protect me from mummy" I follow the sounds of their laughter from our room, and I can't help but smile to myself. I have to guard them at all costs. I don't want anyone or anything to take the smiles and laughter from them.

This is the push I just needed.

"Now, who is chasing my little prince?" The king chuckles scooping him from the floor. I can tell he likes having a family around him too. He smiles a lot more these days than when we met. Also, he takes Liam almost everywhere he goes, even to the court.

"Mummy" he points at his mother

He ate my food, Dad" Ana complains, getting in her dad's arms, and once again I feel jealous for having to share them with him.

"I have to go. Don't get in trouble please" I slightly kiss her lips before embracing her.

"Watch over your mummy son, okay?" I kiss his head and he frantically nods, acting like a big boy.

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Okay Daddy"

"Take one of the cars from the garage" I nod to the King and walk away before Ana could object again.

We have been debating over it for the last thirty minutes. She thinks it's risky and that I shouldn't go if she is not coming along.

"Jace, man" Chase greets me immediately after I step out of my car. I mind-linked him when I was almost at the pack borders." This is crazy bro. I don't understand what is happening, the whole pack is tense."

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I know, do you know how much this is hard for me? F u c k! nothing seems real anymore" I whisper shutting the door. Ana's dad insisted that I should have guards accompany me. Thankfully, they won't be following me in the house.

Is Ana okay? Did you meet your son?"

"Yeah, you should see him, he is all me" I smile when I remember my boy. At least I have something that gives me hope.

"So it's true you are not coming back? We heard the King found his successor and I don't have to guess who. Look man, nothing is the same. without you here, you have to take me with you" Chase pleadingly whispers and I ignore them taking the front door steps.

The front door is locked, but I easily locate the spare keys from one of the front flower pots. There is no one in the house. The many workers Mum had

hired are nowhere to be seen. Shocking how things can change from normal to worse in a minute.

Stay here," I tell Chase and start taking the direction to my parent's room. I can't easily trust anyone at this moment. If Mum betrayed us to this extent, what worse can a friend do?

Their door is open and I directly walk to her closet.

Without wasting time, I grab all the clothes from the closet and throw them on the floor.

Right there in front of me, is truly a safe and I still can't believe my dad stayed ignorant of all this.

I take deep breaths fisti n g my palm and hit the metal but it only bends. I try three more times until it completely demolishes.

With a sigh, I light the torch of my phone and hold in a gasp. She was up to something.

Bundles and bundles of cash. What is all of this for?

I pull them out and dump them on the floor. I want something that will lead me to someone or something. After the numerous bundles, I am met with a couple of passports, of different states. What appalls me is the different names and looks the passports bear.

Emilia Garcia, a thirty-seven-year-old brunette. The next one has Jenipher Owens, who has black hair and is 35 years old. I put the remaining on the floor and move on to the next surprise.

A file that holds documents: I will look into this with the King

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The only way to get Dad out is to lay everything I find here on the table. The next content is a pair of matching Cartier bracelets. A man's and a woman's. One has Clara imprinted on it and the other has Jason. Was he her lover or something?

The last contents in the box are photos of Ana and me and a camera. The same pictures they used to threaten me with.

F u c k!

"Jace" Chase shouts from downstairs, and I gather all the evidence I need and quickly put them in one of Dad's backpacks.

"You gotta see this Jace" His voice becomes clear and I quickly lock the door behind me.

"What is it?" I whisper, following his gaze.

"Cameras man, they are all over" He points at the walls, and I freeze in position. Does our house have cameras?

" , she's watching. Let's go"

This won't be as easy as I thought.

Ana.

“Sit down sweetheart, you are making me feel dizzy when you keep doing that” I ignore my dad’s comment and continue shifting from one point to another.

Three f u c k i n g hours. It’s been three hours since my mate left and he is not back. What is taking Jace so long? He is not picking up my calls and I can’t help but assume the worse.

“I will call him again” I worriedly mumble, dialing his number and it goes straight to voicemail. “See what I’m talking about Dad? his phone is switched off.” I have called him about twenty times but non of my calls were picked. The phone going off is really a bad sign.

Oh! goddess. I tug at my hair and breath deeply.

Baby, sit down please” Dad grabs my shoulders and pushes me into a seat and I groan. He doesn’t understand. ” Take this.” Father hands me a glass of water and I sigh drowning it in one big gulp.

“Dad, my instinct is telling me...” I worriedly start, but he immediately cuts me off. So rude.

“Hold on there, sweetheart. First, you are too young to have an instinct, and second, my men went with him and they would have notified me if anything went wrong” I don’t trust his men or anyone else around my mate.

“Are you forgetting what happened the other day” I am about to stand when he pushes me down again.

Goddess! Am I overreacting?

I should trust my mate. He is strong and a hell of a fighter..

F u c k, even my own words are not convincing enough.

I knew I should have gone with him. My mate needs me, Dad” I look at him with pleading eyes, and he starts laughing. What is funny so here? “Hey, stop laughing at me” I complain hitting his arm with my phone, “Hey, stop laughing at mummy” My son chimes in, and it’s only now that I’m realizing he woke up from his nap.

F u c k me.

You should see yourself right now sweetheart, you just woke un you are too weak to do anything he mumbles trying to stop himself from laughing. He is so cute.

Daddy said I should protect my mummy” Liam defensively stands in front of me and I chuckle ruffling his hair. Of course, my Superman will protect me. It’s never boring with him in the room.

Come and get me, my prince, show me what you got” Dad beckons him with his arms and my baby runs toward him with a cry of war. He will be a great warrior like his dad.

Three minutes later, I smell him and that has me getting off my sit as fast as lightning.

“Oh, babe! you are okay” I run to my mate as soon as he enters the front doors.” Are you okay?” I ask, inspecting him for any signs of injury,

“I am perfect, See” He widens his arms and gestures down to his body with a wide grin. ” Come here, baby” Jace holds me to his chest and I sigh wrapping my hands around him.

“I have been calling you without response, do you know how worried I was?” I mutter inhaling his heavenly scent.

“Sorry baby, I left my phone in the car” he mumbles kissing my head.

“I’m fine too Ana” I look behind Jace to see Chase. What is he doing here? My trust issues are showing up again.

“Daddy, I am protecting mummy. See, I beat Grandpa up” We turn around and laugh at the sight of Liam pinning my groaning dad on the floor.

“Da m n, he is cute!” Chase mumbles taking steps forward for a better look.

“That’s my champion. Can I know what he did to her, sweetheart?” Jace says picking him up from Dad. I love the fact that they are getting along just fine.

‘He was laughing at mummy and... and he said mummy should sit down” He enthusiastically explains and his father chuckles and winks at me. Dam n, Jace.

Woah! That was so bad baby, thank you for keeping her safe for me. yeah?”

Jace pinches his cheek and he giggles with frantic nods.

Do you need help down there?” I stretch my hand out for Dad and he chuckles taking it.

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saddens and I quickly embrace him.

“We are here now Dad, we are here” I mumble patting his back.

“Is everything okay son? someone was about to come to look for you” Dad smirks looking at me and I roll my eyes. Every mate will behave the same way I did.

“No, I just said, I should have gone with him” I quickly defend and Jace gives me that knowing smirk again. They are now ganging up on me.

“Tell me you found something” Dad hopefully asks and Jace nods with a slightly sad smile.

“What is he doing here?” Dad points at Chase with a frown, his demeanor completely changing.

“He is a friend, Dad,” I tell him grabbing the backpack from Jace, I can tell the contents of the bag will be another shocker to us. But I hopefully believe it will also lead us to the enemy.

“So you are telling us we don’t know her real identity?” I whisper staring at the countless passports she owns. This is just high-end crazy. Jace placed

everything on our dining table and because of security problems, he excused Chase from the room.

“Yes, and there is more” He pushes a camera and a bunch of our photos together in front of me and I gasp. This is crazy. How do you even threaten your own son? With the way I love Liam, I can’t imagine myself doing anything to him.

That woman can really act. F u c k, I loved her so much because I thought she was one of the kindest people I ever met in my life.

“I found this file too, I am not sure I want to see what is in it” He mumbles in a sad voice, and I gently squeeze his hand to offer comfort. This must be so hard for him.

“It’s okay son, Ana and I will check it out” Dad assures him and he quickly gets up from his seat.

“My dad?” Cra p! I heard Alpha was in the cells.

“He is at the pack hospital. I will have him brought here” Jace nods and kisses my head before leaving the room.

“Jason Parker” I read out loud the name on the first document. It’s a marriage certificate between Jason Parker and Cla... 1

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Do you know any of these names?” I ask Dad who appears to be deep in thought.

The name Parker sounds familiar, I just don’t know where I heard it from” He keenly reads the paper and sighs pushing it away.

The next document is a title deed that shows the joint purchase of land in the human world. There are also documents showing the various properties and businesses the couples own. The last page of the file though, has a picture of Jace’s mum and the other person in the photo has part of his head torn, making it hard for us to identify him.

“Do you think maybe there are chances of this Clara being Jace’s mum?” I mumble staring at the blonde in the picture. How can someone have so many personalities? She is so fake.

She obviously has a lot she’s hiding from Alpha. Poor man.

“We need to find this Jason guy and we will get our answers. I will do everything in my power to serve you and your mum the justice you deserve honey. Whoever these people are, they won’t stay in hiding forever” I have never seen the determination in his eyes before.

Who is that woman and what has she been up to?

Who is she working for.

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Jace.

approach Chase, who is currently playing with my son in his room. I wonder if the king will allow him to stay here. The future of my pack is still unknown to me.

If I decide to take the king's offer, then I will be forced to drop the title to my beta who doesn't want to stay either. I will leave that stress to Dad. I don't know if he is in the right mind to go back home, to the house he built for his mate.

For all I know, the documents in that file won't be anything near good. Did it have to be my mum of all the people?

She ruined everything.

"Jace. This is the cutest baby I have ever laid my eyes on" Chase marvels at Liam and I can't agree less. His deep blue eyes shine with innocence and delight. He has long brown hair that I think should be trimmed. The baby is busy playing with his toys to notice the adults staring at him. I don't know what I would have done without them in my life.

"I know Chase" I sit on Liam's bed and bury my face in my palms. Now I wish I was born an ordinary wolf, and not in the alpha family.

"It will pass Jace. Everything will be okay" Chase places his hand on my back and I remain quiet. I know it will not be okay. I already lost my mother. No matter what happens, if she is found the king will not spare her.

I will never have the woman I have loved all my life with me again. It will break my dad apart forever. Our once-happy family is no more.

Is my daddy sad?" I feel his little fingers pulling away my hands from my face and I do everything not to show him my tears.

"No baby, Daddy is fine. It's just .." F u c k! What should I say? His wide eyes are intently staring into mine like the kid is trying to read my mind.

"Look champion, your dad just misses your mum. He is okay" Chase holds his little shoulders, and saves me the trouble of breaking down in front of my son.

"Don't worry, I will go tell mummy, okay? Don't be sad Daddy, I will protect you too" My son kisses my cheek and rushes out of the room. F u c k, I can't hold it in anymore. His innocent gesture is g me up.

Say f u c k i n g many comunions

I will watch him Chase mumbles rusting after Liam and Fm thankf hele giving me time.

"Habe, Ana doesn't talk or say anything else when I don't look at her.

The moves between my parted legs mud holds my head to her tummy. My hands go behind her back and pull her into me.

After silently letting my stress out, I pull her on my bap and immediately likes her

If one day you decide to take everything from me, goddess, please keep this

woman and my son with me. Let them stay at all costs, please, I'm sorry lube, is there something I should do?" She remorsefully whispers, tracing her fingertips on my cheeks to dry them. She is so beautiful and kind. I should have never caused her pain.

I love you so much, you know that right?" I kiss her nose and she nods maintaining eye contact "Thank you for giving me a wonderful son" I whisper placing a haste kiss on her lips.

I put her through hell but she is still here. Loving me despite everything. Holding me and wiping away my tears when I can't handle my more.

"Do you want to talk about it?" She cups my cheeks and I harshly bite my lip. I have to remain strong.

"Not today, it's hard" I mumble avoiding her gaze. Ana kisses my forehead and nods in understanding

"Dad told me to ask you about his offer" She changes the topic and I'm glad "I don't know, it appears to be a huge responsibility" I sigh as I slightly squeeze her as s.

"I know Jace, I will be there to help, every step of the way. Nay yes please she coerses perking my lip. " Plus he will wait until you are ready before he retires" She adds and I sigh. I have no choice, It's Ana's birthright and if u gors to someone else, it won't be fair to her and her dad. My son too. "I have to talk to Dad first, he needs to find his replacement similarly". After everything that is happening, I doubt he will want to go back to the pack again.

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I understand, I want to be there for any family, and the ruling will take most of my time. Dad has no one else to belo h m face"

OVE ME AGAIN, MATE

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"I am here, I just want to let Dad know first. The file was it any good?" my curiosity gets the best of me, and I can't help but ask.

"It was all about Clara Jacobs, and Jason Parker. Dad is already trying to find out who they are"

I don't know anything about my maternal background. It's all blank. Mum claimed she was the only child and her parents together with her grandparents died. On my paternal side though. I have both grandparents and an aunt. I don't know if they heard about what happened.

"Your dad is already here, we should go talk to him" She pulls me up with her and we leave the room.

"Are you okay?" I sit beside Dad and Ana sits on the other side of him Liam is already on his lap, talking his brain out.

"Yes, I just arrived here, and guess who I met?" he taps the baby's nose and

he happily grins.

“My daddy was sad, and I protected him by... by telling mummy to go to... daddy” He proudly says and everyone starts laughing. The king is not around. He must have gone to his office.

“You did that?” Dad acts shocked, and my son proudly nods, innocently staring at me.

“That is so brave honey, continue protecting them, okay?” he whispers kissing his hair.

“Yes” Liam wiggles from his lap and runs to chase “Come on. I will teach how to ride a truck” I guess he just made another friend.

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“I am sorry” Ana wraps her hand around and Father places her face on his shoulder. Dad places his arm around her and kisses her head. He is a strong man.

“I am sorry for what we did honey, I should have known her intentions. Come here son” Dad pulls him to him too and we remain in that position for a while.

“So, I heard you are the new heir” Dad proudly stares at me and I simply nod. News really travels first. This will only cause more trouble to us, at least until the coronation. It’s clear everyone is out to get that title.

“Go for it son, I’m handing the pack over to my beta” I knew he will.” Did you find something?” he whispers and I clench my jaw. I won’t be the one to break it to him.

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“Yeah, I mumble looking at Ana.

Do you perhaps know, Clara Jacobs and Jason Parker?” Ana asks and my dad’s face goes pale. His hands start to shake and I don’t have to guess to know he is angry.

“That b i t c h, I f u c k i n g knew it”

Chapter 29

Ana.

His reaction shows just how mad he is.

Alpha instantly gets up from the seat with his palms tightly fisted. “When I met your mother, this person would always call her. I would always find her hidden somewhere talking to a man called Jason.” He stressfully runs his fingers in his hair and stares outside the window. “One day I found her in an argument with him and she was crying. That’s when I confronted her. Bit c h ignored me and when I insisted, she threatened to leave and out of desperation, I marked her and

immediately completed the mate bond. That was when Jace was conceived”

Does this mean maybe he was his lover? or husband like the document.



says? I can't ask him that though. The man is already hurting.

"Clara Jacobs, Do you know her?" my mate is the one to ask and I quickly move closer and take his hand. He is upset too. If Liam could notice it, I can't imagine his feelings right now.

"This dude used to address her by Clara and she told me it was her nickname when she was growing up, Is there something I should know about?" Alpha turns to us and I share concerned glances with Jace. This is f u c k e d up. So she lied to her mate. Everything she told him was a lie. Even her name?

So I am the reason she stayed because her boss ordered her to. If it wasn't for me maybe she would have left Jace and his father long ago.

Jace bites his lip harshly and nods for me to bring the files. He always does that when he is extremely angry and doesn't wanna talk.

I silently grab the file and hand it over to Alpha. I take back my sit beside my mate and do everything in my power not to look at him. I should leave the room, but I can't leave my mate alone.

"g h" the man cries shredding the papers in useless pieces." I will kill her, how dare she?" she shouts and I feel Jace shaking beside me. This getting out of control. She did wrong by lying to her mate. They don't deserve this. I can feel their loss.

Alpha loved that woman like crazy. They were always laughing, joking  
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around, and kissing everywhere. Was all of that pretending? Was she perhaps being blackmailed? I wish for the latter, for the sake of Alpha and his son.

Baby, it's okay" I take both of his hands in mine and squeeze them in assurance.

Wordlessly, Alpha shifts and his wolf disappears through the window, breaking it in the process.

I will

go after him" My mate is about to stand but I hold him in place. I am not comfortable with him leaving me.

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He will be back babe, don't leave please" F u c k, now I sound selfish. But I can't help it. I will start worrying again when he goes out of that door.

"He needs someone, Ana, he has no one else left" He sadly whispers. I reluctantly let his hand go and nodded in understanding. Jace takes the same route his dad took and shifts to pursue him. I would like to follow them but I can't leave Liam alone. I don't trust anyone with him after what Leo did.

Sweetheart, don't let the baby out of your sight.' dad mind links me and I quickly rush to Liam's room.

'Okay, Dad, is everything okay?' I enquire, opening his door, and I sigh in

relief when I spot them on the floor playing with his tracks.

“Yes, Leo’s mother is on her way with her goons. She is coming for her son. Be careful, they might use any means possible for their advantage’ Shi t, Jace just went out.

‘Dad, my mate is out. He went after his angry dad after he read the files’ ‘I know baby, they are within the pack borders and my beta is watching over them. Be careful until I arrive home’

Okay Dad’

“Hey guys” I call out and they both turn to look at me.

“Mummy” Liam happily exclaims like he hasn’t seen me for days.

Hello baby, is he learning anything?’ I point at Chase and he smiles. nodding.

“I made him awesome like me, do you want me to show you too?”

“Of course baby”

“You know what Ana? I want a son too” Chase says, fondly staring and my baby.

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“Yeah? Last time you didn’t care about your mate”

“I know, it’s just that things are different between us. She has her eyes on someone else and she acts as if I don’t exist. I am tired of waiting for her to make up her mind”

“Who is she?” Chase is hot, and every girl in our pack would do anything to gain his attention.

“You remember Lily right?” my eyes widen when I recall who he is talking about. She was the bi t c h y cheerleader in our school that wouldn’t stop eye i n g my mate. Don’t tell me she still has that crazy obsession. “Is she still after my mate?” I whisper in disbelief and he sadly nods. Bitc h, what will you do?” Goddess, I am letting no woman near my mate. Jace is a father now. Liam needs his dad.

You know I can’t force her Ana, If the mate bond can’t bend her will, what much can I do?”

“I can bet, if you became Alpha today, she will come crawling to you. Most girls were after Jace for his title and appearance.”

“I don’t care anymore, It’s been two years, and I already made up my mind to reject her. I will find someone who sees my worth. That’s why I followed Jace here”

“Wait, you are not going back?”

“I am not, my brother will take my place. Can you talk to your dad for me?”

“Only if you promise she won’t be following you here, I have had enough shi t Chase, I can’t allow anyone to ruin it for me, especially my son” “I understand. I will officially reject her when I go back for my stuff”

‘Baby, they are here. Take the baby and lock yourselves in my room. Just the

two of you. Tell your friend I need him on the battleground in case a fight breaks'

"Shi t, we need to go. Come on baby" I quickly pick my son from the ground and face Chase. " Mind link Jace, and find him please."

"Is everything okay? Shi t..." he quickly stands up when the sirens go off.

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Ana.

"Mummy, are bad people coming again?" My baby worries, frantically looking around us and I hasten my steps to my dad's room.

"Yes, baby. We need to be careful, and I want you to be brave for me like last time okay?" I whisper, and his heartbeat speeds up. I don't know when this will end. My baby needs to grow up in a more peaceful environment.

"Mummy, let's go home. Bad people are not at our home" He whispers and I halt in my steps. The people we considered family are the ones that turned out to be the bad people. He never asked about Leo from the day he saw him hurting me.

"Baby, don't you want to stay with daddy and grandpa?" I whisper and resume walking.

"I want. Will Daddy protect us?" he whispers, tightly wrapping his arms around my neck.

"Yes, and if we leave, he will be so sad. You don't want your dad sad, right?"

"I want to protect him"

"Then let's stay and protect him, okay? Your dad is like a superman, and he will chase the bad guys away, you will see" I whisper placing him on the bed but he holds me tight. He is scared.

Last time they almost killed me in front of him, and I am sure it is an experience he doesn't want to witness again.

"Mummy, please don't sleep again" The tremble in his voice makes my heart sink. I sit on the bed and hold my baby closely.

Please, goddess, protect us.

"I won't sleep, I promise" I blink away the tears welling in my eyes. I know I'm saying it so he will be less worried but in case anything happens to me, my son will be in danger. No one is around the house and I'm shi t scared.

We will be fine. You will see, sleep baby" I kiss his hair and cradle him to my chest.

Baby, are you okay?' Jace's worried voice sounds in my mind. Dad LOVE ME AGAIN. MATE

promised to be here but he hasn't arrived yet. After this, I will force my wolf to shift. I can't continue being this helpless.

Ana?

'Yeah, we are fine' I mutter kissing my son's head.

I am coming'

Minutes later, the sound of a door shutting startles my son, and he starts whimpering. His hands tightly clutch my top and he starts releasing slow snuffles. He is crying.

Goddess.

"Baby, it's just Daddy, okay?" I whisper when I smell my mate's scent. Liam quickly sits up and expectantly stares at the closed door.

'In my dad's room, The door bursts open and my worried mate appears in front of us.

"Daddy, you left us again" My baby starts crying as he lifts his hands for Jace to pick him up.

"No, baby. I am here" When he quickly picks him up, Liam instantly presses his face into his neck.

"Bad people hurt mummy and me when you leave us" he cries harder and I immediately stand up. This is so heartbreaking. I blink away my tears and walk to my dad's bathroom. I can't watch him break down like that.

"I am sorry baby, I will never leave you again, okay? I promise. I won't let bad people hurt you again" I block away their voices and wash my face. Liam trusts his father. How can I bring a being into the world and fail to protect him? I remember when that woman slapped him so hard that I felt it on my fingertips.

I couldn't do anything. If his dad didn't show up, we would have been dead already. How can I be this useless?

"Ana" Jace worriedly knocks on the bathroom door. I can feel his perturbed feelings. He still blames himself for his mum's actions and I don't like it.

"I will be out in a second" I grab one of Dad's towels to dry my face and hands.

I am sorry" My mate instantly grabs my head, and places it on his chest immediately I open the door. "I am sorry I left you vulnerable. Sorry I made you scared" He places frequent kisses on my head, and I bite my

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lower lip to stop myself from crying.

Liam just calmed down, and I can't stress my mate with my crying against So I take in deep breaths of his scent and hold on to him.

Muminy, don't be scared anymore, Daddy is here now, he will protect us His little fingers touch my chair, and I nod without looking up. I can't believe I let him sense my fear. Whom am I kidding, I was shaking as f u c k.

"I love you" he murmurs and I sniffle.

"I am okay, thanks" I quickly pull away from Jace and I am glad he understands I need to compose myself. No matter how down I am feeling, I

can't let Liam see my tears.

However, the pictures on Dad's bedside table caught my attention. Dad, a woman, and a little girl. They are all smiles and my hurt clenches when I remember how the young family was ruthlessly torn apart.

My hands clench around the edges of the picture until my knuckles turn white. I will never forgive anyone who participated in that crime, and I pray Dad won't let them go.

Before I could return the photo to its stand though, a memory flushes in my mind so fast and I gasp. The woman in the photo looks so familiar to me.

I remember seeing her one day in Canada.

There was a day Nia visited Leo at work, and when I entered the office unannounced, she quickly closed the door and said they were in a meeting. A woman was kneeling on the floor, but I didn't get enough chance to look at her.

She was disheveled, unlike in this photo though.

With everything happening, I won't be surprised with anything anymore.

But Dad said they found a body in the forest.

'Dad?' I have to make sure.

'Baby, you are okay, right? I sent your mate to you'

Dad, did they leave?'

'No, she says that she has something that belongs to me. I think she is bluffing, Liam and you are okay'

Goddess, it's true then.

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Dont let them go, Dad, they have a woman in the photo'

What photo, sweetheart?'

"The one in your room. The family photo' I hurriedly whisper and it goes silent

'Dad'

I call again again but what follows is a loud terrifying growl. A growl that violently shakes the ground beneath us.

A howl of an enraged wolf.