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Chapter 46

3rd Person Pov.

The Alpha King stares at the woman in front of him and once again, it feels like the first time he met her years ago. She is still as captivating as he remembers. Though roughened up from the possible hardship she had to endure, his heart can't help but skip when he stares into her grey eyes. Sad and and calling out for him.

He has no protest but to heed his lover's call.

The woman, however, can't believe that she was able to make out from the clutches of their enemies. Nineteen years ago, their gamma had lured her out of the mansion telling her the little princess was in danger.

The woman followed him without hesitation. Furthermore, how was she supposed to know that their devoted gamma had bad intentions with them? When they reached the dense forest, she was drugged by wolfsbane which instantly we eakened her wolf.

When she woke up, she found herself in an unfamiliar environment. The dark room had no light due to the lack of windows that would allow the sun to illuminate the tiny space. She knew she was played.

Days passed and no one came to see her. Until one day when she almost succumbed to hunger, Nia approached her.

"You are here because of your husband. We want him weak for the next chall enge" She had said.

She understood that being royal was

both a blessing and a curse. A blessing because of the perks the title came wi th and a curse due to the hungry eyes aimed at the title.

"You will never weaken him" Her confidence in her mate didn't waver.

She was a pure Lycan from a royal family. Since they had completed the mate bond and marked each other, it made him as strong as her. The marking mad e them possess equal strength.

Purebred Lycans are unbeatable in a fight. Unless the other party resolves to use other means like poison to weaken them. Just like they did.

The woman had laughed. Staring at the one in chains with loathing "You think being royal gives you enough mandate to decide who stays in the pack and w ho should leave? My son will never experience growing up **with** other wolves because of your pride"

The queen took her time to asses the woman only to remember they **are** the s ame family that has been after the throne for ages. The whole Nia generation made it a habit of going against the ruling family until the **queen's** dad chose to banish all of them.

"You challenged the throne, what did you expect?"

Tell you what, you are dead to the world. You will never see your little princes s or your mate. You are dead to the world" Nia yells bitterly and leaves her to worry.

They were wrong. She is back with her family.

"Leah" The man whispers running to his mate.

The old man roughly packs his car on the northern border of the royal pack. Three of Leonado's men are already waiting for the woman to deliver what she was sent to.

"Is she here yet? Leo sends me to find out what is taking you too long" He say s approaching the group who immediately straightens to acknowledge him. A sign of respect.

"She is almost here" The group leader announces with a slight bend of his neck. They are wolves recruited

from other packs to do Leo's dirty bidding. The wolves are promised greatnes s when the time comes and their greed prevents them from thinking rationally.

The old man nods and instantly draws his dagger. It's coated with wolfbane and just a strike will be lethal to the wolves. They are just ordinary anyway.

When the dagger pierces the neck of one of them, the other two are alarmed. They can't decide whether to attack or not. They understand he is dangerous and a higher power. Also, the man has great importance to

their boss.

So they chose to run.

However, two consecutive bullets hit their backs before they could reach any f ar.

Stupid pups he laments dragging their bodies deeper into the forest so as to hide them Always causing trouble for nothing

He occupies their initial position and waits. Minutes later, a teenage girl appears cradling a sleeping boy in her arms. The girl looks terrified. Her eyes tearfully roam around the woods and when they finally land on

film, he sighs in relief and quickly walks in his direction.

Here, I have to go back before they find out it's me" She carelessly tosses the boy in the man's arms, waking him in the process.

"Wait" His voice forces her to stop. She can't go against it even if she wants to . It's a command from a higher power.

"Where is the woman? The young woman frightened, stares around in panic,

"He said he already let her out. She should be here any minute" She is about to walk away when he orders he to get in the car. She doesn't trust this guy.

"Give me your phone" He instructs and with trembling hands, she stretches he r hands forward and places the phone in the man's palm. Why can't I defy his order?

Leo had informed her that three of his men would be waiting. Why is it only on e dude with two cars? Why does he appear so powerful?

Meanwhile, the shaking boy warily stares at the two adults. He knows he is no t safe around them. Liam has never been to the woods before and as a result, he is scared to say a word.

Hello little prince, I won't hurt you, okay? Give me a second and I will take you to your mummy" The old man whispers. He tries to be as soft as he can. The young boy doesn't utter a word. Instead, his eyes start to water at the mention of her mummy.

He wants her. Liam knows nothing will happen to him when she and his daddy are around. But these people are unfamiliar to him.

The old man sees the fear in Liam's eyes and decides to make it quick. He places the boy on his feet and walks to the car the girl is in.

Without wasting time, he strongly punches her temple and she slumps in the s eat falling unconscious.

That will buy me some time' the man thinks and locks the car.

"Let me take you home sweetheart" He turns around to the boy, but little Liam is nowhere to be seen.

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Little Liarn could sense he was in danger. As soon as the man placed him on the ground, he took his chance and dashed to the forest. He couldn't wait to see what will happen next. The young boy intended to **find** his mommy even though he had no idea which way would take him to her. The man, however, could not risk stepping into the pack grounds without reason. If the boy was still he re, he could have had an excuse. He also knows he can't leave the boy alone due to the impending danger.

"Come on, Liam He mutters following his scent. He couldn't have gotten far

Jace has never felt so much anger and fear at the same time. He glowered at Chase but then again he remembered that blameshifting wont save his son. So he instantly shifted and followed his son's faint scent.

Unknown to Jace, a figure was hiding behind a thick tree watching and admiring his agile movements. The old man was awed by his wolf

He grew up so fast he gushed watching as Jace's wolf eagerly sniffed around for his son.

Meanwhile, Ana and the rest headed in the same direction as Jace.

Liam was so tired of running and when he heard the man's footsteps fast appr oaching, he quickly hid underneath bushes. The little boy had no idea that his scent would sell him out.

There you go, I found you" The man chuckles gently taking the boy but being careful not to allow the wild bushes to injure him.

"I want my mummy" The little boy suddenly bursts out in tears when he realise s his effort had gone to waste.

"Of course, sweetheart, I will take you to her" Liam hides his face behind his p alms and sob. The man carrying him feels the boys pain and hurries towards t he clearing. When he spots Jace's wolf, he takes cover behind a Tree and ma sks his scent.

He hadn't seen Jace for a long time and just seeing him here, made him almo st hesitate to let the boy go. He wants to look at him some more but when various steps are heard towards his direction, he gently puts the bab y on the floor and pushes him slightly forward.

doesn't take long for Jace to find Liam.

Die man smirks at the reunion. As Ana and the rest shift back i

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their son, he smiles walking to his last mission.

My queen **The** man smiles charmingly when he approaches the beautiful **wo man** in front of him. The queen smiles walking into his **spread** arms.

Is everything going on **as** planned?" The woman asks nuzzling her face **in** his broad chest.

"Absolutely darling. Everything is going perfectly. Now we just need to do **awa y** with the stupid boy" He smirks at the body lying unconsciously on the floor. What *a* pathetic wolf in the name of king?' he wonders staring at Noah's body.

Once again, the mate bond proved to be useless after all. Love always wins.

"You returned the baby, right? He is still my grandson" The woman mumbles staring at Noah in disdain. 'A mere wolf thought he could climb the ladder to the

throne just because of a mere mate bond.? I will never accept him in decades . Father is not here to force me to him anymore'

"Yes, everything is done. So what's next?" The man lifts her chin and softly kis ses her.

"You are going to take him with you. Make sure he remains locked. If you have to, kill that pathetic boy you call a son"

"You know I can't. He is stupid but he is still mine Maya"

"Yeah, yeah. Just make sure he doesn't get in our way. I need a warm shower, these clothes disgust me" Maya looks down at herself and cringes. It was her disguise to get them to believe them.

"I will go ahead. I hope everything goes as planned" The man wearily whisper s. He has loved her since they were teenagers but he doesn't fully trust her. A woman who can easily betray her mate can cause a lot more.

trouble.

However, he is not any better. He rejected a heavily pregnant mate for his **firs t** love. Leonardo was born by luck and he will never make the mistake of killin g him. He let Maya kill his mate, he will protect his son at all **costs**. Both of the m./

"Yes, I am going to cry over my mate's disappearance and when I wake up to morrow, I will reclaim my throne. I hope you will be here when that happens"

Of course, I will be here. Let me handle the loose ends first"

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"Baby, where did you go? Ana whispers, softly running her fingers through Lia m's hair.

That bad man took me, mummy" The young boy points in the direction they c ame from but when the adults look, they find no one is in sight.

I smell her on him" Jace clenches his feast and takes the direction Liam just p ointed at.

However, when the two adults sensed the upcoming presence, they quickly g ot into action. The man gave the woman a warning stare regarding the boy co ming in their direction. A silent caution that the understands so well.

Without another word, he hurls Noah on his shoulder and exits the pack groun ds. He wondered how proud the man on his shoulder was to ignore the securit y of the royal pack

As it stands, because of his dominant rule, half of his pack is against him Noa h doesn't even know that the council has always been on Maya's side all alon e. And to think he was about to bring Jace into the chaos **of** power. He would never let him do that.

It's a bloody position that he doesn't intend to let anyone he cares about

near it

"Help, someone help me The woman wails and quickly stabs her thigh with the knife

she used to slaughter Nia with Jace being near to her, runs to the writhing wo man and watches her in concern.

That idiot cheated **on** me. He looks just like him. He is lucky I will not touch him because he cares for my princess.

"What happened?" Jace crouches next to her. Something does not feel right. When the king ordered everyone to leave, the guards went back to the palace. So where is the King and how come she is hurt?

"They took him. I tried to stop them but they were so strong" She cries harder and face quickly stand

s up becoming alarmed. He knows Noah He has seen him fight a thousand w olves and emerge without a scratch.

He looks down at the wound on the woman's thigh and furrows his eyebrows. If it's true

they took her mate, She should be having severe injuries, or better still, she should be dead.

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Since the Kingdom can't stay without a ruler. The council arrives two days later to intercept the matter. As expected, they recognize Maya and instantly hand over the throne to her.

"Thank you lovelies, Thank you for your loyalty. I want to make it known to you that you will be **greatly** rewarded" The woman slurs pressing **a glass** of wine on her red—

painted lips. The men she is addressing appear to be pleased with the alluring woman in front of them.

"What about your mate? I hope he won't barge here to cause trouble for us. A s far as we know, he is the rightful ruler, and you can only take his place when he dies" One of them asks a little bit bitterly. He doesn't appear infatuated by the woman in front of him.

The woman, however, doesn't like to be questioned in such a manner but to h ave whatever he wants, he will let it slide.

"That is taken care of. And soon I will be introducing my chosen mate to you" As soon as she utters the worst, a silent gasp is heard followed by quick retre ating footsteps.

"Kill that idiot" The woman screams throwing the glass of the unfinished wine to one of the guards surrounding her. "Useless idiots, how can't you not know someone was eavesdropping?

"Ana runs into his mate's arms and hugs him tight.

"We were right Jace, that woman did something to dad. She is planning to bring her lover here"

'I knew it' Jace exclaims burying his face in her hair.

'We need to find him Jace, we need to get out of here'

'If we go home she will know we figured her out. I don't know who to trust arou nd here. Everyone seems shady'

The door bangs open and the guards rush inside looking around. One of them has a wine stain on his white shirt.

"Did anyone rush in here?" the leader asks sniffing around around. Ana had masked her scent when she was eavesdropping.

"No. It is just my mate and I around" Jace asserts and they head out to continue their search.

When the queen was sworn in, Jace's dad together with Chase took Liam with them to their previous pack. It's clear something big is about to happen in the royal pack and they couldn't have Liam in the middle of it. When the woman to ok her mate's place with no ounce of concern,

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People started raising

questions. Even the council who has been away for a long time suddenly app eared and in support of her.

She hasn't sent anyone to go in search of her supposed mate and everyone is talking. It is just a matter of time before the kingdom revolts. As much as Noa h was strict, he served his people well and the view that betrayed him was cle arly from the opposing side.

Ana knew she couldn't leave without her dad. She just can't ignore he doesn't exist and from what she just heard moments ago, she needs to save him.

"Where do we start?" Ana whispers draping her arms around Jace.

"Let's talk to his beta. He is your dad's best friend. He will know what to do " A fter thinking about it for some time, Ana nods. She knows the woman will repla ce every subordinate in the pack. Everyone who worked for Dad will be replaced no doubt.

"Okay, let's make this quick. Let's go" She pulls Jace with her towards *the* doo r but stops when the queen herself slowly walks in.

"I need to have a word with you" She directs her words to Ana and walks

past them to the study room. The couples share worried glances before Ana f ollows her supposed mother.

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Ana worriedly follows behind the woman, She can't help but ask herself

if she knows she was the one eavesdropping or if she heard her

conversation with Jace.

Her father's office still holds his warm scent giving her a sense of loneliness, S he misses him and she wonders why this woman was behaving this way. First , it was Jace's mother, then Chase's mate, and now her father's mate.

What is it with people ruining relations just because of power?

"Take a sit" The woman takes her father's seat and motions for her to sit too. Ana grits her teeth when remembers how undeserving this woman is. She is not worth her father, let alone sitting in his chair.

"No, thank

you" Ana whispers walking to the window. Whenever she is worried, she tend s to stare at the forest through her window as if the wilderness will solve her pr oblems.

The woman keenly stares at her daughter in amazement. This will be the first she stares at Ana closely after so many years. She grew up to be a lovely young lady. Whenever she looks at her, she sees Noah behind t hose eyes and a part of her feels guilty.

If it wasn't for the moon Goddes forcing a mere wolf on her as a mate, She would have had a great time with the love of her life. But now everything will change. Now that she has everything she ever wanted, she needs to get her daughter on her side.

Ana is the only thing standing between her and Noah. She can't afford to lose her only child. Ana has to choose. And she prays she chooses her.

"What did you want to talk about?" Ana turns to face her mother and leans on the wall behind her. Her face lacks interest in the woman occupying her dad's seat or whatever she wants to say.

"Your dad is no more..."

"My dad is alive" Ana seethes, moving closer to her father's office table." He s pent his lifetime alone, and when he heard you were still alive, he sent people to look for you. My dad was to come himself for you" She bitterly chuckles, "Lo ok at you, hail Queen, you **are** so relaxed and convinced that he is dead" The venom in the daughter's voice **doesn't** go unnoticed by the mother.

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Watch your mouth" The woman **snaps** at the vivid lack of respect from her da ughter.

"If you

don't **have** anything else to say, I will head out. Trust me, I will find him" When Ana's eyes flush a dark color, the woman believes her **every** word. Damn, she is not as easy as I thought. What did Noah do to her?

"I want you to become my beta" Maya goes straight to the point. She believes anyone will jump at the chance.

Ana crosses her arms on her chest and watches the woman in her father's. se at in disdain. Doesn't she have shame at all?

"I will pass, Maya. I won't sit beside you when my dad is out there in danger"

"Don't you have respect at all? I am your fucking mother Gianna" Maya angrily gets up and approaches his daughter.

"Respect is earned. Looking at you, you don't deserve any from me" Ana size s her up and down, and that enrages her mother more. Maya lifts her hand to slap Ana but she catches it mid—air.

Her

eyes turn to black pits and the dark fur on her body makes the queen furrow her brows in confusion. She can't be stronger than me. I am a true Lycan blood.

"I will not allow you to appear from nowhere, and harm anyone close to me. I will never regard a bitch that harms my father. Never"

"Who are you calling a bitch? My patience is running out with you, young wom an. If you don't want to follow Noah, I suggest you listen to me"

"Never" Ana seethes, roughly dropping her hand. "Better pray my father will be in one piece when I find him" She furiously jabs a finger in the woman's chest. Her claws graze the tender skin exposed by her cleavage a bit roughly causing the woman to hiss in pain.

"I will bring hell to you and your so called throne. I will tear you down piece by piece until you are nothing. As far as I am concerned, my mother died a long time ago, Maya. Consider me as y our enemy from now on. My father's enemies are my enemies" Ana walks out of the room before slamming the door behind her in fury.

"Urgh... The woman screams violently pushing everything from the table and they scatter on the floor.

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"How did this happen? What the fuck is happening?" Leo shouts, clutching at his stomach.

You need

to move on son. This war will kill you. Things are about to get messy and I sug gest you go back home, Leonardo"

"Why did you do it? Of all the people Dad... how can you do this to us? You le t that bitch kill my mother, your own fucking mate" He yells in pain. He always had his mum. Even though he pretended not to care, that woman raised him when his dad was busy chasing women around. And now he just learned that he has been fucking Maya all along.

Years ago, she broke out where they were holding her and they had suspecte d someone had helped her. But he could have never guessed it would be the man he called father.

"Maya is a cunning woman and she gets whatever she wants. If I was willing o r not, she could have still found a way for me to comply with her demands. This is your chance"

"So, you two killed the king and you are about to take his place" Leo mumbles and slumps on the bed in defeat.

"I want you to watch over your brother. Call Ana and persuade them to follow you home. I don't want anyone I care about to be caught in her claws

"That is your problem, old man. I am my mother's son and as far as I am concerned, she had only one son. Handle your bastards by yourself Lea seethes, gets up from the bed, and slowly exits the house.

The old man watches his elder son limp out in defeat and he sadly sighs. He k nows the weight their actions are about to cause to the innocents and he can't help but feel guilty.

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"Did she hurt you? Are you Okay?" Jace quickly approaches Ana as soon as she shows up. He can feel her anger through the bond and it makes him understand the meeting didn't go well.

"No. Have you assembled everyone?" Ana asks walking to the room they both share.

"Yes. Everyone supporting the King is already assembled at the southern border. The king's beta was able to reach everyone and they are waiting

for us.

"Good. We are heading out. That despicable woman didn't even bother to hide her shameful character from me. She will only be at peace when my dad is dead" Ana says stepping into the closet to change her clothes. "Baby, we will find him. Be at ease, okay?" Jace consoles her, holding Ana from behind. Even though she is worried and irritated, Ana can't bring herself to be mad at her mate. So she turns around and accepts his embrace.

"Let's pack up. I am not coming back without my Dad" Jace nods, takes out a duffel bag, and starts packing whatever they will need for the trip.

On the northern border, the King's supporters are already assembled and waiting for Ana and Jace to join them.

"I could have never imagined that woman would turn out this way" The King's beta sighs dejectively. "The King loved her wholeheartedly and she did well to hide the fact that she wasn't into him. These days people abuse the mate bond however they want "He mumbles in

disappointment.

"Yeah, I kind of thought her death was mysterious. With the amount of security she had to herself, I don't think anyone would be brave enough to slip her away if it wasn't for her damn conspiracy all along" The head of the shadow guards laments in annoyance.

"We anticipated this. The king did too, but what we didn't expect was that it would come from his long-dead mate. I think that kind of betrayal must have rendered him weak on the spot" Another guard says and they both hum in agreement.

"It must be. He is a strong man and only a mate will bring him down like

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that. I know the king, as soon as he gets over her betrayal he will rise to a more powerful man than ever" One of the guards says, and the rest nod in understanding.

"He will rain woe unto them when he comes back. It's also a good opportunity to do away with all the traitors. I am getting tired of them" The King's beta says arranging weapons in the trunk of one of the cars. "How long until the princess gets here? Does she have any clues of where to begin?"

"We need a plan first. We can't start wandering without a proper plan or where we are supposed to look" Ana says approaching them and everyone turns around at her voice. The group of warriors consists of twenty personnel, the king's beta with his son, Damon then Ana and Jace. All of them are good and eligible fighters. So there won't be any kind of dragging during the mission.

"We need a place to stay first. We would be locked up if we went back to the royal pack. That means we won't get the chance to plan or better still, rescue our king. Where do you suppose we should go, princess?" The head guard asks the young girl and everyone brings their attention to her, waiting for her response too.

"We will go to the Silver Pack and from tomorrow, we will start planning on how to get my dad back" Ana had discussed the matter with Jace and they decided the Silver Pack would be the best place for them to crush in this situation.

Furthermore, She had also, grabbed her dad's credit cards in case they needed financial support.

"That is a good plan. The werewolf kingdom is big, In order to find his current location we will need help from a witch to help us track his location. The queen is not stupid and we both know she wouldn't risk hiding him in a predictable place" The head guard speaks and everyone ponders his suggestion.

"But witches were banned from the werewolf kingdom a long time ago, where will we get one, and how we will be able to convince them to help us? You know they don't do anything for free" The Kings beta, Fred says crushing their hoe.

"Well, I am sorry, beta, but what do you suppose we should do? What other choices do we have?" The head guard asks showing exasperation. "We should discuss that when we get home. I just turned out my mother's

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offer and right now she is in a bitter mood. We need to leave before she realizes we are here" Ana says getting in one of the cars and everyone follows her lead with a nod.

"Did you inform the Alpha of the Silver pack about our arrival, princess?" Fred asks craning his neck to the backseat to glance at Anna.

"Yeah, we informed Dad and he is okay with it" She answers smiling gently.

As the convoy leaves the royal pack borders, a slender figure emerges from her hiding and angrily glares at the departing vehicles. Maya clenches her fists and angrily cusses at the group of warriors.

"You will never find him. I promise you that" She sneers and darkly chuckles.

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Authors note;

Hello, everyone. First, thank you for giving this book a chance.

Second, I happened to read all our comments and all I can say is sorry if my work didn't meet your expectations.

I would like to clarify some things as per your complaints.

First, the female lead is Gianna Anderson and not Arianna. I frequently use Ana because it's the nickname Jace gave her when they met. If you read Ariana somewhere, I am sorry because it was an honest mistake.

Second, Their Kid is Liam and not Leon. When Ana mentioned Leon {Jace's Old crappy doll} She was just teasing him. She wanted him to know that she was the one who ruined it when they were kids.

Maya- Is the biological mother to Ana and the King's mate. Since she was the Lylan princess, she hated it when she was mated to Noah who was not of royal blood like her but just a normal wolf.

So, when her parents died, she left the pack in the name of being kidnapped and reunited with her first love. {Doanald, who is also Leo's father and Nia's mate}

Leornado and his mother Nia, were just a part of Maya's plan all along. So, it was easy to eliminate them when the time came.

Lily- Is Chase's mate who is obsessed with Jace. She accepted to help Leo thinking that if Leo succeded in taking Ana, Jace would finally belong to

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He didn't deserve that kind of betrayal and no matter what I have to do, I have to find him. It doesn't matter how far I have to go to locate the witches. My dad must be saved at all costs.

"We will find him" Jace whispers wrapping his arms around my shoulders and I lean into him with a sigh.

"Any news on, Lily?" I ask, playing with the buttons on his shirt. Jace stares down at me with a sigh and shakes his head.

"Nothing so far. Chase rejected her and she accepted his rejection. She must be with Leo for all I know, or perhaps your mother might know her whereabouts" Jace mutters.

"Probably. Her scent was all over Liam. Hey, did you notice the other scent on our son?" I sit upright and completely face him. There was this strange scent when we found him and my son had mentioned that a bad man had taken him.

I still wonder though, why did this man let Liam go unharmed if they had ulterior motives? Did Leo suddenly change his mind about the throne? I can understand it though, that woman appears to be ruthless and it would be stupid if Leo decided to go against her.

"I don't know Ana, but the scent was so familiar. I don't know where I smelled it, but I surely recognize it" Jace deeply furrows his brows in thought but shakes his head afterwards.

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"Do you have any clues? If we find this person, he might lead us to Leo and who knows if Leo is collaborating with that woman to hide my father" Hope flashes in my heart when I think about it. I can't wait to see their faces when Dad walks back into the palace.

"I will try to remember. Come here" My mate pulls me back to him and I close my eyes listening to his heartbeat.

The silver pack comes into view and I finally sit up. I miss my little boy and I just want to hold him already. However, the tension around is immense. The always lively pack is quiet and I share concerned glances with Jace.

People slowly pave the way for the incoming cars and the worry in their eyes is visible.

"What is going on?" I carne my neck forward to ask to ask Fred.

"It's all over the news. The queen is about to announce her King" Damon, Fred's son answers showing us his phone. I gasp covering my mouth with my palm.

That woman is despicable.

No. She can't do this to my father.

"Do you know who this man is?" I ask staring at the two men sitting in front of us.

"We are as clueless, princess. We will just wait to see who he turns out to be" Fred says and I nod leaning back in my chair.

The cars stop in front of the packhouse where most of the pack members are waiting. My eyes wander around until I spot Chase with liam in his

arms.

Goddess, I hate this. I hate leaving him behind every time. I trust his Jace's father will take care of him but still, a baby needs his parents. I don't wait for them to open my door. I do it myself and dash out to Chase's direction.

"Mommy" Liam happily exclaims stretching his hands in my direction.

"Come here" I sigh in relief when I hold my son. I bury my face in his hair and deeply inhale. He is my only chance at being a mother and we need to make sure this power struggle ends soon so he will have a proper environment for growth.

"Mommy" Liam whispers, and I pull back to stare at him. He is so cute. His innocent eyes intently stare at me and I don't know what his little

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brain is thinking.

"Thank you, Chase" I turn to our childhood friend and my smile disappears at his worn-out form. It has only been a day but Chase looks like crap. "Are you okay?" I whisper staring at the dark circles around his

eyes.

"No" He whispers running his hand through his hair." I thought it would be easy, Ana. But the matebond is fucking me up" He whispers and I nod in understanding. I have been there before and I know how much it hurts.

"Hey," I gently take his hand and squeeze it. "It will get better, okay? It always does, Chase" I mutter and he quickly looks away so I won't see the tears welling in his eyes. Lily is a bitch.

"I will go to my room for a nap. Tell Jace I will see him later" Chase squeezes my hand and I nod watching him walk away.

"He is sad Mommy" Liam whispers, and I nod looking around for Jace.

"He will be okay, son. Let's go to daddy" Jace is busy interacting with the pack members and we slowly trudge to him. He is standing next to El and talking to older couples.

"El" I call out and he quickly turns around with a smirk. He never changed.

"Oh! Finally" El moves forward for a hug but my excited boy stops us. "Daddy" Liam exclaims, wiggling in my arms until Jace takes him." Daddy, you left me again" I stare at their interaction feeling so much jealous. He didn't behave that way with me. Does this mean he won't feel sad if I leave him?

"Hey, give me a hug" El chuckles as if he just read the turmoil in my mind.

"The queen is announcing her King" A loud voice from the house yells, and we sprint to the living room. The room is filled to the maximum but since the TV is as big as the wall, we can see clearly without straining.

Shit.

Chapter 52

Ana.

"The King is gone. It's so sad to announce the demise of my mate." The woman covers her face with her palms and wails harder. Those who don't know her will actually feel pity for her.

I can't believe this bitch.

"I loved my mate more than anything in this world" The woman hiccups wiping away her fake tears, and I watch in disgust as the mascara-stained tears run down her face. It must take her a lot of strength to act this much. She is trying to gain pity from her subjects.

I hope no one is buying her crap.

"I know I shouldn't be doing this but I have to. Those who have been in power before, or who are still in power understand how hard and

tiresome being a leader is" One of the women surrounding her passes her tissues and she gratefully nods with consistent thank you.

Pretentious bitch.

"So, I would like to take this chance to announce to you my companion. The mate I have chosen to help me take care of my people" The queen turns on her side and softly glances at the familiar man standing beside her.

Don't tell me it's him.

I know this man. I have seen him in the family photos at Leo's mum's house. I had inquired who he was before but it seemed to be a sore subject to Nia so I left it at that.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I want to introduce you to Andrew Knight. From now on, he will be serving you as your King" She happily exclaims, lifting the man's hand, and you wouldn't guess she was the one crying just now.

Everywhere becomes silent and I can see conflicted emotions in everyone's eyes.

This is absurd.

Irush to Fred who has a shocked expression on, and I am sure he knows who that man is.

"Do you know him?" I whisper, glancing at the TV and back at my father's beta.

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"Yes, princess," he says signaling for the rest of the men we came with to follow him outside.

"Do you believe this?" An older guy from the group of shadow guards asks in exasperation.

"Everything is making sense now. Turns out that Andrew and Maya were the main enemies. Justin and Leornado were just being used as pawns" Fred says, stressfully running his fingers through his hair.

"Who is he, beta?" I curiously enquire again and he sighs turning to look at me.

"Yeah, Andrew and his family were banished from the kingdom by your grandfather. Andrew and your mum had a long history together. They were lovers before she was mated to Noah. Maya met Noah when your grandfather was still alive. And since he was pleased with Noah, he trained him as his successor"

"Andrew was the first wolf to challenge Noah for the throne. When he was defeated, the old king banished him together with his mate" We attentively listen as the beta informs us of the story.

"I don't understand, "Jace mutters in confusion and I look at the beta with the same reaction too. I also want to know why there is a long chain of traitors against my dad. The amount of people wanting that power is just too much.

"It's clear Andrew thought if he could win against your dad, he would be able to rightfully claim your mother as his chosen mate since her title couldn't be replaced. So, since he was not around anymore after the defeat, they had to find pawns to cover for them until they were ready to strike" This is now making sense.

"So, since Jason was easy to lure, they chose to use him to get Maya out of the Pack in the name of kidnapping and later faked her death." "Where has he been all these years though?" I ask. Apart from the pictures in Nia's house, I have never seen Andrew in person. Also, with the power the king holds, how was it not possible for him to locate her all these years?

Also, since they were mates, didn't Dad feel the loss in the mate bond after her supposed death?

"I don't know that son, if I did, I would have known that the woman didn't die. However, I heard after he rejected his mate for Maya, Andrew was very careless around women. They even said to trick him, Jason used

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his woman to attempt to kill him and I now understand why. They knew his plot all along and wanted to get him out of the game" Thankfully, these will be the last batch of traitors. If Mother cared even a little bit for my dada, she wouldn't comfortably replace him in front of everyone. That is so much disrespect.

Too much greed.

At the mention of Jason's woman, I share curious glances with Jace. Can that woman possibly be Jace's mother? Oh! world.

"Yeah, it makes sense now. What about Leornado? Was getting back in the pack part of their plan or he had his ambition?" I voice out my concern wondering where Leo falls in all of this. With how confident he was with his plan, made me think he would surely succeed.

I reaal wish to see his face right now.

"We don't know about that. Right now we just need to know where these two people have been hiding. I am sure we will find the king there" Fred says and everyone nods accepting the idea.

"Well, any clues?" One of the guards inquires and one by one, everybody shakes their heads in denial.

"I will contact the witches' coven and notify them about our visitation. Everyone should rest for today and tomorrow exactly at 6 am, we will start our journey" The beta announces with a final order. If it were up to me, I wouldn't waste time but in werewolves' packs, we are obliged to follow orders from our superiors.

So, with a sad sigh, I nod walking to my mate.

Just hold on a little more Dad. Come what may, I won't rest till I find you.

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Chapter 53

AAna.

"What did they say?" I quickly approach Fred as soon as he enters the house after making a phone call to the witch King.

"Their King said they can't intervene in what is happening in our kingdom" The man utters dejectively. "But since he had a quite good relationship with Noah, he is willing to secretly help us" I sigh in relief after he completes his sentence.

"So when will this help get here?" I eagerly ask Fred.

"Probably in two days" He answers and I gape at him.

"No. Are we just going to sit around and wait for the two days" I lament in distress "The queen has already announced her king and right now Noah poses a great threat to them. Do you think they will just sit around and not harm him?"

Oh! goddess, they might kill him.

"Hey, there is another broadcast" Jace yells, and we immediately rush towards the TV. The queen is already making another announcement and what appalls me is the content on the TV.

"No shit" Fred cusses staring at the television with wide eyes. If the previous announcement was bad, this

one is worse.

The TV is showing our pictures. The shadow guards, Fred and his son, and lastly Jace and I. The caption reads; 'The most wanted'

"The named above wolves are traitors. They are a threat to our Kingdom and I wasn't anyone who comes across them to contact the royal pack immediately" the queen strictly declares and I stare at her unblinkingly.

"What is happening?" Pac members whisper to themselves before wearily glancing our way.

"Did we just become fugitives and we did nothing?" I stare at my mate in guilt. I dragged Jace into this. If he just stayed behind his life wouldn't be this messed up.

Goddess! What about our son?

"Any pack that shelters the mentioned wolves will be considered our enemies from now on. I hope everyone is aware of what happens to the enemy" The room becomes guiet you can hear the sound of a pain drop.

"Come on" I take my mate's hand and drag him outside with me.

"This is bad Jace, what should we do, it's clear we can't stay here anymore. What about our baby Jace?" I worriedly whisper feeling dread of what is about to happen.

"Hey, baby calm down" Jace grabs my shoulders and gently pulls me in a hug. "We both know she is doing this because she is aware we are looking for your dad. We just need to find him and everything will be okay" My mate says in comfort.

"I am worried, Jace. What if we don't find our dad, We will be done for"

"We need to leave right now. I just called the royal pack and none of our people are answering. My mate too." Fred walks to us accompanied by the rest of the group we came with.

"My mate is not answering her phone either. Let me try my son" The head of the shadow guards says pressing his phone on his ears and everyone else pulls out their phones to contact their families.

Goddess don't let her do this.

"No one is picking mine either," Another guard says with a deep sigh.

"I just got a message" The only lady among the guards walks to Nosh with her phone."The queen knows you went after the king. She locked everyone who supports the king in the cells and she also promised that you will never find him" The woman reads.

"This can't be happening, we need to act quickly. It appears we won't be waiting for the witch anymore"

"Yes, and the more we stay here the more we endangering this pack. We can't let harm come to them, my son is here" I chime in worrying for Liam. That woman won't spare my baby if she sees me as her enemy. The penalty for all traitors is death.

"My mater is right, we can't let them attack this pack. My family is here. Let's just go, we will figure something on the way" Jace announces taking my hand and rushing to the car.

The group doesn't waste time and we all buckle up before driving away. Goddess, I didn't even get the chance to say goodbye to Liam.

"Can you try contacting the witches again, and ask if he can reduce the two days to one?" I ask Fred and he shakes his head.

"The mentioned two days is the used to travel, dear"

"Can't they use a plane or something?"

"They are doing us a favor princess, So it would be rude if start questioning their mode of transport" Where are you, dad?' I whisper in the mindlink but it meets a dead end.

My mate reads my discomfort and pulls me into his chest.

"I think we should go back to the royal pack borders and start tracking his scent from there. No matter how faint it will be, I think my wolf is sensitive enough to trace it" I hopefully mutter staring at Fred for

support.

"If we knew this would happen, we could have just done it straight away instead of wasting time," Fred says in frustration.

Almost at the royal pack, the car before us suddenly screeches to a stop compelling the rest of the cars to

stop.

"What is haoppenung?" I whisper staring out of the window.

"I will check it out" Fred alights from the car and his son follows him.

"Let's check it out," Jace says and we also get out.

The front tires are flat due to bullet holes in them. Before we could fathom what is happening, bullets from nowhere rain our way each meeting its target.

"What is happening?" I whisper, dizziness taking over my senses. The foul smell of wolfsbane becomes prominent in the air and before darkness can engulf me, a large group of armed men and shifted wolves surround us.

Chapter 54

[Warning: Mention of Violence and Rape]

Ana.

The next time I open my eyes, I find myself in a dimly lit dirty cell. My hands and legs are tied behind me with silver-coated binds. The strong stench of piss and blood is prominent and it makes me feel nauseated. I fearfully look around me but there is no one apart from the guard standing in front of the door.

Where are the others?

Oh! Goddess, my son. The queen will take him, that is for sure.

I look at the watchdog standing beside me and speculate if I can try luring him.

I know he must be loyal to that woman, but a girl can still try, right?

"Hey" my throat is so fucking parched but I can't risk asking for water here, it's probably contaminated with all these germs.

The man looks down at me and his face is as hard as stone. Doesn't he have a mate out there? How would he feel If it was his mate in my position? Or his fucking daughter.

"What?" he rudely snaps glaring at me.

He is bald and wearing what I am assuming is a guard's uniform. Boring green khaki trousers and a matching shirt. Gross.

He has a pistol that I hadn't noticed hooked on his belt, and it scares the shit out of me.

Why do they even use guns when they are strong enough? Good, they use them to poison us with wolfsabane.

"Please help me" I whisper in a soft innocent voice, sincerely begging him with my eyes.

Please, please say yes.

The man narrows his eyebrows at me like I just grew another head.

It's normal to ask for help in situations like this, right?

He stares at me blankly, and then he does something that shocks me, he laughs.

He laughs so hard clutching at his stomach, and I wonder when I became so funny.

"You want me," he asks pointing at himself between laughs "To help you?" His thick index finger points at me and I roll my eyes looking away.

I was just trying my luck. At least I made him laugh.

Idiot.

"You had the guts to betray the throne, deal with it," he says, his face suddenly becoming serious.

He looks so scary when he is this serious that it makes me wanna shit myself.

I feel so tired, sitting in the same position while tied up for hours is not a joke.

Loud footsteps approach my cell and my heart speeds up in fear.

Is my dad here? What about my mate? If we delay any longer we will lose him and this will never end. Unless I challenge that bitch for the throne and I am not trained yet. That will be the only way we will have our freedom back in case we don't find my dad.

The old metal door opens and two more men enter holding a limp body and my blood dries up.

Dad!

"Goddess! Dad" I exclaim trying to move but the binds keep me in place.

His body is battered. Every part of him is swollen and dripping with blood. His clothes are shattered and you wouldn't tell what color they are.

"No, Dad" I cry out and he weakly lifts his head to look at me. Goddess, what kind of a mate is she? why treat him this way just because of a fucking throne.

"What do we have here?" one of the guards says walking closer to me.

He is huge, his big arms are straining his shirt and I wonder why it hasn't ripped yet.

They both are bald, with hard scary looks.

"The Lycan princess" his friend hums crouching in front of me and I try moving away, movements are restricted.

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"Don't touch her" My dad weakly mutters trying to move but it's like his body is giving up. He is not tied anywhere but the sight of him is worse.

"Be a good boy and enjoy the show" One of the guards kicks him in the stomach but he doesn't even wince. My father reached his limit. He didn't even do anything wrong to that woman.

The two guards move closer to me with creepy looks on their faces and my cold body starts to sweat profusely.

Please don't touch me. Someone should really help me.

"We have orders from your mother to take you as much as we want, and make your daddy here watch?" The first guard wonders tracing my jawline with his dirty index finger.

Fuck no.

"Don't lay your filthy hands on me. She is not my fucking mother?" I whisper through clenched teeth.

How could she do that?

The idiots look at each other and start to laugh "Oh! we are good at following orders, just like we are gonna do with you sweetheart" Their leader says dangerously smirking at me.

Think Ana, I can't let this happen.

"Please don't do this" I beg them with teary eyes but they just laugh in return.

What's wrong with these wolves, don't they have a sense of humor?

"Untie her Dan," Their leader tells his friend and he happily obliges.

"No, my

Princess" Dad murmurs on the floor. His eyes are tightly closed and his breaths are labored. If I don't do something quick I am going to lose him. I can't let that happen.

"Please don't do this" I pathetically cry to their deaf ears.

I am sure they can hear how loud my heart is beating. I have never been this scared in my whole life.

"If you try shit, I am going to blow your brains with this" One of them dangles his pistol in my face.

This is the time to prove myself worthy. I have to save myself and my dad, Jace is no longer here to protect me. I can't smell anyone because of the wolfsbane injected into us.

The chains from my legs come off and I am not even relieved, considering what is about to happen.

I start breathing hard as tears trail down my face when the chains on my hands are released.

"Don't hurt me please" I try getting up but my limbs fail me, I am too weak to even move.

"You are going to shut the fuck up bitch, and stay still" Their leader growls and roughly pushes me back in the seat.

They don't even struggle to tear my shorts to pieces.

"Stop" I shout kicking about and an angered guard sends a hard blow to my stomach, which silent me instantly.

It's so painful that it sucks the air out of my lungs.

"We are doing it either the hard way or the easy way, we don't have time for you" he growls undoing his belt and my eyes widen in fear.

"Please" I whimper when Dan holds both of my hands behind the chair, so I won't get the chance to fight.

This is it, it's finally happening.

I watch in horror as the naked man in front of me, forcefully grabs my legs and parts them.

He's about to defile me when a crisp voice from the door stops him.

"Bitch" I mutter, venomously glaring at the bitch at the doorway.

"Oh! Giana" My mother chuckles entering the cell. Beside her is her chosen mate who stares at my father with disgust. "This is your only chance. Take my offer and you will be free. Think about your son, Ana"

I will be damn if I consider working for her. I don't have a dark soul like hers.

"Look at your stupid Father. He was about to watch you get defiled and did nothing. Is this the protection you want? Are you willing to risk your life for

such a useless dog?" She steps on my dad's hand with her sharp pointed heel and he lowly whimpers.

"Stay away from him" My voice quivers when I look at my dad's broken form. Why isn't she satisfied with what she reduced him to "Just leave us alone" I whisper averting my gaze. I need to do something.

The bitch chuckles and moves closer to me. Her men are still holding me so it's hard to make a move" Last chance Ana, are you coming with me or you will stay with your daddy dearest?" Her voice is mocking. This bitch killed Leo's mum and took her mate.

She is a disturbed wolf.

"Go to hell, Maya" I look her dead in the eye and make sure she sees the hatred I have for her. I abhor this bitch.

"Good. You chose your fate" She takes a step away from me and faces her watchdogs "Go ahead boys, and make sure the man on the floor watches everything" She laughs hysterically, and with one mocking glance, she exits the room followed by her chosen mate.

Authors note:

Hello everyone, Thank you for reading.

If there is anything you don't understand just let me know.

Chapter 55

Ana.

As soon as the door shuts, the men immediately get in their previous positions.

"Get him up Dan, he is supposed to be watching" The man standing in front of me informs one of the guards. However, before they can touch my dad, the door reopens averting all of our attention. My mother's mate renters and without a word pulls a pistol and instantly shoots all the guards. What is happening, Is he here to kill me? Did that woman send him to finish the job?

"Get Noah out of here and disappear" He mumbles and leaves the same way he came.

Well, that was strange. Anyway, I will wonder about that later but for now, I have to get my father out of here.

I quickly get up despite my aching body. Straighting the big shirt on me, I approach my dad who is on the brink of unconsciousness. Goddess, how am I going to do this?

"Dad" I whisper tapping his cheek but he doesn't respond. I place a finger on his neck to check his pulse and gratefully smile when I find it even though weak.

I just have to get him to safety and from there, I will find a way to help him recover. My father weighs tons, I pull him by his shoulders but we only move an inch before I put him back down. Where are the others?

To answer my question, Jace approaches us limping. He looks worse than me but at least he is here. Alive. "We need to move Jace, help me lift him" I quickly say and my mate wordlessly nods and grabs Noah's shoulders. Men are naturally strong so even without our wolves, they will still have some strength to

spare.

The dirty corridors are bare of guards and even though it's alarming, we take that chance to hurry away. This place appears to be deserted. Apart from those cells, this building is completely unoccupied. "Why did he let us out?" I whisper, My voice coming out groggily. How long were we here? I am damn hungry and thirsty.

I am very positive the queen is not in support of our rescue. I saw it in her eyes, the malice and darkness, she is pure evil and always calculating.

"I don't know, he just warned me to disappear when he opened my door, he gave me this" Jace shows me car keys and a bank card. Is this a coincidence or something? Why will my mother's mate rescue us behind her back, give Jace his card, and provide a car for our escape?

It's completely suspicious.

"Do you know him?" I enquire, breathing heavily due to the hefty weight on my shoulder.

"I don't know, I think I saw him once or twice when I was still at Alpha's training" I eye my mate quizzically but drop the topic. Right now I just have to make sure my father is okay and find a way to get a hold of my son before that witch gets to him.

"Where are the other guys?" I ask when we find no one else outside the huge old building. This is out-of-pack grounds and the building is more like an abandoned home. It's surrounded by thick bushes and there is no sign of life anywhere.

"They were taken back to the royal prison. I don't know why we were separated..." Before Jace could complete his sentence, the building we just exited, blows out in flames and a bloody terrified scream escapes my mouth.

The impact separates us and sends us flying further into the woods.

I cry in pain when tones of branches and dry wood scratch and pierce my skin. Blood trickles from the wounds and considering how weak and painful my body feels, I think death will be better than this.

I can't believe she brought us here to kill us. How could a mother kill her daughter? I understand if she

doesn't want my dad but I am her flesh and blood.

This is just cruel.

I stare in horror as the building effortlessly burns down. No one could have rescued us because this place seem nonexistent. We would have been burning in there.

I have to save my dad at all costs. He is the only person who will stop her madness. No matter what happens, Dad must be safe. With that thought in mind, I weakly get up and stumble forward due to the intense pain in my ribs. They took the impact when I hit the floor.

"Ana" Jace yells but I can barely hear him." Ana, baby, Where are you?" His voice becomes more clear and I lift my head in his direction.

"Jace" I hold onto a tree and try breathing in when I stop with a whimper. My lungs hurt from inside and breathing in causes me pain. I don't know what I will do to that woman when I find her. Maya will be sorry she gave birth to me.

"Oh, baby. Are you okay?" My mate gently holds my shoulder and I shake my head.

"My dad, where is he?" I weakly mutter looking around.

"I found him, he is already in the car. Let's get out of here" I nimbly nod as my mate lifts me from the ground and carries me to the car.

Third-person POV.

"Oops!" Maya chuckles as soon as the building blows in flames. Andrew intently stares at the unaffected woman sitting beside him and can't help but wonder. If she can do that to her family, what more harm can she cause to a stranger?

"Are you happy now?" He calmly asks staring out of the window. The huge dark smoke in the air makes his heart tremble in despair. Jace could be burning in there if he wasn't smart enough.

She killed his mate, he will not allow her to kill any of his again. Minutes after they left the cells, he had made an excuse that he wanted to inform the guards to hurry up because they didn't have time. Maya had planned to kill the guards too, so it didn't make any difference.

Her main goal was for Noah to watch as his daughter was being defiled, that had to happen. So when he went back to supposedly make them hurry, she didn't suspect a thing, Furthermore, Maya has complete trust in Andrew. According to her, she believes she has him wrapped around her finger and he will always dance to her tuns.

When he learned about her plan the other day, he also set his plan in motion. He arranged a car and a bank card for Jace, so he wouldn't suffer when he got out.

"What are you going to do with the rest?" He turns back to the smiling woman with a sigh. He was crazy about the throne when he was still younger, but now, he would rather be somewhere else, especially when his partner is an evil scheming woman. She is not the same sweet girl he used to know years ago. "Give them a chance to support me, and if they refuse, they will be choosing their awful fate" She nonchallantly shrugs informing the driver to start the car.

"Promise me one thing" Andrew grabs her hand and softly mutters. As expected, Maya gently smiles and softens up.

"Anything, my love" She calmly says back, lovingly staring into his eyes.

"No matter what, don't touch Liam. I have been patient with you and if you dare lay a hand on that little boy, that will be it Maya" His voice thickens, and all the tenderness he previously had vanishing. "Wait" Maya jerks her hand away from his hold." How dare you threaten me?" She angrily yells and the man sighs thinking of a better approach. She needs to trust him fully. He can't let her get suspicious, because she will do worse.

"Calm down, baby" He whispers, tenderly grabbing her cheeks "Jace just died in that flames, don't I have the right to keep the little boy?" The sadness in his voice quickly lowers Maya's anger.

"Of course baby, I promise. I will never touch him for your sake" She promises, gently pecking his lips. 'It's just a matter of time and I will be free from your crazy ass' Andrew thinks to himself as he gently kisses her lips.

Little did he know, that the devil couldn't be coerced by a simple kiss.