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Alex could understand that the elders wouldn't be thrilled to know that the king took a fancy on a pregnant woman and he could see what kind of bull crap that they were going to spit this time.

However, for some reason and another, he couldn't bring himself to let her go. He didn't want to. He would be anxious if he didn't know what happened to her and whether or not she was alright.

"She is not her, Alex." Finally Greyson voiced out what he and Northern thought. "She is not her. She is pregnant, but she is not her."

Alex closed his eyes, it was not his intention to see Althea in that way, but the situation was rather a little bit... complicated.

"I know."

That was all Alex said, as he stared at the distance, where Althea was talking to the other worker about flowers. He couldn't hear what she was saying, but she was smiling and looked happy and that was all he needed to face the annoyance of the elders.

"So? What are you going to do?" Greyson raised his brows. He didn't think that he had made his point clear if the king was still like this.

"I will keep her here."

Greyson and Northern groaned, they should know that Alex wouldn't listen. In that case, there was only one way.

If they couldn't convince Alex to kick that woman out, then they should talk to her to leave the palace on her own.

Yet, Alex knew what they were thinking, how could he not when he spent most of his time with them.

"If you tried to talk to her and make her leave, I promised you that I am going to give you hell," Alex said, he didn't threaten them, but this was warning, something that he absolutely would do. "This is a direct order, do you understand?"

This time, to emphasize his word, he used his king's voice, which left the royal beta and the royal gamma no choice, but to obey.

"Yes, my king."

With this, they couldn't even use their last method and they had to prepare for the real battle in court between the king and the elders.

Well, thankfully, this was not the first time and they had enough experience in that matter.

Life was well for Althea when she was within the king's protection, she didn't have any idea that her father and Killian were going crazy to find a way to get to her, but all they could do was waiting for the king's mercy to let them meet with Althea.

But of course, Alex didn't even give them a second of his time to even consider that. He didn't even say anything to Althea about this.

He didn't want to stress her out, but the truth was; he didn't want her to even think to return to them and let those people to manipulate her.

On the other hand, Willow became increasingly worrisome, because she refused to eat and go out of her bedroom, Abigail had been crying because of this.

"Please, I know what we have done to Althea is very wrong, but will you punish your daughter for that right now when she is not in her best condition? Can't you see how miserable Willow is right now?"

In the end, Brian relented. He finally came inside Willow's bedroom by using spare key and then talked to her.

"Willow," he called her name and he could see how she fidgeted under the blanket. He sat on the edge of the bed and pulled down the blanket to see his crying daughter. "You can't keep doing this."

"I regretted what I have done, but why he didn't want to forgive me?"

"Forgiveness is not something that you can force." As Brian said this, it was also a reminder for him if Althea didn't want to forgive him if they met one day.

"I know, but he didn't even give me a second chance." Willow cried so hard and this melted Brian's heart. He scooped his daughter and hugged her tightly, giving her all the courage and love that she needed.

Out there, the rain was pouring down, the sky suddenly grew very dark, as if the storm would come. They had stayed in the mainland for so long.

"It's time for us to go home, honey. Let's go back home," Brian said. He

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was not giving up on Althea, but knowing she was safe and sound and lived in such a nice place like the palace, especially when he knew that the man that was with her was the king himself, what else he could wish for?

Probably, Althea finally found her happiness and he wouldn't stand on the way for that.

However, he couldn't say the same thing about alpha Killian, he was still very much obsessed to find Althea, to bring her home, no matter what Brian told him, he was not going to listen.

He was going to bring her back no matter what.

"No," Willow said, her voice was hard when she spoke again. "I am not going back without Killian. I am gong to win him back. I know deep down, he still loves me. There is no way he will be able to erase me easily from his life. He is only distraught because he felt bad for Althea, but once he found her and she forgave him, he can be free from his guilt and we can be together again."

"Willow..." Brian was speechless. He didn't know what to say to his daughter at this point, she was being delusional now.

However, like usual, Willow didn't want to listen to him and she would do as she please.

"I am going to stay and help him to find Althea."

That day, Althea gave birth to her baby.



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