

# The Lycan King's Second Chance Mate (Ashanti) novel

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ASHANTI'S POV.

"You have just two hours to clean this bathroom." The servant who leads the way into the bathroom. says as we take a stand at the center. Today is day two of my punishment and not only am I starving because the last time I had a meal was about twenty -four hours ago, I feel vindictive because of the injustice going on in this Ham. "After which you will go back to scrubbing the toilets." I snap my head in her direction, my brows furrowing and irritation brewing in my veins.

"I... I cleaned the toilets yesterday. I scrubbed all the walls and floors and toilet seats as instructed. They don't need that much cleaning anymore. today." I try to explain. She snorts, crossing her

arms across her breasts and eyeing me from head to toe with sheer disgust.

"Says whom?"

"Says anyone who has eyes to see that the toilet walls don't need anymore scrubbing today." She's taken aback by my sudden outburst.

"You dare talk back to me?" She sneers. I exhale heavily, not even bothering to respond to her. That's her gateway to making me earn another round of punishment. It'll do me good to ignore her.

"Fine." I croak. "I'll head to the toilets after I'm done cleaning this bathroom."

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"As you cho

Her sneer turns into a wide,

provocative grin. My fists are vibrating by my side. My jaws are ticking with rage.

One punch.

Just one punch and my day will be made.

“That said, get to work. This will teach you a lesson never to touch other people’s belongings again. Thief!”

“I am not a thief!” The words fly out of my mouth before I can stop them. She cackles, shakes her head and exits the bathroom in fluid motion.

I want to fall on the floor and wail. Curse my life. Curse them for making things difficult for me. I want to walk out that door and take on my heels till I’m out of these quarters and this pack as a whole.

And when I think my day cannot get any worse, the door to the bathroom opens up. My malicious step- sister walks in and the moment she sees me, a grim smile fleets across her lips. My face turns granite.

“I knew I’d find you here.” She stops a few meters away from me.

“I like how you keep your distance. Once beaten, twice shy.” Her eyes almost get stuck at the back of her head as she rolls them.

“I’m not afraid of you.” She tries to deny it as usual.

“If that’s the case then, I dare you to come closer.” A long beat passes. She doesn’t bulge. A grim half laugh touches my lips.

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“I thought as much.” The air between us is charged. Take a deep breath and you’ll get shocked to death. When I see that she has nothing to say to me, I turn to find a bucket and mop to start with my work.

“You are nothing, Ashanti.” She shouts out. I pause, spin around and squint at her. She takes three steps closer to me.

“That’s a fact that seems to keep slipping out of your mind. You were nothing back at home and you still have no value over here. I won’t stop causing trouble to remind you of that

fact until it's tattooed in your mind and you can know your place." Her words ricochets through my brain like a bullet. Indignation unfurls in my stomach. I look at her carefully, thinking of a thousand things I could do to hurt her right now. To make her bleed.

Ram her head into the nearby wall.

Pin her to the ground and punch her face till it's covered in blood and bruises. Till she goes numb.

Grab her hair and drag her miserable body against this floor till her entire body is covered with bruises.

Just so many things I can do to hurt her right now, but I decide against it.

The fact that she has stooped so low doesn't mean I should. I flash her a small smile.

"Every insult that comes out of your mouth..." I take one step forward. " every action you take against me..." "Another step. "...only goes ahead to prove one thing. The fact that you are weak. That you are threatened by me."

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"What?" She snorts. "Don't be delusional. I am not threatened by you. You will never be like me."

"Yes, I will never be pathetic? Ever!"

"How dare you!" She raises her hand to hit me but stops mid-air when I say;

"I dare you." My voice is lowered. Dark and full of unspoken threats. Fresh terror stabs her face. Her hand drops to her side as she takes a few steps back, swallowing dryly. Fire is scorching my veins, searing me from inside out. As the days go by, I can feel myself starting to hate her for real.

She clears her throat and lifts her chin, masking the terror on her face with a confident look.

"That doesn't change the fact that I'll always cause problems for you and Ma'am Lisa will take my side. Your physical strength won't help you here, Ashanti. I'm out to destroy you and I won't stop until you are reduced to less than nothing in

the eyes of everyone in this pack. Watch and see.”

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“And while you are at it, make sure to stay at least one mile radius away from me because the next time I get a hold of you, I’ll ram my fist into your stomach and tear out your g\*\*a m n spine. And you won’t be able to make my life miserable if you’re dead, will you?” I raise a brow at her. A silent chuckle tumbles from her lips.

“I can’t wait to c r i p l e that confidence of yours.” “Get out of here before I dec i d e to rip out your spine right now.” I threaten with a deadly tone. She

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clears her throat and opens her mouth to say something, but stops and seals her lips shut. She then proceeds to exit the bathroom with fluid movement.

As she walks out of the door, a young s r v a n t walks in with an eternal frown masked on her face.

“Ashanti, you have been summoned by the Lycan King. Follow me.’

Kill. Me. Now!

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The world is fading in and out of focus, shades of gray, as I follow the s e r v a n t along the hallway with her words still ringing in my mind.

“...you’ve been summoned by the Lycan King...”

I am one piece of fear forged into being.

News about the jewelry must have reached his ears and he has summoned me to pronounce my punishment. What is it going to be?

More days in the dungeon, this time around without food or water.

**Way more laborious punishment.**

**Execution.**

**Banishment.**

**Oh, how I would love for it to be banished. I will finally leave this forsaken home and go find my mother.**

**“We are here.” The servant announces as she stops in front of the door. I swallow dryly and do the same. She gives a gentle knock on the door and once the signal comes through for us to go in, she turns to me with a wry smile on her face.**

**“Brace yourself, klepto, he doesn’t go easy on thieves.” She walks away, leaving me to go face the Alpha’s wrath all by myself.**

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**Drawing in one last breath, I push the door open and step into the sophisticated lounge. My head drops down in a bow the moment my eyes fall on him.**

**“Good morning, Alpha Reagan.” My words are a broken whisper.**

**“Look at me.” His instruction is like heat that consumes my face. I obey. My eyes trace the perfectly sculpted lines of his face. He has pressed his lips together in concentration. He is nothing but lean muscle. “Come closer.” Another instruction which makes my bones buckle. I take a few steps closer to him.**

**“Why did you skip training for two days?” He asks with a serious look on his face. His voice is dangerously husky, his words tingle on my skin. That’s not the question I was expecting.**

**“I uh...I...” I clear my throat. “I lied the first day because I was listed among the girls who had to serve the men at night and for the...”**

**“You served men at night?” He cuts me off, sounding shocked by the fact that I served men. Something dangerous flashes in his eyes.**

**Anger.**

I swallow the bullets in my throat and nod my head.

“Yes, I did. That is the reason why I was brought here along with the other girls. To serve men.”

“What’s this rumor I hear about you stealing someone’s jewelry?” He changes the topic. My palms turn sweaty. My heart is in my throat. I try to

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shake off the nerves so I can answer the question, but fail. I’m standing there like a pile of nonsense. Ashanti.” He calls my name. An indication of his impatience.

“I was

falsely accused.” I finally talk. “I know nothing about the necklace.”

“Hmmm” He mumbles under his breath, his eyes trained on me, brows raised. It’s a miracle I haven’t melted under his gaze.

“I would never steal anyone’s belongings, let alone my sister’s.”

“So, you were accused by your sister?” A ridge forms between his brows as they furrow.

“Step-sister, actually.” I emphasize, nodding my head. He shuts his eyes close and leans back on his chair, sighing heavily. I just stand there, not knowing what to do with myself.

I thought he was going to order me to get on my knees the moment I walked in here, but from the look of things, it seems he’s willing to reason with me. I take a step back out of fear when he snaps his eyes open again.

“And you are being honest with me? You didn’t steal the necklace?”

“I swear on my life, I didn’t.” The door creaks open and I turn to look. My heart jumps out of my chest when I see Ma’am Lisa walking into the room. She offers Alpha Reagan a greeting and a respectful bow. He asks her to come closer like he did me.

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“Alpha, you called.”

**“I’ve been told you had Ashanti punished for stealing a necklace.” His voice is deep and steady. Ma’am Lisa nods her head.**

**“Yes, I did. Alpha.”**

**“Did you carry out a proper investigation to confirm if she actually stole the necklace or not?” I shoot a glance in Lisa’s direction. Her head is still bowed down. “Are you going to give me a reply or not?” He sounds irritated.**

**“I found the necklace in Ashanti’s bag, Alpha.”**

**“Did you or did you not carry out a proper investigation?” Alpha Reagan repeats his question, his tone not sounding very calm this time round.**

**“I did not.” Ma’am Lisa croaks. Something snaps in my stomach. I look back at the Alpha and there’s a scorn on his face. Darkness in his eyes. I can’t believe he’s questioning her because of me. He’s actually trying to get to the root of this issue.**

**“And you didn’t deem it necessary to report an issue as sensitive as this to me. You handled it yourself by punishing someone who could be innocent of the crime you accuse her of committing. You seem to be the Alpha here, Lisa, not me.” Ma’am Lisa sinks to her knees and her face almost touches the floor when she bows to him.**

**“Forgive me, My Lord. I didn’t mean for it to look like that. I had no right to carry out judgment on a case that should have been handled by you. I’m**

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**sorry. Please forgive me.” She cries like a baby. I’m dumbstruck as I watch her cry and beg on her knees.**

**Someone tell me what’s going on here.**

**Alpha Reagan clears his throat as he looks down at her.**

**“There’s something called false incrimination, Lisa. That’s why a crime gets investigated before a verdict is passed. This is the last time you’ll ever pull a stunt like this without my knowledge. Am I understood?”**

**“Yes, My Lord.” She bows so low, her head touches the floor. I don’t feel sorry for her. I silently wish Alpha Reagan would dismiss her from this Harem.**

**I take a step back when he rises from the sofa. My body heats up when he looks at me.**

**“Whatever punishment she gave you has been uplifted from this moment. You resume training at eight am tomorrow. Don’t be late.”**

**“Thank you, Alpha.” I say with a wide smile and an exaggerated bow. My forehead almost touches my knees. He shakes his head and saunters out of the lounge like a ghost sliding through a crowd.**

**I look back at Lisa who is glaring at me like she wants to eat me whole. She’s still on her knees. She must feel pretty humiliated.**

**“What are you looking at? Leave!”**

**I run out of the room.**

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### **ASHANTI’S POV.**

**“Alpha Reagan asked you to stop working?” Tessel asks, pausing in her tracks and turns to look at me with her eyes wide open, nostrils flaring in shock. I calmly nod my head and exhale, stopping in my tracks as well. We are on our way to the cafeteria to have dinner**

**“Yeah.” I lean against the nearby wall and cross my hands over my breasts. “He said something about false incrimination and passing the verdict. I think he believes I’m innocent of the crime.”**

**“Wow!” She exclaims in shock. “That... that’s. amazing!” I smile and j e r k f f from the wall.**

**“I know, right? When he summoned me, I thought he was going to torture the living hell out of me, but he didn’t. Alpha Reagan is not too bad an Alpha after all.” I start walking again**



towards the entrance to the cafeteria where I can already hear chatter from other girls inside.

“Who said he was bad in the first place?” Tessa asks, falling in line with my steps.

“Me. I used to think he was a big bad wolf. Cruel as well, but now, I think I might have been wrong.” I flash her an exaggerated smile and step into the cafeteria. Instantly, the chatters stop and every head snaps in my direction. The gazes I’m getting from the girls are not friendly as usual, but I’m

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almost trembling on my spot because never have. they all looked at me at once in complete silence.

Something is wrong.

“Did you hear what happened earlier today with Ashanti?” A whisper breaks the eerie silence. The girls turn to face each other and start murmuring gossips like they always do when I show up.

“Alpha Reagan was here earlier today and he asked to see her.” Another whisper.

“I heard he uplifted her punishment and asked Ma’am Lisa to kneel in her presence and tender her an apology. Can you even imagine that?”

The second part of that statement is a lie.

Holy goddess, this is a scandal!

“Who the hell is she for Alpha Reagan to believe she’s innocent? To ask an elderly s e v a n t to kneel down and apologize to her?” I feel a heated stare at the back of my neck. Their half truths keep filling my ears and I know I should turn around and leave before the worst happens, but my feet are not cooperating with my brain. They seem to be glued to the floor and I’m unmovable. I look at their faces and they cast me horrible glares as they keep spewing more lies about what happened between. the Alpha and I. The world starts spinning. My lungs are shrinking, making it impossible for air to reach my blood and in less than no time, I’m as pale as a blank A4

sheet of paper. My breaths are coming in too hard.  
“STOP!” I scream the word at the top of my voice.

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and the hall falls silent. The girls look at me like I’ve lost my mind, including Tessa, but I don’t care. “Stop saying things you know nothing about!” My fists are clenched by my side as I walk further into the cafeteria. They are all still shocked by my sudden outburst. “All what you girls are saying are nothing but lies. Ma’am Lisa wasn’t asked to kneel down and apologize to me. You weren’t even there!”

“And we are supposed to believe what you tell us, because?” Mockery is dripping from her statement like c\*\*m from an ejaculating d\*\*k. There’s an annoying smirk on her face that makes me want to stride over to her and punch it till it’s deformed.

B\*\*h.

“Hey...” That’s Tessa. I try to yank my hand away from her hold as she grabs me, but her grip is strong and keeps me still.

“Let’s get out of here.” She starts dragging me away. She starts leading the way out of the cafeteria and I don’t resist. I’ve had enough humiliation for one night.

“Alina will be furious when she hears about this.” A voice speaks from my right side and I don’t bother to look, but she’s right. Alina will not take it lightly if she hears Alpha Reagan came to my rescue.

“Speak of the devil!”

“ASHANTI!” The sound of my name reverberates through the entire hall at high frequency causing both Tessa and I to stop in our tracks and look at who just called. All the hair on my body stands erect when I see Alina walking into the cafeteria through the other entrance with a deadly look on her face.

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Flight, fright and fight response.

Fright is already in action within me so I pick flight as my

second option to go with and take off towards the entrance that's void of Alina. The girls start howling with laughter behind me and before I know it, a strong pair of hands grab the fabric of my t-shirt from behind and drag me backwards.

"Where do you think you are going?" She sneers, \*\*g the collar of my polo t-shirt and slamming me against a nearby wall. My back hits against the hard concrete of the wall. Wrath spreads through my spine like molten lava.

"Let. Me. Go." My voice is strained as I try to peel off her fingers from my shirt, but she's just too strong.

"Not until you tell me what I want to hear, b\*\*h!" She pulls me a few inches away from the wall and bangs me against it again almost immediately. Agony incapacitates me. I can't even find my voice to scream for help. "What's your deal with Alpha Reagan? What business do you have with him?"

"I have no business with Alpha Reagan." My voice is strained because of the pressure of her grip on my chest. I swallow hard and my saliva burns my throat like acid.

"Don't you dare lie to me! Why did Alpha Reagan come here specifically to see you? What happened between the two of you?"

"Nothing! Nothing happened between us. He only uplifted the punishment given to me by Ma'am Lisa

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because she didn't investigate to find out if I really stole the necklace or not!" Her grip on my shirt tightens as she locks her gaze with mine.

Red, hot rage is burning her eyes. Her hatred for me is shooting bullets into my face, but there's something else in those emerald green eyes of hers that she's trying to hide.

Fear.

What is she afraid of?

She finally lets go of my shirt and takes a step back.

"This is your last warning Ashanti." She exhales heavily and her hot breath fans my face. "Stay the f\*\*k away from Alpha

Reagan, if not, I will make your life a living hell in this harem.”

As if my life isn't already worse than a living hell in this place. I give her a simple nod and step away from her overwhelming presence, pain shooting up and down my spine like bullets being sprayed from an

AK.

She's a powerhouse of intimidation.

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### ASHANTI'S POV.

I can still feel Alina's fingers wrapped around the fabric of my shirt, strangling me as I walk into the bedroom. With a sharp inhale and my eyes closed, I close the door behind me and the darkness behind my eyelids is a welcome relief until the memory of her face forces itself into my consciousness.

Right now, it's safe to say that Alina is my worst nightmare in this H\*\*m.

The audio tape of her voice wants to start replaying in my mind, but I smash in and throw it off a cliff and head to my bed.

Sitting down, I open the

dad drawer and take out the picture of my mum, and I. The framed picture Rhea destroyed a few days ago. This is the first time I'm touching it ever since. Tessa told me she had kept it in the drawer. I didn't have the heart to see the only thing I had left of the once happy family I used to have ruined by the same person who destroyed it.

Tears well up in my eyes as I trace my parent's faces. They are both smiling from molar to molar and me, between the two of them looks like the happiest child in the world.

Everytime I stare at this picture, I wonder if this smile on my father's face was even genuine because by this time, he had already cheated on my mother with Rhea's mother and had Rhea.

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**Did he ever truly love my mum and I?**

**I keep asking myself that question.**

**I try to pull myself further on the bed, but the paper slips from my hand and drops on the floor, the part with the image facing downwards. As I bend over to pick it up, my eyes catch the sight of scribbled**

**writing at the back of the picture. My eyes brows crease in surprise as I pick it up, trying to read what's written on it.**

**I have never seen that there.**

**Minutes fly by, but I'm still unable to string the letters I see into meaningful words that will make me understand what the note is talking about.**

**This has got to be a note to me from my mother.**

**I instinctively hide the photo behind me when the room door opens and Tessa steps in with a worried. look on her face.**

**"Ashanti. Are you alright?" She asks, concerned as she walks over and perches by my side on the bed. I clear my throat and smile at her.**

**"Yeah. I'm perfect." I lie. "I'm used to Alina's threats by now."**

**I will never get used to Alina's threats. They get darker as the days go by.**

**"Ashanti, I think you should report this to the higher ups. It's unfair that she gets to bully you like this and goes Scott free every time." I snort and back away from her, giving her the Are-you-f\*\*g**

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**-kidding-me look.**

**"Report her to the authorities?" I scoff. "Tessa you told me yourself that Alina is a member of the Royal household and that same royal household is made of the higher up officials you want me to report her to. Doing that will only land me in more problems with Alina."**

**"So what are you going to do? Keep getting bullied by her.**

Ashanti I can swear this is only going to get worse. Today she grabbed you by the chest. tomorrow she's going to hit you."

"Well... I guess I just have to do as she says. I'll stay away from Alpha Reagan." She sighs.

"And how do you intend to do that when you guys meet up everyday at the arena for training? When it's obvious he has a soft spot for you.

"No, he doesn't!" I argue. She scoffs and shakes her head.

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"Keep denying it!" I let out a frustrated groan. Anyway, like you've said, try to stay away from Alpha Reagan in order to avoid getting bullied by Alina."

"Yes, Ma'am!"

"So when do you plan on showing me what you hid behind your back when I walked in?" My brows trip to my hairline as I stare at her, completely stunned by her sharpness.

I didn't think she saw me hiding the photo.

Different lies and excuses I can tell her to brush off

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the topic play in my mind, but I decide against doing that and take out the photo.

"Oh... it's the photo."

"Yeah, it is. And I just noticed a while ago that it had a note written behind it and I know it's

addressed to me because this was the last thing my mum gave to me when she was about leaving my dad. I'm sure she's trying to tell me something, but the words seem impossible to read." I stretch out. the photo to her and she takes it.

She holds it closer to her face and silence stretches in the bedroom as she tries to read what's written on it, but she finally gives up after a few tries.

"You are right. It's impossible to read." she hands the photo back to me. A brilliant idea pops in my mind and I widen my gaze at her. "What?"

"I just thought of something."

**“What’s that?”**

**“You are into research, right? How about you take this to the research center and try to see how you can extract this information. Do you think that can work?”**

**“Well...” she looks at the scribbled words onces again and sighs heavily. “We won’t know until we try. Make sure to give it to me tomorrow morning before I leave for the centre.”**

**“I sure will. And I’ll also find a way to call my father and try to ask him. He might know what my mother is trying to tell me.” Tessa’s face goes ashen as she**

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**shakes her head.**

**“You can’t do that. You can’t call your dad.”**

**“Why not?”**

**“Don’t you know?”**

**“Know what?”**

**I am blank.**

**“It is forbidden for us, H\*\*m girls, to try getting in contact with our relatives. Of you are caught doing so, you will be punished. Severely.”**

**“That’s b\*\*it!” I curse.**

**“It sure is.” She rises from the bed. “But we have no choice but to obey the rules. I’ll shower first.” Then she dissapears into the bathroom. I stare at the impossible-to-read note in my hand.**

**Annoyance tugs at my heartstrings.**

**It’s forbidden for H\*\*m girls to try getting in contact with their relatives – my a\*\***

**I’m going to find a way to get in touch with my father so I can ask him about this note. I**