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Book Two Chapter Seven

Future Alpha Aspen

I place my baby sister in her high chair before grabbing the plate of cut-up fruit. Evie banged her palms against the tray as soon as she saw the food.

"Shush, Evic, I want to hear what mom and dad are talking about?" I placed a few slices of banana and blueberries on her tray

before pulling out a chair for me to sit down in front of her high chair.

My stomach twisted as I strained to listen to my parent's conversation. I knew my father wasn't going to be happy about me

leaving alpha training. But in all honesty, everything they are teaching, I already know. I spent the few years before my dad met

Ryley and read every book in our library that pertained to anything alpha wolves. I was hoping it would make my father see me. I

didn't realize how depressed he was until we met Ryley. She made him into a better alpha and an even better father.

Evie giggled and laughed as she threw blueberries at me before. squeezing a slice of banana before her fingers and stuffing her entire fist into her mouth.

"There's an easier way to eat that princess," I pushed my lips into a line.

"I will have men with Channing around the clock while he is away for school. I won't let anything happen to him," I heard my

father. What about me? I'm not going back. If the council is coming after Mom and Evie, I'm staying to protect them. And nothing will change my mind.

My phone chimed in my pocket. I placed a few pieces of strawberries 17:27 1

in front of Evie before pulling it out to see a text from Tessa. I smiled even though I shouldn't get my hopes up.

T: Merry Christmas, Handsome. Wish I could spend the day with you. X XX

I grinned as I read the message over and over.

Me: Merry Christmas, Beautiful. I'll be back tomorrow. xx x I slipped my phone back into my pocket when my parents walked into the kitchen. I turned back to Evie to hide the smile I couldn't rid myself of. I've been trying to break through to Tessa since I met her. She's only seventeen, and Shadow, my wolf

hasn't said anything but I feel so connected to her. She's unlike any other girl I have met.

"Aspen," I flinched at my father's harsh voice.. I turned in my chair to see my father's imposing stare. It was then Evie threw a

piece of lifeless strawberry covered in baby drool. It hit me in the cheek and my father smiled as Evie giggled smacking her

palms excitedly against the tray causing the few blueberries left to go flying. "Babe, stop. Aspen is right to be concerned. The council has already proven they have people everywhere," my mother

defended me. I peeled the strawberry carc a ss off my face while watching my parents stare at one another. I knew my mother

was going to win, she always does.

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'Apsen, you aren't going back to Alpha training. But you will continue it after this cr ap with the council is over. You are taking

over three packs now, and you need to be ready," my father finally said. I resisted the urge to roll my eyes.

"Where do you think we are going?" She questioned him, and I swallowed my snicker. She's not wrong. I wasn't going to be taking over for a few more years.

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"Sweetie, can you go wake Channing? Breakfast is almost ready," Mom let out a yelp as a loud cra ck of skin-hitting skin echoed through the kitchen.

"Blake, what the hell?" she yelled, rubbing a hand over her backside. That was my queue to leave. I didn't want to witness anything they were about to do.

"You're on your own, princess," I stood up to leave.

"For your attitude, missy," I heard my father say as I quickly walked out.

"Is everything alright?" Walter asked me when I walked into the living room.

"I'm not going back to Alpha training, but you may want to rescue Evie." I told him, heading towards the back bedrooms.

My phone chimed in my pocket again and I pulled it out leaning against the wall outside Channing's room.

T: I work late, but maybe you can come see me?

My heart pounded against my chest as I reread the text message. This could

be my big break into her life. Since I met her she

has kept me at arm's length and it was driving me crazy. I wanted to know everything about her. Spend every free moment with her.

Me: Let me know the time and place. I'll be there.

I quickly typed out the message. I jumped when Channing's door opened and he stepped out.

"Why are you just standing there?" He yawned.

"I was about to come wake your as s up. Breakfast is ready," I rushed 57 83%

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out, quickly pocketing my phone. He gave me a pointed look before he shrugged. I haven't told him about Tessa. He's my

brother and I love him but girls love him. It's nothing to be an alpha. They love the hockey all-star.

"Why are you up so early?" he questioned as we walked to the kitchen together.

"I needed to talk with Mom," I replied.

"Aspen, I want to take you skating after we open gifts," Mom said as we walked into the living room. She was wrapped around my father.

"Should you be skating?" he grumbled and she smacked his chest.

"I'm pregnant, not broken." she rolled her eyes. As much as I hated their public display of affliction, I was happy my father had

Ryley. I'm thankful we both have her.

"Besides, I need some time with him," she smiled.

"What, no love for me?" Channing exclaimed.

"I told you I was her favorite," I laughed when I dodged his fist.

"Booboo," Evie squealed. She was sitting with Walter on the couch.

"Come on, it's time for breakfast."

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Luna Ryley

Blake's parents and Walter joined us for breakfast. It was nice to be surrounded by family. The boys were feeding Evie, giving me some time to eat. Even though the three of them were just making a mess. Pancakes and eggs were all over her. I don't think she got any of it in her mouth.

Blake took my hand in his before bringing it to his lips.

"You okay?" I smiled at him and nodded. I was okay. A little stressed but that's to be expected after yesterday.

"How are you feeling. Ryley? Any morning sickness?" Liz, Blake's mother asked me.

"Nothing yet, but I'm sure it's coming."

"Hey, don't look at me." Channing protested. I had the worst morning sickness when I was pregnant with him. Most days I felt like

I was going to die.

"Oh, you were worth it," I told him and he groaned.

"Alphas." Liz scoffed and I laughed.

"What? I'm adorable," Aspen protested.

"But you were also a pain in your mother's as s," Blake said.

"Maybe it has something to do with being pregnant with an alpha wolf? I never considered it before since I had nothing to compare it to.

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I had some morning sickness with Evie, but nothing compared to Channing." I pondered.

"So, if you don't have crazy morning sickness, we are getting another sister." Aspen claimed.

"That's not true. Dad already has an alpha son so it could be a boy just not an alpha wolf." Channing corrected.

"Blair, have you ever heard of an alpha having two alpha sons?" I asked him.

"I haven't but I also never met a Luna Wolf until you, my dear. And having another alpha to run the pack wouldn't be a bad thing," he shrugged.

"I'm not running the pack." Channing groaned.

"Don't be so dramatic. I never asked you." Aspen retorted. I was surprised by his tone.

I jumped when there was banging on the front door.

"Who could that be?" I looked at the time on the stove. It was just after ten a.m.

"I'll get it." Blake said, standing from the table.

"Aspen, what was that? And Channing no one is saying you have to be an alpha. It's just an idea," I told them. What the hell was going on with these two?

"Oh, my babies. Merry Christmas," I jumped when my mother's voice. filled the kitchen. I thought they were coming for dinner. I looked at Walter.

I squealed when my mother threw her arms around my neck, giving me 17.271

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a tight side hug.

"Hi, Mom," I sighed, patting her arm. She moved on to the boys and Evie while my father took her place.

"Hi, Stormy," he kissed my check.

"Hi, Dad." I greet him before kissing his cheek.

"I'm going to help Blake bring in the gifts," he said before leaving the kitchen.

My mother had Evie out of the high chair and was snuggling her granddaughter.

"Are we too late for the gift opening?" My mother asked.

"We were just finishing breakfast. Did you and Dad eat?"

"A coffee would be lovely. I made sure to feed your father before we left. You know how he gets." she replied.

"He's such a grumpy old bear when he's hungry," she cooed to Evie and she giggled.

"Mom, I thought you and Dad were coming for dinner?"

"You know me, I couldn't wait to see my grandchildren." She brushed it off.

"Boys, if you're done, take Grandma into the living room." they both stood up from the table and took their empty plates to the

sink. My mother walked back over to me.

"Thank you for inviting us," she whispered before following the boys. out of the kitchen. I sighed, resting my head in my hands. I

love them but the resentment is still deep. Walter placed his hand on my arm and I looked up.

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"Why don't you three go into the living room? I'll clean up." Blake's parents and even Walter hesitated until I insisted they go spend time with their grandkids.

I got up to make another pot of coffee before clearing the dishes off the table. By the time Blake stepped up behind me, I was

washing dishes in the sink, and everything had been cleaned up. He buried his face into my neck, planting soft kisses.

"I could have helped," he muinbled.

"I needed a moment, Blake. This is still hard for me," I sighed and his arms wrapped around my waist tighter.

"I'm sorry, baby."

"It's not your fault. I want them to be a part of our kids' lives, it's just hard for me. I understand everything but it affected my life so much."

"I love the person all those hard times created. And you never would have met Walter. We can't change the past, but I will always

be here to help you. Is there anything I can do?" He rubbed his cheek against. mine.

"You can dry the dishes."

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a year of therapy would have most of my issues worked out, but we haven't even stretched the surface yet.

But I swallowed it down, like I always do, and finished cleaning the kitchen. Then I made mugs of coffee for everyone.

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"Your mother doesn't know yet," Blake whispered to me while he helped me carry the mugs into the living room. Evie was playing

on the floor in front of the Christmas tree with her brothers. I smiled. watching them being so gentle with her.

Blake sat down in a chair and pulled me into his lap. I looked at all the new presents under the tree. I looked at my mother and she shrugged.

"Mom, Blake, and I have some news to share with you."

"Oh my g od, you're pregnant," she exclaimed.

"How did you know?" Blake asked and she rolled her eyes.

"A mother always knows. But I knew it couldn't be bad news since you two are madly in love. Pregnancy was the only logical answer." she explained and I laughed.

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Luna Ryley

I felt like I could breathe again when Blake pulled up in front of our house. I love being at the cabin but it was overwhelming with everyone there for the holidays.

"Baby?" Blake brought our laced hands to his lips, kissing mine.

"Just glad to be home," I breathed out. Evie was sleeping in her car seat with Aspen sitting beside her. Channing went home with

Walter to help him pack. He was moving here, indefinitely. With everything

going on with the council, he wants to keep me safe.

Aspen was supposed to go with him, but he said he had something to do tonight. I think it has something to do with the girl he told me about.

"I'll take Princess inside," Aspen said. He unclipped his sister and exited the backseat of the truck. I watched as she slept on her brother's shoulder.

"Hey, you don't have anything to worry about. There are more warriors around the house. You, Evie, and our baby are safe here.

Connor will be here when I'm not." Blake brought his hand to my cheek and I looked at him.

"It's not just that, Blake. I'm worried about the boys. Something is going on with them," I sighed.

"I'll talk with them and sort it all out. They know better than to stress. you out." He caressed my cheek. I nodded.

"Let's get you inside. I have to get to the pack house." Blake opened his door and got out of the truck. I opened my door before he could.

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"I should be with you." I protested. Warriors were watching us as they helped carry our bags in.

"No, you need to rest," he said firmly. "Connor is here and you will stay in the house until I return."

"So you get to dictate when I get to be your Luna?" I retorted and he growled. I shook my head and slammed the truck door. He tried to grab me but I moved my hand as I rushed into the house.

"Ryley?" he called off me, but I didn't want to talk to him right now. I may be pregnant but I'm more than capable of keeping me and this baby safe, even from the council.

I passed Aspen on the stairs up to the second floor.

"Mom?"

"I'm fine. Can you listen for your sister, please? Blake is going to the pack house."

"Yeah, I got her."

"Thank you," I told him before I went into my bedroom and closed the door quietly. I didn't want to wake Evie, even though I

wanted to slam it and scream at the top of my lungs.

I went into the bathroom to start a bath.

"Ryley, do you really think that was necessary?" Lily scolded as I pulled off my

clothes and climbed into the warm water.

"How was it not? I'm his Luna and this is important. These decisions. should be made together. This isn't just his pack or his

family. They are mine as well. And just because we're pregnant doesn't mean he gets to shut me out," I ranted.

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"And this has nothing to do with you being hormonal? Or the fact, that Channing hasn't spent any time with us since he has been home" she countered

"Yes. I'm hormonal. And yes. I have noticed Channing doesn't want to do anything with me. But that has nothing to do with Blake shutting me out." I exclaimed. I sank my head under the water and screamed

The water turned cold. forcing me to get out of the tub I dried off and pulled on a pair of pajamas. I wasn't going to he leaving the

house anyway. I brushed out my now longer blonde hair and put it up in a bun before heading downstairs.

All our bags and gifts from Christmas were stacked by the front door. I sighed. knowing I was going to have to put all of that away

and find space to put all of Evie's new toys and clothes But first. I'll make a cup

of tea.

I found Aspen in the kitchen and Evie in her highchair The smell of toasted bread and cheese hit my nose and my tummy grumbled

"I made one for you," Aspen said. Evie let out a squeal when she saw me, banging the tray. Pieces of grilled cheese went everywhere

"Thank you." I walked over to Aspen and kissed his check. He has been such a big help with his baby sister.

"Did you say thank you to your big brother" I kissed Evie on the head "Booboo," she yelled.

"She was a good girl. We started to play with some of her new toys before she got a little grumpy I knew she was hungry Aspen

placed a few more pieces on her tray and handed me a plate

I sat down at the table with Evie beside me in her highchair Aspen handed her a sippy cup full of milk which she took and brought to her

lips.

"Your dad still isn't home?" I mumbled around the bite of the sandwich.

"No. I should go meet him. I also have plans for tonight so I won't be home until late. Are you going to be okay?" he asked me.

"I'll be fine. I have Evie and all her toys to keep me company. Hot date?" He grinned and I knew he was going to see the girl he was telling me about.

"Something like that," he sighed.

"You go have fun. You deserve it. And thank you for being such a big help with your sister. I really appreciate it." I told him.

"I'll be around more often now since I'm not going back to alpha training." He stood up from his seat.

"I have missed you. You and Channing."

"I know. And I'm not going anywhere now." he leaned down and kissed my cheek. "I'm going to go get ready. I'll also talk to Dad.

You have every right to know what's going on." He left the kitchen after kissing his sister on the head.

"It's just me and you, princess."

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Alpha Blake

"For f uck sake," I growled after Ryley stormed into the house.

"Well that didn't go well," Connor approached me.

"Where the hell is Luca?" I demanded and he put his hands up in surrender.

"Packhouse organizing patrol. I would ask you how your time away was, but you seem a little grumpy." I pinched the bridge of my nose.

"She's pregnant." I linked him.

"No f ucken way," he exclaimed. I looked at him before shushing him.

"Not a word," I commanded. He pushed his lips in line.

"I won't but you know she's right and Luca is going to tell you the same thing, Blake."

"If I wanted your da mn opinion, I would have asked for it," I retorted. before marching off towards the pack house. F uck, that

woman is going to be the death of me.

I stormed into the packhouse, and up to my office where I found Luca. He was in there talking with Aiden.

"Get out." I commanded.

"Blake, what's wrong?" Luca exclaimed.

"What's wrong is that Ryley is already pis sed off and his involvement. 1727

will only pis s her off more." I yelled, pacing my office.

"Blake, slow down. Why is Luna pis sed?" Luca questioned.

I grumbled as I stopped pacing and looked at them. Luca was standing behind my desk while Aiden was sitting in a chair in front.

"She thinks she should be here and I said no." Luca pinched the bridge of his nose.

"Don't f ucking give me that, Luca. You know why she can't be here. The council is after her and our daughter. They are both

staying in that go dda mn house until the council is destroyed."

"Blake, calm down. I know you are worried but Ryley can handle herself. She would never let the council get her or your daughter." Aiden assured.

"Ryley is pregnant. Aiden. I won't let the council get her again. They are coming after me because I'm stopping the payments

from this pack. They came here two days ago accusing me of hiding another Luna wolf and they wanted to test Evie. Now, if you

get hurt. Ryley will never forgive herself. So, no you are not involved in this." I told him.

"Then I will be here, protecting our Luna and your daughter. Blake. I will work alongside Connor. I don't need to go sneaking

around to be useful. There aren't too many of us that you trust completely." He said.

""Aspen is staying home and so is Landon. I'm not sending them back to training until after the council has been handled."

"Blake, what the f uck do you think is happening here?" Luca asked.

"I have no idea, Luca, but I'm not sending the boys back there. The council has people everywhere. I would rather be safe than sorry."

"So is Channing also staying home?" Aiden questioned. I shook my 18 421

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head.

"I need a team to protect him at school. He's at a human school, but I know the council is still watching him. I need a bigger team

there." I explained. There was a knock on the office door before Aspen stepped inside.

"Mom is not happy with you, so I would bring chocolate home," he smirked

and I glared at him.

"This is not a time for jokes, Aspen. This threat is very real," I snapped.

"And you don't think mom can handle herself. If it came down to you. or her protecting me, I would want her. She may be

pregnant and hormonal but she would kill anyone who would dare threaten her family. Us. And you are the only one who doesn't

see it. She should be here and you holding her back will only make her resent you," he retorted before slamming the door behind

him as he left my office.

"It would seem you are very good at pis sing people off today, Alpha," Aiden shook his head.

"For f uck sake," I grumbled as I walked over to my chair and flopped. down. Luca took the chair beside Aiden.

"Why don't you tell me what I need to know, since I can't do anything right today."

"As far as we know, the council hasn't stepped foot back into the pack. Also, we have informants all around the pack and no new

wolves have shown up. I'm not sure why they decided to show up when they did, but the pack hasn't done anything wrong.

According to the Luna wolf law, they are not allowed to test any female wolf they suspect to be at Luna wolf who is under the age of eighteen. That is the law they wrote." Luca said.

"They showed up to prove they could. They knew I would never 1727

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consent to that or give up any Luna wolf in my pack." I rubbed my temples to try to rid myself of the slow pounding in my skull.

"Blake, we will take them down. We have the resources to storm in right now and take them down. They are the ones who

should be watching their backs. You stopping any money from our pack will crip ple them. So, they have two choices, try to take you out, or surrender." My Beta explained.

"They could use my family against me, Luca. They know I would surrender to their terms if they got hold of any of them. They

know they are my weakness."

"And the pack will keep them safe, Blake. No one is walking into the pack without us knowing about it. And I have no doubt Ryley would. take anyone out who dared enter your house. We will protect them. Now, go get some chocolate for your pregnant Luna,

and apologize for being a caveman. Tomorrow, we can go over patrol scheduling and start getting the warriors ready for what's coming" There was a reason Luca was my beta and this was why. "I'll come up with a schedule with Connor. Either his team or mine. will be at the house at all times. Blake, we will keep them safe." Aiden assured me. I sighed, knowing I had the hardest job between the three of us. "Then I better go handle my Luna."

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Future Alpha Aspen

F uck, my father can be such an idiot and hopefully, he listened to my advice. "He wants to keep his mate safe, Aspen, you can't fault him for that." Shadow, my wolf, chimed in. I shook my head and got into my truck. I couldn't let my father ruin my mood.

"But he doesn't have to be such a di ck about it."

I parked my truck in front of the diner Tessa worked at. I could see through the bay windows. her in her uniform serving a table.

She was gorgeous with her auburn hair pulled back in a high ponytail. She had the brightest green eyes I had ever seen with

swirls of gold. She was curvy, which I loved. Just the thought of her naked and on top of me with her swollen breasts in my face

had me rock hard. We had only made out, but I was dying to take things further with her. I had never wanted a woman like I wanted her.

She smiled at me through the window, holding up a finger. I was earlier, but I wanted to be here to pick her up. It was chilly out

and with a new blanket of snow, I didn't want her to walk home. I was going to gift her my first car if she doesn't get her own

soon. It was at little sports car my father gifted me on my sixteenth birthday after I got my driver's license. I drove it for a year

before I wanted a truck and it's been sitting in the garage at the pack house ever since.

I smiled when she came out of the diner and headed for my truck. She was bundled up in a thick winter coat but she made that

puffy thing look sex y as hell.

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"Hey you," she smiled as I leaned over and opened the door for her.

"Hey gorgeous," I greeted her. She bit her lower lip as her cheeks. turned this perfect pink color.

"How was work?" I asked her as she threw her bag in the back and buckled her seatbelt.

"It was good. Long. These last few days have been long and busy. How was time away with your fantily?"

"It was good. My mom is having another baby. And my father and brother are driving her insane. So, all in all, a good time," I told her.

"That's so exciting. Not about your brother and the alpha. But I know you must be so excited, you talk so much about your baby

sister." She grabbed my arm that was resting on the center console.

"I am excited. I also have some good news, but first are you hungry?"

"Starving, Aspen. I don't think I've eaten in the last few days."

"Okay, food first, and then I will tell you the good news." I backed out. of the parking space and started the drive to her favorite

burger place. I had asked her friend and roommate beforehand.

I didn't like her not eating. I took for granted all the things I never had. to work for. I always had food to eat and things I wanted.

And here. Tessa was working three jobs to cover rent. I had everything to give her but the most she would take was a meal and only if we ate together.

After going through the drive-thru I parked out by the park that overlooked a lake. Tessa was in the passenger seat eating all the

fries out of the bag but I didn't care. I was just happy she wanted to see me.

"So, what's this good news?" she mumbled with her mouth full.

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"First, I wanted to ask you something?" She stopped chewing and looked at me.

"Okay, shoot."

"Why don't you and Sarah move into the pack house? There is plenty. of room and food. You won't have to work so hard for the

basics." I asked.

"I would rather do this on my own, Aspen. And with you leaving, I' wouldn't know anyone there," she rambled.

"I'm not leaving. Also, I don't live there. There is a house just up the road from the pack house where I live. I could move into the

pack house alpha floor if I wanted to, but my family doesn't live there."

"Oh. I just assumed." She looked out the window. "Wait?" she looked back at me. "You aren't leaving?" she questioned.

"Nope. Landon and I are both staying. My father has some business he needs to take care of and I didn't want to go back there anyways." I took a hold of her hand.

"I'm glad you

o aren't leaving. I'm sorry I'm always so busy. I do like seeing you," she bit her lip.

"I like you, Tessa. And I like seeing you." I leaned over the console and pushed my lips against hers. Before I could pull back she wrapped her arms around my neck. I unbuckled her seatbelt before lifting her over the console and into my lap. I found the

button and the seat tilted back. All without breaking the kiss.

I unzipped her coat and moved my lips down her jaw to her neck as I pulled it off. The last time we got this far she stopped me.

But this time she rolled her hips and tugged at my hair. Her moans had me ready to explode.

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She worked on the buttons of my shirt as I moved back to her lips. I pushed my tongue into her mouth, tasting every inch of her. I

left her breathless before lifting the white shirt she was wearing over her head. She pushed me back against the seat with her

hands on my chest.

"Aspen, I've never," she breathed out.

"It's okay, I haven't either," I confessed. Her intense green eyes searched mine..

"And why would someone like you want someone like me?" She bit her bottom lip. Her hands never left my bare chest as I took hold of her cheeks and pulled her flush against me.

"I like you, Tessa. If you need to stop, then we can stop. We can do anything you want to do as long as I'm doing it with you."

"But what if you find your mate?" She whispered and tears filled her eyes.

"I haven't yet. I may never find her. But that doesn't mean I don't want. to try with you. I want this. I want you." I caressed her cheeks before pecking her lips.

"Do you want to come back to my place?" 17.58

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Alpha Blake

I walked into the living room to find my mate playing with our daughter on the floor. There were toys everywhere and Evie was

standing, trying to walk. I leaned against the door frame and watched as she tried to walk from the couch to her mother sitting cross-legged a few feet away.

"You can do it, baby girl," she cheered her on.

"Dada." she squealed when she saw me. I looked at Ryley and she was looking at me. Tears filled my eyes. This was the first time Evie called me anything other than mama.

"That's right. Princess. I walked over to her and scooped her up. I tickled her chin with my beard and she giggled a squeal.

"Were you trying to walk without me?" I pulled back and pouted but all she did was pull on my beard with her tiny little fingers.

I turned to find Ryley cleaning up the toys. I walked over to her, still holding on to Evie. I needed to fix this. Ryley should be

involved in this but I'm so fearful she will end up back in the council's claws.

She has been through enough with the council and

with almost dying. I want her home and safe.

I wrapped an arm around her waist and pulled her into my side.

"Mama." Evie babbled.

"Yes, Blake," she placed her hand on my chest and tried to push me away.

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"Baby, stop," I pulled her closer and rested my forehead against hers. She sighed but stopped fighting me.

"I don't want you involved in this. I almost lost you to the council once. You and Evie. I'm not risking you and our unborn child. I

need you to stay here and protect our babies."

"And what about our boys and pack? I'm their Luna, I shouldn't be hiding away while they fight this war with the council. This is

my fight just as much as it is yours," she exclaimed.

"The boys have their wolves. I know they can take care of themselves. And I will take care of the pack. Your job is to grow our

baby and to take care of this one," Evie leaned over and kissed her mother. "I love you, my baby girl," Ryley kissed her back.

"Then, if I'm to stay here then I want to know what's going on. If I follow all your rules, then I need to know the plan. I have to be

involved in this Blake. They took me from you and held me against my will. They threatened our daughter. I will not sit back and

let them get away with it." she demanded. I knew I was going to have to compromise or she would just learn everything from Aspen.

"I will involve you in the planning, but you will stay on the sidelines. I mean it, Ryley. I don't care if I'm dying. You will stay here

and protect. our kids." Tears filled her eyes and I pulled her close.

"Nothing is going to happen to me, baby," I reassured her, kissing her forehead. Her body began to tremble before she broke

down into s obs. I led her over to the couch and sat down. Evie was in my lap and Ryley was pulled against my side.

"I'm sorry, baby. Nothing is going to happen to me." I held both my girls while Ryley cried on my shoulder. F uck. I didn't mean to upset. her.

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"Why would you say that?" She choked as she pulled back to look at me. "You know I can't live without you," she cried. I pulled

her back against me. Evie had her head snuggled into one side of my chest, while her mother had the other side. I kissed both of them on the top of their heads.

"I didn't mean to make you cry, baby, and nothing is going to happen to me. But I need you here, protecting our babies." She nodded her head. "Okay?"

"Okay," she whispered and I held her tighter.

"Thank you," I mumbled, kissing her head again.

"Have you eaten?"

"Aspen make me a grilled cheese before he left," she sniffled. I knew that wasn't enough. She was growing our baby and taking care of another.

"That's not enough. I'll have one of the warriors run out to get us something." What do you feel like?" I asked her.

"A cheeseburger and fries," she snuggled her cheek into my chest.

"Sounds good, baby. Find us something to watch and we can have a movie night." Evie started to suck on my shirt and I knew she wanted. her mother.

"Come here, baby girl, before you suck a hole in Daddy's shirt." She took her from me and she immediately started to suck her chest. I grabbed a few pillows while she got Evie latched. After she was

comfortable and our daughter was nursing. I handed her

the remote,

"I'm going to go talk with Connor and get our food. I'll be right back," I told her, kissing her forehead. She grabbed onto my shirt

before I could pull away and pulled me down, Her lips met mine.

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"Never, ever, Baby." I pecked her lips. I kissed Evie's head before I left the house to find my ga mma.

"Connor." I called out. He was standing in the driveway talking to another warrior when I exited the house. I walked down the steps of the porch and he met me halfway.

"How is everything?" he asked me.

"Better. I need you to send one of the warriors to pick up food for us. Also." Aiden is going to be helping you. He was talking with

Luca earlier. I don't want him in the field so he volunteered to help you." I explained.

"Good. He hasn't come to see me yet, but we will come up with a schedule to watch over Ryley and Evie. Nothing is going to

happen to them." he assured me. I thanked him and gave him our food order before going back into the house. He'll bring it in when it arrives.

I walked into the living room to find my mate and daughter sleeping. I smiled as I covered them both with a blanket. I kissed both

of them before shutting off the TV. I pulled out my phone and headed into the

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Tessa

I was nervous about having the future alpha in my place. I don't know why I invited him over, I just blurted it out after he told me

he was a virgin. How can someone as se xy as him be a virgin at eighteen? And I certainly don't understand how he can be interested in me.

I may be living in his pack, but I'm not a member. I'm average looking at the best of times. And I'm chubby. There is no gap

between my thighs and my stomach isn't flat. The only thing going for me is my round a ss and big breasts. But I guess when the lights are off that's all that matters.

I unlocked the door to my and Sarah's apartment. Stepping inside, I was sure he was going to run for the hills. We lived in a

cardboard box compared to the pack house. The living room and kitchen were all one room and we only had a small couch. We

didn't even have a TV. We would watch movies on a small tablet Sarah saved up to buy. It was old and took forever to load, but

we didn't have much time for movies anyway.

"This is nice," Aspen said, standing behind me. I snorted a laugh, trying not to feel embarrassed.

"Let me give you the tour. This is the kitchen and living room. My room is the last door on the left and the bathroom is across

from mine. The first door on the left is Sarah's room."

"And where is Sarah tonight?" He asked. I looked over my shoulder to see him watching me. I unzipped my coat and threw it on the couch.

"She's at work." I shrugged. I bit my bottom lip as I watched him walk

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around the small space. He looked so out of place and I was feeling nervous about continuing what we were doing in his truck. I

could feel how much he wanted me, but I still didn't know why.

I was wearing a plain white shirt and jeans with a tear in my left knee. They were worn and faded. Everything I owned was

second-hand except for a few pairs of panties. They weren't anything special and surely not se xy.

"Do you feel safe here?" he asked, the couch groaning under his weight as he sat down. I sat down beside him and he wrapped an arm around my shoulders.

"I've never had a problem." I shrugged.

"Would you tell me if you did?" He questioned.

"Probably not." I sighed. "But only because I'm a big girl and can handle myself," I quickly defended.

"You don't have your wolf. Has anyone trained you?" I played with my fingers in my lap. I didn't want to get into any of this. So,

instead of answering, I climbed into his lap and kissed him. He groaned as his hands ran up my back under my shirt. I fought the

urge to shiver as goosebumps covered my body and my nipples pebbled. This bra did nothing to conceal them.

"Are you trying to distract me, Miss Morrison?" he mumbled against e, Miss Morrison?" he mumbled against amy lips. I didn't say

a word as I pushed my tongue into his mouth. His

chest rumbled and my core heated in a way I had never felt before.

My hands fumbled with the buttons of his shirt as I tasted every inch of his mouth. Even after I was left breathless, I still wanted

more. He kissed down my jaw before pulling my shirt over my head. I rubbed my palms down his bare chest as his lips assaulted

my neck and shoulder. He unclipped my bra and I let him slide the straps down my arms

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before he tossed it to the side.

I gasped as his hands cupped my breasts before he sucked one of my nipples into his mouth.

"Aspen," I moaned as I tugged his hair. He switched breasts and I rolled my hips needing something to soothe the ache between

my legs. Sure. I have touched myself before, but it never felt like this.

"I want you. Tessa." he mumbled as he dragged his tongue up my chest to my neck. F uck. I know I should stop. I shouldn't want

the future. alpha. But I couldn't tell him to stop.

"Please, don't stop." I panted. He cupped my cheeks and forced me to look at him.

"I want you. Aspen." I crushed my lips against his.

The couch groaned as he stood up and I wrapped my legs around his waist.

His hands kneed my as s as he carried me. His

length pushed. against me and I was scared but also excited to have him inside me. He was big, like the toys Sarah likes to show me online.

He placed me down on my bed before pulling his shirt over his head. I sat up and ran my palms down his chest and abs. His

body was perfect and I was instantly self-aware of the rolls of my stomach.

"F uck, you're perfect," he groaned as he pushed me back onto the bed. He kissed down my chest and stomach as he undid my

jeans. I knew I was soaked and butterflies exploded in my stomach. I

shouldn't be embarrassed about how much he turns me on. He looked like a Greek g od, sculpted to perfection.

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I gripped his hair and gasped when he opened the fly of my jeans and kissed the thin fabric of my panties. I was ready to

explode. One touch from him and that's all it would take.

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"Are you sure about this?" I looked down at him. He was kneeling on the floor between my legs.

"Yes," I breathed out. He stood up and hovered over me momentarily before bringing his lips to mine. The kiss was slow and

sensual as our lips molded perfectly together. I knew I would never regret what I was about to do with him. Even when he does

find his mate, at least I can say I was his first and he was mine.

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Book Two Chapter Fourteen

Future Alpha Aspen

I awoke with a smile on my face. My back ached and my feet hung off the end of Tessa's small bed but you wouldn't hear me

complaining today. She was sleeping, snuggled into my side, still naked from

the night before. The blanket she had on her bed barely covered both of us and I swear my neck will never recover from sleeping on her lumpy pillow. But, looking down at her with the light coming through her window, this moment was perfect. She is perfect. I brushed some of her hair from her face.

"Tess, what the hell are you still doing in bed? We need," Sarah barged into her room. Tessa jumped up. almost falling off her bed but I pulled her down on top of me.

"Oh, I'm sorry." Sarah squealed. "I didn't see a thing." She slammed the door shut.

"You go girl," she peaked her head back in and I chuckled.

"I'm so sorry." Tessa, looked down at me with her hands on my chest. Her cheeks turned the cutest shade of pink.

"I'm not," I bucked my hips and she gasped.

"Aspen." There was nothing between us as she rolled her hips, coating me with her wetness.

"F uck, I want you." I breathed out, my hands on her hips. She stilled her hips, leaning back she wrapped her arms around her stomach.

"But it's morning and you can see me." She mumbled.

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"Of course, I want to see you. Shadow has great night vision. I saw every inch of you last night." I took hold of one of her cheeks.

"Hey, what's wrong?" I watched her eyes fill up with tears.

"My body isn't perfect and," she hesitated,

"Baby, I think you're perfect. Every inch of you is perfection. You are smart and funny. And I've never been so hard in my life," I smiled when she chuckled. I caressed her cheek.

I grabbed her wrists and pulled her flush against my chest. My chest rumbled as I slipped between her folds again.

"You like that," she purred, rolling her hips. Her lips brushed against mine and I moved my hands to her hips.

"F uck, Beautiful." I breathed out before she crushed her lips against mine. She licked my bottom lip and I pushed my tongue into her mouth. I swallowed her moans as she rolled her hips harder. When I couldn't take the teasing any longer, I lined up my tip with her entrance and she sat back..

"Aspen," she gasped as our hips became flush.

"I love it when you say my name, baby," I bucked my hips and she moaned my name louder. I knew Sarah could hear us but I

didn't care. Everyone was going to know this woman was mine.

She sat back with her hands on my abs. Her movements started slow, working her hips in a steady rhythm.

She closed her eyes and threw her head back as she rode me like a pro.

I cupped her breasts and she moaned louder as I rolled her pink nipples under my thumbs. I almost lost it when she moved one

of her hands to her pu ssy. Watching her take what she wanted from me, was the sex iest thing I'd ever seen.

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"F uck. Aspen," she gasped, looking down at me. I licked my thumb and pushed her fingers out of the way while I circled her c lit.

Aspen she moaned until she was screaming my name. Her walls clamped around me and her movements slowed. I sat up,

bucking my hips until I grunted my own release.

We were both left breathless and I'm surprised we didn't break the bed frame. I kissed her forehead and laid back down, taking her with me. With her head on my chest, I covered us with the blanket before running my fingers along her back.

This is how I always want to start my day, I thought as I kissed the top of her head.

Tessa hissed as she moved her hips and my semi-hard di ck slipped out of her.

"F uck, Tessa, I'm sorry. I should have made sure you weren't sore."

"It was worth it," she kissed my chest.

"Even so, I should have made sure. I don't want to hurt you." I told her. She moved her chin to my chest and looked up at me.

"You didn't hurt me, far from it," she smiled and I kissed her nose.

There was a knock on her bedroom door, interrupting us.

"I'm sorry for being the bearer of bad news, but Tess you have to get ready for work." Sarah called out from the other side of the

door. I chuckled when Tessa groaned and buried her face in my chest.

"Come on, you go get ready and I'll get us breakfast before I drop you off." I kissed her head again.

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"You don't have to do that," she mumbled.

"I want to." She sat up and kissed my lips.

"Thank you."

Tessa slipped out of her room to have a shower while I got dressed. When I walked out of her room, Sarah was sitting on the

couch. She smirked when she saw me.

"So, when did this start?" She questioned as she took a sip of her hug. "Last night," I shrugged. "I'm going to go get breakfast for me and Tessa, do you want something?" I asked her. She stood up and marched up to me.

"If you hurt her, I will kill you," she poked me in the chest, before moving around me.

"Is that a yes for breakfast?" I called out.

"Yes, thank you," she huffed before I heard a door slam.

"Sarah, what the hell?" I heard Tessa scream and I chuckled as I left the apartment. I'll let her explain everything to her friend.

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Tessa

It's been a week since I let Aspen fully into my life. I couldn't be happier. He is such a gentleman. I came home from work that

night and found a new bed in my room. It was bigger and way more comfortable than the one I had. I'm actually surprised we

didn't break it from all our naked activities. It was covered in rose petals, with a note from him. 'Now, there's more room and less

fear of us ending on the floor, x Aspen.' I kept the note. I loved his carefree sense of humor.

Sarah was impressed with him as well. After the first night, he made a point to feed me and take me to work. She was hesitant

about me dating the future alpha, but he wasn't like any other alpha I have known. She was also enjoying the bed when he didn't spend the night.

"Stop daydreaming." Sarah nudged me. I was waiting behind the counter of the diner we both worked at waiting for my food order. I just smiled and bit my bottom lip.

"You make me want to puke," she faked a gag and I chuckled.

"Jelly." I taunted and she huffed, going back to her half of the tables.

My face lit up when Aspen walked in, followed by Landon, the future. beta, and someone else I didn't know. I was thankful we weren't busy and I could take my time with him.

weren't busy and I could take my time with him.

He leaned his elbows on the counter while the other two took an empty booth. "Hey, gorgeous," he purred, wiggling his brow at me.

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"Will you stop? I'm working," I scolded with a smile and his face lit up.

"F uck, you're se y in that uniform." I snorted a laugh, before clapping a hand over my mouth.

"You are so delusional," I rolled my eyes and he laughed.

"Go sit down and I'll be right there," I told him when my food was placed in the window by one of the cooks in the kitchen. He grabbed his chest like I offended him

I shook my head but I couldn't stop smiling.

I finished up with my tables, making sure everyone had a refill. Sarah caught me behind the counter.

"Who is the other guy?" she whispered. I shrugged. I know it wasn't a good thing to get the attention of the future alpha. This

could all blow up in my face, and then Sarah and I would be forced to keep running.

I walked over to the booth and Aspen pulled me to sit beside me. Landon and the other one were sitting across from us.

"Going on break?" Sarah called out and I glared at her. Aspen moved my hair and kissed my neck and I moved my glare to him.

He had wrapped an arm around me.

"I'm working, stop." I scolded, with a chuckle. He gave me to cutest pout.

"Not going to introduce us, brother?" The one I did know said. I turned my attention to the two men across from us.

"Tessa, this is my brother Channing. Channing this is Tessa." I extended my hand to shake his.

"It's nice to meet you," I smiled. I looked behind me and Sarah 23.71%

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mouthed Oh my go d, to me while fanning her face.

"I think he broke Sarah," Aspen whispered and I burst into laughter. Landon and Channing turned around and she ducked under the counter.

"I can see you have a hold over my brother," Channing smirked. "If you are being held against your will, blink twice," he chuckled.

"What?" I stammered, looking at Aspen. He seemed to be having a silent conversation with his brother. Landon started laughing.

"He's kidding. Tessa, don't worry, these two are always joking around," Landon told me.

"Good to know." I smiled at Landon. "Same as always?" I asked him.

"I'll take a little bit of Sarah too," he grinned and I laughed.

"I'll let her know."

"If you two are finished with whatever this is, I need to put in your order." I looked between the brothers.

"I'll take what he's having." Channing broke eye contact with his brother first. I looked up at Aspen.

"Usually, please." he smiled down at me. He pecked my lips.

"I'll be right back, and I'll bring Sarah," I winked at Landon.

Before I could wiggle out of the booth, Aspen pulled me close and whispered in my ear. I know the wolves across from us could hear him.

"You are mine tonight," I bit my lip as my core heated. I clamped my thighs together.

Sarah saved me by calling for me. I pecked Aspen on the lips before leaving the table.

"Bro, you have it bad," I heard Channing say and I grinned as I walked towards Sarah. She gave me a knowing look and I shrugged.

I sent her over with their drink order while I handled the rest of the tables. Most were getting ready to leave. Sarah was still at their booth chatting by the time their food was in the window.

"Now, who's taking a break," I smirked as I placed down the three orders of burgers and fries. Sarah stood up from her seat beside Aspen.

"I'll get started on the nightly stuff. Hopefully, we can get out of this place earlier. Bye boys," she walked around me, giving me a smirk and patting my shoulder. Great, what did she tell them? I didn't get a chance to ask her before Aspen pulled me down to sit beside him again.

"How was work today?" he asked, wrapping an arm around my shoulders. "It was good. the coffee shop was busy so that part of my day went by quickly." I looked at my watch. "Now, only a few more hours to go." I smiled as I looked at him. I rested my check on my hand, resting my elbow on the tabletop.

"And what have you three been up to?"

"Handing out with Channing before he heads back to college," Aspen mumbled, his mouth full of food. I looked at his brother.

"Exciting, what are you taking?" I asked him.

"Pre-med."

"You want to be a doctor?"

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"This guy is going to be a surgeon," Landon exclaimed.

"It's not as exciting as it sounds." Channing shook his head.

"Your parents must be proud. An alpha and a surgeon in the family." Aspen pulled me close and I turned to look at him. His

brother was hot, but nothing compared to the future alpha holding me close.

I've known him for over a month now, and even

though it was too soon to

say the three little words. I knew I was falling in love with him.

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Channing

I was happy for my brother, I was, but I couldn't help but be jealous of him as well. Everyone thinks I have it all with my hockey

and school but it was hard being away from my family, especially my mom. I know she's happy and she deserves it, but I miss

her. Everything has changed so much and I'm having a hard time dealing with it.

Aspen had dropped me off after we ate. He was going to pick Tessa up from work and spend the night with her. I grumbled in

frustration as I walked up the front steps of the house.

"You should be happy for him. We always get the attention and he found someone who only has eyes for him," Bliz, my wolf chimed in.

"I should be living it up at college, but there's so much to worry about here. And I miss my wingman," I sighed, entering the house.

Mom and Dad were having a heated decision, which didn't surprise me. She's pregnant and he's trying to keep her safe. What could possibly go wrong?

"You promised you would keep me in the loop, Blake. This isn't keeping me in the loop," she growled at him.

"What the hell do you want me to do? Put you and our child in danger? That's

not going to happen. I'd rather you be mad at me than put you at risk," he retorted.

I on the other hand can see both sides. My mother has always been strong. If you were going to war, she is someone you would

want on your side. But then Blake won't be able to concentrate on the battle.

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would be so worried about his mate, that others could get hurt or killed. It was something my mother was having a hard time understanding.

"Channing, sweetie, how was your time out? Did you eat?" My mother turned her attention to me when I entered the kitchen.

"It was good. And yeah, I ate," I went to the fridge to get a bottle of water.

"Where's your brother?" Dad asked me.

"He stayed out tonight," I shrugged. He pinched the bridge of his nose before his phone rang.

"I have to go," he pulled my mother close but she kept her arms crossed over her chest. He sighed before kissing her cheek. He gave me a nod, before leaving the house.

"You could be a little more understanding. He just wants to keep you safe, Mom. That's not a bad thing." I told her.

"I'm the Luna, Channing, I should be his equal. I'm not fighting him because he wants to keep me safe. I'm fighting him because

I'm his Luna and I deserve his respect. It is also my job to keep the pack safe and he isn't letting me do my job," she huffed. I

reached into the higher cupboard above the fridge and pulled out a chocolate bar for her. I slid it across the kitchen island and she caught it.

"Chocolate, really?" She gave me a pointed look. It was the secret stash we boys had for when she was grumpy.

"Come on, let's go watch a hockey game. We haven't done that this season," I offered. She grumbled but she followed me into

the living room. I grabbed the remote, and she sat down beside me on the couch, resting her head on my shoulder.

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I shouldn't be helping my father deal with his wife and mate. He knew what he was getting himself into. But this was more for my

mom than for him. She was pregnant and over-emotional. She cried like a baby when I left for college. I know all she wants to

do is help, but right now she can't be putting herself in danger. I would lose my mind if anything happened to her.

I also know she comes to all of my home games. She may think she is being sneaky but I see her. I'm not sure if she thinks she

is cramping my style or something, but I like it when she's there. Everything has changed, but her being there, supporting me,

means not everything has. And I'm having a hard time with the change.

My mom always said she would move when I picked a college to be closer to me, but after meeting Blake, I knew that would

have to change. She's his Luna and he can't pick up his pack and move. I'm only a few hours away but it's still a lot to deal with.

Hockey keeps me busy and then classes.

I know she trying to give me space to grow, but I miss it when it was just the two of us. I love our family, but sometimes it was

simpler when it was just the two of us. And the irony isn't lost on me. I wanted to have a family and now, I want some time with my mom.

"Mom, I have a game next weekend. I want you to come." I asked her, as we watched. I haven't invited her to a game for fear

she wouldn't be able to show up. I didn't want to get my hopes up.

"Really?" She looked over at me with misty eyes.

"Really, mom, please don't cry," I pleaded. She quickly wiped her eyes and sniffled, before putting on a smile.

"I would love to watch you play, sweetie."