

My Mates 371

Chapter 371

371- Their Karma

Years Ago:

"Tell me, do you want me to die? Do you know what will happen when the next alpha king comes and finds out about me? He will also find out about Enya. She is a hybrid; she was born with magic. So no matter what we do, she will end up having magic. What then? Those people will mistreat her, punish her, and give her as a slave to the next alpha king's son. Do you want that?" Hazel nuzzled her hand against Alaric's arm, a softly enchanting spell in her mouth.

She never thought she would get to see a day when she will be using spells on her beloved Alaric. The more she talked, the more he calmed down.

"You are right." He rubbed his hands on his face, nervously thinking over his mate's words. He realized she was right, or maybe it was the spells she kept murmuring that made him agree with her.

Yet there was resistance to his actions.

"Then go, do the job. Go save your wife and daughter," Hazel patted his back and he got up on his feet.

"Wash your face first. I don't want the guard to see you in this state and realize you were having a hard time making a decision. It needs to look like you are cold-blooded, ready to dance around at his one signal." She told him, and he reluctantly nodded.

going on?" Enya came out of her room

woke her up." Hazel shook her head at Alaric, who was now in the process of walking

my precious little daughter." Hazel opened her arms for Enya,

Enya sleep. She didn't understand what had happened to her daughter's peace in the last few days. Enya seemed to have been suffering from amnesia and sleep

went into his room, and, as told by Hazel, he washed his face and hyped himself to do the deed. He then stood near the bookshelf for a moment before finally walking out of the room.

with the guard. The two drove over to the morgue, where Alaric

still in a haze. He knew what he was doing and that it was wrong, but it seemed like he

Alaric's turn to burn the matchstick. One couldn't understand why Alpha King chose him

the matchstick, and the fire started. The two ran away from the sight, and the guard left for home. Alaric stood there and watched the

obviously delayed on purpose, that Alaric left for home. He walked alone under the cloudy sky,

it, but that doesn't mean I had to," he whispered to himself. "How did I get so comfortable that I did

taught me well when I was growing up. She always said to treat people as you would want others to treat you. But look at me now. I am just a silent watcher. I am watching my wife ruin so many lives. How is my daughter going to live a happy life when I heard karma comes for those who are

meet him before he

did the job?" The instant he walked into the house, she grabbed him and pulled him to the side. Enya was sleeping by

but it was the first time he talked with her without looking her in the

372-The Act Of Sin

Author's POV:

Years Ago:

"It is okay. The Moon Goddess will heal you," a lady hugged Thiago, who had been staring at his mother's grave, which was empty because the body was never found anymore. They held the funeral to finally rest her.

But Shepard wasn't planning to back down anytime soon. He had promised to get justice for his wife.

"Thank you for coming," Shepard said to the last guest. It was only Thiago and Shepard left now. They stood before the grave, their eyes glued to the empty place where their beloved was supposed to rest.

"Dad!" Thiago whispered, standing still in the black suit he wore for his mother's funeral.

"Yes, my sweet son?" Shepard said, knowing how much this had affected his son. He was hurting, too. And somewhere, the two had to find a way to connect. Shepard was too busy taking care of the matters that at the time he thought he was maybe not giving Thiago enough time and attention to help him heal.

"Am I a terrible son?" Those words from Thiago's lips hit Shepard like a dagger. He had just lost a mate; he couldn't imagine his son going into depression.

son," Shepard instantly got on his knees and held his son by

were dry, and his skin was rough. His mother used to apply too much lotion to his hands and face during the winter. She always says Thiago has very sensitive skin. His cheeks would turn red at the

somewhere in his heart that he would never get to enjoy

arrived, we might have never even found the body," Shepard meant it.

his son saw

know if I ran or not. I just know that we never found the body. Is this

an alpha son, he kept asking himself questions. Maybe they never found the body, and in order for Thiago to not feel bad, maybe they lied and said they

arms when he noticed how badly his son was suffering. "You are a wonderful son. Yo~u helped us find her

many emotions. Shepard knew whatever Thiago saw that home now," Shepard said, breaking the hug and walking him to we not call it home anymore?" Thiago requested, "Why?" Shepard asked.

where your parents are. There is only us there now," Thiago gave his father a weak smile, trembling his find a mate. You will bring her home and take care of her."

shook his head at his father, not liking the idea of finding anyone else who he

Chapter 373

373-We Meet For The First Time

Years Ago:

"Where are we going, daddy?" Enya asked her father as he took a car to go visit a graveyard.

"We are going to pray for someone," Alaric said, his eyes on the road with big tears in them.

"Why didn't mommy come with us?" she asked her father, holding her teddy bear tightly to her chest.

"Mom-my doesn't believe in praying for others. I mean, she was busy." Alaric had to shake his head and change his behavior before he said anything that would hurt Enya when he heard about how evil her mother had turned out to be.

They entered the royal graveyard and went straight to Mrs. Shepard's grave. However, they had to stand back and wait for the visitors to leave so that they could step ahead.

Enya was standing next to her father, watching a young boy her age in a large jacket stare at the grave.

"Who is he, daddy?" she asked in a whisper. Alaric had to bend down in order to hear her.

"That is Aloha Thiago. He is the son of the lady in that grave," Alaric explained, and Enya made a pout.

is she lying in that hole? Do

bed?" Enya innocently asked his father, who was bewildered to see his

didn't even want to tell her daughter anything that would hurt her. But then she would go around hurting other

with his daughter. Since Hazel was creating a different kind of an imaginary world in Enya's world, he had decided to step up and teach her a few things that she might need

"Die?" Enya frowned.

boy? His mother died, and that means he can never see her again," Alaric explained, watching his daughter's face to

upset?" The quick tears in Enya's eyes comforted Alaric. He realized his daughter was not yet ready to

only reason Thiago's mother wasn't in the grave was that he had burned down the entire morgue. stared at the grave for a few minutes before his father told him to step aside. Thiago walked away alone toward the asked Enya, who nodded to her father. Something the head as he didn't feel charmed by anything bonnet of the car and walking away to find her father. They have come here to pray for commented from behind Thiago. He turned around and stared at her without any me," Thiago said when Thiago shook his the candy in his hand and pulling it out, he offered happily to grab the candy. He watched her unwrap the candy

Chapter 374

374-The Beginning Of His Curse

Years Ago:

"Hi!" Alaric stepped ahead to appear in Shepard's sight while Shepard met with the people who came to see him and pray for Mrs.Shepard.

"Thanks for coming." Shepard shook hands with Alaric. It shocked Alaric to see how dull and lifeless Shepard looked. He used to carry grace and power whenever he walked around. Now he had his head down and only one sentence on his lips.

"Thank you for coming,"

"My name is Alaric Fosters," Alaric introduced himself. Shepard thought he was going to leave, but watching him stay made him raise his head and smile at him.

"How are you, Alaric?" Shepard asked, bowing down and then rubbing his hands on his face. He felt like he was lost. He didn't even realize he was bowing down when he was the alpha of the pack. His mate didn't leave alone. She took away his happiness, his power, his pride, and everything from him.

"I heard what happened," Alaric murmured, looking uneasy as he stared around. His heart kept telling him to make things right.

"I know it is a hard time with you and your pack. I am from the alpha king's pack. I am his servant." Alaric was shaking when talking to Shepard. The alpha noticed how sad Alaric looked.

"Come here," Shepard said, stepping forward to hug Alaric. It was a surprise to Alaric when Shepard hugged him like that. He had always been ridiculed by the alphas and the alpha kings.

a servant was something

are a good man for looking so sad for someone else." Shepard cried softly, patting Alaric's

those words. Shepard finally broke the hug

you for coming," Shepard said, then smiled weakly and shook hands with Alaric. His actions left Alaric bewildered. He

the villains of the world? This man is the best Alpha we've ever met, and we ruined him. His entire life got snatched from him, and he couldn't even find out why? It is all our fault. Why did we listen to the

do I do? How do I make things right?' Alaric asked his wolf, wondering when he would get out of this guilt and be

whispered, and Alaric's heart sank in

standing with Enya, talking about his mother and what

so many things," Enya mumbled

asking for that candy. What if Thiago was saving it for later and gave it to her because she asked for it and he wanted to do a

used to sa—y," Thiago paused again, trying to

I was thinking about it when I was standing next to her grave," Thiago said, closing

okay. I can wait," Enya said, thinking she

-- she said--, "Thiago mumbled, "Why can't I remember it anymore?" He questioned his memory, and when he opened his eyes again, there was an

else she taught you," Enya

like," Thiago whispered in shock, feeling like he had been

He panicked, shoving his hands in his pockets to look for a picture that

he brought the picture

There was nothing there.

he stuttered, taking

Chapter 375

375-Against The World

Years Ago:

"I can't remember anything. I don't even remember my mother's face," Thiago said to his father, who had been suffering for the past two days after realizing he couldn't remember what his mother looked like.

Shepard initially thought Thiago was having trouble remembering that night's incident because of the trauma. But forgetting his mother entirely was something that was not supposed to happen.

"I don't understand one thing. Trauma can make his brain block some memories, but not being able to see his mother's picture—that has never happened before," Makenzie told Shepard, who walked ahead of him with his head down.

"I told you, there is more to the story than what we are being told. When Thiago started complaining about not remembering anything, I felt a little weird. And now, with all this, don't you think something is going on that we are not aware of? Even the morgue burning down. It all seems like a big plan to save whoever the culprit is," Shepard said, sitting outside on the front porch and sighing in exhaustion.

"I just miss her. It feels so wrong that she got snatched away from me and I couldn't do anything. I couldn't even rest her body." He buried his face in his hands and sobbed.

"Hey! You need to stay strong for your son. We will find her culprit and give him the worst punishment anyone has ever imagined,"

Makenzie sat down with him and patted his back.

friends for a very long time. They have faced many troubles together. However, they lost

a guard interrupted them. He looked

Shepard stared at the royal garden, missing his beautiful Luna walking around with a perfect smile on

has been a rumor," he paused when staring at his distressed alpha, "I feel guilty for even talking about it but I felt like it needed attention before it grows out of

about?" Makenzie asked again, and the guard prepared

the instant he said those words, Shepard's

the thought of people believing he

don't know. But the rumor is getting a little wild because the council might be— they are talking about putting you on trial." The guard had to lower his eyes and show remorse over repeating

nonsense," Makenzie growled

talk about this in detail. You are the only one who keeps talking about this case and justice. They cannot believe you are the — Don't

had lost so much confidence that he

to his room, where he opened

him. His heart was in

if the news reaches my son? He will think so little of me. I can never hurt anyone. And her? Why wou—,'

who had been very silent

nothing that could comfort him at

the councils

Chapter 376

376-The Child Grew Up Cursed

Years Ago:

"What?" Shepard asked in shock.

"It is a clear warning. They don't want the real culprit to get caught. I am pretty sure the real culprit is way more powerful than the council itself, which is afraid of him," Makenzie sighed when talking about the bastard.

"Powerful" Shepard stopped crying, "It has to be alpha king Shaun." His skin felt goosebumps, and his eyes formed tears. "It has to be him. He used to be deadly in love with her. He kept persuading her to reject me and accept him. And then something happened, something as if he got his hands on the most powerful tool ever, started using it, and somehow got out of every mess he created. Nobody dares go against him because--- because he has someone who is securing him.

Makenzie! It is Shaun," Shepard stated confidently, nodding his head as he understood the entire case now.

"Oh yes! So what can we do?" Makenzie looked at Shepard, who looked lost for a moment before he spoke.

"Why don't you call the council and let them know that we have a suspect in mind?" Shepard looked hopeful after so many days.

"All right," Makenzie nodded and dialed the number the next minute. They forgot what they said about it themselves. Shaun would never get into trouble because someone had his back.

While Makenzie talked, Shepard tried to sober up. He kept running his hands over his face as he kept remembering how painful the night must be for his Luna.

that—," Makenzie finished the call, but it seemed like the other person hung up on him.

get in trouble. There is no proof against him that could tie him

when Shepard was going

Makenzie sighed while getting up from the couch. He hadn't seen his daughter the entire day. Shepard

left. Shepard was staring at the text he had received from

to understand the text. It was

a child in front of a grave. It took him a minute to recognize the child, but his heart raced inside his chest

It was Thiago's picture.

Was it a threat?

then received another message with

Shepard found guilty of assaulting and murdering his Luna that showed kids with depression, foreshadowing what will happen to Thiago after he was pretty clear that whoever was sending him the pictures was trying to scare him into not proceeding left with no choice but to quit. They had cornered him well and badly. Shepard he left the room to visit his son. Thiago had fallen asleep, so much more in the do that. If I have to stop the investigation, I must give up on my life too, or else I won't be able to live. I know this will be utterly unfair to you, but you need to understand this: if I don't die, they will come after you. I hope you stay strong and can forgive me," Shepard broke down in tears beside heart was filled with pain and agony. He couldn't tell exactly why this happened to them. They had

Chapter 377

377-She Only Likes Thiago

Years Ago:

Things changed drastically after Thiago's father passed away. At least for Thiago.

Shaun threw an enormous party to celebrate, but he titled it completely differently so that nobody could question why the party was being thrown.

Enya stood in the corner while everybody was enjoying in the garden, gossiping, and enjoying the food.

"Hey, who are you?" she heard a voice from behind him, and upon turning around, she saw little Corbin staring at her.

"I'm Enya!" she introduced herself, looking over her shoulder at her mother, who was a respected guest at the party.

Shaun now knew he could do anything with Hazel by his side.

"I'm future alpha King Corbin. You are standing on my property, so you need to bow down to me," Corbin mumbled with a smirk on his lips.

He tied his powerful arms over his chest and rolled his eyes at her for delay.

"I will bow when you are finally the Alpha King," she replied in a very sassy tone.

"You are supposed to talk in a respectful tone with me," Corbin pouted at her, staring at the teddy she was holding in her arms.

"Give me that," he said, reaching out his hand for her, but she shook her head, refusing to give him her teddy.

"You cannot say no to me," he growled, attempting to grab the teddy out of her hands, but she pulled away from him and secured herself.

"I just did." She stuck her tongue out and ran in her mother's direction. The moment she hugged her mother's legs, Shaun turned to her.

"Little Enya looks upset; what happened?" Shaun asked, watching his son walk after Enya but stand with his father now.

"He was snatching my Teddy," Enya complained, and Hazel let out a nervous laugh.

"It's okay. Don't be rude. Sharing is caring, you know?" Hazel tried to grab the teddy from Enya to hand it to Corbin, who was still glaring at Enya.

"No! It's mine. If he wanted to play, he could have asked nicely." Enya held the teddy bear even more tightly and refused to let go.

"I'm so sorry. She acts arrogant sometimes." Hazel was nervously laughing and trying to cheer up Shaun, who didn't even look much upset.

you need her teddy? You never play with teddies. Don't

must be a hybrid, isn't she?" he looked very impressed even by

caressed her daughter's cheek proudly, smiling at

you have." Shaun stroked his chin,

will when it's time," Hazel

have a conversation with you about her later on," Shaun said before

the teddy? Her father pays us. I could get you a new one," Hazel said to Enya, shaking her head

like him." Enya simply shook

need to make friends, Enya," Hazel whispered,

boy I met in the cemetery," Enya answered,

daughter's arm and pull her to the corner in order to

died," Enya answered, freeing her arm from her mother's grasp, but

do you know about that kid and what cemetery?" Hazel asked

little

for his mommy," she answered, but grimaced at her mother for questioning

gulped as she straightened her back and

said to herself. Her mood has changed so much that everybody can tell she is no

Shaun and the others and left with her daughter. Shaun had offered her his

call or text her husband

sort of microphone and cameras, so she didn't want to give him a hint
car, she walked into the house, holding Enya by her arms
her toy away and threw it on the floor
the top of
this time, he rushed out of his room and found Enya in
asking what had happened, and he
For a moment, Hazel couldn't talk because she kept
said, trying to get near Enya, who hid in her father's chest and stole eyes from her
Alaric shook his head and shocked her with what he thought of
think my daughter is not my priority? Whatever I'm doing, I'm doing it for her," she yelled, breaking
down finally.378-When It Is About

Author's POV:

Years Ago:

took her near those people?" she yelled after she couldn't stay silent
your room, kiddo. I will come in a minute and read you a bedtime story, okay?" Alaric put a huge smile
on his lips when talking
Why the hell were you taking your anger out on our daughter?" Alaric
have been sympathizing with them?" Hazel didn't shout this time, but
But now he is interrupting how we teach Enya. I want her to sympathize with others, not

Chapter 378

378-When It Is About Enya.

Years Ago:

"You took her near those people?" she yelled after she couldn't stay silent for another minute.

"And what is wrong with that?" Alaric asked, looking at her daughter next, "Go to your room, kiddo. I
will come in a minute and read you a bedtime story, okay?" Alaric put a huge smile on his lips when
talking to Enya, who, by that time, had stopped crying. Enya gave a nod to her father, and after
collecting the teddy from the floor, she flashed past them to her room.

"Do you have an ounce of decency left in your body? Why the hell were you taking your anger out on
our daughter?" Alaric straightened his back to mutter the words at Hazel.

"Because you took her to that pack. Do you know how Shaun will react when he finds out you have been
sympathizing with them?" Hazel didn't shout this time, but her words were mixed with emotions when
coming out of her mouth.

"He cannot control us like that. We have done everything he has ever asked us. But now he is interrupting how we teach Enya. I want her to sympathize with others, not become coldblooded murderers like us," Alaric said, as he shook his head at Hazel.

asked and broke down

what we have become. We are backing up murderers and torturing these little kids. When they all grow up, they will come for our daughter." Alaric yelled in a muffled tone. Trying to tell Hazel off was never

him and held his hand. He didn't back away from her, so it

do?" She asked him politely, and that's when he broke the hug and pushed her away with a disgusting look on his

are only trying to get the information out of me. You think I told someone the whole truth about how we all are involved in snatching the parents away from that miserable kid?" Alaric yelled once he realized his beloved wife was trying to use him just

all dead. Why don't you understand we are stuck in this mess? I cannot step away after offering them help for so long." She also raised her voice at

are we going to keep doing the dirty job for him? Will Shaun control Enya's fate too? Obviously, he will. He will have this power over us where

as he sobbed a little. He felt the walls closing in on him every time he realized there was no way out of this mess

whole storm calms down, we will be able to come up with a plan to get out

she got at the party that night

running away from this mess." With some trepidation, Alaric

even able to make eye contact with

I can trust you with this piece of news." Alaric refused to believe

is worth ruining our relationship for,"

Chapter 379

379-The Forged Mate Bond

Author's POV:

Years Ago:

"What?" Hazel smiled nervously.

"I want you to create a mate bond between my son Corbin and your daughter Enya," he repeated himself, just in case she didn't understand him the first time. But she did understand him. She had it down pat.

"Oh! You want my daughter to be mates with your son?" She asked again, this time more loudly so that her husband could hear her. When she told her husband that all the buttering and evil deeds for the alpha king had worked, she had a slightly brighter smile on her lips.

"Yes! I'm curious when you'll begin casting the spell." Shaun asked, and Hazel took a few seconds to pause to smile to herself. Alaric didn't look too impressed, but Hazel thought it might be because he was in shock.

"How about tomorrow?" Hazel asked excitedly and couldn't stop smiling.

"Tomorrow it is," Shaun said, hanging up the phone after getting the answer he wanted from her. It was as if he had given her the best news. She turned to Alaric and smiled again, waiting for his response.

"What was it all about? He wants you to create a what?" Alaric shook his head, still in shock that this had happened.

it right. He wants to make my daughter a Luna queen." She held his hand tightly and squeezed it while happily telling him about the good

mind?" Alaric slapped her hand

your daughter?" Hazel screamed

about our daughter. He wants a witch by his son's side. He wants you to create a bond to tie an omega with Enya helping Corbin once

Alaric walked back and forth

do you mean? Tell me what is wrong?" she asked,

Corbin," he whispered

told him his son would grow up even messed up because his father was a cold-hearted bastard. Shaun killed all those seers so that the truth remains hidden. Many people still heard about it, but nobody said a word because they were afraid of him. Do you have any idea what will happen to our daughter once Corbin is done with her? He is going to be worse than his father," Alaric yammered as he felt guilty for not telling Hazel sooner

Corbin's messed up wolves.

mouth with her hands

can he knowingly put my daughter in such danger?" In tears,

down on his knees before her and held her hands. "Now you see what I was afraid of? This man is an animal,

with a price," she sniffled as she realized karma

cast the spell tomorrow. We only have today," Hazel asked her mate, panicking now that she was left with

not going to participate in any of his mess again. We are going to save

Chapter 380

380-Now You See!

Years Ago:

Alaric and Hazel had a hard time taking a nap after finding out their daughter had been cursed by the coven of witches to suffer for the rest of her life. However, they had to get ready for court, where Alaric had to confirm Shaun was with him that night after Makenzie didn't stop pestering them to check the alibis of the people whose cars were found on the road that night.

When Alaric walked out of the courtroom, he found his little daughter Enya speaking to Thiago. She insisted they take him home, but it was not possible for them. Cop Wiz helped Thiago every single day when he insisted that he come to the trial and maybe remember who did this to them.

The cop felt bad for the kid; he thought the child was suffering and dealing with trauma. Thiago was sent back to his pack, but he refused to live with anyone. He was an alpha, so he decided to stay in the pack's mansion. There were nannies, caretakers, and even Mr. Makenzie always available. The little boy's life had turned upside down, and everybody noticed how his attitude toward others also changed. When he saw Shaun in the court, he just couldn't help but stare at him. He didn't remember anything, but his face looked eerie to him.

On the other hand, Alaric had to go withdraw all the savings in order to prepare for an escape. While Hazel was at home, she feared

Shaun coming over to meet her. She had been dodging his calls the whole morning, and then the worst happened. She heard the doorbell and rushed to answer it, thinking it was her mate.

"I have packed all the bags an—," She yammered as she opened the door, but her mouth dried up when she saw Shaun instead of her mate.

He tilted his head, giving her a very vague

taking a trip to

his way inside even when it

you know once it was confirmed." She nervously watched him look around and stare at the shelves full belongings to the Bahamas?" He let out a chuckle, watching her face with much disappointment as he could tell

old. I thought, why not get some new stuff?" She joked, gulping and trying to

turned to her and then smiled, "Found your husband and child on road," the smile he gave her

sarcastically, nodding his head as he understood what she was up to. "I thought I could trust you, Hazel. Everything was going so well, why the sudden change of heart?" he inquired with a sad look

I don't think it is a good idea to forge a mate

the other night when we

taking slow strides near

am doing, Okay? So back off," Hazel gulped the fear

didn't need to fear him. She can take him out if he tries to be messy

on your face? You have surely grown very confident," he noticed, bobbing his head and letting out a distressed

look of anger on Alaric's face when I met them earlier. I was surprised at how he kept hiding his daughter—my future daughter-in-law behind him. I just felt so angry, and then I decided— need to imprison them." He muttered under his clenched jaw, and Hazel's mouth hung low. She felt her heart stop at