

Chapter 22 Alex Suspects Paula

*****Alex's POV*****

I found Gage in the courtyard on the phone, probably with his mate or

He turned around and when our eyes met, he hurriedly ended the call and walked towards me.

"Alex, what's up?" He asked and pulled me to take a seat. "How's Seren?" He asked again when I remained quiet.

"Still same news" I replied and leaned back in my seat.

"Was that your mate just now?" I asked and he nodded.

"Where is she?" I asked again, eyes still on Gage.

He gave me a narrowed look before responding.

"She went to the Ironclaw Pack" he said and I raised a brow in surprise.

"What for?" I asked again, trying to maintain a positive tone and not seem like I suspect his mate.

"She says her friend got divorced from her husband and she needed comfort"

Gage said and sighed.

I hummed in surprise. Wasn't she only friends with Erika back then?

I even over heard them saying they would be bestfriends forever.

Or maybe I was wrong.

But Gage's mate seemed to not just be an ordinary woman, because she knows someone from the Ironclaw Pack.

"Which friend?" I suddenly asked him again and he snapped.

"Man what's with the questions? How am I supposed to know the friend

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she went meet in the Ironclaw?" Gage asked, giving me a confused look.

"Wait, do you suspect Paula for knowing about Erika's whereabouts?" He asked me annoyingly.

I shrugged and just avoided the question, but he was persistent.

"Alex how could you even believe that my mate would be in cohort with the woman who is capable to take a person's life?"

Gage was pissed this time.

I sighed.

Maybe I had gone too far, but this was serenity we were talking about.

As I much as I hate to admit it, but I love her so much.

If anything happens to her, then I would never forgive Erika.

I would never.

Serenity was my life at the moment, the one who would forever be in my mind and in my heart.

*****Gage's POV*****

I was very scared for Paula. Now that Alex had began to suspect her, he would never rest till he got to the bottom of all these.

Though I would never allow the him touch my mate, ruler or not, she was mine and no man would harm her while I was alive, but the troubles it would cause, I sighed, was not worth it.

But Paula thought it was. She had refused to tell me which friend exactly she had gone to see.

She and Erika had been very close with each other, and even spending some time with together.

I never hated Erika, nor have any personal issue with her.

I had thought Erika didn't deserve all that she was getting from the Alex but if she was really responsible for Serenity's current situation, then she had done wrong.

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She should have known she was not going to carry out that plan of hers successfully. There was a part of me that did not really believe Erika could stoop so low, that was Serenity's thing.

But everything had happened so fast that the truth was hard to figure out, except maybe it was the truth we had seen out there today.

"They could not find her. The hours they spent chasing her, those spineless simpletons could not find her. Is that not worthy of concern, Gage? How can five men not catch one Omega wolf?! How?!" Alex suddenly yelled, catching me off guard as I was lost in thoughts. His voice was rising and not in the good way. Anger etched his features.

"That sure is worthy of concern but can we not just worry about her? She's gone." I told him instead.

He eyed me in displeasure. "What about Seren? What she did to her?"

"Can we confirm if it's truly her?" I inquired, keeping my voice calm and neutral.

"What are you saying, Gage? Who in their right senses would want to stab themselves so bad that they almost bleed to death? And for what reason?" He retorted.

I definitely understood his point because the way Serenity had bled was a cause for alarm. There was so much blood.

"I get your point."

Silence ensued for a short while. He stared at me for awhile, I raised my brows inquisitively. "Anything the matter?"

He sighed. "I shouldn't be saying this but, Paula went out as soon as Erika left the pack" He put in.

"What are you insinuating?" My voice had taken on a steel.

And he noticed but he did not react. "This is a grave crime, Gage. She better not be an accomplice."

"To what exactly?"

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"To whatever Erika did" He replied, his tone growing as cold as mine.

"Erika you said, not Paula. Go find Erika and leave my mate out of this." The warning was subtle.

"Is that a warning, Gage?" He stood from the chair, towering over me.

Not wanting to be intimidated, I stood from my seat as well.

Though he was an inch taller than I was, I was still able to meet his gaze.

"Yes, but a polite one Alpha."

"Remember your place." He seethed.

"I do, and that is why I want to retain that position."

"What position?"

"By my mate's side."

"So you would rather have a murderess successfully escape? Don't you remember your duty?" He was in my face.

I was not afraid of him. "Of course I remember, Alpha. My duty is to stand by you and my mate. Also, who's the murderess?"

"Erika." He growled.

"Again you mentioned Erika, not Paula." I stated, tamping the anger that was boiling.

"But they are best friends." He retorted angrily.

"And that is a crime?"

"Do you understand this is a murder case?" His wolf's eye color flashed angrily.

"Is Serenity dead?" My hands were fisted by my side.

"But if anything should ha..."

"Good, I'm glad you cleared that up. So it's not a murder case"

"Yet. And trust me, if I find out that Paula had anything to do with it, I'll..."

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"Do not complete that statement, Alex. I implore you with every respect due to you." I kept my tone calm.

"Because she's your mate?" He asked with a Chuckle.

"Yes, and I love her alot. For mate, I would not mind fighting till death."

And it was the truth.

"Watch what you say, Beta Gage Forest."

"I know what I am saying, Alpha Alexander Robertson."

"No mate is worth ruining this pack for."

"Was that why you so casually treated Erika with cold indifference?"

That made his wolf growl, and mine responded in the same matching energy. \square





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