

Chapter 434 Getting Married

Jennifer's POV:

"What's Carl doing here?" I asked in surprise. I couldn't help but frown slightly.

"Oh, Mrs. Jones, Alpha Carl said he's here to thank and congratulate the king on achieving peace with the vampires," the attendant answered politely.

Anthony, on the other hand, seemed less bothered than me. "Oh, I see. How thoughtful of him. Tell him I'll meet him soon."

I raised my hand furtively. "Anthony, I won't join you. I'm planning to see Caroline and little Alice."

However, Anthony stopped me. "It's okay, Jennifer. Come with me. I know you just want to avoid arousing suspicion, but Carl's here for professional reasons. There's no need to get anxious. And I promise I won't be jealous anymore."

I squinted at him dubiously. He was so jealous of Carl the last time he was here. Wasn't he going to just get jealous again if he saw Carl?

"Anthony, I believe you, but I think it'd be better to avoid arousing suspicion. I'm a queen now after all." As I spoke, I turned around to leave.

Unfortunately, as soon as I finished that sentence, I saw Carl approaching us.

"Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Jones! It's nice to see you again." Carl stopped a few steps away from us and greeted us politely.

I was startled. I didn't think he'd show up out of nowhere, but now, I couldn't just leave. Smiling awkwardly, I replied, "Long time no see, Carl."

"It's nice to see you too, Carl. Let's talk at the reception hall," Anthony said with a smile. What an unbiased, open-minded king!

"Of course," Carl answered just as calmly. He looked much more cool and collected than before.

Together, we headed to the reception hall. When we were all settled, Carl handed a list to Anthony and smiled. "I bought these gifts for you as a thank you for all of your help. I also wanted to congratulate you on ushering in a new era of peace between vampires and werewolves."

Anthony's POV:

I skimmed through the gift list. To my surprise, he had gotten me a lot of gifts—from precious gemstones to pieces hand-crafted by their pack's artisans.

"How generous of you, Carl!" Then, subtly, Jennifer whispered to me in a low voice, "It seems that White Lily Pack is indeed very rich."

I didn't deny it. Although, compared with the wealth of the royal family, these things were nothing. But since Carl was sincere, I didn't want to embarrass him. After the truce agreement was signed, some packs' Alphas had come to give gifts, so Carl's visit was nothing unusual. What surprised me, however, was that he was the most generous one. I put down the gift list and looked at Carl vigilantly.

"Carl, thank you. You've given me so much," I said carefully.

Carl smiled nonchalantly. "Our pack has prospered thanks to your protection, Mr. Jones. We were able to fend off the vampires with your help. All of the members of our pack are very grateful to you, so we decided to express our thanks in this way. I hope you'll like our gifts, Mr. Jones."

I smiled and said, "Of course, I will, Carl. They're from the members of your pack. Thank you again for the gifts and for coming here personally."

Carl bowed politely. "You're welcome, Mr. Jones. It's my privilege."

As he spoke, I observed him secretly. Weirdly enough, Carl didn't so much as glance at Jennifer as we talked. Was he really here to congratulate me? Did he really not covet my wife anymore?

Recalling our unpleasant past, I couldn't help but frown slightly. Previously, Carl didn't even know how to behave properly. From the first moment he laid eyes on Jennifer, he couldn't tear his gaze away from her.

"Carl, is there anything else you were planning to do while you were here?" I raised my eyebrows and asked cautiously.

Carl shook his head respectfully. "No, Mr. Jones. I just came here to personally deliver the gifts from my pack. Of course, since I'm here, I also want to report the situation of the pack to you, if that's okay with you. Please have a look, Mr. Jones."

After saying that, Carl handed a document to me. Obviously, he had prepared it beforehand.

While I was surprised to see him act so professionally, I had no intention of making things difficult for him. I took over the document and looked at it carefully. After looking through it roughly, I nodded in approval. "I see that the White Lily Pack returned to order soon after the war. That's great. You are an excellent Alpha, Carl."

Carl immediately shook his head modestly. "No, no. This was all thanks to you, Mr. Jones. By the way, there was a piece of good news I wanted to share with you and Mrs. Jones. I'm getting married soon!"

My eyes darted to Carl in surprise.

He was getting married? But wasn't he interested in Jennifer? Did this mean he had finally given up on my wife?

Carl's POV:

Anthony's expression immediately changed when I said that.

I snickered internally but made sure to look innocent in front of Jennifer. Sure enough, she was just as surprised as Anthony. She looked at me with wide eyes.

Success! Now, they were sure to lower their guard against me.

Unbeknownst to them, this was just a small part of the elaborate plan Larry and I had come up with.

Before I came to the royal palace, Larry relayed his plan to me. I needed to tell Anthony and Jennifer that I already had a fiancée so as to lower their vigilance. Now, seeing the shocked expressions on their faces, it seemed our plan was working!

I could clearly see that Anthony's demeanor relaxed after I told them my big news.

"Oh, my God, Carl! That's wonderful! You've finally found your destined mate! Tell me the date, and I'll be there!" Jennifer clasped her hands happily.

I smiled at her calmly. "Thank you, Jennifer. I'll have my attendant inform you."

Truth be told, Jennifer's reaction disappointed me. It only proved that she really didn't have any special feelings for me. There wasn't a trace of disappointment in her voice after knowing that I had a fiancée.

But I knew I couldn't act rashly now. I kept smiling and lying through my teeth. "Even I didn't think I'd find a mate so soon. Ever since I found her, my life has been nothing but pure bliss."

In fact, there was no so-called "mate," let alone a fiancée. But I would have one soon... 'Jennifer, just you wait. We will be together soon,' I thought.

"I'll be sure to send you an invite. I hope you'll come too, Mr. Jones." I lowered my head, pretending to be shy.

"Oh, Anthony is very busy with work, so he might not be able to go. But it's okay. I'll attend on his behalf." Jennifer smiled at me sweetly, completely relaxing her guard. "I'll definitely choose a perfect wedding gift for you. Thanks again for giving me the Heart of the Ocean!"

"Why, thank you, Jennifer!" I grinned from ear to ear. "Oh, I heard that Alpha Daniel of the Black Stone Pack is also getting married. Do you know him?"

"Yes! Daniel's a good friend of mine, and I'm definitely attending his wedding. Unfortunately, Anthony has to personally preside over Austin's title conferring ceremony on the very same day, so he can't attend. I'll also be attending Daniel's wedding on his behalf." Since Jennifer didn't suspect me anymore, she flippantly told me her schedule.

What?! She was going to attend the wedding? Then how could I ask her out alone? How would Larry take her away?

