

I Rejected You, Alpha – Chapter 36

AIDEN'S POV

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I never thought that Regan Night would ever want to just talk and come to my pack alone .

It's a miracle , a gift sent by the Moon Goddess herself .

“Aiden .” Eleia tugs on my shirt and I stop , glaring at Regan before I look at my precious mate .

My eyes soften , my facial features relaxing as I stare at her in awe .

“Yes .” I cup her cheek , nothing can ruin this moment .

Today , Regan is going to die and I am going to live in peace .

“What are you going to do ?” Her eyebrows furrow together , two frown lines forming between them .

“I'm going to kill him my love .” My thumb drags over her cheek .

She inhales a deep sharp breath as her eyes widen .

“You don't want him gone ?” My eyes narrow , my happy mood now sour .

“I do .” She blinks twice , “But is it fair ?” She asks so innocently and my head c***s to the side as I stare at her .

“Do you think he cares Eleia ?” My head shakes .

“Do you think he cares that he f****d you , knowing fully that he was going to reject you ? Do you think that's fair ?”

Her eyes become glassy as tears rest on the rim of her eyes .

“No .” Her chin wobbles and my heart aches .

“I'm not passing this up Eleia , he killed my sister . He thinks that I didn't see him , but I did .” My voice is stern .

“I know .” She mutters , batting her eyelashes to get rid of her unshed tears .

“Are you going to be sad ?” I ask and she doesn’t hesitate to shake her head .

“And you’ll be okay ?” I ask , “Yes .” Her smile is forced , but I think it’s only because of her hormones .

I cup the sides of her belly sticking out .

“This is our baby and for it to stay ours , we need to protect it . He’s a threat Eleia , do you understand ? If he finds out , he can take it away and I don’t want that because this child is yours .” My chin is tilted down as I stare down at her .

She sucks her plump bottom lip into her mouth , chewing on it and I can’t seem to drag my eyes off the simple action .

I pull her closer , lowering my head to place a kiss on her soft looking lips .

They are as soft as they look , each and every time .

“I’m going to go and you go and relax , because after today , we will have no more Regan and we’ll go claim his pack or kill them all .” I grin and her eyes widen as she steps back , “There are children Aiden .” She shoves my chest and I grab her wrist , “I won’t hurt kids , don’t you know me ?” I c**k my head at her and she rolls her eyes .

“We’re mates , but it doesn’t mean that I know everything about you .” She frowns deeply , making me roll my eyes as I let her go .

“I won’t hurt a kid , especially not an innocent one .” I shrug .

“What age do you think a kid is ?” She c***s her head back at me .

“Ten .” I shrug and her eyes widen , fear flashing through her orbs .

“What ?” I ask .

“A kid is someone who isn’t an adult , a kid is eighteen and younger Aiden . You can’t kill children !” She punches my stomach and I grunt at her hard blow .

I did not think that a pregnant woman could hit that hard .

“Tell me you won’t .” She points her finger in my face as my body is hauled over .

“I promise .” I groan as I straighten my back .

“Good .” She turns on her heel and charges up to the room .

I can’t help but glance at her from behind until she fully disappears and I stride down to the dungeon below my home .

The sound of my footsteps echoing around the dark basement makes it a lot creepier than I thought it would be .

I haven’t been down here much because I never needed , but I can’t help but smile when I walk down the hall in the light , staring at Regan chained up to the wall , guards standing around against the wall .

“Regan .” I clap my hands together , the thwack sound echoing off the walls .

“Aiden , I came to talk . Let me go .” His voice is hoarse , the silver chains weakening him .

I chuckle , shaking my head at him .

“You delivered yourself on a silver platter my old friend .” I shrug , but my smile doesn’t bulge a second .

“I came to talk .” He tries to defend himself , but it comes through the one ear and goes out of the other .

“I did not invite you on my pack .” I lower onto my haunches , I have been dreaming of this moment for so long .

“That means trespassing , if you were a complete stranger , I would maybe have given you a pass if you threw the lost card at me , but you know that this is my pack , so this is all on you .” My index finger draws a circle in the air before I point at him , grinning as he lazily lifts his head , glaring at me .

“Is it my child ?”

“Why did you kill my sister ?”

His eyebrows furrow together , eyes narrowing .

“I did not kill her .” He grits out every word , emphasizing on it and it’s the first thing that tells me he’s lying .

“Stop lying Night , I saw .” I stand and his gaze follows me .

The instant flash of fear covering his face before he covers it with anger tells me that he didn’t know I was there , but I never went anywhere without her , I did not let my sister wander off without me because I was her brother , I was her protector and I failed because I thought kids weren’t a threat and that’s what Eleia doesn’t see .

Kids can be monsters too and he’s been one since he was in the womb .

“I think that you don’t know what you saw Moon , you were a kid . You might have seen how I dragged her out of the water .” He c***s his head , he is so cocky that it makes my hands itch .

“You can say things that you hoped would be true , but it does nothing to me because that day plays over and over in my head and I am going to kill you for even laying a finger on her .” I grit out and his eyes grow dark , hatred flashing through them .

“I will kill you and your mate !” He threatens , jerking forward as he uses his last energy to try and get free , but at the moment , he’s as weak as a human .

I lower again , holding my hand out and the guard hands me a silver blade knife .

“Not when you’re dead .” I grin and his lips are pressed together as I slowly bring the knife closer to his face , lightly pressing the point on his cheek .

He jerks to the side and the knife slides , cutting his cheek .

“You i***t , you’re going to regret this .” He seethes and I grin , “I won’t because I have been waiting for this day since my sister took her last breath .”

“Screw you Aiden .” He spits and his saliva misses me by an inch .

“Oef , I’m sorry for you .” I tease him and he growls that turns into a cough .

“Save your breath , maybe I’ll give you a chance to say something to your mate , but of course I’d give her the message because you’d be dead .” I shrug and he keeps on glaring at me .

“You know what ? I did kill her and I would do it again to prove that I am worthy to be my father’s son . He was proud and so was I and I still am .” He seethes , a grin tugging at his lips and anger brews in my chest .

I don’t know why I’m so angry that I can’t move or blink , I knew he did it , but having him admit it for once just drives me to a point where I am beyond angry .

I don’t hesitate to put the knife to his throat .

“And I don’t regret that I will be the father of your child .”

His entire smirk falls as his eyes widen , “I f*****g knew it .” He seethes , “You won’t kill that kid’s father .” He tuts , acting like he knows me .

“Look at you .” I shake my head , “You don’t know me .” I remove the knife that I’m holding to his throat .

“You don’t deserve anything .” I plunge the knife into his heart , a scream erupts from him and it turns to a groan .

“Thank you for coming to talk , “But the last word is mine .” I leave the silver knife in his chest as I stand and blood drips from his mouth and eyes before he lets out his last breath.

Tears form in my eyes as I take in his dead body , he’s gone , but I don’t feel peace .

I don’t feel better .

The only thing that makes sense is that he won’t know his kid and he won’t ever hurt another living being again .

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ELEIA’S POV

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Aiden comes up , blood on his hands , those big veiny hands that makes me feel safe are full of blood .

I stand up from the couch , staring at him wide eyed , thinking that maybe he got hurt .

“Are you okay ?” I ask , halting as he smiles at me .

The smile makes me feel warm , but the sight of his bloody hands makes it cold .

He marches over to the bathroom and I follow suite , freezing in the door frame .

“Is he...”

Dead Eleia , is he dead , just say it .

“Is he dead ?” I finally ask , his back turned to me as he washes his hands .

“Of course .” I could hear the grin in his tone and some part of me feels lost .

Some part of me is confused as to how he could just kill him , but I guess if someone killed Rosie , I would want them dead too .

‘He’s an alpha , stop underestimating him .’ Crystal snaps at me and my eyes eiden at her tone .

I don’t necessarily like it , but she is right and it’s not like Aiden killed Regan for no reason .

“I have to go to their pack and you are going to stay here .” He demands and I roll my eyes .

“Of course .” My gaze lowers and I watch my foot swing back and forth .

“What do you mean by that ?” His tone is harsh .

My gaze drags up to him and his scrunched up face makes me roll my eyes .

“I mean that even if he’s dead , you still want me to stay here like I’m your possession , like I am jot a person but a thing .”

“I don’t think that , but I have no certainty that they won’t attack when I take Regan’s head to them .” His head shakes , his messy raven locks shaking along too .

“I can defend myself .” I scoff , “You are pregnant Eleia .” He frowns , stepping closer as he dries his hands .

“Pregnant , not useless .”

“You can get hurt , you can’t even shift .” He argues and everything he is saying makes sense , but I don’t actually care .

I know that I can’t go , but I want to , I want to see all their faces , I want to see his parent’s faces , I want to see his new mate’s face .

If they had mated , she probably felt his death and I am not sorry at all .

She was something that did not belong to him , she was a fake and it’s a scandal that men can choose a mate while we females have no choice just because they are bigger and stronger .

“Whatever .” I turn on my heel , looking at him forces a strong feeling in my chest , making me feel like I can’t breathe at the sight of him .

He infuriates me beyond my limit .

“Eleia , please don’t be mad .” He begs as tears form in my eyes , but I don’t want him to beg , I want him to disappear .

“Eleia .” His heavy footsteps are behind me before he catches my arm .

I swing it as I turn , hitting his jaw with the back of my hand , “Leave me alone .” I blink and the tears that were rested on the rim of my eyes roll down my cheeks .

My lips are parted as I glare at him , my narrowed eyes squeezing more salty tears out and they roll down my cheek , falling from my top lip to my bottom one .

“What is going on with you ?” He frowns and I can’t drag my gaze away from the scratch mark on his jaw .

It fades quickly , but it was my fault that he got hurt .

I hurt him .

“Nothing...” I back away from him , “Just go .” I turn , shaking the guilt off .

“Eleia , I’m not going to go right now , especially when you are like this .”

He’s right behind me , I can feel it , I can sense it .

“Talk to me .” He mutters , begging for my attention but all I want is something he won’t give me .

For weeks he’s been or too disgusted to touch me or afraid that he’d hurt me , I don’t know which one and I certainly don’t want to know .

Whenever I trail my hand down his abdomen , he tenses up and grabs my wrist , turning me onto my other side and pulls me to his chest , holding me so that I can’t move .

I once asked him why and he said that he didn’t want to cause any harm to protect the baby .

At that moment , it made my heart swell , but literal weeks have gone by without us touching each other or having s*x and my hormones are through the roof .

“Eleia .” He rests his hand on my shoulder , turning me before pulling me into his embrace .

The warmth of his body takes me in , relaxing me a little bit , but the frustration builds up to where I wish my entire body would just relax , but it doesn’t .

I begin to sob and he rubs my back , but all I want is to hit him , but I don’t .

My hands fist his shirt and he pats my head , dragging it repeatedly down to my nape before starting on top again .

“Talk to me , what’s wrong ? Are you mad I killed him ?” The insecurity in his tone makes me shove him back , my red puffy eyes glare up at him .

“I don’t care if he’s dead . I don’t like him . He has nothing to do with this .” I bellow , my body bent forward as my nails dig into my palm .

“Then why are you like this ?” His hands are palms faced up as he gestures between us .

“Because you don’t want to touch me !” I yell at him at the top of my voice and his face falls as his eyes soften .

“Of course I want to Eleia .” He steps forward but I step back .

“Just stop , I know you’re disgusted with me and my child . You hate it because it’s his .” I keep him at arm’s length .

“I don’t.” He c***s his head , but I am tired of his lies , I know he feels disgusted with me , he barely holds me , he barely kisses me .

Regan’s death is the reason that he has a real smile on his face for the first time in weeks .

“Stop lying .” I choke on my words as I try to stop crying .

“Please , I will make this up to you .” He begs and I shake my head , “How ? By finally f*****g me ? No . I don’t want it . I don’t want you judging me .” I feel like I’m losing all self control and every thought that I have pent up in my brain for weeks are rolling out .

“Eleia , is that honestly what you think of me ?” He frowns and I shrug .

“It’s what I feel because that is how you act .” I mutter .

‘Calm down , our blood pressure is high .’ Crystal growls possessively .

She’s done this a few times , letting me know when I need to stop worrying and shut my brain off to relax .

“Please go , I need rest .” I wave myself and he stares at my throat m watching me take heavy breaths before walking to his bedside table and he turns the air on .

“I’ll grab you a bottle of water .” He chews on his lip , staring at me with sad eyes before he leaves .

I blankly stare at the door , repeatedly telling myself that everything will be okay , that I shouldn’t worry as much .

Laying down , Aiden comes back with a glass of water , staring at me with a smile as he approaches me .

“Are you okay ?”

‘Are you okay ?’ I tease in my mind as I glare at him .

“I’m fine , thanks .”

He tuts , shaking his head as he puts the glass down next to me .

“Don’t be mad at me .”

“That sounds like a demand .”

“Would you like it to be ?”

I snort , rolling my eyes .

His fingers capture my chin and he stares at me , making me look at him .

“An attitude isn’t going to get you somewhere .” He whispers , making the air leave the room .

“Well being an a*s is going to get you attitude .” I swat his hand away and there’s a glint of amusement in his eyes .

“Tell me Eleia .” His hand rests on my bump , slowing travelling more down to my legs before he massages my thigh .

“Tell you what ?” I snap , but on the insides , my heart is racing .

“If I love you right now ? Would you feel better ?” His eyebrow raises at me .

Yes

“No . Because you don’t want to .” I deadpan and his eyes grow dark .

“How do you know that ? How can you say that without knowing what I actually want ?” His fingers dig into the flesh of my thighs .

“Because first off , you’re hurting me .” I jerk my leg to the side and he lets go , shame filling his eyes , “And second off , if you wanted to , you would have already without me bringing this up .” A single tear slides down my cheek , but I refuse to act up .

I refuse to give in and let my temper win because I don’t want to lose my child .

This child has no father and I am all it has .

Regan is dead , Aiden won't ever love the little one brewing inside me and I know that I am going to be all alone in this .

Rosie might stand with me , but she and Stefan are building their own home , she is going to have her own pup , but I know she'd side with me .

Maybe I should just leave , run , just my baby and I... But that isn't going to be good because I have nowhere to go , I have nothing to take of the little pup .

If it weren't for Aiden , I would be dead and I would have been at peace .

If I died in that pond , the pup would never have existed .

"I thought you needed time and I don't want you to lose this pup Eleia ." He breathes out and I hate that he is saying all the right things , but on the other hand – he's doing all the wrong ones .

His words don't meet his actions and that shows how much he doesn't want this pup with me .

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AIDEN'S POV

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She's staring at me with hatred , hatred that I don't want her to feel , but how could I convince her otherwise if she won't listen to me ?

"You say that , but..." , "But nothing Eleia ." I cut her off , "Did I give you any reason to not trust me ? What did I do ?" My eyebrows scrunch together , but I hate that my face is showing what I feel .

"The way you treat me is exhausting . I want to be loved and you keep me at arms length ." She snaps , looking like she's losing her mind slowly .

Her green eyes are flicking everywhere as she tugs at her dark locks .

"Hey ." I cup her cheek , trying to draw her attention to me .

“I don’t keep you at arms length Eleia , I am letting you rest .” I frown , “I don’t care if it’s Regan’s , the important thing is , it’s yours and I don’t want to put you or it in harms way .”

I sound a little too cheesy , almost like Stefan , but it is sort of his words that I am using , but I do agree with it .

I can love any child and some day , this baby would be ours .

Our to have , ours to raise , ours to love .

I love the unborn pup already just because he or she is apart of my mate .

“Do you promise ?” Her eyebrows raise , her eyes glassy , the whites of her eyes are slightly red , her long dark lashes wet , most of them sticking together .

“I promise .” I drag my thumb over her bottom lip that is curled into a pout .

“I love you Eleia , I love this little rascal growing inside of you .” My hand drags down to her bump and her chest shakes as she sniffs .

“I love you too .” Her smile is weary as a single tear rolls down her cheek .

“I am going to claim that pack and no kids under the age of eighteen will be hurt , I promise that too .” I roll my eyes and she chews on her bottom lip , nodding .

“Thank you .” She smiles , “And we will have new members joining us .”

“Do you think they could be trusted ?” I ask and she shrugs , “I don’t know .” I mutter , “They already know that Regan is dead , they would feel it .” She explains and it makes sense .

It’s best if I go now .

“Then I will see you later and I promise that I will make it up to you .” I smile and her lips pressed into a thin line tells me she is unhappy about everything I am saying .

“Okay ?” I ask and she just nods .

I lean forward , pressing my lips to her temple then her nose and then her mouth .

“Get rest , tonight is going to be busy .” I kiss her again before standing , my eyes stay on her and I watch her cheeks heat , her lips curling up into a smile .

I leave her in the room , finding Stefan and Rosie in the living room as I come down stairs .

“Stefan .” I call out to him and he sighs , “I’m coming .” He stands up from the couch , kissing Rosie before joining me as we head to the cars parked outside .

I watch as the men come out with a box and I grin as they halt in front of me .

I open it , smiling at Regan’s lifeless eyes , his head sitting in the box like a trophy .

“Maybe I should stuff him and hang him on the wall in the dungeon .” I grin , making Stefan snort .

“Would be an example .” He mutters and I click my tongue and the man loads the box into the trunk as we get in .

Five black SUV’s drive behind me and Stefan .

“Knock knock .” I grin and Stefan turns to look at me with a raised brow , sighing , “Who’s there ?” He asks bored .

“Not Regan because he can’t even knock .” I chuckle and he tuts , shaking his head in disappointment .

I thought it was funny .

“You shouldn’t make jokes dude .” Stefan chuckles , staring out of the window .

“I can and I will .” I keep my chin up , smirking .

Today is the day it all ends .

Arriving at the gate of his pack , there aren't even guards and we speed through , stopping right by the gate and we climb out .

One of my warriors grab the box from my trunk and I grin all we way to their pack house .

A swarm of people come out , the first person a man , Regan's father , the next his mate , Regan's mum .

"What did you do ?" He seethes and I halt in my steps , Stefan standing slightly behind me to my right .

"What did I do ?" I cross my arms over my chest , standing tall as his father inches closer .

"I apologize , but this pack in now mine ." I snap my fingers and my warrior standing to my left drops the box and Regan's head rolls out .

His mum lets out a heart breaking scream , "No !" She runs forward , her eyes dark as she charges at me , but I don't move until she's right in front of me .

My hand snaps forward and my fingers curl around her throat as I lift her off the ground .

Her hands grab my wrist , fear in her eyes as well as darkness and sadness .

Holding her up in front of me , I glance past her at Regan's father .

The proud man who encouraged his kid to kill a little girl .

He steps forward and I c**k my head at him , "Are you really going to come at me while I have her life in my hand ?" I ask , squeezing her throat and she heaves as her air is cut off .

Her legs kick frantically , but with my arm stretched out straight , she is nowhere close to touching me .

Regan's dad halts , his jaw tensing more and more the longer he stares at me .

"Let her go ." His voice shakes and I laugh .

“Then kneel , because I beat your alpha , I killed him and now this pack is mine too .” I seethe and his eyes squeeze shut before he kneels .

I glance back at Stefan as I let his mate’s feet touch the ground .

“Now .” I mutter and he nods , striding forward and he grabs Regan’s dad by the throat and I walk the mother back to next to her mate .

I glance at Stefan and we both nod before we slip the silver knives out of our back pockets and slice their throats before stabbing them in their hearts .

The instantly drop , falling onto one another while everyone around us gasp .

“So this is how it’s going to go .” I smile , looking around and everyone’s attention is on me .

I never felt this kind of power , the authority to make them do what I want is amazing .

The fear is delicious .

“Eighteen and under , I want them on one side and the rest on the other side .” I demand , flipping the knife between my fingers .

Some mothers move with their children to the kids side and I hate to be the monster , but they aren’t staying .

Everyone is gathered quickly in two groups and I stride over to the kids , some moms pulling their children into their arms .

“I do apologize , but you need to go with the rest .” I keep a straight face .

“No , these are our kids .” The one screams , sounding terrified .

“I don’t care . They will have better lives with you gone .” I snap and on that note , the rest of my warriors start to slaughter the rest of the adults .

Some run , some scream and some tries to fight back but fail .

“Stop !” A girl comes out , her eyes fiercely dark and I turn my gaze to the girl coming out of the pack house .

“Oh , hiding – are you ?” I grin and she stomps down the stairs , striding towards me .

“This is my pack , what are you doing ?” She snaps fearlessly , her canines extended .

“Luna , I presume ?” I sarcastically bow my head and she inches closer , being braver than Regan ever was .

“Do not speak to me like that .” She snarls and I want to laugh .

I could tell she was an alpha’s daughter .

“Who’s your father ?” I beam and she snorts , shaking her head .

“None of your business .” She shrugs , acting like it might all blow over and I would back away just because she’s still standing .

“It is , this is now my pack and you are demoted . But I will give you an out if you want , you could run along and head home to dear old dad .” I grin , making her take heavy breaths as I inch closer .

“I am not going anywhere , but you are . This pack is not alone and I will fight you to save them .” She seethes , but she missed the slaughter and I can’t help but laugh as I look around .

Her gaze follows mine and when our eyes lock , there are tears .

“Poor thing .” I sigh , c*****g my head .

“If you want to fight , let’s fight .” I hold the knife in my hand , smiling at her .

“You are the devil .” She seethes before shifting and I stare at her brown wolf , rolling my eyes at her small size .

“Come on .” I challenge her and she charges at me , running full speed and when she launches at me , I stap her in the chest as I slide underneath her , a painful cry escaping her before she falls to the floor , shifting back to human , choking on the blood coming out of her mouth and I stand , walking over to her .

“You should have taken the out . You are not trained .” I shrug and she wants to say something , but she stops breathing .

Cries of children rip through the air and I raise my gaze , “If you all want to come home with us , to join your new pack , you are welcome . But one disobeying thing you say or do – I will kick you out , you’d be alone , a rogue or I would simply kill you .” I shrug , waiting for them to make a choice and most of them bow .

I finally win .

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ELEIA’S POV

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Sitting on the couch , watching the snow fall slowly , it relaxes me .

I should have taken a nap because my eyelids are heavier than bricks , they are being dragged down by exhaustion .

I slowly blink , letting my eyes rest in the darkness .

A flash of lights makes my eyes ping open and a row of cars drive onto the grounds , making me smile in relief .

He’s home .

Unharmed and healthy .

I force my eyes open , gathering all the strength I have and I stand up , my belly heavy and I make my way to the bathroom , resting my hands on the counter as I stare at my reflection .

Poor old me , pregnant and tired , knocked up by my ex .

I shake my thoughts away , standing up right as I open the faucet of the tap , cool water falling into the basin and I cup my hands below the tap , capturing water in my palms before splashing my face .

Feeling refreshed , I head downstairs , the bump making me descend the stairs carefully .

Coming down the stairs , I halt at the bottom , inhaling a breath .

“Aiden ?” I call out , but there’s no reply .

The house suddenly feels cold and empty .

“Eleia .” Rosie comes out of the kitchen , her eyes filled with worry .

“They’re back , still outside .” I take the last step and her eyes flick to the door .

“Let’s go .” She strides towards the door , putting her coat on , staring back at me like she’s waiting for me to go out there , but the truth is , I don’t know if I want to .

I can’t help but wonder how many people died , how many kids he let die...

“I’m kind of tired , I shouldn’t go out in the cold .” I shrug and she stares at me with sorrow .

“It’s not really snowing , are you sure ?” Her eyebrows raise , her brown eyes looking so filled with love , love I wish I knew I had .

“I’m sure .” I force a smile , every part of me wanting to collapse and cry until it doesn’t hurt anymore .

I just want peace and love , maybe a little comfort , but who am I to ask when I’m carrying another man’s child ?

I feel like a w***e .

‘Don’t you dare , we thought we were going to be his forever .’ Crystal snaps at me and I sit down on the step , sighing as I watch my best friend run outside to her mate .

Stefan loves her so much , I can tell by the way he looks at her .

I feel that love when Aiden looks at me , but when he doesn’t want to love me the way my body needs , I can’t help but feel useless .

When minutes go by without anyone coming in , I march over to the door , putting on my coat and boots before walking out .

The snow is mostly melted , making the ground beneath my feet slippery as I walk , making sure to take steady steps towards the gathering of everyone in the open field .

Cars are parked everywhere and I hug myself as I walk towards them , spotting Aiden in the middle .

“And we obviously have rules , for those who would listen and respect are welcome to live here .” He bellows , making sure everyone can hear him .

I make my way through the crowded circle that surrounds him , smiling as I come out in front , seeing him standing shirtless in the cold .

Is he crazy ?

‘Crazy hot , yes .’ Crystal purrs and I feel ashamed that heat forms at the base of my spine in front of all these people .

“Eleia .” His eyes grow dark as he holds his hand out to me and my teeth dig into my bottom lip as I walk towards him , holding my small bump .

I take his hand and he tugs me to him , “There are extra homes that are open and empty , filled with food , running water , heat , beds , anything you need and my warriors will lead you to them .” He smiles and I notice all the children and teens , some holding hands , others looking scared .

I gulp , stepping forward , “Some of you might recognize me , I was apart of your pack .” My mouth dries out from the cold , my nose and fingers numb , “And I know all of you probably loved your alpha , because you had to , but truth be told , I never did . I was wronged and I was the alpha’s first mate , but he used me and then rejected me and then I found my second chance and I thank the Moon Goddess every single day for the chance of a better life . I am not saying that you should appreciate us , but we are welcoming you with open arms , a chance to know this amazing alpha , my mate . He’s kind and generous , he’s fair , unlike the rulers of The Night Pack you all called home . So please , if you feel that you want to leave , come talk with us , you are children and we are not keeping you hostage , nor will we harm you. Sleep on it and get rest .” I smile as I glance around at some familiar faces .

Aiden’s arms wrap around me and the warriors take the kids , but I step out of his embrace , “Wait .” I stride towards the kids , especially the small ones .

“Do you guys want to have a slumber party ? Movies and popcorn ?” I kneel in front of them and they just stare at me with a lost gaze , confusion and terror in their eyes .

“It’ll be fun , we can make a huge bed .” I smile and some kid’s eyes light up , but others hide .

I’m at a loss .

“Whoever wants to come , just come forward , no one has to come , no one can make you do anything .” I smile and a few girls come forward before two boys join them .

“Okay , and the rest of you can go with those nice men and they will show you to homes .” I smile as I stand up and all of them part ways .

I hold my hands out , “Take hands everybody .” I smile and I take them to our home .

I mind link some maids to bring up mattresses and they do while Aiden and I move the furniture in the living move and when I say Aiden and I , I mean that I stand and watch my mate move the couches and tables .

“Why are you doing this for them ?” He grunts as he makes space and I shrug , still standing against the wall as maids lay mattresses next to one another .

The dinging sound makes me stand up right and I head to the kitchen , taking the mini pizza’s out of the cooking box and replacing them with frozen ones .

There are seven kids I need to feed and keep happy tonight and tomorrow is a new day , a day where we find them the perfect families .

Everyone in the pack is supportive of children who want to be here , but there isn’t much we can do for the older wants if they want to leave and it breaks my heart because this is a really great pack with caring people .

All of them are seated around the kitchen island , smiling as I had a maid make them some milkshakes .

“Are you all friends ?” I ask , taking the mini pizza’s off the baking tray and onto seven different plates before putting more frozen pizza’s on it .

They all glance at one another , “She’s my friend , we don’t know the rest .”
The one girl holds her friend’s hand .

“Aren’t you all suppose to be in school ?” I ask with raised brows , knowing
that I never had the chance to go because I was a little slave .

“We’re not allowed yet , we’re only eight .”

The rest tell me their ages and all of them are above six , meaning they
should have been in school already .

Aiden comes to join us and they take them to the living room to choose out
their own bedding and a movie while I continued heating the pizza’s .

After almost an hour , I plate all of the pizza’s and call the kids .

The bright cheerful smiles on their faces when they run into the kitchen are
priceless .

They look so happy and that is my goal .

Maybe if we did these kind of things with all the kids once a month , they
would be much happier here .

“Okay , go eat on your beds .” I clap my hands as I hand each of them a plate
with at least ten pizza’s each .

It was exhausting waiting for them to cook in the oven .

“You are doing great .” Aiden kisses me and I take our plate that we are
sharing and we join the kids in the living room .

Aiden and I sit on the couch , sharing a blanket while the kids watch this show
called The Lion King , apparently it’s popular , but I wouldn’t know because I
don’t remember watching this as a kid .

I sob when the father lion dies , “Poor Simba !” I cry into Aiden’s chest while
all the kids glance back at us .

I guess being a crying woman is not the best role model , but I can not help
the hormones , let alone stop them .

I smile as each kid fell asleep , their plates stacked on the side , each and every one of them are curled under their blankets .

“Shall we head upstairs ?” Aiden’s nose brushes against the shell of my ear , my shoulder raises as I try to block him from snuggling his face into the crook of my neck .

“We should sleep down here too .” I smile and Aiden pulls back , looking at me like I’m stupid .

Aiden and Rosie have been in their room since they ate and there’s no worry of them , Stefan said what I was doing was sweet and kind .

“What if they wake up ? What if one of them wakes up and they are scared Aiden ?” I glare at him .

I know he lost his sister , but he never endured pain and real fear for his life as a child like I did .

I don’t know what these kids are thinking , but they are afraid and I want to be here to help .

“Fine .” He sighs , rolling his eyes .

“I’ll grab a blow up mattress and we can sleep on it over there next to that couch .” He smiles as he stands and I take his hand , staring up at him through my lashes .

“Thank you .”

I like this side of him .

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ELEIA’S POV

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Waking up on a half deflated blow up mattress was very awkward , my half is sunken in and I had to slide off it to get off .

Every chance of getting up , I fall over due to sinking in , feeling the floor beneath me .

Raising with a grunt , I stand frozen as I stare at the empty beds where the children are suppose to be .

“Aiden ?” I screech as I stomp out of the living room , my blood raising as I rush through the house , freezing when I hear giggles and laughter coming from the kitchen , the smell of bacon luring me inside to see all the children sitting at the island , eating pancakes and bacon .

I smile as he makes small talk with them , “So what do you kids want to do today ?”

I could tell that he was nervous to talk to them , he was smiling the entire time while looking on edge .

“Can we have a tour ? I like knowing where everything is .” A boy smiles and my heart sinks as Aiden freezes , looking at him with a soft smile .

“Of course , any other suggestions ?” He asks , looking at every one of them , smiling like he has a plan .

No one else says anything , “So if there’s nothing else , would you like to go to a nearby pond ? Can you guys swim ? We can take a picnic basket if you like .” He shrugs and when his eyes find mine , a deep blush coats his cheeks .

“Hi .” It’s like we’re frozen in time as we stare at one another .

“Come here .” He nods his head to the side and I stride towards him , smiling at the kids .

“Good morning little ones .” I smile and they all say hi in union .

“So are we heading to the pond ?” I shake my shoulders in excitement and they all smile , nodding .

I can’t believe that yesterday these kids were terrified and today they are happy .

“Are the other kids coming too ?” I glance at Aiden and he stares at me , glancing at the kids and then back at me again .

“We can invite them .” He shrugs carelessly , “Then we’ll need chaperones . I’ll ask Rosie and Stefan .” I smile , raising onto my toes before placing a kiss on his cheek .

He secretly squeezes my behind , making me grin as I walk away .

I slowly ascend the stairs and head to their room , slowly knocking as I hope that they are okay and awake .

My bladder feels full and just as I’m about to turn and head to our room , Rosie opens the door , looking tired , her hair a mess , her eyes barely open .

“What is it ?” She yawns , stretching her arms above her head .

“We’re taking some kids to the pond , we need more people to look after them . See you at ten .” I smile before turning around , leaving her without an option as I rush up the stairs .

My heart stops as my foot slips and my hand shoots out in front of me , grabbing the edge of the stair , my knee hitting the sharp edge as my other hand holds onto the railing for dear life .

My heart is pounding in my ears , my chest heaving as I try to focus on relaxing .

I didn’t fall , I slipped .

I am fine .

I just have to get up... but what if I get up and I fall again ?

My eyes squeeze shut as I think of how to safely get up from my position as my knee is on the edge of the step .

I slowly pull my leg closer before using one foot to steady myself and I blow out heavy breaths as I stand .

Well that was close...

Walking into the room with shaky legs , I shut the door behind me before using the bathroom and only when I wash my hands , I feel the stinging on my knees when I’m fully calm .

I step back from the counter , looking down at my scraped knee that's slowly healing .

I sigh , shaking my head as I just walk to the bed , the soft looking m attrass that's inviting me over into it's embrace .

I glance at the door , shrugging as I climb onto the bed and it's welcoming and comfortable . I can lay down for a minute .

I snuggle into the pillow and just as my body fully relaxes , the door opens and Aiden tuts , smiling as I stare at him guiltily .

“Come on , we have to get dressed .” He nudges me and I sigh , sitting up .

“I'm just tired .” I yawn , standing before striding over to the closet and I get dressed in a pair of shorts and a oversized t-shirt .

“Stunning as always .” He kisses me , making me feel like the prettiest girl alive , even if I am fat now .

After gathering clothes for the kids and asking the rest to join , they did and we all take a walk to the pond .

Stefan , a few other warriors and Aiden walk in front while Rosie slowly walks with me at the back , we have no reason to believe that there are any danger , but it's just for safety .

Arriving at the pond , the guys throw out blankets and towels and those who can swim run and dive into the pond .

It's cold and most of the snow melted , but for us wolves , it's just cool .

We are mostly heaters , men more than the women and I giggle as the girls join me and Rosie on the blankets while the men make a fire beside us .

We eat and laugh and play board games until it's noon .

Gathering all the kids after eating , I notice a girl and a boy gone .

Two teenagers and I grab onto Rosie's arm as I glance around .

“What's wrong ?” She asks when she saw the frantic look on my face .

“Two kids are gone .” I mutter as I pace , “Who ?” She asks and I frown , I can not remember their names...

“I don’t know their names , but they were sitting one side , eating and now they’re gone .” I heave and Aiden strides towards me , grabbing my shoulders , “Take a breath , what’s wrong ?” He asks and I inhale deeply , trying to focus on remembering their names .

“The two , brown hair girl and boy , they are gone , they were right here .” I motion to where they sat .

“Did they go swim ?” Rosie asks , striding towards the empty pond .

“Relax , we’ll find them .” Aiden cups my cheeks , “Stefan , come with me , the rest , take the kids home .” He demands and all the little kids huddle around Rosie and I , mostly me .

The walk back feels like forever while I think of where the two might have run off to .

Maybe they want to go home , but it’s no abandoned and filled with dead people .

“Relax , they couldn’t have gone far .” Rosie takes my hand and I sigh , looking at her , “They are wolves , they could be long gone and all we wanted to do was give them another home .” I sigh , “Now they might be dead if someone else got them because people will think they are rogues .” I wipe the coat of sweat off my forehead .

“Aiden and Stefan will find them , relax .” She gives my hand a squeeze and all I can feel is exhaustion when we make it home .

The kids who slept over at our house last night gather around me , “Are we having another sleepover ?” The girl asks and I smile at them , “Maybe next week , but first we have to find great homes for each and every one of you . People here are loving and caring just like the alpha and I and we want to share you all with everyone because every one of you are special .” I smile and Rosie just stands there , looking at me with a warm smile .

“What if they don’t love us ?” A little girl asks and I kneel , holding my arms out to her .

“They will and I do . Once a month we will have a big sleepover for all the kids , alright ?” I smile and the girl hugs me .

“Can you watch the kids while I ask who’s available for fostering ?”

Rosie nods , “Let me show you where my mate and I are building our home , it’s not nearly done , but the foundation has been completed today and I guess that’s the roughest thing .” She beams while leading them to the construction site and I can’t help but smile .

I wonder if she knows that kids aren’t that into building .

I mind link the entire pack , asking whoever is available to meet me in front of our home and at least ten couples come , which is more than enough because the rest of the kids got foster homes yesterday .

“Hi .” I greet everyone and Rosie bring the kids back , “So those who don’t have homes , come here .” I wave them over and the seven come forward , “We had these kids spent with us last night , and we want to do a big slumber party every month will all the kids , so these need homes .” I smile at the couples who smile back , but not at me , their smiles are towards the kids .

“Unfortunately there are only seven .” I chew on my bottom lip .

“We just came here in case there wasn’t enough , we thought you needed us but we don’t really want kids .” Some man scratches his head , smiling guiltily , “That’s okay , you came to help and that is what matters .” I smile and he nods , taking his kid’s hand and they leave .

“So not everyone will get a child to foster .” I clap my hands and turn to the kids , “I don’t know how you want to do this , you want to say hi and see if you are comfortable ?” I ask the kids and they nod .

It’s like magic as they choose their parents and all of them get along , two other couples staring with side eyes but with smiles at the new families getting along .

“I do apologise .” I walk up to them and they say it’s okay , clearly when it’s not and they head home .

“Now if you feel it’s too much , please talk with a guidance councillor , or even me , my door is always open .” I smile and I watch as they all head home .

The kids got around very fast and I love seeing new families form .

Rosie throws her arm around me , “You did good .” She rests her head against mine .

“We did good .”

She snorts , standing upright , “I did nothing , you got these kids homes , paired them with nice people .” The tears in her eyes make my heart clench , “Did you want a kid ?” I ask and she rolls her eyes , aggressively wiping her cheeks .

“No , but I am afraid that I can’t have kids .” She gulps and my heart drops into my stomach , “Rosie..” I sigh , pulling her into a hug , “I’m sorry .” I try to stop my own tears forming in my eyes , but it’s no use .