

Chapter 76

Lost Track of Time

***** Zenith's first life *****

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Dawn's POV

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"Zen, Axel has been looking for you, you need to see him. There is an urgent message from the capital city," Aurel said hurriedly.

"Okay, you can leave." Zenith nodded.

"But you need to come now."

"You can leave." Zenith emphasized his answer.

Aurel looked like she wanted to retort, but she knew it would only annoy Zenith given his temperament, thus she nodded and left, but not before she threw a nasty look at Dawn.

Dawn didn't understand why Aurel hated her so much when the interactions between them could merely be counted on one hand.

And from the way she talked to Zenith, it seemed the two of them were quite close. Obviously, the healer was close to Beta Axel and Gamma Darius too.

"I will walk you back to your bedroom."

That was it. Zenith walked her back to her bedroom and after that, he didn't come to take her to the dining hall again.

Dawn took the initiative to have her breakfast in the dining hall a few times, but Zenith was never there. From what Pyllo said, the alpha was very rarely seen eating together with the other people.

It was not common to see the alpha in the dining hall.

Therefore, Dawn could draw a conclusion, he only did it when he introduced her. With this thought, she didn't feel really bad that Zenith had never asked her to eat in the dining hall, since he himself went there rarely.

Zenith didn't see her again until a day before their ceremony, though. He came to her because they would need to greet the king.

This was the first time for Dawn to see the king. She heard rumors about him and his golden mask, but she had never met him in person.

Even though you couldn't see his face, the aura around him was very intimidating. Dawn found herself cowering behind Zenith's equally towering frame.

"So, this is her?"

"Yes."

And that was it. That was the only interaction Dawn had with the king, because after that, she returned to her bedroom and busied herself with the preparations of the ceremony the next day.

"If only you gained a little more weight, you will look pretty," Fern said.
"I mean, you already look beautiful."

"Yes, her skin looks paler. You need to exercise more, Dawn," Pyllo chimed in.

"This white dress will look good on Miss Aurel," Kynes said. "I didn't mean this dress doesn't suit you, but Miss Aurel has a pair of beautiful green eyes."

Dawn didn't understand what she meant by that. Sometimes, her mind would go blank and she couldn't grasp the hidden meaning behind their passive aggressive comments.

Dawn fiddled with her fingers. She wanted the ceremony to end quickly. She didn't want to hear their comments anymore, nor to be surrounded by people. She wanted to curl herself up on the bed and close her eyes.

Thankfully, the ceremony went well without any hiccups. Dawn smiled at all the people who congratulated her, but it felt very fake, because she could see how they disliked the fact that she was the luna of the pack now.

They would flock around Aurel, talking about this and that while glancing in her direction occasionally. Of course, they did it subtly without the alpha noticing it, because he was busy talking with the king. From the look on their faces, it seemed something serious.

But Dawn was grateful because after that, the alpha came to her and got her out of the party, taking her straight to the alpha's bedroom.

"You are going to stay in this room. If you don't like it, you can redecorate this place as you like," Zenith said. He took off his cloak and looked a little annoyed. "I will clean up first."

With that, Zenith went to the bathroom.

Meanwhile, Dawn looked around her, this room looked rather dull, but she found all of her clothes there. He must have asked someone to move all of her belongings here.

Dawn waited for Zenith to come out, so she could wash up too. Tonight, would be a long night. She had prepared herself for what would happen later.

But when she was waiting for Zenith, someone knocked on the door. No one should bother them now.

"Yes?" Dawn went to the door and immediately knew that it was Aurel. She could smell her scent. "Do you need something?"

Dawn caught Aurel's surprised expression, she must have expected Zenith to open the door.

"I..." She hesitated, but then she gave Dawn a genuine smile. "I know that this is not the right timing, but I want you to know that I am truly sorry for the way I treated you all this time. I hope we can be good friends in the future."

"Okay." Dawn didn't expect anything from her and her curt answer put Aurel in an awkward situation. She talked about something else, but Dawn didn't really hear it. She was not even sure what she was talking about until she left and she closed the door to find Zenith was done with his bath.

"You don't need to talk to her if you don't want to."

"Okay."

Dawn then went to the bathroom, her mind was not in the right place and she didn't even realize the way Zenith stared at her.

The alpha's deep blue eyes darkened a little bit.

Meanwhile, Dawn lost track of time in her own mind when she dipped herself in the bathtub, until she heard someone open the door and saw the alpha standing in front of her.

"How long do you want to dip in?"

"What?" Dawn was confused.

"Do you want to avoid what comes next?"

Dawn didn't understand what he was talking about. "I need to clean myself."

"For three hours?"

"Three hours?"

Dawn furrowed her brows, but Zenith had left her there alone with her confusion. She didn't realize that she had been here for three hours, but when she checked, Zenith was right. She really didn't realize three hours had passed.

"I am sorry, Alpha."

Dawn approached Zenith, and stopped in front of him in just her robe. They were going to do it after all; there was no need to put on a dress.

For a moment, Zenith only stared at her and she lost herself in those deep blue eyes.

"You don't want to do it."

"I want to."

If in the past Dawn would chase after him to ask about her father, Dawn right now didn't even know what she wanted or what the purpose of her life was anymore. She walked, ate, drank and talked without feeling anything.

"Come here."

Dawn approached Zenith and stood in front of him. He was very tall and muscular and when he put his hand on her nape, she was sure he could snap her neck. Somehow, she had this intrusive thought where she imagined the alpha doing it. So, she could stop feeling this numbness.

Slowly, Zenith lowered his head and pressed his lips against hers.

How long had it been since the last time someone held her like this? How long had it been since the last time someone kissed her or paid her any attention?

Chapter 77

Mate and Mark

***** Zenith's first life *****

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Dawn's POV

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Zenith's lips were cold, just like Dawn had expected. They were as cold as his personality, but his touch was tender. Somehow, the rough alpha could hold her in the gentlest way possible.

Zenith ended the kiss, but Dawn could still feel it. She stared at him and for the first time, her eyes lit up with anticipation, as he took off her robe and left her standing in front of him naked.

Dawn breathed deeply, she lowered her head and tried to cover her nakedness with her hair, but Zenith was having none of it. He pushed her hands down and kissed her again.

This time, his kiss was not as gentle as before, he backed her toward the bed and when the backs of her knees hit the edge of the bed, Zenith laid her down. He breathed raggedly and Dawn blushed when she felt how hard he was.

"There is no going back from this," Zenith growled against her lips.

"The past is not a place I want to revisit."

Four years.

Dawn couldn't even fathom how she had gone through those four years, everything was a blur. She couldn't remember if she did something that was worth remembering. Even her memories about her former pack started fading away.

Her life there and all the pain that she felt because of what Blake and Emily had done to her was just a fragment in her mind, slowly fading away.

Nothing was important. She had lived in this numbness for so long, she forgot how to feel and this bond was her last hope to feel something... anything...

"Ah!" Dawn cried when she felt Zenith position himself between her legs and started to move his body. She could feel him down there, warm and hard.

"It will hurt," Zenith warned her.

However, Dawn couldn't care less about the pain. She needed to feel it; she wanted to feel it. She wanted him to hurt her, so she could get rid of this numbness.

Dawn didn't want to admit it, but she was alone for so long, she craved this connection, the bond or whatever Zenith could offer to her.

"Do it," Dawn said breathlessly and she could feel the growl that thundered in his chest when he started to thrust into her deeper and harder.

Dawn bit her lips, she felt like her body was being torn apart, but she still didn't tell him to stop.

Thankfully, the pain didn't last for long, because not long after, the pain subsided significantly and it was replaced by this unfamiliar tension in her lower body, her stomach knotted and her ragged breaths turned into moans.

Zenith kissed the sweet spot on her neck and cupped her breasts, he pinched her nipples, which made Dawn's toes curl in delight and when Dawn was no longer able to hold back this building tension within her and her climax was very near, her body shuddered, as she got her release.

The pleasure racked her body.

However, it didn't last long because a moment later, a sharp pain burned her skin when Zenith sunk his teeth in her neck, marking her as his.

The pain was almost unbearable, Dawn thrashed her body and tried to push him away, but once it started, Zenith couldn't stop, or else it would put her life in danger.

The pain and the pleasure were very overwhelming, tears streamed down her face, as Dawn wailed in pain.

Out there, the night was very quiet, while inside the room, the air was filled with the sound of her cries and the bond was formed.

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It took Dawn two weeks to finally wake up after their mating and marking ceremony, by that time, the king and his entourage had left the north.

But it took Dawn another week to be able to regain her strength, as her body still adjusted to her mark and then two more weeks to nourish her body before Dawn was completely healthy.

Right now, she stared at her reflection in the mirror, the mark on her neck had healed and it looked beautiful on her skin.

All this time, Dawn rarely met with Zenith, because he used to come so late and leave very early.

"Here, your tonic. You need to drink this so you can feel better faster," Aurel said. She handed her the cup and waited for her to finish it up.

Ever since Dawn woke up, Aurel had been by her side, helping her to nourish her body. There was nothing wrong with it, because she was a healer. More so, she started to warm up to her. There were no more nasty looks, or so Dawn thought...

"How is it? Feeling better?" Aurel asked.

"Yes." Dawn nodded. She would feel this warm and fuzzy feeling after drinking the tonic.

"What are you planning to do today?" Aurel asked, she looked excited.

"Zenith asked me to go with him to the training ground."

"Oh, he must have wanted to introduce you to his warriors. You need to make a good impression." Aurel then proceeded to tell Dawn that she had to familiarize herself with the warriors. She needed to smile often and also chat with them.

"Should I do that?"

"Of course. You need to befriend them all."

And when Zenith took her to the training ground, Dawn tried Aurel's idea, but the alpha didn't look happy with her attempt to know these warriors better.

"You are being too friendly with them."

That was what Darius told Dawn when she asked why Zenith looked annoyed. Apparently, she was here to be introduced to the warriors, as their luna, not for her to warm up to them.

"You need to know your position," Axel said sharply.

Dawn felt bad, but when she told Aurel about this, the healer said that she was being ridiculous to think that way.

"The Alpha is jealous. That's a good thing." Aurel looked excited. "It means he cares about you."

Dawn frowned. She was not sure which one was right, because she couldn't trust her own judgment. Her mind would go blank every now and then and the way she lost track of time was getting worse.

One day, she spent two hours staring at her plate straight. She didn't touch her food and only snapped back to reality when Zenith came to her. He looked furious.

"What do you want?"

"What?" Dawn couldn't understand why he was suddenly angry with her.

"You want to starve yourself?"

"No. I don't."

Her answer only made Zenith become even more furious. He literally growled at her. "I will take you back to your pack, now eat your food and don't make a ruckus."

After saying that, Zenith went out of the room, he looked more livid than usual.

"Why would I want to go to my pack?" Dawn immediately stood up and looked for Zenith, but she couldn't find him. She tried to track him down, but no one could tell her where he was.

People looked at her with this sinister look, as if Dawn had committed a grave crime, but right now, she just wanted to meet with Zenith.

Finally, she found him. He was in an empty room with Aurel.

Chapter 78

The Turmoil in Their Bond

***** Zenith's first life *****

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Dawn's POV

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Dawn met Fern and she told her the alpha's whereabouts, the old woman even took her to the room, which was supposed to be empty, but apparently Zenith and Aurel were inside.

"I told you not to bother them," Fern said, as she stood next to Dawn. Both of them watched how Zenith took off his clothes in front of Aurel through the gap between the door, which was ajar enough for them to peep inside.

Zenith had his back to them, but there was no doubt it was the alpha, Dawn knew his body well enough to say that.

"You should have seen this coming. Even after a year of the ceremony, you are still not with a child. What did you expect?"

A year? A year had passed?

Dawn staggered back. Where did all that time go? She didn't realize a year had passed, but then she couldn't tell exactly how much time had passed.

"Don't see it if you can't handle it."

Dawn stared through the gap between the door and watched Aurel walk closer to Zenith. That was all she needed to see, then she turned around and rushed away like a coward.

After that, Aurel continued to come to her as usual. She would give her a cup of tonic to nourish her body every day, saying it would be easier for her to get pregnant if her body was in a good condition.

However, Dawn didn't drink it today. She stared at the cup, there was nothing off with the smell. It was the same liquid that she had been consuming for the last year.

"I will drink it later."

"No, you should drink it now."

"I said; later." Dawn's voice sounded very stern, as she put the cup down.
"You can leave now."

Aurel's green eyes flickered. "Are you mad?"

"I am not. I want to be alone."

"Don't you..."

"Leave."

Dawn wanted to be left alone. She didn't want to drink this liquid anymore. Something was off. Her mind hadn't been clear enough for a while now. She needed to think hard about all of those lessons that she learned from Lyra.

It was even harder because many years had passed and her memories about that time were really clouded.

But a few months later, Dawn managed to figure out what the tonic that Aurel had been giving her contained. It was not poisonous, but surely, it had Iluptic Mushroom.

"Eating that mushroom will make you have illusions," Dawn said. She tried to explain this to Zenith, but he only looked annoyed with her. "Zenith, you need to believe me!"

"You made a fuss to go back to your pack and I agreed to your request, but then you made another ruckus about not wanting to go, I don't mind that, but now you are slandering someone else, for what?"

"I didn't slander her! She did give me Iluptic Mushroom! You need to ask someone to check on it!"

Dawn was very upset when Zenith ignored her, but what left her scared was the way Axel and Darius looked at her; disappointed and disgusted.

"Enough, Luna." Darius stopped Dawn from approaching Zenith, while the beta followed behind the alpha, walking out of the room. "You can't talk bad about Aurel when all she has done all this time is help you."

At that point, Dawn knew there was no way for her to prove her findings. But she insisted on not drinking the tonic. She didn't want Aurel to be around her and refused to eat anything that she didn't make herself.

Until this time, Dawn didn't talk about what she saw in that room. She didn't have anywhere else to go. If she was chased out of this pack, it would be the same as death, so she endured it.

They had sex a handful of times after Dawn stopped drinking the tonic. About two years after their ceremony, Aurel left the pack to return to the capital city.

Dawn didn't know what happened, but Zenith started to warm up to her again.

"I don't like eating alone, can you come early? At least, have dinner with me?" Dawn asked him one day.

Their relationship improved greatly three months after Aurel had left to the point Dawn could gather the courage to ask him this.

Zenith looked surprised, but he agreed to come and have dinner with her. He kept his word.

Even when he was very busy, he would still find time to have dinner with Dawn, even if he had to leave again to finish his work.

At this point, Dawn couldn't see why people called Zenith the cruel alpha. She knew that he could be very cold and heartless, but he was not as cruel as people portrayed him to be.

"You are pregnant," Zenith said casually one night during their dinner.

Dawn almost choked on her meat when she heard that. She just told him about her day and talked about trivial things.

Dawn was determined to start anew with Zenith, she wanted to forget what she saw in that room. After all, Aurel had gone. There was nothing for her to be worried about.

"How do you know?"

"I know."

Dawn didn't believe that and the next morning, the first thing she did was to look for a healer, but this new healer in the pack told her that she was not.

Feeling disappointed, Dawn told Zenith that he must be mistaken and mentioned what the healer told her.

"I know what I said," Zenith said, he hugged her from behind and caressed her flat stomach. "Take care of yourself."

"How do you know this for sure?"

"I just know."

And just like Zenith had said, a month later, Dawn started to show the symptoms. Moreover, she herself could feel it without even asking for the healer to confirm it, nonetheless, she still went to the healer and got the confirmation that she needed.

"I told you," Zenith said. He put down the report in his hand and caressed her cheek when she rushed to his study room to inform him about this.

Dawn was happy, very happy. This must be the happiest time for her after so many years of suffering.

But then, she started to feel it again. The side effects of the Iluptic Mushroom. She started to lose track of time again and her mind would often go blank, leaving her to stare at one point for a long time.

It worried Fern and Dawn's two personal servants.

And in the seventh month of Dawn's pregnancy, Aurel stepped into the pack again. Dawn felt this chill crept on her skin when she heard this news from Kynes and Pyllo, who looked very excited to have the healer back.

Dawn became very defensive. She had tried to communicate this with Zenith, but even she herself could tell that her mind was not in the right place and her words didn't make any sense at all. She couldn't choose the right words and no matter what she said, it just sounded awfully wrong.

"She tried to poison me! How couldn't you see that?!" Dawn was angry. She literally shouted at Zenith at last. "You want to kill me! She wanted to kill me!"

"Dawn! Enough!" Zenith finally snapped. Dawn had been acting awful again since her first trimester and the alpha tried to tolerate it.

Chapter 79

The Birth of Her Son

***** Zenith's first life *****

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Dawn's POV

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"You are insufferable!" Zenith had enough of her. She had been acting very weird lately. He had checked everything and it was good. Aurel even left the pack and Dawn was still acting crazy. He didn't know what to do with her anymore. "It's enough!"

So much was bottled up within him.

"Zenith..." Dawn staggered back, she fought back her tears, her whole body was trembling. She thought they were fine. She thought they were finally on the right track. But what was going on now?

Dawn couldn't remember most of her day and during those fuzzy memories, she often felt time slip through her fingers. Sometimes, she couldn't even tell what she was doing for a whole day.

It was like she woke up in the morning, but then it was already the next morning.

Dawn checked her food and everything, she remembered her lesson with Lyra about poison, thinking it must be Iluptic Mushroom again, since Aurel had returned. But that was not the case.

She prepared her own food, checked what she drank, but she found nothing.

Dawn felt like she was going insane. She refused to eat and drink anything one day, but this only enraged Zenith.

"Are you going to kill yourself and the baby?!" Zenith snarled at her. "If you want to die so badly, go and die alone!"

Dawn was nine months pregnant, she was waiting for her delivery, but she felt even more awful. She refused to eat and drink. She was still adamant that they poisoned her.

"Zenith, please... please believe me... they poisoned me." Dawn was very weak. She wouldn't be able to push the baby out if she kept this up. She was going to die during labor with her baby.

"You have checked everything yourself! You prepared your own meals and checked what you drink, what else do you want!?" Zenith grabbed her arms. He shook her weak body. "I sent Aurel away because you said she poisoned you, but you are still like this even without her presence!"

Dawn couldn't find any justification for her actions, because she couldn't find the source of the poison no matter what. She couldn't accuse Aurel either, since they had never encountered each other ever since the healer returned.

"Please, believe me, Zenith... please, believe me..." Tears streamed down her cheeks, she didn't even have the energy to cry. "If you don't believe me, I don't want to see you again... leave. Leave me alone..."

"Fern! Force her to eat!" Zenith said sternly, he stood up and left the room, while Dawn laid on her bed lifelessly. Life left her eyes. She looked like she was ready to die with her child.

However, Zenith would never allow that to happen.

The next few days, Dawn still refused to eat and her condition kept worsening, which forced Zenith to come and see her again.

"I don't want to eat; they poisoned my food..." Dawn whimpered weakly. If it was not for the healer, she and the baby would have died by now.

"EAT!" Zenith was frustrated, he forcefully shoved the food down her throat, but Dawn retaliated, which caused her to vomit.

Aurel was called, but Dawn didn't want her to touch her, thus another healer came into the room. Zenith knew about the bad blood between Dawn and Aurel, thus he prepared five more healers in the pack.

The healers took care of Dawn, while Kynes and Pyllo cleaned her up. Once she was already clean and had a little bit of energy to stay alive, they left Dawn with the alpha.

Zenith didn't say anything for a long time and Dawn refused to even see him.

"What do you want, Dawn?" Zenith finally cracked the silence between them. "What do you want me to do?"

But there was only silence that answered his question and Dawn's condition became even more concerning on the day of her labor.

Aurel and five more healers were there to keep her and the baby alive, since Dawn didn't have any strength to push the baby out of her body.

She seemed determined to die with her baby.

It was a bright day and at first, there was no sign of her going to give birth, but later at night, she started to feel the pain and everything went so fast when Kynes notified the healers.

"Where is Zenith?" Dawn asked amidst this excruciating pain. "Where is he? I want him..." She was afraid, she was scared, she wanted her mate to be there, but Fern and the others ignored her request. They didn't even care about her, their focus was on the baby alone. How to keep the baby alive.

Dawn could die for all they cared.

"Please... where is Zenith? I want him... ah!" Dawn cried, the pain was unbearable and she was having a hard time breathing. She was constantly in and out of her consciousness, amidst which she heard what they were saying and thought this was it.

She thought she was not going to see her baby.

"Leave her! Focus on the baby only!" Aurel snapped at one of the healers, but she retorted.

"We need to keep her awake! The baby could die too!"

Aurel clicked her tongue, annoyed. But she was thrilled that Zenith was not here.

It was the most grueling four hours for Dawn, the pain and the suffocation were unbearable. She felt like she was under the water and when she just found her peace, she was brought back to reality and the pain was the first thing that hit her. This agonizing feeling was more terrifying than anything else Dawn had endured.

In the end, she couldn't keep calling for Zenith, she didn't have the strength and also because she accepted the fact that he wouldn't come for her.

After hours, finally they heard the cries of the baby. It was weak, you could tell that the baby needed more attention, since he didn't sound healthy at all.

"My baby..." Dawn blinked her eyes, she tried to gain her consciousness, but the darkness came and this time, no one pulled her from under the water. She was drowning. The pain subsided and the light faded away.

Dawn didn't know how long she had been unconscious, but when she woke up, everything was still the same, except for her stomach. It was flat now.

"My baby..."

That was the last and the first words Dawn said before and after she fell unconscious and then woke up.

Pyllo came to her bedside and tended to her. She looked haggard and didn't dare to look Dawn in the eyes.

"Where is my baby?" Dawn asked, and she ate her food. She couldn't care less if she was being poisoned now, since her baby no longer relied on her. More so, she couldn't find any poison in her food. Yet again.

"Your baby is being taken care of," Pyllo then told her what had happened when she fell unconscious for two months.

Apparently, the alpha got a wet nurse to take care of the baby and the healers would come over constantly to keep her alive.

"I want to see my baby..."

"I need to ask for the Alpha's permission first."

Chapter 80

Thank You, Zenith

***** Zenith's first life *****

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Dawn's POV

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It irritated Dawn that she had to ask for permission to see her own son, but there was nothing she could do at this point. She neither had strength nor power to go against what Zenith wanted.

"Okay."

Dawn waited for Pyllo to return with her baby, but even after hours, her maid servant didn't return and instead, it was Fern who came to inform her that the baby was currently sleeping.

"The baby is very weak, because you didn't take care of yourself," Fern said sternly. Her eyes were ice cold. She didn't need to say it, but she obviously blamed Dawn for what she had done to herself and the baby during her pregnancy. "It's better you don't see the baby for the meantime."

"When can I see my baby?" Dawn asked. She knew that she was at fault. During that time, she really thought of dying with her baby. There was nothing she could look forward to in this world, but now her baby was born, of course, she was not going to leave him behind.

"It depends on what Alpha Zenith says, after he deems you safe enough, you'll get to see the baby."

Dawn scoffed, it was ridiculous. "Safe? What do you mean safe? Do you really think that I am going to hurt my baby?"

"You already did, Dawn. You hurt the baby and now the Alpha's firstborn is suffering because of your actions."

Dawn bit her lip. She knew she was at fault here. "Please, tell Zenith that I want to see my baby."

Fern nodded and then left the room.

But Dawn should have expected this, because after hours of waiting, she still couldn't see her baby, even when weeks and months passed, the alpha still didn't give her any permission.

"Rex..." Dawn murmured her baby's name, because she still couldn't see her baby. She tried to go see him, but apparently Zenith was away from the pack and to her annoyance, it was actually Aurel, who took care of her baby.

Dawn could stomach it if it was someone else, but Aurel... it was akin to a slap in the face when she could only see her baby from afar, while that wicked healer played with him.

Rex was already able to walk when he was only ten months old. He had his father's blue eyes and also his curls. Probably only his nose and lips that resembled Dawn's.

Every time she tried to approach him, warriors would stop her and Dawn didn't want to cause a ruckus, since she was afraid it would aggravate Zenith and he kept preventing her from meeting her son.

Therefore, she could only satisfy her desire to be with her child by staring at him from afar.

There was a day when her son stared back at her and he smiled, waving his little hand at his mother and this kept Dawn's heart warm for days.

However, lately Aurel didn't take her son out. She kept him inside the room and Dawn couldn't find a way to see him.

Thankfully, three days later Zenith returned to the pack and Dawn sneaked out of her bedroom to see him. This was not the first time for Dawn to do this and she already knew this pack like the back of her hand.

Dawn ambushed Zenith on his way to his study room. By this time, her baby was already one year old and she missed all of his milestones because of him, she would never forgive him for this.

"I want to see my baby!" Dawn said, her eyes ablaze with anger.

"I will take her back to her room," Axel said. He was about to step forward and grab Dawn's hand, but she swatted his hand.

"Let her be." Zenith stopped his beta before he tried to drag her away again. "Let's talk inside." He walked into the study room and Dawn followed behind him.

This place and the owner were still the same as how Dawn remembered.

"Only now you asked to see your baby?" Zenith narrowed his eyes.

"Only now?" Dawn was livid. "I have been asking to see my baby for months! You kept ignoring me!"

"Is your mind clouded again?" Zenith looked tired. He seemed so done to face her. "Is the time still slipping through your mind?"

"I don't know what you are talking about, but I have been asking for my baby for months, but you didn't give me any chance to see him."

Zenith didn't say anything, he stared at her for a while, but then someone knocked on the door and Dawn was distracted with this sweet scent that seeped into the room.

Aurel stepped in with a little boy in her arms. She didn't look happy to see Dawn, but she kept her opinion to herself in front of the alpha.

Dawn burst into tears when she saw Rex. He blinked his eyes at Dawn curiously.

"What are you doing?" Aurel stepped back when Dawn wanted to get her baby.

"Give Rex to her."

"But, Alpha..." Aurel retorted, which made Dawn want to claw her face, but she restrained herself. "Rex will be scared of her, he has never seen her before."

"She is his mother." Zenith gave the healer a stern look. "Give Rex to her."

This time, Aurel couldn't refuse anymore and put Rex down. The little boy looked at Dawn curiously. "He is going to cry," Aurel said through gritted teeth when Dawn came closer and picked him up.

Dawn hugged her son carefully for the first time, she buried her face in his neck and breathed in his scent. Calm washed over her, as tears started to stream down her cheeks.

"My son... my son..." She kept saying the same thing over and over again.

"He is going to cry," Aurel said again.

However, when they thought Rex would cry, the boy actually laughed. The little one chuckled and hugged Dawn back, as if he had known her for a long time, as if Dawn had never been absent from his life.

Seeing this, Aurel balled her fists, she gritted her teeth angrily and stormed out of the room.

She was the one who took care of him all this time! She was the one who formed a bond with him, to be a mother figure for him when Dawn was not around, but this little brat actually forgot about her entirely and readily accepted Dawn?!

What a piece of shit!

No wonder this child sucked, you should see who had given birth to him.

Meanwhile, Dawn couldn't care less about what Aurel felt right now. For now, the most important thing for her was to be with her son.

Later on, Zenith let her stay longer with Rex, he even allowed her to bring her son to sleep in her room. This was the happiest she had been ever since she woke up.

"Thank you, Zenith," Dawn said before she took Rex with her.

And three days later, Aurel went back to the capital city and Dawn could spend her time with Rex as much as she wanted, making up for the time she lost.

Everything seemed well for the moment...