

Chapter 61 - Sophia's Revenge

Xander's POV

We dropped Sophia off at Averys room and headed to my office. I sent a guard to stand outside her door. She doesn't know it, but she won't be alone until this is resolved.

"Kane, I don't like this plan. She isn't giving us much choice, though."

"I know we need to get a plan set up and I know we haven't told any pack members about her being an emerald wolf, but we need to tell whoever we bring in about her, so they aren't caught off guard."

"I agree. Everyone will be here in about thirty minutes. Do you have any thoughts about this?"

"I think we need about thirty warriors to surround the area, and you and I can flank Sophia and your dad in front of her."

"I like that. I also think we need to run some kind of drill here so that we have women and children and elderly in the safe house, but I don't want to raise suspicions."

"We can have your mom run that. We might have to bring in more warriors and let them know. That way, they can stand guard outside the house and cells."

"I hate to include that many people, but I think you're right."

We pulled some maps out to mark where we were meeting them and what we wanted between there and the house. We were marking things with little pens when everyone started to come into my office. Luke had gathered 30 of our best warriors, males and females.

"Everyone please, quiet down. I need to speak with you quickly, and then you will be free to return to your duties. There has been a threat to your future Luna. We have someone wanting to take her. We are working on a plan to stop them, but we aren't sure who is behind it. We know one

pack, but there is another one behind them, using them to get to us. There is something you need to know about your Luna. She is an emerald wolf. I would like you to keep that to yourself for now, please. We are putting together a strategy for an attack on Friday night. You have all been chosen to be there to protect her. We will have another meeting on Friday after dinner in the conference room to hand out specific details. Please plan on being there. Does anyone have questions?”

One person raised their hand and stepped forward. “Sir, no disrespect, but aren’t emerald wolves dangerous and uncontrollable?”

“She has been here for over a month now and you have all seen her. Do you find her a threat?”

“No, but everything we’ve ever been told about them is bad.”

“There hasn’t been a report of an emerald wolf in many, many years, so how do we know those stories were true? I think they were embellished to make kids behave.”

“Thank you, sir.”

“Everyone is dismissed, and please keep this all to yourselves.”

“Luke, Jarrod, please stay.”

After everyone was gone, we went into more detail about what was going on and what we needed to do.

“Settle in, boys. We have a long night. Trevor will also be up soon.”

We sat back down at the table, going over maps and where exactly everyone would be. Sophia sent us a mind link at dinner asking us to join her. I let her know we were still in our meeting.

Twenty minutes later, she walked in and had some amazing smelling food with her. She had enlisted Avery and Sara to help her.

“Boys, please stop for dinner. You have been down here all day, and I made spaghetti for everyone.”

“Baby girl, that smells amazing. I hope you made lots because I’m starving.”

“Your always starving!”

“True!”

We moved the maps down and set everything up for dinner. She had everything. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, plates, utensils, napkins, and anything else we could need or want. I walked over to Sophia and kissed her cheek.

“Beautiful, this is amazing. Thank you.” I pulled her with me and sat her in my lap, and we all dished up our plates. Everyone was quiet while we were eating.

“Sophia, this is the best spaghetti ever!” Luke said, which earned him a slap from Sara. This had everyone laughing.

We got done eating and helped clean everything up. “Girls, we’re not done yet. I am sorry.”

“That’s OK, let’s go have a girl’s night at our place!” Shouted Sophia all happily. They took off upstairs, laughing and talking. It makes me happy to see her making friends.

We got the maps spread back out and started arguing about what to do with everyone at the pack house and if we should tell them or not.

“I am so over this! I am going to have my dad come in and give his opinion.”

My dad showed up ten minutes later. I showed him everything and then explained where we were held up at.

“You boys have done an amazing job planning this. I do think we should hold a pack meeting and tell them everything. I think it’s best if everyone was prepared.”

“Dad, I am not ready for everyone to know about her.”

“I understand, but the more that they know the truth, the more protection for everyone. Plus, we don’t want to hide things from the pack. It causes them to not trust us.”

“Ok, fine. We will have a mandatory meeting tomorrow at 1. I will link everyone.”

“Boys, go to bed. It’s midnight.”

We all got up and left. We all headed to our room as the girls were there watching movies. When we got there, the sight had us all laughing.

They were all sound asleep on the couch together. They were a tangled mess of girls. We walked over and Trevor picked Avery up, who didn’t even wake up. When Luke picked Sara up, she shot upright, trying to figure out what was going on. I walked over and picked up Sophia, who didn’t move at all. I laid her in bed and went to grab a quick shower. Kane had already stripped down and was crawling in behind her.

I quickly took my shower and crawled into bed. We had two days before the attack and three days before her Luna ceremony. I was tempted to cancel it, but we really needed to do it. She needed to be a part of the pack. She needed to be able to mind link everyone, and she needed to have authority in case something happened out there. My eyes were getting heavy, and I gave into sleep.

I woke up shooting straight up in bed. I was breathing heavily and was covered in sweat. I had a nightmare about Friday night. It was my worst nightmare come true. Trevor’s spell didn’t work, and they were able to capture Sophia. They came at her and when they touched her, they just disappeared right in front of my eyes. I got up and got out of bed and went out into the living room. Kane was sitting on the couch in the dark.

“Couldn’t sleep?” I asked him, walking over to the couch.

“No, I had a dream about Friday night. We were in the meeting spot, and they were able to get to Sophia and they took her. They were able to get their hands on her and she just disappeared. It was my worst nightmare come true.”

“That’s it, we’re not doing it. I had the exact same dream.”

“That’s really weird. I think we need to talk to Trevor about this more and make sure that this isn’t something that they can do.”

“Why are both of you boys out here? I don’t appreciate waking up in bed alone when it’s two AM.” Sophia came out scolding us.

“Sorry, beautiful, we were just talking about Friday, and I really think we shouldn’t go through with it.”

“Either you guys can come with me on Friday, or I will go alone. The choice is yours.”

She turned and left us sitting there alone. I wasn’t ready to go back to bed and, apparently, Kane wasn’t either, because we both just sat there staring into the dark.

I got up to make some coffee. If I can’t sleep, I might as well get some work done. I pulled out my laptop and opened up my spreadsheets for my business and reviewed our monthly finances. Something was off with them. Great, this is all I need. I am going to have my private accountant look into this. I worked until six AM when Kane came back out.

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Sophia’s POV

We spent all day on Thursday working with Trevor to make sure everything was perfect. Stella and I also played through some scenarios in our heads and what we would do. It was finally Friday, and I was getting my tattoo to surprise my mates. Luna Caroline was the best, and she literally took care of everything for my Luna ceremony. I literally just had to show up. I was getting nervous, but I knew I could do this. I was going to give everything for my pack. I knew we weren’t sure how it would go since I had two mates and we didn’t know what would happen when both Xander, Kane and I pledged to each other and mixed our blood. It was how Alpha, Beta, and Gamma merged with their mate fully. I was supposed to meet Avery after breakfast. The boys would be tied up

in the office working on things for tonight and Luna Caroline had told them we were doing things to prep for tomorrow and to leave us alone.

I went down and met everyone for breakfast. We all made small talk and talked about the meeting tonight. Xander was holding a pack meeting, so that everyone was aware of what was going on and we were also going to announce to the pack about me being an emerald wolf. That is what had me scared the most. There were a lot of tales about emerald wolves and how unpredictable they could be. I was afraid they would reject me.

Xander and Kane both came over and gave me a kiss on my cheek and told me to have a good time and that if I needed anything, to mind link them. They left, and Avery, Sara, and I ran up to her room to set everything up. Her guy had brought some stuff in yesterday while we were training. He was supposed to be here in an hour. I was getting nervous. Nervous about the pain and about what my mates would think.

Everything was ready, and I was working on my scrapbook for Kane. I didn't get as much time as I wanted to work on it, but it was slowly coming together. The girls were helping when someone knocked on the door. Avery jumped up to open it.

"Hey James, come in." Avery said to him.

He came in and had a big bag with him.

"Alright ladies, let's get one thing straight. If anyone's mates get mad about this, I was not the one who did it. If they come for me, I will throw you under the bus and tell them you forced me. Are we clear?"

Avery and I both told him it would be no problem. He set up his stuff at her little kitchenette table.

"Alright girls, who is first?"

I walked over to him and told him I was.

"Ok, what are you thinking and where would you like it?"

“I would like three wolves all looking up at the moon and I would like it on my back.”

“Do you have any pictures of the wolves you want?”

I didn't, but I quickly explained what they should look like.

“So, you literally just explained Alpha Xander and Beta Kane and what I am guessing is you?”

“Yes, that is exactly what I want.”

“Give me a few minutes to draw it up and well get started.”

We went back to working on the scrapbook, waiting for him to be done. About an hour later, he came over and showed me a drawing he did. It was exactly what I wanted. He had captured our wolves perfectly and made a large full moon and added stars and clouds. It was beautiful.

“OK, take your shirt off and sit at the table.”

He came up behind me and placed the stencil on my back, and told me that he was ready to get started. He turned his tattoo gun on, and it made me tense up a little.

“If you relax, this will hurt less. I'm not going to lie and tell you won't hurt because it will, but we will be done in about four hours.”

“This is going to take four hours?”

“Ya, it's art, and it takes time.”

I sat backwards in the chair, and he got started. I tried to sit as still as possible, but from time to time, it really hurt. Avery and Sara would get up from time to time to look at how it was turning out. They wouldn't tell me anything, but had huge smiles on their faces.

“OK, we are all done.” He finally said.

I stood up and ran to the bathroom to take a look. I grabbed a hand-held mirror and turned so I could see my back. It was the most beautiful thing ever. He captured exactly what I wanted. He got our wolves perfectly. The colors were right, and their placement was perfect. He had a large full moon and even some trees to make it look like we were in the forest. I walked back out into Avery's room with unshed tears in my eyes.

“Thank you so much. This is amazing. I absolutely love it! How much do I owe you?”

“Let’s just call it a Luna ceremony gift.”

“No, I can’t allow you to do that. This is your job and how you make a living.”

“I will not accept payment. So just get over it.”

“Avery, what would you like done?”

Avery went over there and explained what she wanted. He drew something up and came over and showed her, and she squealed with happiness. She got up and went over to the table to get started. I busied myself with getting this scrapbook done. The girls have made so much progress for me and, hopefully, I will have it done by next week. I wanted to finish it before the ceremony, but with everything that had been happening, I wasn’t going to be able to get it done. I don’t know how long I had been working on this, but Avery jumped over, screaming at me.

“Look, Sophia, it’s all done!”

“Avery, that is beautiful. I love the flowers. Why did you choose those flowers?” I asked.

“They are my favorite flowers and Trevor’s favorite colors. I wanted to add something in for him.”

“I didn’t know that things had gotten that far between you two.”

“Girl, he has me walking around with wet panties all day long. I swear if he doesn’t take them off me soon, I am going to have to just jump his bones.”

We all started laughing, and that’s when Luna Caroline walked into the room.

“What’s so funny, girls?”

“Nothing.”

She gave us a knowing look and left it at that.

“It’s time for dinner. We need to head down because we don’t want to be late for our meeting.”

We headed down and were the first ones there. We all filled up our plates and went and sat down at our table. People were starting to fill in. Kane and Xander finally came in and fixed their plates before they sat down. The second Xander sat down, he noticed the tattoo on Avery.

“What the hell is that on your arm, Avery?”

“I got a tattoo; do you like it?”

“No, I don’t like tattoos. I can’t believe you would do that to yourself.”

Crap, this is bad. I never thought that he wouldn’t like them. Shit, how am I going to get out of this?

“Stella, what can we do?”

“Nothing girl! Own it, it is your body, and you can do what you want!”

“Sophia, hello, you there?” Xander said.

“Sorry, what’s up?”

“Did you get a tattoo?” Asked Xander.

“Well, um, you see.”

“My office now,” growled Xander.

I got up and both he and Kane followed me there. I could hear Xander behind me. He was angry about this, but he was just going to have to get over it.

We entered the office and Xander slammed the door and locked it behind him.

“Let me see it now!” He growled.

I just stood there staring at them, trying to figure out the best way to do this. Kane just had a smirk on his face. I got an idea, thanks to Stella. She had flashed some pictures in my head. I will seduce him into liking it. I slowly lifted my shirt over my head.

“Sophia, what are you doing?” Xander asked.

I didn’t answer, but continued stripping. I reached around and undid my bra, letting it fall to the floor. Both of the boy’s eyes were flashing back and forth from black to their natural color. Their wolves were fighting them for control, and I knew this was working.

“You see, this was supposed to be a surprise. I didn’t want you to see it until tomorrow night.”

“Let me see it, Sophia,” Xander growled at me.

I turned around slowly and let them get a good look. Nobody said anything for a few seconds, but Kane came up and started to run his hand over my back. He leaned in and whispered, “Baby girl, this is absolutely beautiful. Is that all three of us?”

“Yes.”

“What happened to your scars?”

“Stella, taught me how to heal them.”

“I can’t believe we didn’t notice.”

“Well, when my back was exposed, we were all a little busy.”

I turned to see Xander, and he was just staring at me. I couldn't tell if he was mad or not. I walked over to him and pressed my chest up on him and whispered to him, “Alpha, if you don't like it maybe you should punish me?”

He just growled and lifted me. I wrapped my legs around him and he carried me over to his desk. He put me down and forced me to lie down and scooted me back until my head was hanging over the edge. He quickly undid his pants and let his hard dick free.

“Beautiful, I think I will punish you.”

He pushed his dick to my mouth, and I quickly opened up and wrapped my lips around it. I started to suck him as hard as I could. I could hear him taking deep breaths to keep control.

Kane had come over at some point and pulled my pants and underwear off me. He ran his finger over my pussy, but it was already wet and ready for him. He climbed up on the desk and crawled up my body. He lined himself up with my hole and thrust it inside. He started out slow. Letting me focus on Xander. It felt amazing. The slowness had me feeling every inch of him.

“Beautiful, I am close. You are going to swallow of my cum.”

I sped up to get him there, but he grabbed my head and took over. He was thrusting into my mouth and after about five thrusts, he started to shoot his cum into me. I swallowed every drop he gave me greedily. As soon as he finished, Kane got off me and pulled me down to the other end of the desk. He made it so my ass was just hanging off the end of the desk. He didn't waste any time in pushing his way back in.

“Beautiful. Do you like it when Kane has himself shoved into you?”

“Mmmhhmmm.”

“Do you want to come?”

“Yyyyyesssss.”

He reached down and started to rub circles on my clit with one hand and started to pinch my nipples with the other. He was switching back and forth between them.

“Beautiful, open your eyes. I want to see your eyes when you come.”

I looked up at him and just watched his eyes. They held all the love in the world. He leaned down and started to bite on my nipple, which was just enough pleasure to push me over the edge.

I screamed out in pleasure and Kane did too, as we came at the same time.

Kane and I just stayed where we were, catching our breath for a minute. He finally moved away and got dressed, and I got up and did the same.

You two hurry up. We need to go finish eating so we can have this meeting.

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Xander's POV

Sophia had gone and got herself a tattoo. I wasn't happy about it, but it was beautifully done and when she asked if the Alpha should punish her, I lost all control. I needed to take her mouth. Her mouth was amazing. Shit, her whole body was amazing.

We left my office, both holding her hand, and went back to dinner.

“Sophia, did you get in trouble?” asked Avery.

“Ya Xander punished her, that's for sure.” Kane said.

Sophia was beet red. Everyone knew what had just happened. I didn't care, but she was still embarrassed. It was cute.

“Enough, can we just eat our dinner please?” I growled at everyone.

Everyone shut up, and we finished our meal in peace. The three of us got up and went to our conference room. We needed to be there first and up on the stage. We needed to present a strong presence to the pack. Everyone had finally gathered and there was a lot of chatter going on.

“Please settle down everyone and we will get started.” I announced.

It took a moment for the chatter to die down. Sophia was looking really nervous, and Kane was telling her something. I planned on introducing her officially. Most people already knew who she was.

I walked up to the podium to get started.

“Thank you, everyone, for being here tonight. We have several things to discuss tonight, but I would first like to finally introduce you to my mate. Sophia, please come here. I know that most of you already know that she is my mate, especially since tomorrow is her Luna ceremony and I apologize for keeping her hidden from you all. There are specific reasons for that. Sophia is an emerald wolf.”

There were some very loud gasps coming from people.

“Sir, she can be dangerous.” Someone in the crowd yelled out.

“The stories that you have heard about emerald wolves are just that stories. She has been here for over a month now and has she put anyone in danger?” I asked him.

“No, but we’ve had several she wolves go missing and nothing has been done about. Was it her?” He asked back.

“I can assure that it was not Sophia, and that one left on her own free will and the other is in the cells currently.”

“Why is she in there?”

“Disrespect to your soon to be Luna. Now I have a few more things. Our pack is being threatened. We have another pack that is trying to abduct your Luna because of what she is, and we will not stand for it. There is a mission tonight to try to eliminate them. We are asking that anyone who

hasn't been asked to participate in it go to the safe room and stay there until we have completed our mission. I would also like everyone to know that we have not invited other packs for tomorrow. We don't want to put anyone in danger with this threat and we really want to make Sophia an official pack member. There is one more thing about tomorrow. Sophia doesn't just have me as a mate, but also our Beta Kane is her mate. An emerald will always have two mates and so tomorrow will also include him as well."

"How is that going to work? Will we have to Alphas?" someone else asked.

"We are unsure, but we will address whatever happens. We have a council member that will be performing the ceremony tomorrow and will help us with whatever happens."

"Do we know what pack is behind the threats?" Someone else asked.

"Yes, they are called the blood pack. We think someone is using them to get to us, but we don't know who yet."

There didn't seem to be any more questions as people started to chat amongst themselves.

"If everyone could meet back here at ten and those that are not going into the safe room, please be here at nine so that we can get you all up to speed."

I stepped down and took Sophia and went to our room. Once there, Kane and I sat her down on the couch.

"Beautiful, we want to talk with you. We really have reservations about tonight."

"I know you do, but we can do this. We have practiced, and Stella is confident that things will go well."

"I know, but we just want you to be protected and nothing to happen to you." I said.

She didn't say anything, but we all just snuggled on the couch and held each other like this would be the last time. We stayed there until it was time to change and head downstairs. We all got ready in silence and headed downstairs.

Sophia took a seat at the head of the table and Kane and I spread the maps out. People filtered in, in groups of five. We explained where each one would be and their duty for the night. After everyone knew their jobs, we started helping everyone else get into the safe room.

Sara was helping my mom and was a blubbering mess. I think the pregnancy hormones have kicked in. Avery was also crying. She wasn't happy we wouldn't let her go, but Trevor had helped to calm her down. We got everyone in there and made sure that everyone had everything they needed and shut the door and locked it. My mom would also lock it from the inside so that nobody could get in.

We walked outside and started to get everyone into their place. I had all of our warriors out here and some that weren't warriors yet but had proven to be strong. We weren't taking any chances. After everyone was in place, the group that would be going with us met up with Trevor. He went to them one by one and used the cloaking spell. They all slowly just disappeared. When it was down to just Kane, Trevor, Sophia and me, the nerves really started to kick in. We were actually going through with this.

"Beautiful, this will work. It will be OK. We are with you the entire time and you can mind link both Kane and I."

"I know it's just a weird feeling." Sophia said.

"I know, but let's get this show on the road. I want to get you back home as soon as possible." I told her.

Kane and I both gave her a big kiss and told her we loved her. It felt like goodbye, but we wouldn't let her leave us. Trevor came up and placed the cloaking spell on both of us and we just disappeared and then he did it to himself and now it appeared that she was by herself.

We took off to the meeting spot. It was about an hour's walk, and we arrived in plenty of time to make sure that everything was set up.

“Beautiful, we are all here with you, and Trevor has put the rooting spell in place as well.” I told her.

She walked around trying to get out of it and she wasn't able to. I breathed a little easier knowing this. She just sat down and waited. I went over and sat down right beside her. We all just continued to wait for them to show up. It was past midnight, and they were still not here.

“Maybe we should just leave,” I mind linked her.

“No, they will be here.”

We continued to wait and around. At 1 am, they showed up. You could smell the sickly sweet smell again and then five wolves appeared right in front of her.

“Sophia, nice to finally to be able to see you in person. I am glad that you decided to make this easy. You do not belong to Xander, and I will not allow this to happen. I will be taking you to your rightful owner.” Jules said.

“I just came out here to tell you that I will not be going anywhere with you or anyone, ever. I do believe that Xander is mine. I bear his mark, but do you, Jules?” Sophia asked.

“I see he has been telling you about me. Did he tell you about when I rejected him?”

“Yes, and I think that you are the vilest person I've ever met.”

“Well, what he doesn't know is that night produced him an heir. I will get him back and take my rightful place. He will either take us back or his daughter will die. I can't stand that stupid child.”

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Sophia's POV

I can't believe this woman would actually kill an innocent child if I didn't leave with her. We were going to have to find a way to get her and kill Jules. She stepped forward and tried to drag me with her, but I couldn't move out of my invisible circle.

"What the fuck is this?" Jules snarled out.

"Were not dumb, we know that you are working with witches and, well, you're not the only one." I told her.

"You dumb wolf, you don't know who you are messing with. Your old Alpha wasn't smart when he sold you. He sold you to the rogue king and he will not let this go. He paid for you, and he will have you. He has been waiting a long time." Jules said.

"Who is the rogue king?" I asked.

"It's better that you don't know."

"How about you just give me your child you don't want, and we will raise her, and you can just move on with your life?"

"You will never get my child. That is my ticket to get out of the mess I created. You will go with me to the king."

She grabbed my arm, and then just disappeared, but I stayed where I was. She quickly appeared again.

"How is that possible? The witch with me said this would work."

"I told you we have witches working with us and you will not overpower them, and I am also the emerald wolf. Bring me that child or you will regret everything."

"We will be back, and I can promise you that you will be the one regretting it." Jules yelled.

They all disappeared, and I turned to walk home.

“Baby girl, you did amazing. We are still here with you, but won’t lift the cloaking spell until right before we get home. We want to make sure that they don’t come back.” Kane linked me.

I just nodded my head and headed home. When we had a bright flash of light and Jules was back. Shit, we weren’t prepared for this. I didn’t have the rooted spell in place.

“I told you that if you didn’t come with me easily, I would kill this child and you will be the one at fault.” She said, laughing.

She was holding a mini me Xander on her hip. The child was defiantly not cared for the best. She was dirty and her clothes were rags. I called Stella forward to help me. I knew my eyes were glowing as the forest around me lit up with a green glow. Suddenly, a large fire was raging at her feet. I couldn’t see anyone else around her, so they must also be using a cloaking spell.

“I told you to either come with me or this child will die. I will throw her in the fire. You have about five seconds.” Jules said.

Stella just sat there, staring at her. She started to count down. She got to four and lifted the child up by her arm and held her over the fire. When she said five, Stella produced an extremely bright light, and a shield was placed over the child, and she was floating above everyone. I quickly shifted and attacked her.

I jumped on her and went rolling. She was quick to get her bearings and pin me down, snapping her jaws at me. It didn’t last long as she was quickly thrown off me and pinned down by an invisible force. I knew that it was Xander, and he was going to finish her off. You couldn’t see him, but there was blood flying everywhere. He had gotten his jaws on her neck and ripped it out. Someone else appeared in front of us.

“You will regret killing the Blood Moons, Alpha’s mate, and the rogue king will not take kindly to you not going with us. We will be back.” He disappeared as quickly as he showed up.

Stella brought the child back down, who was screaming and scared. I shifted back and caught her as she came down and Stella released her protective bubble. Trevor released the cloaking spell, and I could see everyone that was around us. Xander ran over to us and grabbed his daughter and just started sobbing while holding her close.

“Baby girl, that was amazing. I should never have doubted you. Are you OK?” Kane asked.

“Yes, can we please get home and get some clothes and get this child, her brother, that she knows?”

We got back to the pack house quickly and opened the safe house doors and everyone ran to their loved ones, happy to see that there were no casualties and no injuries.

“Son, who is this child that you are holding? Where did she come from?” Luna Caroline asked.

“Mom, this is my daughter. Apparently, when Jules left, she was pregnant and didn’t know it. Jules was behind the attack tonight and she was going to kill her if Sophia didn’t go with her willing over, but Sophia saved her life.” Xander said.

Luna Caroline took the child from Xander and started to hug her while she was crying. I just stood back and watched. I really wanted to go and hug Xander, but he wasn’t taking his eyes off Lucy. Kane had gone to find Miles so that they could be reunited and, hopefully, he could calm her down.

“Stella, what if he hates us? We made it look like we were going to let Lucy die and not go with Jules. He does know that we would never let anything happen to her, right?” I linked with my wolf.

“I don’t know. He feels really confused right now. Jax is struggling with this right now, as well. I think maybe we just need to leave them for a while.”

“Let’s go take a shower and lay down.” I linked back to Stella.

I walked away and didn't say a word. I headed up to our room and quickly slipped into the shower. The hot water felt amazing on my body. I washed away all of today's events and was ready to start the next chapter of my life, but felt very conflicted with everything.

I was so happy that Xander was able to be united with his daughter, but on the other hand, I would never get that. Not completely because I can't have kids and Kane would never get that, either. I was ready to cry, but kept telling myself to be strong and not cry.

"Baby girl, what are you doing? You scared me, I couldn't find you and you weren't answering my mind-links." Kane said as he came into the bathroom.

"Sorry, I was just taking a shower and thinking about what happened tonight. Kane, do you think Xander hates us?" I asked him and I could feel the tears coming on again.

"What? Why would you think that? And why do you look like you are going to cry?"

"Because it looked like I was going to let Jules kill his daughter instead of sacrificing myself for her. I would never let that happen. He wouldn't even look at me afterwards. And I can't have that. I can't have pups and I can't give you pups." I started crying at this point.

"Baby girl, he is just overwhelmed, and I know that he doesn't hate you. Why don't you get out of there and we can get into bed? We have an early morning."

We crawled into bed, and he wrapped his arms around me like always.

"Baby girl, you were the most amazing thing I've ever seen tonight. You will get to have your pups some day, I promise you. We are a family, and we will grow this family to however big you want." Kane said.

"I know that, but it's not the same. He has a bond with her that we will never get to experience."

“I promise we will all have that bond. We will find us a pup that we can raise from the day they are born. We can spoil it and smother it with so much love that they will never want to leave us.” He said.

“I love you Kane.”

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Xander POV

When we turned to head home, I was so out of it, learning that she was, in fact, my daughter and that she would easily kill her. Regardless of what happened, I wouldn't let Sophia risk herself, and I sure as shit wouldn't let Jules kill my daughter. We were about halfway home when there was a bright light and Jules appeared before us, holding my daughter on her hip.

“I told you that if you didn't come with me easily, I would kill this child and you will be the one at fault.” Jules spat out.

Sophia didn't say anything, but Stella had come forward as her eyes were glowing. I just sat there and watched the exchange. I couldn't do anything yet as she was holding my daughter. I had to wait for her to do something I didn't want to get ahead of myself and endanger either of them. Suddenly there was fire around Jules.

“I told you to either come with me or this child will die. I will throw her in the fire. You have about five seconds.” Jules yelled out.

Stella just sat there, staring at her. She started to count down. She got to four, and she lifted the child up by her arm and held her over the fire. When she said five, Stella produced an extremely bright light, and a shield was placed over Lucy, and she was floating above everyone.

Sophia had quickly shifted into Stella and jumped on Jules. They went rolling to the ground. Jules was faster and had Stella pinned down, snapping her jaws at her ready to strike. It was no or never. I jumped on Jules and got her pinned to the ground. She couldn't see me, but she knew it was me.

“Xander, I know it’s you. We can have a great life together. We can raise our daughter and be happy. Kill Sophia and this all goes away.”

Nobody heard her, and I didn’t even need to think of what I would do. I reached down and ripped her throat out. She became a lifeless being below me. I quickly shifted back, and Sophia was holding my daughter. I needed them, both of them. They were my life.

I rushed over to her and took Lucy from her arms. I could smell her. She held my scent. She was mine. My heart soared with so much love that I thought it would burst. I held her close to me, trying to get her to calm down.

“Sssshhhh, Lucy, it will be OK. I am your daddy.” I told her, trying to calm her down.

I looked over to Sophia, who had tears in her eyes watching us.

“Beautiful, are you ok? Are you hurt?” I asked her.

“No, I am fine.”

Lucy had continued to cry. Everyone had shifted back, and we were walking back towards the house. It didn’t take us long to get there. We went and opened the doors to the safe room, and everyone was running to their loved ones who were out there. They were all happy to hear that there were no casualties and no injuries. My mom rushed over to where we were.

“Son, who is this child that you are holding? Where did she come from?” My mom asked me.

“Mom, this is my daughter. Apparently, when Jules left, she was pregnant and didn’t know it. Jules was behind the attack tonight and she was going to kill her if Sophia didn’t go with her willing, but Sophia saved her life.” I explained.

My mom grabbed Lucy from me and held onto her crying as well. She was so excited to have a grandchild.

“Mom, loosen your grip. You’re going to squeeze her to death.”

“Son, I am so happy to have a granddaughter. Let’s get her upstairs and cleaned up. I will have Avery go find a pack member with a child of the same size and get some clothes.”

“We need to bring Miles with us. She knows him and he may be able to help calm her down.” I told my mom.

We finally located Miles, and Lucy ran straight to him. He picked her up and comforted her.

“Sissy, you are alright. We are safe now. Were mom and dad mean after I left?” He asked her.

She just shook her head and cried more. “Don’t worry, we are safe and Alpha Xander is your daddy here. He always was. You can trust him.” Miles tried to explain to her.

He just looked at me and I motioned for him to follow us up to my parents’ room. We gave her a bath and got her some food and she quickly fell asleep sitting in Miles’ lap.

“Thank you for bringing her back. She really is an awesome kid.” Miles said.

“I didn’t do it. It was Sophia.”

As soon as I said her name, it dawned on me that I hadn’t seen her or Kane in a long time. Where did they go? I sent both of them a mind link but got no reply.

“Since she is asleep, I needed to go find my mate. She has disappeared on me.” I told them as I got up to leave.

I walked out of my parents’ room and headed straight to our room. I found both Kane and Sophia sound asleep in bed. How could I forget about her? If it wasn’t for her, I wouldn’t have gotten my daughter. I quickly stripped down and crawled into bed, and that is when I noticed that her face was red and puffy. She had been crying. I pulled her closer

to me and it woke her up. She just looked up at me but didn't say anything.

"Thank you, beautiful. What you and Stella did tonight was amazing. I wouldn't have my, I mean, our daughter. I can't thank you enough." I said, kissing her head.

"You mean you don't hate me?" Sophia asked.

"Why would I hate you?"

"Because of the way I handled things. It looked like I wasn't going to do anything, but Stella had a plan and I left her in charge. I thought maybe you hated me because it looked like I wasn't willing to sacrifice myself for her, but I was. I am willing to do anything to protect that little girl."

"Beautiful, I never thought that for a moment. I was amazed by you tonight and I will spend the rest of my life thanking you. I am sorry that I ignored you. I was just so overwhelmed by it all. I just want that girl to know that we love her."

As soon as she said that, she started to cry again.

"Beautiful, why are you crying?"

She started to sob and shake from crying so hard now. I pulled her closer to me and rubbed my hand up and down her back, trying to comfort her. After a few minutes, she took a few deep breaths and tried to contain her emotions.

"I am sorry." Is all she got out before her tears started again.

"Why are you saying you're sorry? You have nothing to be sorry for."

"Because I can't give you that. I can't give you a pup, and I know how much you want more. I would do anything to give that to you and Kane." She finally managed to get out in broken sobs.

"Beautiful, look at me, please. I need to see your face."

She wouldn't look up at me, so I placed my hand under her chin and pulled her head up, so she was looking at me.

"We will have a family. I don't care if they are of our blood and DNA or if we adopt them. They will be ours, and we will raise them with so much love. I love you and if you tell me now that you don't want to adopt that is ok because I have you for the rest of our lives, you are enough and all that I need." I told her.

"Are you sure? Because you kept me in the dark about Lucy until you had to tell me and have kept other things from me, and I have a hard time believing you right now." She said.

This broke my heart because she was right. I thought I was protecting her, but all I did was hurt her more. Something no mate should ever do. I had so much to make up for.

"I am so sorry for that. I was wrong. I did things that I shouldn't have done, and I will regret that for the rest of my life. I will spend the rest of my life making that up to you. Can you please let me try again? I am trying to be a better man for you."

"Please, just don't keep things from me, Xander. I am stronger than you think. I am not the same broken girl that I was when you first brought me here."

"Never again, I promise."

"Where is Lucy?" Sophia asked me.

"She is sound asleep with Miles. I am going to have her stay with him while we all get to know each other, and she can adjust."

"I want her to be part of the ceremony tomorrow. She needs to be up there with us. The pack needs to know who she is and that we accept her."

When Sophia said this, I knew that she was perfect. She put everyone before herself and she already loved Lucy.

“I love you so much. You are going to be the most amazing mom and Luna.” I told her.

“Will you two shut up? I would like to get some sleep.” Kane said jokingly

“Just close your eyes and go to sleep and ignore us.” I said back to him.

We both shut up and Sophia scooted over and laid her head on my chest while Kane came close and wrapped his arms around her. They both quickly fell asleep again. My heart is so full right now it could just burst.

“Mom, Sophia wants to include Lucy in tomorrow’s ceremony. Can you make that happen?” I mind linked my mom.

“Of course. I am going to have to go get her a dress, but she can spend the day with us getting pampered.” My mom linked back.

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Sophia’s POV

“Get up lazy butts!” Avery yelled at us coming into our room.

“Ya, boys get up. We need Sophia. We have a lot to do today.” Sara said, coming in behind her.

“Avery, go away unless you want to have kitchen duty for a week.” Grumbled Xander.

“This is under mom’s orders. We need Sophia and you two have to go help outside. It is ten am.”

“OK, I am getting up. Give me a few minutes and I will meet you in Luna Caroline’s room.” I told them.

“We will wait in the living room for you. We aren’t supposed to leave unless you are with us. Also, Brother, I met my niece this morning, and she is adorable.”

Xander had the biggest smile on his face, and that seemed to wake him up. I got up and ran to the bathroom. I grabbed everything I would need for today and made my way to my closet to get some comfy clothes on. Luna Caroline said to wear a button-up shirt and comfy pants. I found a shirt and some leggings and decided that was good enough. I walked back out and Xander was in the shower and Kane was still in bed.

“Baby girl, I can’t wait to see you tonight. You will be the most beautiful Luna ever.”

I just crawled into bed and kissed him. He quickly rolled me over, so he was above me.

“None of that. I have to go. Sara and Avery are waiting for me in our living room.”

He pecked my lips and let me go. I walked out into the living room, and they were deep in conversation and didn’t hear me come in. I jumped on the couch in the middle of them and scared them both.

“Sophia, you scared me to death!” Avery whined.

“Let’s go. We have a full day of pampering ahead of us,” Sara said.

We got up and went to Luna Carolines and Alpha Ty’s place. Avery opened the door and the entire room had been transformed. The furniture was all gone, and they had set up tables and chairs and there was food spread out everywhere. Along with wine and champagne and grape juice.

“Oh, my goddess, what has your mom done?” I said.

“I told you; I was taking care of everything. That includes a full day of pampering for us girls,” Luna Caroline said, coming into the room.

“What are we doing first?” I asked as I surveyed the food. I missed breakfast and was starving.

“We’re going to get massages first and then we will get a face mask while they do our pedicures and manicures. Sophia, I did bring in a waxier if you want. That’s up to you.”

“Um, I am not sure about that.” I said.

“Sophia, you are getting a wax. Trust me, your mates will love it,” Sara said.

“Are you speaking from experience?” I asked.

“Yes!” she said way to excitedly

We were handed robes to change into. The massage therapist said to strip down to just our underwear and that they would have a sheet to lay over us. We all took turns changing and laying down on the table. There was someone for all of us. They got started, and this was the best thing I had ever experienced. I was so relaxed and was all but asleep. They stopped and told us it was time to start with our face masks. Someone else came over and asked who was getting waxed today. They all looked at me. I just sheepishly looked at her and raised my hand.

“OK dear, follow me.”

We went into the Luna and Alpha’s bedroom. She had a table set up for me to lay on and also a table with all sorts of things on it.

“Have you ever had a wax, dear?” She asked me.

“No.”

“OK, well, according to the Luna, we are doing a full body wax. I promise it isn’t that bad. We will start with your armpits and then move to your legs and then everything between the legs.”

I was turning bright red with the thought of someone besides my mates down there, but I was going to heed Sara’s advice and trust that they would love it.

She had me drop my bathrobe and raise my arm up. She applied the wax and let it set for a minute, and then she ripped it off.

“AAAAAAHHHHHH, I thought you said this didn’t hurt. I think you ripped my soul out with that.”

“Oh, it’s not that bad. Now raise your other arm.”

“I didn’t want to, but I didn’t want to be uneven.”

“Girl, just think of how smooth we will be for our mates tonight. They will love it.” Stella linked me.

I didn’t reply to Stella but tried to block out what she was doing.

“OK, dear, we are all done. You can put your robe on and go back out and send the next one in.” She said as she started cleaning up.

I quickly pulled my robe on and walked out to the living room.

“I hate each and every one of you right now!” I yelled at them.

“OH, it’s not that bad. I am going next.” Avery said as she jumped up and went in there.

We continued our day of pampering and Luna Caroline left as we were getting ready to start our hair. We talked about everything we could think of and ate so much food. I was afraid that my dress wouldn’t fit. Avery jumped up and ran to the closet and came back out with a gift bag.

“Sophia, this is from Sara and I for you for tonight.”

“You guys didn’t need to get me anything.”

“Just open it, you may change your attitude towards it,” Sara said, giggling.

I opened it up and pulled out the most revealing lingerie I had ever seen. It was like a swimsuit but was completely lace and white. It was also crotchless and holes cut out so my nipples would stick out. There were no

sides to it but a thin piece of lace that ran down the front and back that connected the bottom to the top. I was so red. I could feel my cheeks heating up.

“Um thanks?” I mumbled.

“You can tell Xander and Kane to thank us tomorrow.” Avery said.

I quickly put it back in the bag and set it aside before Luna Caroline came in. Which was good because she opened the door right after and had Lucy with her.

“Everyone, I would like you to say hi to Lucy. She will be joining us for the rest of the day.”

I walked over to her, so excited to finally meet her. I bent down on my knees and said, “Hi Lucy, you can call me Sophia. Would you like to get ready with us?”

“YES! Luna said I can wear a princess dress and Miles said that this Alpha is really my dad and that mommy lied to me.”

“That’s right. How do you feel about that?” I asked.

“I am excited my old daddy never liked me or Miles. Can I have curls in my hair? I want to be a princess and all princesses have curls in their hair.”

“Of course, Lucy, you can have whatever you want.” I told her.

We all took a seat in the hair chairs, and they got busy doing our hair and then moved on to our makeup. I never really wore makeup, so I was really hoping they didn’t make me look like a clown. It was pretty silent the whole time besides Lucy, who would start asking us all random questions.

“OK, dear, we are done. What do you think?” The girl doing my hair and makeup said.

She held a mirror up so I could see, and I didn't even recognize the girl in front of me. They had left my hair down, putting it in soft curls and pinned one side back and swept it all to the other side so that it cascaded around my neck and down my shoulder. My makeup had made my eyes stand out even more and, well, I don't know how to explain makeup because I don't know anything about it, but it does look amazing.

"Thank you so much. I love it."

Lucy ran over to me, pulling on my robe, "are you a princess also? You have curls like me!"

They had done the same curls in her hair. She looked so cute. I couldn't wait for Xander to see her.

"OK, girls, we need to get dressed or we will be late."

They each took turns going into the bathroom and getting changed. Lucy was next and Luna Caroline went in to help her, but she didn't want her. She said that she needed another princess like her to help her and she ran to me. Luna Caroline just smiled widely at us and handed me her dress. I walked into the bathroom with her and pulled her dress out of the bag. It had the same lace as mine. It was white and puffy and was perfect for her. I don't know where Luna Caroline came up with this in such a short time, but it was amazing. I walked her back out of the bathroom and the whole room was gushing over how pretty she looked. She loved every second of the attention that she got. I turned back around and went to put my dress on.

"Stella, are you ready for this?"

"So ready. I can't wait to finally be a part of this pack. Also, our little pup is the cutest thing ever! We will protect her with everything that we have. Nobody will ever hurt her."

"Thank you, Stella. You didn't have to accept her, but we do love her, don't we?"

"Just like she was our own."

I refocused my thoughts and put my dress on and slipped on the shoes that Avery had found for me. They were simple white heels. They were perfect with the dress. I took a big breath and opened the door. Everyone stopped what they were doing and just stared at me.

“Oh Sophia, you look absolutely beautiful. Your mates won’t know what hit them tonight.” Luna Caroline said as she had unshed tears in her eyes.

Lucy came running over to me. “You look just like a princess like me!”

“Lucy, do you want to walk with me to the stage? Daddy is going to announce you to the pack tonight.”

“Yes, us princesses need to stick together.”

Alpha Ty walked in and looked around at all of us. “Well, I think this pack has the most beautiful she wolves ever. It is time or we will be late. Let me walk you all outside and Sophia. I will show you where you need to be.”

We all walked out of the room and down the stairs. Lucy held my hand the entire time. When the clearing came into view, it was absolutely breathtaking. Luna Caroline brought in large canopies and decorated them with twinkling lights and matching sheer material. The tables had green and white tablecloths and flowers that matched. It had my favorite lilies in all of them. Alpha Ty walked us to the edge of the stage. I could see everyone on the stage, but they couldn’t see me. My mates both stood up there and looked like a god in their tuxes.

“Sophia, I just want to say even though you have been family since you came here, officially welcome to the family. We are so excited to have you here.” He leaned in and kissed my cheek.

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Xander’s POV

Sophia had left to get ready, and I got dressed, wanting to spend some time with my daughter. I hope that she will accept me. I went downstairs looking for her and I found her and Miles in the dining area coloring.

“Can I join you, Lucy?” I asked.

“Sure, do you like princesses?” She asked me.

“I do. Did you know that I have my own princess upstairs getting ready for a party tonight?”

“You do! She must be special!”

“She is. Do you want to meet her later?”

“YES!”

She went back to coloring her picture of a princess. This little girl would forever be my princess, along with Sophia. They completed me.

“Miles says that you’re my daddy and that the other guy who was my daddy really wasn’t. Is that true? Do you know my mom?” She asked as she continued to color.

She was hitting me with the hard questions right away. I was planning on taking this slower.

“That is true and, yes, I used to know your mommy.”

“Will you be nicer than my old daddy? Who is going to be my new mommy?”

“Princess, I will always be nice and the princess I told you about earlier will be your new mommy.”

“You mean my new mommy will be a real princess?”

“You will both be my real princesses.”

She threw her arms around me and hugged me tight. Miles just looked at me, smiling. Kane came strolling into the dining room right then as well.

“Princess, I want you to meet your Uncle Kane.”

“Hi, princess. How are you?” Kane said.

“How did you know I am a princess?” She asked.

“Because you are beautiful like one!”

She just smiled at him and sat back down and continued to color.

“Miles, did you explain everything to her?”

“Yes, she hasn’t always had it so easy and so the littlest bit of affection she will latch onto that person. She should adjust easily since everyone loves her already.” Miles explained.

“Are you good to continue to hang out with her until my mom gets her? We have to plan out the security for tonight.”

“Of course, I will never leave her.”

We told my princess goodbye and told her we would see her later. We went to our office and started to get the security details worked out for the night. I had pulled Trevor and Jarrod in with us as well. We spent the entire afternoon in my office getting things set up and making our warriors aware of where we wanted them. I assigned Jarrod guard duty over Sophia and Lucy.

We dismissed everyone, and it was just Kane and me. “Are you ready for tonight?” I asked.

“Ya, I am so ready to forge our bond with our mate. I am a little nervous since we don’t know what will happen once both of us do, but we will work through it.” Kane said.

“Let’s go ready. I am ready to see her. I know you have some surprise for both of us, and I can’t wait to see it.” I told him.

We both got up and went to our room and showered and shaved and got dressed. We were pretty much ready at the same time. “Looking good, brother,” I told him.

“You clean up nicely as well.”

“Let’s go start welcoming the pack and be ready for our mate.”

We got down there before anyone else. My mom did an amazing job with the decorations. She was always good at this. People started to make their way in, all dressed nicely and ready for a party. Kane and I walked around talking with people and welcoming them. My mom showed up and came over to me, giving me a kiss on my cheek and then one to Kane as well.

“I am so proud of you boys and let me tell you when you see your mate tonight, your jaws are going to drop. She looks absolutely stunning.”

“Thank you, mom, this would not have been possible without you.” I told her.

“You two need to get up there. Your dad is walking the girls down now and you need to start.”

We walked up to the stage together. Kane went and sat down in a chair next to Luke and his mate, Sara. I stepped up to the microphone.

“Welcome everyone. Please find your seat and we will begin.”

I gave everyone a few minutes to sit down. I was trying to control my breathing. I was nervous about this whole thing. I didn’t want anything to go wrong, but Jax started stirring in my head.

“Jax, what’s up?” I linked him.

“I don’t know. I am just really nervous.” Jax said.

“I know me too, buddy.”

I stepped back up to the microphone to begin.

“Welcome! I am excited to be here. I have a few announcements before we begin. The first thing I would like to announce is my daughter Lucy.”

There were some gasps throughout the audience and some chatter that began.

“Please let me explain. As you are all aware, Sophia is my second chance, mate. My first mate, Jules, up and left one day and never returned. What I didn’t know was that she was pregnant when she left. She was part of those attacks last night. She tried to get me to take her back. She tried to sacrifice our daughter, but Sophia and her wolf Stella saved her life, and I was able to eliminate her. So please give a big welcome to my daughter, Lucy.”

I turned to the opening where Sophia and Lucy were and waited for Lucy to step forward. She wouldn’t come out. I walked over to them.

“Lucy, it’s OK, come with me. I want you to meet our pack. They are so excited to see you.”

She finally stepped out and grabbed my hand.

“Are you sure it’s OK, daddy?”

That one word brought me to my knees. I kneeled down and kissed her cheek.

“Princess, it will absolutely be OK.”

I walked with her to the podium and announced her again.

“Red moon, please welcome my daughter Lucy.”

There was a huge round of applause for her. I walked over and had her sit with Sara.

“Princess, will you sit with Sara while I bring my other princess out and perform our ceremony?”

“Yes, daddy.”

I walked back over to the microphone. I was starting to get a little emotional. This was going to be hard to get through without crying.

“Red moon, I would like to officially introduce you to your Luna, Luna Sophia.”

She stepped from behind her cover, and I completely stopped breathing. She was absolutely the most beautiful thing on earth. She walked up the stairs and into my arms. I gave her a hug and whispered, “Beautiful, there are no words for how you look tonight. You are absolutely stunning.” I said, kissing her cheek. I turned back to the microphone to say something else.

“I need to say something else before we begin. Sophia, I have loved you since I saw you. I just didn’t know it. I know I have made mistakes and I will forever regret those, but I will spend the rest of my life making it up to you, if you let me. I love you with my whole heart and soul. They belong to you.”

When I turned to look at her after declaring my love for her in front of our whole pack, she had tears in her eyes and the softest smile I’ve ever seen.

“Xander, I love you too, and I can’t wait for forever with you and Kane.” She said.

I stepped to her and grabbed her hand and leaned in and whispered, “You are the most beautiful Luna I have ever seen.”

“Do you like my dress?” She asked me.

“It’s breathtaking on you.”

“Kane, had it made for me for a surprise.”

I turned to him and motioned for him to come over to us. “I didn’t know you were a gown designer?”

“I will design anything this woman wants. Baby girl, I will give you the moon. All you have to do is ask.”

We grabbed her hands and walked to the podium, and nodded to the council member to begin. He walked up to the microphone.

“Thank you, Red moon, for allowing me the privilege of performing this ceremony. Why don’t we get started?”

He walked over to where we were standing and grabbed the knife, and turned to me.

“Do you, Alpha Xander, vow to accept and love your Luna and stand by her side while you lead this pack into greatness?”

“Yes.”

He took the knife and cut the palm of my hand and brought up the Alpha goblet and had me drop some blood into it. He turned to Sophia and said, “Do you, Luna Sophia, vow to accept and love your Alpha and stand by his side while you lead this pack into greatness?”

“Yes.”

He did the same with Sophia and cut into her hand and held up the goblet to allow some of her blood to drop in there. He then turned to Kane and said, “Do you, Beta Kane, vow to accept and love your mate Luna Sophia, and stand by her side and Alpha Xander’s side and help lead this pack into greatness?”

“Yes,”

He did the same thing and cut his palm and dropped some of his blood into the goblet. After Kane was done, he swirled the goblet around, mixing our blood together.

“Now, by the three of you drinking this, it mixes your blood and puts your bond fully in place. It will merge you as leaders of this pack.”

He handed the goblet to me first, and I took a small drink from it and then handed it to Sophia, who did the same, and then Kane. The second Kane had finished, we had a large surge of power flow through us. I could feel and hear their every thought, including Kane.

We all turned and grabbed hands and bowed to our pack. They all bared their necks in submission to the three of us.

“Red moon, I am happy to announce your leaders, and mates, Alpha Xander, Luna Sophia, and Beta Kane.”

I could tell that Sophia was being bombarded with mind links. I think that we all are.

“Please, everyone, settle down with the mind links. We will have plenty of time tonight to talk with everyone. Please go fix a plate of food and eat, dance and enjoy yourself.”

They all got up and went to start eating and dancing. My parents came up to us, along with Lucas and Sara and Lucy. Lucy threw herself at Sophia and was hugging her.

“I am so proud of all three of you. You have taken some hard situations and turned them into something great.” Alpha Ty said.

I reached down and picked Lucy up and grabbed Sophia’s hand and led them away to our table. Kane had grabbed her other hand. We placed Sophia in the middle of the table and sat on each side of her.

“Beautiful. Will you have this first dance with me?” I asked her.

“Yes.”

I led her down to the dance floor, and they started a slow song. I pulled her as close to me as I possibly could. I whispered to her, “I love you so much. You and Lucy have completed me. I could not ask for anything else. I also can’t wait to rip that dress off you tonight.”

“I love you too, but if you rip this dress, I might have to hurt you. Our daughter might want to wear it for her own ceremony.”

“OK, fine, I will slowly pull it off your body.”

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Kane's POV

When Sophia stepped out, she made my heart skip a few beats. She was absolutely breathtaking. I did a great job with the dress. The pictures she left up gave me a good idea of what she wanted. The smile on her face was making her glow.

We all managed to get through the ceremony without any tears. The second I took a drink of our blood; you could feel our bond fully snap into place and a surge of power flowed through us. River had said that it was some of her power. That she had so much that it basically overflowed to us. He said we wouldn't have powers but would be stronger and bigger.

I was currently dancing with Lucy, who had the biggest grin on her face. She was a happy child and had all of us wrapped around her finger in 24 hours. I was watching my mate dance with Xander, and I couldn't wait for the song to be over so that it would be my turn. The song finally ended, and we made our way over to Sophia and Xander and asked her, "Baby girl, can I have this dance?"

"Of course." She said with a huge smile on her face.

Another slow song started to play for us, and I pulled her close, telling her how beautiful she looked.

"Now you sound like Xander." She said.

"Did he tell you how he couldn't wait to rip that dress off you?"

"Yes, and there will be no ripping. Lucy may want to wear this dress at her own ceremony."

"OK, fine!" I pouted.

We finished our dance and made our way over to our table and sat down to eat some food. We had pack members approaching the table one by one to congratulate us. It was all a little overwhelming. Sophia had said she wanted to walk around a little and meet everyone. Xander said he would go with her. That left me by myself, and I wanted to check on security.

I left the party and walked over to our first group of guards and talked with them. They said everything had been quiet. I felt confident about things and headed back to the party. I found my way to Sophia and Xander and joined their conversation with the group of people they were talking to.

All of a sudden, there was a huge flash of light and several people appeared in front of us. People started to scream and get out of the way. We didn't know what was going on.

"Sophia, you were warned yesterday that if you didn't turn yourself over to us, then we would take you." Said some man.

"You will not be taking me or will you harm anyone in this pack."

I could tell that Stella had taken over since her eyes were glowing and her voice was slightly different. I got several mind links at once, saying there were breeches at all of our borders.

"We are under attack, every please go to your station." Boomed out Xander.

I tried to pull Sophia away to safety, but she wasn't having it. She ran towards the man who appeared in front of her.

"Why do you want me?" She asked him.

"You were sold as a child to the rogue king. Your parents were murdered so that you could be sold. You don't belong to these two. You never did, you just didn't know it." He answered her question.

"Who is the rogue king?" She asked.

"Oh, little girl, you will soon find out."

"I will not be going anywhere with anyone." As soon as she said that, she shifted into Stella and attacked this man. He was surprised by her and that allowed her to take him down. This started a chain reaction, and everyone started to shift and attack anyone who didn't belong here.

There were more wolves moving in. Our security couldn't hold them back, there were too many.

I jumped into the action and started to tear wolves apart. These were rogue wolves, as they smelled horrible and tasted even worse when I got my teeth into them. I was looking for Sophia and saw that she was handling her own, so I went back to taking wolves down.

I saw Xander was surrounded by four rouges and another one that was large. I am guessing that he is an Alpha. I am not sure if he is the Alpha king or the Blood Pack Alpha. I ran towards them as fast as I could and ran straight into one and sent him flying. I turned and lunged at another one while Xander took on the other two. The Alpha that was sitting back watching us had snuck up behind me and got his paws around me and had me pinned to the ground. He put his teeth on my neck.

“Shift, now or I will rip your throat out!” He roared. I am not sure how he did that in his wolf form, but he did.

We both shifted back, and he had his hands around my throat.

“Sophia, where are you?” He yelled out.

Stella came running forward and quickly shifted back to her human form.

“Let him go now!” She yelled.

“The way I see it is a mate for mate. Is he not your mate?” The man asked.

Everyone had stopped fighting and was watching what was going on. Xander was circling us, trying to find an opening to attack.

“You hurt one part of him, and I will rip you apart.” Yelled Sophia.

He reached up with both hands and I am not sure what happened because everything went black.

I started to fall through the blackness. I have had this feeling before. I knew I would be ok. The moon goddess was calling me. I just hope that I

haven't died. I fell for what felt like forever, finally landing on something fluffy and soft.

"My sweet child, how do you feel?" She asked me.

"I am fine, but did I die?"

"Yes, you did, and I am so sorry about that. It wasn't supposed to be like this, but the witches they were working with are very powerful."

"Did Sophia or Xander die?"

"No, they are safe. They will continue to be safe."

"Will she be OK? Some wolves go crazy when they lose their mate?" I asked the moon goddess.

"She will because she still has Xander and now she has Lucy."

"I can be at peace knowing she will be ok," I told her.

"My sweet child, you fulfilled your promise to me and in return, I will grant you one wish. I will give you two options."

"A wish? I don't remember any of this?"

"Yes, we met before, and you promised me that you would care for Sophia and protect her from herself. With your love and care, she has grown so much and now has the confidence to do what she was put on the planet to do. Now you must choose one of two things. You can choose to go back and spend the rest of your life alongside Sophia and Xander or you can choose to let Sophia have a baby."

"What do you mean, have a baby? I thought she wasn't able to?"

"She isn't, but I have enough power to allow her to give birth once."

Chapter 69 - Sophia's Revenge

Sophia's POV

I was staring into Jules' chosen mate's eyes. They held nothing but hate. Hate for me, hate for Kane, hate for Xander. He had his hands around Kane's neck, and he was helpless to do anything. Xander was circling them, trying to find a way to attack, but there was no opening.

"Let him go now!" I yelled.

"The way I see it is a mate for mate. Is he not your mate?"

Everyone had stopped fighting and was watching what was going on.

"You hurt one part of him, and I will rip you apart." I yelled as I was also trying to convey how much love I had for Kane in my eyes.

He reached up with both hands and quickly snapped his neck. His eyes instantly became lifeless, and his lifeless body fell to the ground. I felt the pain of the broken mate bond and fell to my knees. Stella pushed herself forward because I couldn't do this anymore. I couldn't live without him.

Stella's POV

I pushed forward and pushed Sophia back. This fucker was going to die. I pulled out all of my powers and pushed him back. He fell on his butt and started to scoot back.

"How are you doing this? I am protected by magic." He asked

"I am the strongest emerald wolf to ever live. Your dumb magic is no match for what I possess. Now tell me, why did you kill my mate?"

"You killed mine."

"No, she killed herself when she tried to sacrifice her child for her own gain. We now have custody of her."

"She wouldn't do that."

"She did, and now you are going to join her."

“No, please don’t.” He pleaded with me.

“You didn’t give my mate that option? Why would I you?” I used my power and shot a light at him, and it ripped his arm off his body. He let out a scream but still couldn’t move. I did the same and ripped off his other arm.

“This isn’t even close to the pain that I felt from the mate bond that you broke. You wouldn’t know because you didn’t mark her, did you?”

He didn’t reply, just continued to scream. I shot another light at him and ripped off both his legs at the same time. He screamed even louder. I couldn’t listen to him anymore. I shot another light, and his head came clean off. I turned to look to see what was going on behind me and the people that were attacking had started to retreat.

I ran over to Kane’s lifeless body and tried to heal him. I laid down on his chest and used every ounce of power that I had to heal him. I should be able to do this, and everything will go back to normal. He will continue to live this life with me. I don’t know how long we laid on him crying, but eventually, my power ran out and I could never hear a heartbeat. I pulled back and gave Sophia control.

Sophia’s POV

Stella gave me back control, and we were lying on Kanes’ chest, crying. She had tried to heal him, but it was too late. We couldn’t do this. He was gone forever. My heart hurt. It literally aches for him. I just want to hear him say “Baby girl” one more time. I wanted to tell him how much I loved him. I wanted to see his beautiful eyes one more time.

“Beautiful, we have to move. We have to move his body.” Xander said as he came down to my level. I could see that he was crying as well.

“No, I can’t leave him. This is my fault.” I sobbed out.

“No, it’s not. If I wouldn’t have killed Jules, he would still be here. I am so sorry.” Xander said.

“No, because I was going to kill her as well.”

I don't know how long I laid there, but I woke up in our bed. I was completely alone. I don't know how long I've been asleep, but my heart still hurts. I rolled over to his side of the bed and grabbed his pillow, and pulled it to my face. It still smelled so much like him. It brought me some comfort but would be short-lived because the smell would fade, and he was still gone. I started crying again. I couldn't stop. I just wanted him back. I don't know if I will make it through this pain.

"Stella, are you ok?"

"No, but we will be. This war isn't over. We still have the rogue king after us."

"I don't know if I have the strength to fight him."

"You have to. We still have a mate and a daughter. They are worried sick about us."

I didn't answer her, but just started to cry harder. After a while, Xander came in. "Beautiful, you're awake. Why don't we go eat something so you can get your strength back?"

"No, I can't. I can't do anything without him. I need both of you. Half my heart is gone. It's missing."

He crawled into bed with me and just held me while I cried. I know that he was crying also because I could feel his body shake with sobs.

"Beautiful, you still have me. I am here and we will get through this."

"What don't you understand? He completed me. He has loved me since day one. I never questioned his love. He was always gentle with me. I can't do this. I can't move on."

He didn't say anything, he just got out of bed and left our bedroom. He didn't come back the rest of the night. I laid in bed just smelling Kane's pillow and crying. In fact, I did this for three days. Xander never came back to see me. I finally felt like I could get out of bed. I could move again. While my heart still hurts and always will. I needed to get up and shower.

“Stella, are you doing any better? Please tell me we can feel better?”

“I am slightly better like you, but it will take time. We need to shower and eat, and we need to go to our other mate.”

I got up and went and showered and headed downstairs in search of Xander. I ran into Luke. He gave a look of pity. I didn’t want his pity.

“Where is Xander?” I asked him.

“He is in his office, but he is in a meeting and doesn’t want to be interrupted.”

“Thank you.”

I didn’t care if he didn’t want to be interrupted or not. I was going to see him. I went to his office and knocked on the door. I didn’t wait for a come in. I just opened the door and walked in. I am not sure who this man and woman were, but he was talking with someone that wasn’t from our pack.

“Beautiful, I am so happy to see you. This is Kan’s brother, Konner, and his mate Ashley. They have come for the funeral.” Xander explained.

I walked up to them and shook their hands and introduced myself. I moved over so that I could sit on Xander’s lap. It felt nice to be held by him. We just sat there in his office, holding each other. He finally lifted his head and looked at me. Showing me love in his eyes.

“Beautiful, you still bear his mark.”

“Ya, he is my mate.”

“You don’t understand when your mate dies, their mark leaves with them. That way, if you live, you can take a chosen mate.”

“I don’t understand. I had two mates, so I would never take another chosen mate. He was the other of me, just like you are.”

“I don’t either, but we are going to look into this.”

“Why don’t we go eat? I know a little girl that wants to see you so badly. She asks about every hour when you will be better. She says she needs her other princess.”

“Let’s go see her.”

We walked to the dining room and found Luna Caroline and Miles sitting with Lucy eating dinner. We went and fixed our plates and sat down. Lucy started right in with her questions.

“Are you better now?”

“A little bit.”

“Can we paly?”

“Maybe later. I need to talk with your daddy some more.”

“Are you my mommy now?”

“Do you want me to be?”

“Yes, because you’re a princess like me. Well, that’s what daddy says, and you looked like a princess at your party.”

I couldn’t even answer her. She has brought me so much happiness in five minutes than I felt in the last few days. This little girl wanted me to be her mommy.

“Stella, how are you doing?”

“She is just the cutest thing. I can’t wait to play princess with her.”

“I take it you love her.”

“Yes, she is our pup, and we will love her forever.”

We finished eating our meal in silence, apart from the occasional questions from Lucy.

“Beautiful, we need to go meet with Konner and Ashley regarding Kane’s services. Do you feel up to it?”

Chapter 70 - Sophia's Revenge

Sophia wasn’t doing very well. She has been in bed for three days. I go up and check on her every few hours. I have been sleeping on the couch. Her sobs in her sleep just break my heart. My mom said the best thing to do was to give her space and just let her be and when she was ready, she would come to me. My mom must know her shit because at dinner time on day three I heard a light knock on my office door and Sophia walked into the room. You could tell that she was still crying. Her eyes were still red, and her face was still swollen. My heart just broke looking at her. I lost my best friend, but she lost her mate. Part of her.

I had Konner and Ashley in my office. Kane’s brother and his mate. He was a year younger than Kane, but we all grew up really close. Their dad was my dad’s Beta. That was the hardest phone call I ever had to make, but he was Kane's only family member and I knew how heartbroken he would be.

I introduced them and then just held Sophia for a while. I noticed that she still had Kane’s mark on her.

“Beautiful, you still have Kane’s mark on your neck. Does Stella know how it’s there?” I asked her.

“No, but why wouldn’t I? He was my mate and gave it to me.”

“That’s not how it works. Your mark will disappear if you lose your mate.”

Nobody said anything after that and it was dinnertime, so I suggested that we all go eat. I led her down to dinner and watched as she and Lucy had the most adorable conversation ever. Lucy asked her to be her mommy, and both Jax and I soared with happiness. We were going to be a family. Slightly broken with a missing piece, but a family, nonetheless. We finished eating, and I took Sophia up to Kane’s old room to meet Konner and Ashley. They were already there and had the door open.

“Hey guys, would you like some help?” I asked.

“Ya, I was going to pack some stuff up and clean up some.” Konner said.

“You don’t have to do that. I can have some omegas take care of that.” I told her.

“Alpha Xander,”

“Do not call me that. You are like my brother. It is just Xander.”

“OK, Xander, Ashley and I would like to move here. We want to rejoin your pack?”

“Can you tell me what prompted?”

“Well, we moved to Ashley’s pack because she was all her mom had after her dad died and her mom died about six months ago. It’s something that we have been talking about and with my brother’s death, it is my duty to step in as Beta. That is, if you would have me?”

I walked up to Konner and hugged him. Hearing that he wanted to come back and be the Beta was also amazing. For our pack, it was a birthright. It has been handed down like the Alpha title and also the gamma title. I didn’t know what I was going to do with Kane gone. There was nobody that I trusted more, but Konner was a close second. He was like a brother to me. The three of us grew up thick as thieves.

I stepped back with tears in my eyes. “Yes man, I am so glad you asked because I honestly didn’t know what I was going to do. I mean, it would have gone to Luke, but it is yours from birth right and also you were made to do it just like your brother.”

“Thanks, man. After we get things done around here, we will go home and pack.”

“I will make sure that everything is prepared for you.”

“Thanks man.”

“Now, where did Kane put all the family pictures? Ashley was going to put together a memorial for him for his funeral.”

“You won’t find them,” Sophia said as she took off out of the room. I quickly followed her, and she went straight to Avery’s room. She was banging on the door. Avery opened the door, looking a little flustered.

“Sorry, I just need my scrapbook.”

Avery just went and grabbed and shoved it in Sophia’s hands and slammed the door. I don’t want to know what is going on behind that door.

I walked over to Sophia to see that she had tears in her eyes.

“Beautiful, what is this?”

“I wanted to do something for Kane after he surprised me with my dress. Your mom suggested this as she knew it was something he wanted but never found the time. I finished it up on Friday and planned on giving it to him on Saturday after the ceremony.” She said as she started to cry.

“This is beautiful, and he would have loved it so much. Let’s go show Konner and Ashley.”

We walked back to his room and showed them. They both had tears by the time we were done looking at it. There were a few extra pages added to the back of the book. There were pictures of all three of us from our ceremony. Someone had captured every important moment for us, and they added it in. It was the nicest thing ever. I am now crying.

I walked over to Sophia, who was full out sobbing by now. I wrapped her in my arms and just held her close. I excused us and took her up to our room. I took her to the bathroom and started to run a hot bath. Maybe a relaxing bath will help her calm down. I removed all of her clothes and then mine. I stepped in and pulled her in with me. She didn’t say a word, she just sat down in front of me. Tomorrow was going to be a hard day for both of us. I am hoping that when this is done, we can find a new sense of normalness. I started to rub her shoulders and worked my way

down her back. She was giving appreciative moans, and they were going directly to my dick. I knew now wasn't the time, but those noises were turning me on.

I continued to rub her back for a while. Finally, she laid back against me. She had stopped crying and was just lying there with her eyes closed.

"Xander, I need you. I need to forget the pain for a while. Please make love to me."

"Beautiful, are you sure? That is something that can wait until you're ready. Until your heart feels better."

"Xander, I love you. I need you. Please make me feel better for a while."

I lifted us out of the water and grabbed a towel and wrapped it around and grabbed one for me. We quickly dried ourselves off, and I led her to the bedroom, but she stopped me.

"Not here. I can't in this bed yet. Can we go to the other room for now?"

I just grabbed her hand and took her to the other bedroom. It was set up as a guest room. I shut the door behind us and started to kiss. I pushed her down on the bed and crawled up her body. I started to kiss her neck and when I hit her marking spot, it caused her to moan out. I continued to make my way down her body. I stopped to give her breast some love, and then continued until I reached the top of her pussy. I spread her legs even further apart. I could smell her arousal. I spread her lips apart and started to circle her clit with my tongue, and plunged a finger into her. I started slowly and slowly picked up the pace. She started to rock her hips against me, and I could tell she was getting close. I applied more pressure with my tongue and added another finger.

"OOOHHHH Xander, I'm going to come. Please don't stop."

"Beautiful, come for me. Release all over me, please." As soon as I said that, she came. Her legs tightened around my head, and she bucked her hips, rubbing her pussy against my face. It was heaven. I continued to

lick her pussy, cleaning up anything she had to give me. I finally moved up her body and kissed her.

“Do you like to taste yourself on me, beautiful?”

She didn't reply, she just kissed me back. I lined myself up with her and slowly thrust into her. I continued my slow pace, trying to drag this out as long as possible. I wanted to give her everything she needed. She pushed me away and pulled me down so that I was laying down. She straddled me and pulled my cock up so that it was lined up with her, and she slowly sank down on it. She started to rock her hips back and forth slowly.

“You look beautiful, with my hard cock you in.”

She just smiled at me and quickened her pace. I grabbed her hips and guided her to a good pace. It wasn't long before she was moaning and was ready to come. I could feel her start to let go. Her walls were clenching around me. It made me come right with her. I shot my load into her and then pulled her down to lie on top of me. We just laid there, catching our breath.