

Chapter 71 - Sophia's Revenge

Sophia's POV

I woke up wrapped up in Xander's arms. I was nice and warm, and I wasn't ready to face it today. I needed to get up and go take a shower. I need a few minutes alone. I slipped out of Xander's grasp and walked back to our room. I turned the shower on and stepped in.

"Stella, are you ready for today?"

"No, I will never be, but we need to bury this chapter and move on. We still have a mate that loves us. We need to say goodbye."

"I agree. I don't want to, but we have to. We have to let him go. We love Xander and we have a little girl who wants us to be her mommy. She makes me happy. She is something that I thought we would never have, and I want to be the best mommy for her. I think we should take her shopping and turn that guest room into a princess dreamland."

"That will be fun, plus we can take mate's credit card. We're going on a shopping spree!"

This had me laughing.

"What's so funny?" Xander said as he stepped into the shower with me.

"Well, Stella and I were talking, and we need your credit card for tomorrow, please?"

"This sounds like it's going to cost me?"

"Yes, it is, but I promise you will love it."

"What are you buying?"

"I thought that maybe Lucy would like to move in with us and I thought maybe her, and I could turn it into a princess' dreamland. I want to take her shopping so she can pick out everything she wants."

“That is the best idea you have ever had. My credit card is yours. Well, my credit card is always yours.”

“Would you like to join us?”

“It would be my pleasure.”

We finished our shower and went to get ready. I wrapped my towel around me and went to blow dry my hair. I then ran the straightener over it. I wasn't going to wear make-up, but I really never did. Once I was satisfied that my hair looked OK, I went to my closet and found a black dress to wear. I paired it with a pair of black flats. I walked back out to our room and Xander was sitting on the bed, waiting for me.

“You look nice. We are going to get through this day together. I will not leave your side for one second. I have Lucy in daycare and my mom will be getting her after that.”

“Thank you.”

We walked downstairs and to the conference room where the services were being held. Someone had set up a table for him that people had brought to remember him by. You can tell that he was loved by everyone in the pack. We walked around, greeting people. Most were giving us condolences. I would just smile at them and lean further into Xander.

“Beautiful, it's time to sit down. I do have to stand up and say a few words. Would you like to stay sitting down or you could stand up there with me?”

“Can I speak?”

“Of course, I just didn't think you would want to.”

“I loved him. It's the least I can do.”

He just leaned down and kissed my forehead. We walked to our seats, Konner and Ashley on one side and Xander's family on the other side. The councilman who performed our ceremony will also be doing today's services.

“Thank you, everyone, for being here. I know that this is a hard day for everyone at Red Moon pack. I had only just met Kane, but I can see the love for life, his mate, his family, and for his pack that he had. From the gathering today, I can see that he was also very loved by all of you. Your Alpha would like to say a few words before we begin.”

Xander got up and grabbed my hand, and we walked up to the podium and up to the microphone.

“Thank you, everyone, for coming today. To say this is a hard day is an understatement. Kane has been my best friend since we were born. It was like I was born with a best friend that was built in. Then came his brother, and we turned into a trio. The three of us were thick as thieves. We caused so much trouble for our parents and, well, half of you in this room. I am sorry for all the grief that we caused you! I could go on for hours up here about Kane, but my beautiful mate would like to speak as well.”

Xander stepped back and gave me room to step up. I stepped up to the podium and just closed my eyes, trying to gather my thoughts and the strength to do this.

“Thank you, everyone, again for being here today. It is amazing to see the love that you guys have for Kane. Kane was a special person. Not only was he my mate, but he was also my first love. I loved him before I knew he was my other mate. He would come and visit me when I first arrived here. He would come every day. I very rarely talked back to him in the beginning, but regardless, he would always show up and just talk. I swear that boy would talk to a wall if he thought it could listen to him. I have yet to figure out his love of country music, but he would turn it up and sing and dance. He also loved to sing in the shower. It would wake me all the time and when I would go in all grumpy because of it, he would just tell me that he was just giving me a front-row seat to a concert. I will miss him for the rest of my life. We all will. Kane, I have loved you since before we were mates, and I will continue to love you until my last breath. Now he wouldn't want us to be sad today. So, let's make this a joyous occasion and celebrate him.”

I stepped back and into Xander embrace. We just stood there for a few seconds before heading down the stairs. I grabbed his hand and walked towards the door. I needed to get out of here. I need some air. I walked us through the dining hall and straight to the back door and outside. He just wrapped his arms around me and held me. We just stood outside holding each other, crying. I finally looked up at him and said, “we can get through this. Please be patient with me. It’s going to take some time.”

“Beautiful, I am with you every step of the way. We need to go inside. Everyone is in the dining hall now.”

“I hope that Lucy is there. I could use her right now.”

“Me too, beautiful.”

We walked back inside and went to the dining hall. Everyone was in there fixing plates of food and talking. I scanned the room looking for Lucy and the second her eyes saw us, she jumped down and ran straight towards us. She immediately latched onto my leg.

“Mommy, I missed you.”

“I missed you to princess.”

“Do you feel better?”

“I do now that you are here.”

“Daddy said you were said because you miss Uncle Kane.”

“Yes, princess, I miss Uncle Kane.”

“Miles, says that mommy now lives in my heart. Does Uncle Kane live in your heart too?”

“Yes, princess he does.”

“Can he live in my heart, too?”

“I think he would love that.”

“Why don’t I go get my princesses some food?”

“Daddy, I want cheese, please.”

He just laughed and walked away, while I took Lucy to go sit down with Luna Caroline and Alpha Ty. We sat down at the table, and nobody was saying a word.

“Luna Caroline, thank you for helping so much with Lucy since she got here.”

“No need to thank me. She is my granddaughter.”

Xander came back over with two plates of food. He sat them down in front of us and went to get his food and came back while we all ate in silence. Nobody knows what to say.

“Who added the pictures to the scrapbook I made?” I asked the table, knowing that someone here did it.

“That was me.” Avery said shyly.

“Thank you. It was beautiful. I don’t know how you got that done so fast, but I love it.”

“You’re welcome and if you need anything, please let me know.” Avery said.

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Xander's POV

We managed to make it through Kane's services, and it seemed that Lucy was the key to making Sophia feel better. Lucy also seemed to take a big liking to Sophia. She didn't leave her side for the whole dinner. She was getting tired and so I went and found Miles. I wanted to talk to him about her staying with us.

"Miles, thank you for your help with Lucy. That little girl has made us all fall in love with her. She is something special. I don't know how well my mate would have done today without her."

"She is defiantly a special girl."

"I want to talk to you about her moving into our place."

"As much as I love her, I think that would be the best thing. You are her father and Sophia has been more of a mother to her than she ever had."

"Thank you. We are planning on taking her shopping tomorrow to pick out her own bedroom."

"I will have her ready for you. What time?"

"Ten and thank you. I am really glad that you asked for mercy with us and brought her to us, and you as well. You have been valuable with all of this. I would also like to officially make you a pack member. Unless you want to go to your old pack and take charge. It is rightfully yours."

"No, I don't want it. They disgust me."

"I thought you might want to stay. How about we make you official in two days?"

"Thank you, sir."

I walked back over to Sophia and Lucy. Lucy was sitting in Sophia's lap, half asleep.

"Lucy, I have a question for you."

"What daddy?"

"Would you like to live with mommy and me?"

"Can I have a princess room?"

"How about we go shopping tomorrow and find a princess bed?"

"YEA!!"

That was easier than I thought it would be. I picked up Lucy and took her over to Miles so he could put her to bed.

"I love you, daddy."

"I love you too, Lucy. Have a good night. We will see you in the morning to go shopping."

Miles turned and took her to their room. I walked back over to my mate, who was talking with some pack members. I walked up behind her and wrapped my arms around her.

"Hello, beautiful. Are you ready to turn in for the night?"

"Can we actually go for a run? Stella needs to burn some energy."

"Jax thinks that is an amazing idea."

I led her outside, and we walked to the clearing and found a tree to strip behind. We threw our clothes into a pile and we both quickly shifted. Jax stretched out and walked over to Stella. He rubbed his snout on her face as if he was comforting her. He was hurting as well. She took off, and I followed behind her, letting her lead the way. This was her run; she was in charge. We would do whatever she needed. She continued to run, and I knew exactly where she was heading. We were running straight towards our little lake. This was one of Kane's favorite spots as well. Once we got there, we both got a drink and just laid down and let our wolves cuddle up with each other.

"Beautiful, this was perfect to come here. We are going to be ok; we will get through this."

"I know, but it's going to be hard. I miss him so much already. His side of the bed is so cold, and I feel it in my heart. It's like half my heart has died."

"I know, and if I could change it, I would."

She didn't answer me back, but we just laid there in our wolf's form, snuggling. We stayed there for several hours. There was something that felt just right being here. It felt like Kane was watching over us. Stella stood up and started to head back to where our clothes were. We shifted back and got dressed.

"Thank you for this tonight. There is something about being there that I feel close to him."

"Me too beautiful. That was his favorite place to go. If I couldn't find him anywhere, I knew he was there."

"Let's go to bed. We have a princess to take shopping tomorrow."

We headed to our room, and when we got there, she headed to the guest room.

"Beautiful, we need to stay in our room. Lucy moves in tomorrow."

"I know just one more night, please?"

I couldn't say no to her. I just followed her to bed and crawled in with her, pulling the covers over us. She laid her head on my chest and snuggled as close as she could.

I was woken up by banging on our door. Sophia didn't even move. She was sound asleep still. I slipped out of bed and threw my pants on, and shut the door behind me. I ripped the front door open, getting ready to yell at whoever was on the other side.

"DADDY! It's shopping day! Can we leave now?"

"Princess, it's early and mommy is sleeping."

"Sorry, I couldn't hold her back anymore. She has been ready for like two hours."

"It's like seven am. She's been up since five."

"Yup, good luck, man."

Miles walked away laughing, leaving me with Lucy. She was a ball of energy for this early.

"Princess, what do you want to do until mommy gets up?"

"Can we cook breakfast?"

"I really don't know how to cook. Why don't we go downstairs and get breakfast?"

"NO! I wanna cook it."

"Hey, we don't yell, ok?"

"Ok daddy."

"Now let's go downstairs and we can bring it up here, OK?"

She just nodded her head at me. I went and got a shirt, and we walked downstairs and fixed some plates to go and came back to our room. We walked in and the guest room door was open, and our door shut.

"Princess let's turn on cartoons while you eat and I'm going to check on mommy."

"Princess cartoons."

Crap, I don't even know what a princess cartoon is. I grabbed Lucy and turned the TV on, and we flipped through different shows, trying to find something. Finally, I landed on something that had her squealing with happiness. I put her food in front of her and went to the shower where Sophia was.

"Beautiful, are you ok?"

"Yup, just needed a shower before shopping."

"Ok I'm going to go back to the living room. "

"Come join me. We have a few hours."

"No, we don't. She is currently eating breakfast and watching cartoons in the living room."

"Oh, she is one of those children that gets up super early. We can kiss sleeping in away."

I walked back into the living room and found the giant mess Lucy had made. I just groaned and cleaned everything up. I really had a lot to learn about kids.

Ten hours later and a credit card that was on fire, we were back at our place. I had Lucy's room cleared out and painted pink. It was a surprise for both of them. Her furniture will be here tomorrow. We took all of Lucy's stuff up to our room and went to give her to Miles' room, but she wasn't having any of it.

"I thought I live with you now?"

"Princess, we have to get your room set up first."

"I want to stay tonight." She cried.

"You have nowhere to sleep."

"With you and mommy."

I looked at Sophia, who just shook her head, yes.

"Ok princess. Only tonight and then you will have your own bedroom, ok?"

"Ok daddy."

We went to our room, and I showed the girls my surprise for them. They loved it. Lucy just laid down on the floor talking about what she would play with first tomorrow.

"Beautiful, I think our sex life is over for a while."

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That was the worst night's sleep I have gotten. Lucy was every which way all night long. I had her feet on my face, in my stomach. At. At one point she was lying completely on top of me. Her bed couldn't get here fast enough. She woke me up at six, telling me it was time for breakfast. Xander was already gone. I guess he is in his office.

"OK, let's get dressed and we can go downstairs for breakfast."

"NO! I want to cook breakfast."

"OK, let's go see what we have."

I found some pancake mix and syrup. I let her help mix it up and then put her own syrup on it. She had more syrup than pancake, but she was happy. She required a bath after breakfast. I got her ready for daycare and got myself ready for the day. I walked her to the daycare center and dropped her off and headed to Xander's office. I knocked and then let myself in. He was sitting around the table talking with his dad and Trevor.

"Good morning beautiful, how was your night?" He asked me.

"That child is never sleeping with us again. Thank the goddess her bed gets here today."

"Isn't that the truth?truth?"

Trevor and Alpha Ty just laughed at us.

"What are you going to do today?" He asked me.

"I think I am going to lie down for a while I wait for our deliveries. After that, I was going to help clean up the room for Konner and Ashley."

"OK, let me know if you need anything."

I left them to whatever they were doing and went back to my room. I crawled onto the couch and passed out. I woke up to someone banging on

our door. I got up to let them in and was a little dizzy. I must have been sleeping harder than I thought. I showed them the room and went to my room and shut the door and went back to bed. I am exhausted.

“Beautiful, wake up. Come on, on, wake up.” Xander was saying as he shook my shoulder.

“What time is it?”

“Six and you didn’t pick Lucy up from daycare. I thought you said you were getting her?”

“I was. I was just so tired that I fell asleep after I let everyone in to set up her room. I came to lie back down and have been asleep since.”

“Why are you so tired?”

“I don’t know, but I am sorry I didn’t get her. It won’t happen again. Where is she?”

“She is with Miles; we need to go get her and surprise her with her room and then some dinner.”

I got up out of bed and was hit with nausea. I ran to the bathroom thinking I would throw up, but it quickly passed. I ran a brush through my hair and came back out with Xander waiting for me.

“Ready?”

“Yes, let’s go get our princess.”

We walked to Miles’ room and found her playing princess with an unamused Miles.

“Princess, we have a surprise for you. Want to come with us?”

“YES!”

Xander picked her up and carried her to our floor. We walked into the living room, and he set her down.

“OK, princess, are you ready?”

“YES!”

He went over and opened her door, and she ran in screaming with happiness.

“It’s a princess room!”

She busied herself with her new toys. She had the whole toy box emptied in about five minutes. She was trying on every single princess dress that was in there. It took us ten minutes to get her to decide on a dress that she could wear to dinner. After we finally got her down there, everyone gushed over how cute she was. Xander went and fixed our plates and as soon as he set it down in front of me, I was hit with another wave of nausea and ran to the closet bathroom and emptied the contents of my stomach. Not that there was much in there.

“Beautiful, are you OK?”

“Ya, I just don’t feel well.”

“Why don’t we go to the doctor? It’s unusual for a wolf to get sick.”

“I am sure it is just stress. We’ve had a lot going on. I think I am just going to lie down.”

I went back to our room and brushed my teeth and crawled into bed and went back to sleep. I didn’t even hear Xander come to bed, but I woke up at two am starving. I slipped out of bed and went to our little fridge and found some lunch meat and cheese. I had more than one serving of that and then some cookies I found in the cupboard. Once I finally felt full, I went back to bed and was out like a light again.

I woke up to Lucy jumping on me. This child doesn’t sleep! Xander was gone again, and it was only 6 am and his side of the bed was cold, so he had been gone for a while.

“Mommy Mommy, let’s cook breakfast.”

“We only have pancakes.”

“I love pancakes!”

We went to the kitchen, and I cooked her pancakes and when she opened the syrup, the smell hit me, and I ran for the bathroom again. When I came back out, she was covered in syrup but had eaten everything. I gave her a bath and took her to daycare.

I went to see Xander and knocked once and walked in. This time, he was in there with Alpha Ty, Trevor, Luke, and Konner.

“What do you need, beautiful?” He asked me.

“You were just gone when we got up and I wanted to see you.”

“Sorry, but we’re busy with a meeting. Meet me for lunch?” He asked, placing a kiss on my head.

“Ya, sure.”

I decided that I would go spend time in the daycare. I really didn’t know who was watching Lucy all day, and that bothered me. I walked in and was greeted by one of the omegas that worked here.

“Hello Luna. How can we help you today?” She asked me.

“I just wanted to check things out and meet Lucy’s teacher.” I told her.

“Of course, she is in the toddler room. Bright yellow door. Please go in.”

“Thank You.”

I walked over to the yellow room and the door was split so you could open either the top or the bottom and leave one closed or open the whole thing. They had the top open so I could see what was going on. They were all running around playing. I spotted Lucy with a group of girls playing with dolls. I opened the door and walked in.

“Luna Sophia, what do we owe the pleasure?” The teacher asked me with a big smile on her face.

“I just wanted to see Lucy’s class.”

“Mommy! Read us a story.” Lucy yelled as soon as she saw me.

I looked at the teacher, looking for permission. She just nodded her head at me and went to get a book.

I sat down on the floor and all the kids sat down in front of me. I read them some book about trains and their passengers. They all seemed to love it. After the story, I found myself coloring with them.

“Alright kids, it’s lunchtime,” announced the teacher.

I gave Lucy a hug and left and went to wait for Xander in the dining hall. I went to our table that was empty. I waited and waited, but he didn’t show up after an hour. I went to his office to make sure that everything was OK. As usual, I knocked and went in. Everyone was still there. They were around the table with lunch spread out before them, half ate and looking at maps.

“I thought you were meeting me for lunch?” I said as I walked in.

“Sorry, I forgot. Our meeting isn’t over yet, but I will see you for dinner.” He said, walking over to me.

He then walked me to the door and shut me out. What the hell? He has never treated me like that. He was hiding something from me. I just knew it. Anytime he got secretive, he hid something.

“Stella, do you know what is going on?” I linked her.

“No, Jax has cut me out as well.” She replied back.

“There are hiding something, and I don’t like it.” I told her.

“I agree, and we need to figure it out.”

I went back up to my room again and laid down until dinner. I wasn't feeling too bad when dinnertime rolled around, so I went and got Lucy from daycare, and we went to dinner. I was expecting to see Xander there, but like lunch, he never showed up. I didn't even bother to go to his office this time.

After dinner I took Lucy up to our room and we played princess in her room for a little while. Once it was about bedtime, I got her in her jammies, and we brushed her teeth. We went back to her room, and she picked out a few books to read. She was asleep by the second book. I closed it and turned her night light off and went to take a shower.

After my shower. I laid down in bed and turned on the TV, trying not to think of Xander. I know he is hiding something, but as usual, he doesn't tell me. I don't know why he does this, but I plan on asking him when he gets home.

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Xander's POV

That first night that Lucy stayed in bed with us was horrible. Neither one of us got any sleep. She was every which way in bed. Finally, at four am I couldn't do it anymore and got out of bed and went to my office. When I sat down at my desk, I found an envelope addressed to me. I ripped it open to see who left it.

Alpha,

Well, the other night didn't go as planned. Your beta wasn't supposed to be killed. They were supposed to take your mate. I wanted you to feel it every time I took her. I want you to suffer just as your family has made me suffer. I must admit that when I bought Sophia as a toddler, I had no clue that she would be mated to you, and I had no idea what you would do to me, but my patience will be worth it in the end. To know that you have suffered the loss of your beta and the pain you will feel when I make her my queen. Don't worry, I will be watching you and when you least expect it, I will take her.

The Rogue King

I threw everything off my desk. I had no clue who this asshole was, but I was going to find him, and I was going to destroy him.

“Jax, can you think of anyone we have wronged?”

“I mean, being an Alpha, not everyone agrees with your choices, so there are some out there.”

“That’s no help.”

I pulled out files of pack members that I had banished, but it didn’t make sense. There were only a few of them and they wouldn’t have bought a human. I moved on to enemy packs, but this guy said he was the rogue king. He doesn’t have a pack like we do. The rogues were disgusting. They didn’t have anything. They certainly weren’t capable of creating a kingdom, especially without the council knowing. I was going to have to call them at a later hour. I continued to go through anything I thought may give a clue, but came up with nothing. I finally pulled up my laptop and found that my private accountant had reviewed my financials and agreed that something was off. He found several hundred thousand dollars missing. He said he was still trying to find a pattern to trace it to someone. Great, this is all we need, someone stealing money.

“Dad, I know it’s early, but I need you in my office.” I linked him.

“Son, it’s six am.”

“I know, but it is important.”

“OK, let me shower and I will be there.”

I continued to pull any information that I could find about anyone that would want to harm Sophia or me. I was coming up empty-handed. I gave up and went to get some coffee from the dining hall. It was going to be a long day. When I returned to my office, my dad was there sitting at the table waiting for me.

“You know when you ask someone to come to your office, usually you are there waiting for said person.” My dad said.

I just glared at my dad and threw the letter at him. I watched his expression as he read the letter. He was just as confused as I was.

“Dad, do you have any idea who this might be?”

“No, I mean, I know I have some enemies out there, but not to this extent.”

“We need to figure this out fast. I am going to have Luke and Trevor come help.”

I sent Luke a mind link and ran up to Trevor’s room to have him come down, but when I knocked on his door, he wasn’t there. I ran my hands over my face because I knew where he was, and I didn’t even want to think about that. I knew he was in my sister’s room. I will just get him later. I went back to my office to find my dad had spread maps out on the table and Luke was half asleep in a chair. I knew he had been doing double duty since losing Kane and when Konner got here; I needed to give him some much-needed time off.

“Alright, what did you guys come up with?” I asked.

“Nothing yet. I thought we would start by marking out all the packs that are relatively close and marking the ones that we’re on good terms and bad terms with different colored pins. Once we have them marked out, we can start calling the ones we’re on good terms with to see if they have seen or heard anything weird.” My dad said.

“Good idea dad.”

We sat down and started marking out each pack and putting their names with their locations. We were on our third map when Sophia knocked and walked. I didn’t want her in here. I rushed to her so that she couldn’t get all the way in here.

“What do you need, beautiful?”

“You were just gone when we got up and I wanted to see you.”

“Sorry, but we’re busy. Meet me for lunch?”

“Ya, sure.”

I walked her to the door and watched her leave. I could feel the disappointment coming from her. I felt bad but she couldn’t know yet.

“OK, how many more do we need to do?”

“I think we have five more, if we were going to a thousand-mile radius.”

We were busy marking our maps when my dad got up and went to the door. He opened it and an omega had a cart full of food for lunch. I was starving, and we pushed some of the maps aside and put the food on the table. We ate while we continued to work.

“Dad, what about the blue lake pack? I know that has always been a touchy pack?”

“Go ahead and mark them as someone we can call.”

We were deep in discussion when someone knocked again, and the door opened. I rushed over, knowing that it was Sophia again. What did she need now? I stopped her at the door, not letting her get in too far.

“I thought you were meeting me for lunch?” she asked with a disappointed look on her face.

“Sorry, I forgot, but I will see you for dinner.” I told her as I pushed her towards the door and shut it in her face. I felt like an asshole, but I know that it is for the best.

“Who was that, son?”

“Sophia, I forgot to meet her for lunch, but told her I would see her for dinner.”

“She doesn’t know?” My dad asked.

“No, and I don’t want her to.”

“Son, you need to tell her. I thought you being better about that? She deserves to know that he is back to sending letters and watching her.” My dad said.

“She has too much stress right now. She is so stressed that she is getting sick. I don’t want to add this to it.”

“Then at least keep your promises to her and meet her when you say you will.”

Nobody else said a word during or after our exchange. We all just went back to work.

We finally finished the maps around six pm. I sent everyone out for dinner and went to check my email. I was hoping that I would have one from my accountant. I didn’t, but I got busy answering a bunch of other emails and before I knew it, it was dark outside and well past dinner. Shit, I missed Sophia again, and I didn’t even see Lucy today. I closed my laptop and headed upstairs. When I got to our room, all the lights were out except for our bathroom. I went in there to see if Sophia was taking a shower, but she was curled up around the toilet. Crap, was she sick again?

“Jax, do you think she was sick again?”

“Ya, I can smell the vomit in here.”

“What is going on with her?”

“I don’t know. She said it was just stress.”

“Maybe I will have my mom take Lucy tomorrow so Sophia can rest.”

I bent down and picked her up and put her in bed. She didn’t even wake up. I walked to Lucy’s room and checked on her. She had thoroughly destroyed her room again with toys and princess dresses everywhere, but she was sound asleep in her bed.

“Mom, you up?” I linked her.

“Yes, what’s going on?”

“Can you take Lucy all day tomorrow? You can drop her off at daycare, but then pick her up?”

“Of course, is everything OK?”

“Sophia just hasn’t been feeling well, and I wanted to give her a break.”

“Of course, I will be there around seven to get her.”

“Thanks Mom.”

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I woke up at five in bed alone. I didn’t remember getting into bed and, once again, the other side was cold. Xander wasn’t here, but that has been normal the last few days. It didn’t take long before the nausea hit again, and I was running to the bathroom. At this point, I was just dry heaving because I hadn’t held anything in my system for two days. I continued to dry heave for an hour before I passed back out on the floor.

“Sophia, are you OK? Sophia wake up?” Luna Caroline said.

Luna Caroline was standing over me looking concerned, and Lucy was behind her crying.

“I am sorry. I wasn’t feeling well. I must have fallen asleep here. Why are you here?” I asked her, confused.

“Xander, asked me to take Lucy today. He said you were stressed and needed a little break.”

“Thank you, but I think I will be ok. Why is she crying?”

“Because she has been trying to wake you up since she got up. She was scared when I came in.”

I got up and went to her and picked her up.

“I am sorry princess; I didn’t feel well and fell asleep. I won’t let it happen again.”

“It’s ok Mommy, but you stink.”

We all laughed because she wasn’t kidding. I could smell myself. I smelled like vomit.

“OK, I will take her to daycare and pick her up. You can get her at dinner.”

“Thank you.”

“Sophia, please go see the doctor today.”

“I think I will.”

They left, and I jumped in the shower. The hot water felt amazing on my body. All of this throwing up was making me sore.

“Stella, do you know what is wrong with us?”

“No, but I miss mate. Can we go see him, please?”

“Yes, let’s finish our shower and go see him.”

I let the hot water run down my body longer than I care to admit, but it just felt so good. I finally got out and put on a sundress and pulled my hair back in a braid and headed towards Xanders office. I knocked and went in like I normally do.

“Hello beautiful, can you please wait until I tell you to come in? This isn’t our house or your office. Sometimes I have things going on that need to wait.” He said to me.

Did he really just tell me that? He used to tell me to just come in. I've never had to wait for him to answer. Now I knew he was hiding something. I just turned and walked back out and went to the dining hall. I missed breakfast, and it was too early for lunch, but I didn't know how much my system could handle, so I just went into the kitchen and made some toast. There was an omega prepping for lunch.

"Hi, what are you making for lunch today?" I asked one of them.

"Hi Luna, we are having a sandwich bar with potato salad and chips."

"That sounds great! Looking forward to it."

I took my toast and walked out of the kitchen and headed to the pack hospital to see if doc could see me. When I walked through the front doors, I was greeted by the receptionist.

"Hello Luna, what can I help you with today?"

"I was wondering if doc had time to see me today?"

"He should. Just have a seat and I will let him know that you are here."

About five minutes later, he walked out to me and told me to follow him. We went into a room, and I sat down on the bed. He took my vitals before asking me any questions. He finally finished what he was doing and then asked, "What can I do for you today, Luna?"

"Well, I have been vomiting a lot and sleeping a lot. I have also had a few dizzy spells. It's been going on for a week now and not getting any better."

"OK, well, let me run some tests, but I think I may know what is going on. Can you please give me a urine sample?"

"Yes."

"Just through that door and there is a cup in there. You can leave it in there and I will have a nurse come get it."

I went into the bathroom and found the cups and gave them my sample. I washed my hands and went back out and there was a nurse that was waiting for me. She didn't say anything but went in and got my sample and quickly left. I didn't feel like sitting on the bed, so I took one of the chairs along the window. I waited for what felt like forever for him to come back.

"Luna, I know what is making you sick."

"What is it? Can we do anything about it?"

"Ya, it will go away in a few weeks, and you will be cured in about five or so months."

"I am sorry doc but you have lost me."

"Luna, you are pregnant."

"What, I can't have kids. You even told me yourself."

"Well, I was wrong. This is one of the few times I am thankful that I am wrong. Congratulations!"

"Can you make the puking stop?"

"I can give you some meds that may help. Be sure to try to eat before you get out of bed. Just a few crackers can help. I will also send you home with some vitamins. I am guessing that you are really early, so we will wait two more weeks before we do an ultrasound."

"Doc, not a word about this to anyone. Not even the Alpha."

"No problem, Luna. My lips are sealed."

He left me in the room with a little bag of pills to start taking. I got up to leave. I was defiantly overwhelmed because I never thought this would happen. This is something Xander, and I never talked about because we thought I couldn't have any, so there was no need to discuss it. I want to run and tell him right now. He is going to be so excited.

“Stella, how do you feel?”

“This is the best day of our lives. I am so excited. We get to give Lucy a little brother or sister. We get to grow our pup in our body and give birth to it. This is everything we always wanted.”

I walked back to the pack house with the biggest smile on my face. I went straight to Xander’s office and knocked. As much as it pained me to wait for him to answer me, I did. I waited forever. I knew they were in there; I could hear them. I finally knocked again and finally Xander flung the door open.

“WHAT?”

“I just wanted to talk to you.”

“I can’t right now. I am busy.”

“What are you so busy with that you can’t even be bothered to talk to me for a few minutes?”

“Sophia, I am running a pack and trying to make sure that everyone is safe. We have to make sacrifices and this is one of them. We will talk later.”

He then slammed the door in my face. I had tears in my eyes. He had turned the best days of my life and ruined it. I went back to our room and laid down on the bed and fell asleep. I was woken up by the sudden urge to vomit. I ran to the bathroom and emptied everything in my stomach again. So much for those meds helping. I went back and hid my bag of pills and headed downstairs to get Lucy and take her to eat dinner. When I got to the daycare, I found Luna Caroline was checking her out.

“Sophia, are you feeling better? Did you see the doc today?”

“Yes, he thinks it’s just stress. Have you talked with Alpha Ty or Xander lately? Do you know what is going on?”

“I don’t know. When Alpha Ty comes home, he is usually tired and wants to just relax, so I let him be.”

“What time does he usually come in?”

“About seven.”

I saw all the boys come around the corner and fix their plates. They had a female with them that I knew was a warrior, but I didn't know her. Once they got their plates fixed, they went and found a table away from everyone. The female warrior was pushed up against Xander and looking way too happy to me.

My anger was rolling off me. Is this what he has been doing and doesn't have time for me anymore? Is this what he is hiding?

“What the hell is going on?” I growled out.

“I am not sure, dear.” Luna Caroline said, looking over there. I saw the look of disappointment flash across her face before she turned back to Lucy.

I got up and stormed over there. I could feel my anger rolling off me. I was ready to rip his head off.

“Hello Xander, you could come sit with your daughter and mate. We haven't seen you for four days.” I growled out.

“Sorry, but we were hungry, and we aren't done with our meeting. Please excuse us.” He said, looking up at me and giving me a sorry look.

“NO! This bimbo is pushed up against you and I haven't seen you for four days and you want me to leave?”

“Yes, now!” He growled out, getting angry with me now.

I was on the verge of crying. I didn't understand what was going on. If this was how he was going to treat me, I would leave. I will take my unborn child and leave. I don't need this.

“No, you will tell me what is going on?” I challenged back, trying to mask my hurt.

He got up from his spot at the table and came around to me. He grabbed me by the arm and dragged me to the hallway where nobody could hear us.

“I told you to leave us. You need to let me do my job. I can’t be there all the time. That is part of being an Alpha.”

“You haven’t come home; we haven’t seen you in four days. Your daughter misses you; I miss you. Can you please just come home tonight after dinner?” I begged him with unshed tears in my eyes.

“NO, I will be there when I get there.”

I couldn’t take it anymore. I had to ask the hard question no matter how mad he got.

“Are you sleeping with her?”

“Now you’re losing your damn mind as well. I don’t need this right now, Sophia. Please, just leave.”

I turned around and ran up to our room, crying. I don’t know what his problem was, but I wouldn’t be staying here.

“Luna Caroline, can you please keep Lucy tonight?” I linked her.

“Of course, dear, is everything OK?”

“No, but it will be.”

I went to our closet and packed everything I could into a suitcase and headed to the beta floor. I am hoping that my old room is still available for me. I knocked on the door and nobody answered, so I opened the door, and it was still the same as when I was here, only clean. I dragged my suitcase in and went to go get my pillow. I couldn’t sleep without that specific one. Once I made it back, I let my emotions take control, and I just cried my heart out into my pillow. Well, technically, it was Kanes, and I could still slightly smell him, but I slept with it every night.

“Stella, he promised to never leave us, and that is exactly what he is doing. Do you think he is sleeping with that warrior?”

“No, we would feel it if he did.”

That made me feel a little better, but he was still hiding something.

“Stella, can we leave in the morning? We need to leave this place. That was always the plan, but things got so good I didn’t think I would ever be that good, but it has all been taken from me.”

“We need to stay, protect our pups. Lucy needs us as well. We are her mommy.”

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Xander’s POV

I hated myself. Jax hated me even more. We have been so mean to Sophia, but I couldn’t let her find out that this person was close to getting her. She would just be scared, and I don’t want that either. The best thing I thought I could do was push her away for now and when this was all over, I will make everything up to her. She thinks I am sleeping with that female warrior, but we brought her in because she is a great tracker and is a great fighter. I had just made Sophia leave while we were having dinner. When I walked back into the dining hall, my dad was giving me a look that I had seen multiple times in my life. He was disappointed with the way I was handling this, but he could get over it.

“Son, you need to go make this right with your mate. You are hurting her. She is going to hate you. Tell her the truth, she can help. She is the one that he wants, after all.” My dad said.

“No, I won’t put her in danger again.”

I sat back down, and Janet, the female warrior, slid closer to me. Sophia was right, she was getting a little too close. I was going to have to set her straight after everyone left.

“Can we please just eat and go back to finish up for the night? I would like to be home early tonight.” I growled at everyone.

We made it back to my office and continued with our calls. We didn't have many leads. Most alphas hadn't heard of him. We started with the closet packs and worked our way out. I did save the Blue Lake pack for last. I hated calling them, but it looked like I was going to have to. We made calls until nine, when I sent everyone home.

“Guys, it's nine. Let's call it a night. Janet, can you stay? I would like a word, please.”

Everyone got up and left except her. After everyone left and I closed the door, I found that she had moved and was standing behind me. Before I could process anything, she threw herself at me and kissed me. I grabbed her hands and threw her away from me. I had a mate, and I didn't want her. I walked over to my desk and sat down, trying to put space between us.

“Janet, I have a mate, and this is not why I brought you on. There is nothing between us and there never will be.” I told her.

She walked around the desk to where I was sitting and spun my chair around, so I was facing her.

“Alpha, you haven't seen your mate since you brought me here. Are you sure you didn't bring me here for other reasons?” She asked.

She brought her hand down to my thigh and started to run it up my leg. I was quick to grab her hand and push her back.

“You need to get rid of her now or she is going to cause trouble for our mate.” Jax linked me.

I had to set her straight and place an alpha command on her to leave Sophia alone. I didn't want her to cause trouble for us.

“Janet, you are dismissed. We will no longer need you on this project. I told you there was nothing between us and you didn't get the message.

You will not talk to Sophia or me unless it is pack related. Do you understand?”

She just stormed out of my office. I had to go find Sophia right now. I was hoping to be home sooner and spend the evening with my princesses, but it was now nine-thirty. I ran up the stairs to our floor and threw our door open to find it completely quiet. No one was there.

“Mom, do you know where Sophia and Lucy are?” I mind linked her.

“I have Lucy. She is sound asleep. Sophia asked me to take her and said she needed some time alone. Sorry, that is all I know.” She linked back.

I knew exactly where she went. She was back in her old room, which is where she always goes when she is upset. She had every right to be mad at me right now. I ran down to the beta floor and flung open her old bedroom door. She wasn't lying in bed, but I saw her suitcase at the end of it. Shit, this was worse than I thought. I walked into the bathroom and found her over the toilet puking. You could see her tear-stained face. I went to her, crouched down and started rubbing her back and telling her how sorry I was.

“Beautiful, I am so sorry. I didn't know you were still getting sick.”

“Go away!”

“No, I want to talk to you.”

She got up and went to the sink and washed her face off and then brushed her teeth. I just waited until she was done. She walked over to me and cocked her arm back and punched me in the nose. You could hear it break. Blood was gushing out instantly.

“What the hell was that for?”

“You told me you weren't sleeping with her. She is all I can smell on you, and I felt it. I felt you were with her. You hurt me. You knew what you were doing, and you still did it.”

“Let me explain. She kissed me when I was telling her she was dismissed.”

“No, I don’t want to hear it. You told me to leave, so I am. Get out of my room and get out of my life. If you don’t leave now, I will leave the pack grounds and you can’t stop me.” She yelled.

“You will not leave; we are going to talk about this.”

“Are you going to tell me what you are hiding from me?”

“No, but just know that everything I am doing is for you and Lucy. I don’t want you to be stressed or worried. Just let me handle it.”

“Do you think not telling me is making me less stressed? You have treated me like shit for the last few days and then there is the she-wolf I felt you with. It was quick, but I felt it. You lied to me. You promised me that you wouldn’t leave me after Kane died, but you did. You left me. Get the fuck out of here.” She yelled as the tears started to fall down her face.

She left the bathroom and walked out to the bedroom area and put on a sweater. I started to clean myself up before I went back out, but then I heard the door slam shut. She left. She really left. I took off after her and caught her before she made it to the first landing. I picked up her and threw her over my shoulder and hauled her back to the bedroom. She sprinted to the bathroom and slammed the door and locked it. I could hear her start to vomit again.

“Sophia, let me in, please.”

I got no answer. I couldn’t hear her puking anymore, but she wasn’t answering me, either.

“Please talk to me, beautiful.”

Still nothing.

“Jax, what can we do?”

“This is all on you. I did nothing wrong. I have been telling you this whole time to include her and you didn’t. You have broken multiple promises to her. If she leaves so, do I. I want my mate. I want Stella.”

“Please, I am begging you, beautiful, please open the door.”

I can hear her crying now. She still wouldn’t open the door and I felt like shit that I did this to her, but she has to understand I am doing this for her. I just want her safe and stress free. She shouldn’t have to worry about someone trying to take her. I would wait here all night. I sat against the door in case she tried to open it and I fell asleep.

I must have fallen asleep because the room was brightly lit with sunlight. I stretched, and that’s when I heard her. She was vomiting again.

“Beautiful, please let me in so I can help you.”

She didn’t answer me. I heard the shower kick on.

“I have to go to my office, but please come down and we can have breakfast together. Just link me.” I mind linked her.

I ran to my room and quickly changed my clothes and headed to my office. When I got there, everyone had already started, and Janet didn’t show up.

“Hey, you're late today and Janet isn’t here either.” Konner said.

“Sorry, long night and Janet won’t be returning. Luke, do you have someone else we can bring in? Preferably male.”

“Ya, I can find someone.”

“We are down to a few packs to call, and we haven’t figured anything out yet. I am going to call the Blue Lake Pack. I was saving them for last. I don’t want to call them.” I told everyone.

“I know, son, but we have too.”

I walked over to my desk and picked up the phone and dialed Alpha Nathan's phone number. It rang several times before he picked it up.

"Alpha Nathan."

"Alpha Nathan, it's Alpha Xander. How are you?"

"Well, if it isn't the almighty Alpha Xander. Do what do I owe the pleasure of speaking with you?"

"Alpha Nathan, we are looking for some information regarding someone called the Rogue King. You haven't heard of him, have you?"

"Well, if you're looking for him, that means that you are in some sort of danger. What a predicament you have."

"I take that as a yes."

"Listen, I will tell you what I know, but not over the phone. Come to my pack today and we can discuss what is going on."

"Fine, I will be there this evening."

I slammed the phone down hard enough that it cracked. I was pissed. I had to play his games if I wanted any information.

"Konner, pack your bags. We are going to the Blue Lake Pack today."

"Does he know something?" asked Luke.

"He says he does, but won't discuss it over the phone and insists that we come to his pack."

"Be careful, son."

We all got up and left. I never got a mind link from Sophia about breakfast. I went to the dining hall to see if she was there, but it was after ten and mostly cleared out. I ran up to her old room. I was met with a locked door. I banged on the door in hopes that she would open it, but she wouldn't. I could use my key, but I didn't want to upset her more.

“Beautiful, please open the door.” I mind linked her.

I was met with silence, so I tried again.

“Beautiful, I have to go to another pack but will be back later.” I linked her again, but she had put up a block, so she didn’t get it.

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Sophia’s POV

After I had made it to my old room and stopped puking, I laid down on the bed. I suddenly started having chest pains. It hurt to breathe, but it left as quickly as it came, but it still scared me.

“Stella, what is this? Am I having a heart attack?”

“No, it’s mate.”

“What do you mean?”

“He is with someone else.”

I just curled up on the bed and started crying. I knew that there was something going on with that female warrior. I pulled my knees up to my chest even further and cried harder when another round of nausea hit me. I ran to the bathroom and started to dry heave. I was crouched over the toilet when Xander came in. He started to rub my back. I wasn’t going to tell him that I was pregnant. He started to apologize to me about what happened, but I didn’t want to hear it.

“Beautiful, I am so sorry. I didn’t know you were still getting sick.”

“Go the fuck away.”

“No, I want to talk to you. I need to explain what happened.”

I got up and went and washed my face and brushed my teeth. I don’t think I have ever brushed my teeth so many times in my life. He was still standing there. I was so angry and so hurt with him. I wanted to hurt

him back, but I would never do to him what he did to me. So, I did the next best thing. I cocked my arm back and punched him in the nose. You could hear it break and he had blood gushing out instantly.

“What the hell was that for?”

“You told me you weren’t sleeping with her. She is all I can smell on you, and I felt it. I felt you with her. You hurt me. You knew what you were doing, and you still did it.”

“Let me explain. She kissed me when I was telling her she was dismissed.”

“No, you told me to leave, so I am. Get out of my room and get out of my life. If you don’t leave now, I will leave the pack grounds and you can’t stop me.”

“You will not leave; we are going to talk about this.”

“Are you going to tell me what you are hiding from me?”

“No, but just know that everything I am doing is for you and Lucy. I don’t want you to be stressed or worried. Just let me handle it.”

“Do you think not telling me is making me less stressed? You have treated me like shit for the last few days and then there is the she-wolf I felt you with. It was quick, but I felt it. You lied to me. You promised me that you wouldn’t leave me after Kane died, but you did. You left me. Get the fuck out of here.” I yelled at him.

I walked out to the bedroom, and he didn’t follow. This was my chance. I put on a sweater that was on my bed and I heard him turn the faucet on to wash the blood off his face. I took my chance and ran. I made it to the first landing when he caught up with me. He grabbed me and threw me over his shoulder. This made me dizzy. He stormed back up to my room and put me down. The second my feet hit the floor, I knew I was going to puke again. I ran to the bathroom and locked the door, making it to the toilet just in time to start puking again.

“Sophia, let me in.”

I wasn't going to answer him, and I wasn't coming out.

"Please talk to me, beautiful."

Every word he spoke made me think of that she wolf kissing him. Kissing what was mine. I would kill her. She knew he had a mate.

"Please, I am begging you, beautiful, please open the door."

I just grabbed all the towels I could find and made myself a little bed on the floor. I curled up and cried myself to sleep. I woke up the next morning, dry heaving once again. This pregnancy was killing me. Who knew you got so sick? I heard him try to come in again, but I just ignored him and tried to focus on stopping the puking. I finally felt like I could move and not get sick, so I got in the shower. He sent me a mind link asking me to have breakfast with him and to mind link him when I was ready, but I wouldn't be doing that.

"Stella, can we control this puking? I am so over it!"

"No, girl, we can't. We can go see doc and see if there is anything else they can do."

"Good idea. We will go later today. Let's go get some crackers and maybe a sprite."

I got out of the shower and put on some leggings and a baggy sweatshirt, and headed downstairs. I was almost in the kitchen when that stupid she wolf from last night approached me.

"You should just leave; he doesn't want you. Didn't you feel it last night?"

Stella took over. I had no control over her. She shot a bright light out of our hands and knocked this bitch to the ground. She jumped over her and wrapped her hands around her throat. She was clawing at us to let go of her. We continued to squeeze. Her face was turning red.

"He belongs to us. You will stay away from him, or I will kill you. This is your only warning."

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

I turned around with so much rage and hate towards him. I knew my eyes were glowing by now. I had kept my hands around Janet and kept her pinned to the ground.

“Sophia, you can’t go around attacking pack members.”

He was seriously blaming me. This was all his fault. Had he kept it in his pants, things would be different.

“This is all your fault. You fucking slept with this slut. You have a mate, and you sleep with her. I felt it. How could you?”

“I didn’t sleep with her.”

“Then enlighten me. What did you do with her?”

“Sophia, not here. Let’s go talk somewhere else.”

“You can go fuck yourself.” I yelled and shot a light at him, that sent him flying back into a wall. He landed with a thud. I didn’t stick around to see if he was OK. I just ran up to my room, slamming and locking the door behind me. I lay on my bed and cried until I fell asleep.

I woke up to Luna Caroline rubbing my back. It felt nice. At least someone here still cares for me. I hadn’t seen anyone in days. I felt bad for ignoring my friends, but I can’t be around them right now. Besides, they haven’t come to see me either.

“Sophia, let’s talk.”

“I don’t feel like talking much.” I mumbled into my pillow.

“I know what happened and I am so sorry. My son is an idiot, that is for sure. I am so upset with him right now. I can’t tell you how sorry I am he did this.”

“I don’t understand what I’ve done wrong. I have been trying to see him and he won’t even talk to me. He slammed his office door in my face twice and then he cheated on me with that stupid, slutty she wolf.”

“I know sweetie, and I can promise you he feels horrible.”

“He blamed me down there. He wanted to know what I was doing when she was the one who came to me and told me that he doesn’t want me anymore and then asked if I could feel it last night. Stella just took control and was ready to kill her.”

Before she could respond, I ran to the bathroom, starting to puke again. Goddess, would this ever end? She followed behind me and pulled my hair out of my face while I dry heaved. I finished and stood up to wash my face and brush my teeth once again. She walked back out to my bed and sat down.

I walked out to her and sat down on the bed by her. She pulled me into a hug, and I just started crying again.

“Sweetie, are you pregnant?”

I couldn’t even answer her. I just shook my head and started crying harder. She just sat there and rubbed my back and let me cry on her shoulder.

“Come on, sweetie, we’re going to see doc and see if he can get this puking under control.”

“Please don’t tell anyone. I don’t want Xander to know yet. We’re not on the best of terms. I also can’t go. I can’t chance the risk of seeing him again right now.”

“He had to leave. He had to go on a business trip.”

“He sent me a mind link, but I ignored it. Was that what he was telling me?”

“I don’t know. He didn’t say much to me except to keep an eye on you and to watch after Lucy.”

She grabbed my hand and dragged me to doc's office. She didn't even stop at the receptionist; she just walked me to a room with a bed. I crawled on the bed feeling exhausted. Doc came in and started taking my vitals. When he was done, he started asking me questions.

"Sophia, how many times a day do you puke?"

"I don't know."

"Are you taking the pills I gave you?"

"I take them but usually puke them back up."

"When was the last time that you held anything down?"

"I try to eat toast and sprite each morning or early afternoon. Sometimes it stays down for a few hours. Sometimes I can't even get through eating it."

"I think you are suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum. Basically, extreme morning sickness. I want to keep you here overnight, give you a lot of fluid since you are dehydrated and I can give you some anti-nausea medication and, hopefully, we can get this under control. There are other meds you can take, but it can put the baby at risk."

"No, nothing that will put the baby at risk."

"OK, I am going to send in a nurse to start an IV. We will get you feeling better soon."

"Luna Caroline, you don't mind having Lucy, do you?"

"Absolutely not. I will keep her until Xander gets back."

"Please don't tell anyone I am here. I really just want to be alone."

"Nobody needs to know, but I am going to put a guard outside your door. I will send Jarrod. I will place a Luna command on him so he can't tell Xander."

“Thank you.”

The nurse came in and put the IV in my arm and pushed a bunch of meds in and then hooked up the saline.

“This medication may make you sleepy. I am going to also get you some broth to try to get in your stomach and, if you tolerate that, I will get you some light food.”

“Thank you.”

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Xander's POV

I don't know for sure what happened, but Sophia had attacked Janet. I wasn't trying to blame her when I said that she took it wrong. I just wanted to know what happened. When she turned to me, and her eyes were glowing, I knew that it was Stella in control and not Sophia. After she ran off, I yelled at everyone to leave and went to Janet.

“What did you do?”

“Why do you think I did anything?”

“Because Sophia wouldn't attack anyone without a reason.”

“She is an emerald wolf. She is uncontrollable.”

“No, she isn't. Now tell me the truth.”

“I was walking through the foyer, and she just attacked me. She was yelling at me, telling me that if I came near you again, she would kill me.”

“I don't believe you and when I talk with her, I will know the truth. Remember, she is an emerald wolf, and she can project images of things she has seen or been through.”

I walked away from her, knowing that I had to talk to Sophia when I got back. I think if I went to her now, it would just be a fight. I went to my parents' room to talk with my mom and see Lucy. I walked in and Lucy ran to me and hugged my leg.

“Daddy, I missed you.”

“I missed you to princess, but I have to leave for the night. How about tomorrow you and I take mommy to a nice dinner? What do you want?”

“Chicken nuggets!”

“We will see about that. Why don't you go play and I am going to talk with grandma for a while.”

She ran off to play, and I turned to my mom and just sighed.

“Mom, I screwed up so much. I don't know if I can fix this.”

“What did you do?”

I explained everything to her, from pushing her away to what happened that night with Janet. How she kept getting sick. How she had moved back into her old room. She just sat there staring at me as I finished telling her everything. The look she was giving me told me how disappointed she was in me.

“I have no words for you. You are messing this up big time. I know you were trying to protect her, but she is a strong girl. She could help if you told her. You forget what she has overcome in this lifetime. You also forget that she just lost the other half of her. I know you lost your best friend, but she lost a mate. She gave her soul to two people. One of them is dead, and the other is acting like a jackass. You need to leave. I will watch over her and Lucy until you get back and when you get back, you will sit down and tell her everything or I will talk with your father, and I may have him step in because right now you are an idiot.”

“I know mom and I will. Please tell her that I love her and that when I am back tomorrow, we are going to talk.”

I got ready to go and met Konner down in the foyer. We walked out to our car and took off. I wasn't in the talking mood, but this was Kane's brother, so it came naturally to him.

"Alright spill. What happened? There is a lot of gossip going around right now."

"I don't want to talk about it."

"Too bad, were in this car for the next two hours together, so start talking or I won't leave you alone."

I ended up spilling my guts to him. He just stared out the passenger window after I was done. He didn't talk for a long time.

"Did you know that Kane called me three times a week?"

"No, I didn't."

"He loved her so much. He loved her before you accepted the mate bond. He was planning on running away with her if you went through with your rejection. If he was here right now, he would kick your ass. I am half tempted to do it for him."

We didn't talk the rest of the way there. We arrived at the gates and were stopped by their guards.

"We have a meeting with Alpha Nathan."

"Are you Alpha Xander?"

"Yes, and this is my beta, Konner."

"Per pack policy, I have to search your vehicle and, if it is clear, you are free to enter."

Ten minutes later, we arrived at the pack house and Alpha Nathan walked out to greet us.

“Hello gentleman, welcome to Blue Lake Pack. Why don’t you come in and we can talk in my office? I will have an omega take your bags to your room.”

We walked into his house and followed him to his office. We entered and sat down at a table in there.

“Now, please tell me why you are looking for the rogue king?” He asked me

“He has threatened my mate and thinks that she belongs to him.”

“Why does he want her?”

“That is information that I am not willing to discuss at this time.”

“If you can’t share with me, then I am afraid that I can’t help you.”

We had a stare down for a few minutes and I talked with Jax.

“Do you think we can trust him?” I linked Jax

“I don’t get a bad vibe from him. People are going to start hearing about her, anyway. It’s better to be up front about it.”

“What will it be, Alpha Xander?” Alpha Nathan asked.

“Look what I am about to tell you. I want it to stay in this room. I am just trying to protect my mate.”

“I understand. I would do anything for my mate. She is my world.”

“I didn’t know you found your mate. Congratulations.”

“Now about your mate, please.”

“She is an emerald wolf.”

“As I thought, I heard rumors, but wanted you to confirm it first.”

“What do you know about the rogue king?”

“I know that he is ruthless and will take whatever he wants without consequences. He has attacked my pack a few times. You aren’t the only one with a special mate. Mine has some unique healing abilities. He wanted her to work heal his pack members after fights, but so far, I have been able to keep him away. He hasn’t tried too hard yet, but I think it is coming. I’ve also heard of him taking anyone else he wants.”

“I am sorry. I didn’t know any of this.”

“I haven’t made it public yet. Look, I know our packs have history, but I think it’s time we put that past us and maybe form an alliance.”

“I agree.”

“Let’s go have dinner and then we can work out the details.”

We walked to their dining hall and had dinner. I had the chance to meet his mate, Brooke. She was a beautiful lady and was very kind. We got up to go back to his office when the alarm bells went off.

“Were under attack.” Alpha Nathan said, as he took off running.

Konner and I took off after him to help him. He had a large pack, but there were probably five hundred wolves coming into their pack lands. We both shifted and started to attack. I started taking down each wolf I got, too. They were rouges, you could smell them, and you could taste it in their blood when you bit into them. He had warriors coming out of the woodworks. It was turning into a bloodbath out here. I tried to take down as many I could and if I saw anyone in trouble; I tried to run to them. We finally got a handle on them and pushed them back. I started surveying the damage. They had some injured wolves, but it looked like there were no casualties. I shifted back and started helping people. Someone threw some shorts at me. I was walking people to the pack hospital, and that is where I saw Alpha Nathan’s mate at work. She would place her hands on them, and a white light would shoot out of her hands and the person’s injuries would start to heal. It took her just seconds to heal some serious injuries. It was amazing.

“Alpha Xander, thank you for your help. I am afraid we are going to have to wait until tomorrow to continue this.”

“Of course. What can I help you with?”

“Nothing, but I will let you know that we were able to capture a few wolves and they are being held in our cells. My guess is this was the rogue king’s doing.”

“Do you mind if I join you while you talk with them?”

“That is why I am telling you this. I will have someone show you to your rooms.”

Once I got to my room, I took a shower and crawled into bed. I knew it was useless, but I tried to mind link Sophia.

“Beautiful, I love you and miss you. When I get home, I am going to fix this.”

Chapter 79 - Sophia's Revenge

Sophia’s POV

I woke up feeling great. I actually thought I might be able to eat something. These meds were amazing. I just hope that it is enough that I continue to feel better. I had a mind link for Xander last night, but I didn’t reply back to him. I was tired and wasn’t ready to talk to him yet. I was thinking about pressing the call light button to see if I could eat when Doc came in, pulling a machine with him.

“Good morning, Sophia. How are you feeling?”

“Much better, thank you. I was actually thinking I could eat something.”

“That’s great. I will have a nurse bring you something to eat. How about if first we take a look at your baby?”

“Really?”

“Yes, I want to make sure that it is growing good. Lay back and we will try an ultrasound on your belly first. If we can’t see them that way, we may have to do an internal ultrasound, since it is early. Go ahead and lay back and pull your shirt up for me.”

I laid back on the bed and pulled my shirt up. I closed my eyes. I can’t look yet. It had to be OK. I couldn’t handle another loss. Not like this.

“Oh, my. I know why you have been so sick.”

“What is wrong, doc?”

“Nothing, take a look for yourself.”

I finally looked up and saw two little blobs flutter in there.

“Is that?”

“Sure is, you’re having twins and you’re a little further along than we originally thought. I would say you are about four to five weeks.”

“Oh, my goddess. I am having twins.” I said, as I started to cry.

“I am going to say you will deliver anywhere from four to five months. As you know, a wolf’s gestation is shorter than a human’s and since you are having either Alpha or Beta pups and its twins, you will probably deliver early.”

“I will print you some pictures and get you some breakfast, and then you can go home.”

“Thank you, doc, and please again don’t say anything.”

“Of course not.”

“Stella, can you believe it? We’re having twins.”

She didn’t respond to me, but started purring. She was so happy.

Doc came back in with an envelope with my pictures and a tray of breakfast. He set them both down and walked out of the room.

I dug into my food. I had scrambled eggs, bacon, and some toast. It was so good. I hadn't had real food in what felt like forever. I finished my food, and a nurse came in and took out my IV. I walked out Jarrod stood at my door.

"Ready to go home?" He asked.

"Extremely ready."

He walked me back to the pack house. When we entered the pack house, everyone scattered away from us. I am sure yesterday's incident had them scared to be around me. Emerald wolves have a reputation for being uncontrollable. I didn't care; she deserved it. She deserved more.

"I think I will go take a shower and then find Lucy. Thank you for staying outside my door all night."

"It was my pleasure, Luna. Please let me know if you need anything else."

I headed upstairs to the beta floor. I ran into Ashley as I got up there.

"How are you, Luna?"

"Please call me Sophia and I am OK. How are you?"

"I am OK. Can I ask you something?"

"Of course, you can ask me anything."

"I think I am pregnant, and I don't know the doctor here. Can you point me in the right direction?"

"Seriously, that is amazing! How are you feeling?"

"Scared. We weren't exactly planning this, but I know we both want pups."

“Let me shower and change and we can walk over together. Doc is amazing. He will help you.”

“Thank you. Just knock on my door when you’re ready.”

I walked into my bedroom. What are the chances that she was pregnant at the same time as me? Kane and Konner grew up with Xander and they were like brothers, and now we were both having babies at the same time. Our kids would grow up together.

I took my shower and walked her to the hospital. She asked me to stay, and we learned that she was definitely pregnant and was due the week before me. Our babies would be close. I loved this idea. I wasn’t ready to tell her about me, though. When we got home, I went to find Lucy and Luna Caroline. I found them in her room. When I walked in, Lucy ran right to me.

“Mommy, you're back!”

“Sorry princess. I didn’t mean to scare you the other day. I just haven’t felt good. Have you been having fun?”

“Grandpa played princess with me last night. He even wore a crown.”

I looked at Luna Caroline, who busted up laughing.

“Trust me, I took pictures.”

“Thats great. You will need to make me copies.”

“Grandma said I was staying with her until daddy comes home. Are you here to take me home?”

“Do you want to go home?”

“No, grandpa said we could have a tea party tonight.”

“OK princess. How about we go and have dinner together?”

“Can I have chicken nuggets?”

“I don’t know what they have down there, but if there are chicken nuggets down there, you can have them.”

She grabbed my hand and led me downstairs. When we entered the dining hall, it got eerily quiet. Everyone just stared at me.

“Girl, let them stare. They are just jealous that we are awesome, and they aren’t.” Stella linked me.

I just took Lucy to sit down and then went to fix our plates. She was sad there were no chicken nuggets, but I told her I would put in a special request with the kitchen. This seemed to appease her. After finishing dinner, I walked her back up to Luna Caroline and Alpha Ty were there.

“Grandpa, we can have our tea party now.” She yelled as soon as we walked into the room.

“Yes, we can, princess. Let’s go get set up.”

“Thank you guys for taking her. I am going to go to bed.”

I walked back down to the beta floor and passed out in bed. I was exhausted.

I woke up the next morning and just laid in bed thinking about everything that has happened lately.

It has now been four days since Xander left. He had not tried to mind link me since that first night. I was still so angry with him, but the stupid mate bond was making it hard to stay that way. I missed him, but I had to stay strong and show him that I deserve better.

Chapter 80 - Sophia's Revenge

Xander’s POV

“Alpha Nathan, I would really appreciate it if we could interrogate the prisoners. I would like to get back to my mate.”

“I understand, but I really need to get my pack back to normal. I have injured members to deal with and I need to get new patrol schedules.”

“Mind if I go down there by myself?”

“Not at all. Please try not to kill them. Also, let me send you with my beta. He can assist you with whatever you need.”

We walked down to their cells and his beta Bret showed me to the first cell that was holding someone from the attack two days ago. It took us two days to get things cleaned up. Attacks can be brutal on a pack, and they can destroy the land and buildings. I was happy to help, but I needed to get back to Sophia. He opened the first cell and pulled someone out, and took them to another room. He slammed them down on a chair and tied their hands and feet down on the chair. I could tell he used silver chains as they were screaming.

“Rogue, we can do this the easy way or the hard way. It’s really up to you.” I said.

“Fuck you.”

“Ok, the hard way.”

I got up and walked to the table at the back of the room and picked up a simple whip. It was laced with wolf’s bane. It would hurt but not kill. I walked back over to him and brought the whip down on him ten times before I stopped.

“Ready now, or I can get something with silver.”

He just spit at my feet. So, I walked back over and picked up another whip, but this time it had silver spikes in it. I walked back over, and this wolf had nothing but hate for me. I brought this down on him five times. I wanted him to talk, not die, so I was taking it slow.

“Tell me this. Who sent you?”

“Fuck off.”

I will say this. This guy didn't scream or flinch anytime I hit him. I don't know if I would get him to talk or not. This was going to get extreme. Beta Bret just sat in the back, watching. I walked over and grabbed a silver knife, and I didn't look at him. I just shoved it in the top of his arm.

"Now we're going to let this sit here and if you talk, I will remove it and if you don't, it will continue to be pushed down your arm. Who ordered the attack?"

I still didn't get anything out of him, so I walked back over and twisted the knife around and shoved it in further and started to drag it down his arm. He did finally let out a scream.

"Are you ready now? I just want to know who ordered the attack."

"Fine, it was the rogue king."

"And who is the rogue king?"

"He goes by the name King Jag, but I don't think that is his real name."

"What does he want?"

"Just kill me, because if I ever get out of here, I am as good as dead."

"You keep talking and we might be able to help you."

"Can we take this somewhere else? If they hear this and get back to him, they will kill my family."

"For now, you will go back to your cell."

Beta Bret released him and took him back to his cell. I went back upstairs to talk with Alpha Nathan and let him know what I found out and that he can finish the rest himself. I was ready to go home.

"Alpha Nathan, we need to finish this so I can go home. I got one of them to talk."

"Fine, let's go to my office."

He led me to his office, and we sat down at the table. I let him know what I found out and that he could handle the rest of it and that I would return in a few weeks to start forming a plan. He wanted to get an alliance signed tonight before I left. It took us until almost midnight to get everything worked out, but we were able to get an alliance drawn up and signed. I sent Konner a mind link that we were leaving first thing in the morning. I went and passed out in my bed and slept like a baby all night and woke up around eight thirty. I sent Konner a quick mind link telling him that we would eat and then head out. We were finally on the road by ten. We had a two-hour drive; I should be able to have lunch with Sophia. I so hope she was ready to talk to me.

“Xan, I really hope that when we get back, you can get this thing with Sophia worked out, but you need to handle Janet. I know she is lying about what happened.”

“I know, and I planned on taking care of that right away. First, I have to get Sophia to talk to me. I haven’t figured out how yet, but I will figure something out.”

“Take her flowers. Anytime Ashley is mad, I take her, her favorite flowers, and that always softens her up.”

“Not a bad idea. Maybe her favorite candy, too. We need to stop at the store.” I said.

Two and, half hours later, we got back to the pack house, and I ran up to her old room because I knew that was where she would be. I knocked on the door, but of course she wasn’t answering me. I tried to send a mind link and still got nothing. She was going to talk to me whether she liked it or not. Konner suddenly came running out of his room yelling, “I’m going to be dad!”

I stopped trying to get into Sophia’s room and went to congratulate him. He was beyond excited. As happy as I was for them, it always made me a little jealous that Sophia would never get this. I knew how much she wanted it.

“Ashley, have you seen Sophia?” I asked her when she came out of the room.

“Ya, she is in that room. She went with me to the doctor and then back here. I haven’t seen her since, but I didn’t hear her leave either.”

“Thanks.”

They ran back into their room to celebrate. I continued to knock on her door. I got tired of her ignoring me. She was at least going to hear me out. I unlocked the door and stepped into her room. The second I went in and shut the door, I could smell her blood. It felt like my heart fell out of my chest. I ran through the room looking for her. I finally found her in the bathroom. She was lying face first on the bathroom rug with blood around her head.

“SOPHIA!” I yelled as I ran over to her. I checked to see if she was still breathing and she was, so I rolled her over and she had a huge gash on her forehead and that is where the blood was coming from. I quickly picked her up and ran her to the pack hospital. It wasn’t that far from the pack house. As soon as I walked through the doors to the hospital, I could feel her start to stir in my arms. Doc met us at the door with a gurney. I laid her down, and she opened her eyes and looked at me finally.

“Hello Beautiful.”

“Go away.” She yelled at me and rolled over on the bed. Doc pushed the bed through the doors, and I just stood there wanting to go back, but I know she doesn’t want me. I walked over to the wall and started punching it out of anger. My mom came out of nowhere and stopped me.

“Son, stop what you are doing. You have no one to blame but yourself.”

I stopped and looked at her and just broke down right there. My mom wrapped her arms around me, and I just cried to her.

“It will be ok; you will make this right.”

Doc walked out a few minutes later and came over to where we were.

“She is fine. She got dizzy and fell and hit her head. She has a concussion. I started an IV as she is dehydrated again and gave her some meds. You can go see her now.”

I got up and went into her room. She was lying on her side and had her back to me. I just stood there for a second, watching her. Goddess, I missed her. What was I thinking?

“Beautiful. Can you at least let me explain things to you?”

She didn’t answer me or even move.

“I am so sorry for what I did. For everything. I know I promised not to keep things from you, but I thought I was protecting you. That’s all I want to do is protect you. That’s why I pushed you away so you wouldn’t figure it out. It killed me every time you came to see me. I missed everything about you. When Janet approached me, she literally jumped on me and kissed me. I threw her to the ground. I didn’t sleep with her. She kissed me and I threw her to the ground. That’s it.”

“I still felt it. I felt the kiss. I felt it in my chest. It hurt. It didn’t last long, but it hurt so much.”

She still had her back to me, and I could see that she had started to cry again. I was breaking her heart. I was an asshole.

“Ya, you are, and you better make this right,” Jax said to me.

I walked over and went and crawled into bed with her. I wrapped my arms around her and just held her.

“Beautiful, I am so sorry. Please believe me, that I would do anything to make this right.”

“I wish you would have died and not Kane. He loved me all the time. He never made me question his love.”

That one sentence ripped my heart out, and I started crying again because she was right. I didn’t deserve this life, and Kane did. I just continued to hold her as we both cried. She suddenly jumped out of bed

and ran to the bathroom. She made it just in time to start puking again. Goddess, why was she still getting sick? I followed behind her and held her hair up and rubbed her back while she kept vomiting in the toilet. She finally stood up and turned to me. She looked rough. She had lost weight and had dark circles under eyes and the big gash on head was closed and healing but was still swollen. I pulled her close to me and picked her back up, and carried her over to the bed. I put her back on the bed and held her hand.

“Beautiful, please believe when I say that I will do better, I will better.”

“Then tell me what you are hiding? Where have you been for four days?”

I explained everything to her. She just took it in and didn’t say anything.

“You know, you promised me to never keep anything from me. Don’t you think it would be better if I knew that someone was that close? That way, I could be more on guard.”

“I didn’t think of it like that. I never said I was a smart man. I just wanted to protect you and not cause you more stress.”

“See, this is why you need to tell me.”

There was a knock on the door and Doc walked in with some machine with him.

“Oh, sorry Sophia, I can come back if you like.”

“No, it’s fine.”

He came all the way in and Sophia rolled onto her back and lifted her shirt up.

“Beautiful. What is going on?”

“Just watch.”

Doc placed some gel on her tummy and placed a wand on her belly. He moved it around for a minute and that’s when I heard it. A heartbeat.

“Beautiful, you're pregnant?”

“Ssshhhh, watch the screen.”

I looked back up at the screen and Doc continued to move the wand around and suddenly another blob appeared and another heartbeat. Oh goddess, it's twins.

“Beautiful, you're having twins?”

“Yes, I am. I will not hesitate to take these babies and leave. The example of a man that you are is not good and I want better for them.”

Her words hit home. She was right. I was setting a bad example for Lucy and these unborn pups. If Lucy had a mate that was doing the things I would kill him. I had to set the example for how a mate should be not only because my mate deserves better but because my kids deserve it and I am supposed to be a leader for this pack, and I sucked at it, but I would be better.

“Alpha sir, are you ok? You don't look, ok?” Doc asked me, snapping out of my thoughts.

I jumped up and threw my arms around her. I was so excited that I couldn't contain it. I was going to be a dad again. I was going to get to experience everything this time.

“Excuse me Alpha, but I need to finish this and you're making it hard.” Doc said.

“Sorry.” I mumbled.