The Alpha King's Regret Hiding His Secret Twins

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Kiara's Point of View

"I... How?" I asked softly, unable to believe it. Was this the reason why she wasn't here to support me? Is this why I haven't seen her around all this while? Did Aiden know about this?

"Yes, she has been in a coma for a month now," he said. I remember we never talked after I went back to Arics's pack after meeting with Aiden. Aiden also told me that she wasn't picking up her calls, and all of this happened before I was kidnapped.

"Tell me what happened to Lucia. I need to meet her. I need to... I am such an awful friend, Killian. She has done so much for me. Because of her, I was able to face my pack and my brother, and now look what happened to her," I whispered, the guilt weighing heavily on me as I turned my head away.

"No, Kiara. It is not your fault. I wanted to tell you, but you were already stressed because of the kids, and I didn't want to put more stress on you. But today I talked to Eve, and she said that there are no chances of her waking up,"

"How did this happen?" I asked.

"She was found near the forest. Aiden was the last one who saw her, and she met with an accident on the day she met with him," he said.

That's when a knock was heard on the door, and a warrior came inside.

"Alpha, Beta Alejandro has regained consciousness," the warrior whispered.

"I will

go and talk to him,"

"I will come too," I could see he was contemplating it but agreed to it.

"You stand outside the door and guard it. No one is allowed inside the room. Other than me and Kiara," He commanded to the warrior who immediately bowed to him.

When we reached his room, Alejandro didn't look in good condition. He was badly injured. His upper b*dy part was bare, and I could see the blade marks on him, although it was healing. The remnants were enough for me to understand that it was because of the silver blade the same blade marks I had been seeing.

"Alpha, Luna," he said, acknowledging me and Killian.

"What happened there, Al? Why did you only bring Hanna and not Ry with you? And how come you all got

this injured?" Killian asked. My heart was thumping in my chest as I looked at Alejandro with so many expectations. I prayed to the Moon Goddess that

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to find you here," I said knowing Hanna sees Arcis as her father. That was when a growl heard from behind making my core clench. Staying by his side is not doing anything. good to me.

"I am happy too Kiara I am coming right away," He said and I ended the call.

I turned my back and found Killian looking at me, his jaws clenched and anger radiating from his b*dy. I ignored that and gave him back the phone.

"Thank you," I said.

"I need to talk to you about something," he said.

"Lucia..." he stopped, making my throat feel dry and my stomach churn.

"She met with an accident, and after that, she went into a coma."

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my baby would be safe. My son is strong, but he is still a small child who must be scared. alone out there.

He found a suitable position to rest himself as he glanced at me and then to Killian.

"We were 20 miles away from the mines where you sent us to check. My car's fuel ran over, so we decided to take a break at the nearby gas station. That is where I found her."

"There was an SUV parked there in which there were two people, both of them were wolves. I thought of talking to those people and then I saw this girl in the back seat. As soon as they saw me, they sat in the car and started running away."

"We chased them until half the distance and took over the car, but they were armed with silver. We had a tough time, but we saved this girl. Those people were murdered."

My heart was thumping listening to it. My children must have endured so much.

"After coming here, I had already ordered Delta Cyrus to go and check the mines. The little girl is in bad condition, so I hurried her,"

"I am sorry, Luna, I couldn't save the boy," He whispered, looking down.

I was starting to break down. I was about to drop to the floor when Killian's strong arm supported me. I glanced up at him as tears started to flow from my eyes. I don't want to imagine how much pain they have been through. I just needed my son back in my

arms.

"I need to go find him..." I said to Killian.

"No, Kiara. It is not safe. We don't even know whom we are fighting against,"

"Ry is out there, Killian... Alone and scared!" I screamed at him with my hand fi sting his shirt. He grabs my wrist and holds them tightly.

"Don't worry, they won't harm him. They need him alive. We'll locate him and bring him back," he reassures, pulling me close as I cry into his chest, pounding my fists in frustration.

He simply embraces me, letting me release all the built-up emotion. "I swear we'll track him down," he vows.

Two days passed away and Hanna still hadn't woken up. The doctors had said it was only because she was small and fragile. And this is making me anxious as more days went on and Ry was still out there.

I had shifted to the guest house. I have Hanna with me and living with her in the Alpha

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Mansion is dangerous. I don't trust Rihanna. The threat she has given so boldly is enough for me to understand that she is not scared of anyone. And I needed to keep Hanna away from potential danger.

Aries has come to stay with me in the temporarily handing over his

guest house

responsibilities to his Beta. Having him by my side brings comfort and a sense of protection. He's always been my biggest supporter. He too had sent some of his men to search the west side.

Aiden visits frequently, urging me to come with him. On the other hand, Killian insists that I stay here with Hanna, emphasising the need to be close in this challenging time. Currently, Killian and Aries are engaged in a conversation about the accident involving Lucia. Both alphas and their strong personalities create occasional bickering that I roll

my eyes at

I brushed Hanna's hair, a routine I've followed for the past two days. Suddenly, she stirred, and I eagerly looked down as her eyes opened. A soft "Mumma" escaped her I*ps, and my heart filled with joy.

"My baby." I exclaimed, immediately embracing and showering her with k*sses on her cheeks. The relief of seeing her awake overwhelmed me. The dark thoughts that had. plagued my mind during her unconsciousness now dissipated, replaced by pure happiness.

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I witnessed how her violet eyes similar to Kiara shifted from me to Aries, and my heart. sank when she extended her small hand towards him, calling him "Daddy."

A sharp pain hit me as he embraced them both tightly, pulling Kiara and Hanna into a strong hug. It felt as if I were being tortured with silver, the pain cutting deep within.

I swallowed the pain, realising I had no right to be there. I immediately left the place walking out of the room through the corridor out of the Alpha Guest House and sat on the porch. I shouldn't feel this way; it was my own fault for not being there for them. They've known Aries since birth, so naturally, they would be more connected to him than to me. Despite this rational understanding, my wolf howled in agony, echoing the emptiness I felt within.

I was so lost in this pain when a tire screeching sound against the ground made me look up. I saw a car pulled up in front of the Guest House, and Aiden stepped out. Despite our frequent disagreements and ego clashes, our connection dates back to the days when we began training to become alphas.

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During my training days, I encountered Aiden at the training centre. At that time, I was unaware that he had a sister due to his protective nature towards her. There was a particular incident I recall. It was midnight, and families were allowed to visit. Unlike my situation, where my father never came, and my mother was absent, Aiden was fortunate to have a family who was always attentive towards him. I had met his father at

that time.

After my training, I was heading back to the dormitory. Given the Alpha blood in me, I had to undergo extensive training. My wolf was always eager to surface, even in minor alterations. Daniel, a Beta known for his combat skills, was my trainer, helping me control the wolf.

I was covered in mud, blood, and sweat, having just turned seventeen. At that age, finding a mate was unlikely. Yet, as I walked through the courtyard, I caught a sweet scent, a blend of peach and honey. My wolf responded with a growl, prompting me to follow the scent on my own.

me,

I came across a beautiful fifteen-year-old girl picking flowers. Her beauty captivated with her long hair swaying in the wind. Drawn to her like a bee to flowers, I approached. She sensed my presence, turning with big violet eyes meeting mine. Her scent revealed she was an omega.

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But what an omega is doing at this hour and that too where only Alpha is training.

"What are you doing here?" I asked as she looked up at me. She was not even up to my height and my wolf is finding it way too cute.

"N-Nothing.." she nervously said but not backing away from me. She amuses me with this behaviour because normally others back away as they can't stand my aura. Most people couldn't stand the dominance radiating from me.

"Don't you know that you shouldn't walk out here alone this late at night?" I asked, raising an eyebrow, I noticed she didn't budge.

"I came to meet my brother. He is also an alpha and comes to train here," Her soft voice. sent a shiver down my spine, leaving me puzzled about why she was having such an

effect on me.

Curiosity got the better of me as I asked, "Then why are you here alone?"

Her response was innocent, "I wanted to give him something as I forgot to bring a gift for him. I saw these beautiful flowers, so I decided to make a bouquet and give it to him." She dropped down to the ground, resuming her work, and for some reason, I found myself standing beside her, waiting for the bouquet to be completed.

"How did you get hurt?" she asked, though her attention was on the bouquet she was making. Glancing down, I noticed a mark. The blood had stopped, but the wound hadn't completely healed since I was training with silver weapons.

"I am the Alpha King, so I have to train more, and these small wounds won't hurt me," I responded, puffing out my chest. Despite being seventeen, my physical appearance resembled that of a twenty-year-old, likely due to the Alpha King blood coursing through

me. That made me heal more faster than others but the silver affected us werewolves a lot.

She didn't reply to me, but after a few minutes, she got up from the ground, dusting her dress. She turned to me, her hand stretched out with a bouquet. A bouquet!

"Why?"

"Could you please hold it for me for a while?" she said, and my wolf compelled me to

it for her. I grumbled at him. I watched her as she ran toward the field. I never had much interest in plants, finding them rather dull, but according to the elders, they are of great use. According to them, we may develop in the field of technology but we should not forget the herbs and ground. They can cure anything.

I watched as she picked a leaf from a small plant I didn't recognize and walked back to me. In her hand was a white handkerchief with that leaf on it. She grabbed my hand, and I felt tingles.

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1 observed as she skillfully tied the cloth around the wound, and I could feel the

coolness. The burning and itching I was feeling, it went away in a blink. How did she do that?

"This is a medicinal plant; it helps to seal off wounds caused by silver," she said, and I felt warmth all over.

I saw her reach her hand out to me. Confused, I remembered the bouquet she gave me to carry for her. I handed it back, and she smiled before running to the building where we were allowed to meet our family members.

I stood there, still feeling the tingles wherever she had touch

me, and it confused me

a lot. I walked to the building and saw her hugging Aiden, one of the boys I bicker a lot with here....

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He asked. "What are you doing here? Did my sister throw you out of the house?" I sighed, unsure of what to say. How could I admit that I was jealous because my daughter was calling someone else daddy? The growl rumbled through my chest, a manifestation of my conflicting emotions.

"Hanna has regained consciousness," I finally said. I debated whether I should delve into the complexities of my feelings, but it seemed more prudent to focus on the positive

news for now.

them. here? Sitting in the loneliness." Aiden questioned. The scenes replayed in my mind like a glitching reel, stuck on the same heartbreaking moment. I want her back. Seeing the fire in her eyes reminded me of the girl who always caught my attention... The strong-willed women that I let go....

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The memories of our rejection haunted me. The ache of regret and longing enveloped me, and I couldn't shake off the haunting echoes of the past.

"I, Kiara Woods, reject you..."

The words echoed in my mind, a relentless replay of the moment that shattered. everything. A surge of pain tightened my chest, making it hard to breathe. The weight of loss pressed upon me, leaving me feeling hollow. What am I without her? A heartless. Alpha King, a foolish man, a madman....

The torment of realising where I went wrong gnawed at me, a haunting question with no easy answers.

The darkness of my thoughts enveloped me, and I found myself alone with the haunting realisation. My ego had blinded me to what was sl*pping through my fingers.

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"I have lost everything, Aiden. Da mn it all... I am a father, and I didn't even know they existed," I confessed, the weight of the truth hitting me hard. The pain of the revelation echoed in my words, a bitter acknowledgement of the consequences of my own actions.

"Killian, I know this might sound harsh, but what you did all those years ago was foolish. Blaming me and my sister for things she didn't do, leaving her in misery and pain, not

coming back to her. I mean, you left her, then you found her, chased after her, and then, with all your stu pidity, you lost her," Aiden's words cut through, each one a piercing reminder of my past mistakes. T

The pain mirrored in his voice resonated with my wolf, a shared agony that I tried to suppress. The realisation that I had hurt both of them dug deeper into my wounded soul.

"She had moved on Aiden. My daughter is calling someone else daddy. What do you want me to do?"

"I don't think she has moved on Killian," he said, getting up from the stairs of the porch and dusting his jeans.

"The Moon Goddess has given you a chance to make everything right, and I don't want to admit it, but you still deserve her. That is the reason why you didn't accept her rejection and the reason for her to return here, he said before opening the main door of the guest house and walking inside, leaving me alone with conflicting feelings.

Kiara's Point of View.

I observed Killian walking out of the room, and I sensed the weight on his shoulders. I knew the truth, that he is the father, but revealing it to her now could add more stress. She had just woken up after enduring painful nights without me. I decided it was crucial to let her calm down first, and having Aries beside her would help.

Once everything stabilised and was under control, I planned to find a way to disclose the truth. It wouldn't be easy, but I was determined. Killian deserved to meet his children, especially with Hanna's health at stake. I wanted her to have the chance to meet him too.

Aiden observed Hanna sleeping peacefully on Aries' lap, his fingers gently running through her hair while he focused on his laptop.

"Here," I offered, handing him a cup of coffee, which he accepted and taking a sip from it.

"She looks so carefree with him. I don't understand what magic he did to Woods females," he commented, a hint of jealousy in his voice. I chuckled at his remark,

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"I think she feels protective around him because she has known him since she was just a baby," I explained softly, my gaze returning to the heartwarming scene in front of me. I couldn't help but wish it were Killian there instead. "How are you feeling, Kiara?" Aiden inquired, his gaze locked onto mine. I couldn't. conceal my emotions from him. The internal conflict weighed heavily on my mind. Closing my eyes, I attempted to calm my racing heart. Killian had been remarkably attentive in the past few days, not only towards Hanna but also towards me. Yet, doubts lingered, and trust was a delicate matter I couldn't easily grant.

"I don't know, Aiden. Killian is making an effort to bond with Hanna, even though her wolf hasn't fully emerged. I can sense his genuine desire to be close to her," I explained. my uncertainty evident.

"I can't bring myself to separate them. Whether I like it or not, they are the heirs of the Mad Crest Pack."

"I talked to Killian, and he's upset about Hanna calling Aries 'Daddy," Aiden informed mc.

"Did she always call him that?"

"No, she only does it when she's been away from him for too long. It's like she feels protective around him," I explained.

"She started doing this when she was two years old, and Aries was only away for three months," I chuckled, recalling the memory of her crying all night when he was gone.

"You know he's not their father. What will you do when they grow up and ask about their father?" Aiden questioned.

"They will ask about their father, Aiden, not Hanna, but Ry already feels that he belongs to the powerful family. He doesn't see Aries as his father, though he sees him as at supporter and protector," I explained.

"And I will let them meet Killian. He is their father and he has rights, but I will not let them stay here, Aiden. Once I find my son, I want to go back to my pack, to the one where I truly belong."

"And what about Aries?"

"He would understand; he always understood my feelings, my decisions. That is his forte; he never questioned my choices," I replied.

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After Two week

It had been two weeks, and Killian and his men were still looking for them. I was getting more and more anxious as the days passed.

"I think we should question Hanna. Maybe she saw something that would help us find. him," Killian said. We were sitting in his office. As much as it sounds good, I don't want my princess to even remember those days without me. Where she has suffered so much.

In these past two weeks, Killian always tries to find any opportunity to talk to her, to stay close to her. The excuse to stay close to her has been blurry.

"Yes, Kiara. I know this doesn't sound good, but maybe through her, we can take the lead because Delta Cyrus has searched every nook and cranny of the west of the mines. The forest and human city spread out and a lead is the only thing through which we can get him quickly," Alejandro added. He looks quite good.

I nodded my head, and we all went to the Alpha Guest House. I walked inside, seeing her playing with the toys Aries bought back from the pack with some of her clothes and mine. We need them if we are going to stay here a little longer than the required number of days.

"Hey, princess," I called her sofily as we all went inside the bedroom. I could feel Killian's gaze on me, and it felt like I was burning with his intense gaze on me.

"Mummy," she yelled, hugging me. I lightly brushed her hair. She reached me, and I picked her up, placing her on my hip. Killian looked at Hanna in my arms. His hand moved forward to touch her face but stopped when Aries's growl of warning echoed through the room. I saw how his jaw clenched tightly like it was going to break any minute.

Her violet eyes, so similar to mine, stared at Killian. "Who is he?" Hanna whispered into my ear. Her cheeks were getting a shade of red, and a small smile graced my I*ps. She had always been the shy type, while Ry had always been an extrovert. This might be the first time she's meeting a new person apart from Aiden.

Killian moved closer to her, disregarding another growl in the room from Aries. The typical Alpha characters. I rolled my eyes at it. I'm Killian, and I'm here to help find your brother," he whispered gently to her. The warmth his words brought made me feel good inside.

Her eyes got big, and she giggled. "He mentioned you, said you're a powerful Alpha,"

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she said, looking a bit unsure as she glanced at Killian.

"Really?" Killian inquired, as if eager to hear more.

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"Hi, princess," Arics approached her, and she extended her arms towards him. Aries picked her up, and I noticed a flicker of anger in Killian's eyes at the sight of his own. daughter calling another man "daddy."

"These men are going to ask you some questions. If you answer them all correctly, I'll make cupcakes for you," Aries promised, and she eagerly agreed.

Alejandro tapped Killian's shoulder as they communicated through their mind link. The tension was evident in their flickering eyes. Killian sighed, then stood beside. Alejandro, making way for him to question my daughter. I know Killian can't control his anger.

Alejandro gazed at her, then bent slightly, placing his palm on his chest to acknowledge her as the heir of Mad Crest Pack. I noticed the quick, smug look that Killian shot his way. Looking all so proud.

"Hey princess, answer the questions only if you're comfortable, okay?" Alejandro reassured her, and my daughter nodded in agreement.

"Do you remember where they took both of you? Like the surroundings or anything nearby? Did you see something or listen to anything that is frequent there?"

"I only remember the day we got separated from Mommy. After that, they covered our eyes. And I wanted to come back to mommy. So, I cried a lot. They didn't hurt us. They even gave us toys and changed our clothes. But I still want to come back to mommy." she said, tears welling up in her eyes. I immediately took her in my arms, comforting her.

"The night there was scary... I always cried to sleep and Ry looked after me,"

It was now 11 pm, and after putting Hanna to bed at 8 pm, I decided to give myself some time. I roamed around the pack a little before returning to the Alpha Guest House. As I was about to go to Hanna's room to check on her, I heard a slight giggle coming from the kitchen.

Heading to the kitchen, I peeked around the corner, thinking I would find the maid, who usually helps me, to bid her goodnight. To my surprise, I stumbled upon an unusual sight. Killian was seated at the kitchen table with his laptop, and a laughing Hanna was beside him, with cake crumbs sca t tered all around.

And I am not gonna lie how that scene alone brought so many emotions in me..

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"What is all this, my princess?" I entered the kitchen with an amused smile seeing how she hid behind Killian who had a huge smile on his face.

She picked up from behind him, "Sorry, Mummy. I was hungry," she giggled, covering – her mouth with her hands trying to conceal the giggles which made me feel like I was finally at peace.

I step

into the kitchen and reach for a glass from the cabinet. The Alpha Guest House has two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a hall, making it convenient for guests who like to stay a little longer for meetings and other activities. It was my idea to build this type of guest house for families wh

are mates and have family to bring.

I decided to get some milk for Hanna. As I pour a glass, I try to ignore the hushed whispers between Killian and Hanna, pretending not to hear. The atmosphere feels a bit awkward for me, yet I maintain a composed facade, focusing on the simple act of preparing milk for my daughter.

Taking a seat at the kitchen table, I position the glass of milk in front of Hanna.

As I observe, I notice a gentler side of Killian emerging in his conversation with her-a side previously unseen. I always used to think sparked my curiosity about how he would interact with his own child and today I am actually seeing him. In this moment, he doesn't resemble the ruthle

king; instead, he appears as a father yearning to spend quality time with his children.

"What's the secret talk about?" I inquire, curious about Hanna and Alpha Killian's hushed conversation.

"I was telling Alpha Killian about the time when Ry threw a ball at your clinic window," The memory brings a warm smile to my face, anticipating the spirited antics of my growing baby. Despite the playful mischief, I recognize it as part of the joy of parenting.

"Ah so I finally found the traitor, it was him?" I jest with a playful smirk, amused by Hann's admission which I already know.

"We are just playing mummy," She insisted, having slammed her hand over her mouth. Her

eyes widened because she just told me his secret.

"Can I share something special with you?" I asked, leaning in towards both of them. They eagerly leaned closer, mirroring each other's excitement. Their similar behaviour brought a chuckle from me.

"What is it?" She removed her hand from her mouth, eager to hear what I was going to share.

"A mom always understands!" I grinned, but my heart ached with the absence of him.

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It's a continual tugging at my soul that still hits me when I'm not occupied.

We gaze at each other, and I get concerned as her lower I*p begins to shake.

"I will bring him back, I promise... As we find you, we will find him too, I extend my hand towards hers, gripping it firmly. The special connection between twins makes me anxious, and I realise that she might be starting to feel concerned.

"Is he fine?" I inquired, noticing the peculiar look on Killian's face while he cavesdrops on our conversation.

"He felt tired and lonely, Mommy," she begins to cry as she leans into Killian's arms. He raised his arm, initially making me think he was uncomfortable with her closeness. However, he surprised me by pulling her into a warm, tight hug.

"We'll bring him back, I promise you, my princess," he whispered gently into her hair. And I feel warm seeing them close to each other.

I watch when Hanna finally falls asleep in Killian's lap,

"Let's put her in bed," I whispered to him. We were both sitting on chairs in the kitchen, in the

awkward silence, waiting for her to sleep. I haven't seen Aries, and it's past midnight. Where did he go?

"Let me put it on her in bed," he said, picking her up as he headed towards the bedroom. I followed him. While walking around the pack, my mind was drawn to Lucia. I think I can save her...

I opened the door for him to enter. He tucked Hanna in and left a small k*ss on her forehead. As I closed the door behind me, I could feel Killian's gaze on me. I turned to look at him. I could feel how he was devouring me with his eyes alone. I gulped, feeling a tight sensation in my core.

"Killian do you remember that you used to have healing books which belong to your mother," I asked, and Killian tilted his head.

"Yes, they are still in the Alpha Mansion house. After you went away, I kept them in a case, as no one there is interested in reading them apart from you," Killian said, closing the distance between us. I gasped as his chest rubbed against mine..

I glanced up, "I think I could heal Lucia," I said. He raised his eyebrow before he shook. his head.

"Kiara, Eve, one of the best doctors in the world, extended her hand to her. I know she is your best friend and has done a lot for you. But we need to consult her mate about

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this. Those books are nonsense. We live in the twenty-first century, sweetheart," Killian responded.

"And I am confident that I could heal her. Killian, that book contains so many remedies that we can't find even in modern times. Let me help her. Talk to Nickolai and tell him to bring her here," I insisted.

"You are already stressed because of Ry missing Kiara..."

"I can help her. Killian," I whispered softly. His b*dy is still close to me and I can feel the warmth radiating from his b*dy. It frustrates me how my b*dy responds to him. when I don't desire it. I Pto help Lucia. If she didn't give me the courage to face my pack and my brother I wouldn't be able to form a family again.

He sighed before looking down at me, "Okay I will talk to Austin and tell him to bring Lucia here. I think she will be safer here and could get better medical care," I nodded my head.

His eyes dipped to my breast and I had to close my eyes to block that night's events which still imprinted on my skin.

"I wanted to ask something." he asked as his eyes roamed around my face.

"How could Hanna feel Ry's emotions?"

"I don't know but they have some type of twin connection. If Ry hurt himself Hanna feels it," I said and he nodded his head in understanding.

Suddenly, we heard a throat clearing, and when I looked, there was Aries-his usual self, shirtless with joggers hanging low, likely back from a run. Aries has a strong connection with his wolf side, embracing it freely. Seeing him like this prompts me to subtly

distance myself from Killian.

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Kiara's Point of View

"Why are you here?" Killian growled at Aries, questioning his presence. A smirk appeared on Aries' face as he raised an eyebrow. I sighed, realising that things were not going to unfold the way I had hoped.

"I live here with Kiara. You don't expect me to leave my pack members alone after all the chaos caused by your action," he growled at him, arms tightly folded across his chest.

"I have already provided you another room,"

"That's where my Beta resides. I've shared countless nights with Kiara. These things don't bother me," he stated before heading towards the room where I stood, opening the bedroom door, and entering.

Killian glanced at me, his intense grey eyes revealing a mix of sadness and anger. Why does Aries' presence affect him so much? I didn't question him when he was with Rihanna until now, so he has no right to question me. He had lost those rights.

"Good night, Killian. I will come in the morning to get the books and talk to Nickolai about Lucia transferring here," I whispered gently, turning away. As I reached for the door kn ob, Killian's warm hand gripped my arm, forcing me to face him. His eyes flickered as he struggled to control his wolf... And da mn I am finding it hot. And I couldn't help but find it intriguing. A jealous Killian – this is the first time I've seen him.

like this.

"Why does he always have to be around you and my daughter?" Killian growled, his powerful aura filling the corridor.

"Killian, I already told you that I'm not going to push Aries out of their lives. If you want to be close to your kids, you have to accept that Aries is a part of their lives too." I replied strongly to him not budging with the way his eyes flicker between stormy grey and amber red.

"You've got to be kidding me, Kiara. I am their father."

"And I didn't say otherwise. I just told you to resolve whatever issues you have with Aries because as long as my kids want him around, I can't do anything about it," I glared back at him.

"Kiara, I know what I did in the past can't be forgotten or forgiven, but could you please give me a chance to prove myself?" He whispered softly, and I could feel the truthfulness in his voice.

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"Why is Rihanna still around you, Killian? If you truly wanted a chance with me or with our kids, why is she still here?" I questioned boldly, anticipating an immediate response. However, none came, causing my stomach to churn.

My chest tightened, and though I couldn't pinpoint the reason for my distress, the memories of rejection and the pain I endured resurfaced. I suffered immensely after her return, as he didn't believe me. Now, he seeks a second chance with me solely because I carry his heirs.

"Killian, I won't prevent you from seeing your children. I won't run away from you either. However, don't expect me to forgive you," I asserted firmly.

"Good night, Killian," I utter, acknowledging that this conversation is leading nowhere. Rihanna will still be his lover, a lover who played a role in our separation which he doesn't want to accept.

I said before returning to the room. I leaned against the door, hearing his growl before he walked away. Glancing around the room, I noticed that Aries wasn't in the room.

I walked toward the bathroom, listening to the sound of the running shower.

I approached the double bed where Hanna was peacefully asleep. For the past few minutes, I've been observing her sweet breaths, the gentle fluttering of her eyelids as she dreams, and the way she hugs her teddy bear, melting my heart. I made a silent promise to myself that once we have Ry back, I'll also spend moments watching him sleep.

Aries emerged from the bathroom, steam filling the room, and I found myself staring at him. His upper b*dy was exposed, and his new grey joggers hung low to his hip giving me a good view.

After Hanna's return, Aries became more protective than usual. The room beside mine was taken by his beta, so he had been sleeping on the couch in this room for the past two weeks. However, I think Killian misunderstood the situation...

"Is he gone?" Aries inquired while drying his hair with a white towel, tossing it onto the chair beside the couch.

"Yes. I need to have a conversation with him," He nodded, but there was an unsatisfied look in his eyes. There is sadness in his eyes. I feel sorry for him, but there's nothing more I can offer... Yet, I don't want to lose him.... He has become a shield for me over these past few years.

But Aries can't be equated to Killian... Killian is someone who stirs up a storm inside me, even when I believed I was over him. Deep down, I recognize that I still harbour

feelings for him... or perhaps it's because he hasn't acknowledged my rejection. Everything is tangled up and confusing right now.

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Even if our relationship is irreparable, I can't shake off the turmoil in my

mind.

"Killian, remember Lucia, Beta Nicolai's mate from the Ecl*pser pack?" I inquired. He furrowed his brow. Glancing at him, I noticed he was staring at me, a perplexed expression on his face, as if he had just seen a ghost or something.

"What?" I inquire.

You called me Killian," he says, looking down. My heart thumped inside my chest. Did.

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"I... Sorry, it could be possible because of everything that is going on right now," I say, trying to hide the redness spreading across my cheeks. He raises an eyebrow. He is clearly annoyed, as evident from his expression.

"What about the Ecl*pser Pack Beta Mate?" He asked and I sighed as I don't have to add. another lie to this.

"You know I have known her from this pack. She is the sister of Ga mma Austin of this pack." I said as I tucked a strand of my hair behind my ear.

"Yes, what happened to her?" He asked.

"She met with an accident just a few days before we were kidnapped. She has gone into a coma. I quietly say

"I see. I am sorry about that," he said as he stood up and went to the cupboard, pulling a quilt and a pillow to make a bed on the couch. I frowned because I found his attitude too casual.

"I need to find out who was behind the accident," I said, looking at him.

"What do you want me to do?" He asked, turning to look at me, and I could feel he wasn't interested in this conversation

"If you can find out who caused this, I am indebted to her, Aries. I need to at least do something for her," I whispered softly.

"Okay, I will send my men there as well," he said, and I nodded my head. I was about to lie down.

"Were you going to forgive him? Are you going back to Killian?" he asked, and I froze on the spot

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"Kiara how can you forget the things he had done to you. The death of your parents, who destroyed your pack. Just because he is the father of your children you would

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forget everything?," He asks, clenching his jaw. Hurt is evident in his away for a moment before meeting his gaze again.

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"I haven't forgotten any da mn things, Aries, but what I do is up to me," I said. Glaring at him.

"Don't make mistakes, Kiara," he says.

"I haven't made a mistake, Aries," I said, taking a deep breath. I didn't imagine having this conversation with him, "I think we should stop talking about it. Please take care of Hanna. I'll come back. I needed some fresh air," I said to him before getting up from the bed. I covered Hanna properly with the quilt and started to leave the room when Aries came near me after getting up from the couch.

"Kiara, da mn it, look, I'm sorry, but seeing you close to him makes me jealous. Your know I see you more than a friend, more than a pack member. You should understand what I'm feeling right now." He said as he stared at me.

'I'm sorry, Kiara, I was just scared. Scared that I would lose you to him again..." he said, reaching for my hand. I quickly pulled it away.

"Not now, Aries," I said, walking out of the bedroom. I left the Alpha Guest House. Tears welled up in my eyes, and I wiped them away.

I didn't realise when I was inside the mansion, but something inside me urged me to go to Killian. I should have taken Hanna with me, but she seemed calm and needed the sleep. Dark circles were appearing under her eyes from recent restless nights.

She didn't say it, but I believe she was delaying sleep as much as possible. She wanted to feel Ry through the twin bond before succumbing to exhaustion. She wanted to help us find Ry and that little effort she put in was enough for me..

I cautiously stepped into the mansion, carefully avoiding the floorboard that always creaked under the carpet. As I reached the landing, to my utter shock, I encountered Rihanna coming out of Killian's room, wearing a revealing dress.

She had on one of his shirts, a silky blue one. His favourite and more importantly the one I gifted to him on his birthday. To make matters worse, she had no bottoms on, just lace panties peeking out slightly from under the shirt.

Her hair was tousled, with that se xy bedhead look, and I didn't need a rocket science degree to realise they not only shared the bed tonight but likely engaged in S**ual activity, as I suspected. What could I expect from Killian? A few hours ago he was asking for a second chance from me. Now he is looking for a woman to quince his desires.

She approached her bedroom door and only then noticed me on the landing, watching her. She acted flustered, embarrassed, though Rihanna doesn't get embarrassed easily.

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It wouldn't surprise me if she heard me stirring and decided to catch me on the landing.

I shouldn't have come here. I turned and walked out of the mansion.

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Kiara's Point of View

I hurried back to the Alpha Guest House, realising I was foolish to think Killian could change. He's just a selfish jerk, always has been, always will be. Tears streamed down my face, and my heart felt like it was being squeezed as the painful scene replayed in my mind like a broken record... If he was going to do that, why did he even ask me for the second chance? Why is he trying to get close to me again?

I stood in front of the bedroom door, trying to take deep breaths so Arics wouldn't notice my distressed state. I didn't want him to see me like this. Despite my efforts to keep my emotions in check, they stumbled once again because of Killian. I was always weak under his gaze.

I gently opened the door and entered quietly. I looked over at the couch and saw Aries. sleeping with his hand on his head. A single tear sl*pped from my eyes as I walked to the bed, lying down and pulling Hanna close to me. As soon as she felt me, she turned around and hugged me. I stared at the ceiling above me.

"What do I desire? A part of me, thinking logically, wants nothing to do with him. But I'm not foolish to ignore that he still affects me somehow, and I have to admit that..."

"That I still love him..."

Morning arrived in the blink of an eye, and I felt exhausted, unable to sleep at all. Glancing around, it seemed to be around five in the morning, still too early for everyone to be awake. I threw off the quilt and headed to the kitchen.

In the kitchen, I brewed myself a cup of coffee. Rihanna's early morning departure from Killian's bedroom lingered in my thoughts. I had hoped that moving away from him would erase all the feelings I had for him, but it wasn't that simple. Those emotions wouldn't fade until Killian accepted my rejection, leaving me bound to him in a way.

Why did I even care? I rubbed my temple, questioning why I agreed to stay. I should have gone back with Aiden. It hurt when Killian pushed me away upon Rihanna's return. Their love went beyond the mate bond bestowed by the Moon Goddess. Killian loved her, and I didn't need a constant reminder. I was the wife who couldn't compete with his chosen one.

Yet, I felt let down. Why? Disappointed in Killian for not standing up for me, for believing every lie she told him, for destroying a beautiful relationship. But then, why would he,

and why would I want him to? The longer we stay here, the more bewildered I become. I sense my wolf, Erica, whenever he's close, and it's impossible to ignore.

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Why am I feeling her? So many questions, and I still have no answers. Is there a chance for me to regain my wolf?

I hear footsteps entering the kitchen, and initially, I don't want to face him again. Last night marked the first time we didn't see eye to eye, leading to a fight. I feel ashamed because Aries is right-I shouldn't forgive what Killian did to me and my pack.

"You're up early. Didn't get any sleep last night?" Aries inquired as he approached me. He turned my chair so that I could face him, and my eyes filled with tears.

"I couldn't sleep. Want some coffee?" I offered, getting up from the chair, but he gently. held my hand. Lightly touching my chin, he made me look up at him.

"Tell me what happened. Are you hurt? Why the tears, Petal?" He asked, and a small smile appeared on my I*ps at the nickname. Aries always senses and understands the emotions; I don't have to explain to him. And this might be one of the reasons I don't want to lose him....

"Is it because of last night, Kiara? Look at what I said or did to you last night. You don't even know how ashamed I am for that. I just don't want to lose you," he expressed, and I could sense the sincerity in every word he said. "As a friend or whatever, I know I said and did things I shouldn't have, but I've fallen crazily in love with you, Kiara. I don't remember when it happened, but it's clear to me that I want you by my side. Please don't shut me out."

I gazed into his eyes

and sighed. I couldn't bring myself to do that. No matter how upset

I was, I couldn't be so heartless.

"I won't, Aries. I think all these things happening took a toll on me. None of us are at the fault here," I whispered softly. He nodded before pulling me into a comforting hug.

Once the clock hit seven in the morning, it felt like a more reasonable time to start making breakfast. Hanna came down and requested pancakes, which she was preparing with the two maids that Killian assigned to the Alpha Guest House to help in

the kitchen. I was frying some bacon and assisting in brewing a fresh round of coffee for Aries.

After that emotional conversation with Aries, we returned to our usual selves. Aries went upstairs to wake up Hanna so we could all have breakfast together. The enticing aroma of a delicious breakfast soon filled the kitchen, I soon caught a whiff of his scent. even from a distance, and before I knew it, the door opened, and Killian walked in with Alejandro and Rihanna. I furrowed my brows in surprise at their unexpected presence.

They walked over to the dining area and took their seats. I grabbed a plate with bacon and placed it on the dining table. Killian looked up at me, but I deliberately ignored

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him.

"Do Alpha mansions not have enough food that you decided to join us here?" I remarked as I began preparing a plate for Hanna, who was sitting beside Aries.

I've assigned you trusted maids from the mansion, so that's why I'm here to eat," he explained, but his gaze was fixed on Hanna, who was giggling at something Aries said. Hanna jumped from her seat and hurried back into the kitchen, and an awkward silence settled over the table. I observed Alejandro, Killian, and Rihanna quietly sipping their coffee.

"Didn't know that your so-called Luna is so clueless in the kitchen," I teased, raising an eyebrow at Rihanna, who had been stuck with Killian all this time. She shot me a glare while Killian chose to ignore my words. Aries and Alejandro, however, had big smiles. on their faces.

Hanna returned with a plate full of pancakes, I stood up and helped her to place them. in front of Aries.

There you go, Daddy. I made them all by myself, with a little help from Agatha," she proudly beamed at her achievement, but the mention of 'Daddy' made Killian's hands clenched tightly. Aries laughed and gave her a light k*ss on the temple. Agatha was one of the maids Killian assigned in the guest house.

"You did an excellent job here, princess. I am so proud of you," he praised. What can I do? Aries will be her dad, and I can't change the past. He's been there for everything and I can't take that away from her just because Killian wanted it and now that he wanted to return and wanted to play a part of father in their lives. It's not that I don't want her to know Aries isn't her biological father, but right now, Ry's safety is more important than this.

A humming echoed in the silence as Alejandro savoured another slice of bacon. I smiled seeing him enjoying the taste on every bite he took.

"You have no idea how much I missed this, Kiara," he remarked, earning a smile from me. When I was the Luna, I used to wake up early to help with breakfast, making sure

Beta and my Alpha had their fill before training and caring for the pack.

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Alejandro and

would alw...la were always fond of my cooking. Killian didn't say much, but he would always join me at the dining table waiting patiently for a serving of my food.

"What about my pancakes, Uncle Al?" Hanna whispered softly as she peered around to see Alejandro as she hid behind Aries' broad figure.

"Oh, my princess made some too, and of course, I had to taste those as well, right?"

She nodded, her bangs following her movements. She looked so soft at that moment.

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Another hum echoed, and he added, "It's even tastier than your mother's... now I know. where to come when I'm hungry."

A soft blush adorned Hanna's cheeks as she rubbed her face on Aries' chest. Aries chuckled at her actions, and I could see how Killian was looking at them. I could sense his desire to be in Aries' place, but if he wanted that, he had to distance himself from Rihanna. I wasn't going to leave my children under the influence of this woman, knowing how well she played her games...

Hanna squeezed the maple syrup bottle a little too hard, and a mountain of the thick, sticky sauce oozed out, completely covering her pancake.

"Oops," she laughed under my motherly glare, which she just displayed on the pancake.

"That's okay. I'll take some of it," Killian said as he wiped the excess honey from her pancake and smudged it on his own. Hanna giggled at him. I plated the bacon and grabbed a wet cloth from the kitchen sink, walking over to clean the table.

"It's okay, just be more careful next time." I gently tapped her nose, then glanced at Killian, who had a broad smile on his face, and I felt a blush warming my checks.

A doorbell rang and Agatha excuses to look who had come. That's when a warrior, assigned to the pack's border, arrived.

"What's going on?" Killian asked as he wiped honey off Hanna's face.

"Alpha King, Delta Austin had come back," the warrior informed.

"I'll go, Killian stated, looking at me. We both stood up from the breakfast table, and he took the lead.

I turned to Aries. "Is she the one who was in a coma?" he asked, and I nodded.

"Please watch over Hanna. I don't trust anyone here," I whispered to Aries, glancing at Rihanna, who was smirking, making me want to wipe that smirk off her face.

A gentle touch on my chin turned my attention back to Aries. "It's okay, you don't have to worry about her. She'll be fine with me. You should go and take care of your friend," he assured. I nodded, smiling at him and giving Hanna a final k*ss on her head before leaving.

Just a few minutes ahead was the alpha mansion. I mate, Jessica. My heart pounded as her eyes widened. They had been away in the

tered and spotted Austin and his Ecl*pser pack, unaware that I was alive. Austin turned to me, whispering, "Luna," and rushed towards me, embracing me in a tight hug.

"You're alive... Moon Goddess," he exclaimed, and a warm smile graced my l*ps.

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"Yes, I'm happy to be back, and more importantly, happy to see that you both are okay." I replied, and his eyes shimmered with tears.

"You can't imagine how thrilled Lucia would be if she saw you here," he expressed.

"She's aware, Austin," I replied.

"What?"

"She met me a few months ago when she visited Aries" pack."

"And she didn't tell me anything?"

"I didn't want any of you to know I was still alive," I glanced back at Killian, whose eyes. were filled with sadness. But the reality was, I was living happily there.

"Then why are you here?" Jessica asked, raising an eyebrow at me and I don't understand why her behaviour towards me is so cruel..

Killian emitted a growl directed at her, causing her to quickly lower her sighed and shook his head.

gaze. Austin

Yesterday, I had a conversation with Agatha to organise a room for her. I specified that it should be in the Alpha Mansion and instructed Eve to provide the necessary supplies.

"It's nice to see you, Kiara, Nikolai greeted as he approached me, and I responded with a smile. He is barely smiling right now. And I can see the dark circle he had under his eyes. It must have been hard for him. He must be heartbroken and I prayed that Aries soon find who was behind all this......

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"Kiara will guide you to Lucia's room; it's just across from Austin and Jessica's. I'll the Alpha of the Ecl*pser Pack to ensure your safe arrival," Nikolai instructed, glancing at me before heading to his office.

"Where's Rihanna?" Jessica questioned, looking at me as if I were her secretary, privy to all her whereabouts.

"Austin, I need to talk to you alone, he intervened, grabbing her arm."

"Luna, we have a lot to discuss; I'll come to you," he added before leading her away. I sighed, rubbing my temples as a sudden headache emerged from all the drama.

"Is there a problem between you two?" Nikolai inquired as we descended the stairs towards Lucia's room.

"I don't know," I replied, and he nodded in understanding.

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I stood outside the bedroom door, gazing at it as if it could open on its own. Was her accident my fault? Why did she have to endure such a tragedy? A hand on my shoulder snapped me out of my trance.

"None of this is your fault, Kiara. We had no idea we were in the sights of that Rogue Alpha hiding in a hole," Nickolai growled reassuringly.

"Come on... I'm sure she'll be happy to see you," he urged, opening the door wider. My eyes fell on the bed positioned to the left of the room.

Lucia lay on the bed, and my heart thumped as I slowly approached. Seeing my best friend, my heart felt like it was breaking. Her condition was bad. While the bruises were starting to heal, they were still there, and I didn't want to imagine how much worse she was when she was found on the day of her accident.

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"Lucia," I whispered, walking to her side, my vision blurring as I gripped her limp hand. My heart shattered at the realisation that I hadn't been by her side. I had no idea she was going through something much worse than me.

I stood beside her, tears streaming down my face as I saw her helplessness. It felt like. my heart was clenching inside my chest. Nikolai placed a hand on my shoulder. Why would someone do this to her? While she wasn't particularly close to Killian, he acknowledged her more than anyone in the pack. But would he try to hurt her?

I'll do anything to bring her back to me, to her mate. This is my promise, Lu.

"Do you believe it will be effective?" Nikolai inquired as we stood on the balcony, stealing a glance at Lucia through the window.

"I understand you may not trust this.... Like Killian, you might think I'm foolish, but

my grandmother lived with witches until she mated my grandfather..... She was the one who shared with me that healing could be achieved in various ways. That's when I began to take a greater interest in these ritualistic forms of healing," I explained, gazing at the garden where warriors were training.

Killian still trained them rigorously.

"And Killian's mother has those books in her possession. I haven't seen her or know much about her, but Killian mentioned that she used to practise these things too."

"I'm not labelling you as dumb or stup id, Kiara, but this involves magic or abilities that have long been forgotten. We've evolved beyond that. We live in an era where we choose to coexist with humans, adopting their methods for a reason, Nikolai explained.

"Eve has already extended her hand, Nikolai, and if this could bring Lucia back, I would

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go through with it," I whispered softly, my gaze dropping.

"I understand, Kiara, and I'll assist you with that," he assured, offering a small smile.

I made my way to Killian's office, where he had stored the books. Knocking on the door, he granted me entry. I stepped inside to find him holding some papers.

"Did you show Nikolai the room? How is she now?" he inquired, closing the file he had been reading, and I sensed a warm feeling. In the past he used to treat me this softly before Rihanna entered in our life destroying our life...

"She's still the same. I read her report, and it was clear that she didn't have a chance to get up." I began, unable to finish the sentence as tears welled up. Killian rushed to me, pulling me into a hug.

"It's okay, Kiara. Everything will be okay. I promise," he whispered softly in my ears. I stayed in his embrace, but I had to distance myself from him. Despite not wanting to, I had to. I wouldn't let him take advantage of my vulnerability.

I gulped before pushing him away. He looked confused, and a hurt.



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