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“Will it take long?”

“Just a couple of tests, sweetie,” says Abigail. “I just want to confirm since your blood pressure is a bit too low.”

“Sylviana said something as well. That Elena needed to be careful.”

His mom sighs and sits in front of me.

“Elena, she’s right. Once you’ve had a miscarriage, you’re more likely to have another one. If you force too much, it will be hard for the baby as well. You have to take things easy from now on and get lots of rest, sweetie, okay? It is for your child’s sake, sweetie.”

I nod.

I get it, keeping the baby safe. I’m not losing another child... Danny puts a hand on my knee, with a big smile.

“Don’t worry, I’ll keep you in check. I know how you tend to get yourself in trouble sometimes...”

I chuckle. I’m glad he’s here to support me... as always. Abigail smiles.

“You better watch the future mom. Elena, no more fighting or shape-shifting from now on. You have to be twice as cautious, for your daughter’s sake. She will do her best to grow, but mommy has to do the most of the job, all right? I will monitor you often, too. You need to come every two weeks.”

“Every two weeks?” I ask, surprised.

“Yes, sweetie,” she nods. “This is a high-risk pregnancy, Elena. So, every two weeks, and if you feel anything wrong, you call me right away, okay?”

Her question is for both Daniel and I, but now, I’m even more worried. Is it that bad? I feel fine, honestly, so fine I had no idea I was pregnant until yesterday. But Abigail is a known doctor of the Pack, and one of the few people aware of my previous miscarriage. I have to trust her.

“Who is the father?”

I turn to my cousin Iris, shocked by her question. Since when is she so blunt? Daniel clicks her tongue.

“Seriously, Iris? Why do you ask?”

“I don’t know. I find it strange that Daniel accompanied you here instead of Levi...”

“I wanted Daniel here, he’s my best friend.”

“You should start paying attention, Elena. This kind of lie won’t get you anywhere.”

What is wrong with her? She sounds almost jealous! I’ve never seen my cousin act like this. Daniel growls at her, annoyed by her sudden attitude, and she leaves the room, still visibly upset. I can’t believe Iris just talked to me like that!

Even Abigail looks a bit taken aback. I turn to Danny.

You think she knows something...?

How could she?

I don’t know, but her reaction...

Ignore her, babe. She probably was just in a bad mood for some reason.

Why do I feel like there’s more to it? Abigail makes me go through some more tests, but I can’t shake off that weird feeling I’ve had since Iris’ words. She’s right in a way, the list of my lies keep getting longer, and harder to hide...

A while later, I’m done with all of Abigail’s tests. Her recommendation is still the same, and she gave me some diet restrictions or tips, along with a bunch of vitamins I’m apparently supposed to take daily. Back in the car, I check everything we got from the Pharmacy, completely lost.

“Wait, so Iron once a day, the pink ones twice a day and...”

“Those two in the morning, two of each daily too, Babe,” says Daniel. “Don’t worry, I’ll make you pretty sticky notes before you intoxicate yourself.”

“Elena is probably the only woman who could get herself a vitamin overdose,” laughs Levi.

“Hey, how about you concentrate on driving?” I reply back, a bit offended.

The brothers laugh, while I sigh and just throw everything back in the bag for Danny to handle. This is too much organization for me. I take out the envelope and look once more at my baby’s picture. I can’t believe she’s so big already...

I tried to remember when I could have gotten pregnant, following Abigail’s calculations. Probably that night at the Rain... Or at his flat later the same night. Damn, I kind of hope my daughter wasn’t conceived in a nightclub bathroom!

“So? When are you going to tell him?”

I sigh at Daniel’s question. I know who he is talking about, of course, but still...

“I have no idea...”

“Elena, you should hide your pregnancy the longest possible,” says Levi. “If Xavier knows, he will give you hell. And I’m not even talking about your ex.”

“I know...”

I’m freaking out about Diego knowing. I can avoid my uncle and my pack’s suspicions for a while, but if I don’t shapeshift into my wolf form for weeks, or if my belly starts showing, it’s going to be harder. It’s a very small bump for now, but according to Abigail, I’m already almost on my second trimester... I’ll hope the oversized sweaters will cover it for a while.

“Okay, so, for now, only four people know. Levi, Mom, Iris and I. Do you have anyone else you...”

“No, Danny. The fewer the better,” I sigh. “For now, I want to make sure I... WOW! Levi, what the hell?!”

“Sorry, some a*s wolf just...”

But we all shut up as three other wolves suddenly run in front of the car, headed north, and I recognized at least two of them. What the heck is going on?

Levi parks quickly and we exit the car, kind of lost about what is going on. We are almost back into the Opale Moon territory, but so many wolves are running past us and headed north. I immediately mind-link my uncle.

Xavier, what the hell? I just saw...

VAMPIRES! VAMPIRES ATTACK ON THE NORTH!

I exchange a horrified look with Danny and Levi. They probably know, too. sh!t, a vampire attack! Why now, of all times? We start following everyone's direction, Levi shape-shifting immediately and running in the front.

Elena!

I stop walking, surprised to hear Nora's voice. Looks like someone has improved her mind-linking skill already. How did she get good enough so fast? She's probably miles away!

Nora? Where are you?

On the sea with Damian. What's going on? There's too much agitation at...

North End, I know! I'm headed there now, we're under attack!

Rogues?

No, damn Vampires!

She cuts the mind-link, and I want to resume walking, even running to follow my pack, but before I can do another step, Daniel holds me back.

"Elena, hell no!"

"But, Danny, the..."

"Are you kidding me? Mom told you not two hours ago! No fvcking*g way, girl, back off!"

I bite my lip, but sh!t, Daniel is right, I can't go...

Elena, where the fvck are you! There are dozens of them! Get here, now!

My uncle's voice keeps yelling in my head, along with many others. I can sense the attack going on a few paces away, all of my peers fighting hard to protect our territory.

"Come on, Elena, let's go!"

Daniel pushes me to the west, and we abandon the car to start running in the streets, not so fast but still at a good pace. sh!t, sh!t.... Moon Goddess, why now! We cross path with dozens of people from our pack, headed North, and humans trying to flee the scene. It's like a movie scene, with people crowding the streets in panic. I have to stay close to Danny not to lose him, and I focus extra hard to keep track of what's going on.

Chris get the right side!

Here, three more!

Watch out for the daggers! Silver!

Orpheus, here!

Got this one!

Anyone seen Isa?

Look out! You okay man?

Help, jayce is hurt!

Someone catch this one!

I'm hearing so many wolves voices, I almost can't keep up with what's going on in front of me. I didn't realize Daniel's caught my hand until he suddenly pulls me on the side to avoid a collision with a gigantic brown wolf.

"Wait, was that...?"

"Boyan's sister, yeah. The Blood Moon is there!"

Wasn't that a male though? Damn, I can't...

"Yeah, the Sea Moon too!"

Elena! Come here you traitor!

My uncle's voice is like a knife piercing my head. I try to shut it down as he keeps calling me, yelling my name. My eyes tear up. It's so frustrating! I can't reply back, I can't do anything but follow Daniel across the havoc.

But the fight is catching upon us. I can feel my pack's voices coming closer, people yelling to watch out for the west.

"The Sea Moon wolves are here!"

I see them, running from the waterfront towards us, ready to attack. Not because of those wolves, but because I realize we are going to be caught in the battle whether we want to or not. Daniel's probably realized this too, as he keeps looking at all directions with panicked eyes.

"Babe, we really gotta go..."

"Nora's at the waterfront too."

"Nora...? Okay, better go this way then," he says, pulling me to the West.

We try to follow that direction, where I can hear Nora's wolf, but as we feared, it only takes a couple of minutes until a vampire suddenly runs our way. I jump in front of Danny, and sends that damn bl00d-s.ucker away with a high kick in his face.

"Elena!" Screeches Daniel.

I know, I know.... But I can't just do nothing! What's the point of not fighting if I get kllled so stupidly anyway?

Actually, Danny stops protesting soon enough, because there is no other choice. Right after the first one, more vampires rush our way, obviously ready to attack. My wolf is ready to fight, but she also knows our baby comes first. I grab an iron pole to defend myself, but even in my human form, I'm actually a good fighter enough to keep them at bay. Vampires are fast, but werewolves are vampire klllers to begin with. And I'm a damn good warrior, too. Using my fists, feet, and pole, I send them to the ground or flying one after the other.

Elena!

This time, it's my cousin Chris. I feel relieved to hear his voice among the others.

Are you okay?

They just keep coming! Hundreds of them!

I know, they are already on the harbor! I'm... In the middle of the Sea Moon pack, I think.

I can't even recognize anyone but Danny. I was so focused on defending myself, I didn't realize so many wolves and vampires had gathered around us, in a raging battle. I keep fighting and mind-linking my cousin, worried for everyone.

O...Okay! We got two... No, three other packs helping us here, I think. But seriously, Elena, their number...

I know.

It's the biggest vampire attack I've ever seen. No matter how many I fight, it just doesn't stop, they keep coming at us in numbers. Where the hell do they come from? Vampire clans are never so big in the first place!

Next to me, Daniel is at his wit's end, too. My best friend tried not to shapeshift for the longest, but Danny is not a fighter like me, or an Alpha. He's getting tired and can barely keep up with his surroundings.

"Danny, shapeshift before you get killed, you i***t!" I insist.

"I'm... not... leaving you alone!" He yells, out of breath.

That i***t! I'm about to yell at him again, but a sudden new attack keeps the words stuck into my mouth. I don't know if they understood I'm the strongest in that area, but several vampires suddenly aim at mine, fangs ready to bite and daggers in the air.

"ELENA!"

But before I get in position, a gigantic wolf suddenly flies over me and takes out two of them in a flash.

"Boyan!"

The huge brown wolf keeps fighting close to Daniel, and I suddenly realize what a death machine his size is capable of. It's like sending a tiger in a battle. Boyan's got the size of a bear, but he's much more agile and faster than he seems. I'm starting to get why he's usually Nora's bodyguard.

"Blondie?"

This time, it's Tonia, his sister, looking at me in surprise. She doesn't stop, though, and keeps running towards the harbor, probably headed to Nora's direction. But to my surprise, when her younger brother is about to follow, Daniel suddenly grabs his fur and holds him back, whispering something to his ear.

What the...?

I want to ask why the hell he is exchanging secrets with his lover in the middle of the fight when a new bunch of wolves suddenly appear in a distance. Opposite to the harbor we have been pushed to, they are running in the streets, among the buildings, headed south.

"Was that the Rising Moon pack?" Asks Danny

"Yeah, and the Gold Moon too!"

If they are headed south, it means the attack is even bigger than we thought! I hear some distress wolf's yelps around us. The Sea Moon Wolves are losing ground with us. I try to reach out to my peers from the White Moon and Opale Moon to check the situation in the North, but before I can decide on someone, Nora's voice resonates clearly in my head again.

Elena, are you there yet?

On my way. But my friends told me there's a lot of them. Really a lot.

Is your pack ok?

Moon Goddess, if only. I wish I could be with them! Right when I'm about to answer that, five or six new wolves join us. This time, I recognize them. They were at the Jade Moon's turf, on Nate's side, the first time I saw Nora.

For now. Our head Clan the White Moon is there too, and some of the Sea Moon pack warriors joined as well. But those damn vampires just keep coming.

The Blood Moon is on their way.

I figured so. Nate's guys just arrived too.

What about the other clans?

They have to watch out for the other sides of the City, this might be a massive attack. I just saw some guys from the Gold Moon and Rising Moon packs heading south.

I'm starting to think Nora might get seriously good at this mind-linking thing, I feel like she's right next to me, talking to me! I have to focus though, the battle is raging around me. Boyan and Daniel are both staying close to me, our trio fending off the vampires the best we can, trying to keep your position.

Damn, they just keep coming. I don't even understand why they keep trying to go west as if they were aiming somewhere specific. We are just at the beginning of the harbor, but more and more keep coming. At this rhythm...

Suddenly, I hear screams from the Vampires. Many wolves turn heads the same way too. I can feel it before we can see him.

Holy fvck, is that...

Yeah... the King.

The huge, ferocious black wolf appears suddenly, his Alpha aura oppressing everyone like a dark hurricane. Many wolves completely forgot about fighting for a second just to get out of his way. He storms through the battle, killing the vampires within his reach one after another in front of our eyes. He tears them apart like freaking puppets, their limbs flying all ways. It's a horror scene.

Thank Moon Goddess that monster is on our side...

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The King goes past us without giving us a single look. Damn, he is even scarier when he's fighting, that killing machine...

Next to me, Daniel even shapeshifted out of fear. His wolf took over because he sensed a stronger Alpha, I can't blame him. I really can't believe the King's hellish aura...

You okay Danny?

Yeah, well, much better now that he is going away... Moon Goddess, I swear I was that close to wetting my fur.

I know...

Despite how scary he is, the King actually cleared a lot of the Vampires for us. Even the Sea Moon wolves look in better shape now that there are a lot fewer bloodsuckers to deal with, and I can take a few steps back to catch my breath.

I pray silently that my baby can hold on. I've been moving around so much... But she was fine so far despite my training, right? I spot more vampires coming, and growl automatically, fucking*g annoyed and exhausted. Hold on, baby, mom's got a few more vampires to wipe off...

We keep fighting, and I start to understand why Boyan is still here instead of following his sister to Nora's direction. That i***t is protecting me, just like Danny! Did he tell him? I can barely get my hands on any vampire now, Boyan is like a wall of fur in front of me, while I just have to wave my iron bar around to keep my surroundings clear.

I don't have time to complain, though, as the vampires keep trying to get past us. Where the hell do they want to go? Are they aiming for the City, to the humans? Why the west...? The Sea Moon wolves are gathered with us at their border, but we have now been pushed a couple of steps into their territory.

Suddenly, several vampires manage to kill one of them and run past us. fvck!

Nora! Some passed through our defense! They are running through the City!

What? Where are they aimed to?

I don't know, but they are staying west, on the Sea Wolves turf! Following them now!

I completely forget about Boyan and Daniel and start running after those vampires. Where the hell are they going?

It was obviously a planned attack. They are too many of them, and they were too well equipped. Something's wrong, even for a vampire strike... I meet up with a group of Sea Moon Wolves, but they are too busy to complain about me intruding their turf. I feel Nora coming closer too, did she shapeshift? Her Alpha aura is completely different from her mate's. While the King's aura is like a dark hurricane, Nora's more like a white, silent shadow spreading around. I can't tell which one is the scariest.

I feel her coming closer, and stop running to focus on my surroundings. I'm worried because I can't reach all of my pack anymore. Moon Goddess, I hope they are fine!

Chris! Update!

Update my a*s, where the fvck are you! It's a warzone here!

Chris!

I can't even tell you, Elena, there are so many people here! All the packs, almost! But the vamps... sh!t!

I panic for a second, as I suddenly lost our mindlink, like he was pushed away or something. I try to mindlink someone else to check on my cousin, but he is back before that.

I have no idea what's going on, Elena, the water is attacking us!

The water? What the hell? I probably misheard...

Chris, what? The water what?

It's attacking us! For real! Aoutch! Anyway, get here!

I feel like the battle is taking the worse turn in the North, and I'm dying to go there, but... I try to focus on our position first. We got some rest after the King's arrival, but now that he's gone further North, those damn vampires are just going at it again. It's a never-ending battle! I keep fighting back and trying to get closer to Nora, resisting the urge to shapeshift. So much for no stress!

Suddenly, I feel something like a tingling at the back of my head, a ghost sensation.

Elena?

It's Nora. I think she's hurt!

How would you know, she's...

But I ignore Daniel, turning to Boyan.

"Boyan, get your damn a*s to Nora! Now! Leave me alone!"

I try to focus on her, but it's surprisingly easy for me to locate her aura, even in the middle of that frenzy. Looks like she's fine, and she's got back-up too. Did Tonia join her? Or people from the Blood Moon? She's on the Sea Moon Clan's turf, quite close.

Elena! Are you ok?

Yeah, doing my best. I'm just a few blocks ahead of your position, but the situation's worse here.

I want to keep running her direction, but Boyan suddenly gets in my way.

Damn it! What is he still doing here! Stubborn wolf!

Elena?

Crap, I mind-linked Nora without thinking, reaching out to her is even easier than I thought!

It's Bobo! I keep telling him to go to you but he won't leave me! His sister is running to you though!

Maybe Tonia's even already there, but I don't have time to check. More vampires, always more vampires are coming. I even lose my iron bar at some point and have to resort to using my fists again. fvck, I can't take any hits!

Elena!

I know, Danny, shut up!

I finally grab what looks more or less like a wooden pole, and use it. Oh, right, vampires don't like wood, right? I manage to defend myself a bit longer, but this is really getting exhausting. Does it ever end!

Elena!

I turn my head, and as I felt it, the white wolf is here. Right behind Nora is Tonia's big wolf. Damn, it was high time. Finally!

Nora! Are you ok? Moon Goddess, you're bleeding!

It's ok. Why aren't you in wolf shape?

Don't worry, I can defend myself fine that way.

I forgot people would ask... Thank Moon Goddess we soon get busy enough that I don't have to explain myself any further. Damn, is it me or are we getting more and more vampires all of a sudden? Just like Tonia is dead set on defending Nora, Bobo and Daniel are fighting hard to not let anyone close to me.

Nora, there is something weird.

What is it?

I feel like they're targeting you!

This is obvious when you stop to watch. All the vampires are almost going completely past us to target Nora exclusively! Tonia is getting tired, even with her brother's help, and Nora's defense is close to perfect, but there are just too many vampires!

Nora jumps to the side to test my theory, and as it turns out, I was right.

She's their target.

Elena, it's going to be fine. The South is almost clear, they will go and help the White Moon Clan...

Did she request the Jade Moon's help? That would explain some things... I nod, and try to mind-link my uncle reticently to check on them.

You damn... Our river is still attacking us! Our warriors are poisoned and you are not there, you useless wench!

Elena, Dad's right, the water is... Hey! Still slowing us down!

I report it to Nora, omitting my uncle's rage after me. This is so weird. Water attacking werewolves? Seriously? I take a glance at the sea a few meters behind us, but everything looks normal! What the hell is going on in the north? Moon Goddess I hope they'll be fine... The King should be there by now...

TONIA!

I turn my head, realizing our mistake. Nora and I got too caught in the mind-linking! Tonia is struggling on one side, and Nora cornered by the vampires on another, too far from us! I try to get to her, but she's surrounded. fvck!

I feel the wave coming right a second before it actually does.

HELP!

Nora, don't...!

It's too late. Nora's mind-link literally hit us, and probably a lot of wolves around. Holy sh!t, how did she even...? But before I can take a second to think and run to her, dark shadows suddenly jump in the fight from everywhere. I recognize the familiar piercings and markings.

It's Lissandra Jones! The Purple Moon Clan!

Moon Goddess, they are the best fighters of Silver City, and right in time to save the day, too! The Purple Moon Wolves attack without mercy, shifting the balance, clearing the attackers around Nora and Tonia in no time.

The fighting resumes, even fiercer, but things are looking better for us this time. Suddenly, I realize another wolf joined the fight, the younger Black! He's side by side with Nora, but before I can wonder what is he doing here, I suddenly hear Daniel's whimper.

Danny!!

fvck!

I jump in, kicking away the vampire who managed to pin him down. My best friend, in his wolf form, is hurt, struggling to get back up.

You i***t, stop trying to protect me!

Hey, I'm not protecting you but my goddaughter!

You've got to be kidding me!

We don't have time to argue, Boyan jumps in to kill the other vampire who was targeting him. I help Danny up, but thank Moon Goddess, it seems the fight is almost over. The vampires are almost all dead or unable to fight in some way, the purple moon and Boyan are putting the rest of them to shreds...

It's a bl00dbath around us, quite literally. Everyone is in a mess... I check in with the North but thank Moon Goddess, the nightmare is almost over there too. Nora lets me know the South and east are safe too, the packs are clearing up their territories. Thank Moon Goddess...

I can turn to Danny, and check his leg, but damn, it doesn't look good.

"You're hurt... I told you to not shield me! i***t!"

Daniel, you okay baby? Does it hurt?

But Daniel has decided to ignore both Boyan and I. It's cute to see a two-hundred pounds wolf worried for Danny, but that I won't say out loud... I get some sort of tending done to Danny since I'm the only one with my hands available, and get to burning those damn vampire corpses. Damn, it reeks, and there's a lot to do.

While I'm busy getting rid of them, it seems the Alphas silently agreed to a short meeting there. Lissandra Jones, the Purple Moon Alpha, Patrick Seaver, the Sea Moon Alpha, and Nora start talking, in their humans or wolf forms.

Elena!

I turn around. Damn, The King and... Nate.

Elena, are you okay?

Damn, does he have to mind-link me when there are about fifty people around? Doesn't he have a lot of other people to care about, first? I nod, trying to avoid his gaze. Damn, I must look like a mess, too...

"The Black youngsters. don't like seeing the likes of you on my Harbor, but I guess this is what they call emergency situation."

"Indeed. How is the North?"

"We are fine. The remains are being burnt as we speak, and we chased them far enough. The White Moon Clan is taking care of whatever is left," answers Nate to the other Alphas.

Does he really have to keep glancing at me like this? I try to stay close to Danny, looking I'm busy or whatever just to avoid looking at him...

"What was that? They attacked at the south-east too." Asks the Purple Moon Alpha.

"They struck the North first," says Nate. "We received the Northern packs' distress call early enough and went to help them, but there were about a hundred vampires."

"You mean only a hundred? How come the White Moon couldn't get rid of that? Did they get soft or something?"

I can't help but growl, Danny too. Is she fvcking*g kidding me? When they only arrived last minute to help? Nathaniel speaks before it gets nasty between the Purple Moon Wolves and us.

"It wasn't only vampires. Something was helping them. I saw the water from the river catching and trapping wolves... Some were poisoned too, we had many victims that way. Something was definitely off."

So Xavier and Chris were telling the truth... How is that possible though? I exchange a glance with Daniel, just as clueless as I am.

"Sounds like a witch to me," suddenly says the Sea Moon Alpha.

"A witch?"

It's the first time the King spoke, but everyone immediately turned to him. Only the Alphas present don't seem intimidated...

“Witches are elemental creatures. If a Water witch was helping them....”

“It would explain how they got past the first defenses so easily...” Whispers Nate.

“Then what drove her off? Did anyone get her?” Asks Jones.

“We didn’t even see one. Only vampires. But she could have attacked from further away, I don’t know how their magic works.”

“Send some people to look at the bodies,” suddenly order the King. “See if they find a witch among them.”

Some wolves depart immediately, and I realize a lot more Blood Moon Wolves than I thought are present, too. Moreover, a lot of them actually look perfectly fine. What are those monsters...

“What about what happened in the South then? That time the trees helped the packs. I don’t think a Witch would have changed her mind.”

“And they can’t change their elements, either,” Adds Nate.

Wait a minute, trees helped the packs? I exchange a glance with Nathaniel. From what we know, there’s only one earth witch in the area! Don’t tell me...

“What if there is another Witch left in the south?” Asks the Sea Wolf Alpha.

“If there is, she helped us. She was on our side,” I suddenly blurt out.

fvck, everyone’s eyes are on me now... Why did I even need to open my damn mouth? I was suddenly worried they would turn on Sylviana, and... It just happened. Even Danny is giving me the are-you-crazy look. Are they going to overlook this?

This time, I can’t help but glance Nate’s way, and of course, he’s looking at me too, as surprised as the others. Damn it...

“I don’t like the idea of a remnant witch here,” finally says the Sea Moon Alpha.

“Me neither.”

Great, they decided to ignore me, but they are still after Sylviana.... What do we do now? I exchange a glance with Daniel again, wondering what to do.

I will take care of it! Let me look for the witch!

All the Alphas suddenly look at the younger Black Brother, Liam, still in his wolf form next to Nora. Him? Don't tell me...

Elena... Do you think Sylviana might have a thing for younger guys...?

That kid? He's a teenager! ...How old is Sylviana anyway?

Dunno...

I'm still dumbfounded while Liam Black is convincing his brothers and the other to let him "take care of the witch". Now that I think about it, Sylviana did say she had some sort of spy close to Nora... Could it be that kid? Seriously?

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A long silence follows Liam Black's words, but it's obvious Nate and his brothers are mind linking between themselves. Damn, if our theory is right, I hope that Liam kid can get the last word...

"If you want, Liam, you take care of it," suddenly says Nate. "We have our hands full as it is with this mess anyway... Just ask if you need help. Don't take on a witch by yourself."

I guess the kid won, then. The Alphas start talking about what to do with the corpses, and I understand there has been a lot of damages in both camps. fvck, I didn't even think of checking in with them! With all that mind-linking, I kind of shut them out.

Once again, I ignore my uncle's voice, trying to find a friendlier tone. I guess Daniel is doing the same, because I can feel his wolf too.

Elena?

Levi. How are things there...?

There are bad news. You should come back, quickly.

What? What happened? Is everyone...?

No, Elena. It's... better if you come, honestly. We are not even done checking on everyone.

I feel my throat tightening. Moon Goddess, our friends... Daniel's ears get low, too, his brother probably told him too. fvck, fvck!

Is your friend ok?

I almost jump at Nora's voice in my head. I nod mindlessly.

Yeah, he injured his leg but it's going to heal quickly. I'm more worried about the rest of my pack... We lost some people, I want to go there soon.

Why don't you go now?

Good question... But I need to justify my presence here before I go back to have Xavier kill me... I can't tell that to Nora, though.

My Alpha wants me to represent him here, seeing what the other packs will do. It's only the White Moon and Opale Moon wolves to clean the mess up there now, we gotta make sure we will get some help.

It's half the truth, honestly. I take a look at Nate, but once again, he was looking at me too. He asks if I'm okay again, but honestly, I'm not...

Nathaniel will definitely help you.

Crap, did Nora catch that? I can feel she has many questions, but I'm not in the mood, I'm done for today. Thank Moon Goddess, there isn't much left to say.

The Alphas get back to the usual bickering, before parting each their ways. I signal Daniel it's time for us to go, too. Before Nathaniel really insists on talking with me...

It's a slow walk back, with Daniel's injury and both of us exhausted. We don't even try to run while we get out of the Sea Moon territory, we're done running for today. Danny's a bit white, though I can't tell if he's sick or worried. Levi hasn't told us what happened on his side yet, and I'm worried to find the truth...

“Elena!”

I turn back, but before I see anything, Nate’s arms are suddenly around me, hugging me tight. Oh, Moon Goddess... I give in and hug him back too. Why is it that just one embrace from that man makes me feel so much better? He’s half-naked, and I can smell the sweat on his skin... His smell.

His hands on my neck, he steps back to look at me.

“Nate, what about your pack? And Nora...”

“My brothers are with them. I wanted to check on you, make sure you were fine.”

“I’m fine,” I sigh with a nod. “But there’s been losses in my pack...”

“I know. I was up there earlier.”

What? Nate helped the White Moon Clan too? I only saw the King running there... I check up on him, but despite all the blood on his jeans, he looks completely unharmed.

“Are you okay?” I ask, still checking.

He chuckles.

“Of course I’m fine. Tired but fine. Elena...”

He suddenly looks at me again, very serious. His eyes are so close... I can see the fire behind shining in them.

“Elena, I get you need time. But I’m not giving up on you, okay?”

Oh, Moon Goddess. He has no idea how badly I want to lay in his arms and cry at that moment. My heart feels heavier than ever, and the man I love is just in front of me, waiting for me. Ready for me. I put my hands on his face and kiss him, a short but heartfelt one.

“I know. I promise, we’ll talk. I’m not leaving you, Nate.”

He smiles, looking relieved by my words. We hug once more, with his lips close to my neck. I think about my baby, trying to tell her it’s her dad, her father holding us both...

“Babe...”

“I know, Danny.”

Reluctantly, Nate and I part, with a last, short kiss. He smiles softly.

“Talk later, Sunshine.”

I chuckle and nod. I haven’t heard my nickname for a while...

He watches us go, staying there with that lonely expression of his while Danny and I get away. I keep thinking while we are almost back on our territory and exchange a look with Daniel as we cross the border. He sighs.

“I know what you’re thinking.”

“No, Danny, I want to tell him.”

“That’s what I was gonna say, Babe, but today, every wolf in Silver City was possibly around. Don’t worry, there’ll be a better time. Let’s deal with this sh!t at home first, okay?”

“...Yeah.”

We get to see the “sh!t at home” a few minutes later.

I feel like crying.

It’s those streets I’ve known all my life, those same houses, but they are stained with blood. Lots and lots of blood. Thank Moon Goddess, the few bodies are vampires, already burning with that hideous smell of rotten flesh. How many are there...

“Elena? Daniel?”

It’s Ben, who walks up to us. He doesn’t look too good. His left ear is covered in blood, and he’s limping a bit. Plus, he’s got a lot of cuts and scratches.

“Moon Goddess, Ben, you...”

“I’m fine, I’m fine. Trust me, there is much worse there... Bonnie is helping mom tend the wounded, I was checking if we haven’t forgotten anyone... Come.”

He guides us back to the scene of the fight. People from both the Opale Moon Clan and White Moon Clan are gathered. I feel my heart drop when I hear it. People crying, screaming. What...

We suddenly see the first wolf's body. Moon Goddess, it's a guy from the White Moon... someone covered his head with a white sheet, but I can recognize his fur's white and grey pattern. Oh, no...

We keep walking, and I recognize two others. Moon Goddess, this one had just begun training, she was so young... And this guy was at the club the other day. Daniel's face drops, I bet he knew him...

"Elena, Danny, I better tell you now... Eric is dead."

Oh, Moon Goddess, no. No, no, no... I start to cry, and walk faster to the pack. The atmosphere around us is so horrible. It's all dust and smoke flying around, and the streets I once knew are no longer the same. A house has collapsed on one side. There are pieces of wood, metal, and bricks all around. Mud and blood mixed together, as the ground was completely turned over by the wrestling tracks. It smells like rust, ashes and rotten flesh...

We finally reach a crowd, and that's when I see it.

Several bodies, aligned on the ground. Someone closed their eyes.

I recognize each one of them. Maria, the girl who helped her mother with the shop on the second street. Krystal, the pretty waitress from the Latino bar. Camden, Adrian, Javier, all kids who trained or used to train with me... Hugo and David, those two were a couple, they used to go dancing at Pepe's... The young Ava, a friend of Bonnie... and Eric.

Daniel is already crying loudly next to me, and I hear my own sobs among everyone. I can't believe what I'm seeing. It's like I'm a step away from the scene. There's no screen, but I'm just not able to look properly. All those lives I knew, and they are gone... just like that...

Someone hugs my shoulders, but I have no idea who, I don't care. I feel my breath, my heart, choking desperately. My wolf is crying loudly. I can't look away, I can't accept it. I can't believe Eric got killed. Not like that, not so easily, Moon Goddess!

"Elena!"

I turn to face my furious uncle. I can't take him now. I just want to be able to cry and mourn my friends' death.

But he walks up to me, in a storm.

Before I can say a thing, he suddenly slaps me.

"What the fvck, Xavier!"

I hear people screaming my name and his, and several people walk to us. But he pushes them away.

"Where were you, you little wench! Your brothers and sisters died in battle because you weren't you! How dare you betray your pack and run away from the fight! Look at what you've..."

"You shut the hell up or I swear I'll k!!! you, Xavier!"

To everyone's surprise, that voice was Isabella's. Eric's mother looks furious, but no one can ignore the tears on her cheeks, far from dry. She runs up between my uncle and me, and pushes him away in a rage, completely out of control.

"Don't you dare accuse anyone of my son's death, you bastard! Elena was better wherever she was instead of under your sh!tty command! You're the worst alpha! Any of those children would be alive if you had been able to lead them properly! But the only thing you led them to is their death!"

"Elena was gone! She should have been where she..."

"You can't rely on a single wolf just because they are stronger, you useless, damn i***t!" Yells Isabella. "You would have gotten her k!!!ed just like you did with my son! Now shut your goddamn mouth before I k!!! you! You should be silent and ashamed of yourself!"

"Isa, calm down."

Orpheus takes her away from Xavier, glaring at my uncle in the meantime. What the hell did he do during the fight...? I knew Xavier was a poor leader, but... Now that I look at him, he's barely dirty, and looks almost unharmed too. How the hell can he be so fine when people died! He should have been in the frontlines!

“What the hell did you do...” I whisper, in shock.

“I want to ask that too, Xavier.”

Clark. My godfather’s furious voice clears a path between him and Xavier, who just literally turned white.

“Clark, I...”

But before he can say a word, Clark slaps him. Not a sharp slap like the one I got, but a violent, powerful one that sends Xavier to the ground with a nasty sound of bone breaking. Everyone holds their breath.

“That one was for laying your hand on Elena, you bastard.”

Before Xavier even realizes, Clark kicks him violently in his stomach, getting him to lose his breath in a ridiculous grimace.

“And this one was for fvcking*g abandoning your pack to hide Moon Goddess knows where during the fight, you sc.um!”

Now that I look around, people from our Opale Clan are glaring at Xavier. I can tell they’re happy about Clark’s words... Did he really run away? I can’t believe him!

“Enough! What about Elena?”

I turn around, and see Iris, still half-crying, standing among the pack, glaring at Clark. My cousin looks like a mess, her dress torn apart and covered in bl00d and dirt. Clark frowns and turns to her.

“Didn’t she abandon the fight, too? We all saw it. Why are you only going after my father! This is so unfair!”

I can’t believe her... She knows! She fvcking*g knows why I couldn’t come! Why I couldn’t shapeshift and fight, Iris knows I’m pregnant! Why the hell is she going after me now! Is she just trying to protect her father, using me to distract Clark away from him?

“You little...” growls Daniel, looking at her like he’s about to vomit.

“Elena was fighting, further in the East. Can’t you see my brother’s state?” Suddenly says Levi, emerging from the crowd. “She’s covered in bl00d and ashes as well. She was on the Sea Moon wolves territory to fight!”

But Iris just growls at him and goes to her Father. I can’t recognize my cousin... Is she just angry because she lost her boyfriend? For a second, I had forgotten about the two of them... She helps Xavier up, and they leave the scene without adding a word.

I shake my head. Moon Goddess, all of this is too much...

“What about Chris?” I silently ask Levi.

“Actually... He was taken to the hospital earlier. He... they say he might lose his arm.”

“What but he was fine when he mind-linked me earlier!”

“He probably acted like he was fine, Elena, you know how Chris is...” He sighs. “How are you two?”

“I’m fine, but Danny needs...”

Before I finish my sentence, Clark walks up to me, looking very annoyed too. He sighs.

“Elena, we need to talk. What were you doing on the Sea Moon territory?”

“We were pushed that way during the fight,” Explains Danny. “We just... Holly sh!t, Elena!”

His face suddenly goes white in horror, but I don’t know what’s... That’s when I feel it. A sudden, sharp pain, in my lower abdomen. I look down.

My pants are covered in bl00d, my bl00d.

Oh, Moon Goddess, no, no.....

His Sunshine Baby Chapter 69 - Tips

When I wake up, my first thought is that I'm feeling super nauseous, and very heavy, like I've been sleeping too long. I'm familiar with the smells around me... is it the hospital?

"Hey, morning Babe."

Daniel is sitting next to the bed I'm in, smiling softly, leaning on the mattress. What's going on? I am so confused...

Then, it all comes back when I see the little bandaid on his cheek. The vampire's attack. Nora's white wolf injured, Eric's death... Oh, Moon Goddess! I turn to him, panicked.

"Danny, my baby. I beg you, tell me my baby is..."

"She's fine. She's fine, Elena, I promise," he says, grabbing my shaking hand to hold it. "Your little girl is a fighter just like her mom. She held on, don't worry. She's still there."

I leave out a big sigh of relief and put a hand on my belly, where I feel like she should be. Oh Moon Goddess, if I had lost her... I was terrified for a second... Gosh, I already love you so much, little thing...

"There's... bad news, though..." says Daniel, frowning a bit.

"What?"

"Well, since you were transported to the hospital and all, the wolf's out of the bag..."

Oh, sh!t.

"You mean they know I'm pregnant?"

"Well, everyone suspects so, but only Clark, Isa and a few other people are aware."

fvck! Damn, we were supposed to keep this pregnancy a secret as long as possible, and now all of the White Moon and Opale Moon Clans know. Great. It couldn't have been worse. And I haven't been able to talk to Nathaniel yet!

I'm about to ask more when Abigail walks into the room.

“Honey, could you help me put the... Oh, Moon Goddess, Elena! You’re awake, sweetie! Daniel, I told you to tell me as soon as she woke up!”

“Mom, she literally opened her eyes half a minute ago.”

“Oh, I see. All right, take this, let me check her up. Hi, sweetie, how are you feeling?”

His mom asks me a few usual questions, like if I’m in pain or dizzy, and does her check-up. I’m feeling so numb and my limbs are sore, I wish I could stretch...

“How long was I unconscious?” I ask.

“Actually, you weren’t completely unconscious, you had short wake-up moments, but a few seconds. Anyway, it’s been two days.”

Two days... Did they hold the funeral yet? What did Clark say about my pregnancy? Has Nora healed already?

I look down at Danny’s bandaged leg. He catches my glance and chuckles.

“I’m fine, I get to rest by watching you. It doesn’t hurt and it’s healing fast, as usual.”

“My babies have good health and self-healing,” says his mom. “But you, sweetie, you know you have to take it easy, right? Especially with your little one in there.”

“What happened to me? Was it because of the fight?”

“Well, we took you to the ER and the ultrasound...” starts Daniel, but I interrupt him.

“Daniel, easy words, please. Cut the scientific stuff to the chase.”

His mom laughs and is actually the one who turns to me to explain.

“It’s called threatened miscarriage.”

“I don’t like how it sounds...”

“It means you almost had a miscarriage, and right now your body and baby are fighting to prevent it. Your blood pressure was too high, Elena, and this leads to complications for pregnant women.”

“You mean it can still... happen?”

“Yes. Unfortunately, the only thing you can do is rest, rest a lot and wait a bit to see what happens next. We will keep you here for a few days, do hCG tests and ultrasounds often to verify until we think it is safe for you to go home.”

I want to cry. Damn, I knew it was going to be hard... I take a deep breath to calm down. Low blood pressure, Elena, low, low, low. I exchange a look with Daniel. I know my best friend is trying to be as comforting and optimistic as he can. He keeps holding my hand, rubbing it with his fingers.

“So what do I do now?”

“Rest, Elena. Lots and lots of rest. Not just staying calm, but you lay down and you rest. No caffeine, no effort whatsoever, and when you’re released from the hospital, you go straight home and rest.”

“You know Clark is not just going to let it slide... Did he say anything?”

“Well, he was mostly worried for you, but he wants to know who the father is. He kind of... already suspects it’s not Levi. But, trust me, he has no idea about you-know-who.”

He’s in for a big surprise, then... Daniel seems uneasy for a second.

“Actually he’s... here.”

“What?”

“Well, he was there a few minutes ago, and he just went to visit your dad, so, he’s probably still around.”

I’m not sure I’m ready to confront my godfather and Alpha now, but... After what happened with Xavier, and the fact that I’ll be completely unable to move around or do any pack activities for a while, I guess I’m going to have to do this sooner or later.

...Clark?

Elena? You're awake! Wait a minute, I'm coming to see you!

I exchange a look with Daniel, letting him know. He nods. Abigail, who caught on what was going on, crosses her arms, unhappy.

"Elena! Your blood pressure!"

"It's going to be fine, I promise to stay calm."

"You better! I'm staying here anyway!"

We hear someone outside the door, but to my surprise, Levi shows up instead of Clark, smiling for ear to ear as soon as he sees me.

"There she is! Hey, glad you're back, princess."

He comes and gives me a soft hug.

"Levi! How do you..."

"I was on my way here, and Danny and mom mind-linked me to let me know. You okay?"

"For now," I admit. "Clark is coming..."

"Oh..."

Levi exchanges a glance with his mom and brother and nods, taking a seat next to my bed. He's clearly not leaving my side as Clark is on its way.

"I didn't confirm or deny anything, Elena. I..."

"I know. But I won't lie to Clark."

"Lie to me about what?"

We all turn heads, as the Alpha just walked in, looking concerned. He sighs and walks up to my bed, frowning in his beard.

"You scared the hell out of me, kiddo. What if something happened to you..."

I smile. He's still my godfather after all. I know he feels he has to look after me since my mom's passing and my Dad's coma. Clark is like a relative to me,

my second father. I don't want to lie to him. Actually, I'm long tired of all the lies. If my pack has to know, it's better they know everything.

"Clark, I need to talk to you."

"Yeah," he says, suddenly serious again. "Elena, you're pregnant? How come you didn't tell me?"

"I only learned about it two... I mean this week. And it is not an easy topic for me either."

He glances in Levi's direction. The two of us have pretended to be a couple for a few weeks, but truthfully, I doubt Clark ever believed it. He knows how close I am to Daniel's brother, but he also knows my real feelings for Levi.

Clark is the kind of Alpha who is good at reading people's feelings. He's good at catching lies too.

"I'll take it Levi is not the father since you say it like that?" He sighs.

"He's not."

"Then who...? Don't tell me it's..."

What? How could he already know about Nate? But after a while, I realize we are not thinking about the same person at all. How dare he!! He's one of the few people who know I lost a child to Diego!

"Holy sh!t, Clark, how can you even think I'd ever sleep with Diego again!"

He leaves out a big sigh of relief.

"Thank Moon Goddess. I don't know, with the timing, I... Then who is it?"

There's a long silence in the room. I exchange a look with Daniel, but he nods. I have no idea how he will react... Come on Elena, it's only one name.

"...Nathaniel Black."

Clark freezes completely for a second, stunned. He turns to the Lewis, but none of them are saying a word or moving. Then, he turns back to me, blinking several times.

“Black? Like... The Black brother? The King’s...”

“The King’s brother, yes.”

“Elena, are you fvcking*g kidding me? You slept with Black?”

More than once, actually, but he doesn’t need to know that...

“Was it when they came? But you...”

Oh, Moon Goddess no, he’s thinking about that damn time when we went to fetch the wine! I sigh, a bit annoyed.

“No, Clark, I had... an affair with Nathaniel before that.”

“And after, too,” suddenly says Daniel.

I glare at him. Can’t he just shut up for once? Clark looks like he’s about to pass out, so I just tell him everything. Well, not everything with the details, but how Nate and I met, agreed to see each other, until now. I leave out our repeated fighting, though. It’s annoying and embarrassing enough as it is.

My godfather takes it all like a slap in the face, speechless for a while. After a long moment, he looks at me like he doesn’t recognize me.

“Elena, do you realize what you have done?”

“I know, I shouldn’t be seeing someone out of the pack, but...”

“BLACK! A Black, of all people! The King’s brother! Are you kidding me, Elena! And you’re pregnant, on top of that?”

“Okay, stop, enough,” suddenly says Abigail. “Yes, Elena is pregnant, and I understand if it upsets you, but she and her baby are not fine. So if you don’t stop yelling at her right now, you’re leaving this room, Clark.”

My godfather glares at her, but Abigail is a nurse, and she has Beta bl00d, too. She can take it, and doesn’t nudge.

“Who knows?” He suddenly asks.

“About my pregnancy, people who saw me bleed, I guess. For the father, only the people in this room.”

“Fine. Elena, I want no one knowing.”

“...Excuse me?”

Just when I was about to come clean about my relationship with Nate, and my child? Is this a joke? But Clark shakes his head.

“Things are complicated at the moment. The Blood Moon and the Gold Moon are negotiating and things are heating up with the other clans. Everyone’s going to have to pick a side.”

“We have always been neutral, Clark,” says Levi, suddenly looking as worried as I am.

“Until now, but there is no way we are siding with the Gold Moon. And if the Sapphire Moon Clan takes a position, we cannot abandon them. We were nothing before they helped us finance the Hospital, the Clinic, and the labs. It’s old History but it’s still there.”

“You’re talking as if some war was about to take place...”

Clark sighs, and puts his hands on his hips.

“I don’t know. But having two Clans negotiate an alliance is never good. Everyone’s watching, and getting ready... Just in case. So, Elena, this child. I don’t want anybody to...”

“I am not lying to Nate, Clark,” I talk back, annoyed.

My godfather growls, pissed.

“Why? You were concealing this relationship just fine until now, weren’t you? This is for the safety of our Pack! Elena, if the Sapphire Moon knows my goddaughter and potential heir is having a child with one of the Black Brothers, what will they think? You’ll put us all in danger! You’re smarter than that!”

“I spent more than six months hiding my relationship with him, do you think I don’t know the risks?” I reply back, angry as well. “I know it was wrong, I know he’s not someone I should get involved with, but it happened, Clark. And I’m done lying to everyone about it.”

“Elena, this isn’t just about you! I was thinking of making you the Alpha of the White Moon Clan, and now, this? I know how important having a child must be for you, but I don’t want Black involved in any way with my pack! Levi, you could...”

“I am not lying about my baby’s father!” I yell. “It’s not just about my child, Clark! I love Nathaniel Black, whether you like it or not! You can forget making me your heir, you can banish me, I don’t care anymore! I never asked to be made Alpha anyway, you can give it to Orpheus!”

“Elena, I beg you, calm down!”

Abigail walks over to me, worried, checking my vitals. I take a deep breath in, trying to calm down, looking at my blood pressure on the machine. Think calm, think about baby girl... I wait a few seconds until I think I’m cool enough. Clark looks torn between worry and anger, saying nothing but fidgeting.

“Clark, I get things are heating up. But I won’t lie anymore. I lied for too long already. And this baby is my and Nathaniel Black’s baby. I grew up without knowing my biological parents. I swear to Moon Goddess, I won’t let my child grow up without knowing who her real father is.”

I see my godfather is just furious, but I am not changing my mind, he has to understand that. I see him take a deep breath. He doesn’t want to yell and put me at risk, but we are definitely not done.

“What about your father, Elena? If I banish you, what about him? You’ll leave him alone?”

“My Dad would understand me, Clark.”

My godfather closes his eyes, leaving out a long sigh. I exchange a glance with Daniel and Levi, both looking worried. I know they’re afraid Clark would really banish me.

Honestly, I’m afraid too. I don’t want to leave the White Moon Clan, all of my life. But I also understand the position he’s in. If a conflict really arises and we are not clear on whose side we are on, we might get crushed by Clans bigger than ours...

“Abigail. How long does Elena need to rest?”

“About two weeks, at least... She can leave the hospital in a few days.”

“Fine. Elena, I don’t want you to talk to anyone for now. I’ll get back to you when my decision is taken. And that includes Black. You’ll do whatever you want after that, but for now, just focus on... your health.”

He leaves the room, and all four of us let out a big sigh.

“Damn, that’s my babe,” says Daniel. “Always in trouble...”

“Levi, what was that about a war? The Gold Moon and the Blood Moon Clan?” I ask.

I didn’t see anything about an alliance back at the fight... The Gold Moon was far from us, but the Blood Moon stayed North to help. Does Nora know anything about this? Or Nate?

Levi exchanges a glance with his mother, but both shake their heads.

“Elena, you should just rest and not worry about anything. You just woke up, sweetie... Levi will ask, but please, stay still and rest for now, all right? Levi and I will stay with you. Don’t worry about Clark, I’m sure we will find a solution.”

I nod, and Levi bids me goodbye, promising to find more about that conflict Clark mentioned. I comply with Abigail’s new check-up until she leaves, and I’m left with Daniel.

“Babe, there’s something else.”

I roll my eyes. What now?

“Don’t worry, it’s good news this time. I mean, a good idea.”

“What then?”

“Bobo called me. Nora had an idea... She wants to test your blood and hers.”

“Test our blood?”

“Yeah. Apparently, the King and her entourage want to check if she is really a Royal or not, and we thought...”

“We could use the tests to check if she and I are really related?”

Daniel nods, with a big smile.

“I mean, we had suspicions, but... Wouldn't it be nice to confirm if she is... family to you?”

I can't help but smile a bit. Family?

That really sounds nice...

“You can do that?” I ask.

“Of course I do! I'm already in touch with Tonia, we'll compare it. But Babe, if you are related to Nora, you know it might... Complicate things further, right?”

“I know. Let's just keep my relationship with her a secret, for now, right? Nate doesn't know, and... I hope she hasn't told the King either.”

“She didn't, Boyan told me. But Babe, if Clark banishes you... You think Nathaniel or Nora could...”

“Take care of me? Honestly, I don't want to think about that now, Nate. It s.ucks enough that I can't even tell Nate about the baby for now, so... I'll see how he reacts when it happens.”

Daniel chuckles.

“The man is crazy in love with ya, Babe. Of course he will be happy about it.”

Moon Goddess, I hope so too...

His Sunshine Baby Chapter 70 - Tips

One thing is for sure, I hate doing nothing... The long hours in the hospital were a t*****e. I don't know if Clark forbade visits or something, but aside from Danny's family, I don't get any visits for all of my stay.

It's about the same once I can finally get home, except that now, Sylviana visits me too. I wonder if she had something keeping her from coming to the hospital, but it's probably just too deep into the White Moon territory, unlike our apartment. She comes about once a week to check on me and my baby.

I get calls from Nora, too. I guess we don't need any blood tests or proofs to grow closer. I like it when she tells me about her relationship issues, even if it's hard to remember it's about the King...

Somehow, I end up telling her to trust Liam instead of her own mate. No matter what, I can't trust the King. I still remember the chill running down my spine when we crossed paths with him... And there's the Gold Moon Clan issue too. They are known to be a selfish and conceited pack, no one can trust them. They only have one good point, their wealth. But if they really find some alliance with the Blood Moon...

I hear Nora sigh at the other end of the phone. She probably has a lot to think on her own, too. I glance down at the papers on my knees, the ones I've been looking at for three hours now. Daniel is next to me, sipping his coffee and looking at the more detailed version of those tests.

I take a deep breath.

"Nora?"

"Yes?"

"Anything on the blood results?"

I wish I would know if she is really a Royal. It could change so many things for everyone in Silver City, her mate and even my relationship with Nate...

"...Not yet," she answers. "Tonia said it would take time, apparently, gene-testing is longer."

"I figured so..." I sigh, looking at Daniel. "Danny said the same thing. But I have something else, actually. Apparently, matching our blood test results is much quicker."

I hear her breathing stopping. Is she okay?

"Nora?"

"Sorry, I'm just so stressed all of sudden! Do you really have it? You know?"

My gosh, she already sounds so excited, I can't help but smile.

“Yes. Daniel just got the results this afternoon. I wanted to see you in person to tell you, but now that you called me first I really don’t think I will be able to keep it in until then... But can you breathe first? You’re scaring me a bit and if you collapse I’m way too far to help.”

“No, I’m ok! Just tell me, is it a match? Is it?”

Moon Goddess, she’s almost screaming! I laugh and grab the paper to check again before telling the poor girl.

“Elena!”

“Nora, it is! we are related!”

I feel the tears coming up as I say that, and she is crying too. Great, we are both crying like pups now!

“Are you ok?” She asks.

“Why do you ask, you are crying like a baby too!”

We laugh for a bit, and Daniel smiles and shakes his head too. This is so insane... I try to remember what Daniel said precisely.

“Nora, there is more.”

“What do you mean?”

“According to Daniel, the percentage of matching DNA can indicate how closely related we are, so he brought the full results. You and I have 13.3% of matching DNA.”

I wait a bit for her to take in the info, exchanging a complice smile with Danny.

“You’re torturing her, aren’t you?” He whispers.

I stick my tongue out. I’ve been locked up for days, I’m just having a bit of fun while I can!

“Elena, speak!”

“We are cousins, Nora,” I finally say. “First cousins! One of my birth parents was your mom’s sibling!”

I just wish I knew which! Like anything about my birth family... I envy Nora who at least knew her dad...

"...Are you kidding?"

I shake my head. I asked the same thing to Daniel twice, too. But he was very specific, I remember each of his words by heart.

"No, I'm not. Daniel just told me, this much matching DNA can only be a first-degree cousin! Do you imagine? Your mother is my aunt! We are cousins!"

Nora cries a lot at the other end of the phone, and it's hard to stop my own tears. For the first time, I know someone I am blood-related to! My first family tie found again, Nora is linked to my lost past!

Daniel shifts position to come closer to me, smiling and holding my free hand. It takes a while for Nora to calm down, so I take deep breaths too and lie down, my head on Danny's lap.

"...Elena, do you know what this means?"

I sigh.

"Yeah, I thought about it right away. That means if you turn out to be, I would be a Royal's child too."

"Could it be?"

I really doubted it, but...

"Daniel said so. I may not have as much as you, but I do have some Royal characteristics after all... Probably that my non-Royal parent was less pure or something? I don't know. But I will need to find this out now."

Nora being a Royal means I am one of sorts, too, but... It complicates things, a lot.

Reagan never mentioned I was related to the Royals. Did she try to hide it? Why? If the woman she talked about was Nora's grandmother, and mine too, she and I shouldn't have such a difference in our Royal Blood. But Nora is the pure one, not me. She's got perfectly white fur, sapphire-blue eyes, and a monstrous Alpha Aura. I don't have any of that, and my aura isn't as powerful as hers. I'm pretty sure her mind-linking is stronger too, from what she's

demonstrated so far. So what is that big difference? Was it what Reagan wanted to conceal at any cost?

“Elena? What do you mean you need to find out?”

“I know I said before it didn’t really matter for me, but...”

I sigh. Daniel caresses my hair.

“Babe, you gotta talk with Reagan again,” he whispers. “Now you’ve got all this information, plus what Sylviana told you. She can’t pretend anymore. You even know the name of your former pack, and it’s about Nora, too. And there’s...”

He’s right, there’s my baby.

If she has Royal Blood, it changes a lot of things. The vampires from last time were targeting Nora, it might have to do with this... I mean, it’s the only reason they would target her in particular, from what we’ve heard. But turns out, I might have Royal Blood too, even though it’s weaker. But Nathaniel is an Alpha, too, no way that’s making my baby any weaker...

Daniel points at the phone.

“You can tell Nora, Elena. She won’t tell anyone.”

“Tell me what?” She asks.

I take a deep breath.

“Nora, I need you to promise me you won’t tell anyone what I’m about to say. Especially not the brothers. Not even Tonia, or anyone else.”

“Yes, yes I promise. What is it?”

“...I just learned it before the battle. I’m pregnant.”

“Is it...”

“Yes. Nathaniel’s the father.”

She stays silent for a long while, and for some reason, I start crying.

I've been moody these days, but actually saying it out loud to Nora, just after the good news of us being family, opens something in me that I haven't been able to release before. I can put up a good front for Clark, pretend I'm strong, act calm for my baby, I'm completely lost inside.

I am fvcking*g pregnant.

I love this baby, but she wasn't expected. It changes a lot of things. My relationship with Nathaniel, which was already a mess, to begin with. My position in the pack, that I might have to give up for her. Even school. I haven't been able to go to school since I was discharged from the hospital, but even so, what comes next?

I'll have to give up on University to take care of my baby girl. I'll have to take a full-time job to support her, maybe juggle with Daniel to take care of her properly. More than that, I still haven't told Nathaniel...

Nora and Daniel both try to comfort me, but it takes a while for my tears to dry. He takes the phone from me at some point and hangs up for me.

"Danny?"

"Yes, Babe?"

"I don't know how I'm gonna pull it off. The Clan isn't going to help me raise a child from another pack, and you know all my paychecks are going to my dad's bills and our rent, and the school..."

I start crying even more, not making any sense between my sobbing and bad breathing. Daniel caresses my hair to have me calm down.

"Babe, calm down, calm down. No stress, okay? First, you're not going to be alone, ever. You have the best friend in the world, me, who would go to hell and back for you, okay? If you're banned, they can ban me too. Plus, you know my family won't ever abandon you, you're like our secret third sister. So even if Clark decides on something really stupid, you know our family will be there to support you. Also, don't worry about school, okay? You can always take a year off and resume later, no? As for money, your baby's father is a freaking millionaire, Elena. He will help you with his magical bank account."

"Danny... Nate doesn't even know about this baby yet...."

“But once he does, he’s going to go crazy for his daughter, like any good daddy. Plus, do you realize? That kid will be the King’s niece! And Nora’s, too!”

Oh Moon Goddess, I didn’t realize!

If Nora marries the King, she will become my child’s aunt-in-law, right? That plus being my cousin... This is crazy. Out of all people, my lost family, my cousin and I fell in love with two brothers.

As I think about our weird family tree, it reminds me...

“Danny, my dad...”

“Yeah, I know. Don’t worry, I’ll go see him for you, all right? I can ask mom and Bonnie to check on him too.”

My poor dad... I keep imagining him, alone in that hospital room, still in this coma. If only he could wake up now. I know he would support me. Tell Clark he’s an i***t, and be happy for me and my baby. He would probably give Nate one hell of a pep talk too. I chuckle imagining that, and Daniel notices it.

“Babe, I like you smiling better. No negativity in this house, just warmth and a nice environment for our baby girl. You know what? Next time I’m going to the University, I’ll get you some books about babies and all that kind of stuff you will suffer from with parenthood!”

We laugh together about what a struggle it will be to raise that baby until I get hungry for pizza and beg Danny to order some.

Actually, I crave pizza every day that follows.

Sitting at home isn’t much better than laying down in the hospital bed. I give up studying by myself as it becomes boring and makes me angry anytime it reminds me how I won’t be able to attend University until next summer at least.

Daniel keeps his word and brings me a dozen of books about pregnancy, kids and parenthood. I become much more aware of everything that comes into pregnancy and discusses it often with his Mother at each of my check-ups. The two next hospital visits are a relief: my baby girl is still there and growing.

Daniel even starts buying baby stuff, and his Mom brings me what she kept from her five pregnancies. Abigail and Bonnie are a huge support, but Sylviana is probably the person I come to trust the most. The witch comes often and gives me some tea to drink, soups and other things she prepares herself. She teaches me some breathing exercises, how to stretch, and even how to make my own nutritious soups.

However, a few days have passed, and I'm still confined to the sofa. Worse, I'm running out of things to read, and Daniel is especially grumpy.

"Consider as if he's working, Babe," I sigh.

He's glaring at his phone as if it was some vicious creature. If it wasn't the expensive smartphone kind, I bet he would have already smashed it.

"I'm just saying. A call once in a while would be nice."

"He is working. In his wolf form, Danny. Have you ever tried texting with your paws?"

"Why are you defending him?" He pouts.

"I'm the one ignoring Nate so I don't have to tell him I'm pregnant before Clark decides to throw my a*s in the street or not! So I kind of understand what Boyan is going through!"

"Who knows if he really is working? Hm? Have you heard from him? Or Nora?"

I roll my eyes. Daniel is a fvcking*g Drama Queen when he gets into one of his jealous episodes... At least it's better than watching tv.

"Daniel, stop the insecurity episode right there. Boyan is gay for you, like literally. He makes you breakfast anytime he's here!"

"Carlo made breakfast too, and he still cheated on me!"

"Yeah, I remember, his coffee was disgusting.... But Boyan is cute, nice and caring. So now, can you grab that stupid smartphone of yours to order my pizza or do I have to get up?"

"This is another matter. With Juan, anyway, I..."

Elena....?

I frown. Was that Nora? I can barely recognize her voice. What's wrong with her?

...Nora? Nora, why are you crying, are you ok? What's wrong?

Elena, can I come to your place? I have nowhere to go...

Nowhere to go? Isn't she staying at that place the King bought her? Boyan told us it was a huge penthouse and all...

What? But, what about your...

...I'm not going back there.

Something happened. I can tell in her voice. Her wolf's crying, whimpering loudly. It almost makes me want to cry too, our bond is so strong...

Ok, ok. Do you know where you are? We will come and get you, ok?

She gives me the name of some restaurant, and I recognize it immediately, I ate there with Nate before. I get up to grab my coat and boots under Daniel's surprised eyes.

"What are you doing?"

"Grab the car keys, we are going to the Blood Moon territory," I say while putting on my coat.

"No, we are not! Why would we...?"

"Nora needs me. Danny, we are going or I'm going alone."

He opens his mouth to protest, but realizes just as soon that I'm serious as hell.

"Oh, damn you, woman!"

We get ready in a hurry, and that walk to the car is probably the longest I've taken in days, but Moon Goddess it feels great! Daniel insists I get on the back, with that huge blanket, and I don't protest. It's already night time and pouring outside, but I can feel Nora so intensely... Her sadness gets into me.

What happened to her? Why is she all alone? What about Boyan? And her mate, the King?