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Alpha Ford led Thea and the others—Alpha Stoll, Alpha Ledger, the triplets, Xavier, Delta team, Alpha Ulric, and Beta Walter—through his pack house. They made notes about the things he would need to run the pack smoothly.

Their last stop was the pack library.

"I figured you would want some time in here. The books you'll have the most interest in are over here."

"Everyone is dirty from last night," Thea said. "Are you sure you want us in here?"

"Absolutely," Alpha Ford said, leading them through the library. He showed them the books with information on goddess gifted.

"Let's go over specifics before I get lost in your library," Thea said. "First, among your pack members, I sensed confusion, mostly. People were happy that you're friendly with New Dawn. Some of them were relieved. After your father, they weren't sure what kind of Alpha you would be."

Alpha Ford nodded. His dark blonde hair was messy from a night of fighting, but his gray eyes were alert.

"My main advice to you is to spend time with your people, see how they interact. Teach them how to interact. The ones with an aptitude for kindness, take them aside and tell

them to lead.”

He nodded.

“Pack training will bring people together too. What do you do for pack dinner?”

“Nothing. Most pack members work in the city. They have to. My father did nothing to provide for them. In fact, while my father was Alpha, a lot of people left and now live in the city. It’s been a fend for yourself culture for a very long time. We have a kitchen that anyone can use, but not many people do.”

“You’ll want to change that. Hire a kitchen staff and have pack dinner every night. The camaraderie is important.”

“I can’t believe that wasn’t obvious to me.”

“Like you said, you had no role model. You know the mating ceremony of the Alpha and Luna can push the matebond magic into the whole pack, right?”

“I did not know that.”

She described how to do it, what it does, everything. “That’s a simple way to bring the pack together and establish trust. How old are you?”

“Twenty-five.”

“You haven’t found your mate yet?”

“No, I did,” Alpha Ford said, steeling himself. “The day I

turned eighteen, I smelled her, found her. She was a week older than me. My father saw the exchange, how excited, happy, and beautiful she was. Mixed with the pull to mark and mate, she was irresistible. He locked me in the dungeon. Then he took her and raped her for weeks until he got bored. She rejected me and the pack, went rogue, and I'm pretty sure she died. That's what it felt like a few weeks after she went rogue." 2

"I'm so sorry," Thea said.

"That's horrific," Conri said.

"I left after that," Alpha Ford said. "Went to college. That's when a lot of the pack members left too. I didn't plan on coming back, but when the Alpha power transferred to me, the pull to take care of my people was too strong to fight. I'm not proud of leaving my pack when I knew my father was destroying it, but I can't change the past."

It didn't take a goddess gift to know how Alpha Ford felt about it. Thea looked to Alpha Ulric, urging him to say what everyone was thinking. It would have more weight coming from a seasoned, powerful Alpha.

"I'm surprised you had the strength to live," Alpha Ulric said. "There was nothing you could've done to stop your father at the time. You would have been too weak after what you went through. If you had stayed, you wouldn't have recovered, and you wouldn't have been able to lead your pack when the time came. You did the right thing."

Thea felt Alpha Ford's guilt dissolve as he absorbed those words from the older Alpha.

"Thank you," Alpha Ford said. "I don't expect to have a second chance mate. Do you think I should choose someone to mark for a mating ceremony to strengthen the pack?"

"No," Alpha Ulric said. "The relationship between the Alpha and Luna sets the tone for the entire pack. If there's no affection, there won't be affection within the pack. I wouldn't suggest finding a random person to fill a role. It wouldn't matter how good a person she is. The magic won't be there." 3

Alpha Ford nodded.

"Have you dated since you lost your mate?" Thea said.

"Not really."

Thea nodded, wishing there was a way to know if he had a second chance mate, and how to find her. She thought about Arella, Ophelia, Cassandra, and Allegra. She would ask about it.

"How do you feel about your fighting skills?" Thea said. "You easily won the challenges, and you fought well all night."

"I feel like I could improve. I had no structure growing up," Alpha Ford said.

Alaric piped in. "You're welcome to join our personal training at New Dawn," Alaric said. Thea smiled at him. "Thea's going to take a break from training while she's pregnant. We could use a fresh sparring partner. The same goes to you, Alpha Ledger, Alpha Stoll." 1

"I'd love to see how you train," Alpha Ledger said.

"I would be honored," Alpha Stoll said.

"How could I refuse such an opportunity?" Alpha Ford said.

"Great," Alaric said. He gave them the details.

"Next thing. Pack financials, business stuff," Thea said.

"Yes," Alpha Ford said.

"We'll have one of our finance guys come over to go over the current state of finances, make a plan for what needs to be done, and we'll spot you until you're ready to function on your own."

"That's very generous of you. Thank you," Alpha Ford said.

"Of course," Thea said. "We want you to succeed. Does any particular business strike your fancy?"

"What would be useful to you?" he said.

Thea's eyebrows lifted.

"I suppose seeing the future isn't among your gifts, but what do you think you'll need for what's coming?" Alpha Ford said.



Thea considered. "A construction company," she said. "Things that have to do with that, like supplying the materials. I don't know how many refugees we'll end up taking in. We combined so many packs last night, and they'll need to expand or replace their pack houses."

"Good point. I don't know how I'll fit everyone in here," Alpha Ford said.

"I had no idea so many packs were treating their people badly," Thea said. "It makes me think we're going to need to clean house everywhere. There will be packs that are in bad shape. We may need to supply them with the basics until they get back on their feet. We might need a storehouse for emergency supplies, medical supplies, clothes, freeze-dried food, and other stuff like that. It may be useful to have a company that manufactures those things. Clothing companies, farms, and making freeze-dried food. What did you study in college?"

"Nothing useful. History," Alpha Ford said.

"On the contrary," Thea said. "Your knowledge of history is an asset."

"Not for business, though," Ford said.

"You won't be the one maintaining the business," Kai said. "You'll assign people from your pack to run the business once you've established it. Your pack members will probably make up the entire employee base. Eventually, you'll need to

invest the profits and live off the interest. We'll cross that bridge when we get to it."

"I love the things I'm learning," Alpha Ford said. 1

"Come to think of it," Thea said. "You just gained a lot of land you could use to set up a business. You have the other pack house you could convert to an office or storage facility."

"Mead Moon had a lot of slaves," Alpha Ford said. "I'm guessing they don't know how to read. If I'm employing them, maybe it would be easiest for them to learn to sew. I think we could try a clothing company. Use the old pack house as the place of business. Maybe that would help the transition too."

"We have a gifted seamstress in our pack," Thea said. "She could teach everyone how to sew. We'd just need to buy sewing machines and materials and set it up in the old pack house. Once things are going, we'll get someone on the business side to get product into stores and figure out how best to sell it." 1

"Long-term, you'll need to send some pack members to human school," Alaric said. "They'll get the education, experience, and contacts to make the businesses viable. Every pack needs a doctor, nurses, financial advisor, and business people. In this modern world, we do have to have money."

"That sounds good," Alpha Ford said.



"Luna," Alpha Ledger said.

"Yes?"

"I could put together a construction company," Alpha Ledger said. "Some of my pack members work in the industry. Engineers, architects, contractors, and construction foremen." ²

"Excellent," Thea said. "You'll have jobs lined up immediately, expanding pack houses. I wonder if we could make a joint storehouse for all our allies and file it under charity or nonprofit. Then our businesses could donate to it and get tax breaks."

"I'll have our accountants and lawyers look into how to do that," Alpha Ulric said.

"We'll discuss this topic at the next Alpha meeting," Kai said. "There are many things we'll need in the future and plenty of businesses to go around."

They went over other things until Alpha Ford felt good about leading his pack.

"Does that cover everything, Alpha Ford?" Thea said.

"That surely gets us going," he said. "We have a plan in place. I'm sure as we go, other things will manifest."

Thea nodded.

Alpha Stoll stepped up. "Thank you for inviting me to see

this," he said. "This has given me a clear vision of what I need to do with my pack. I can handle most of it, but I need help with the financials and setting up training."

"We'll send one of our accountants over to sort out the financials with you," Alaric said.

"We can send our Delta team men to set up pack training," Conri said.

"Thank you," Alpha Stoll said. "I'll be thinking about what my pack could contribute to business and preparing for the future."

Jayden and Ryder returned from leading training with a rundown of what they needed.

"We'll need to renovate your training course," Ryder said. "Clean up and expand the training field. Get a conditioning gym with weights and such. I'll have your warriors come to New Dawn's pack training sessions, give them curriculum, programs, and levels, and teach them to lead the training. We'll also go into patrolling."

"Yeah, I definitely need that for my pack," Alpha Stoll said.

"Absolutely. We'll get it set up," Thea said. "This gets me thinking. Maybe we should start a training academy. There will be other packs that need help. Their warriors could come and get the knowledge they need. Or would it be better to send teachers out to their packs? We can discuss this later. Jayden, Ryder, will you get this sorted?"

"Yes, Luna," they said together.

"Great," Thea said. "If you don't mind, I'm going to look at this magnificent library." 1

The men talked while Thea skimmed through books. They were much better than most of what she had read. She saw some of the symbols in her and the triplets' marks, ones she hadn't seen in any other books. She saw the symbols Alpha Ford had interpreted as being the mouthpiece of the goddess. She read the possible meanings from different translations over the centuries. It could mean her word was divine or that she spoke for the divine. Another symbol had something to do with the moon goddess.

There was a section about the meaning of the colors. It was extremely rare for marks to be anything other than black. The iridescent white represented divinity or having a special connection to the divine. The silver was associated with all supernatural species. The gold represented royalty, rulers, and leadership. 2

Thea didn't know what to make of it other than being goddess gifted, the future Luna, and needing to gather all the supernatural species together to fight the war.

"There's room for interpretation," Alpha Ford said. "These are symbols from eons ago, and language has changed so much since then. Our language, the way we speak, even the words we use aren't the same as a hundred years ago, much less thousands of years ago. Language changes to whatever

the current generation's issues are. So who knows what the original meaning of these symbols was. I think the best we can do is have a general idea. Piece them together and make a narrative."

"It's overwhelming," Thea said. "And this isn't my area of expertise."

"I can do my best to decipher meanings," Alpha Ford said.

"I'd appreciate it."

Everyone was beat when they got back to New Dawn.

"Thea, we'll take care of the details, getting accountants over to the other packs, and whatnot," Alpha Ulric said. "You need to rest."

"Thank you," Thea said, her hand on her belly.

The triplets and Thea went to their room, rinsed off, and crashed in their bed.

It wasn't long before Thea was standing before the moon goddess.