

## Taming Her Beastly Mate Chapter 56

### Chapter 56 Snow Figh

Balls of snow flew through the air as they were launched at their targets. Everyone broke into groups of two and had white snowy fortresses in front of them. Justice and Aiden fought against Micah and Tristan. Cody and Jason threw their snowy assaults at Wyatt and Freya. While Levi and Rhea were going against Aken and Alexis.

The snowballs flew through the air as the fight continued.

“This is ridiculous!” Cody yelled as he threw a snowball at Wyatt.

“You’re just saying that because you’re losing!” Wyatt yelled back.

“I am not!” Cody defended himself. “At least my mate isn’t protecting me!” He smirked triumphantly at Wyatt. Freya had insane skills from her assassin days. She had saved Wyatt several times from being hit with snowballs.

Wyatt shrugged his shoulders as a cheesy grin spread across his face. “What do you think my queen? Are you ready to end this?”

Freya smirked and rolled her shoulders. “I got these two on my own. You stay here where it is safe.” She reached over and pecked his cheek before she flashed towards the men in a zig-zagging motion. All the while Wyatt launched snowballs giving her cover.

\*Smash\*

“You two are out,” Freya smirked down at the two men with a triumphant smile on her face. She watched as the snow trickled down their shocked faces.

“I think that’s cheating. You used your vampire speed.” Jason frowned and looked over at Cody.

“I agree. That is cheating. You two are out too!” Cody growled as Wyatt came up to them laughing.

“Alright, we will be out too. But remember which ones of us had snow slammed in their face.” Wyatt chuckled and watched Cody and Jason’s eyes narrow at him. Then they each smiled at him slyly.

“You are right, little bro.” Jason grinned wider as Cody began to circle him.

“Let’s give you a hand with that.” Cody pounced on Wyatt at the same time Jason did. Within seconds the three of them were all on the ground buried in the frosty white powder. Cody was holding Wyatt down as Jason shoved snow in his face.

Freya smiled as she watched the three brothers laughing and having fun. It was a rare thing for them to all get to act like kids again. A special moment to treasure.

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“Hey!” Justice yelled as Micah threw a snowball the size of a boulder. “That’s cheating!” He launched a snowball of his own at Micah, but it missed soaring above him and to the unexpected spectators above. It struck Aba right in the face.

“Stop! Stop!” Aba yelled. “I said I wasn’t playing!” He dusted off the snowy powder as his brows knitted together grumpily.

“Sorry!” Justice chuckled with a wry grin on his face. A snowball smashed into the side of his head while he was distracted. “Hey!”

“All is fair in war.” Tristan chuckled with a shrug.

“What?!” Justice yelled. “That is a cheap shot.”

“Don’t be a sore loser...you’re out.” Micah grinned and nodded his head upwards. “Now you can go sit with the girls.”

“Hey!” Derek protested next to Lucy’s side and Harley grunted. “Just because we are spectators doesn’t mean we are girls.”

“And what does that mean?” Destiny snorted while crossing her arms over her chest. “What does being girls imply?”

Micah chuckled and shrugged. “It’s just guy banter.”

“One against two doesn’t seem fair.” Justice protested looking over at Aiden.

“He shouldn’t have picked a weak teammate.” Micah chuckled as Justice dragged his legs through the snow.

“Avenge me, Aiden!” Justice bellowed as he over dramatically flopped down into the deep snow.

Aiden shook his head as he prepped the cold balls of snow in his hands. He was missing Diana and was worried about her. No one understood her, not like he did. His mate had a lot of pain in her heart and because of her past, she felt undeserving of him. She voiced to him that he should have been given a mate that didn't have the scars that she had. Every time she mentioned she wasn't good enough he felt like a dagger pierced his heart.

Diana was wrong. She was perfect to him. He knew she had a past and all he wanted was to be there and help her heal. No one was able to see her true self. She hid who she was so often. But he could see it. She relaxed when it was just him. She was strong, loving, and a determined woman.

Even now, how she stayed behind. He knew she was doing it to protect the pack. She wanted to feel worthy. And she only insisted that Aiden leave because she was worried about his safety. Yes, he knew all of it. Because he knew her.

Because he loved her.

Aiden glanced up to big white snowy mounds crashing on top of him. He wiped the snow off to see Tristan and Micah smirking down at him.

“And that's how it is done.” Tristan chuckled and patted Micah on the back.

Aiden laughed as Micah helped him to his feet. “Like Justice said two against one isn't fair.”

“This is war Aiden. There is no fair in war.” Micah boasted arrogantly.

Aiden laughed and nodded his head. With a faint smile on his face, he walked back up the hill. Micah and Tristan gloating behind him.

Aiden grabbed a drink from his grandmother before he sat down. He watched his aunt and cousin battling below for a moment. Still, Diana kept playing on his mind. ‘There is nothing fair in love too.’

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Green and blue clashed together as their lethal gaze held with one another. The battle turned into a Levi verse Aken. The barrage of snowballs and lightning-like deflects were never ending. It was as if the two deities were settling a score between the two of them in this moment. There was an intense aura in the air as the fight erupted into a frenzy. Every move that was made could easily be a game changer. One wrong move could be the difference between one standing and the other one having to bow out in defeat.

Aken had fought many battles and knew that Levi would be making his move soon. He knew that the goldfish would try to catch him off guard by coming in hard and fast. Knowing this he would use his current position to his advantage. He had a wall of snow in front of him where Levi would be leaving his.

\*Smash\*

A snowball collided with the side of Aken's head. He looked up stunned at Levi to see the snow dripping from his face as well. Aken turned his head to see Alexis biting her lip as she tried to control her laughter.

"Did you just hit me with a snowball? We are on the same team!" Aken watched her grin widen as she batted her eyes up at him innocently.

"Ooops. I forgot." Alexis looked over at her mother who was laughing up at her father. Both women decided that they would end this endless chest bumping battle. Alexis watched as Aken's predatory eyes landed on her and she sprinted away laughing. He was right behind her, so she used her powers to glide across the snow.

But Aken followed her with ease. "Got you now!" Aken reached forward snaking his arm around her waist. "I caught you, my love." The momentum of their speed sent them tumbling towards the ground. The soft snow cushioned their fall as he held her captive next to him.

Alexis giggled as she felt him shift her into the snow. His hot breath pelted against her ear as his nosed nested in her hair. "I don't know if I want a feisty mate like you." She listened to his teasing deep tones in her ear that made her shiver. Sparks and tingles erupted from her skin as his lips pressed against her cheek.

“You see right there is the problem.” Alexis giggled as he helped her to her feet. He rested his hands on her waist and lifted a brow at her.

“Oh?”

“You still talk like you have a choice. You never had one.” Alexis smiled up at him and he chuckled.

“Quite true. I’m powerless against you.” Aken leaned down and brushed his lips over her briefly and gently. Aken glanced around seeing the snowy battle was over for everyone. He watched as a man stood up and began looking around.

“Where did Raine go?” Cody asked with a small frown on his face.

Alexis began looking around as well. Raine and Ryker were there just a moment ago and now they were gone. They wanted to watch the fight, but Raine didn’t want to participate.

“Ryker had a headache. It seemed to come on suddenly. So Raine walked him back to their room.” Destiny looked off in the distance to where they had disappeared to. The man looked to be in a lot of pain. She hoped he was okay.

“Ryker gets headaches like that from time to time. It’s been like that ever since we found him.” This wasn’t anything alarming to Alexis since it had happened before. But usually, they didn’t last long.

Alexis glanced over to where Terra and Jasper were last seen. The two were still sitting there and seemed to be talking well. The mate connection wasn’t a sure thing. Just because you were mates didn’t mean you had to be together. But it was the connection used to help fasten the connection together and make it stronger.

“Alright everyone! It’s time to eat. And I know this crew doesn’t like to miss their meals.” Lilly shouted as she waved her hand.

“Say no more!” Jason yelled as his brothers followed behind him.

The family all gathered together around a long rectangular table. The table was made of polished hardwood, but there were stains and worn spots that

showed where this table has seen a lot of life. The back edges of the table were inlaid with a series of carvings of fairy kin and other magical creatures.

Raine and Ryker had also joined them for dinner. Ryker was acting normal and was flirting with Raine quietly at the end of the table. Until Cody sat across from them then he straightened up and became serious.

The whole family laughed and reminisced about the past. Lilly told stories of when Rhea, Wyatt, Cody, and Jason were children. And then they told stories of their children. They also talked about the future and the new arrivals that would be coming soon. Also, the anticipated new arrivals from the new mates.

The worries of the day were drowned out by the warmth and love of the family. They had been through a lot over the years but always relied on each other. They had become a family of couples. Tied together by mates, love, and children. They had grown into a fierce, loyal family. And in that family, they all always relied on each other. Through the good... and through the bad.

## **Taming Her Beastly Mate Chapter 57**

### **Chapter 57 Who was I?**

Raine was walking back to her room with Ryker after dinner. It was nice to be able to have the whole family together. And would have been better if she wasn't distracted. Ryker had been a bit different since his last headache. She could see a distant look in his eyes and the tension he was carrying. When they got to their room, she watched him walk to the other side of the room. He leaned his arm on the wall facing away from her.

She knew there was something bothering him. She walked up behind him and wrapped her arms around him. She felt him lean his back into her, taking a deep breath. "Ryker." She whispered into his back. She leaned her forehead on his back as she held him gently. She felt him grab her hand and pulled her in front of him. He looked down at her and pulled her close. Wedging her between the wall and him. For a brief moment, she caught how his iris flickered with color. The look on his face was a mixture of pain and sorrow.

Ryker leaned his head down and brushed his lips over the top of her head. He held her tightly and squeezed his eyes shut.

"Raine, I started getting these images in my head. I think it is scrambled visions of my memories." His fingers trembled as he clung to her slinking into

her more. “I—I don’t think—” A quiet sob escaped his throat as his body shook. “I don’t think I was a good guy.” He barely squeaked out as his tears began to fall freely.

“Shhh.” Raine crooned to him as she rubbed her slim hands over his muscular back. “Ryker that isn’t you anymore. This is you.”

“What if I end up remembering everything and change?” Ryker whispered out in a raspy voice. A chill ran down his spine as a cold sweat broke out across his skin. The feelings he got when he saw those images... “I’m scared.”

Raine’s heart hurt as she heard the pain in his voice. “I will keep you grounded Ryker. You’ll never lose this part of yourself because I’ll protect you.”

Ryker swallowed thickly and pulled back from her to gaze into her eyes. She looked up at him confidently despite the worry in her eyes. Her trust in him was evident in her words as well as her actions. He put his hands on either side of her face and leaned forward to kiss her. The kiss was gentle, soft, and undemanding. “What if I start to be that person again? What if I forget the me now?”

Raine turned her face up to stare at him. “You won’t. You just lost your memories. This is who you are now.”

“I don’t know.” Ryker closed his eyes as he rested his forehead against hers. “What if—What if I hurt you?”

“You would never hurt me.” Raine’s eyes filled with tears. “I know this. I know this beyond a shadow of a doubt.”

“You can’t know that.” Ryker’s breath hitched in his throat. “I can’t let you get hurt Raine.”

“I am stronger than you think Ryker.” Raine sniffled as she began to cry for her mate. She ran her fingers through his hair giving his locks a slight tug forcing his eyes to look at hers. “You won’t hurt me. Do you think I am afraid?” She shook her head as her eyes glistened with tears. “I don’t care who you used to be. I care about who you are today.” She sniffed and smiled. “Besides, I am strong enough to subdue you. Maybe even knock you back to your senses if needs be.”

Ryker chuckled and leaned his forehead against hers. They stared into each other's eyes as he raised his hands to wipe the tears from hers. "I do like it when you play rough."

Raine laughed and pulled back to look at him. He had a faint smile on his lips. She knew it wasn't great, but they would work through this. She leaned forward and touched his lips with hers. It was a whisper of a kiss, but it was enough to make something break free inside him. She felt a smile spread over his lips as he pulled her to him. He kissed her back, fiercely. She moaned lightly when his tongue slipped into her mouth. The tip of his tongue flicked over hers as he kissed her. She smirked against his lips when she felt his arousal stirring against her. "There is my feisty mate." She whispered against his lips.

"I love you, Raine." He whispered against her mouth before kissing her again. He loved the way she called him feisty. He loved the way her body responded to his touch. He loved the way she always protected him. She was the light that guided him through the darkness. She was the strength that held him together. She was the love that bound him tightly to her. She was his Raine.

He broke from her lips to trail kisses down her neck and over her collarbone. His hand skimmed down her body to slip under her shirt. Her hands went to his shoulders as she arched her back. He felt her moan into his ear as he fondled her breast. He pulled back to look at her and smiled at the lust filled look in her eyes. A look that drove him mad.

He turned them so he was leaning against the wall. Raine grinned against his mouth as she raised her arms over her head and grabbed his shoulders. She slid her legs around his waist and wiggled slightly. His erection rubbed against her, making her gasp and shudder. He grabbed her thigh, arching it so he could rub against her. He rocked his hips into her, growling into her lips. "We've got to get these clothes off. I need you now."

Raine bit his bottom lip and smiled coyishly. "Burn them off." She purred against his lips. Sure, she liked the clothes she was wearing, but she couldn't wait to feel him against her.

"Oh?" Ryker raised an eyebrow at her. He felt her nod against his lips. "You want me to burn these to ashes?" He growled as he pulled away from her for a moment. He looked at her and smiled when he saw the desire burning in her eyes. "How badly do you want them off?"



“As badly as you do,” Raine answered back as she nibbled her bottom lip. Her eyes played over every inch of his face. He was so beautiful to her. He was everything she ever wanted and everything she would ever need. He was her mate, her love.

Ryker smirked and gripped her thighs tightly. He radiated just enough heat from his body to char the clothes, they fell to the ground in an ashy pile. Neither one of them stopped from the maddening kiss.

“That’s better.” Ryker grinned against her mouth.

A knock at the door caused Ryker to growl, he pulled away and placed his forehead against hers. He watched her face as her eyes fluttered open. Her breathing was as ragged as his.

“Raine, Alexis is getting ready to leave if you want to say goodbye.” A gruff voice called through the door.

Raine sat up and looked at Ryker, her eyes were unclouding as the lust cloud was lifting. “Okay. I’m coming.” Raine answered in a weak voice. Luckily, it wasn’t her father. She recognized the voice as one of the guards.

Ryker huffed a laugh and almost whimpered as he lowered her back to the ground. “We aren’t finished here.”

“I hope not. Because I have new tricks to try out on you.” She nibbled on her bottom lip smiling as she heard him growl. “Wait for me here. I’ll throw something on and quickly say goodbye.”

Ryker watched as she ran over to the dresser. She threw on a baggy shirt, underwear, and shorts. Then she quickly tidied her hair and slipped on shoes. She turned and winked at him.

“Keep the bed warm for me.”

Ryker chuckled as she shut the door. Raine had a way of making everything better. He felt completely at ease again as he made his way to the bed. That was until the headache attacked again. Images began flashing through his mind.

~Memory~

“Is that all you have?”

“Yes, that is all I have learned,” Ryker said to the man in the shadows. He couldn’t see his face, but saw a dark figure hidden under a cloak. The man disappeared and he turned around to leave.

“You there!” A man shouted. “So you have been leaking information!”

Ryker clicked his tongue and sneered at the man who approached him. Both men shifted and took to the skies. Two dragons ferociously attacked the other. Each man going for the kill. The dragon shredded Ryker with many deep lacerations. Ryker finally managed to sink his teeth into the other dragon’s neck landing a fatal blow. Before that dragon fell it whipped its tail into Ryker sending him spiraling to the ground. Ryker was badly wounded and had lost a lot of blood. Right before impact, he shifted to his human self... as everything went dark.

~End Flash back~

Ryker leaned against the bed to steady himself. His chest heaved up and down from the vision. His hands trembled as he dug his fingers into the comforter. Beads of a cold sweat broke out of his body as he tried to stable himself.

“Da.mn it... who was I?”

## **Taming Her Beastly Mate Chapter 58**

### **Chapter 58 My Home**

Alexis hugged her family and friends goodbye. She didn’t know how long they would be apart... a few days at least. She was ready for some quiet time. Raine appeared at the last second and she was able to say her goodbyes to her as well. Raine tried to sneak away fairly quickly. Alexis noticed her change of clothes and realized she had other things on her mind and had been interrupted.

“You know... it’s killing me to let you go.” Levi frowned as he watched his daughter by Aken’s side. There was rarely a day that he wasn’t near her. This was a big adjustment. Handing her over to Aken was not something he was mentally prepared for.

“I know.” Alexis walked up to her father and kissed him on the cheek. “I’ll be fine daddy. I’m not a little kid anymore.” She smirked at that.

“Yeah but... you’re still my little girl. You will always be my little girl.” He hugged her tight. “I’ll miss you.” Levi’s voice cracked as he spoke.

“Daddy, I’ll only be gone a few days.” She answered as she gave him a crooked smile.

Levi sighed and looked up at Aken. “Don’t—” He pursed his lips together and shook his head. What was he going to say? Don’t let anything happen to her? He knew Aken would protect her with his life. “Be safe.”

“We will.” Alexis turned on her heels and went to Aken’s side.

Aken nodded his head at Levi, a faint smile on his lips. “I’ll bring her back in a few days so you can see for yourself she is just fine.”

“Lex! You stay by Aken’s side. No wandering around.” Rhea raised her brows at her daughter. She knew what to warn her daughter about because it was something she would have done herself. She listened to her daughter’s giggle and watched her nod her head.

“So can you teleport all of us?” Jasper asked quirking a brow. From the corner of his eyes, he could see his mate. Terra stood near his side looking more comfortable than she did before. It wasn’t an instant physical connection like he expected but there was an emotional one growing. And he felt strangely content just being by her side. It was like all the other stuff was secondary. He was more concerned about her and her needs.

“Unlike the water—” Aken cleared his throat and shrugged innocently at Levi. “Unlike Levi, this is something I can manage with a small group. I mean I could move a whole mountain if I wished.” He chuckled and cheekily winked at Levi. He wrapped his arm around Alexis and pulled her into his chest. He then looked at the other people he was taking with them. Micah had moved to Alexis’ side With Jasper and Terra standing just behind him.

Aken lifted his gaze back to Levi and Rhea. He nodded his head at them before he flashed the group away.

One moment Alexis was staring at her parents and then the next she was looking at stone walls. The walls were pale grey and smooth, they were lined

with lights that extended off of the wall. In an instant, the lights all lit up and their soft glow illuminated the room. Now she could see better and not use her night vision.

They were in a large circular room with a series of openings around the area. Alexis craned her neck as she followed the staircase to her side up to the second floor. You could see the banister that circled the entire room. She was also able to make out a few openings but nothing more from above them.

Aken watched Alexis as her eyes wandered over his home. Well, their home now. He wanted her to feel like this was her place too.

“The rooms are all located on the second floor.” Aken motioned over towards the banister. “I’ll show everyone to their rooms. All rooms have an attached bathroom for convenience.” They walked up the stairs and Aken led them down the first opening they came to. It was a long corridor with doors on both sides.

“What about a mini-fridge?” Micah chuckled cheekily and watched Aken turn to look at him with a smile.

“It is funny you should mention that...” Aken’s grin widened as he opened the first door on the right. “This is your room, Micah.”

Micah quirked his brow up as he walked in. His eyes wandered over the large room. In the center was a king size bed with a canopy overhanging. There was an oak dresser and a balcony on the side of the room. And on the other side, there were two more doors and between those doors a mini refrigerator.

“That door is the closet and the other one is the bathroom. And of course, you know what that is. It needs to be stocked. But the pantries and refrigerator downstairs should be fairly full.” Aken watched Micah nod in approval.

“I guess it will do. Who stocks this place?” Micah suddenly asked looking at Aken suspiciously.

“I have servants here that maintain the place. They contract out to the druids who deliver the food here. Don’t worry. They have all undergone thorough investigations.” Aken watched as Micah scowled slightly but nodded his head.

“Druids?” Jasper asked.

Terra scoffed and turned to look at him. "You haven't heard of druids?"

"I mean I have but don't they stay secret. I don't understand why they deliver the food? I thought they like to stay out of sight." Jasper listened as Terra sighed.

"And what better way to stay undercover than through a delivery service? It is a good disguise." Terra shrugged her shoulders.

"I'm excited. I haven't gotten to meet a druid before." Alexis grinned and watched Terra shake her head.

"Don't get too excited. They aren't exactly friendly. They are anti-social and usually keep to themselves. They just want to collect their money and drop off their deliveries. Which works for us..." Terra trailed off quietly as she noticed Jasper's intense gaze on her.

"Well okay, I think we're done here. Micah why don't you get settled into your room." Aken watched Micah nod his head and he took a step back from the door. He was going to show them their rooms too. He wanted Alexis to stay in his room but oddly was feeling anxious bringing it up to her. What if she said she still wanted space? He just wanted her close... even if it was just holding her all night.

Alexis walked out of the room. She was staring down the hallway as she felt Aken's arms wrap around her waist. He leaned his head down and kissed her forehead. She looked up at him with a curious smile on her face. "What was that for?"

"I'm just very happy to have you here." Aken kept his arm on her waist as they walked down the hall. "This is Terra's room here and the right directly across from it can be Jasper's room. Please make yourself at home." He nodded over at Jasper to go ahead and check out his room. "Terra, make sure he has everything he needs in there."

"Alright, I can do that." Terra nodded her head as she chewed on her cheek. She wasn't sure why, but she felt a bit anxious being alone with him even if it was for a few moments.

"We are a bit farther down the hall," Aken said quietly as he continued to lead Alexis down the long corridor.

Alexis looked around at the walls and the tall ceilings. They passed through another hall where one side had long windows to the outside. She could see the tops of huge trees and saw how it was getting dark outside. She then looked at Aken as he continued to lead her down the hallway.

“You’re pretty isolated out here,” Alexis said thoughtfully as she looked out at the dark forest. There wasn’t another light anywhere showing anyone lived nearby.

“I like my privacy.” Aken shrugged his shoulders as he flashed her a small smile.

“It’s a beautiful home, Aken,” Alexis said as she looked at him.

“Thank you, I built it myself.” Aken smiled.

“What?” Alexis gaped at him and then she realized he wasn’t joking.

“You really did build this place?” She looked around trying to find the flaws, but she couldn’t find any. The house was amazing. Though she imagined for a god they would have plenty of time to create something like this. Time wasn’t really a problem for them.

“I did.” He nodded and then chuckled. “Like I said, I like my privacy.” He watched her nod her head understandingly. Aken then slowed down and pursed his lips together. “The double doors ahead are to my room—our room—not implying you have to sleep there tonight. I mean I—” He ran his hand through his hair and then rubbed the back of his neck. “I want you to be comfortable. That is what is most important.”

Alexis gave him a small smile and then reached out to touch his hand. “I know what you meant. I appreciate how thoughtful you are being of me. And if you are most concerned about me being comfortable then you better lead me into your room. I don’t think I’ll be able to sleep without you next to me.” She listened to the relieved sigh he let out and she smiled. To think the arrogant Aken was being so considerate of her right now. Not that she expected anything less. But if only others could see this side of him.

“I was really hoping you would say that. Because I don’t think I can sleep without you too...” He interlaced his fingers with hers as he opened the doors and she walked into his bedroom.

Alexis felt her jaw drop open. It was a similar canopy bed like the other room, but it was much bigger. And on the side was a large balcony with a table and a couple of chairs. There were two double doors to the balcony near the bed and she imagined it might be nice to sleep with the doors open and look out at the stars.

“Like it?” Aken asked as he watched her gaze over the room.

“It’s beautiful.” She said as she walked over to the balcony doors. She opened them and walked out leaning on the railing. She could see the forest out there and the dark sky peppered with sparkling lights. The cool night air swirled around her as she listened to the tree frogs chirp their songs. It was beautiful, and she smiled to herself. It was amazing to know Aken built this place. No wonder it was so special to him. She could tell he put a lot of care and pride into this home. And it showed her another side of him.

“There’s a bathroom in the corner.” Aken walked up behind her. He wrapped his arms around her waist and rested his chin on her shoulder. “I thought you might like a bath before bed.” He then moved his lips down her neck. Her soft skin beneath his lips felt like velvet, he kissed each and every inch of it. He felt her body relax into him as she tilted her head to the side allowing him more access to her neck.

“Come my love. I’ll draw you a bath. You deserve to relax... you’ve been through a lot.” Aken murmured into her neck as he gave her one more sweet peck. It took him great restraint to stop himself there. He wanted everything to be perfect. And he wanted Alexis completely relaxed. He wasn’t going to push her about the marking. She would let him know when she was ready.

Because he was ready... whenever she was ready.

## **Taming Her Beastly Mate Chapter 59**

### **Chapter 59 Brandy**

Alexis woke up to the sun shining on her face. Her brows furrowed in confusion as she blinked her eyes open. She was cocooned in warm comforting arms and could feel his breath tickling the hairs on the back of her neck. But how did she get here? The last thing she remembered was sitting in the bathtub. She was leaning against Aken’s chest as he washed her.

Aken stirred slightly as he felt her move. He tightened his arms and buried his face deeper in her hair. Alexis smiled as she felt him. A wave of tingles erupted over her body. She couldn't think of a better way to wake up.

Aken leaned in and kissed her cheek. "Good morning my love," he whispered.

"Good morning," she yawned. She smiled as she felt his hot breath against her neck.

"How are you feeling?" Aken asked as he moved his nose in her hair.

Alexis turned around and looked at him. "I'm ok. How did I get here?"

Aken smiled. "I carried you here. You fell asleep in the tub. You didn't even wake up as I put clothes on you."

Alexis bit her lip and winced up at him. That wasn't how their first night back together was supposed to go. "I'm sorry Aken."

Aken's smile faded as he leaned close enough that his lips brushed against hers. "You have nothing to be sorry over. You have been through a lot. I am surprised you didn't collapse earlier."

Aken's eyes glowed as he pressed his lips against hers. Her hand reached for his cheek as she lifted her head to welcome his kiss. They both inhaled at the contact and the sparks that followed. Alexis wrapped her arms around his neck as she pulled him closer to her. Her heart was beating fast, and her head was spinning. She knew that she would always love Aken. It was him and only him...forever. They still needed to mark each other. And after spending a healing day with her family, she felt better. There was still pain inside of her. She lost her great grandparents, and she would never forget the people she hurt as Xi. But she wanted to be close to Aken. She didn't want there to be anything separating them. And once they were marked their bond would be forever binding.

Alexis couldn't resist as she slipped her hands over his chest and let them slide up his toned abs. Her fingers curled around the smooth muscles. She could feel his heart thumping as she teased him. A low moan of approval slipped from his lips that moved against hers.



A low rumbling noise was heard, and Alexis' cheeks heated up in embarrassment. Aken chuckled and pulled away from her. "Let's get something to eat. And then I can give you a full tour of the place."

Alexis' eyes lit up at that. "That sounds great. I want to see everything."

"I want you to get familiar with everything. This is your home too." Aken pulled her up to her feet. Alexis held her hand out as Aken stood in front of her.

"Could you hold me for a minute?" she asked quietly.

"You don't ever need to ask that. I'll hold you for eternity and it still wouldn't be enough," he said and wrapped his arms around her.

Alexis took a deep breath as she snuggled her head into the crook of his neck. Her hands paying close attention to the way they felt against his hard chest. Electrifying tingles erupted from her fingertips. She could hear his heart beating and smell his scent. She had missed this so much, and she wouldn't let anything come between them ever again. She willed her fingers to strengthen her hold on him.

"I love you, I'm sorry for all the trouble I have caused you." Alexis felt his chest vibrate with his laughter.

"I love you too," he said and kissed the top of her head. "I think you are always going to cause me problems. And you know what? I wouldn't have it any other way. Trouble me. Just never disappear on me."

Alexis giggled and bit her inner lip as she looked up at him. "Deal."

After Alexis had gotten changed Aken led her through the long hall and down the stairs. Then he took her down another hall that led into a large dining room. Micah, Terra, and Jasper were already down there. There were also a few servants that were bringing food to the table.

Alexis stared at the servants with her mouth slightly open. She looked up at Aken to see a slight smile on his face. "Those are mountain nymphs..."

"I figured your bear would be more comfortable here if the servants were all fairy kin. I also hoped it would make your transition easier too." Aken watched her expression change as she looked up at him.

“You did all this for me?” Alexis listened to his light chuckle as he leaned down and kissed her forehead. “When?”

Aken cleared his throat then and looked up at the ceiling. He pointed at some of the fixtures on the walls, “Some of those belonged to kings of the past. Oh and that over there is one of the tridents of the sea king.” He pointed to a gold trident with red rubies on the handle.

Alexis pressed herself into his chest and waited for his eyes to meet hers again. “When?” Her breath was a quiet whisper.

“Since the first day... I discovered you were my mate...” Aken looked down at her and watched the confusion wash over her eyes.

“But you said you were going to stay away from me? You were going to avoid me...”

Aken cleared his throat. “Yeah, I know.” He reached his hand up and rubbed the back of his neck. “At first, I was doing it to cope. And I told myself I was hiring fairies to support them. And by supporting them I was supporting you.” He let out a heavy sigh. “I knew I needed you. I just wanted you safe and protected. But deep down, I guess I always planned on coming for you. I never wanted to admit it. But—” He glanced up at the fairies. “There is the proof it was always my plan. I was just fooling myself.”

“I was lying back then...” Aken confessed. “It was always you and me. And I’m sorry I made you wait for so long... I’m sorry I stayed away.”

Alexis thought about it for a moment. “I can see now that maybe you were doing it for me. You tried to protect me. But you should have consulted me from the beginning... You left me alone Aken. And I felt like I was unwanted. Like I wasn’t good enough for you. And I felt that hole even more so when I was Xi.” She looked into his pained eyes. “I’m sorry. I’m so sorry. I don’t mean to hurt you—” Her words were stopped by his lips.

Aken kissed her to stop her from apologizing. He was wrong. He made the decision all on his own. She didn’t owe him an apology. He was the one who owed it all to her. “I’m the one who is sorry. I was wrong— foolishly wrong. I caused you pain that has left a scar inside of you. I can’t change the past. But I will do everything to make amends in the future. You’ll have me around so much you’ll grow sick of me.”

“That’s all I want. If it is even possible.” She grinned up at him and listened to Micah’s laugh. For a moment she forgot about the others in the room who could hear their conversation.

“It’s possible to get sick of Alexis. I can tell you that much. You’ll be begging me to babysit her before too long.” Micah shoved a sausage link into his mouth as he smirked at the two on the far end of the room. No matter how quiet they were talking they were all creatures of exceptional hearing. Nothing was private unless it was in a soundproof room.

Aken chuckled. “I could never get sick of you. That’s because I am a better man than your bear.” Aken smirked at Micah as he listened to him snort. Alexis and him walked over to the table and took their seats across from Terra and Jasper.

Aken looked up at Terra. She seemed at ease and relaxed. She was even talking normally with Jasper as if they were close friends. He could see the way Jasper’s eyes followed her. They looked at her as if there was nothing more precious in the world. And to Jasper that would be true. What was more precious than your mate? Nothing Aken could think of.

A commotion was heard in the kitchen area, and everyone lifted their gaze up at the closed doors. Soon the doors burst open, and a fiery red headed woman stormed over to the table. Her green eyes scanned the table as she moved closer.

Micah instantly blocked her path not allowing her to get any closer to Alexis.

“Is there a problem?” Micah asked and the red headed woman scoffed at him.

“Yes, there is a problem.” She tilted her head over to the side. “Who is the one in charge here?!” She then pinned her green eyes on Micah. “Is it you?! Listen, BUB, you can’t just decide last minute you want double the food and expect it instantly. It doesn’t work that way. We need at least three days’ notice. But you want us to bring you another delivery today?! Who the hell do you think you are?”

Micah chuckled. “Do you have any idea who you are working for?” He smirked and raised his brows up at her. He was quite amused at the audacity of this woman.

“The hell if I care. I don’t care who you are or what you do with your orders. Shove the vegetables up your ass for all I care. Just don’t demand more because you decided to host an orgy all of the sudden.”

Micah chuckled and tilted his head back to Aken. “If an orgy is going on why was my bed so cold last night?”

Aken went to stand but Alexis put her hand over the top of his to calm him down. She could see the dark anger in his eyes which was completely unnecessary. “Sorry for that. It is probably my fault the order was increased. This was a last minute decision. I am sorry for the inconvenience. We really could use the extra food here but if you can’t fit it into your schedule maybe we can work something else out.”

The red-headed girl shifted around to look at Alexis. Her brows furrowed as she studied her. She then looked up at Micah and you could see the lights come on. “The fairy princess...” She pointed at Alexis and then up at Micah. “Your guardian...” The redhead rubbed her chin. “Aren’t you a bit lost? This isn’t Elysium.”

Alexis stood to her feet and Aken immediately stood with her. She walked around the table towards the young woman and Aken followed her with a possessive arm on her waist. “I have never met a druid before. You can shift into different animals, right?”

The redhead nodded as she stared quietly at Alexis.

“I’m Alexis.”

“Brandy.” The red-headed woman said finally lowering her voice. “Sorry about all of that. It’s just we are really busy. And this means double the workload for me. The elder just accepts the extra workload like it is nothing. Even unreasonable demands.” She looked at Aken as she pieced everything together. “But I can see why he agrees to these demands now. I didn’t realize we were working for a deity.”

“And no one else better realize that either,” Aken growled lowly in a warning.

“We don’t talk with anyone else, so it isn’t a problem.” Brandy looked up to see a crooked grin on the man in front of her. “What?”

Micah laughed with a shrug. "I was just wondering if all druids acted like you or if it was because of your hair color." He watched as her face changed to a shade the same color of her hair.

"Micah!" Alexis scolded. "Don't mind him. He is just teasing you."

"I'm sorry to interrupt. I'll have one of the deliveries to you this evening. And I can continue to trickle in a new load every day. Does this work?" Brandy watched as Aken nodded his head to her and she exhaled the breath she was holding. The last thing she needed was to piss off the fairy princess, her guardian, and a deity. The elder would never let her hear the end of it. She took a few receding steps backwards before she turned on her heels and left through the kitchen door.

"Well, she was rude as hell." Jasper snorted as he bit into a piece of toast.

"I think she was rather amusing." Micah grinned as he looked at the closed kitchen door.

"Let's finish breakfast and I'll show you the grounds." Aken watched the wide smile spread over his mate's face.

"How about you show me your beast too?" Alexis watched as the smile faded from his face.

"I guess I can if you really want. But you aren't going to like it."

"Of course I will because it is part of you." Alexis smiled up at him reassuringly.

"Well, I do want you to see my form before I mark you. In case you change your mind after seeing it and run." Aken listened to Alexis' giggle as she shook her head.

"Quit being silly. You are stuck with me forever."

Aken leaned down and brushed his lips over her lightly. His beast was always something he was self-conscious about. The other gods found him hideous. Deep down he was afraid his mate would as well. He didn't shift into a cute little teddy bear. He was a monster. He was afraid she would only see the monster in him after this. But she needed to see it. It was part of him. Just like her dragon was part of her. Not so much her wolf because it was another

consciousness. His beast and him were one. Just like Alexis dragon and her were one.

Micah rubbed his hands together in excitement. "Alright, time to unleash the Kraken!"

-Note-

Taming is in the top 10. Save your votes for the knockout next week. We are going to need every one of them.

## **Taming Her Beastly Mate Chapter 60**

### **Chapter 60 Release the Kraken!**

Erebus scowled as he looked out his window. He watched the waves rolling angrily reflecting his own foul mood. He failed to kill the right fairy king and that was his chance to send Aken back to the ocean. It would be impossible for him to enter Elysium now. His plan had failed miserably. His mind was being scrambled as he drove himself mad. His thoughts began to jumble together not thinking properly. He began to mutter to himself.

"It's all the Kraken's fault. It's all the Kraken's fault." He kept repeating as he nodded his head convincing himself of that.

In order to take Alexis, he would have to face Aken head on in battle. Something he wasn't particularly interested in doing. Aken was dangerous. One of the few gods that had killed another god before. He didn't want to fight against him. He would need to find someone who could enter Elysium. Someone that would be able to enter into Elysium and be able to assassinate the right fairy king.

Erebus knew his only shot at this would be to either find a fairy mixed with a demon or to find a dark fairy. Some dark fairies were against the fairy kingdom.

"I need to find one strong enough but..."

"Yes—that could work..."

"That would be my best chance." He nodded his head as he began to weave a messy web in his head.

Erebus had extravagant plans in his mind. He would take the fairy princess and make her his. And with her by his side, he would have the perfect queen for his transition. He planned to become an original demon. Once his transition as a demon was complete, he would kill the demon king and take the crown as his own.

“Yes, that’s what I will do.”

The demon king was also an original demon. He was more powerful and craftier than all the other demons. He gained the support of the masses rallying them behind him. With the full demonic support, the original demon was able to take control of all the demons. He became the demon king... Marcus. All this time Marcus had gone unchallenged by others. He holds the crown with no opposition. Until now.

Erebus had his eyes on King Marcus’ position. If he could devour the demon king’s soul, he would have the power to take over as the new demon king. But he needed Aken out of the way. If there was one deity that could trip up his plans it was the damn Kraken. He didn’t fear the other deities like he feared Aken. Because he saw the darkness in Aken before. He had seen a power he didn’t want to challenge.

He pondered quietly gazing out into the sea. He contemplated his next move. He needed someone opposed to the fairy kingdom... his best bet was definitely a dark fairy. He needed to find one who wouldn’t be too difficult to persuade and, whose loyalty would be to him alone.

He knew the dark fairies had their own agenda. While some followed the fairy kingdom others wouldn’t be caught dead following a light fairy. Though those same ones would never side with a demon either. He needed to find something that would be appealing to them. He needed something that would be of great importance to them. And then it came to him, of course... the answer was simple. The dark fairies wanted the fairy crown. So why not promise to give it to them?

He would give them Alexis’... not permanently of course. Just long enough for her to produce them the heir they would need. Why not? He could allow Alexis to be used just long enough to get pregnant. Then he would claim her after that.

“Yes... that’s a good idea.”

And he would take care of the other fairy princess in the vampire kingdom once he became the demon king. Erebus was pleased with his plan. He would use that to bribe a dark fairy to work with him. However, first, he had to find this dark fairy.

“This time it will work.”

He thought about which of the dark fairies had the most power and ability. One that would easily denounce their own kind. The dark elves were a possibility... or an Unblessed Court hound shifter.

“The Unblessed Court!”

That was his answer. This was the organization that dark and evil fairies belonged to. Any creature that even had a trace of fairy ancestry was accepted into the Unblessed Court.

The Unblessed Court has been known to have a vendetta against the light fairies and their Blessed Court. And because they were still fairy kin they were openly accepted in Elysium, the kingdom that protected all fairies.

Erebus snickered to himself as a sinister smile spread across his face. His smile soon faded as he furrowed his brows.

“What if Aken has already marked her...”

He forgot about one very important detail in his maniacal scheming. “That damn bastard... even more reason to kill the fairy king— But if Alexis is already marked I won’t stop with the killing. It won’t be just the fairy king. Why not? Let’s kill them all. Indeed...” He nodded his head as a new plan was formulated in his mind. “Yes... that is what I will do.” He turned from the window as walked down the cold walkway. “I need to find that witch. We have plans.”

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“There is a castle inside the castle.” Micah gaped with his mouth open and looked at the large underground dome they just entered. “It’s like another world down here.” The ground below was made out of a dirt floor and the walls looked like thick rocks and boulders.

“It’s a training dome.” Aken shrugged as he watched Alexis looking upwards.



“How high is it to the ceiling? Looks like about ten stories high...” Alexis looked over at Aken who nodded his head.

“My beast is about six stories high, so it leaves a little extra room for shifting.” Aken watched Micah turn his head to look at him.

“Six stories high? Duuude! You know how big you can crap in that form?!” Micah looked excited as he tried to imagine it. Jasper let out a stifled laugh and Aken looked down and shook his head.

“So shouldn’t we get you to the water or something?” Jasper quirked his brown up at Aken who laughed loudly.

“You are blurring fantasy movies with me. I’m not a squid. I’m not even a deity of the water. That would be Leviathan which is why his summon ability is water. My element is the earth.” Aken rubbed his hand over Alexis’ side. He looked into her blue eyes and gave her a faint smile. “It’s okay if you are afraid afterwards or think differently.” He watched as she went to interject, and he placed his fingers on her lips. “Don’t say anything now. I just wanted to let you know.”

Alexis kissed his fingers and placed her hand on his holding it slightly. “You are making a much bigger deal out of this. I am sorry others were cruel to you. But I am your mate... I won’t be afraid of you.” She could see the sadness in his eyes as he nodded his head.

Aken squeezed Alexis’ hand before letting it drop as he walked away. Micah came and stood by Alexis’ side. He bumped into her shoulder and winked down at her. They were all curious of what Aken’s form looked like. She watched Aken finally stop walking at the far end of the room.

Alexis could see his green eyes staring at her. And then the ground below her began to tremor slightly as her mate’s body started to grow. His body began to change to a muddy brown color and his skin looked more like a tough hide. His body was taking shape all at once as he grew to a gigantic size. His body was similar in stature to a centaur. Well, just the general shape but not the features. He now stood on all fours. Four enormous feet that were round and wide. He had sharp claws that dug into the ground below.

The upper body had two monstrous arms on each side of his torso. The muscles bulged from his arms and chest. His fingers had sharp talons that protruded slightly. And then there was his head. His eyes were rich dark

golden color. He had sharp jagged teeth and a mouth that could easily swallow a human whole. From his sharp fangs, saliva oozed in large drips.

An ear-piercing bellow ripped through his throat as he shifted his body to look over at Alexis. He stood there watching her curiously wondering what she was going to do.

Micah looked at the Kraken in amazement. Sure, if it wasn't Aken he would be apprehensive right now. The beast in front of him was something you could only imagine in your nightmares. There was nothing warm and friendly about it. The grotesque beast in front of him was nothing like the godly form of the man.

Micah whistled as he craned his neck up to look up at Aken. "You are like Godzilla... wait a minute. Have you visited Tokyo like that?" Micah smirked up at Aken. The monster made an unrecognizable sound from its throat. "You can't speak in that form?"

No, only mentally. Aken answered through a mind link in Micah's head.

"Jasper look!" Micah said pointing over at Aken. "Look at his monstrous—" Micah trailed off as Aken roared over his voice. Micah shrugged his shoulders as Jasper laughed.

"Put away the measuring tape, Micah. You clearly lost this one." Jasper teased.

Alexis looked over Aken in awe. She watched his eyes looking at her and she smiled at him reassuringly. She slowly began to approach him. She felt so tiny as she approached the colossal monster. There was no fear inside of her. He was beautiful. He was her mate. He took a small step towards her, and the ground rippled in response. Even his soft step sounded loud as his foot touched the ground. And she imagined it would sound like thunder to hear him run. He bent his head down a bit and she was able to see his face better.

His mouth was slightly open. His mouth was a cavern of teeth that extends to the back of his throat. His skin looked rough and bumpy. He has deep valleys and ridges that rise from the crevices of his scales. His skin looks like rock and the ripples are the cracks in the stone.

Aken's eyes were hypnotic. They were yellow with vertical slit pupils. They reminded her of a cat's eyes. Alexis kept looking in his eyes, trying to find the

monster in him. She saw only the man. She saw only her mate. She saw the love that he felt for her. It was the same as what she felt for him. She wanted to give him more than just her love. She wanted to give him her soul.

Alexis pushed the lump that was her tears down. She felt emotional looking at her mate. He was hers. It was hard to believe that he was actually hers. She smiled up at him, and he saw the tears in her eyes.

'I am sorry... this is my form.'

Alexis listened as Aken's sad voice rang out in her mind. She shook her head and realized he misunderstood. She continued to walk up to him and held her hand out to touch him. "Aken..." 'You are mine. All of you belongs to me. Even this. I can't believe you are my mate. And now there is nothing stopping you from marking me...'

A deep low noise sounded from his chest as the beast shifted closer to her. He bent down to his knees making the ground tremble below her. He then slowly lowered his head so that she could touch him.

Alexis reached out and touched the side of his face. His skin was rough and hard. But the sweet shocks and tingles still erupted from her fingers. She smiled at him as she stared into his eyes.

'I mean it, Aken. I want you to mark me.'

-Note-

Happy early release