The Prince's Unwilling mate

Chapter 206

206 Ayla "Give me one good reason, why | should listen to you, Hannah!" | manage to snarl.

It was hopefully hiding the fact that seeing her this unexpectedly scared me. That it brought me back to so many unpleasant memories.

"Because you're a good person. A better person than | am, and always have been. Honestly, it was one of the reasons | hated you so much. Deep down | knew you would make a better Luna to the pack. If it wouldn't have been with David | would have respected you as my Luna. You know | did reach out to him, the second | got out" She sighs.

| feel the others stiffen at the mention that she contacted David. They were probably upset, and rightfully so. She should not have been trying to contact her old pack as a rogue. Looking at her dressed in the uniform of the baby store we were in now. Her stomach showing now. So whatever was said between them David did not come out to get her. The girl he treated like a chosen mate for so long.

Hannah for some reason had formed the same love for David, her chosen mate. As most wolves would only feel for their fated mate. If it had been me who was made a rogue | would have reached out to Griffin too. Regardless of what he had done. Missing him would have been bad enough, but now that | am carrying his pup. It would have been even more unbearable.

But where Griffin would have moved heaven and earth to get back to me. With how | know David, the wistful sigh when Hannah told me she

tried to contact him, And the fact that even though she did she was still working here in a human store. It all pointed to the fact he just left her behind. Her and his pup.

"What happened, when you did?" | asked careful to keep the emotion out of my voice.

"You know what, you know how he is. | do too, | just didn't want to believe it. He doesn't love me Ayla never done. | loved him, | really did and all | did was because | wanted him to love me back." She started sobbing now.

The others still looked like they wanted to kill her right in the moment. The tension was palpable. | heard Grandma snarl, trying to control her wolf. Of course, all of this attracted the unwanted attention of the store manager. Who came rushing over to see if Hannah was causing a disturbance.

"Sorry mam, is Hannah disturbing y'all?" She smiled at us with the Southern accent | had a lot since | moved to the Silver Moon pack.

"No, she is not, she is an old friend of mine. It was good catching up but you know those hormones. | promise | won't keep her from doing her job too long?" | smiled at the manager.

Who just nodded, wished us a good day, and walked back deeper into the store.

"Thank you, Princess Ayla. All | wanted to tell you was that this is my job. | am not here to cause you any trouble when you are shopping for your sister" She nodded at Kate. Which made sense, Kate was six months pregnant and it was obvious she was. For a moment | was

conflicted Hannah would see me getting in and out of the dressing room. See me buy maternity clothes. But it was the only baby store close enough to make my bridal appointment too. What if telling Hannah the truth she would find out before the hour was over showed her | was not here to cause her trouble either?

"Well it is for me, since we told your manager we are old friends, it makes more sense you are the one helping me out. You know full well what will happen if you decide to try anything" | told her flashing her Willow's eyes.

Even as a rogue, she felt the natural aura of power | had as a princess, a future Luna and Queen. On impulse, as if it was nothing than muscle memory she bared her neck to me.

| did not have to see the other's to be sure that they all had found a way to warn her too. It was her against six she—wolves if she tried anything. To her credit, she nodded and put on a smile albeit fake. And didn't comment on the

fact that my family and friends were looking at her with so much hate and disdain.

"Well congratulations Princess, it makes sense. You found a real one, a good one." She sighed again.

For a second my jealousy flared up. The same jealousy | hate when Griff displays it. It felt like her mentioning | found a better mate meant she was into him. Like she tried to make me believe a few times before. But when | looked more carefully all she seemed to be was broken.

| had found four maternity jeans, Hannah having lived in the same pack

with me for so long, knew the clothes | liked. It was a weird experience like we had at one point actually been friends. It made me wonder wh would have hanperedGPste had been NG fated mate from the start. If his parents never forced him to befriend me to keep my parents in check. Would we have been friends, would | sent her an invite to the castle so she could be present for my wedding with Griffin? Would she and David greet me with warm hugs showing me their newborn pup? The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Despite it all | had a pleasant time getting my maternity clothes. | paid for most with my credit card. Mom had picked out some baby clot

and a very elegant Hed, ahd? had eee ain Dad's credit card. It was an expensive dress, it was beautiful but | had put it back because it was one | would only wear to royal events. Or events at other packs where | would be going as the future Luna. | told myself | could not be sure | would require a dress like that during this pregnancy. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Both Mom and Grandma disagreed with me saying that as the Princess and the future Luna of the Silver Moon pack there was no way | would not be attending a fancy event during these nine months. Deep down | knew they were right, but | have always found it difficult to buy myself a lot of things at once.

Jessa had bought me a pack of onesies with wolves on it. And a matching plushie, because you wouldn't often find baby stuff with wolves on it. Kate dnyoteseh"

relR other tHalatie necklace it had a little ball on it with a bell in it. It was said that the pup would hear it when you wore it while they were still in the womb. And the sound would comfort them when they would hear it after they have been born. Of course we also just liked the idea of wearing matching necklaces during our pregnancy. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Krystel got me some creams and ointments to rub on my stomach to

avoid stretch marks. Joking that | needed to put Griffin to work to massage those in every night. Giving us another excuse to always be barely in time for appointments. Grandma got me a baby blanket and asked me to hold off on buying a crib so | would. We were about to leave, loading all our stuff in the car when Grandma rushed back inside to speak to Hannah.

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Grandma never told me what she said to Hannah, she seemed relaxed when she came back though. And | knew better than to make my Grandma tell me something if she was not ready to tell me. As soon as | walked into the bridal salon | forgot all about Hannah. The pity | felt for her, the slight stress | felt at being in her presence still. It was weird the power dynamic between us had shifted. She seemed remorseful, she said outright she knew she had no right to ask for forgiveness. But that she still hoped I could find it in my heart to forgive her one day.

| didn't answer her and up until | walked into the bridal salon, | doubted myself. Wondering if | had been too strict. If | should have given her my forgiveness. On the other hand, it was more than just the kidnapping. It was the entire history between the two of us. Everything that had happened. Even from before David betrayed me and rejected me. | was over it, | could have never been so happy in the BloodMoon pack as David's mate. As | was with Griffin now, and | wondered if that didn't just mean | should forgive her. Now surrounded by lace, glitters, and a whole lot of white dresses. All | could focus on was the fact that | was about to choose my wedding dress.

To be able to marry the love of my life in five short months. We had been saying five months, until | realized the first month had passed us by without a lot of planning. We settled on the fact that we would have the wedding in the castle. And we picked out invitations but that was about

We had spent three hours looking at dresses. The salon even had fake bellies | could wear under the dresses to see how they would look like when | was eight months pregnant. | settled on a bohemian-style dress with lace off-the-shoulder sleeves and a sweetheart neckline. It was soft and flowy but the floral lace covering the entire dress had a subtle glitter or shimmer in it. Causing it to still feel elegant and suitable for royalty. For the longest time, | had imagined myself wearing the highest heels | could find for my wedding. Just to be sure that | wouldn't be that much shorter than my mate. The funny thing is Griffin is a lot taller than David. And now when | am marrying Griffin | will be pregnant and unable to wear high heels. | already found cute ivory flats that looked like they were made out of lace.

Now | didn't care for the height difference, on the contrary. | am already excited for the part where he can kiss the bride. He would just lift me with one arm like he usually does when he wants to kiss me. Nothing in this entire world makes me feel as wanted, and as protected as the moment where he lifts me off the ground to kiss me. Thinking about those kisses, We are on the way home and | have no idea if Griffin is going to be home already or not. Not wanting to risk mind—linking him | text him. There was no reply, so | decided to go to my room and unpack some of the clothes we had gotten today.

Due to their ranks in their respective packs, my family couldn't stay long. Meaning that we would all go out for dinner tonight. And then they would go home first thing tomorrow morning again. | was very grateful that they managed to come over for such a short period so | wanted to spend as much quality time with them as | could. As Griffin wasn't home yet, | invited the girls to come along with me. | could show them the room we wanted to decorate as the nursery.

| have been living in the Silver Moon pack for several months now. My

family has come over a few times since then. They have been in my apartment, or chambers however you would like to call it. They helped me unpack my stuff, and still, they have never seen how big my and Griffin's living space is. For some reason, we never had dinner or lunch in our wing of the castle. Maybe next time when they come over we could change that.

The start would be to have them over for coffee and tea so we can relax a little bit before we need to get to dinner. Then the man told us they would fix dinner. None of us she—-wolves knew what they had planned, or what we should wear. We trusted them though, happily chatting along as we made our way into my apartment. | put the kettle and the coffeemaker on and then gave

the she-wolves in my family a proper tour of the place. Putting away my maternity clothes in my closets. For now, | placed all the baby and pregnancy stuff in the top drawer of the dresser. Next to my underwear, Griffin and | should start working on the nursery. With how busy we are it might take longer than expected to get the nursery ready.

"No, Griffin agreed with me that we are going to make our nursery ourselves. It feels like a rite of passage we need to do as new parents" | answered Aunt Katie who had thought Griffin and | would just let one of the pack's contractors make the nursery for us. And we easily could have but it didn't feel right.

"Since | already RSVP-ed for the wedding you know | will be there. | will be sure to bring some decorative pieces fitting the nursery if you show me your style" Aunt Katie offered.

was about to thank her and promise to keep her up to date on everything leading up to the wedding. As well as all things pregnancy and pup-related when we hear a sound coming from outside. Our

apartment was on the third floor, but we had a larger balcony. Where we could spend time outside if we wanted to. | think it was about the size of an average human garden in the suburbs. The sound seemed to be coming from the balcony. Whoever was on.it tde@to make bs little sodRd-SS possible. After running into Hannah in the mall, despite her kind words. Despite what seemed like her genuine want for forgiveness it was all too circumstantial. | tried to mind-link Griffin but | couldn't reach him. Probably because we were far apart. | could not be next to him, because if he texted back it could alert whoever was sneaking around on the balcony. | did a quick head count it was seven of us, likely against one or two of them. It wouldn't make sense that they would try to break in with more wolves. That would draw way too much attention to them. No, if they had numbers that big they would have just attacked us out in the open. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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Everyone in the room had heard the noise coming from the balcony, and they were all waiting for mysigipan what t ogkout iSdPsignaled to the balcony door and made gestures | hoped would convey opening the door. The others nodded so we sneaked to the balcony door careful not to make a sound. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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"lam sorry Darling, | didn't mean to scare you. | just got us something and we wanted to surprise you girls. That's why | couldn't respond to your mindlink. We had heard you guys in the apartment. You would have noticed how close | was to you. Did something happen when you went shopping that you're so on edge?" Of course, Griffin knew something was up right away.

And | was going to tell him about meeting Hannah. But not now, not right in this moment with everyone around us. Whatever the surprise was he was so excited about us. | don't want to ruin this moment for him. Hannah was not a threat, not anymore that much was clear. All she did was bring up some unwanted memories. She didn't even intend to do so, just seeing her was enough. More so because she didn't seek me out, | did not go to her because we still had some unsettled business. We both just were at the same place at the same time. | can't even say we were at the wrong place at the wrong time. Because in the end, nothing bad happened to either of us.

"No, Baby, | just wanted to be careful. So tell me about the surprise?" Krystel raised her eyebrows. &

Out of everyone here, that knew | met Hannah today, Krystel knew Griffin the best. She knew he would want to know about it right away. She didn't say anything though, hopefully trusting me to do the right

thing. Griffin was too excited to notice anything. He had taken my hand. in his and almost dragged me to the other side of the balcony where he showed of a new BBQ very similar to the one my parents had.

"| remember when | first visited your home after that first ball. Meeting your parents when you hadn't come home was nerve— wracking. But they welcomed me with open arms, and when | looked around in their home | saw all those pictures of your family BBQS. And in that moment | told myself that one day, we would have a family. One where | would give our children the same happy memories. Because you all looked so happy in the pictures." Griff was getting emotional and so was |.

It was good to remind ourselves not only of how far we have gotten. But off how bright our future was. So yes tonight when we were in bed | would tell Griffin all about Hannah. How while | truly believe she is not a threat to us anymore. But that it doesn't matter that | still do not forgive her for all that she has done. And will never forgive her. | understand it was hard to see the man you love, not love you back. Try to replace you at every turn. Not seeming to care at all for the fact that she seemingly moved on too. It didn't give her the right to get involved with my future though. It did not give her the right to try to take my future. To take away the future | was building with my fated mate. And she did

For a while, | would use to think of the small things she would do for me while David was holding me captive. But she didn't, she never helped me out when | was held captive by someone else. Oddly enough seeing her in the store, begging me not to cause trouble because it would cost her, her job. Showed me the truth that | already knew but tried so hard to ignore. Back when | was kidnapped | needed to believe there was at least some somewhat friendly face. Someone who didn't agree with David, someone who was there just to help me.

Just like she did at the baby store, she was nice to me when she and David had me kidnapped to get her way. Like how she did not protect me from getting pregnant with David. Because | was unsure if there would be a way back to Griffin if 1 was carrying someone else's pup. No Hannah could not stand the idea of me carrying the pup of the man she loved. So she helped make sure | would not get pregnant with his pup. We just had a common interest and if it would have been her interest only she would have forced me to.

| still didn't agree with Griffin, in regards to how scared we still should be. | had come to terms with the fact that | now was so much of a public figure that | would always need to be extra alert. That | would never be able to get out of pack ground alone. It was a prize | had to pay for being with Griffin. | never aspired to be a Luna let alone the Queen. Hell, | wanted the ball we found each other at to be over as soon as possible. | was happy due to my size he would never consider me his chosen mate.

| loved being Griffin's mate though, | loved our life together. | loved being able to help my pack and my country too. It was the public part | could do without. So | was not about to make my life even more complicated than it needed to be. David was long gone, and Hannah was broken and sad. But all she wanted to do now was to focus on her unborn pup. | believed her, not because | trusted her. | knew what it was like to know you were carrying your pup. Your child with the man you love. And the protectiveness you feel for that

little pup right away. Cynthia was done too, she never did much more than disrespect me. Now that Sam had put her into her place. Now that he was moving on from the loss of his mate. And was finally doing things to put himself first and not his spoiled daughter. She had learned her lesson.

Or maybe she was just afraid of further punishment from her father. Maybe she had grown up now she had some responsibilities. | didn't

care she had been a hindrance nothing more and nothing less. So | kissed Griffin and thanked him for getting us all amen mM thoughtful, Thee\h ped with the pkep for the BBQ. Because | loved the fact that your first BBQ we hosted ourselves would be with both our families. Nothing was going to spoil that for me, for us. | could easily tell Griffin about Hannah a bit later. There was nothing to tell really. | am sure he would understand me. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

There was this uneasy feeling forming in the pit of my stomach but | just pushed it down. It must bey because of whasmpbeting fannah had\Bro he up. Griffin was getting a little worried though, he can always read me like an open book. And with Krystel eyeing me | was getting unsure if | could keep this from Griffin until after the BBQ. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Darling, are you Sure you are okay you keep zoning out. Did something happen when yeuywertbut-shopping withthe dthers?" | had been worrying again, Krystel nodded pushing me to tell Griffin. But | was still unsure. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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