

Chapter 76

Melissa looked up, the smile on her face, long gone like it wasn't there to start with. Her eyes locked on the figure standing beside Liam, clutching the child in her arms. Yinat averts her gaze.

"What is this?" Melissa's voice trembles, looking over the crowd of people in the pack house. Her eyes meet with Noah's and he looks away painfully.

Melissa's knees weaken but she refuses to back down. She looks at Liam, eyes hard and filled with determination. She musters a smile "You sent for me, your majesty." She speaks up.

Ana perks up at the sound of her voice, her body starting to tremble. She locks her arms around Yinat's neck, beginning to sob softly.

Liam's eyes snap to the crying child, his eyes widening as Yinat tries to calm the pup down to no avail.

"I am only going to ask you this once, Melissa." Liam voices out, eyes on his mate. Melissa stands still, hands gripping the sides of her dress tightly. "Do you know these two? Did you kidnap them?" He blurts out, settling it once and for all.

Melissa's chest heaves like she had just run a marathon, her fist shaking as her gaze flickers to Yinat. The other cowers in fear. Melissa's eyes were filled with rage, anger, and murder. Melissa closes her eyes, struggling to calm down and not do anything irrationally.

She opens her eyes and looks at Liam. "No, I don't. I didn't kidnap anyone. Are you letting Erin's words influence your mind, My king?" She starts and Ana's wails get louder the more she hears her voice.

Liam huffs, standing up from the throne he was sitting on. He walks forward, his eyes were heavy on Melissa.

"You really don't know either of the two, is that right?" He asks like he had been expecting her answer.

"Of course. I have no reason to lie. I am pregnant with your child, your pup. The future heir of the blue moon kingdom. Why would I ever need to lie?" She grits out, eyes flicking to Yinat's.

"Pregnant? You, Melissa? You were pronounced barren. Did you forget?" Liam huffs out.

"Miracles happen and this time, a miracle has happened." She sticks to her words, not straying further or behind. Murmurs begin to go around in the hall. How can a miracle like that happen?

"Fine! I gave you a chance to redeem yourself but you didn't take it." Liam looks into the crowd, gesturing at the person to come out. Since he found out Melissa had Erin's pup and Yinat, his favorite bed warmer who had suddenly disappeared because her uncle had died.

The person shuffled out of the crowd, hands folded in fright, they come forward, the murmurs in the crowd dying as soon as they see who it is.

Melissa's eyes widen dramatically, her heart beat thumping hard in her chest. The person stops a few steps away from her, finally lifting his eyes to hers.

"Tell me, doctor. Is Melissa truly pregnant? Is this really a miracle?" Liam asks. Although he knows the truth now, he wants it to be confirmed to everyone here.

The doctor looks at Melissa and back at the alpha, he opens his mouth to speak but is cut off.

"Why can't you believe me when I say I am pregnant? Why are you treating me this way? Getting the doctor to come here and confirm! This is an insult to my person and character." Melissa yells, trying to find a way to wiggle out of this.

"Luna Melissa isn't pregnant." The doctor blurts out, wanting to heal the burden on his chest.

Melissa staggers back, her knees buckling, she almost falls. She swallows harshly, trying to grasp onto anything.

The doctor looks at her, his eyes stocked ok hers "She came to the hospital some weeks ago and threatened me. She said I'll lose my entire family if I don't do as she wants. She forced me to give her a diagnosis and claim she is pregnant." The doctor reveals.

Melissa swallows the pile in her throat, scrambling towards Liam. "He's lying. Don't believe him. He is lying!" She yells, looking back and forth.

She felt useless.

Her eyes flicker to the person in the crowd. "Beta Noah, please help me. You know I did nothing of such. You know I would never. You know everything so please talk." She yelled, tears pooling in her eyes.

"The beta was with her when she threatened me. And not just that. The next day I was forced to go to the outskirts of the pack where she had kept her." He points at Yinat.

"The real one who is pregnant is her. The Luna planned to take her baby for herself and claim the child as hers." The doctor revealed.

Liam's eyes widen, and he snaps his head at Yinat who stood beside him, shaking with Ana in her arms.

"What? Yinat is pregnant?"

"Yes you're-" The doctor doesn't get to finish his words. Melissa lunges at him, slapping him harshly across the face.

"Shut your fucking mouth!" She screams into his face, eyes red and filled with anger.

"You have to believe him. I am the one pregnant for you. Y-Yinat isn't. It's me, Melissa, your hands. I am pregnant." She wraps her arms around her tummy protectively.

Liam chuckles, he runs his hand through his hair. "Pregnant?" He huffs out, taking a step towards her. "How can you be pregnant, Melissa? How can a barren be pregnant? Did you forget?" He stops right in front of her, his eyes locked with hers, devoid of any emotion. "You are barren. You can never carry a child. Not in this lifetime."

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Erin rushes down from the car, panic settling into her bones. "Ana! Ana!" She yells, not waiting for Derrick before rushing not the cottage. It looked exactly like what was described to her.

"Ana! Sweetie." She yelled, rushing into the place, heart full of hope. She stops in her tracks as soon as she enters the cottage, looking around but she doesn't see anything.

"Ana!" Derrick's voice comes from behind, he too also coming to a halt as soon as he enters. No one is there. The place is empty. Ana isn't here.

"No, no, no, no. Ana has to be here. She has to be here." Erin chanted, rushing towards every nook and cranny, trying to find Ana.

"Ana!" She yelled, tears falling down her cheeks. Her daughter isn't in the cottage. Her daughter isn't here.

"Derrick, she isn't here. Ana is not here. She was supposed to be here. In this cottage." She cries out, clinging to his arms, crying.

"We will find her. It's today! We are going to get her back today, no matter what. If we don't find her here then we will have Melissa bring us to her. There is no turning back." Derrick promises. He's had enough already.

'Let them out. This is war' he sends to Dylan over the mind link. Before he left the pack, he had gathered every warrior that has been training for years. He knew back then if they don't find Ana in the cottage. There will be bloodshed.

"Come on, let's go. We will bring Melissa to her grave if we don't get Ana." Derrick grits out, his voice filled with anger.

They both walk out of the cottage, heading to the blue moon pack just at the same time the warriors leave.

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Melissa begins to laugh. She bends, clutching her tummy in her hands, her laughter resonating in the four walls of the hall. She stands straight. Everything has been revealed so she might as well break it all.

"You're right. A barren like me will never have a pup. I can't have one. That's true." She admits, flicking a stray tear from the corner of her eyes. She tilts her head sideways, smirking.

"But, you know what? If can't have a child, then you can't too." She begins to laugh again like she just said the funniest thing there is.

"Have some shame, Melissa," Liam growls out, eyes orbs flicking from the

calm brown to raging red. It doesn't faze Melissa.

"Why? Is that a hard pill to swallow? You can't have a child if I am not pregnant. I was willing to stoop low and claim that bitch's brat as mine. I would've given you everything you wanted but no. You just had to dig for the truth you wanted. Is that it, Liam?" Melissa rolls her eyes.

"You have the audacity to tell me to have some shame. How about you, Liam? Where is your shame? Fucking another when your mate waited for you! Where is your damn shame!" She screams, pushing his chest.

"You're despicable! Everything that's happened is all your fault. I wouldn't have gone after her if you didn't fuck her." She laughs again.

"Melissa!"

"What? Does it hurt your alpha? Just know, if I don't have a child! You're never having one too. It doesn't matter if that bitch has your child. She would never be yours." She smirks, eyes flickering to Yinat who stood a few steps away. The other has passed Ana to a maid who was now helping the pup sleep amidst all of the yellings.

Liam heaves heavily. "You've done enough damage as it is, Melissa. You will be punished for all that you've done." He spits out, taking a step back.

Melissa's eyes widen. "Punish me? Go ahead. I dare you."

Liam shakes his head pathetically. He opened his mouth to speak just at the same time the door is pushed open. Erin and Derrick rush in.

The murmur in the pack hall increases as they see the supposed mate Luna. "Where is Ana, you fucking crazy woman!" Erin lunges at Melissa who stood in the middle of the hall.

Melissa begins to laugh as Erin grabs her shoulders, shaking and yelling at her face. She doesn't respond, instead, she laughs. She laughs like a crazy starved person.

"Where is my-"

"Mama?" Ana's soft voice comes through. Erin stops, her breath stopping for a second. Her hands fall limp, eyes following the voice. Her eyes blur with tears. Liam gestured at the guard to hold Melissa back. Melissa is grabbed by two guards who pin her in place.

"Ana... Ana!" Erin cries out, rushing towards the child. The pup also wriggled her way out of the maid's arm, a pout forming in her mouth, her lips trembling.

"Mama." She begins to cry, Erin rushes towards her, stopping right in front of the pup, she scoops her in her arms, crying when the child wraps her arms around her neck.

"Scaed Mama. Scaed." The child mumbled as she cried. Erin's heart clutched harshly on hearing the words leaving her pup's lips.

She's scared.

Erin looks at Derrick who gestures to her, asking if Ana is okay. She nods, holding her child tightly in her hands

"What the hell did you do to my daughter,"

Erin yells, holding Ana close to her, she turns to look at Melissa.

"You also had to come, didn't you? Is it ridicule Melissa day, today?" Melissa asks sarcastically.

"Melissa has done a lot, kidnapping your pup wasn't the only thing she did. She will be punished for everything she's done." Liam grits out, eyes filled with a different type of anger.

"Let me go. I dare you to punish me, Liam. I dare you." Melissa grits out. The guards leave her arms just like Liam instructed. Erin walks back to Derrick, catching her baby in her arms. She passes the pup to Derrick knowing he is dying to check if she's good.

"Before you punish me. I will give you my punishment too." Melissa spat out, eyes filled with determination.

All it takes is a second. Melissa grabs a knife from god knows where. She pushes Liam out of her way with all her might and lunges forward for Yinat.

The girl's eyes widen with shock, the last thing she sees is the wicked grin on Melissa's face before she's stabbed right in the stomach.