

THEIR LYCAN QUEEN BY FOXTAIL

Chapter 176

Part 3 Chapter 6

Nora's POV

Melinda and I kept ourselves busy along with Anna and Sam and all the children as we opened the gifts I have been given as a thank you for breaking the curse and awakened as the future queen.

I seriously liked the gift from the moon kingdom, I have never seen or touched a moon stone before. It is as big as my hand and when I touch it, it glows. Melinda explained that I can store the energy from the moon inside of it so she promised to help me with that at the next full moon.

I got a very beautiful dress from the green kingdom, it was taken straight out from a fairytale. I love it and I promised myself that I would wear it at the ceremony when the king will step down and announce me as the queen and Helios and Ares as the new kings.

From the knight kingdom I got a laugh as I took up a shimmering armor that looked like it was made from dragon scales. It was light as a feather but I don't think anything could break through it. And I also got my pendant from the women that I had asked about if they could make it and I smiled.

King Isaac and Tristan had sent an even more beautiful dress but I am not sure when I should wear it as both Melinda and Anna blushed when I held it up against my body. So I put that one down in the box again.

Then we looked through the others but the most surprising one was from the sun kingdom. A black envelope. I opened it and one single card came out. I opened it and read what it said.

"Dear Queen Nora. We are happy and truly blessed that you, the chosen one, broke the curse. We wanted to send you a gift but like many others I can guess, we tried to search for one special and we

hope that you will care for it as it is a special creature from our kingdom.

Inside the envelope you will find something that looks like black sand. You need to go outside and take the sand in your hand and blow it in the air. And I truly hope that you will realize that all magic isn't evil.

“Sincerely.”

I looked confused and took the envelope up again and looked inside it before pouring out the black crystalized sand into my hand. It was black and shimmering but it felt warm in my hand and as curious as I was I walked outside at once.

I walked to the training area and the warriors that were there moved as I waved at them. Melinda and the others had followed me and I looked at the flags on top of the castle to see where the wind was blowing.

Then I stretched out my hand and blew on the sand. At first nothing happened as the sand blew away by the wind and I was a little bit disappointed. But then it landed in the grass and I gasped by surprise as the sand took form and formed a black and very shiny egg.

It wasn't small but rather large and I needed both hands to pick it up and my arms could barely wrap around it. I looked down at it and put my cheek against it. It was warm and I could hear something mover inside of it. But the egg wasn't smooth at all; it felt like it was covered in gravel.

“Oh my goddess, can that really be a..” Anna says but she doesn't continue

“It's a dragon egg” Samantha says and comes closer to touch it.

“Really?” But I thought they didn't exist anymore?” I say.

“They do but they can only be found in the sun kingdom and only the person that has been touched or blessed by the moon goddess can ever ride one. To hatch the egg you need to give it a name and it

has to accept it” Samantha explains and I nod. Looking down on my egg in awe.

I carry it inside again and this time we meet Helios, Dave and the king. as they walk down to us. Helios gasp at the egg that I am holding onto.

“Is that what I think it is?” he says and stares at it before laying a hand on it.

“Ouch” he says and takes his hand away quickly

“What?” I am confused.

“It gave me an electric spark” he says and shows his palm and just in the middle is a small burn mark.

“It just feels warm to me” I shrug and smile as I feel it move inside it again.

“Yeah, yeah, boost away” Helios pouts and I stand on my toes to kiss his cheek.

“Do you want to come and open the rest of the gifts with us?” I ask him but he shakes his head.

“No, I need to go find Mariah, so we can plan the ceremony for the evening” Helios says and I nod and glance quickly at Melinda that seems deep in thought.

“Melinda” Helios suddenly says and I smile but Melinda seems rather shocked like she doesn’t know if she should stay or run away.

Helios hugs her and Daniel growls but not as fiercely this time and I giggle.

“You are my half sister and I am your half brother. I will always care for you. But what needs to be done needs to be done right away. don’t fight it and just accept it okay? everything will be alright” Helios explains and I raise an eyebrow. Can he be more cryptic?

“You don’t hate me?” Melinda trembles and Helios shakes his head.

“No. A long time ago I felt disappointed but then I discovered that you had no idea who you were to us so I couldn’t hate you. I don’t know if I love you but I definitely like you, sis” Helios says and kisses her on top of her head before walking out and I shake my head and smile at him.

“I wonder how long it will take for him to remember what he forgot” Daniel laughs and I nod my head, wondering as well.

It took about three minutes before he came back all flustered and he hugged me hard and kissed me on my lips before going out again. I laughed at him and so did everyone else.

We sat on the big red rug again and started opening the other gifts when I suddenly felt the king beside me.

“Is that a dragon egg?” he asks and I nod my head.

“Wow” is all he answers and I can feel that he is nervous.

“Don’t be so nervous, I can guarantee that she is extremely nervous on her own” I whisper to him and he looks at me before glancing in Melinda’s direction and he nods.

“Nora, can we play with this, please?” David interrupts us and I look at what he is holding up.

It's a ball, the size of a basketball but it's gold in its color. I nod my head and he seems very fond of the golden ball.

"It's an ordinary toy that has been painted in gold." Dave explains and points at the other toys as well. Why toys?

"Someone else is also expecting Nora to be pregnant soon"

Authors note

Tomorrow 24/12 is christmas for me so I will try to update at least one chapter but if I would forget then you know the reason why. Happy christmas everyone and take care of yourselves!

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Part 3 Chapter 7

Melinda's POV

I am the king's daughter and I am also the witch that created the curse, daughter. Am I cursed as well? Daniel told me earlier that he could sense my lycan but that she is probably dormant and here I thought my dad was just a random lycan and not the king himself.

What if they didn't succeed in killing my lycan and that she is in fact dormant inside of me. If I break the second part of the curse, will she be released? Will I turn into a lycan? I don't know if that is something that I even want. I never pictured being a lycan.

All of my worries eat me away and I know that Daniel can feel them as well as he has been hovering very close to me since the king told me that I am his daughter. I thought that Helios and Ares would resent or hate me but both of them seemed pretty cool about this whole situation.

Helios mindlinked Ares and with Nora's help I got inside the mindlink. too and we could talk freely and I finally understood that Ares felt awkward in the beginning when he was together with Mia but then he realized that everything was fine. But I think it felt like that for him since I was Mia's birth mother.

My mom, Mariah, has been avoiding me and I don't understand why but the king explained that I will have to go through a ceremony where he will accept me as his daughter and when I accept him as my father the curse will be broken completely.

I wonder if my birth mother ever saw this coming. Creating one curse with two keys to break it and one of them was her own daughter.

Magic always comes with a price and all magic has a loophole. That is something that every witch will learn before doing the actual magic.

It is the beginning of evening and I am trying to get ready and I search through my wardrobe but I don't have anything fitting to wear and I think of Nora that got all of those dresses today, maybe I can borrow one of them? Would that be weird? Yes, it would, silly me.

A knock on the door interrupts my inner dialog and I go to open it and I see the king himself or rather my father. Gosh, that is so weird to think about.

"Hello Melinda. I thought that you didn't have a dress for the evening so I brought a bunch of them if you want to take a look?" he says and I can sense that he is also nervous but I smile and nod and show him inside our room.

"What are those dresses?" I ask him as he lays them down on the bed for me.

"They belonged to your biological mother" he answers and looks sad.

"Did you love her? I am so sorry I shouldn't have asked you that" I completely flustered over my sudden curiosity.

say

"It is fine and you have the right to ask but sadly no. I didn't love your mother, not like I loved my true mate. Your mother and I had only the bond between us and I think that she actually hated me. I do know that she loved my mate" he says and seems to be lost in his thoughts.

I bend over and open the dress bag and I gasp over the perfection of the dresses.

"Your mother used a spell to make them stay freshed. She actually made these ones for you. she knew she was pregnant with you before anybody else and she would sit up and sew these dresses for you. See,

she left a letter for you here. You should read it. When you have chosen a dress, you can come downstairs and we will begin the ceremony." he says and I look at him and nod

"Thank you, your majesty" I say and bow out of habit but I am not sure if I should do that or not.

"No need to bend and if you find it awkward to call me father after everything then we can call each other by our names if that is alright with you? Oh, by the way. After the ceremony, you and Daniel will get another room, you can choose any one that you like" he says and I

smile.

“I already know which one that I would love” I say and smile and he nods before he goes out and in comes Daniel instead.

“Can I come in or do you want to be alone with your mothers words?” Daniel asks and I shake my head as I grab the card.

“Stay please” I whisper and he comes and lifts me into his arms and he sits down on the bed still with me in his arms.

I open the letter and start to read it outloud.

“Dear Melinda.”

I am sorry that I can't be with you on this day when you read this letter. There will probably be a lot of people that will spout nonsense of who I was. But you just need to know one thing and that is that I loved you so very much, my darling.

I created the curse not only because of your father and step mother but because of myself as well. I cannot tell you how much I have been torn between my feelings and the stupid mate bond. For a while all I wanted was to know who my mate was and then the accident happened.

All magic comes with a price, you know. I hope that someone has taught you this. When I severed the bond of the queen and the king's brother the magic wanted to put the balance back together and so it latched onto me and pulled me into the bond instead.

Since I already had these feelings for our queen I was an easy target but I bonded with the king as well. He is your father but believe me I never once liked him. His eyes were always on the woman he truly loved, even when we created you, he said her name over and over.

I hope for all my life that you have grown up to be a strong and independent woman and that you will have children of your own one day when my curse has been broken. Your lycan is laying dormant inside of you, they could never kill her but I am sorry to tell you.

Even if the curse is broken you can't shift into her form. All magic comes with a price. To seal her away and save you it made it so you will never be able to shift, I am sorry for that, I hope you can forgive this sad excuse of a mother.

No matter who you are today, please let me tell you one truth. I love you and I will always be proud of you. My sweet Melinda, love

child.

Love from your mother”

My only

I wailed after I had read it all and Daniel hugged me hard as he comforted me.

I looked at all the dresses and chose one that I thought would be most fitting.

“You will look like a goddess in this”

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Part 3 Chapter 8

Ares POV

We are currently up in the mountains and are looking for the ruins but we are having a hard time finding them. The scents up here are all so confusing and we have been going in circles so many times.

“Ares, can we be trapped in a vortex? Ben suddenly asks and I stop and turn to look at him.

“Well, that would explain why we are going around in circles” I say as I think about his question.

“I will ask Sam” Ben says and I nod as I watch his eyes glaze over.

I try to move again and this time something is calling for me to look up at the trees. There I see it. I growl at it, it calls out and is mocking me. A witch mark.

“Ares, she said that it could be a vortex and there should be a mark of some sort around here” Ben says and I nod and point up at the tree. Ben comes over and looks up as well and I see that he is mindlinking again

“What did she say?” I ask as his eyes return to normal

“The place here is mirrored so if we try to go north we are actually going south” Ben explains and I huff.

“Then let’s go to the south this time even if it feels confusing” I say with a slight growl.

I tell the other and we start walking down the mountain again but I

make sure that we are inside the markings so we are inside the vortex all the time but just as I am about to give up. Andrei pushes through a couple of bushes and he growls loudly.

I walk up to him when his arm stops me and I look down at the ground, wolfsbane. Oh sh it. Mark and his warrior come up with us and they growl as well.

“Wait, wolfsbane can’t grow up in the mountains right?” Mark suddenly says and I think about it.

Wolfsbane are almost instinct and they like to grow near caves and far from trees like these. Can it be an illusion but before I can try it out, Anton steps before me and just walks right out in the flowers.

“Anton, no “I growled at him but he just waved me off and continued walking.

We look at him as he hisses but not because of the flowers, he bends to take up something and in his hands he is holding a puppy? I tilt my head and it looks like a wolf puppy, it struggles in his grip and I can tell it bit him.

I shake my head before walking out in the flowers that was just an illusion and I growl as I come closer to Anton.

“Prince Ares, this isn’t an ordinary wolf. It is a werewolf” Anton says and I look at him with horror.

What if the witch that created the vortex managed to make the children. shift in their current age? They can be stuck in this form forever.

“Wait!” Mark says as he comes running towards us and the puppy whelps and struggles to come over to Mark.

“Mira” he says and takes her and holds her close.

“Mark, I will command her to shift back but be prepared that she will scream and try to run away.” I say and he looks at me but nods

I let out my aura and concentrated on the wolf and commanded her. “Shift”

She screams in agony but after a while she is laying down on the grass panting hard but she is in her human form again.

Mark grips her and takes her into his arms and hugs her hard.

“Little one, where are the others?” I ask as I crouch down beside her.

“In there” she whispers and points at absolutely nothing.

“Where?” Ben asks and tries to look as well but we can’t see anything.

Mira takes my hand and suddenly I can see the ruins of this place.

“Only rogues and girls can see it” she says and I growl. Stupid witches.

“Can you take us there?” I ask her and she whimpers, clearly she didn’t want to go back.

“You are not going back, I promise that Mark will take you home, but we cant see it until we are inside of it” I say and she seems to think but she nods.

“Okay, can you help the others as well?” she asks and I nod and smile at her

“Yes of course that is why we are here” I assure her and she nods.

Mark puts Mira down and she walks slowly and seems to look around before she is telling us that it is a step here and it looks kind of funny as she is standing in thin air. I know logically that she has stepped up on a step but otherwise she is standing in the air by herself.

I take her hand and I see now what she means: it is a hole in the middle of the step. I tell the others about the hole and they nod and watch exactly where I set my feet down and when Mira finally has led us inside the entire ruins are visible to us.

To think that this place was once a grand thing and now it’s in ruins. I shake my head at the thought that time can be cruel.

I let Mira go back to Mark before I shift and the rest of my warriors do and we sneak inside the ruins. Our senses are going on overdrive as we stalk through the ruins. But what surprises me the most is the men that are sitting in the center of what would have been the grand hall.

I look around for the witch when I find her. Oh, Andrei will have fun this time around. Nora spared her life but she did this instead? The siren witch will die today.

Andrei, do you remember the siren witch that made you think that she was your mate? Well she is here. Can you kill her this time or should I?* I mindlink him and he is furious but he answers very logically

I can’t kill her. Her magic will still work on me but not on you since Nora has marked you know he says and I nod at him. This will be fun.

I walk right out in the room and the rogue lycans suddenly look at me and I let out my aura pushing them onto the floor but the little witch just smiles as she sits on the damaged throne.

“Ares and Andrei, there you are, you cannot resist me, come here” she says and I hear Andrei move behind me but I knock him back again before slowly walking towards the witch.

She smiles like a damn cat as she thinks that I am spellbound by her but by the time I reach her I stretch out my hands on either side of her head and snap her neck clean.

Ding do ng the witch is dead.

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Part 3 Chapter 9

Nora's POV

We are running around like headless chicken, trying our hardest to prepare for everything. I smiled as I saw the king come out of Melinda's room without the dress bag. He seemed shocked to see me there but I just nodded at him before going to the library.

In the library I was searching for this book that Mia once mentioned. I thought I would do Melinda's biological mother a favor and reveal who her true mate was. But instead I find elder William sitting on the couch like he was waiting for me.

“Some secrets would have been best to remain hidden you know” he sighs and I feel uncomfortable in the way he speaks.

“What do you mean?” I ask him and he looks sad.

“She was your mate, wasn't she? Melinda's biological mother?” I ask him and he looks at me and nods.

“But, what about Ben's mother? He told me that you guys were not fated?” I ask confused and elder William chuckles.

“Of course not but then again I never loved anyone either. You see, when you first came here and healed those rogue lycans I thought that finally. I would finally be freed from this everlasting curse of emptiness. But I guess you never noticed or I wasn't just as interested as you didn't notice it.” he mumbles and I am having a hard time to keep up

*Nora, something isn't right. You should call for Helios or Daniel. I

don't like this* Aurelie raises her shackles and tucks her tail under her stomach.

But I am way too curious for my own good so I stay where I am and just look at him.

“Come here, Nora and I will explain to you. I cannot harm you, I am way too old for that sort of thing you know” he says with a pleading voice and I walk nearer him.

I don't heed Aurelie or Lillie's warnings in time when he suddenly grabs me and pulls me against him. He bares his fangs and marks me on the spot where Ares' mark lays and I black out from the creeping cold energy that comes from the mark.

Inside of elder William's memories

I sit up on the ground right outside the castle but as I look up at it, it feels way bigger than before. It's cold and I shiver, well actually it's summer but the energy that surrounds me makes me shiver.

I look around and find a younger version of Ben, no wait, that isn't Ben but he does resemble him. It must be Elder William then? But I thought he was ancient so this must be around 500 years ago or something.

I try to warm my arms up as I shiver again but it's like I can't touch myself. Am I just like a ghost, passing through these memories?

If this was Seline's gift then I don't want it. This feels very strange to me here. But I continue to look around and then I give up and follow the younger version of Ben instead. But he stops and turns around and stares right through me.

“Why are you following me?” he asks and I look behind me just to see a palace knight. I huff, I thought he saw me for a moment there but I guess I was wrong in believing that.

The knight never answers him so Ben continues to walk towards the forest but instead of coming inside the forest the palace knight stays just outside of it. I find it strange but I am following Ben anyway.

I try to find a way to speak with him but he seems to not be listening or he can't hear me. Ben stops at a small creek and I can see that there are some animals here when I suddenly feel sick to my stomach at the sight when he grabs a bunny by its scruff and tears its head off.

He does so with every animal he can find and he just looks down at them with hollow eyes like he can't feel anything at all. Once again I shiver and I try to rub my chest when I notice that my top is gone. Sh it? What happened?

Aurelie? Lillie? Can you hear me? I try to speak with them but there is only radio silence and here I thought that we were one.

“Why are you half naked?” Ben suddenly asks and I turn around to see the one that is half naked but he must have been meaning me because this time it is only the two of us.

“Can you see me” I ask and he nods

“Yes, and I can hear you as well but why are you naked?” he asks again and I don’t like that look in his eyes. Like he wants to devour me or something and I don’t mean it by a sexual meaning.

“Why did you kill those animals?” I ask him and he look at the bunny closest to his feet and he shrugs

“I can’t feel anything and my mother said that if I can’t feel anything towards an animal that I hurt then I am a bad person” he explains and the realization dawns on me.

“That mark of yours, don’t belong to your fated one” he says and points. at elder Williams and I shake my head.

“Are you in pain?” he asks and I think but I shake my head slowly.

“But you are bleeding on your stomach” he suddenly says and a chill goes through me as I look down. I have a hole in my stomach.

“Well to tell you the truth, in the time where I come from someone is hurting me and I don’t know how to stop them. “I explain and he seems to think when he suddenly stretches out a hand and touches my arm.

I was about to say that he can’t touch me but he can and I feel my body becoming solid and with that I can feel all the pain washing over me. And I scream.

“Be quiet, my father can fix this but you have to promise me to never tell anyone about him” he says and I nod my head when I suddenly feel a grip on my breast and a claw that is slicing between them down to my navel

He grabs my hand and we start running through the forest to a small cottage and a man comes out.

“Ben, where have you been and who is that and why is she naked?” he asks and finds a piece of clothing that he drapes around me.

“This is a girl I met at the castle and a guy that isn’t her mate has marked her and sent her here and now he is hurting her. Can you help please, papa” he pleads with his father and he nods.

But the moment his father touches me I scream and I am sent out of the memories and I once again look up at the ceiling in the library. Elder William is shocked to see me but I am even more shocked to see what he is holding in his hands.

My heart.

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Part 3 Chapter 10

Nora’s POV

Elder William is holding my heart in his hands but I am not dead.

“Please, don’t kill me” I whisper and he looks at me with those cold and hollow eyes.

“I won’t kill you. I just want to feel something. Please Nora help me feel.” Elder William says and I stretch out my shaking hands towards his face and pull him down at me. But he misunderstood my intentions and he kissed me instead. I shivered with disgust and he mistook that also for something else when I suddenly took us both to the moon goddess.

realm.

Helios POV

I was helping dad with the ceremony and Mariah was helping as well when I suddenly felt it. A searing pain on my neck and I felt through Nora that she had lost consciousness. Both dad and Mariah wondered what was happening when Mariah gasped and touched Nora’s mark on my neck.

“Someone has marked her” Maria whispers and then I feel another pain but this time in my stomach.

Helios, I cant reach Nora, what is happening? Find her! Ares screams in my mind.

I can feel his pain as well and his fear.

Daniel, Nora is hurt. Find her I mindlink him when I hear his roar inside of the castle and then I scream as I feel that

someone has taken out her heart from her body but she is still

alive somehow.

We hear screams, howls, growls and then we see this golden light coming from all the windows in the castle and then it becomes dark and silent.

Helios, I was too late Nora took elder William with her to the moon goddess' realm, I guess. Ari told me that she was probably there. It was elder William that harmed her. I saw him holding her heart in his hands before they vanished Daniel growls in my mind and dad helps me up and gets me into the castle.

Daniel and Melinda meet us along with Anna and Samantha. I look at them but I can see that they are as clueless as I feel about elder William. He may be Ben's father but he has always creeped me out.

But to think that he would do something like this?

Nora's POV

I open my eyes to see the moon goddess holding out her hands over my chest and a warm golden light flows out of her hands and warms my chest when I suddenly hear this, sickening crack as my chest suddenly mends itself together.

I sit up and she helps me with some water so I drink slowly. It is so damn good, clear and refreshing.

"It's from a water spring that only exists here with me. It shall give you your energy back and some protection" she says and glares at me but she isn't angry.

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"Where is he?" I ask her after drinking the water and the moon goddess suddenly smiles but not a good smile and she glances over her shoulder.

I look behind her and even I get terrified over the sight. All lycans are standing over him growling ferociously and I shudder. One lycan looks over at me and I don't think I have seen that one before. It is light brown and has one dark brown

ear.

It comes closer but stops at once as Artemis growls at it and then everyone goes quiet as they discover that I am awake and healed.

"Hello everybody" I said nervously and at once all the lycans left elder William to come and look me over.

Artemis pulled me up on my feet and sniffed my face and so did all the others. They touched me and made sure that I was fun while I just giggled as their fur tickled me.

“Okay, enough. If you haven’t noticed our queen is naked and she needs something to dress herself in” the moon goddess
and everyone stopped and then ran away from me and I glared at her.
says

“They were just trying to be nice, you know” I said and she chuckled and shook her head.

“Oh trust me Nora you will be pampered soon enough.” she said but refused to say anything else.

The brown lycan was still here, it looked tired so I reached out my hand and touched it. It was smaller than the rest of them.

“Mie, is a hybrid from a werewolf and lycan, the first of his
kind. Stronger than a werewolf but weaker than a lycan. He is the only one of his kind and he was William’s counterpart but it seems he has been abused”
the moon goddess sighs and I can feel the abuse on Mie’s body.

“Please, don’t pity me. I guess this is my fault” Mie says and I shake my head.

“No, don’t say that Mie. The human counterpart is to blame as well.” I explain and he looks at me and I can see all of his emotions at once in his eyes. Disbelief, loneliness, sadness, devastation and a cravenness to be loved.

I hug him and he seems shocked but slowly hugs me back and I truly wish for him to heal. So he can begin to feel positive emotions. And I noticed this shimmering golden light from my body and it surrounded me and Mie and I felt it all. All that he ever wanted was love and I gave it to him without hesitation.

“That was my gift to you, Nora. The gift to heal not just humans but also lycans” the moon goddess smiles.

I feel my tears coming out but I refuse to let Mie go right now. But I did look up as I felt a thunderstorm coming, the ground was shaking and there was this rumbling sound.

“Oh gracious” the moon goddess chuckled and shook her head and I stood up with Mie and I stared wide eyed as all the other lycans came back. I

recognized a silver gray lycan with green eyes that came with a dress in her hands.

I let them dress me, the complete dress was four layers and I felt truly like a goddess when they were done and satisfied. The dress was a light blue multiplied layered thing with wide arms. A belt of some sort around my waist and the dress fell down to my feet. I actually felt beautiful in it.

“This dress is inspired from a kingdom that doesn’t exist anymore in the world but it was beautiful when it did” the moon goddess says and I nod and smile.

“Thank you everyone. I love it” I say to them and everyone seems so happy by my answer.

“Seline, what about him?” I ask her about elder William.

“Oh, he has been avoiding me for about 300 years now so he will stay and repent here with me but of course I will let Ben have his body so he can bury it. After all he was his father” she says and I smile at her.

“But Mie?” I ask and glance at him.

“Oh yes, you and I will put him together with his new counterpart right now. Come on” she says and I follow her to the fountain.

“What?” Samantha is pregnant?”