## Chapter 40

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"What is the problem?" Alpha Tristan triedto remain calm. It was very easy to lust after a position from afar, but it seemed different when wearing the shoes of the said position.

He was overwhelmed by the problems in the pack right after the attack, as Beta Hugo revealed,

"Alpha, some pack members are gatheredtogether in front of the packhouse. They want to see you and our Luna."

It wasn't like this in the beginning. His victory was short-lived as the pack members accorded him maximum trust and respect until that attack.

Only if he knew the person behind it. Scarlet hid behind Alpha Tristan, afraid of  $\mathcal{W}ww.$  (b)  $\mathcal{O}we.$  (c)  $\mathcal{M}$ 

meeting her own people. Alpha Tristan shielded her as he responded to his beta.

"We were going to check the state of thepack anyway, but what is the matter?"

Beta Hugo had a stressful look on his face as he began to report the troublesome events in the pack.

"Alpha, some of them are saying they don'tfeel safe anymore. The families of the people we lost during the attacks are sparking derision."

Alpha Tristan scowled."What do they want? Being a common warrior all his life, he knew how commoners would use the most trivial things for material gains."

He had been equally attacked with his Luna, not understanding the reason why

the families of the murdered warriors were making a big deal out of it. This shouldn't be a moneymaking venture, right?

Attacks were normal occurrences in every pack, and it was either a win or lose situation. The only thing that made this attack a one-off was the fact that the peace council had not been informed.

"Compensation," Beta Hugo answered, adding, "Others are questioning their safety. The warriors do not even feel safe with your battle skills. Some are questioning how you are going to train them if even you got injured by the attackers and were unable to apprehend them."

Alpha Tristan gritted his teeth, feeling his ego badly bruised. The only difference between him and the warriors was the fact that he and his Luna survived, but all things aside, he was equally no match for his

attacker.

Only Alpha Denzel was that strong, but he would never attack a pack with a mask or redeem a woman he thought was a loose one. Scarlet was shivering."Tris, I can't do this anymore. I will stay here. You handle it."

Disappointment laced Alpha Tristan's tone as he needed the support of his mate and Luna at a time like this.

"Scarlet, this is the time to win their trust. You have to address the pack," he suddenly revealed. Scarlet's expression changed, her face draining of color.  $@ww.@oV\mathcal{E}/SHóme.(c)@m$ 

"You know I can't. I'm terrible with publicspeech." How could Alpha Tristan expect that of her? This was something any of her elder sisters would have flawlessly done.

Alpha Tristan's head was already pounding, aching badly."You are Luna now," he

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pointed out, but that could not save the situation.

"It's not as if I wanted to be. It was just acoincidence." Scarlet was worked up by the recount of the events in the pack. Beta Hugo was equally new to handling all the pack drama and couldn't be of much help other than depending on his Alpha.

Somehow, he had no regrets after judging from the video what his Alpha and Luna had done to Luna Valerie. This must be their punishment from the moon goddess, even if Hugo did not have the audacity to reveal it.

"Hugo, get all the pack together for anurgent meeting."

"Yes, Alpha, but les t I forgot. Some are also complaining about the slow supply of raw materials for the fruit factory. Some machines have broken down."

Alpha Tristan felt like his head would crack open from all the problems. He hadn't learned anything about pack management, having no idea of what to do to speed up production of raw materials to match the fruit factory demand.

The fruit factory had been very dear to Valerie's heart, and they never had any issues when she was there.

"Is there anything else?" Alpha Tristanasked, not ready to take in any more bad news, but Beta Hugo seemed to just be warming up.

"Yes, Alpha. The families of the deadwarriors and pack members are asking why the attack was directed at those who attacked Luna Valerie."

Receiving a glare from Scarlet, who was

suddenly envious of Valerie being addressed with a Luna title, Hugo coughed slightly and corrected himself.

"Mmm... I mean ex-Luna Valerie. They saidthey acted based on your orders and yet you couldn't save their mates and family members from this gruesome attacker."

At this moment, Alpha Tristan was paler than a ghost."You know what, forget about the meeting. Let's give time for the tension to come down. There is somewhere I need to be."

Beta Hugo did not see himself carrying the mess the Alpha and Luna created. How could he let them escape? Politely, he reminded them.

"But Alpha, where are you going and whatabout the Luna? Some of the pack members are in front of the pack house, and others at

the pack gate. They have vowed to get some answers before midnight."

Alpha Tristan ground his teeth so hard, they felt like gravel in his mouth. How could these pack members be so ruthless?

"Are they aware that we have just beendischarged from the hospital?"

"That is the more reason why they are here.Before, they wanted to do this earlier but only held it off because you were both at the hospital."

A frustrated sigh escaped Alpha Tristan as he murmured,"Now what?"

"Alpha..." Beta Hugo had more to report butwas abruptly cut off.

"Can't you stop talking?" Alpha Tristan

snarled. Beta Hugo laughed internally but wore a serious expression on his face.wWw.(n)ôvelshome.com

"I can, but I think this is even more criticalthan the others."

"Speak," Alpha Tristan waved dismissively.

"Some of the pack members are alreadymissing Luna Valerie." He coughed."I mean ex-Luna Valerie. They said that something like this would not happen in her reign."

Both Tristan and Scarlet looked annoyed as Alpha Tristan asked in annoyance."Wasn't her father murdered in her reign?"

"They agree but also said it was because hewas out of the pack. It would never have happened here. Others are also guessing that perhaps the person who killed the former Alpha is the one who set up ex-Luna Valerie, whereas you rejected her without investigating the matter."

"What is wrong with them?" Alpha Tristanyelled, rage boiling inside of him. Beta Hugo continued nonetheless.

"They said Luna Valerie never lied before, and on the day of coronation, she kept denying everything that happened. They also claimed that your relationship with Luna Scarlet should also be investigated because both of you were seen together during odd hours before your being mated to Luna Valerie. Alpha, are you still not going to see them?"