

MY ALPHA'S WOLFLESS DAUGHTER

Chapter Twenty-Six

Future Beta Nate

“Nate, why are you rubbing my belly?” Ayla yawned. The sun was just rising and I had been awake for a while, caressing her lower belly.

I wanted her to be pregnant with our pup. I know right now wouldn't be ideal, but I would still be over the moon if it were to happen. She rested her hand on top of mine and looked over her shoulder at me.

“It's just, we didn't use protection and you are half-wolf. Wolves are more fertile during their heat but they can get pregnant anytime. And,” I didn't get to finish, as Ayla rolled over to face me.

She took my breath away as she looked at me with her grey eyes. Bringing her hand to my cheek, I kissed her palm before she rested it on my cheek.

“Nate, for mermaids, if a child isn’t conceived a few days after the full moon, she’ll get her period. And I got mine.” She explained and I sighed.

“I’m sorry, we should have had the baby talk before doing anything without protection.”

“Nate, I didn’t stop you. I could have said something but I didn’t. And I’m not opposed to having your baby.” She said, playing with her lips.

“And I’m not opposed to you having my baby,” I told her and she smiled.

“What’s a heat?” She asked me.

“Um, it’s where the female wolf gets hot and bothered for about three days. Her scent will also drive unmated male wolves crazy with lust.” I explained and she looked confused and then horrified.

“You mean everyone knows and they all know her mate is with her?” She gasped out, her cheeks turning pink and I chuckled.

“s*x isn’t taboo in our packs. We all know how babies are made.”

“That’s not the point. I wouldn’t want my dad to know you were satisfying me.” She exclaimed and I couldn’t help but laugh. She’s right though, I would hate to know my daughter was getting it on with her mate.

“Well, your dad already knows.” I chuckled and she punched my chest, playfully, pouting.

“But, I don’t think you’ll have to deal with having a heat. If, after your shift, you followed the mermaid side of things, I think you’re safe. But I’m not opposed to locking you in my room for three days.” I purred the last part, moving my face into the crook of her neck. Planting soft kisses along her neck and collar, Ayla shivered before softly moaning.

“Nate, so mean.” She moaned, pushing her chest into mine. Rolling onto my back, I pulled her on top of me.

With her hands on my chest, my body came to life as our bond flared. f**k, have I missed this woman, our beautiful mate. She was straddling me in her very small shorts and I could see her harder n****s through her tank top.

“Nate, we need to get out of this bed.” Ayla leaned down and moaned against my ear, causing goosebumps to explode all over my body.

“Whatever you want, baby.” I groaned, my hands on her hip, and I slammed her p***y into my hard c**k. She moaned, rolling her hips. Her nails dug into my chest as she licked my neck.

“God, I’ve missed you.” She mumbled against my jaw. I turned my head and crushed my lips to hers.

My tongue fought against hers, my hand in her hair, pulling her impossibly close. A loud bang on the door made her jump. Pulling out of the kiss, she was panting.

“Come on you two. It’s time to train.” I heard Xander yelling on the other side of the door. I sighed and Ayla giggled.

“He’s right. We need to leave this room.” Ayla pecked my lips before climbing off of me and off the bed. She

went into the bathroom and after the door had closed, I let out a breath.

Being here with her felt surreal as I sat up on the edge of the bed. It was only a few days ago when she was forced to leave, but it felt like a lifetime ago.

“I want to meet mate.” Duke, purred in my head.

“You can meet her after training. She needs to be able to defend herself if we aren’t around.” I told him and he huffed.

“Never leaving mate.”

Sighing, I stood up and went over to the window. The view from her room was beautiful. Her balcony even had its own private pool. I’ve never seen anything like this place before. This place just felt magical. I didn’t know how else to explain it.

Ayla came out of the bathroom a few minutes later. She wrapped her arms around my waist from behind and rested her head on my back. She let out a sigh as she snuggled her cheek into my back.

“What’s wrong, baby?” I asked her.

“Is it too soon to say I love you?” She whispered and I smiled as my heart raced in my chest. She loves me.

“Do you think it’s too soon?” I asked her, still looking out the window.

“I know I do, but I’ve never had a mate bond before, so I don’t know what is too fast and what isn’t.” She confessed.

“Don’t worry about the bond. You move at the pace you are comfortable with. I’ve known from the first

moment I saw you, I loved you. And I thought I was going to have to explain everything to you and make you fall in love with me. Humans don't feel the bond like wolves do. And then mermaids don't have the bond. But you feel it, don't you?" I asked her. Turning around, I wrapped her in my arms, holding her against my chest.

Futura Bata Nata

"Nata, why ara you rubbing my bally?" Ayla yawnad. Tha sun was just rising and I had baan awaka for a whila, carassing har lowar bally.

I wantad har to ba pragnant with our pup. I know right now wouldn't ba idaal, but I would still ba ovar tha moon if it wara to happan. Sha rastad har hand on top of mina and lookad ovar har shouldar at ma.

"It's just, wa didn't usa protaction and you ara half-wolf. Wolvas ara mora fartila during thair haat but thay

can gat pragnant anytima. And,” I didn’t gat to finish, as Ayla rollad ovar to faca ma.

Sha took my braath away as sha lookad at ma with har gray ayas. Bringing har hand to my chaak, I kissad har palm bafora sha rastad it on my chaak.

“Nata, for marmails, if a child isn’t conceivad a faw days after tha full moon, sha’ll gat har period. And I got mina.” Sha axplainad and I sighad.

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“Um, it’s whara tha famala wolf gats hot and botharad for about thraa days. Har scant will also driva unmatad mala wolvas crazy with lust.” I axplainad and sha lookad confusad and than horrifiad.

“You maan avaryona knows and thay all know har mata is with har?” Sha gaspad out, har chaaks turning pink and I chucklad.

“s*x isn’t taboo in our packs. Wa all know how babias ara mada.”

“That’s not tha point. I wouldn’t want my dad to know you wara satisfying ma.” Sha axclaimad and I couldn’t halp but laugh. Sha’s right though, I would hata to know my daughtar was gatting it on with har mata.

“Wall, your dad alraady knows.” I chucklad and sha punchad my chast, playfully, pouting.

“But, I don’t think you’ll hava to daal with having a haat. If, aftar your shift, you followad tha marmaid sida of things, I think you’ra safa. But I’m not opposad to locking you in my room for thraa days.” I purrad tha last part, moving my faca into tha crook of har nack. Planting soft kissas along har nack and collar, Ayla shivarad bafora softly moaning.

“Nata, so maan.” Sha moanad, pushing har chast into mina. Rolling onto my back, I pullad har on top of ma.

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“Nata, wa naad to gat out of this bad.” Ayla laanad down and moanad against my aar, causing goosabumps to axploda all ovar my body.

“Whatavar you want, baby.” I groanad, my hands on har hip, and I slammad har p***y into my hard c**k. Sha moanad, rolling har hips. Har nails dug into my chast as sha lickad my nack.

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“Coma on you two. It’s tima to train.” I haard Xandar yalling on tha othar sida of tha door. I sighad and Ayla gigglad.

“Ha’s right. Wa naad to laava this room.” Ayla packad my lips bafora climbing off of ma and off tha bad. Sha want into tha bathroom and aftar tha door had closad, I lat out a braath.

Baing hara with har falt surraal as I sat up on tha adga of tha bad. It was only a faw days ago whan sha was forcad to laava, but it falt lika a lifatima ago.

“I want to maat mata.” Duka, purrad in my haad.

“You can maat har aftar training. Sha naads to ba abla to dafand harsalf if wa aran’t around.” I told him and ha huffad.

“Navar laaving mata.”

Sighing, I stood up and want ovar to tha window. Tha viaw from har room was baautiful. Har balcony avan

had its only privata pool. I've navar saan anything lika this placa bafora. This placa just falt magical. I didn't know how alsa to axplain it.

Ayla cama out of tha bathroom a faw minutas later. Sha wrappad har arms around my waist from bahind and rastad har haad on my back. Sha lat out a sigh as sha snugglad har chaak into my back.

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“Don’t worry about tha bond. You mova at tha paca you ara comfortabla with. I’ve known from tha first momant I saw you, I lovad you. And I thought I was going to hava to axplain avarything to you and maka you fall in lova with ma. Humans don’t faal tha bond lika wolvas do. And than marmajds don’t hava tha bond. But you faal it, don’t you?” I askad har. Turning around, I wrappad har in my arms, holding har against my chast.

“I feel tingles when we touch and this intense pull towards you. It’s hard to breathe without you. I’ve never felt like this before and then with everything going on, I’m scared. Not with the bond but with everything I can’t control. I would hate for you to feel what King Kaden was doing to me if he were to get me.” She mumbled. I took her cheeks and lifted her head so she would look at me.

“He is never going to get you. I promise.” I told her. She searched my eyes for a moment before she nodded.

Ayla started chewing on her lower lip and I could tell she was uneasy about something. Something was making her feel uncomfortable and she was afraid to ask me.

“She thinks we cheated,” Duke growled.

“Why would you say that?” I scolded him.

“Ayla, what’s bothering you?” I asked, nudging my nose against hers.

“I’ve been feeling pain in my chest and,” I didn’t let her finish.

“You think I cheated?” I pulled away and looked at

her. She couldn't meet my gaze.

"I don't know where the pain came from. I didn't even think anything of it until someone mentioned it could be the mate bond. I'm sorry, Nate." A tear escaped her eye and I sighed.

"It's understandable. If you were feeling pain in your chest, you would think the worst." Duke chimed in.

"I'm sorry, baby," I said, as I pulled her back against my chest.

"I would never cheat on you, ever. I know I made a mistake and I'm so sorry. Having you is all I want and need. Please believe me, Baby." I pleaded with her.

"I never believed you could cheat on me. I don't know. I just didn't understand what was going on." She mumbled against my chest.

“And we will figure it out. I love you, Ayla. I would never hurt you.” I told her, pleading with her to believe me. She pulled away and looked up at me.

“I love you, Nate. And I’ve missed you.” She breathed out. I leaned down and kissed her forehead.

“I missed you. Now let’s get ready for training. I need you to be able to protect yourself if anything were to happen.” I murmured against her forehead and she nodded.

I leaned down and pecked her lips before she went into her closet to get changed. I grabbed my bag and pulled out a pair of shorts and a tee before heading into the bathroom to have a quick shower.

“What could be causing the pain in her chest?” I asked Duke.

“I don’t know. But it wasn’t you. I would have killed you.”

Ayla

I was relieved Nate hadn’t cheated on me. It still doesn’t explain the pain in my chest. But as long as it wasn’t being caused by Nate, I could live with it. The thought of him being with another was overwhelming and I didn't want to think about it.

And it was sweet that Nate wanted me to be pregnant. Not that I was ready to have a child, but knowing if it does happen and he wants it to happen, makes me feel better. I know I wanted kids, but first I had to pick a man I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. Someone who I could trust with my life. Being a parent is hard work and both parties need to be on board to share the responsibilities of raising a child. I

think Nate will make a wonderful dad and we would make really cute babies.

I was in my closet getting dressed and as much as I wanted to be mad at my grandmother, I was thankful she had my closet stocked with clothing. She and I were going to have to sit down and have an actual conversation about what was going on. I want to believe she cares, but it's hard when I believe she is trying to sacrifice me for the good of the kingdom.

But would I really do the same? One person for the entire kingdom to be safe. I think anyone in her position would do the same. It doesn't matter that I'm her granddaughter, she's doing what she needs to do to care for her kingdom. But she could be nicer about it, instead of a cold-hearted witch.

When I was dressed in leggings, a sports bra, and a tank top. I grabbed some socks and sneakers before

walking back into my room. Nate came out of the bathroom as I sat on the edge of the bed to put my shoes on.

His scent filled the room and my heart began to race as the god of a man walked over to me and sat down. I never hated my period more than at that moment. The stupid female body.

“You okay?” Nate asked, bumping my shoulder with his.

“Yeah, I stammered out, trying to remember how to tie my shoes. My brain felt like mush as I tried to remember what I was doing before Nate entered the room.

“Duke would like to meet you today.” He said and I whipped my head to the side to look at him. He was already staring and I gave him a smile.

“I would love to meet him. We should also go swimming.” I told him, beaming. I couldn’t wait to show him my mermaid side.

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“Then let’s get this training over with so we can go to the beach.” He exclaimed, standing up, he reached for my hand. With both of us ready to go, we headed out of my room and down to the front of the palace to meet Xander.

Xander and the princes were waiting by the waterfalls as Nate and I went outside. Nate and I were holding hands as we approached them and Prince Silas gave me a smirk.

“Princess, you must be happy your wolf toy is finally

here.”

“Prince Silas, chipper as always. And I see you remember my mate.” I told him, giving him a pointed look.

“Good to see you, Nate, was it.” He greeted Nate, reaching his hand out. They shook hands but I could see Nate was having a hard time holding himself back.

“And this is Prince Chase. Prince Chase, this is my mate, Nate.” I introduced them. They both shook hands and then Nate greeted Xander. The awkward silence grew until Xander broke it.

“Ayla, I want you to do a few laps around the palace. Run along the path,” he said, pointing behind him. And I groaned.

“Why just me?” I whined and he chuckled.

“I know the others can already run it.” And I pouted.

“I don’t like you,” I told him before I took off along the path.

Asshole knows I hate running. I’m not built for cardio, maybe swimming, but not running. While I was running, I was cursing the very ground Xander walks on. I thought I’d be learning how to fight, not running around. I already knew I could run when I was scared.

I was so lost in my dislike for Xander, I didn’t hear the others calling for me to stop. I stopped and turned around to find Xander motioning for me to come over to him. I sighed before I jogged over to them.

“How many laps were you planning on doing?”
Xander asked, raising an eyebrow.

“I wasn’t counting, why?” I asked him, confused.

“Well, you just ran five kilometers, so I think you have warmed up enough.

“Really? I don’t even feel out of breath.” I exclaimed, and Xander chuckled.

“It’s the shift. In the gym, you’ll notice you can lift heavier weights.”

“Well then, at least I won’t embarrass myself by taking the stairs now.” I chuckled. We went back inside and Xander led the way to the gym.

“What were you thinking so hard about while you were running?” Nate asked me, taking my hand in his.

“I was cursing Xander for making me run.” I shrugged.

Nate and the princes laughed. Xander groaned, spinning around to glare at me.

“Really, princess?” And I just shrugged.

“Maybe?” I dragged the word out and he shook his head before he spun around and started walking again. I’m pretty sure he was going to kick my ass now.

Nate squeezed my hand as we continued to walk to the gym. This place was a maze and I’m glad Xander was leading the way. I don’t think I’d ever find my way out of this place. Most of the hallways had fish tanks built into the walls. And white marble covered everything else. I would hate to run through this place with wet feet.

Xander opened a door and we all entered a room with padded floors. Different weapons lined one wall and

there were stairs leading up to a room with work-out equipment. The upstairs looked like an actual gym.

“Ayla, stretch it out and then meet me in the middle of the floor. We will start with the basics and move up from there.” Xander told me and I gulped. I pushed my lips into a line and Xander chuckled.

When I was done with the stretches, I moved to the middle of the floor where Xander was waiting for me. I felt guilty for cursing him. He is just trying to keep me safe.

“I’m sorry about earlier,” I told him.

“Hey, it got you moving.” He chuckled.

“I know, but you are just trying to keep me safe and I’m being a bitch.” I confessed.

"You forget, I know you. And your sick sense of humor." He said and I chuckled.

"That's true."

"Now loosen up and get in a stance like mine." He said, standing with his legs shoulder length apart with his knees slightly bent. I mirrored his stance and we started to circle each other.

"Okay, princess, hit me," Xander ordered. I stepped forward, balling up my fist. Before I could hit him, he grabbed my fist, twisting my body around and back into his chest. Without even thinking, I elbowed him in the ribs. Xander let out a groan as I fought against his grip.

Xander let me go and backed up as I whipped around to look at him.

"Good work with your elbow, but it's going to take more to beat someone that is trained. Work with Nate. I'm going to make sure the princes remember their training." Xander ordered.

"Back in your stance." Nate replaced Xander.

This is going to be a long training session.

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Chapter Twenty-Seven



Ayla

With every step I took, my body screamed at me to

stop. The training was brutal and I could barely walk as I led Nate down to the beach. It was the same beach I swam upon when I first arrived here. The sun was still high in the sky and if I didn't keep moving, I was going to pass out from exhaustion. How can people train like that every day?

When my feet hit the white sand, I started to strip off my clothes. If I stopped, I knew I was going to just collapse.

"Ayla," Nate called out. I was only in my underwear by the time the waves crashed over my feet.

I felt the need to shift but I fought against it until the water was up to my knees, then I spun around and fell back into the waves.

I started to shift as the waves crashed against my body. I instantly felt better as the salt water washed

away all my aches and pains. When the shift was complete, with my butt on the sandy bottom, I sat up in the water. Sitting down, the waves crashed into my shoulder as I watched Nate, watching me.

He was only wearing his shorts as he waded over to me. I flipped my fin, splashing him. I giggled as the water covered his chest.

“Oh you think that’s funny, do you?” I shirked as he pounced on me. He pinned down my tail with his body and I giggled when a wave hit him in the face.

He looked like a soaked puppy after that and I couldn’t help but laugh. He was even pouting.

“Hold your breath,” I told him. He nodded as I wrapped my arms around his waist, holding him tightly.

With a few thrusts of my tail, my body moved from the sandy bottom and I swam underneath the swell before breaking the surface. I didn't know how long Nate would hold his breath.

"Are you okay?" I asked him. We were now in deeper water. My tail was unable to touch the bottom.

"f**k, you're beautiful." He smiled before he crushed his lips to mine. I could taste the saltiness of the sea on his lips.

I smiled against his lips as he held me close with his hands on my cheeks. This had to be heaven, I thought, as the gentle currents swayed our bodies. The sun was high in the sky and the scent of the ocean filled my lungs. And I get to share this moment with my mate. The other half of my soul.

We were both breathless as we pulled apart. Nate

rested his forehead against mine. This overwhelming feeling of happiness rushed over me and I couldn't help but smile. Our lives were about to get complicated and crazy, but right now, all I could think about was Nate. Us, sharing this moment together. Him, finally getting to experience my world. And him being here makes my new world less scary.

“I love you, baby.”

“I love you.” I smiled. Our lips barely touched. I was about to close the distance between us until it felt like it was raining.

Looking above us, a dolphin was jumping over us. I was so lost in Nate, I didn't notice the pod of dolphins that had approached us. The pod was swimming and talking all around us, making this day even more perfect.

“I think they recognize you,” Nate said as I watched in awe.

“I think it’s a mermaid thing. The sea otters came up to me yesterday as well.” I told him, as a baby dolphin nudged me.

“Awe, aren’t you just the cutest little thing?” I cooed as I rubbed his smooth skin.

Nate reached out to try to touch him and he whined and flinched away.

“It’s okay, sweet. He would never hurt you.” I told the baby dolphin. I took Nate’s hand in mine and placed it on the dolphin’s head.

Within seconds, the dolphin pushed against Nate and spit water at him. Both I and the dolphin laughed as Nate wiped the water off his face, a pout on his lips.

“I think he likes you.” I giggled.

“He likes you. I think he’s just tolerating me.” He chuckled.

We spent some time playing with the dolphins. Something I was able to check off of my bucket list. Before, we swam back to the beach. I was eager to meet Duke. Besides getting my ass kicked early, today is my new favorite day.

When my tail hit the sand, I thought of my legs and Nate whisked me up into his arms. I let out a squeal as Nate laughed. He waded onto the beach with me in his arms.

“f**k, you’re perfect, baby,” Nate said, his voice husky with lust as he laid me down on the sand and he climbed in between my legs.

Nate's shorts were the only thing between us as his lips captured mine. My hands found his wet hair as I pulled him impossibly close as our tongues played. The kiss turned more demanding as our tongues fought for dominance. The bludge in his shorts was pushed into my core.

Nate had my body on fire when he pulled away, leaving both of us breathless. I looked up at him and smiled as I tried to catch my breath.

"Duke wants to meet you." He breathed out.

"And I want to meet him," I told him.

Nate sat up, kneeling between my legs. I sat up on my elbows before he stood up and removed his shorts. I couldn't help but play with my lips as I stared at him. He gave me a smirk before his body started to

crack and black fur covered his body.

Within seconds, I was staring into Nate's blue eyes but Duke was sitting in front of me. I sat up and let out a squeal.

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“f**k, you’ra parfack, baby,” Nata said, his voica husky with lust as ha laid ma down on tha sand and ha climbad in batwaan my lags.

Nata’s shorts wara tha only thing batwaan us as his lips capturad mina. My hands found his wat hair as I pullad him impossibly closa as our tonguas playad. Tha kiss turnad mora damanding as our tonguas fought for dominanca. Tha bludga in his shorts was pushad into my cora.

Nata had my body on fira whan ha pullad away, laaving both of us braathlass. I lookad up at him and smilad as I triad to catch my braath.

“Duka wants to maat you.” Ha braathad out.

“And I want to maat him,” I told him.

Nata sat up, knaaling batwaan my lags. I sat up on my elbows bafora ha stood up and ramovad his shorts. I couldn’t halp but play with my lips as I starad at him. Ha gava ma a smirk bafora his body startad to crack and black fur covarad his body.

Within saconds, I was staring into Nata’s blua ayas but Duka was sitting in front of ma. I sat up and lat out a squaal.

“You’re so handsome and fluffy,” I exclaimed, wrapping my arms around his neck. Duke's fur was so soft and I could snuggle up with him forever.

And he was massive, sitting up on my knees, he was still a head taller than I was and he was sitting down. I

also couldn't wrap my arms around his neck and touch my hands together. This massive wolf was all mine and I loved him.

I pulled away and he took the opportunity to lick my face with his warm, wet tongue. I giggled as I smoothed out the fur on his muzzle. He rolled up his lips and showed me his front teeth.

"Awe, are you smiling?" I asked him and he nodded.

"I'm so happy I get to meet you. You are such a beautiful wolf. I can see why all the female wolves would want you." I told him. He whimpered and pushed his head into my chest and I fell onto my butt.

"Awe, I would never give you up. You're stuck with me now," I giggled.

I crossed my legs and Duke laid down and rested his

massive head on my lap. I was playing with his ears as I watched the ocean.

Duke was quietly snoring as a woman's voice called out to me.

"My princess, dinner will be served in an hour and the queen has asked for your attendance." I turned and the young woman had her head bowed. Duke let out a growl and she squealed, jumping back.

"It's okay, Miss, he won't hurt you. Tell the queen, I'll be there." I said, and I watched as her eyes went wide and her face went a dark shade of red. She spun around and took off towards the palace.

When I turned back to Duke, I was face to face with Nate's d**k. He shifted back and gave that poor girl a heart attack.

“Really?” I huffed, looking up at him. He c****d his head to the side, smirking. And I just rolled my eyes.

I stood up while running my fingers up his thigh over his hip and up his chest. His body shivered under my touch, as I kissed his chest. I trailed my fingers down his abs until my fingers wrapped around his c**k. He groaned as I looked up at him. On my tippy toes, I pressed my lips to his, before quickly moving away from him to find my clothes.

“That was mean and you know it.” Nate groaned and I chuckled.

“Then maybe you should stop showing off what’s mine,” I said, giving him a pointed look.

Shaking my head, I walked over to where I left my leggings. I shook them out before I pulled them up under my dress. Nate snaked his arms around my

waist and pulled me against his chest.

“I’m sorry, baby.” He whispered against my ear.

“Nate, I’m not mad. But it is mine; no other woman should look at you like that. You are mine. But it was funny that you gave that poor young woman a heart attack.” I giggled and he squeezed me tightly.

“Wolves don’t care about nudity, but I can see mermaids do.” He said.

“I know, but I’m the only one that gets to touch you,” I told him, looking over my shoulder at him.

“The only one, baby.” He smiled, kissing my cheek.

We made our way back up to my room to get ready for dinner with my grandmother. I wasn’t feeling confident about having to deal with her. But I had

Nate here to back me up and I knew he would. I knew I could trust Nate with my life and he would never let me down.

When we entered my room, I found a couple of clothing bags laid out on my bed. I unzipped one to find a black suit. I was confused. Was dinner a black-tie affair? Do I seriously need to get dressed up to eat dinner? I unzipped the other one to find a lilac purple, off-the-shoulders, full-length dress.

“Wow, that’s gorgeous.” Nate whistled and I sighed.

“Why can’t rich people eat dinner in their sweatpants like normal people?” Nate came over and wrapped his arms around my waist from behind.

“We’ll make it a rule in our house. Nobody eats until they are wearing sweatpants.” He declared and I giggled. Our house. The thought brought a smile to

my face. I hopefully get to wake up to this man every day for the rest of my life.

“Now, should we shower, my princess?” Nate mumbled against my neck.

“We shall, my knight in black fur.” I giggled. He turned me to face him and picked me up. I wrapped my legs around his waist before my lips found his.

Instantly, my core heated and my body was on fire with lust. His tongue traced the seam of my lips and when they parted, he thrust his into my mouth. He tasted every inch as my tongue played with his. His bulge pressed firmly against my core.

My butt hit the counter and I pulled Nate closer with my legs. His bulge grinding into my core, causing me to moan.

“Take it out, I want you.” Nate groaned against my ear, before kissing down my neck.

“What?” I stuttered out, pulled out of my lust-filled haze.

“Blood doesn’t bother me. Take it out and meet me in the shower.” He said, resting his forehead against mine. Playing with my lips, I nodded. And his lips crushed mine before he pulled away. He turned on the shower before stripping off his clothes and stepping into the water. He kept his back turned the entire time.

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Nate kept his back turned as I hopped off the counter and stripped off my clothes. I removed it and my bleeding had slowed down. But we were in the shower, so it's not like I couldn't wash it off after. Taking a deep breath, I hopped in the shower.

The hot water coated my skin and the warmth was welcome. I touched Nate's shoulder before he spun around. He grabbed my hips before lifting and pushing me up against the wall. His hard c**k rubbed against my clit as Nate's lips attacked my neck and collar. He sucked on my mark and I moaned, digging my nails into his shoulders.

He moved a hand between us, moving his tip faster into my clit.

“f**k, Nate.” I moaned, arching my back and pushing my chest into him.

With a groan, Nate buried himself deep inside me. My wall clutched around him tightly and the sensation was intense as he thrust in and out of me. His thrusts turned harder and faster with every thrust.

“f**k, you feel good, baby.” Nate groaned as he turned me into a breathless mess.

I screamed out Nate’s name and he groaned as we came undone together. Before I knew what I was doing, I bit into his neck as my orgasm ripped through me again. Nate stilled inside me, my teeth still lodged in his neck. The taste of blood on my tongue pulled me out of my daze. I pulled away, feeling panicked

about what I had just done.

“Oh my god,” I gasped out. I tried to lick up the blood, not sure why, and Nate let out a groan.

“I’m so sorry Nate. I don’t know what came over me.” I rushed out and he chuckled. My eyes snapped at his and he was smiling.

“At least one of us got marked today.”

“What? How? I don’t understand.” I was fighting back my tears as I looked at the mark I inflicted on my mate.

“Ayla, breathe. It will heal. It has already stopped bleeding. It’s fine. You can bite me whenever you want.” he told me with a chuckle.

“I should have asked you beforehand. I don’t know

what came over me.” I said, shaking my head. I officially killed the mood.

“Do I look upset?” He asked me, and I looked at him. I shook my head and he pecked my lips.

“Because I’m not. I’m a wolf and we like to be bitten by our mates. It shows your possessiveness over your mate.” He explained and I gave him a smile.

“So, you’ll bite me?” I asked, playing with my lips. Nate leaned into my neck and nipped my flesh, causing me to moan.

“It’s taking everything I have not to claim you.” Nate licked up my neck to my ear. Rolling his hips, he was still hard inside of me.

“Nate,” I gasped, my body heating with need. I wanted him to claim me. To be truly his. I knew I wanted this

man forever.

“f**k, you’re perfect.” He groaned before his lips crushed mine. I gasped as Nate thrust harder, his tongue pushed its way into my mouth. All my senses were on fire.

He swallowed my moans as he increased his pace, chasing his release. His lips never left mine as he thrust harder, my wall pulsating around him as he pushed me over the edge.

"Nate," I cried, moving my lips from his, I threw my head back, exposing my neck to him. He groaned, nipping my neck as he released deep inside me. God, this man felt amazing.

Nate licked up my neck and I gasped. My body felt over-sensitive as the tingles flooded my body with just his touch. We were both breathless as I rested my

head against his chest.

"I love you, Nate," I whispered, kissing his chest.

"I love you, Baby." He breathed out. He let go of my legs and helped me to stand, but I refused to unwrap my arms from his neck. I didn't want to leave this bathroom.

"We should get ready for dinner," Nate chuckled and I shook my head, it still resting against his chest.

"It will be fine, baby. I'll be with you the entire time." He leaned down and whispered in my ear.

"I would rather forget about the outside world and just think of us." I sighed and he squeezed me tightly.

"Me too, but right now you need answers. We both do. I want to claim you, baby. And the sooner we get

this all handled, the sooner we can truly be together." He said and I sighed. I knew he was right. I wanted this to be all over so I could go back with Nate and live happily ever after.

But now that I had him here, I didn't care about the rest. I just wanted to be happy with my mate. And there was still so much to learn and handle before I could ever go back with him. That thought made me feel defeated. I may never get the chance to live happily with my mate.

"Baby, I'm here, you don't have to do any of this alone. And we won't let anything happen to you." Nate told me, and I looked up at him.

"I'm glad you are here. We should get ready." I may not know how this dinner was going to go, but one thing I knew for sure was Nate was here and he wasn't going anywhere.

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MY ALPHA'S WOLFLESS DAUGHTER

Chapter Twenty-Eight



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Ayla slipped on the dress that was left for her to wear and she turned her back to me.

“Can you?” She asked me. I ran my fingers down her spine before taking hold of the zipper.

Ayla shivered under my touch as I zipped her dress. The dress molded to her curves perfectly. Her hips were fuller than before. I kissed along her shoulder as I pulled her back into my chest.

“Nate,” Ayla breathed out and I pushed myself into her ass. I never wanted to leave this room again.

There was a knock on the door and Ayla spun in my arms. She was playing with her bottom lip as she looked up at me. I could smell her arousal and I was painfully hard.

“We should probably leave before we never do.” Her voice filled with lust and I knew she was daring me to give her a reason not to leave.

The knock sounded again and I sighed.

“You need to eat and we are already dressed up. We can shower again if you feel up to it.” I told her and she nodded.

“I would never turn down a shower with you.” She purred, pecking my cheek.

Ayla answered the door to find the same young woman from the beach. Her face turned bright red as she looked at me. I shouldn't have shifted back at that moment, but I took control of Duke. He wasn't happy about his time with our mate being interrupted.

“Princess, dinner is ready.” She stumbled out, looking down at her feet.

“Thank you, miss. Can you please lead the way?” Ayla asked her. She nodded her head and I took

Ayla's hand in mine as we followed.

We followed behind the young woman until she stepped in front of massive oak doors. There were warriors on either side who bowed to Ayla before opening the doors for us. Everyone except the queen stood up as I walked with Ayla over to the empty chairs beside her grandmother. Ayla squeezed my hand and I could feel she was uneasy about having all eyes on her.

"Just focus on me." I pulled her close and whispered to her before we reached the table.

I pulled out her chair for her and waited until she was seated before taking the chair beside hers. I rested my hand on her thigh as the others took their seats. I could feel the queen's eyes on me but I did my best to ignore the bad feeling she gave me.

“Grandmother.” Ayla greeted her and I bowed my head.

“Ayla, you look beautiful. How was your day?” She asked her as our dinner was being served. Servers were filling out glasses with wine and others had plates with food.

The princes and Xander were seated across from us. The closer you sit to the queen, the more important you are. I haven’t met any of the other people that occupied the table.

“It was good, thank you. And how was yours?” Ayla asked her grandmother politely.

“It was busy. After dinner, I’ll need you in my office. But for now, let’s just enjoy dinner. Nate, it’s good to see you again.” The queen turned her attention to me.

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"My dear, we can discuss everything in my office after dinner." She told her granddaughter. Ayla closed her eyes and took in a deep breath before answering. I

could tell she was trying to calm herself. Her nails dug into my thigh.

“Of course, Queen Andrea,” She said with a fake smile on her lips.

After that, the conversation turned into an awkward silence at our end of the table. I could feel Ayla's fury as she fell deeper into her thoughts. Whatever she thinks is happening, she is furious.

“Who will be crowned if I decide not to take the throne?” Ayla asked, and the entire table went quiet.

“Ayla, why wouldn't you want the throne?” Her grandmother questioned.

“I would like to know who would replace me if I chose to decline.” She asked again.

“The grandson of the oldest member of our council will be crowned when he becomes of age.” The queen sighed.

“But Ayla, you are the last member of this royal family line. You have a duty to carry on our royal blood. And I hope you will do so, even with a wolf.” The Queen continued.

“Then why would you send me to my death?” With that, the queen stood up from her seat.

“Everyone out, now!” She demanded. Everyone started to leave quickly. The only ones still seated were the princes, Xander, and myself. Ayla stood up and was ready to leave as well.

“Ayla, sit. The rest of you, out.” She ordered. Xander and I both hesitated to stand. We both knew we couldn’t leave Ayla with the queen. Ayla could kill her

and not remember what happened.

“With all due respect, Queen Andrea, I should stay with Ayla. We wouldn’t want a repeat of yesterday,” I said.

“You cheat on my granddaughter and think you can stand by her side as if nothing happened.” The queen yelled.

“Andrea, that’s enough. I don’t know what you think it was, but Nate was not cheating on me. Do you think his wolf would allow such things?” Ayla defended me.

“And you want me to claim, King Kaden? That was the plan all along. I’m to claim him, grow the kingdom, and control the monster. You all believe I’ll be able to control him?” Ayla growled, digging her nails into the wooden table.

I grabbed her hands and placed them on my chest, forcing her to look at me. I knew she was about to break and attack her grandmother. Her grandmother is threatening her mate, her family and she would kill anyone to protect me.

“Breathe, baby,” I whispered.

“Is that really the plan, Queen Andrea?” Xander asked the queen.

“It’s the best case. I don’t want my granddaughter to be killed and King Kaden won’t be able to kill her without hurting himself.” The Queen defended.

“No, but he can sell me as his father did to his mother. And then what?” Ayla yelled.

“Ayla, focus on your training and learning our ways. I will entertain this relationship with your wolf for now.

But when the time comes, you will step up and save your people. Now, Commander Xander, report to my office. There's a file I need you to look at. Goodnight, granddaughter." And with that the queen left, leaving Ayla speechless.

Xander followed the queen out and I took Ayla into my arms. She was shaking with rage as I tried to calm her down.

"It's okay, baby. I'm not going anywhere."

Ayla

Even back in my room, I was still furious at my grandmother and the council for thinking they could control me. I wasn't raised in this world, but still, I must give up my happiness to save this world from a threat they can't confirm. And I wouldn't be able to confirm anything until I could speak with King Kaden.

There has to be a reason he is unreachable and why he would want to start a war. I know he wants revenge for his mother and I can't even blame him for that. I know I would want the same if it was my mother. I need to find the library and look up more about this black pearl legend. There has to be more to being a black pearl than they are telling me.

I was lost in my thoughts as Nate held me in bed. I knew he was worried I would go off the deep end again. And I thought I was going to lose it in there with my grandmother. She knows how to push all my buttons. And I can deal with her degrading me, but not my mate. He had done nothing wrong and she shouldn't be accusing him of anything.

A knock on the door pulled me from my inferiority thoughts. Nate was about to get up but I held him tighter and called out for the person to enter. I didn't

want to move and I didn't want to lose contact with Nate. I was still wearing this dress as I just didn't have the energy to change.

Xander came in and gave me a pointed look before he threw me a chocolate bar. I pushed my lips in a line and he chuckled.

"Don't want you going all wolverine on our asses."

I grumbled but sat up and reached for the chocolate bar. I may not like him right now, but I'm not going to refuse chocolate. Nate chuckled beside me as I opened the bar and took a bite while glaring at Xander who was sitting on the couch. He grinned and I rolled my eyes.

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“I’m right here,” I mumbled with a mouth full of chocolate.

“And you’re adorable with your mouth full, but I need a level-headed princess right now.” Xander teased and my stomach twisted into knots.

“What have you found out?” Nate asked, sitting up on the bed.

“The body your alpha found was from our kingdom. She was last seen two years ago where the other alpha has his pack,” Xander answered.

“The body with my picture,” I whispered and he nodded.

“I know my uncle Matt had nothing to do with this. Are there any other packs around his?” I rushed out and Nate thought for a moment.

“Your grandmother’s house is to the south of the pack and I think there is a pack north of their pack, further up the coast. They would also have access to the ocean,” Nate answered.

“We are going to need maps and I’m going to have to call my uncle and father. If this other pack is involved, it would explain my photo with the body and how they got onto my father’s territory.” I told them.

“That makes sense. But why would they do something like that?” Nate asked.

“Money,” Xander and I asked together.

“Our scales are worth a fortune on the black market. And that poor mermaid endured being descaled for two years before they killed her.” I said in despair.

“Our scales will grow back but only so many times. That’s why she was killed. She was no longer useful.” Xander said. Nate wrapped an arm around my shoulders and pulled me close.

“We need to get to the library. I need maps and I need more information about being a black pearl.” I told them, getting off the bed.

“Unzip please?” I asked Nate, turning around in front of him. He did what I asked and I held the dress up while I walked into my closet.

I quickly got changed and then went to find my phone.

I needed to call my father. All of this just didn't make sense and I need to get his advice. This all has something to do with the hunters and King Kaden, but what? And I'm starting to think King Kaden may not be the bad guy after all.

If he's trying to stop the hunters, then would he not be on our side? But then why would the other kingdoms want to fight against him? Why can't I put these pieces together?

"Baby?" Nate's voice rang out while I was looking through my phone.

"I need to call my dad."

"Let's wait until we get to the library. I have Prince Chase and Prince Silas heading there now. We can go over everything together and come up with a plan. If this pack is working with the hunters, we are going

to need all hands on deck,” Xander said, and I nodded.

We left my room, and Nate and I were following Xander to the library. My head hurt as I tried to force the pieces of the puzzle together. I knew we needed to find King Kaden, but I needed to confront this alpha. He took a member of my kingdom and I will find out who did it.

“Are you okay?” Nate asked me, squeezing my hand.

“No, I’m not. If wolves are working with the hunters, we are screwed. We may have the advantage in the water, but on land, if we aren’t trained, they could kill us all.” I sighed. And Nate pulled me to his side, wrapping an arm around me.

“And that’s why you have me. Do you think your wolf family would let anything happen to you? Your father

sent me here to keep you safe. And he and your uncle will go to war over this," Nate said.

"Maybe that was the plan all along. Mermaids and wolves need to work together." Xander said, stopping at dark oak doors.

"Maybe it's why my mother chose my father," I said out loud, but it was more to myself. But how would she have known about all of this? Or maybe it was a problem before I was born and she knew the mermaids needed allies on the surface.

"What do you mean? Like your mother knew this was going to happen and chose your father, so you would have a family on land?" Nate asked, and we entered. The princes were already waiting for us.

"I don't know," I answered him.

I noticed a map on the far side of the room and immediately walked over to stare at it. I was trying to figure out where my uncle's pack was until Xander came up beside me and pointed it out.

“This is where she was last seen.” He pointed at the map.

“Then this must be where my uncle's pack is?” I asked, pointing at a beach, south of where Xander was pointing.

“Let me call my father. I need to know more about the pack where she was last seen.” I told them.

“What are you planning, princess?” Prince Silas asked me.

“I’m going to use myself as the bait.”

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MY ALPHA'S WOLFLESS DAUGHTER

Chapter Twenty-Nine



Future Beta Nate

“I’m going to use myself as bait,” I heard Ayla say and Duke let out a growl.

“Ayla, like hell you are. We have no idea what this pack is capable of and I’m not going to put you at risk. Let the alphas handle the pack. We need to find King Kaden,” I told her.

“Nate, we need proof. My father and uncle can’t just

go to war with this pack without proof and I'm going to get it. I'm more valuable alive to them than dead. I'm going to call my father." She said, pulling out her phone. She put the phone on speaker and held it up so we could all speak while she looked over the map.

"Sweetie, is everything okay?" Alpha Atlas' voice filled the room.

"Hey dad, yes I'm okay. I just need your help. Are you able to video chat?" She asked him.

"Just give me a second to get to my office." He said.

"Thanks, dad. How are you? And Thea?" She asked him.

"Everything has calmed down here. There haven't been any more bodies or attacks." He said, and I was grateful for that. I didn't want my family to get hurt

while I was away.

The phone started ringing again and Ayla held it up to her face and answered it.

“Don’t you look nice, Ayla,” the alpha said, sounding surprised.

“Dinner with Andrea.” She said and her father sighed.

“Still hasn’t warmed up to you?” Her father asked and she shook her head.

“No, now the plan is for me to claim King Kaden so I can control him.” She shrugged and the alpha growled.

“What the actual f**k?” He growled.

“I know, but right now, we have a more pressing

matter. The body of the mermaid you found was from this kingdom. She went missing two years ago at this spot,” she turned the camera around and pointed at the map.

“Matt’s pack is to the south of there. And I know he would never do anything to hurt you. He loves you and even tried to convince your mother into letting him adopt you.” The alpha said and Ayla gasped.

“Really?”

“Yes, he wanted to protect you, as do I.” He answered.

“Who’s pack is to the north of Alpha Matt’s?” I asked my alpha.

“I believe it’s the Crimson Tide pack. Alpha Gavin hasn’t handed his pack down to his son, yet.” He

answered.

“We believe one of their pack members is the one that left the body and took the picture of me. Also, the night of the ball, there was a guy at one of the bars.” Ayla told him and I growled. She never mentioned anything about another guy.

“He must have been the other scent on you.” my alpha said, and I balled up my fists and started pacing.

“Would you recognize him?” Xander asked her and she shook her head.

“I was too worried about Ruby. I pushed him away and ran out of the party tent.” She told them and I was furious. Not only did Jaden touch what was mine, but some other guy.

“I don’t know the alpha personally but I’m sure Matt does. Ayla, what are you planning?” He asked his daughter.

“I’m going to use myself as bait. We can’t move forward without proof and I would never ask you or Matt to put your packs at risk.” She answered.

“Ayla, for your safety, I hate the idea, but I know you have Duke and he would rip that entire pack apart if anything were to happen to you. But I still want you to be careful. I’ll speak with Matt and come up with a way to have warriors set up on the border before you move in.” Alpha Atlas explained.

“Alpha, I don’t like this. If they feel threatened, they could just kill her before we cross the border.” I told him and I heard him sigh.

“Nate, I understand your fear, but this is ultimately

Ayla's decision. If she feels she can get in and expose them, then we need to trust in her," he said.

"Sir, this is your daughter and you are just going to let her walk in there with wolves who will most likely descale her or worse," I yelled.

"If it was your pack members being killed, would you do nothing?" Ayla asked me, placing her hand on her hip.

"Ayla, this is different. I've been training my entire life for this. And I have Duke, who is the size of an alpha. It's not that I don't trust you, I don't want to see you hurt or killed." I pleaded with her to understand.

"Nate, this was not only a threat to me but they killed someone. She had been missing for two years and I don't even want to imagine the horrors she endured. I can't do nothing and I won't. I know how to shoot. I'm

not completely hopeless. I will wait for my dad and uncle to come up with a plan and then I'll work on mine. Don't ask me to do nothing because I won't." She exclaimed.

"Sweetie, I'll talk to Matt in the morning. With him being neighbors with this pack, he'll know more. And we can come up with a plan together."

"Sounds like a plan, dad. We'll talk tomorrow. Goodnight."

"Goodnight sweetie." My alpha said before ending the call.

The tension in the room was rising as Ayla and I stared at each other. I don't want her to do this. We could devise another plan where she wouldn't be in harm's way.

“Xander, are there any female warriors that could take Ayla’s place in her plan?” I asked him.

“I’m not asking someone else to put their life on the line.” She growled before Xander answered my question.

“We should all get some sleep. It’s been a long day. Ayla, we can talk over your plan once the alphas get back to us.” Xander said.

Futura Bata Nata

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“Nata, wa naad proof. My fathar and uncla can’t just go to war with this pack without proof and I’m going to gat it. I’m mora valuabla aliva to tham than daad. I’m going to call my fathar.” Sha said, pulling out har phona. Sha put tha phona on spaakar and hald it up so wa could all spaak whila sha lookad ovar tha map.

“Swaatia, is avarything okay?” Alpha Atlas’ voica fillad tha room.

“Hay dad, yas I’m okay. I just naad your halp. Ara you abla to vidao chat?” Sha askad him.

“Just giva ma a sacond to gat to my offica.” Ha said.

“Thanks, dad. How ara you? And Thaa?” Sha askad him.

“Evarything has calmad down hara. Thara havan’t baan any mora bodias or attacks.” Ha said, and I was

grateful for that. I didn't want my family to get hurt while I was away.

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"Ha must hava baan tha othar scant on you." my alpha said, and I ballad up my fists and startad pacing.

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“I don’t know tha alpha parsonally but I’m sura Matt doas. Ayla, what ara you planning?” Ha askad his daughtar.

“I’m going to usa mysalf as bait. Wa can’t mova forward without proof and I would navar ask you or Matt to put your packs at risk.” Sha answarad.

“Ayla, for your safaty, I hata tha idaa, but I know you hava Duka and ha would rip that antira pack apart if anything wara to happan to you. But I still want you to ba caraful. I’ll spaak with Matt and coma up with a way to hava warriors sat up on tha bordar bafora you mova in.” Alpha Atlas axplainad.

“Alpha, I don’t lika this. If thay faal thraatanad, thay could just kill har bafora wa cross tha bordar.” I told him and I haard him sigh.

“Nata, I undarstand your faar, but this is ultimataly Ayla's dacion. If sha faals sha can gat in and axposa tham, than wa naad to trust in har,” ha said.

“Sir, this is your daughtar and you ara just going to lat har walk in thara with wolvas who will most likaly dascala har or worsa,” I yallad.

“If it was your pack mambars baing killad, would you do nothing?” Ayla askad ma, placing har hand on har hip.

“Ayla, this is diffarant. I’ve baan training my antira lifa for this. And I hava Duka, who is tha siza of an alpha. It’s not that I don’t trust you, I don’t want to saa you hurt or killad.” I plaadad with har to undarstand.

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"Sounds lika a plan, dad. Wa'll talk tomorrow. Goodnight."

"Goodnight swaatia." My alpha said bafora anding tha call.

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“Xandar, ara thara any famala warriors that could taka Ayla’s placa in har plan?” I askad him.

“I’m not asking somaona alsa to put thair lifa on tha lina.” Sha growlad bafora Xandar answarad my quastion.

“Wa should all gat soma slaap. It’s baan a long day. Ayla, wa can talk ovar your plan onca tha alphas gat back to us.” Xandar said.

“I understand you want to do something, but in this case, it’s best for you to do nothing. You were attacked by rogues when you were up in the mountains on our pack lands. They are weak compared to a wolf who belongs to a pack,” I explained.

“And they want me alive. I’m the perfect bait.” Ayla

retorted.

“Ayla, they will rip you apart to save their pack. Can you just listen to me, please? Just because your scales are worth a fortune, doesn’t mean they won’t kill you. They will and I won’t allow you to put yourself at risk. Your father and uncle can handle this,” I told her.

“So I just put their packs at risk?” She argued.

“Ayla, we don’t have all the pieces yet. Just calm down and we will all come up with a plan that works for all of us.” Xander said, trying to defuse the situation.

“Nate, I can get in there and get the proof we need. They could have more mermaids and we are just going to let them suffer!” Ayla yelled as she started to pace.

“All I’ve heard this entire time is that this is my world and I have to be this princess. And I can have two princes protecting me, but I can’t do the same? I’m not broken. I may not be trained, but I lived under a bridge for over two years when I was a teenager. I know how to protect myself and to get information.” She huffed and I sighed.

“I’m not saying you are weak. I’m saying that you’ve never gone up against pack wolves that are trained to kill. I know you could get the information we need but I don’t want you to. Dealing with humans is one thing, but dealing with wolves is entirely different. They will kill you.” I told her.

“Fine,” she huffed, throwing her arms in the air. I looked at the others before looking back at Ayla who was walking toward the door to leave.

“Fine? What the hell does that mean?” I asked her.

“It means you aren’t getting laid wolf toy.” Prince Silas chuckled and I growled.

“It means, I’ll focus on being the pretty little princess and you four can handle the rest. Maybe I should just go find King Kaden myself. Maybe he’ll make me feel useful.” She whipped around and glared at us. I felt a ping in my heart at her words.

“Baby,” I called out before she gasped. She turned her back to us and rested her hands on her knees.

I didn’t make it to her before she let out a scream and I was thrown back against a bookshelf. I groaned as the back of my head hit a shelf and my body slid down, breaking all the shelves on the way down to the floor. I hit the floor with a thump and books flew everywhere.

Rubbing the back of my head, I sat up and looked around the room. Books were everywhere. I didn't come back to my senses until I saw Ayla lying face down, not moving. Stumbling, I rushed over to her. Kneeling, I saw her nose was bleeding.

"Ayla!" I yelled, rolling her over. I took her into my arms. I started to smack her cheeks to get her to wake up.

"What the hell was that?" Xander groaned, crawling over to me.

"I have no idea but Ayla isn't waking." I rushed out panicked.

"Baby, please, open your eyes." I turned my attention back to Ayla.

The doors behind me flew open, hitting the walls with a bang. Warriors rushed in and Xander started barking orders at them. They were helping the princes as I had Ayla in my arms.

“Nate, you’re bleeding,” Xander said beside me.

“I’m fine. We need a doctor.” I yelled. I was praying Ayla would open her eyes.

“Her nose is bleeding,” he said. But I was more focused on making sure she was still breathing.

“Duke, what the f**k happened?”

“I’m not sure. But you shouldn’t underestimate our mate. She is strong,” he answered.

Ayla whimpered before she groaned and I held her against my chest. I was ready to burst into happy

tears.

“Nate,” she whispered, and I looked down at her.

“Open your eyes, baby. Please,” I said, nudging her nose with mine.

“I can’t, my head is pounding.” She answered in a whisper.

“Let’s get her back to her room. I’ll get my mother to come check on her.” Xander told me. I nodded before lifting Ayla to my chest and standing up with her in my arms.

I stumbled but Xander steadied me so I wouldn’t fall. I had a massive headache from my head being bounced off the bookshelves. But I was more worried about my mate, to care about my condition.

“Ayla, try to stay awake until my mother can check on you. We need to make sure you don’t have a concussion.” Xander told her.

“I’ll try.” She whispered, resting her head on my chest.

Xander ordered one of the warriors to take us back to Ayla’s room while he helped the princes and got the library cleaned up. He said his mother should be at Ayla’s room soon.

Her breathing evened out before we made it back to her soon. I shook her, trying to wake her up. She needed to be checked out before she could sleep. Whatever happened seems to be taking a toll on her.

“Ayla, stay awake, baby. We are almost to your room.” I told her and she whimpered.

“Everything hurts.” She cried, tears running down her

cheeks.

“I know, baby. But I need you to stay awake. The doctor needs to check you over before you can rest. Just talk to me. Do you know what happened?” I asked her.

“I don’t know. I was angry and then my chest pain returned. The pressure made me scream and then it’s blank.” She whimpered. Tears still streamed down her cheeks and she couldn’t open her eyes.

“It’s okay, we will figure this all out after you get some rest,” I told her. Leaning down, I kissed her forehead.

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Sparks tickled my lips. They were much stronger than before, but maybe it was because my body was over-

sensitive after the adrenaline rush. I didn't have much time to think about it as we walked up to her room. The warrior opened her door and I entered. Walking over to her bed, I laid her down.

There was soon a knock on the door and I called for them to enter. The same warrior from earlier opened the door for a woman. She had strawberry blonde hair and Xander's green eyes. I assume this is his mother.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Lorelei Evans, Xander's mother." She introduced herself. I shook her hand.

"I'm Nate Winters, Ayla's mate." I introduced myself.

"You must be the wolf?" She asked and I nodded.

"And this must be Ayla," She said, walking over to the bed.

“Ayla, sweetie, how are you feeling?” She asked her.

“Everything hurts.” She whispered.

“Can you open your eyes for me, please?”

“I’ll try.” She whimpered. Her eyes fluttered before she slammed them back shut.

“I feel like I’m going to be sick.”

“Okay, let’s get you to the bathroom. I know you have to check your cycle.” The doctor said, helping Ayla up.

“When we are done in the bathroom. I want you to clean that wound on your head.” She told me and I nodded.

There was another knock on the door and I went to answer it while Ayla and Dr. Evans were in the

bathroom. This was not how I thought this evening would go. Answering the door, I found the princes and Xander standing on the other side. I stepped out into the hallway to give Ayla and the doctor some privacy.

“My mother must be with Ayla?” Xander asked and I nodded.

“So does anyone have an idea of what happened?” Prince Chase asked.

“Prince Silas, you remember the beach at Alpha Matt’s pack?” I asked him and he nodded.

“What happened?” Xander asked.

“Ayla was pulled away from me by a mermaid warrior. And I assume it’s when Prince Silas punched me in the face.” I stopped and glared at him and he shrugged.

“Ayla screamed like that and we were all hit with that same force. When I looked back up, the water was flowing around her, protecting her. When the water fell away she was standing in her black dress.” I explained.

“It would seem something is protecting her, but what? When she gets upset or scared she will partially shift or use great strength.” Xander said.

“But her shift isn’t normal. We don’t have claws. And she has them, and her scales cover her like armor.” Prince Chase mentioned.

“And then she doesn’t remember what happened.” Prince Silas chimed in. I rubbed over the bite she gave me earlier, it was covered by my shirt.

“Could she have a wolf?” Xander asked me.

“I don’t sense a wolf in her. Wolves shift at the age of eighteen. Some sooner but most at eighteen. I got Duke when I was fifteen but didn’t shift until just before my eighteenth birthday.” I explained.

“Maybe she’s a late bloomer? But Ayla hasn’t mentioned anything about hearing voices.” Xander told me.

“Duke hasn’t said anything. He would have been able to sense if she had a wolf.” The door to her room opened and Xander’s mother stepped out.

“How is she?” Xander asked her.

“Everything seems to be normal, besides the pain. I gave her some painkillers and she is now asleep. Whatever happened took a toll on her body.” The doctor informed us.

“All you boys should get checked over as well. All of you were hit pretty hard.” She gave us all a pointed look.

“I think the library got hit the worst. It’s going to take some time to get all the books back in order,” Xander said.

“Note to self, don’t piss her off in the library.” Prince Silas chuckled.

“At least let me make sure none of you have a concussion and then you can all get some sleep.” She said and we all nodded.

After we were all in the clear, I entered Ayla’s room. She was asleep and I could hear her steady breathing. I went into the bathroom to have a shower. Pulling off the shirt, I noticed the bite mark was still

just a bite mark. Nothing had changed.

“Duke, why hasn’t it healed yet?” I asked him, getting into the shower.

“Because she claimed us.” He purred. And I sighed.

“I told you she couldn’t.” I scolded him.

“Maybe you should have more faith in our mate.” He told me before retorting.

I rolled my eyes, I was too exhausted to argue with him right now. How can she have a wolf and be a mermaid? There had to be more hybrids, but I’ve never heard of someone having both. But then again, I didn’t know about mermaids until after I met Ayla. But when a witch is mated to a wolf, their children are one or the other, never both.

Sighing, I got out of the shower. My brain was going to explode before I could answer any of these questions if I didn't get some sleep.

I dried off and pulled on some boxers before climbing in beside my mate. She rolled into me and I wrapped an arm around her and pulled her closer while I stared up at the ceiling.

Someone somewhere has to have some answers.

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Chapter Thirty



Ayla

My entire body hurt as Lorelei helped me into the bathroom. I have felt this before but this time it hurt. It was like my body was fighting my body. It was hard to explain. My head was pounding and I couldn't think.

"How are you doing, sweetie?" She asked me.

"I feel weak." I winced.

"I'm going to get you a change of clothes. Do you need help?" And I shook my head.

She left the bathroom and I used all of my strength to get myself cleaned up and, thankfully, it was almost over. Lorelei came in a few minutes later to help me change. She also checked to make sure I didn't have a concussion. I guess my nose was bleeding.

Finally, after being checked out, I was able to lie down and get some sleep. I couldn't keep my eyes open and my headache was getting worse. Lorelei made me drink some water and take a few pills before she helped me back into bed.

"Xander has told me so much about you." She told me.

"He's my best friend," I mumbled.

I don't remember falling asleep. I woke up wrapped up with Nate, who was quietly snoring behind me. My body was still sore as I tried to roll over to face Nate. I still don't know what happened, but it felt like I had run a marathon.

Nate kissed my forehead as I snuggled back into him. I knew I was going to have to shift so I could heal. Facing him, his scent became overwhelming. It wasn't

just morning forest anymore. I could smell the different kinds of trees. The way the morning dew smells on the grass. It felt like I was actually standing in a forest.

“Baby?” Nate’s voice was husky with sleep.

“Mhm,” I mumbled.

“Are you okay? Your heart rate increased.” He asked me, and I looked up at him.

“Yeah, I’m just sore. Are you okay? Did I hurt you?” I asked him and he sighed.

“Nothing I couldn’t handle. I was more worried about you.” He said, leaning in, he kissed me.

“I’m sorry, Nate. Are the others okay?” I asked, feeling guilty. Nate squeezed me, pulling me closer to him.

“We are all okay. We are worried about you. What happened?” He asked me and I didn’t know.

“I was mad and then I just exploded. I don’t know.” I told him.

“You don’t have any new voices in your head, do you?” He asked me and I chuckled.

“Voices?” I furrowed my eyebrows.

“Nothing. We were just trying to figure out what happened. This isn’t the first time you’ve done that. The same thing happened in Alpha Matt’s pack.” He told me and I nodded.

“I know. It wasn’t as painful then. I don’t know why, but this time it was like something needed to come out, the pressure became too much. I don’t know, it’s

hard to explain. But it hurt, like a bitch.” I explained.

“Well, whatever it was, it killed the library.” He chuckled and I groaned.

“It’s okay, baby. Xander was getting everything organized. Let’s just worry about you and figure this out.” He told me.

“But we still need to confront that pack. And I need to train and learn. I don’t have time to take a break, Nate. If I take a break, people will die.” I stressed, sitting up on my elbow.

“Ayla, breathe. You need to worry about yourself, right now. Whatever happened, knocked you out. If you did that in the field, it would make you vulnerable.” He retorted.

“And how are we going to solve this? I know nothing

about being a mermaid, a black pearl, or werewolves. I know nothing about this world. And if people who do, can't help me, then I guess I'm fucked." I ranted, sitting up.

"Baby, I know you're scared, but I'm here," he said, and I interrupted him.

"And I could have killed you," I yelled, turning to look at him. Tears blurred my vision as guilt churned my stomach painfully.

"I could have killed you," I whispered before the sobs took over. He pulled me into his chest and held me while I cried my heart out.

The thought of anything happening to him was too much for me to handle right now or ever. I needed to keep my anger in check so this doesn't happen again.

I heard a knock at the door but I didn't bother to answer. I didn't want to see anyone right now. I'm sure I was a mess. Nate called out from them to enter as I was sitting in his lap, with my face buried in his neck.

"Ayla, what's wrong? What happened?" I heard Xander.

"She's upset about hurting us. She believes she could have killed us." Nate explained to him.

"I'm so sorry, Xander." I cried, and I felt his hand on my back.

"It would take a lot more than that to kill us, princess. Just knocked us on our asses." Xander chuckled.

"And destroyed the library." I sobbed.

“Nothing that can’t be fixed,” he said.

“Baby, he’s right. Everything can be fixed. We are all healed. It’s okay.” Nate said, squeezing me closer.

“I wish you both understood how I’m feeling. My body feels foreign to me and there’s no one that can help me.” I sniffled, my sobs calming down.

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up with Nata, who was quietly snoring behind me. My body was still sore as I tried to roll over to face Nata. I still don't know what happened, but it felt like I had run a marathon.

Nata kissed my forehead as I snuggled back into him. I knew I was going to have to shift so I could breathe. Facing him, his scent became overwhelming. It wasn't just morning forest anymore. I could smell the different kinds of trees. The way the morning dew smells on the grass. It felt like I was actually standing in a forest.

"Baby?" Nata's voice was husky with sleep.

"Mhm," I mumbled.

"Are you okay? Your heart rate increased." He asked me, and I looked up at him.

“Yaah, I’m just sora. Ara you okay? Did I hurt you?” I askad him and ha sighad.

“Nothing I couldn’t handla. I was mora worriad about you.” Ha said, laaning in, ha kissad ma.

“I’m sorry, Nata. Ara tha othars okay?” I askad, faaling guilty. Nata squaazad ma, pulling ma closar to him.

“Wa ara all okay. Wa ara worriad about you. What happanad?” Ha askad ma and I didn’t know.

“I was mad and than I just axplodad. I don’t know.” I told him.

“You don’t hava any naw voicas in your haad, do you?” Ha askad ma and I chucklad.

“Voicas?” I furrowad my ayabrows.

“Nothing. Wa wara just trying to figura out what happenad. This isn’t tha first tima you’ve dona that. Tha sama thing happenad in Alpha Matt’s pack.” Ha told ma and I noddad.

“I know. It wasn’t as painful than. I don’t know why, but this tima it was lika somathing naadad to coma out, tha prassura bacama too much. I don’t know, it’s hard to axplain. But it hurt, lika a bitch.” I axplainad.

“Wall, whatavar it was, it killad tha library.” Ha chucklad and I groanad.

“It’s okay, baby. Xandar was gatting avarything organizad. Lat’s just worry about you and figura this out.” Ha told ma.

“But wa still naad to confront that pack. And I naad to train and laarn. I don’t hava tima to taka a braak, Nata. If I taka a braak, paopla will dia.” I strassad,

sitting up on my elbow.

“Ayla, braatha. You naad to worry about yoursalf, right now. Whatavar happanad, knockad you out. If you did that in tha fiald, it would maka you vulnarabla.” Ha ratortad.

“And how ara wa going to solva this? I know nothing about baing a marmaid, a black paarl, or warawolvas. I know nothing about this world. And if paopla who do, can’t halp ma, than I guass I’m fuckad.” I rantad, sitting up.

“Baby, I know you’ra scarad, but I’m hara,” ha said, and I intarruptad him.

“And I could hava killad you,” I yallad, turning to look at him. Taars blurrad my vision as guilt churnad my stomach painfully.

“I could hava killad you,” I whisparad bafora tha sobs took ovar. Ha pullad ma into his chast and hald ma whila I criad my haart out.

Tha thought of anything happaning to him was too much for ma to handla right now or avar. I naadad to kaap my angar in chack so this doasn’t happan again.

I haard a knock at tha door but I didn’t bothar to answar. I didn’t want to saa anyona right now. I’m sura I was a mass. Nata callad out from tham to antar as I was sitting in his lap, with my faca buriad in his nack.

“Ayla, what’s wrong? What happenad?” I haard Xandar.

“Sha's upsat about hurting us. Sha baliavas sha could hava killad us.” Nata axplainad to him.

“I’m so sorry, Xandar.” I cried, and I felt his hand on my back.

“It would take a lot more than that to kill us, princess. Just knock us on our asses.” Xandar chuckled.

“And destroyed the library.” I sobbed.

“Nothing that can’t be fixed,” he said.

“Baby, he’s right. Everything can be fixed. We are all healed. It’s okay.” Nate said, squeezing me closer.

“I wish you both understood how I’m feeling. My body feels foreign to me and there’s no one that can help me.” I sniffled, my sobs calming down.

“And we will find someone who can help you. But for right now, you need to stay calm.” Nate tried to reassure me.

“We will handle the pack and the missing mermaids. You need to focus on learning and training to protect yourself. I know you feel this need to protect your people, but right now you need to protect yourself. We have no idea what is coming.” Xander said, and I nodded.

“I’ll have some breakfast sent up. I want you to relax. Nate, we can talk with the alphas later. We still need to come up with a plan.” Xander told us.

“I’ll be down a little later for training. I’m curious about how you train.” Nate told Xander.

“I’ll send someone up when we are ready,” Xander said before he left.

I tried to move away from Nate but he just held me tighter. I felt weak and pathetic. I hated relying on

others. One thing I learned after my mother's death is you only have yourself. And when you let people in, it will lead to disappointment.

Nate took hold of my cheeks so I could look at him. We stared into each other's eyes for a moment before he let out a sigh.

“Stop thinking, whatever you are thinking. I love you and we are in this together.” He told me.

“Nate, my life is a mess. This isn't easy.” I started but he wouldn't let me finish my rant.

“Things that are worth the most are never easy but they are worth it. Our relationship is worth everything to me. I'm not letting you go. Even if I have to fight every day for the rest of my life. You are mine.” He said before kissing my lips.

“And how are we going to make this work?” I asked him.

“Well, I was planning on moving to Alpha Matt’s pack. We can build a house by the ocean. I can be a warrior and you can be whatever you want to be.” He told me.

“You would give up your position as beta for me?” I asked, tears filling my eyes again.

“I would give up anything for you. I’ve been thinking about this since the day I met you. I hesitated before and you were forced to leave. And that is never going to happen again. We are in this together. I know right now, you are scared, but I’m not leaving. You are officially stuck with me and Duke.” He chuckled and I smiled. I didn’t deserve Nate. How I was bonded to such a wonderful man, I’ll never know.

“I love you.” I breathed out, resting my forehead

against his.

“I love you, baby. We will get through this. And in a few years, we can look back at this and laugh.” He smiled and I felt so much better.

“Do you want to get in the pool with me?” I asked him and his face lit up.

“I would never turn down a chance to see you naked.” He grinned and I shook my head with a smile on my face.

“I’ll meet you on the balcony, I’m just going to get cleaned up,” I told him, pecking his lips. I climbed off of him and the bed.

I was thankful it was finally done. But then I was confused. Only three days? It felt short or maybe that was normal? I’ll have to ask Xander’s mother. Not that

I'm complaining, no cramps and it only lasted three days. I can live with that.

I stripped off my clothes before walking out of the bathroom to find Nate sitting on the edge of the bed. He was looking at his phone, while I swayed my hips, walking past him.

"Coming?" I purred over my shoulder and his eyes snapped at me. He ripped off his clothes and I chuckled as I stepped into the pool.

The pool was deep and I was quickly engulfed in water. The saltwater pushed me to shift and I gave in. I knew I needed to learn to control it, but I wanted to shift. My body instantly felt better after the shift was complete. With a flip of my tail, I breached the surface, throwing my hair back, dramatically. Nate was standing at the edge of the pool naked, a smirk on his face. I splashed him with my fin and he jumped

in, splashing me.

I was laughing as he grabbed my hips and breached the surface in front of me. I noticed the bite I gave him earlier still hadn't healed. It was a red scar of my teeth impression. I ran my fingertips over it and Nate shivered before goosebumps covered his body.

"It hasn't healed?"

"Duke says it's because you've claimed us. I'm not sure what that means." He shrugged.

"Will your mark look like the one I gave you?" I asked him.

"It will be my bite print, but yes. It's to say to all the other male wolves that you are taken." He explained.

"And will you claim me now?" I played with my bottom

lip waiting for him to answer.

“Baby, I thought you wanted to wait?” He asked him.

“I do. Well, I did. I don’t know. It would seem I claimed you.” I rambled and he crushed his lips to mine.

My arms instantly wrapped around his neck as he pushed me backward towards the stairs. Nate spun us around and pulled me into his lap, not breaking the kiss. I thought of my legs before I licked his bottom lip. He thrusts his tongue into my mouth while I twisted my body towards him, straddling him.

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Every touch was more intense than before. Maybe it was because I claimed him or because my senses seemed to have changed. But whatever it was, I needed him to touch him.

Nate stood up and I wrapped my legs around his waist as he stepped out of the pool. My lips were still on his, and I didn't care that my lungs were screaming for oxygen. Before we made it over to the bed, there was a knock on the door and Nate groaned.

"It's probably breakfast," he said, pulling his lips from mine. I was left breathless as he lowered me to the floor so I could stand.

“You could always have me for breakfast?” I purred and he gave me a smirk.

“I plan on it.” His voice was husky with lust. His hand came down on my ass cheek with a loud crack, causing me to jump and shirk.

Nate laughed as he went into the bathroom, coming out quickly with a towel wrapped around his waist as he answered the door. It was the same poor girl who saw him naked. She was holding a tray and her poor face turned red when she saw it was Nate.

Nate took the tray from her and closed the door behind him, before placing the tray on the coffee table.

“What?” He asked me. I was smirking at him when he turned around to face me.

“You ruined that poor girl for life. No man will ever be big enough for her.” He gave me a wicked smile as he stalked towards me.

“Have I ruined you?” He purred and my voice caught in my throat as he kissed along my collar, sliding down my dress.

“You’ve turned me into a desperate woman, begging for your touch,” I moaned.

My hands were in his hair as he pulled my dress further down, exposing my breasts. I gasped when his mouth covered a n****e. His tongue flicked it before he nipped, causing me to moan as I pulled on his hair.

“Nate,” I breathed out when my dress hit the floor and he picked me up. I wrapped my legs around his waist before my back hit the bed.

Nate's c**k slid into my folds and pushed up against my clit as he rolled his hips. His mouth on my neck and my nails digging into his shoulders, he moved a hand between us. Nate worked his c**k against my clit before he found my entrance. With one hard thrust, he was buried deep inside me.

“f**k,” I cried, as he groaned against my neck.

“You feel so good, baby.” He mumbled as his movements became more dominating.

I never wanted him to stop as my orgasm built and I forgot how to breathe. I never care if I breathe again, as long as I have this man inside me. Nate pushed me over the edge as he grunted against my shoulder. His thrusts became harder as he chased his own release. We were both left gasping as he still above me.

“And I still want more.” I chuckled, looking at my handsome mate.

“So do I, baby. I can never get enough of you.” He breathed out, smiling down at me.

There was a knock at the door and Nate groaned, falling on top of me. I chuckled as he buried his face in my neck.

“Come on, you have training and you still need to eat,” I told him and he sighed.

“I’ll eat after. But you should eat now. Then when I’m done, we can go for lunch,” he said, hovering over me. He kissed me before getting off of me and the bed.

“I can come with you to training,” I told him as he dug

around in his bag for some clothes.

“We can do some light training after lunch. Just eat and get some rest. There’s no rush.” He said, pulling on a pair of shorts.

“Fine, but be careful,” I whined.

“Always.” He smiled, coming over to me. He kissed me and before I could deepen the kiss he pulled away and rested his forehead against mine.

“Naughty.”

“I know what I want,” I told him and he chuckled.

“You can be my snack before lunch.” He purred before he pecked my lips. He walked to the door, pulling on a shirt. I was watching him when he turned around before he left.

“I love you.”

“I love you,” I called to him.

Sighing, I got out of bed to eat breakfast. I wanted to go to the library to find anything that might hold some answers for me. Guilt fills my stomach as I remember the mess I made yesterday. I'll have to help them clean it up.

When I was done eating and dressed for the day, I walked out of my room ready to find the library and answers. There has to be someone who has some of the answers I'm looking for.

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