

Alpha Dimitri LS Barbosa

#Chapter 41

Chapter 41

Aurora:

“What on Earth happened to your face?” | asked, my eyes widening in surprise as | looked at the bruise that was forming on Alessandro’s cheek. He looked at me for a second and | shook my head in question, waiting for his response as | tried processing the fact that his bruise was a fresh one. “Dimitri, did you and Ivan get into a fight?”

“It does not concern you.” He said, taking me off guard with his attitude. | took a deep breath and nodded, knowing that | shouldn’t have asked to begin with. He was with his beta and the two of them could rot in hell and | shouldn’t be caring about whether or not they burned because of it

“| understand, but your face is bruised and we have elders coming in a bit.” | said, shaking my head at him.

“Training, you know, as pack members, we do that. But you wouldn’t know considering that you are not one of us.” He said, making my chest burn. The fact that | was trying to be genuine with him only to get such a response was something that | did not like, but | knew that it was me who dragged this upon myself. | shouldn’t have asked to begin with.

| nodded in response and turned to the reception to check on the setting one more time before the door was knocked, meaning that the elders arrived. | put my hand on my stomach, remembering the promise that | made to my child. The last thing that | wanted was to have my baby living away from one of his parents, and | knew that if | proceeded with arguments with Dimitri, it was going to lead to that. Therefore, | turned and smiled as | looked at the elders who walked inside the house.

“Lord Alpha, Elder Jordan, it is a pleasure for the two of you to be here.” | said, smiling at the two of them. | knew that they were here to check on how things were going, and | had to admit, | was happier now that Charlotte was not here. And though | knew that Dimitri and | were not together. In theory, the man did not even spare me a second glance, well, that is ignoring yesterday night when the two of us spoke, but | knew that with that point, maybe, just maybe, we had a chance to at least try forming a small sort of friendship. And that was something that | aimed on having as my reality.

“How are you two?” The Lord Alpha asked, smiling at me. | smiled and nodded at him before shaking my head in question when | saw the frown that was on Dimitri’s face. And | understood the reason behind it. Both the Elder and Lord Alpha walked toward me,

ignoring his presence by the door, and though | did not understand why, | knew not to ask more questions than necessary. The man was going to know how to deal with things. All | had to do was go with the moment.

“We are well, how are you? | trust that we have not missed much during our period of time alone.” | said, smiling at the Lord Alpha whose eyes softened. The fact that he asked me before how | felt was one thing that | was never going to forget. It was something that my own mother did not ask. If anything, she did not even care to consider asking how her daughter was feeling, truly feeling, considering that she knew that the man that | was with had his mistress.

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ry of me finding out about it and telling her popped in my head, and | couldn't help the small frown that momentarily formed on my lips before | smiled as | looked at the Lord Alpha. His eyes studied my expression as a father's would do to his daughter when he sensed her annoyance, and | shook my head at the man, waiting for his response, noticing that he was yet to give it. He shook his head, quickly snapping himself out of whatever daze he fell into before he smiled.

“We are well, and have been well, child.” He said, and | nodded before he turned to look at Dimitri who was waiting for the two of them to pay him any attention. And | couldn't help but find myself not missing the glare that he had on his face toward me. It was one that | knew very well. It was one of both anger and jealousy, and though | didn't know what he had to be jealous of, | knew not to ask any questions as | tended to my own thing.

“Dimitri, my apologies, but you know that we have our Luna carrying your heir. It is something to be valued and to be appreciated. Do not take it as a form of disrespect.” Lord Alpha Sirius said, looking at Dimitri. “It has been a while since we have had an allying heir Alpha, and that is something that | am finding myself proud of, and not only that, but | am willing to express it loudly for her to hear and see.”

“That is very kind of you, Lord Alpha.” | said, and he nodded before elder Jordan turned to look at me.

“How is your child? Have you gotten the checkups taken care of? Is there anything that you would want or need from us to provide?” She asked, and | smiled and shook my head. One thing that | noticed despite the hate that the Alpha had toward me was the fact that he was sure that | had everything that | needed. No matter what it was, the pack doctors had it provided. It was me who initially chose to reject and neglect everything as | tried processing what | was dealing with.

"We are both fine. The pack doctor has been keeping a close eye on me as instructed by Alpha Dimitri, you need not worry, 1. and my baby, are in good hands." | said, looking at Dimitri. His eyes were fixed on mine for a few seconds, and the hate that I saw in them was not one that | understood, especially when | knew that there was no reason for it to be there.

"As long as you say so, then we will be forced to comply and listen. But if there is anything that you might need, anything at all, please do let us know." She said, her voice softening and | smiled and nodded. "Also, considering the fact that the baby is your first and that this mating was arranged by us, we are to provide you a full nurse care when you near your labor time."

"Elder Jordan..."

"I am not asking, child. It is a gift from us as elders. You are going to need the help that you can get considering the number of gatherings that you would be having, and we want to ensure that both you and the child are both comfortable and safe. Therefore, please, do accept this small offer from us. It is one that you truly do deserve..."

Chapter 42

Dimitri:

"For a man who is expecting his first child, you do not seem to be very excited about it." Lord Alpha Sirius said, looking at me. | smiled and shook my head in question, not understanding why he would be thinking that.

"Not at all, if anything. | am more than thrilled about having my first born. Though | am curious about the reason of why you would think that, Lord Alpha?" | asked, voicing out my confusion. The last thing that | needed was for Aurora to be telling the elders anything behind my back. And though | could tell that she wasn't saying anything that | would be against, | couldn't help but find myself growing annoyed and curious about why they would be paying her this much attention when she was nothing but an omega blood.

The woman was carrying MY child, and | was the higher rank, and yet, she was getting the attention that an Alpha should be having,

"You do not seem to be interacting with your mate, nor do you seem to be by her side. She is carrying your baby and considering that it is your first, | would have been expecting more of a closer relationship between the two of you." He said, looking me in the eye and | smiled.

"The two of us are doing very well together. It is just the small fact that we sometimes find it harder to get used to the fact that we are mates. You know, we were not fated and things are just moving a little too fast for me to comprehend, and as a woman,

Aurora seems to be happy that an instinct is being fulfilled. That is all that there is to it," | said, and he nodded in understanding. The two of us were walking in the garden, considering that he wanted to speak to me in private, and | knew that telling him no or implying that | didn't want to speak to him was going to be something that not only would he take as rude, but | would be questioned for, and that wasn't something that | wanted to deal with.

"You know, when we chose the two of you to be together, it was to unify both packs. | think that you are well aware that she is not...

"I am aware, and it is a topic that she does not like speaking of. | would rather not talk about it being her back." | said, stopping the man. | had to admit, | knew that it was risky to do so, but | also knew that he would take it as me valuing her privacy. As for the main reason why | did it, | had to admit, the story that she told me the other day was one that played in my head, and the fact that | knew that she never understood why she was abandoned the way that she was tore something in me. | didn't know what it was nor did | understand, but | knew that | did not like it. It was one thing to know that she was an omega, an orphan, but it was another thing to know that she held onto the idea of maybe, at least, that she would know what the reason behind her being abandoned was.

And considering her confusion and the way that she spoke, | knew that she might have not been allowed to speak of this topic with her parents either. Therefore, she was stuck with whatever she had in her mind to think of. That was the main reason why | was going to help her at least find out who they were. Maybe it would ease her pain to either know that they were dead or to see and try to speak to them.

"| heard the story from her, and | know that it hurts her to speak of this topic. | am sorry for stopping you the way that | did, Lord Alpha' | said, trying to ensure that | didn't press on too many buttons. The man nodded in understanding.

*There is nothing better than a man who would value his lover's secrets and pride." He said, and | took in a sharp breath.

"She told me that it hurts her, and she told me that she wants to find out about them. She aims to know whether they were dead or alive, and that is why | do not wish to stab her with something that | know has affected her as much as it did." | could swear that the man took in a harsh breath, and | couldn't help the frown that formed on my lips at that. His eyes met mine and he shook his head in question, taking me off guard.

"What did you just say?" He asked, making me frown in confusion.

"Sorry?" | asked, shaking my head and his eyes hardened.

"Lasked, what did you just **cking say about her wanting to find her parents." He said, turning to face me. | frowned in confusion and shook my head in question.

“She has the right to know where she came from, and | offered to help considering that she wanted it. As her mate, | do not see where that is wrong.” | said, and the man clenched and unclenched his fist, taking me off guard before he grabbed me by my shirt’s collar. | frowned in confusion and his eyes turned into a dark shade of golden, making my heart race.

| knew that ONE wrong move from me would be fatal, and not only for me, but my whole pack. And for that, | was forced to submit as | waited for whatever he was going to say. However, | had to admit, | couldn’t help but find myself wondering why he was as angry as he was, | knew not to question him right now.

“You are going to listen to what | have to say and | am not going to repeat myself twice.” He said, making me frown as the door opened. Aurora and Elder Jordan walked out, looking at the two of us, and | couldn’t help but notice the elder looking at Aurora for a second, making sure that she might be listening before his next words took me off guard. Especially when | saw literally no reason behind them when we were dealing with a rogue and his Luna. “You two are going to drop this search immediately and the last thing that we expect to hear is for anyone to hear of this mess, do you understand?”

“My search is going to be discrete...”

“You are going to drop it, otherwise, both you and your mate are going to pay the prices of it.” He said, making me frown. “Am | making myself clear, Alpha Dimitri? And | trust that you are going to be the person to speak to your mate about it Unless, if course, you aim for me to speak to her. If that is the case, then | am going to be more than willing to do so, but | make no promises on what | am going to tell her. Therefore, the choice is yours, do you understand me, Alpha Dimitri?”

Chapter 43

Aurom:

“What happened between the two of you? And do not tell me that it does not concern me. | heard the two of you saying my name and | know for fact that you were talking about me.” | said, glaring at the Alpha who took a deep breath

“They do not want me finding your parents. Whatever the reason is, they did not mention it.” He said, making me frown.

“You told him that you were going to go and look for my parents? My biological ones, when you knew that they are associating with my old pack?” | asked, shaking my head at the man who frowned at my question. My heart raced and | knew that not only did he screw up right now, but that | was going to find myself dealing with more of a fuss than | would want to deal with, and | was not referring to the elders.

“Why is that a problem?” He asked, shaking his head in question and | took a step back.

They left a while ago, and though they came with smiles on their faces, the frown that | saw on the Lord Alpha's face told me that things were not going to be going as well as | was going to hope for them to go. Whatever happened here was going to be told to my mother, and if she hears that we were aiming to find them, then there was going to be a lot for me to deal with when they saw me the next time, that is, if she does not call.

"They are not going to appreciate the fact that | opened a topic like this with you. | did not even ask you to do it, and they are not going to understand that it was a conversation that you translated to me wanting to find them." | said, shaking my head. Yes, | always wanted to find my parents, and | always wanted to know who they were, but | knew that it wasn't like this. | knew that for that to happen, there were things to be sacrificed. And that as why when Dimitri offered, | believed that he would be able to support me through my sacrifice.

For that sacrifice was going to be my soul.

If they were dead, then | was going to have to deal with the pain of knowing that not only did they give me up, but that they didn't make it to the life that they wanted. If they died when | was born, then who was the one who sent me to the pack? If they were killed, who took me and left me in front of the pack gates like my parents claimed. Who was that person and why was he hiding? Who was P and what would the person be careful to hide when | was nothing than a mere omega?

"You opened a topic to me and | could tell that it was bothering you. | chose to want to be nice and if they do not like it."

"You are not the type to just genuinely be nice, Alpha Dimitri If you are not gaining anything out of it, you are not going to be nice." | said, shaking my head at him. "I am not stupid, | know that your words are to merely ensure that | am under your gaze as you know that | am carrying you baby, but your assurance means nothing to me. | am just the omega female in your eyes"

The low growled that echoed through the walls took me by surprise, and | looked down at my feet, trying my best not to do something that would end up with him killing me right now. The last thing that | needed was to find myself in something like that. To say the least, | knew that he wouldn't hesitate or regret doing it. But | knew that | was going to end up losing more than just my life. It was also the fact that | was having my baby to protect, and that was something that the Alpha seemed to ignore.

"I am going to say this once because it seems to me that it is the ONLY way that you want to be treated, and do not say otherwise." He said, glaring at me. "I tried being the humane figure that you would want as a child's father. But | will not tolerate being embarrassed because of you. Therefore, if you think that my search and my lawyers are for something that..."

"Stop," | said, and he chuckled.

“Why? Too childish to be able to take a small word like this one?” He said, making my chest burn because of his attitude. It wasn't one that | knew not to expect, but | didn't expect it to be directed at me right now. It was one thing to be bigger than someone but it was another thing to have the brains to fight, and IF he thinks that | was going to watch and allow him to bully me around while he roamed freely, doing what he wanted, then he was very wrong.

“You are hurting me.” | commented, noticing how hard he was squeezing my arm.

“Good, because this is the pain that you are going to be feeling from now on.” He said, making me gulp. “Whenever you

choose to go against me with your attitude, you are going to remember this squeeze. Maybe then you would remember to tame your bullsh it attitude and remember that the man standing in front of you is your Alpha,”

He let ny arm go and | put my hand on it, trying to mu ffile my cries as | felt the world tighten around me. And the worst part about it was, | didn't even know what was going on or why. He shook his head at me and took a step back, leaving me in the living room as he turned to head to his office again. | took a deep breath and looked at the reception set up before going back to my room.

The last thing that | needed was another fuss about whatever he was going to throw at me.

However, that wasn't what surprised me despite the long night that | was having.

It was the fact that Charlotte was calling Dimitri. And though | wasn't supposed to do so, | didn't know what got into me a | looked at the phone for a second before putting it down, deciding against responding. My heart raced and | walked toward my bedroom without saying a word as | took a deep breath.

you.” |

“We don't need them, mama, papa. | am going to find you myself, | promise you, | will find you. | will ALWAYS find said, taking a deep breath. “All | have to do is get my strength back. And for that to happen, | was going to need get a proper and a very much needed rest. Only the would | be able to fulfill this and whatever this journey was going to take.”

“But | am going to find you. | will find you...”

Chapter 44

Dimitri:

"I want to know everything that there is to know about Aurora." I said, making Ivan frown in confusion.

"I thought that we already did our search?" He asked, and I shook my head. There was a lot more about her than we and I was now determined to find out what it was, especially when I knew that not only did it have the elder Alpha threaten

knew, me, but that she seemed to be a center of strange attention, And that wasn't something that anyone else would have gotten if they were considered normal.

"I said something and I do not expect it to be questioned, Ivan. She is hiding something and I want to know what it is. If she isn't the one hiding it, then I am going to find out who it is and what." I said, and Ivan nodded. His eyes studied my expression and I knew that he was going to tell me something. He took a deep breath before smiling.

"She is safe. I figured to ease your busy mind about her. He said, and I smirked, knowing that he was not only able to read me, but was able to understand my thank you to him when he got out of the car. And though I knew that any other man would have suspected something going on between them, I didn't

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The two of us have gone out to clear my mind, and here I was, thinking of more than I should be able to think of. One part of me knew that I wanted Charlotte, but another wondered whether or not she was going to accept you after Aurora gave birth. She wanted the kid and I knew that I promised her that I was going to take the baby. But now, after hearing what Aurora went through, I didn't want to be one of those that hurt her too. At least not by taking her child from her. If she believed that this was going to mean that I wasn't going to take the baby, then Charlotte and I were going to have to go back to discussing our morals. As it would seem to me that she might have lost them.

"Did she say anything?" I asked, and he shook his head.

"She asked to see you, I told her that you would come when you had the time. It ended there and I doubted that she was going to tell me anything anyway. You know how she is when she chooses to be cold and now she not only fought with us, but all the maid are afraid of approaching her room." He said, and I chuckled. It was something that was typical of her when she was upset. Most of the time, she wouldn't speak at all, sometimes she would use sodas. Today, she is choosing silence.

"She is going to be a hardhead, and I know that with Aurora and all, I am lucky that she is yet it to burn a different house that is just outside the pack. She is staying there as it is simple for her to be there and also more affording. She was the one who chose this place and that is something that I went against, but she didn't want the safe house." He said, and I pinched the bridge of my nose. I knew that she wouldn't want to there things, but for now, I was going to go with her.

“You can ask her to come and talk to me herself. And only then would we be able to compensate. But if I am going to speak to a robot, I would rather that the robot is smart.” I said, and Ivan laughed. The two of us knew that Charlotte was going to need to have a talk and serious conversation and that was something stopping them from going forward.

“Well, robot smart is going to drive me crazy. I am already dealing with the mild smart, and here I am.” I said/referring to Aurora. Ivan laughed, shaking his head and I smirked. The fact that I not only had to deal with her, but lately, due to Charlotte being around, I knew that she was acting more like herself, and I couldn’t help but wonder when she was going to be growing out of this phase. It was one that was starting to annoy me, and I could tell that Aurora understood that, but she was doing her best to lay low from being in front of me.

“I am going to go back inside, but you can tell her that I am going to see her soon. I am sure that she would be on top notch behavior when I arrived here.” I said, and Ivan chuckled, knowing that not only were we going to have to deal with more hell. At least now, we would know that first, Charlotte was here with us, and second, that even Aurora was safe.

“Are you sure that seeing her is going to be a good idea? Jokes aside, but do you not think that it is the best idea to be going to see her when the two of you are still in heat of your argument..!”

“That is why I said later. We are going to need to calm down from everything before that happened, and that is something that I know. The one thing that I don’t like, is that I know that she is jealous of Aurora, and though right now, after what I saw today, I knew that not only did I have Charlotte, I had elders behind me, and that only mean that Charlotte was going to have to lay very low even if I did see her, to ensure that no one found out.” I said, looking at Ivan who nodded in

understanding.

“Well, I don’t think that would be a problem?” I asked, shaking my head in question.

“Your point is?” I asked, shaking my head in question and he smirked, pulling his phone out of his pocket to reveal a female’s picture, Charlotte as she sat on a chair, strapped to it

“Until she has calmed down, I don’t think that she needs to go all Roman against us.” I said, and he chuckled, “Now come on, I think that we have different things to do...”

Chapter 45

Aurora:

“You've been in your room for the past two days,” Ivan stated, and I took a deep breath.

“Do you not have a mate to keep you busy?” I asked, shaking my head in question. “Do not get me wrong, but you seem to be far too busy stalking me instead of being busy with the woman that you are supposed to be with.”

“My mate does not concern you, and if I am stalking you, it is to ensure that my Alpha's child is safe.” He said, and I shook my head, pinching the bridge of my nose. It has been a month since the last meeting with the elders and since Charlotte was kicked out of the pack, and though I knew better than to think that anything would be changing between the Alpha and I, I could tell that he was being a lot more distant as time went. The conversation with my parents ended up turning things against me more than I would have hoped that it would, and I knew that it was something that annoyed even the beta.

“My baby is safe, Alpha or not, I am not going to end up harming my child because Tam upset or annoyed. But if it helps you feel any better, I am not tired, I am just choosing to rest as I have been waking up with an odd morning sickness and haven't been getting the sleep that I would want to normally get in such situations.” I said, and he raised an eyebrow. “You needn't worry, it is a full moon tonight and being pregnant prevents me from shifting, but that doesn't mean that I don't feel the changes that occur.”

“I see,” he said, and I smiled.

“If there isn't anything that you would like to add, you can leave.” I said, nodding at the door/keeping a small sarcastic smile on my face as I did. His eyes met mine and he went to take a step back only to shock me when he stopped. I frowned in confusion and he sighed.

“How do you feel being an omega within the pack?” He asked, taking me off guard with his question. His eyes met mine and I shook my head, taking a deep breath as I tried processing what he was asking “My mate is human, and I don't know how things are going to work.”

“Do you like her?” I asked, and he looked down at his feet, making me smile.

“A lot,” he said, and I nodded.

“It would work. If you want it to, then it would be working. Yes, I understand that you might be worried, but you know that it would work if you want your relationship to. As for how I feel being an omega within the pack, then I am going to tell you that I feel no different than being the Alpha's daughter, adopted or not, when I was back at home.” I said, voicing out how I was feeling. The fact that they kept hitting me with the fact that I was an orphan was something that I wasn't going to forget, but I knew that I grew up being who I was, bloodline or not, I knew who I was and who I wanted to be.

“Even despite you not having noble blood?” He asked, and I took a deep breath. “Don’t get me wrong, but you know that your rank is the lowest of them all. You don’t have anything that would consider you as fit to be an Alpha’s mate except maybe the way that you were raised.”

“I believe that you know that Dimitri needs someone like me in his life. I may not be the pure blood that he would have wanted, and maybe I never will be. But, I am the person that he needs, be it etiquette, the way that I deal with things and how I manage the house; I think that you are not blind not to see that things have changed to the better within the house when it comes to the fact that elders are present.” I said, and he smiled. “Don’t judge her because she is human. If you like her, then go on ahead and give her a chance. But losing her simply because she is not a wolf would only make you regret it later, and that is something that you are going to have to keep in mind.”

“What if she doesn’t accept being within the pack? You know that I am not going to be able to leave my position by Dimitri’s side, and...”

“That would depend on how the two of you agree to do things and how you choose to want to manage your relationship. But that doesn’t mean, not for a second, that you have to put assumptions before making the first move, and I can tell by your question that the first move wasn’t done yet.” I said, and he sighed, making me smile. I walked toward him and put a hand on his shoulder, squeezing it gently. “Just go with it, you know that you are going to be able to get things right when you follow your gut. But running away like this, clearly fearing something that is not even there, then you are not going to be able to get anywhere. And trust me, you are not going to want to live with a ‘what if?’ if you don’t try.”

“Thank you, Aurora.” He said, and I smiled and nodded.

“You’re most welcome, Ivan.” I said, taking a step back. He looked down at me for a second, and I couldn’t help but notice him studying my expression. His next words making a small smile appear on my face despite all the shit that the two of us normally went through.

“You know, I do think that you might be good for the pack, and not just Dimitri.” He said, turning toward the door. “You just don’t seem to know it yet. Maybe none of us does...”

Chapter 46

Dimitri:

“I am not sure whether to be happy or surprised by the fact that you finally had the courtesy to remember my existence.” Charlotte said, raising an eyebrow when she saw me entering the house that she was staying in

The fact that | was debating on whether or not to come and speak to her was not something that | was going to lie about. She wasn't a person that | wanted to associate with, and that was something that | was sure to make her know. Plus, knowing her, | knew that she would have asked everyone that she came to the house about me.

"I am going to have a child, and the last thing that | need to find myself dealing with is your issues right now, Charlotte." | said, and she raised an eyebrow.

"They are my issues now?" She asked, shaking her head in question at me. | took a deep breath and watched as she walked toward me. "Up until a few months back, you wanted nothing to do with the bit ch omega. Or have things changed when as you saw and felt the child that you didn't want growing inside her belly?"

"You are going to mind your limits before | am sure that you..."

"I am not going to be taking your threats for granted nor would | be allowing you to throw them my way. It was you who chose to have Ivan call for me and | am sure that the two of us know the reason behind it, and do not try playing the innocent game of simply wanting to save me from a fate that you know my father would throw at me." She said, stopping me. "You didn't want me to get married, and that is something that the two of us know very well."

"Whether or not you want to believe me, it was Ivan who wanted to save you. He believes that you needed to be, as for me, | told you, our relationship was long over when you chose to harm the woman that is carrying my baby," | said, and she shook her head at me.

"I am curious to know what her reaction would be when she realizes or finds out that you planned on giving me the bally. | am sure that she would not only be thrilled, but would also allow you to see the baby without risking the threat of losing your hand." She said, and | growled. "You chose to play a very wrong game with a wrong woman, Dimitri. | am not an omega and stripping me off my titles to be your main woman did not change who | am or where | came from. As matter of fact, my titles have been returned and announced to the council. Therefore, if my father chooses to report me missing, then your beta would have kidnapped the heir of my pack, and | think that the two of us know the penalty of it

you and

"You really are naive, aren't you, Charlotte?" | asked, and she frowned. | took a step toward her, towering over her b*dy and she shook her head in question. "When you agreed to strip yourself off your titles, it was done by will. You are mine to claim and keep, and even if your father chooses to want to return your titles, it has to be with MY permission, Otherwise, not a single word that he says without me approving of it is considered legitimate or legal by our laws. You marrying another man, would be

breaching the peace that we have created, and mind you, it would also be creating a war amongst three packs, and I doubt that you want to take that burden on your head.”

“You chose to kick me out.”

“And

you have no right to choose another man unless it is with my permission. And I think that your father should know that when he gave you to me as a consort, he gave you to me to own.” I said, glaring daggers at her. “Therefore, my suggestion to you, Charlotte, is not to think of this with any other meaning than it has. You mean nothing to me and are going to be meaning nothing to me no matter what path you think you are choosing.”

She looked down at her feet, avoiding my eyes and I took a step back, not saying another word before walking out of the house. Her heart raced, and I knew that what happened was the last thing that she expected, but the last thing that I was going to do was give her the advantage of thinking that she was going to mean anything more than she did. Right now, I knew that I had other things to be concerned about, and they did not even include Aurora.

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I walked back toward the house to find Aurora in the living room. Her eyes met mine momentarily before she looked down at her feet. Her heart raced, and I watched as she took a deep breath before she turned to the maids who were fixing things in the living room.

Ivan, who was standing in front of the door, nodded at me and I took a deep breath before shaking my head as Charlotte’s words played in my head. The annoyance that I felt was one that I couldn’t describe and that was something that I knew my

beta understood and saw.

“What she is doing?” I asked, shaking my head at Ivan. Aurora froze for a second, sucking in a sharp breath as she did before. She proceeded with what she was doing.

“She is being a Luna, Alpha.” He said, and I raised an eyebrow. “The elders called while you were there, you to the Lord Alpha this weekend. And he doesn’t seem to be taking no for an answer...”

two

are invited

Chapter 47

Aurora:

“Don't worry, everything is going to be ready according to the rules of the council.” Jasmine said, and | smiled as | looked myself in the mirror, proud that we had our order confirmed for when we were heading to the Lord Alpha's Estate.

| was a person who knew the rules and traditions very well. | knew what it was to go to the elder's place and | knew what it was to go and see guests of higher rank. And one never, not for a minute, should dare to reject an elder's invitation or go with their hands empty.

A small dish often did the job, but the higher our rank, the fancier the presentation was, and the more strict the council rules were. It was something that we all knew, and was something that | grew up learning. Therefore, now, to me, this was a normal lifestyle.

| hung up and put my phone down as | looked at the jewelry that | was planning on wearing this evening. | might not be treated like one, but | knew that | was the Alpha's 'mate' and | still had to keep a certain figure. And in all honesty, it was something that satisfied me. Whether or not he saw me as his woman did not mean that | was going to change certain habits that | had for his sake.

My bedroom door opened, and | took a deep breath as | looked at the Alpha through the mirror, Convincing him to knock was going to be like convincing a child that he shouldn't be playing with mud when he was in the playground. Therefore, | wasn't going to bother trying.

“You knew that we were invited to the Lord Alpha,” he said, not bothering to wait for me to say a word about him barging in the way that he had. It wasn't like | was indecent, but it was a sense of respect that the Alpha didn't seem to have toward me.

“It was Ivan who got the message, | merely heard him talk about it because he was speaking by my side.” | said, turning to face the Alpha as | put on my earrings. The fact that Ivan came to ask me about his mate was something that made my heart swell for him. It made me feel somewhat a lot calmer when it came his approach to me as the pack's Luna,

The man's eyes widened at my response, and | turned to the mirror, wanting to put on my second earring, knowing that the man merely came to cause trouble. He has been doing that since Charlotte left, and that was something that | was growing used to. “And you did not bother mentioning it.” He said watching as | turned to face him when | was done with the earring. His eyes met mine and he shook his head in question, waiting for my response. The fact that he wasn't around to hear it earlier was not my fault, but | knew better than to argue with him right now.

And | couldn't help but find myself wondering when all this hell was going to end. At least, | would know when he intended to look at me as if | was his mate rather than his enemy. If anything, | would know that I can hold onto to something, but right now, | only felt like | was fighting a one way war that had no ending.

"Can | ask what your problem is with me?" | asked, shaking my head. "I am trying to tend to my duties as your mate, and yet, all | find from you is not only rejection and resent, but hate and anger too. You look at me as if | was a parasite and | have don't nothing but honor you and our mating."

back to

"Do not pretend that you have another choice, Aurora. You are to be kicked out of your pack the second you go them if you choose to break the mating bond. | believe that your mother telling you off on our mating night should have been proof enough of that." He said, making my chest burn. My blood boiled, and for the first time in my life, | felt like all the weight that was in the world and now | was just fighting hard not to burst out on the man who thought that he could speak to me as if | was nothing. "I am carrying your child, | have been doing my best to get ONE kind word out of you..."

"Then stop f**king trying." He said, taking me off guard. My chest ached, and | shook my head at the man who took a step toward me. His eyes met mine as his b*dy towered over my own, and | couldn't help but find myself choking in my own breath. The pain that | felt at that moment was one that | didn't expect to feel, especially when | knew that neither one of the things that | was dealing were due to personal choices. Had they been, | knew that | wouldn't have been here.

His chest rose and fell with each breath that he took but it was his next words that took me off guard as they were the last

thing that | would have expected him to say. Hell, they were the last words that | would expect any Alpha who was having a baby to tell to his woman, even if she was a consort.

"And if you think that you carrying the baby was going to change anything between the two of us," he said, glaring down at my stomach. He put his hand on it, making my heart race as | feared him doing something that was going to hurt me. The last thing that | wanted was to lose my child, but judging by his next words, | could tell that the feeling wasn't mutual. "Then f**king lose it. You have the chance to do so and | am not going to be stopping you. At least | know that | would be free of the curse that you threw my way with this f**king story..."

Chapter 48

Dimitri:

| cursed under my breath when | realized that my words were not only harsh, but also uncalled for.

| pinched the bridge of my nose as Ivan's eyes met mine, and he shook his head in question, clearly confused of the state that I was currently in

"What happened?" He asked, and | shook my head, taking a deep breath.

"The elders called you to inform you that we were invited to the Lord Alpha?" | asked, and he frowned in confusion.

"Yes, it always happens. You know that his beta wouldn't be calling you no matter the fact that they were of higher rank, we still followed certain rules that prevented that." He said, and | shook my head. The anger that | had of Charlotte being here and speaking to me the way that she did earlier and now my argument with Aurora; | couldn't help but find myself feeling like a lot was just being thrown to waste, and that was something that | didn't like. "Did anything happen?"

| shook my head. It wasn't a topic that he should be bothering himself with, especially since it still concerned only Aurora and I, but | couldn't help but find myself wondering where things were currently leading us, especially when | knew that they were more messed now. But I knew one thing | had to settle things with Aurora before Charlotte appeared in the picture, if that happened, then we were in more trouble than | would want to handle..

"Where were you anyway?" | asked, shaking my head. The man came back inside from the front door, and that was how | knew that he was out. Plus, there was the fact that he was in the house earlier. He nodded at the door and | frowned at the sight of his mate. Her eyes met mine for a second before she looked down at her feet.

"You two...?"

"Yes, but | came to know something that | think that you would find interesting about the little human." He said, and she took a deep breath before looking down at her feet. "It seems to me that she has been hiding her real identity through all this time

"| did not hide anything," she said, and | raised an eyebrow at the two of them. "As for my name, a person can choose to hide what it is when it comes to a person that they do not know..."

"Interesting concept." | said, raising an eyebrow at her. "And that name is?"

"Natalia Del Gardi." She said, and | nodded. The woman was one of the Capo's daughter, thankfully, an alley.

“Daughter of Armando Del Gardi,” | said, and she nodded. “Does he know of your whereabouts?”

“He would kill me if he finds out that | chose to run away with a mate. But | doubt that he would be having a problem if you chose to speak to him.” She said, and | scoffed. | looked at Ivan whose eyes hardened as he looked at her, and I couldn't help but notice that he was more than a little annoyed with what was going on.

“That would depend on whether or not your mate actually wants to be with you, human. Mind you, lying to him when you are human is not a good factor when it comes to a wolf who wants nothing to do with your kind.” | said, and she raised an eyebrow before she looked at Ivan. | could hear her heart racing but | knew that she was doing herself to control her expression as she found herself stuck between fire and stone. “If he wishes to be with a person like yourself, then | am to arrange a meeting and we can talk about the terms that would have your father accept you as his mate. | have to add the fact that your father might require a wedding, that is not something that we have in our ways.”

“I can speak him out of it”

“You will not do anything that | do not approve of as for a wedding, if he requests it, then you are to be granted one. It would be an arranged marriage and you are going to be playing along the act until the end of it. You can play the game of -lover, if your mate would actually consider you as one, after everything has been done.” | said, keeping my eyes on her and

she took a deep breath before she looked at Ivan. My beta nodded in thanks and | nodded back before turning to the stairs. I had to go check on Aurora, and | had to admit, | wanted to apologize to her.

The quietness of the state that she was now in was somewhat concerning, especially after the hurricane that the two of us just had, but I knew better than to ask anymore questions than necessary. The woman had her own ways when tending to things, and | had mine.

| walked toward her bedroom, frowning when | didn't hear any movement inside. Her heartbeat was the one thing that confirmed that she was inside, but other than that, it was just quiet. | knocked on the door twice, but no response came. And considering the fact that | never knocked on her door, | expected at least a small reaction, but | was surprised when | got

none.

My heart raced, and my hands turned cold as | looked at the door for a second too long before the smell of blood filled my nostrils, making my heart drop.

“Aurora, open the f**king door.” | said, trying to open the door only to be surprised when | found that it was locked. A low growl rumbled from my chest, echoing throughout the pack’s walls before | could stop myself, but the woman wouldn’t

react.

“Dimitri, what the hell..?” | broke the door before Ivan could complete his sentence, and the sight of Aurora laying in a pool of her blood made my heart drop as | saw what was going on.

“Ivan, call the doctor.” | said, rushing toward the woman whose heart raced despite her closed eyes. “NOW!”

Chapter 49

Aurora:

| gasped as | took a deep breath, processing the fact that | was awake.

My stomach ached, and | couldn’t help but frown when | found myself laying in the pack infirmary with Dimitri sitting beside me. His eyes met mine momentarily, but | was quick to look away from him, not wanting to meet his gaze. To my surprise, the man’s hand took mine and he slowly and carefully, intertwined our fingers.

“The two of you are fine,” he said, and | nodded, looking away from him as | did. My chest ached, and the fact that he was here instead of his beta told me that whatever happened, it was big enough to have him coming here in the first place. Otherwise, | knew that he wouldn’t be bothering with more than sending Ivan here to ‘check on and tend to me. “Why didn’t you call for help when you felt pain?”

“How did you assume that | felt anything to begin with?” | asked, shaking my head in question, “I believe that you made sure that | knew that you wanted nothing to do with me, | doubt that you would want to look at me any differently now.”

“You almost lost the child, Aurora. And not only that, but you could have lost your life had we not found you on time.” He said, and | smiled as | fought my tears from falling from my eyes. It wasn’t the fact that | knew that I could have lost both my and

my child’s lives, but it was the fact that not only did | now confirm that he would have given the child to Charlotte, but that he didn’t even care about me. | was just a burden that he was forced to deal with, and that was something that broke more in me than | could have realized.

“| would have made it easier for you to get back to your ex. Not to mention, the fact that you would be rid of me. | doubt that it is something that you didn’t want.” He frowned at my words, and | shook my head in question. After what | felt, and after feeling as

helpless and alone as | did, | knew that not only did I have no one, but that | was going to have to stand strong regardless of what was to happen. And if it meant that | was going to be losing my life in the process, then so be it. "That might have ruined your plans when it came to the fact of having my child to give her, but | think that even if she couldn't give you a child, a consort would do."

"What are you talking about, Aurora...?"

"She told me what you planned on doing when | gave birth, and by bringing her here, | think that she might be right." | said, and he frowned. "Oh, | am sorry, | wasn't supposed to hear of her whereabouts, was I?"

know that she was here?" He asked, and | shook my heart

"Her scent has been masked, how did you at him. As if was going to be believing such a lie when | caught her scent the second that she entered the pack grounds, and | wasn't dumb, | could. catch her scent the second that Dimitri walked back inside the house.

"You can try a different game to play on me, but this one is not going to work, Dimitri." | said, and he frowned. | shook my head in question before he took a deep breath and nodded, not saying a word concerning the topic.

"I am not going to take your child away from you, Aurora..."

"How about you bring her over here and repeat that again? Because it seems that one of you is taking me for a fool. One of you is saying that you promised her my child, and the other is saying otherwise." | said, sick of everything that | was dealing with. One part of me was merely thankful for the fact that | didn't lose my baby, but another knew that | would have saved my child the fuss of having an Alpha father like himself. At least, | would have known that they were safe, | wasn't very sure

of that now.

"I am not here to answer to you, Aurora, nor am | required to explain anything to you when it comes to my pack members. And Charlotte is a pack member whether or not you like to admit it." He said, and | smiled. My smile was both cold and sarcastic, and | couldn't help but find myself growing angrier by the minute despite me knowing that | was supposed to be taking a break. "Then you can please leave. You can rest assured that | am not going to hurt myself or my child." | said, and his eyes hardened. The idea of me losing a baby that | was fighting hard to protect was something that | personally found as difficult, especially when | knew that the elders now knew of it, and the last thing that | wanted was to find myself dealing with something that | couldn't handle. Plus, there was the fact, the main one, that | didn't want to find myself burying my baby with my hands. And considering that | knew that | had no one in my life, | knew that | was going to be doing everything by myself, that wasn't something that | wanted to risk

dealing with when | knew that | might not even have a family to lean on or the proper help that | wanted.

He got up from the chair that he was sitting on before taking me by surprise as he sat on the edge of the bed beside me. His eyes met mine before he smiled, making my heart race as | found myself thinking of more things than | could process right

now.

“From now on, | am not going to allow you to go through anything by yourself.” He said, his voice both calm and stern as he looked me in the eye. “I give you my word that things are going to be different.

Chapter 50

Dimitri

| watched as Aurora slept on her bed and | couldn't help but find myself wondering how things would have gone if | didn't find her in the room the other night

Her chest rose and fell with each breath, and her calm heartbeat told me that she was fast asleep.

The doctor's words played in my head from earlier, and | couldn't help but find myself wondering who she was and where she really came from. Especially thinking of the 'miscarriage' that | believed that she would have had if she was a normal.

omega

Flashback:

“We found her in the room.” | said, looking at the doctor. Her eyes widened in surprise before she nodded at me to lay her on the bed. My clothes and arms were smudged with blood, and | couldn't help but find myself worrying about my child and what was to be of the baby's fate after this.

The fact that | knew that Charlotte was going to be more than just a little happy about this was not something that | was going to deny. And though it was something that somewhat annoyed me, | knew that | shouldn't be blaming the woman. | knew that she wanted nothing more for Aurora to lose the child, and she didn't need to say it out loud for me to see her resentment in her eyes. “The baby...?”

“We are going to need to stop the bleeding first, but | do not know if | can assure you of anything. Alpha.” She said, and | took a deep breath. Ivan and | looked at one another for a second, and | knew that my beta saw both my pain and fear in my eyes, and | couldn't help but find myself regretting the way that | spoke to her.

The last thing that | would have wished for was for her to lose the child, and now, | knew that I was going to have to deal with the consequence no matter what it was.

Two nurses approached both Ivan and I, silently asking us to leave the room, and though | didn't want to, | knew that | had to allow them to do their job. And judging by their expressions, | could tell that it was not going to be an easy one.

Both Ivan and | walked out of the room, and | looked at the man for a second before shaking my head at myself, pinching the bridge of my nose as | did..

"You two got into a heated argument, didn't you?" Ivan asked, and | nodded. | didn't want to talk about what happened, nor did I want to think of what was going to be happening in the future now that things have reached this point? But | knew that they were not going to be going as smoothly as | would want them to go.

"| told her that she could lose the baby if she wanted to. Things got out of control, and | just didn't know how | burst out with such words to her." | said, and he took a deep breath. The door opened, revealing the doctor whose eyes met mine. | shook my head at her, waiting for an explanation to what she was going to tell me and she looked down at her feet for a

second.

"The baby is fine, so far. The nurses are doing their best to stop the bleeding, but there is something that you need to know, Alpha." She said, and | frowned in confusion. She looked at Ivan for a second, before she looked at me, knowing that she could talk to in front of him. There was nothing that | had to hide from the man anyway, and the fact that he was here only made things easier for me to maintain and manage.

"What is going on?" | asked, and she took a deep breath.

"The Luna's blood is not of omega, Alpha." She said, making me frown in confusion. "It is masked as an omega, but the baby that she is carrying would have been long dead if she was bleeding this way. Somehow, she is protecting the child and the child, carrying Alpha bloods, from both sides, is a powerful bloodline."

"What are you talking about?" | asked, and she took a deep breath.

"Whatever blood that she lost, it was the masking blood. Her real blood is being cleared of whatever that was. | do not know what it is or who she is, but | know that she doesn't have the omega blood that is believed to be hers..."

End of Flashback.

| watched as Aurora opened her eyes to look at me, and she shook her head in question before she frowned; processing the fact that | was there by her side. She looked away from me for a second before sitting up as she lowered her gaze to her lap.

“You did not have to watch me, Alpha.” She said, and | nodded. | knew that she didn’t want to see me around her, and | couldn’t blame her for it. | would have hated my presence if I was her, and for that, | knew to owe it to her to be as angry as she was. “I am fine.”

“| did not have to, yes, | do agree.” | said, and she looked at me with a frown on her face. “But can an “I wanted to be an answer? Because that is the reality of the situation.”

“You know that you don’t have to pretend that | mean anything to you, right?” She asked, and | took a deep breath. “The baby is fine, and that is all that matters to you. You can choose to leave and | am sure that IF the doctors see that anything is wrong, they will call you over.”

“Aurora...

“| need to be alone, Alpha.” She said, stopping me. “Please, please allow me the few moments to myself. | really do need them...”