The Alpha King And His Chosen Luna

Chapter 361

The day arrives

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Four months had passed since Halvon's execution, bringing me to the end of my sixth month of pregnancy. For a human, giving birth this soon would have been far too early. Werewolf pregnancies were different because the mother's wolf helped support the baby as it developed. Six months was considered full term for us.

Sera had explained that our healing and the strength we received from our wolves allowed our babies to develop much faster. Vaela had been supporting my body from the beginning, and Sera said the baby had developed exactly as expected. The only thing she couldn't predict was whether being Celestial would affect the birth itself. There weren't enough records of Celestial pregnancies for her to know.

'Our pup is ready, Vaela said.

'You keep saying that.'

'Because it's true.'

I opened my eyes and found Caius already awake beside me. His hand was on my stomach, and I wondered how long he'd been lying there waiting for the baby to move. He looked at me when he realized I was awake. I already knew he wasn't going to admit it.

"How long have you been watching me?"

"Not long."

"I don't believe you."

"You don't have to."

The baby moved beneath his hand. Caius looked down immediately, and I watched his expression change. He still reacted every time as if he'd never felt it before. I didn't think that would change before the baby arrived.

I pushed myself up and sat for a moment. Sera had told me I was now within the normal period when labor could begin. That information had made Caius watch me even more. He had decided I needed to be within reach of him or Sera at all times.

“You can stop watching me.”

“I’m not watching you.”

“You are.”

“I’m sitting beside you.”

I looked at him until he smiled. There was no point arguing with him about it. I got out of bed and started getting dressed. A knock came at the door before I finished.

Caius opened it and found Zeron outside. They spoke for a moment before Caius looked back at me. I knew from his face that whatever Zeron had brought concerned me. I walked closer

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“What happened?”

“Someone crossed the eastern border.”

I stared at him.

“Your mother is back.”

I forgot about everything else. I finished dressing and headed for the door Caius caught up with me before I reached the corridor. He didn’t comment on how quickly I was walking

By the time we reached the front of the pack house, Sera had joined us. Raith and Lira were there as well. Several wolves had heard who was arriving and had come outside. Nobody had arranged anything formal.

I saw the riders before I could see their faces clearly. My hand went to my stomach without thinking. The baby moved almost immediately. Vaela came forward,

‘She came back!’

‘I knew she would.’

Lyrienne climbed down from her horse and came directly toward me. I went to meet her before she could make it halfway. She stopped in front of me and looked down at my stomach. Then she looked at my face.

“Look at you.”

“I know.”

“You weren’t this big when I left.”

“That’s usually how pregnancy works.”

She laughed and pulled me into a hug. I held her for several seconds before she stepped back. Her hands went to my stomach. The baby moved beneath them,

“Was that the baby?”

“Yes.”

“Do it again.”

“I don’t control that.”

Calus joined us, and Lyrienne hugged him before he could say anything. He accepted it even though she’d caught him by surprise. My mother had stopped treating him like the Alpha King months ago. I was fairly certain she enjoyed doing that.

“You made it,” he said.

“I said I would.”

“I wasn’t missing the birth of my grandchild.”

The word still meant more to me than I knew how to explain. Lyrienne was my mother, and the baby growing inside me was her grandchild. There had been a time when I didn’t know where I came from Now

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Sera came over to us. “Your timing is good.”

Lyrienne turned toward her. “How close are we?”

“Very.”

My mother looked at me. “How very?”

“She’s full term now.”

We went inside and spent most of the morning together. Lyrienne told us about Frostvale, and I told her everything that had happened after she left. Caius stayed with us until Zeron came looking for him. By lunch, having my mother back already felt normal.

Later, Lyrienne came with me to the room we'd prepared for the baby. Gifts filled more of the space than I'd expected. Wraithbone had been preparing almost as much as Caius and I had. My mother picked up one of the tiny pieces of clothing.

"All of this is for one baby?"

"Apparently."

"This pack is excited."

"They've been like this for months."

A pain moved through my lower stomach. I stopped walking and placed one hand against the chair beside me. Lyrienne noticed immediately and came closer. The pain passed before she reached me.

"What was that?"

"I think it was another contraction."

"Another?"

"I've had a few."

Her expression told me she didn't appreciate that I'd failed to mention them. I started to tell her Sera already knew when another contraction came. This one made me grab the chair and stay where I was until it passed.

'Vaela?'

'The pup is coming.'

Warmth ran down my legs before I could answer her. I looked down and understood what had happened. My mother followed my gaze. When I looked at her again, she was already beside me.

"My water broke."

"Then we're going to the infirmary."

I reached for Sera through the pack link. Her answer came immediately, and I told her what had happened.

She ordered me to come to the infirmary while she prepared everything. I reached for Caius next.

‘Calus’

‘What happened?

The baby is coming

‘Where are you?

‘The baby’s room. Mother is taking me to the infirmary!

‘I’m coming

Lyrienne put an arm around me and waited until I could move again. We left the room together and started toward the infirmary. Wolves moved aside as soon as they saw us. I held onto my mother while Vaela stayed close.

Another contraction came before we reached the infirmary. I stopped and leaned against Lyrienne until it passed. She waited with me until I could walk again. Then we continued.

‘We’re ready, Vaela said.

I wasn’t sure I agreed.

Lyrienne helped me through the infirmary doors. Sera had everything prepared, and two healers were already waiting with her. She came toward us immediately. My mother helped me to the bed.

“Bring her to the bed.”

I had barely reached it when I heard someone running in the corridor. The bond told me who it was before the door opened. I turned my head toward it. Caius was here.

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