

Taliya's P.O.V.

His jaw drops and I see panic flooding his eyes. I quickly make my way around the table and hug him from behind.

"That is not funny, Your Highness." He grumbles, but I can feel him relaxing in to the hug. "I know, Big Brother. I am just pulling your chains." I kiss his cheek before I release him and make my way back to my Mates.

Nyomi asks Xandros why he wouldn't want the position of Beta, after all he had been trained for it his whole life. Xandros explains that he hates meetings, that he hates the paperwork and that he would have never accepted the position in our Pack.

I have seen Xandros struggle with the paperwork and I always lend him a hand if I could. I could always tell if there would be a meeting, because he would become anxious. I would help him prepare for it, but he could never relax until it was over.

Xandros would be most at ease outdoors, going over border patrols, training schedules and assigning the right people to certain tasks. If there was trouble near our borders, the Warriors would link him to deal with it and he was always in his element as he handled the trouble.

Xandros was always more of a Gamma than a Beta.

I know that I have found my Gamma as those thoughts run through my mind and I ask my Mates if they are willing to train him for that position. *"Princess, it will be our honor to train him. He will make a great Gamma and*

*we all know that we can trust him with your life."* Ward answers.

"Xandros, I know you are not cut out to be a Beta and I would never ask you to fill that position. I have seen what it does to you every time Talon put you in charge of a meeting or paperwork.

You would be miserable if you took that position, even though I think you would accept it if you thought it would be in my best interest." I look at him and I know that my words are true, he would take the position he dreads just to please me.

"I know that I can trust you with my life, the lives of my future Pups and for that reason I want to ask you to be my Gamma." His eyes widen as the words sink in and for a moment he is unable to answer me.

He finally gets to his senses and gets up out of his seat. He walks around the table and gets down on one knee in front of me. "It will be my honor, Your Highness." He says as he bows his head.

I really hate it when people do that, but in this case I know that I will have to accept it as it is his way of accepting the position as my future Gamma. I pull him in to a hug, squeezing him tightly and I feel relieved at his acceptance of the job.

"Well, that is one position you have filled. Now you need to find yourself a Beta, so he or she can start training for the position." Alaric says and I know that I have some thinking to do on that one.

Xandros asks me who will teach him, because not being at our Pack anymore means that he cannot rely on our Uncle to help him out.

Eamon puts a hand on his shoulder and says "Don't worry, Little Brother. It will be our honor to train you for your new position. You have already shown us that we can trust you with the life of our Mate.

We know that you will protect our future Pups and that you will have our people's best interest in mind. The three of us will train you, guide you and help you in any way we can."

Xandros has tears in his eyes at the words of trust that Eamon spoke and I know that he will make them proud.

We both have found our Family within the Palace walls, we both have a bright future ahead of us. A future neither one of us expected or asked for, but one we will embrace wholeheartedly.

In Anayah I have found a Sister I never had, a Sister that will help me make the right decisions and who will be my partner in crime when I need her. Alaric will guide and help me as I make my path towards the throne.

My Grandparents will be there for me and Xandros to guide us in our new role in life. Barin and Aurora will be the parents we both have missed out on, the four of them will help us understand what is expected of us in public.

Nyomi will be a Grandmother to both of us, she will push

at our boundaries as she has already done with Xandros and she will annoy the hell out of both of us. And we will love her even more for it.

My Mates will be Xandros' Big Brothers, he will be able to rely on them and they will be able to rely on him. They will prepare him for his role as my Gamma.

I will be loved and cared for by my Mates, they will catch me when I stumble or fall along the way. They will help me make sense of all the new rules I will have to live by.

They will keep me safe, they will protect me at all costs and I will do the same for them. I will love them unconditionally, I will teach them to make me a part of their world as they will teach me to make them a part of mine.

With the people that walked in to my life recently by my side, I know that I will become more confident. I will learn to see people for who they are and who I can and cannot trust.

As I contemplate my future, a small part of me saddens at the thought of my Mother. She didn't get to see me find my Mates, she didn't get to see me with my Grandparents.

She won't be there when Xandros finally finds his Mate or when either one of us becomes a parent, but I know that she would have been proud of the people we have become.

I will cherish every memory of my Mother, whether it is

my own or that of someone else. My children will hear about their Grandmother and the life she lead.

Malachay pulls me closer to his chest as Eamon is running his hand up and down my calf. Ward is holding my hand and I sigh in content, because I am where I belong.



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