

MY BESTFRIEND SLIPPED INSIDE ME

Chapter 221

Xadcon's pov

Being an alpha had its advantages and disadvantages. Being a leader came before being a father. That was the oath. That was what we were born into, raised, and instilled in us since we were a baby.

From a young age, I did things to impress the then-alpha, my father. I made decisions I thought were right. Decisions that bit me in the ass later on.

A leader. I could snort at that. What leader am I if I cannot save my son from this fate? I had been ruthless, cunning, and everything named under the sun to be considered a true leader. Yet I was missing something.

Something worth more than all of this.

Being a good father.

What good am I if I can't fix what has happened before my eyes? My son was hurting, Avery was hurting. There was nothing I can do to change the course. Nothing to turn away from the fate I knew was waiting for them.

A leader.....I am no leader. A leader commands, demands, wins. A father protects, loves and cares. I was failing at both.

I have always love my sons, yes I was tough on them like my father was on me, but I love my sons. They were my life and in the moment as I look at the two I understood one thing that made me different from my father.

Loving them came before being a leader.

My sons were a part of me. The good parts I had tried to hide away. Their pain was my pain, their happiness was mine. They were my sons and I treasured them more than I did being a leader to the pack. And I regret not making them know that.

Now seeing Xade go through such a test with Avery, I cannot help but feel powerless. In all these years of battles and wars I have been through, nothing could have prepared me for this. Being helpless.

With one last glance at my last son, I turned around and silently told the elder and my mate to follow. The council was waiting and we could not afford to make them wait any longer. We had to fix this before it gets worse.

“Xadeon,” my mate’s soft voice murmur beside me when we stepped foot out of the building. Even the air outside was foggy and loomed around us like a curse.

I turn to her, realizing that I had really been lucky to have her by my side all these years. Her eyes are watery and sad, telling of knowing what would become of this. There will be a war, however with who we are not

sure of

“I have made mistakes,” I break the silence and looked away in shame.

Like the beacon of light she is for me, she steps closer and rest her hand on my upper arm. You have always done what you thought would be the best,” she squeezed my arm and curled up to my side. ” For our family and the pack.”

Her words made me swallow and I glance at her. I had been lucky and I should have cherished this more. “I thought being a leader was supposed to be the most important thing,” I cupped her face. “Now I understand what was all along,”

Her eyes teared up.

My family,” my voice cracks as I hold her face like she would break under my touch. So fragile. So pure. So mine.

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I had my mate by my side, my son, and his mate, Kaylee who had refused to stay and wait. I hated rogues, however, this one seemed loyal to my son and soon if things went well, she’d be a part of the pack fully.

But I knew her presence would set Alister on edge, however, it was better to show her now than him being surprised to suddenly see her. I cannot risk upsetting the man more than he is now.

I stole a glance at her uneasily, an unease crawling up my spine. We were about to bring her into danger, something we were uncertain we would be able to fight on our own. However, her stance and the look in her eyes showed me that she did not fear anything. A great quality.

I moved my eyes away when I heard a slight rustle amongst the trees. The scent was familiar so we were not alarmed and waited for him to step out and reveal himself.

Henry's wolf emerged out of the gloom of the trees, his beast moving silently to fall into step with us.

'Are you sure about bringing the rogue with you, alpha?' My beta mind linked me.'
Alister looks-

He didn't finish his words but I got what he meant to say. 'Don't question me. Keep your eyes trained on Alister and let me know if anything seems amiss.'

Yes, alpha,' he replied.

I looked over at my mate and son, silently telling them we need to quicken. With a nod we all pushed forward, running through the gloss of trees as the forest thickened around us. We were close now, I could feel it, the power of the council we were not prepared for.

Too close for comfort.

We should have been more prepared. Another mistake on my part.

I glance once more at Kaylee, surprised to see the determination set in her eyes as she kept pace beside Xaden. I cannot help but admire her bravery. She was putting herself on the line for my son when she had the opportunity to run away and save herself.

She was showing more loyalty than some of those in the pack. That alone shows that she was the perfect choice for my son. The moon goddess never miss.

I move my eyes off the two and looked forward, my beast growing rigid the closer we got to where the council waited for us. My mate drew closer to me, her just being here comforting amidst the tension brewing.

For a moment I allowed myself to breathe in her comfort, breathe in the love she had for me, breathe in her. Because I didn't know how things would go once we reach where the council was waiting for us.

The strain we all felt mounted the closer we got to the clearing. Of all the battles we have faced as a pack, this one felt the most darkened with unknown. We were on a scale, balanced between the council and hunters.

We could tip at any moment.

As we finally got to the clearing, the council's power hit us like a wave. I could see them just up ahead with some of the men from my pack waiting for my arrival. We were outnumbered, that I could tell.

And by the singing of the trees and the wind, I knew that Alister had made some of his men hide away. He had come prepared. We hadn't.

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I could feel Alister's presence before I could see him. His scent cut through the air thickly like incoming death, cold and threatening. I stopped and scanned the area, spotting him in the middle, flanked by the rest of his men.

My beta stood before him with some of my warrior wolves. I am impressed they do not cower by the mere powerful presence of Alister.

'Xadeon!' Alister seems to have spotted me from afar, his voice loud and boisterous. From here I can see him scan who I have come with, my son, my mate, Henry, and Kaylee.....his eyes lingering on her coldly.

He knew.

You seem to have brought with you company," his voice grew louder, intentionally aiming to make everyone uneasy. "A rogue in your midst," he clicked his tongue, stepping forward a bit.

He looks around his people, silently communicating with them. I cannot tell what they are saying. Xaden steps closer to me, a low growl rumbling low in his throat.

'I don't trust him,' Xaden hissed through the link.

'I agree. There are many of his men hidden in the trees. He came prepared for a war,' I respond tightly. A war we were not prepared for given our circumstances.

I could feel Xaden stiffen beside me, the realization that things may turn brutal hitting him hard. He shoots a glance at Kaylee, whimpering low as if silently telling her he's sorry for allowing her to join us.

We cannot afford a war with them and the hunters,' Xaden utters.' We are outnumbered in every direction.'

'I know that,' I said tightly, watching Alister fixedly as he continues to communicate with his people through their obvious mind link. 'We talk this out. See how we can get out of this mess and have him help us with the hunters. He's our only hope.'

Xaden grows more tense. 'I don't think he only wants to talk.'

Alister's eyes gleamed dark as he brings his attention back to us. "Xadeon you are so far away! Is this any way to greet me and my men?"

He was baiting us, pulling and tugging to see how far we could bend. I am a father but also a leader. Weakness I could not afford to show. I shook my fur, stepping forward fearlessly. His eyes twinkle with amusement.

I looked back at my family and with a stiff nod, we eat up the distance between the council and us. 'Keep Kaylee close to you,' I warned Xaden.

As we closed the distance between Alister and us, I could feel the tension mount. He watch us with that same smug look plastered on his face, his stance straight and commanding.

Xaden edges closer to me, his eyes flickering every second to Kaylee who clings close to his side too. His protective instincts were coming out and showing on display. 'If he wants her dead,' Xaden refers to Kaylee as his eyes flick to mine. 'I fight with all I have,'

His words were not sad, it was a promise to protect his mate. Something commendable. Something that makes me proud.' She's part of our family now,' I rose to my full height, my paws hitting the earth harder as I snarl low.' We protect family.' if silently telling her he's sorry for allowing her to join us.

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