CH 47

Raygan POV

She was woken by her father's voice inside her mind, 'Raygan you're late for training. What the hell is going on with you?'

Her eyes snapped open, and she looked at the clock, it was 5am, cursed out loud and got her ass out of bed. Being pregnant was making her sleep much more than normal, even nap. Which her father had seen her do yesterday, something else also out of the ordinary for her.

She yanked on her training gear, a pair of grey tights and a crop top like she always wore. 'Overslept.' She stated, 'on my way.' And headed out of her room. Was trotting down the stairs when she saw her father waiting impatiently for her at the bottom. His hands on his hips, it seemed he was unimpressed with her being late.

Watched him frown as he looked over her, saw his wolf surface and stare right at her itself, smell her and then his head tilt ever so slightly to the right. She came to a halt on the stairs and wondered what he was doing. Why was he looking at her like that? "What?" she asked.

She saw his eyes move right down her body and stare at her abdomen, s**t she'd forgotten to check if she could hear the heartbeat of her pup. Refrained from putting her hand over her stomach as much as her natural instincts wanted her to. 'Remain calm and plead ignorance' she told herself as she stood there staring at him.

"Raygan, are you pregnant?" he asked after a moment.

Turned herself around and headed right back up the stairs, "No, father." She answered off-handedly with a slight wave of her hand, "I forgot my phone. I'll be back in a sec." she stated casually.

"Girl, get your ass back down here." He practically roared at her.

She stopped on the top step and sighed internally, clearly, he could hear it, 'Too bloody late now' she thought to herself, 'time to face the music.' Then turned around and just strolled on down the stairs, like she knew nothing "Father, I don't know what you're talking about." She stated with a slight shake of her head.

"How the hell am I supposed to get this through an Alliance Mating?"

"Why do you think I'm pregnant father?" she asked with a deep frown, was going to follow through on the I don't know card.

"Raygan." He snarled "No Alpha is going to want to Mate a she-wolf that is carrying another's pup. If I can see that bump, so will he."

She really frowned now, bump? looked down at herself and stared at her abdomen, more than shocked, it was usually perfectly flat. But not today, there it was for all to see. She'd not looked at herself this morning. Had been rushing to get dressed, hadn't even considered that her baby bump would be here, was barely two weeks along.

But there it was a slight distention of about an inch, right above wear her tights sat neatly across her hips, '

Well shit.' If her father picked that up Karsyn certainly would, stared right at her baby bump 'You're really growing fast in there aren't you little one.' She thought to herself.

Though she could just wear a baggy tee-shirt or a jacket and that should solve the issue, she tuned her hearing to listen for the heartbeat. Nothing yet. Okay, so a jacket or layering up would still work, if she had to come face to face with Karsyn today. Not that there was any word from him last night.

'Plead ignorance still.' Avalon chortled inside her mind 'I like our little bump.'

Put her hand on her stomach and sighed out loud. Could she play that off completely, she didn't actually know. "Well, father, I guess the deal is off then, isn't it?" she stated as she looked up from her slightly swollen belly, looked right at him.

"Do you even know who the father is?" he grated out.

"Didn't even know I was pregnant." She answered him, tilted her own head and could actually feel the heartbeat. "Well, that is unexpected."

"For the love of the Goddess Raygan." Her father muttered "What am I to do with this news?"

"Hmm, beats me." She shrugged "You think on it, I've got training to run." She tried to step round him and saw Zac walking out of the dining hall, a tray loaded with food. For Demi likely.

"You can't train while pregnant, Raygan. It could harm the pup." Her father's hand latched right on to her arm to stop her from passing him. She could see Zac staring at her now, he had heard their father's words. Saw that tray fall from his hands and clatter right to the ground. Everyone turned at the sound and stared at him.

"What?" he stuttered as he stared at her. "You can't be."

"She is." Her father stated, put his hand right on her stomach. She didn't stop him, let him, knew he was feeling for the heartbeat much as she had just done. Zac was having a near heart attack over there. His expression said it all, she knew his brain was screaming with the news of her being pregnant. Screaming, what was their father going to do?

He was mated but she was the eldest and had the next generation growing inside of her. The pack's line of ascension was now up in the air. Their father had not officially named him the next Heir yet, so their father could do as he pleased. Didn't have to name Zac the Heir till he was ready. Might not at all and they both knew it, as they stared at each other.

Zac also didn't know about the Mating Alliance. She was willing to bet, that would be something not of his concern, seeing as he was supposed to be the next in line and she was to be mated off, out of the pack. Her father would have seen no reason to tell him at this point. Didn't need to interrupt Zac and Demi while she was in heat. It could wait, seeing as the line of ascension hadn't changed.

She'd told her father she'd agree to a Mating alliance if she was named the Alpha. But that was now likely off the cards, but a pure-blooded Heir, pregnant with the next Heir before Zac could announce Demi was with pup. That was a full game changer. Yule had told her as much.

She'd just tossed a wild card into the ring and Zac knew it. They might have a law about being Marked and

Mated by their Goddess Gifted before being able to take over. But this news was a game changer. It could well bring out a pack vote. The second Heir was Marked and Mated, but the first Heir pregnant with the next generation. Zac would not want a pack vote, and he knew he'd never win.

"How far along?" her father asked her.

"I don't know." She shrugged, "I only know because you told me. It's not something I was trying to do or checking for. Thought wouldn't even be possible. Am Mate-less father." She continued to play at not knowing, letting him think he was the one to know first.

She watched a few omegas come to clean up the spilled tray and saw Zac step around them. "Who's the father?" he questioned.

"Like you have a right to ask that! Go be with your Mate." She stated dismissively.

"How is Dee?" their father asked,

"Tired but alright." He answered, "Being Mated to an Alpha is not so easy for a small omega."

"Then take it easy on her." his father stated "Contain your beast. It can be done."

Zac was standing staring at her, really staring at her now. She could see his brain was ticking really good, trying to find a way to put bad light on this news. "I am father as best I can."

"Why do you need to?" Raygan stated she'd seen them go at it in the hallway upstairs, it didn't look like the girl had any issues with s*x. "If she is your Goddess Gifted, she is built to handle all your needs. You and your beast shouldn't have to contain yourself at all."

Saw him glaring right at her now. "She was innocent as well, still getting used to being mated."

Raygan snorted now. "Really, it took you a month to get her used to it. I doubt that very much. I saw you to upstairs in the hall. She was fine. s*x with your Goddess Gifted is supposed to be amazing, only hurt once and for a moment before pleasure takes over, after that it's all good."

"How would you know you haven't found your Mate?"

"I am an un-mated she-wolf, Zac, have had s*x. It only hurt the first time. After that, the she-wolf's body adjusts. We are s****l creatures, enjoy being touched, s*x is fun even for us the un-mated. Your Goddess Gifted shouldn't need this long to get used to it. One f**k, two tops."

"You don't know her, I'm an Alpha Wolf, quite large."

Raygan snorted "I've had my fair share of Alpha's Zac, and I've seen you naked. It ain't that big. Seen Delta's bigger." Jabbed a thumb at Yule.

She heard her father's unit all snort with amusement at her shot at him. "Enough, all of you." her father's eyes moved around the entire room as Zac snarled at her for the insult. She watched him take a step towards her and smiled at him. Did he think he could take her on and win because she was pregnant? He would be dead wrong.

"Zac." Her father in a warning tone. He'd seen the way he'd stepped towards her. "You touch your sister while pregnant, It'll be treason. She's still the current Heir and that is the next generation growing inside her."

She smiled at her father's words, saw real anger flare in Zac now, as he realised she was going to stay as the Heir, watched him look at their father. "Are you insane, a bastard pup to Goddess only knows who." He snarled "Dee and I are Gifted to each other, and she could well be pregnant already. An Heir to a fully mated pair is better than some bastard pup, in her." he snarled and pointed at her.

Raygan folded her arms across her chest, she was not such a baby that she was insulted by his words. Nor was her pup a bastard, she knew who's it was and that it was from her Mate. Her father would be over the moon when she told him, but she wanted to out Zac and Demi first. Then give her father the good news.

"Watch your words Zac." Their father warned him.

Found Zac staring right at her a moment later and then he just laughed, "Oh father you are so blind. She was not pregnant when she came home for war. But has been spending how much time with the enemy, seeing him near daily. I bet that little bastard is the enemy's brat. She's been f*****g Alpha Karsyn during their little meetings. No one else goes with her, now do they. All on her own, we all know she f***s around and now, all of a sudden, she's knocked up. It could only be to the enemy."

Raygan snorted with amusement, the boy was only helping her, he just didn't know it. Watched her father look right at her, knew he was recalling everything from yesterday's meet and greet with Karsyn, that man's every reaction to her. The way he'd jumped on board to the mating alliance before it had even been put on the table.

If she was pregnant to Alpha Karsyn, then there was not going to be a war. He would never harm his own child, neither would Steffen, not even he would harm his own bloodline. This would work is what she knew he was thinking.

Found Zac right in her face "You're nothing but a whore." He told her, a smirk on his face, he thought he'd won.

Heard the whole unit, including their father gasp at the insult, she'd heard worse, but took the opportunity to punch that boy, with all she and Avalon had. Watched him go flying backwards and tumble over himself twice before laying on his back, winded 'You think that will win you the seat. Let's just see, right now.' She mind-linked to him.

"Father, what pack is Dee from?" she asked casually, but never took her eyes off Zac. "I was never told that. I know most packs and when she's not in heat we should bring them over, her family too, for a big celebration, all of them. Her mother and father, brothers, sisters?"

She saw Zac blink as her father stated, "I don't actually know, Zac dealt with them the entire time."

"That is very nice of him not to take up your time and handle things, just like an Alpha male should." She smiled at her father "But still, the formalities haven't been attended to properly. Zac, your Mates Pack, which is it?" she put it right to him in front of all.

Watched him get up and groan a little, "Father I'm sorry, Dee needs me right now." He was off up the stairs as though his Mate was having another bout of her heat and needed her Mate to sate her. She didn't believe it; the timing was too convenient.

They all watched him go and her father sighed "Raygan, we have to talk about this and your Mating

Alliance."

"I guess we do, let's leave Karsyn and Mika out of the know for the moment, shall we?"

"My office Raygan, now...hmm, after you eat, go have breakfast." He stated a second later. "I want some clarification from you, before I do anything at all."

"Yes, father. Just so you know, I was as shocked about this pregnancy as you were." It wasn't a lie, she had been when Avalon had told her. Walked off to the dining hall to get breakfast. The day was likely to be long, she thought.

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