

## Why My Mate Cries Chapter 41 - Tips

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### ALIYAH'S POV

A familiar feeling of eventual doom crept into my body. I was still breathing heavily when we went to Charlotte's clinic. Reid carried me into his arm, like I was the most fragile thing he would never dare to let go. All I did was leaned my head against his chest, and hoped that everything would be alright.

I shut my eyes and prayed to the Moon Goddess to help me become healthy. I couldn't afford seeing Reid's worried face whenever my body felt like giving up, or curling because of the pain attacking every part of me. Guilt flashed through me when I remembered how Reid looked at me earlier as if he was in a terrifying situation. I couldn't handle it. I knew that if I was only blessed with a good health, things would have been less pain in the ass for my mate.

"Put her here," Charlotte commanded Reid and pointed to the bed and then she prepared a table full of medical equipment.

Reid was on the other side of the bed, and I was gripping on his arm, tighter and tighter, and while Charlotte while she started getting my heart rate and blood pressure.

"Will she be alright?" Reid asked her, but Charlotte didn't answer, rather proceeded to extract a blood from my forearm.

My lips quivered, along with my body. I was totally scared at this moment. The pain on my abdomen had faded away but the thought that there was something wrong with me made me feel like I was being haunted by death.

I was so afraid, to the point that another batch of tears streamed down my face. Reid soothed me; pressing his lips on my forehead and patting my back, making me feel that I was not alone in this situation.

Nurses entered the room. Charlotte gave them the vial of my blood and then after that, she asked for me stand up. She held me on my waist, and put my arm around her shoulder so she could better support me walking.

I whimpered when I felt a stinging pain on my tummy. Biting my lips, I tried hard enough to breathe properly.

“Where are you taking her?” Reid sounded paranoid and then helped Charlotte to support me.

“I need her to pee for additional test,” she told Reid.

He growled in frustration. “Can you tell me what the hell is going on?! Will she be alright?”

“Can you please stay calm and just help us get into the restroom? I assure you I’ll do my best so she’d feel better, Reid,” Charlotte snorted.

As soon as we were in front of the restroom, Charlotte blocked Reid to go further and guided me all by herself. She locked the door and assisted me to sit on the toilet.

“W—What’s wrong with me?” I stuttered as I swallowed the lump in my throat.

She sighed and offered me a thin smile.

“You’re going to be fine, Aliyah. Trust me.” She then took something from the pocket of her lab gown. It was a pouch that had a small item on it. “Now, pee on the hole you see on its right side and then let me know once you’re done.”

I nodded slowly. Charlotte turned her back to give me some privacy. I did what I needed to do and after that, I gave the item to her. She gasped out loud after a few minutes, and then looked down at me with different emotions radiating in her eyes.

“Is... Is there something wrong?” I blinked my tears away.

“N—Nothing, Aliyah. Like I mentioned, you’re going to be fine.” She tried to smile at me but I knew something was bothering her. “Come on, let’s go.”

Reid was waiting outside when Charlotte opened the bathroom door. They assisted me once again and I felt a kind of relief when my back felt the softness of the bed.

“We need to talk outside, Reid.” Charlotte shot Reid a glance.

My heart raced fast as I didn’t like her tone. If I was dying, would it be possible for her to just tell it straight to my face?

Reid looked like he was about to throw a fit. His jaw clenched, eyes burning both in confusion and anger, and his hands were fisted and ready to slam anything once he heard a bad news.

“Tell me now, Charlotte.” He growled.

She shook her head and pocketed both of her hands into her lab gown.

“Not here...”

“Look,” I started that made them glance at me. “I—I know that I’m a bit ignorant but if it’s not too much to ask, please, explain to why I experienced that terrible pain....”

Reid’s face darkened and she got Charlotte a glare. “Explain it to us.”

However, Charlotte shook her head. “I said we’ll talk outside.”

After saying those words, she then walked past him. He took one glance of me, and then said, “I’ll be right back.”

My lips trembled, and all I did was cry.

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## REID’S POV

“Don’t fvck with my mind and tell me what just happened to Aliyah, Charlotte!”

I grabbed her by the arm that made her turn to me. My worry, as well as my anger, grew deeper every single second that I had to wait for her to speak up about my mate’s condition.

Aliyah was too scared and I hated that I couldn’t do something to make her feel relieved. The only person that could help us in the situation was Charlotte, the pack doctor, who was yet telling me everything she figured out. Damn it!

“Tell me!” I demanded with a growl.

“You better let go of my arm so we could talk properly, Reid...” she said in a serious manner.

I groaned and did she ask me to do. I found it regretful that I befriended her and the rest of the council members and let them became comfortable with me to the point that they didn't get scared even if I snarled at them. They were braven! She, Klaus, Sage, including their mates.

"Now, speak!" I snarled at her.

She looked around; making sure no one was listening to us and then looked up at me as her lips curled into a big smile.

"Are you seriously smiling right now?"

"She's pregnant!" she declared.

I just stared at her with wide-opened eyes. Suddenly, my heart rate picked up and I wasn't able to move. It was as if what she told me triggered an explosion of energy within my body.

"Your mate is carrying your child, Reid...."

I drew in a breath; my eyes couldn't shut as my whole world seemed to have stopped for a moment. Aliyah... my mate... was pregnant?

"W—What are you—"

Charlotte patted my arm that interrupted me from speaking. Her eyes screamed of delight. I stepped back. My hands instantly moved to pull my hair, trying to process everything she said. A few seconds later, I felt hot liquid forming on both sides of my eyes. It was as if something warm washed over me, and all I could feel after that was happiness... no, it was more beyond that.

"Congratulations, Alpha. You will be a dad soon..."

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REID'S POV

Happiness, of all things, took control of my mind and body.

As the leader of the pack, I was taught how to handle any situation, including conflict and battle within and outside the pack. But right now, for the first time in my life, I felt like I had no idea how to handle this great news. I took a deep breath to steady myself, and with only one thing whirling around my mind, that I would be having my own family.

I would become a father...

The thought made me want to jump in the air. I was over the moon, and at that very moment I wanted to thank the Moon Goddess for giving me reason to live better for Aliyah and for our little one.

"This is not a dream, right?" I quipped.

Charlotte shook her head, still all smiles as she folded her arms against her chest.

"The abdominal cramp she experienced is normal. However..." she paused and breathed sharply, and it made my forehead knot. "Considering Aliyah's poor health condition, I am afraid you have to take care of her even more this time. Her pregnancy is critical, Reid. Anything that could give her stress and anxiety will cause her to miscarry and we don't want that to happen. I suggest you, as much as possible, to stay by her side."

When I heard everything, I felt a pang of pain. It was the first time I had ever felt so scared, desperate, and determined to protect my mate and our child. I gritted my teeth and responded with a ragged breath and a nod. "I'll keep everything you said in mind."

She smiled. "I will give you some meds she needs to take religiously. Got that?"

I nodded in response. "Thank you, Charlotte."

"Congratulations once again, Alpha." She exhaled loudly and smiled. "I will let you tell her the news yourself."

Aliyah asked us a lot of questions about her health when we got back to the room. Charlotte kept telling her that she was fine, but I could tell that she didn't believe her.

We waited for the results of her other lab test, and when Charlotte told her how to take the medicine she had given her, I decided to take her home.

"You look happy," she commented as she stared at me while I carried her back home.

"I am just relieved, little wolf," I breathed out and pressed my lips on her forehead.

Even from her, I could not hide how happy I was. The Moon Goddess knew how I wanted to tell her the good news. Still, I was not sure if I should tell her or wait until the right time, considering how weak her body was. I didn't want her to worry about the pregnancy and wonder if she could handle it.

"Is it really true that there is nothing wrong with me? That I am not sick?" Her voice was hesitant.

I nodded and looked at her very carefully. "You're not, but we need to improve your health so you won't feel pain again."

Aliyah nodded and took a deep breath. She put her head on my chest, and I kissed her forehead again to give her assurance that I'd stay with her no matter what happened.

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## ALIYAH'S POV

When we got home, I was still shaking. Charlotte and Reid told me that I was fine and that all I needed to do to avoid what had happened before was to get healthier. It was good to hear that I wasn't dying or getting a disease that would kill me. I couldn't let it happen to me again.

I recalled the pain I felt. It was too much to bear, and my body couldn't figure out how to stop it. As I lay down on the bed, my feet felt as heavy as they were. Reid put a blanket over me and crawled on his side. He started to stroke my hair, which made me feel warm and safe. He was seemingly letting me know that everything was now fine.

“Thank you, Reid, for everything you do...” I said, and I felt like my chest was going to burst from all the feelings I had after what happened.

“I will do anything for you.” He bent down and gave me a kiss on the lips. I smiled. “Now, sleep. You should take a rest.”

I nodded and let him wrap his warm arms around me.

The next day, I felt better, like nothing had happened the night before. Reid and I went to the main kitchen because I wanted to cook for him and for the rest of the pack. But we were surprised to see people we knew moving around in the kitchen.

It was Lucas and his human mate, Jane.

As we got closer, Lucas called out to Reid, “Alpha. I am happy to introduce you to Jane, my mate.”

“It’s nice to see you here, Jane.” Reid greeted her.

Jane looked very happy and greeted him too before her eyes landed on me.

“H—Hi...” I greeted her, trying to be confident but ending up stammering as I talked.

“Aliyah,” she called my name, and then she gave me a big hug. “I’m glad to hear you’re okay! Lucas and I are making the pack’s breakfast. Do you want to join us?”

She looked at me with her eyes full of pleading. I couldn’t deny that Jane was very pretty. If she wanted to, she could convince anyone with her cat eyes and a cute attitude. I chuckled and nodded my head.

“I’d love to,” I said. When I looked over at Reid, he gave me a proud smile.

“That’s great! Come!”

Jane took my hand and guided me to the meat and vegetables on the counter. She seemed to be trying to make a feast for everyone in the pack house, and the way her hands chopped the vegetables made me think she was a professional chef.

She then told me something about herself, and I immediately felt more at ease with her. Reid and Lucas were sitting at the counter table and drinking coffee when Sage ran into the kitchen in a rage.

Sage was frowning and rubbing his temple as if he had just seen a huge mess.

Reid turned to him with furrowed brows. "What the fvck is going on, Sage?"

"You would not believe what just happened, Alpha." He put his hands on his hips while shaking his head. "Liana lose her mind and slapped the twins."

"What?" Reid growled.

I, too, was surprised. Liana was so nice that she couldn't hurt anyone, especially the kids we just brought here yesterday.

Sage shrugged his shoulders and looked apologetically at Reid.

"You know, Liana, man. She has a tendency to lose it if she feels disrespected. The twins made fun of her while she was trying to help them unpack."

"Damn it. Those kids, really..." Reid cursed under his breath and immediately stood up. He then turned to me and, with ragged breathing, he said, "I will just go upstairs to see what happened with those wolves."

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ALIYAH'S POV

"Aliyah," Jane called my name.

My gaze followed her voice from the door frame where Reid exited. As I glanced at her, I noticed that she was smiling shyly at me.

"To tell you the truth..." she paused and bit her lower lip.

I instantly got curious about what she was about to say. I stood up a little straighter, waiting for her to continue. She breathed in heavily and chuckled.

“To be honest, I was a little afraid of you.”

My eyebrows jumped up at her words, and I was kind of shocked. “For real?”

I wondered what I did for her to feel that way. Then I recalled what I did back at the supposed formal dinner. I couldn’t help but wince, remembering that particular event. I was struggling to socialize back then. I still do. Honestly. But I wanted to overcome my fear and be better for Reid, and our pack.

She nodded her head. Her cheeks were blushing.

“Yeah, it started on the first night I came here. I thought that maybe you didn’t like me or I might have offended you in a way that I wasn’t aware of,” she explained carefully.

I kind of felt guilty that Jane had this feeling towards me. My shoulders sagged as I let out a sigh of defeat. I then held her hand and squeezed it, and I was all too aware that she was surprised that I did it.

“I—I apologize for what happened that night,” I said, and offered her a sincere smile. “I was struggling to socialize back then because I came from a very strict family...”

She frowned and waved her other hand. “Oh, no! You don’t need to apologize, Aliyah. Uhm, and I understand that you had some fear of befriending people. Actually, Lucas informed me about it. B—But I hope we can be, uhm, friends...”

I pursed my lips, trying to suppress my smile as I couldn’t believe that a human wanted to be friends with me.

“Please?” she asked carefully.

That’s when I could no longer hide my happiness. I chuckled, nodded at her, and then wrapped her up in a tight hug. For most of my life, I’d been surrounded by people who didn’t want me, and loathed me to the core. Now that everything had changed and here I was, trying to rebuild my life in the way that I desired, I wouldn’t dare run away from these people who wanted me to be part of their lives.

I only wanted happiness, and this was already it...

"Of course, Jane, we can be friends," I said sincerely before pulling away from each other.

We both chuckled. Before I realized it, we were able to serve so many foods for our pack mates together, and I had fun cooking with Jane. Just like Liana, Alice, and Charlotte, I felt like I had found a new sibling, and we were like soul sisters who got each other's back.

Reid, on the other hand, had dealt with the behavior issues of the young wolves. Even after breakfast, I found him scolding the twins in their room for making fun of Liana. I wanted to intervene and somehow try to calm him down, but I didn't dare do so as I knew he was only doing what he needed to do to correct Ellie and Dustin.

"Such a pain in the a.ss," Liana muttered while leaning on the doorframe of the twins' room.

We were both watching Reid and how he dealt with the twins accordingly.

"I'm sorry that they made fun of you, Liana," I said and patted her back, as I knew how she felt since Ellie and Dustin did the same thing to me several times.

She forced a smile, and then sighed loudly. "I wish I could be kinder like you. I really can't put up with kids. I ended up slapping them and now I feel guilty for what I did."

"That's because you're kind, Liana. You were just set on the edge, but you didn't mean it."

Reid walked toward us after scolding Ellie and Dustin. He closed the twins' bedroom door and started massaging the bridge of his nose. Even if he didn't say it, it was pretty obvious that he got stressed.

"I think I should remind Klaus that I'm not ready to have a child," Liana quipped, and just like that, she left.

Reid moved to my side. I turned to him and he only smiled.

"Tough time?" I asked, wrapping my arms around his waist.

He then nodded. "The twins are such a hard case."

"I have a feeling that they will behave sooner or later. Don't give up on them, alright?"

"I won't." He cupped my face and brushed his thumb on my chin. "Whatever they do inside the house, don't mind them for now. Stay away from them as much as possible. I don't want you to be stressed."

He sounded so worried that my lips curled into a smile. I nodded at him, and tiptoed to give him a kiss on the corner of his lips. What I did somehow helped lift his mood, seeing that he had already flashed me his charming smile.

We went downstairs to join our pack mates who were having fun in the living room. It was at that moment that I felt so relieved from all the stressful things I encountered for the past couple of days. The pack house was full of life, and seeing myself being belonged in one big family made a lot of difference in the way I viewed life. Time passed so fast that before I even realized it, it was already bed time.

Lying on the bed, Reid was massaging one of my feet. It was the first time someone ever massaged me, and I loved the feeling.

"You like it?" he asked.

"I sure do," I replied, with a smile. Feeling much better, I took my feet from his lap and mouthed, "Thank you."

He lay down beside me and looked at the ceiling before he drew in a breath. I shifted my position, facing the side of his face. A dreamy smile crossed his lips, and I couldn't help but be curious as to what the reason behind his smile was.

"You look so happy," I commented.

He glanced and blinked at me. "I've got reasons to be happy."

"So, is this a guessing game? What are those reasons?" I quipped and squinted.

"The main reason is you're here with me," he answered directly without breaking our eye contact.

My heart skipped a beat, and I could feel my blood engulfing my cheeks.

“Funny how you looked so worked up and cruel when you were scolding the twins...”

“It’s part of my obligation,” he said, and pinched my nose. “I’m kind of practicing, so once we have a child, I’ll know what to do.”

I was surprised to hear that Reid had an intention of having a child with me. I could feel my heart racing so fast inside my chest as I envisioned myself giving birth to Reid’s child. How does being a parent feel?

“Now, I’m curious.” He shifted his position to be able to look at me further. “How many kids do you want to have?”

I chuckled. “Are you being serious?”

“Yeah, but if you’re not comfortable talking about it, then I’m not going to push it.”

My hand moved to his chest and traced circles on it. “Trust me, it’s fine... and to answer your question, I’d go for two or three?” We then chuckled. “I kind of want to have a big family.”

Reid took my hand that was on his chest and squeezed it. “We’ll have a big family then.”

I felt that all-too familiar warmth inside of me. His words were definitely nice to hear. It sounded like a promise... a lifetime promise.

“That sounds perfect to me.”

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### **REID’S POV**

A surge of happiness went through me at the thought that Aliyah wanted us to have a child, too. My happiness was so strong I could hardly breathe around it. I have been meaning to have a family I could call my own. My life had never been the same again when my parents died. Before I even realized it, I just

found myself dreaming of having a wife and children that I would spend my life with.

And here it was. It seemed that the Moon Goddess was shoving it in my face like she was ready to give it to me. I couldn't be happier...

It felt like my dreams were slowly coming true.

If only Aliyah didn't have a poor health condition, I believed I would not be this reluctant to tell her the truth, that she was pregnant and that we would become parents soon. I was concerned as to how she would react once I told her, and given her current health, I was afraid it would only overwhelm her.

I tucked her hair behind her ear as I watched her sleep peacefully. She was so beautiful, like an angel who descended from the sky, that I sometimes felt that my imagination had only made her up. Every single day when I woke up, her face was the first thing I wanted to see, and at night, it was still her innocent face that my eyes wanted to watch before I went to sleep. It became a routine to my own satisfaction, something that I would never trade for anything else.

I had trouble sleeping that night as many thoughts whirled around my head. I then decided to go down to the kitchen to drink vodka or any hard drink that would knock me out, but to my surprise, Lucas and Jane were there drinking.

They noticed my presence. Lucas seemingly freaked out, but I motioned for him to stay in his seat.

"What are you guys drinking?" I asked.

"Just some beers, Alpha," Lucas answered. "Having trouble sleeping?"

I smirked as I walked to the mini-bar to get a bottle of vodka. "Yeah, I kind of need something that will knock me out."

His mate, Jane, giggled. "How's Aliyah, Alpha?"

"She's fine, and already sleeping." I grabbed a glass and put some ice on it. "Thank you for keeping her company, Jane."

“Please, don’t mention it, Alpha. We decided to be friends. I had fun cooking with her.”

Lucas’s smile widened at the sound of Jane’s jolly voice. I could smell that he was deeply in love. Fvcking wolf senses.

“I hope you’re not getting a culture shock here. You see, werewolves and humans do live differently,” I told Jane right before I sat down on the seat across from them.

Jane sipped on her bottle of beer and shook her head. “You can say that I am still in a daze, Alpha. I’m not really familiar with the wolf things because I only read a few bits of information about them from books, but I think I can live with it now,” she said meaningfully and gazed at Lucas.

I couldn’t help but smile. It was the same thing I felt with Aliyah. I was so damn smitten that I just found myself breaking rules, pulling some strings and living differently because I wanted her to stay by my side.

I guess every one of us could do all kinds of things for our true mate, the love of our life.

I mind linked with Lucas and told him, ‘Congratulations, you got her smitten.’

Lucas shook his head, smirking.

As the night went on, we talked about a lot of stuff. That’s when I realized that Jane, a human, was a good talker too; no wonder that Lucas did not reject her. Our casual conversation was only interrupted when we heard the loud growls of the wolves that had just entered the kitchen.

My jaw clenched, realizing that the wolves were none other than the twins, Ellie and Dustin. I finished my vodka and stood up, clicking my neck and glancing at them in annoyance.

“You two are supposed to be asleep by now,” I said in a low growl.

But the two wolves did not even flinch. Instead, they ran around the kitchen and shoved Lucas and Jane’s drinks on the table, which scared the humans in an instance. Rage boiled through me as I watched them disrespect us. I cursed under my breath, and I couldn’t stop myself from snapping out of them.

“Ellie, Dustin, stop it right now!” I yelled and swiftly followed them.

I held both of their necks using my claws and forced them to shift back to their human forms using the Alpha command power.

Dustin let out a snort. “We were just playing, Alpha.”

“Playing in the middle of the night?!” I leaned forward to meet his eyes. “When are you going to behave?!”

They both froze, and I could feel their shivers going down their spines. I growled once more, making Ellie cry loudly, but I didn’t give a damn.

“We—We are sorry, Alpha...” she said.

I breathed in heavily and shook my head. There was no way these two would ever learn their lesson just by talking to them. Thinking that they might end up causing so much stress to my pregnant mate, I have decided to not show them any mercy.

“What’s going on here?” Klaus entered the kitchen with a frown.

“These two must be punished accordingly, Klaus.” My eyes narrowed as I still looked down at them.

The twins’ faces turned pale. I kind of felt a pang of guilt but I simply ignored it as I needed to be tough in order for them to learn by hook or crook.

“What? What did they do this time?”

“Same old. They disrespected their pack mates.”

“Again?!”

I glanced at Klaus. “These two are banned from shifting.”

“W—What? Alpha, no!” Dustin protested.

“You are lucky enough that this is the only punishment I’m giving both of you,” I said wryly. “You two should not shift into your wolf form until I lift the punishment. If any of us sees you shift, you will be thrown out of the pack.”

Their mouths fell open, and seconds later, Ellie cried like a loud baby. Oh, sh!t. I huffed in frustration.

“Okay, I’ll walk them back to their room,” Klaus said, trying to hide the fact that he was laughing.

“Good, make sure they both sleep before you leave them.”

“I need a salary for being their nanny, Reid.” He laughed.

Sighing, I shook my head and turned to Lucas and Jane. “I’m sorry about that.”

“No problem, Alpha,” Lucas said as he soothed Jane.

“I’ll go upstairs to rest. You two should do the same.”

They both nodded. As I left, I couldn’t help but ponder whether I’d experienced the same thing from our child. I wish we could become good parents. It would only be a headache if our child grew up just like Ellie or Dustin.

When I went back to our room, I walked towards the bed and caressed Aliyah’s face. As I k!ssed her good night, I hoped that her pregnancy would turn out well.

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### **ALIYAH’S POV**

When I woke up the next morning, I spent an hour crouching over the toilet bowl and throwing up the food I had eaten the night before. I washed my face and brushed my teeth afterward, which made me feel a little better, although I could still feel that my tummy was being twisted for some unknown reason.

As soon as I got out of the bathroom, my eyes landed on the bed, realizing that Reid wasn’t here when I blinked awake. He might have needed to attend to some meeting or deal with his pack mates as the Alpha, and so I understood he may have had to leave early in the morning.

After changing clothes, I finally went down to the main kitchen as I wanted to cook a hot soup to ease the discomfort in my stomach and for our pack

mates, but as soon as I stepped into that, my gaze went to Reid, who was wearing an apron and totally topless underneath.

My lips curled into a smile. I leaned on the doorframe and gawked at him in awe. He looked completely stunning, even in an apron, and I couldn't help but enjoy the all too familiar desire going through my groin area.

When he turned around, our gaze locked, and he flashed a boyish smile at me. My wolf was feeling giddy at the sight of him, and so I walked towards him and gave him a kiss on the lips.

"I thought you left to do some work," I said, wrapping my arms around his waist as I looked up at him.

He caressed my back, still smiling, and replied, "Preparing breakfast for my mate is also one of my duties as an Alpha."

His words made me giggle. I pulled away and checked what he was cooking, and I became excited upon seeing that he was making a mushroom soup; very timely for my stomach that was acting up.

"It's almost done. Just sit right there and I will serve you," he said softly.

I pouted my lips and looked at him intently. He was so sweet and thoughtful that it made my heart so full and warm. I couldn't ask for more, realizing he was more than enough to be my everything.

I went to the table and settled in there, feeling excited to have some soup. When Reid finally served it with roasted meat and sweet potatoes, my mouth started to water and my stomach started to grumble.

He sat right next to me, and as we ate, I couldn't help but praise him for the delicious food. The soup in my stomach felt so good that the nausea I had just vanished right away.

"I love the soup..." I said, and leaned my head on his shoulder. "Thank you."

"Anything for my queen," he said, smiling, and then wrapped his left arm around my waist and sipped on his coffee.

It was the kind of morning I hoped to have every single day. We were having a great time and were only interrupted by loud noises from upstairs. It was followed by the familiar growl of Klaus that made me and Reid glance at each other.

“What’s happening?”

“Fvck. Here they are again,” Reid said as he stood up. “I need to go upstairs to check on Klaus and the twins.”

I frowned at what he said. Knowing the behaviour of the twins, I knew Reid would become irritated once again. Afraid that he might be unable to control himself and scare the twins away, I also stood up and held him in the arm.

“Let me go with you,” I said.

Worry filled his eyes as he shook his head. “No. Stay here, Aliyah. I don’t want you to feel any stress.”

“I’ll be fine, Reid.” I squeezed his arm tight and looked at him pleading. “Please?”

He breathed heavily and then let out a sigh afterward.

“Fine, but don’t intervene...”

I nodded in response. We heard another loud thud upstairs, and so we hurried up and checked what was going on between Klaus, Ellie, and Dustin.

However, when we got there, I was taken aback when I saw the twins in their wolf form, cornering Klaus as they snarled at them. I was frankly surprised by the fact that Klaus did not shift to let the twins see that he was more powerful than they were, but I guess he couldn’t scare them that way.

“Damn it!” Reid growled. “Step back, Aliyah.”

“O—Okay...”

I took a couple of steps backward, while Reid walked towards them. I was even more shocked when he partly shifted and roared out loud, which weakened the twins. All of a sudden, the twins knelt on the floor, shaking so badly after what Reid had done.

“Didn’t I tell the both of you that you were banned from shifting?” Reid growled at them angrily. “You had the audacity to defy my command?”

Nobody dared speak from the twins. Klaus tried to calm Reid down by patting him on his shoulder, but it was evident that the Alpha was on the edge all over again.

“Prepare to throw these kids outside the borders, Klaus!”

I felt a pang of fear at what he declared. Even Ellie and Dustin went into an instant panic and begged for his forgiveness right away. However, Reid was so furious that he couldn’t force himself to be merciful to them.

That’s when I decided to step in and stand in between Reid and the twins. I knew Reid didn’t want me to intervene, but I could never let him decide something out of his high emotions.

“Aliyah…” he made a low growl. His teeth gritted as he watched me shield the twins from him.

I shook my head and bravely stared at him. “You have to calm down, Reid. Your anger will never resolve this matter.”

“She’s right,” Klaus added as he nodded.

Reid still looked so mad, not even moving for a bit while he gave the twins a deadly glare as if they were some kind of his enemies.

I stood still, nervous, and then cleared my throat to get his attention.

“Let me speak with them,” I said.

The corner of his mouth twitched up. “And then what? They are only going to disrespect you, Aliyah.”

I bit my lip, feeling a bit of pressure inside my chest. He was so mad that even I, was afraid of him… but I couldn’t let him just decide to throw these kids away because he was freaking mad.

“Trust me on this, Reid. I will just talk to them,” I said carefully.

We maintained eye contact for a few seconds, and when he felt I would not back down, that’s when he gave in and nodded.

“But I’m not going to let you talk to them alone,” he growled.

I nodded. My eyes looked at the bed in the left corner of the room and I motioned for him to stay there while I talked to the twins on the other bed. He continued to watch them with his eyes smoldering. Klaus dragged him to the other side of the room, and I was left to face Ellie and Dustin, who were seemingly terrified.

“Let’s talk.”

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### **ALIYAH’S POV**

The three of us sat on the bed. Ellie and Dustin were both uncomfortable and could only give me a secret glare knowing Reid was only on the other bed and watching us in silence.

“I want to understand why do you keep disrespecting your pack mates,” I started as I stared at both of them carefully.

Ellie rolled her eyes. She nudged her twin brother before she crossed her arms against her chest, seemingly not interested in talking to me so she wanted Dustin to do it for both of them.

“Why do you care? Didn’t we already make it clear that we don’t like you?” Dustin hissed.

I heard Reid growling from the other bed. I took a quick glance at him, and nodded to assure him that I could do this on my own.

“I do care because I feel like you’re just letting all your chances to live a great life lose by fighting against everyone in here.” I sighed a bit and continued.

“You see, every people here wanted to get along with you. But you’re not giving us a chance....”

“That’s because you’re going to hurt us anyway. The same thing like what our father did when he left the pack,” Ellie replied bitterly.

Her words made me surprised. Were they acting this way all this time because of their father? My forehead creased. As I looked at Ellie, I couldn't deny that something in her eyes were telling me that she was hurting.

"I am sorry to hear that, Ellie." I bit my lower lip and tried to hold her hand but she slapped my hand right away.

"Don't touch me!" she snorted.

"I'm sorry if I did that, Ellie," I said and gave her a thin smile. "But I've been meaning to tell you that we just want to help the both of you. You guys are lucky that you have a responsible Alpha who is kind enough to care about your well being. I didn't get the chance to experience such a concern when I was still living in my previous pack."

Dustin looked at me as if he was interested to hear something about my past, and so I continued, "I am an Alpha's daughter. But unlike the both you, I struggled for most of my life. I was enslaved by my own family, starved and beaten to their satisfaction because they simply hated my existence. I was your age when I experience severe punishments that almost killed me." I breathed in heavily and then swallowed hard. "Dustin, Ellie, you are fortunate that your Alpha Reid wasn't someone as cruel and terrifying as my own father."

"Liar," Ellie commented in grim. "Do you think we're going to buy that story? You just made it up!"

I frowned and was encouraged to make them realize that I was telling the truth, and so I stood up and motioned for them to look at my physique.

"My body is the constant reminder of my traumatic past. This was caused by the Alphas of my previous pack..." I managed a shaky smile, and then I sighed. "I had a difficult teenage life, and I don't want the both of you to experience it. That's why I want to beg you not to disrespect your pack mates anymore. Not anyone is kind enough to show their concerns about you. Alpha Reid is doing the best he could so that you'll grown into somebody who would always do the right thing, and so once you meet your mates and you get to have your own families, your children wouldn't walk in the wrong path. I know for sure that you do want to have a good life, isn't that correct?"

They both glanced at each other. At the time, I could see the guilt behind their eyes, like my story finally reached their hearts and they believed me.

I mustered the courage to hold their hands. When they didn't flinch, I squeezed their hands tight. Giving them a sincere smile, I couldn't help but become emotional after bringing up my past with them.

The traumatic years I've endured was something I no longer want to remember . . . I didn't want to replay those painful memories as it would only make me question my existence, and ask the Moon Goddess whether she hated me or she just wanted me to become her laughing stock. All the more reason why I trained my mind not to recall the saddest part of my life.

"F—Fine..." Ellie bit her lower lip and looked up at me. "Do you think we can still redeem ourselves after everything we did?"

My heart sank in happiness when I saw the sincerity in her eyes. I caressed the side of her jaw, and then nodded at her.

"Of course, Ellie," I replied and also glanced at Dustin. "Both of you are still young and regardless of age, anyone of us have the privilege to change for the better, to become a better version of ourselves as we go through this life."

"We believe you," Dustin told me.

I was astounded to hear it from him. My eyes went teary, and before I even realized it, I hugged them together. While I was doing so, my eyes landed in Reid's direction, and I felt giddy when he flashed his proud smile at me.

After having a serious conversation with the twins, Klaus accompanied them to the main kitchen so they could have their breakfast before they go to school. Me and Reid were left in the room, and as soon as he walked up to me, my body felt weaker, to the point that I fell into his arm.

"Aliyah, are you alright?"

"I feel a bit dizzy..." I replied, shutting my eyes as I breathed sharply.

Reid went into panic and immediately scooped me up. He carried me into his arms and we walked to our private haven in the pack house. He put me on the bed and covered my body with a blanket.

“You need to rest more,” he said as he stroke my hair gently. “Do you feel any pain in your body?”

I shook my head and moved closer to him. Wrapping my arm around his waist, I felt more secure and warm.

“That’s relief.” He tucked my hair behind my ear and then pulled me in a hug. “Tell me if you feel any pain. I will call Charlotte right away, got that?”

“Yes, I will. Don’t worry, I just need some rest.”

“You better be resting more, Aliyah...” He inhaled sharply and I heard him clear his throat. “Your condition is crucial. It’s better if you stay in this room and just relax.”

My brows furrowed at what he said. I looked up at him. My heart was pounding aggressively when I asked, “My condition is crucial?”

The thought of it made me feel the goose bumps all over my body, and the dreadful feeling made my chest tighten in an instance.

Reid pressed his lips together as he looked at me carefully. He then nodded his head, and I could have sworn I felt a pang of pain in my heart.

“A—Am I going to die?” I asked as I tried to sit upright, completely taken by the fear.

“N—No, you’re not, Aliyah.”

“Then what? You said my condition is crucial!”

His jaw clenched. I watched him licking his lower lip as I waited for him to answer.

“You’re pregnant, Aliyah....”

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ALIYAH’S POV

“You’re pregnant, Aliyah....”

“W—What did you say?” I asked, my heart racing at the moment, completely confused and startled about what he had just told me.

I am... what?

Pregnant?

He stared down at me intently. His pair of blue eyes were seemingly trying to read the emotions in my eyes; to get through me and read my mind. I drew in a breath, and held his hand tight.

Swallowing hard, I asked, “What are you saying? I... I don’t understand.”

Reid inhaled sharply, taking his hand on my jaw and cupping it. “We are having a child, Aliyah. You are going to be a mother soon.”

I blinked twice as my heart pounded more violently inside my chest, and my mouth fell open at the same time. I was so completely stunned that I couldn’t speak after hearing it from him. I just stared up at him, trying to process everything he said, and when it sank, I just felt the waves of emotions going through me, making me feel nothing but the all too familiar warmth, excitement, and a sheer amount of happiness.

I gasped and moved my hand down my abdomen, trying to feel the baby’s heart beat as my eyes welled up with tears. It was so sudden, and it felt so great that I forgot to breathe for a split second.

“A—Are you sure?”

Reid pressed his forehead to mine. He breathed in, with a small smile escaping his lips, and then he nodded slowly.

“Yes, Aliyah. You are, indeed, pregnant....”

The great news made my tears stream down my face. I was so beyond the moon that I couldn’t say anything other than cry, hold my abdomen and look at Reid with a smile on my trembling lips. He then pulled me into a hug, and then he chuckled.

“You’re not supposed to cry, little wolf.”

I inhaled. “Wow... I, I never thought I was capable of bearing a child. We—We’re going to become parents. We’re going to have our family...”

“That’s right, my love. We’ll be having a family of our own... and I can’t wait to carry our little one in my arms.”

Oh my god. My heart sank in happiness, envisioning the family I’ve been dreaming of. I looked at Reid, smiling heartily.

He was the reason I found hope when I thought my life was meaningless and I should’ve died. He was the reason why I felt a new and intense kind of love just when I thought I wasn’t deserving of it... and now, he gave me another reason to live. He made my dream come true, and I couldn’t be happier right at this point.

His fingers lightly traced my lower lip, and I couldn’t help but gasp from both happiness and the desire that he was making me feel at the time.

“You made me the happiest,” I said as I sobbed.

He then let out a growl at my words.

“I’ve never been this happy all my life, Aliyah. You have no idea how this thing made me so fvcking happy that I can’t breathe anymore.”

With that, he leaned down on me and claimed my lips. He devoured me with kisses, and I was left breathless while I kissed him back, my hand holding his nape to deepen it.

I was so happy to the extent that I wanted to feel him, to go on top of me and crash me down until we both exploded in pleasure. The news made me fvcking horny. All I wanted was se.x.

His other arm tightened around my hips, and I gasped when I felt his mouth trying to part my lips, and when he did he tasted every corner of my mouth, making me moan softly.

I broke the kiss, gasping for air. He was caressing my cheek and hips in the process, and after a minute, he claimed my mouth again. I was all too aware that he wanted it too. His kisses were so demanding, making me lose my mind because of the intense sensation running through my body.

“C—Can we make love?” I asked carefully as I pulled away.

His pair of blue eyes radiated hunger... the same emotion I was feeling at the moment. His jaw clenched right before he nodded at me.

"Of course. It's safe."

I clutched his shoulder and pressed my hot body against his.

"Then make love to me, Reid..." I said, but my voice was soft, like a whisper. "I am so happy that I want you inside me right now."

"Damn it, Aliyah." He growled with possessiveness at my words, and before I even realized it, he had already slid his fingers down my groin area and touched me.

One minute we were k!ssing roughly, and another minute he was already und.ressing me n.aked. My mind was already hazed, and the only thing I was aware of was my need for Reid. That completely overwhelmed me.

And it felt so damn right... more so than anything else in the world.

Reid was just as hungry as I was right now, and so when he finally filled me up with his hard length, I began to lose my sanity.

He thrust himself into me like a wild, yet careful animal, seemingly wanting to feel the pleasure but wouldn't want to hurt our little one. My fingers were at his back, digging deeper into his skin every time he thrust.

"Ahhh..." I m0aned in deep pleasure.

I cried out with each thrust he made, gritting my teeth until he crushed my l!ps again.

I wanted him... so badly.

"This feels so good," he whispered in between our k!sses, and I smirked.

It only took a few more thrusts before I felt that I was coming. I could feel my body already tightening with every thrust he made. I gr0aned, totally lost in the heat and the pleasure washing over me.

My back arched as I came, and seconds after that, Reid came inside of me. We both stilled, and found ourselves panting while our bodies were still colliding.

“I love you...” He pressed his forehead to mine.

It was that moment that I cried again, completely happy about everything happening in my life right now. Reid kissed my forehead and pulled me into a hug.

“I’m so happy that we’re having a child...” I whispered.

He wiped my tears away, and then chuckled. “I am too. I am excited to witness every phase of your pregnancy. I think it will be the most beautiful thing I have ever witnessed in the world.”

His words made me chuckle. I shut my eyes and buried my head on his chest as I started to trace circles on it with my fingers.

“And I promise I’ll protect you, look after you, and love you with all my might, Aliyah,” he said as he stroked my hair. “We have to be careful with your body.”

I nodded, agreeing with what he said. “I will be careful, Reid. I will protect our child from anything.”

“We will, Aliyah. We will do this together...”

I blinked my tears away, looking up at him with a smile of contentment on my lips.

This... this is my everything.

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### **ALIYAH’S POV**

I woke up and realized I fell asleep after Reid and I made love. As the sunshine poured into the room, my eyes immediately landed on the balcony. He was standing up there, topless, as he talked to someone over the phone. It didn’t take a while before he noticed me gawking at him, and I smiled the moment our gaze locked.

“Yeah, keep an eye on them.” He walked up to me while his phone was still on his ear. “Gotcha, I will talk to the elders and tell them my decision. Alright, bye.”

He then ended the call. I sat upright with my hand keeping the blanket wrapped on me to cover my body and asked, "Who is it?"

"It's Sage," he simply answered. His hand moved to my hair and caressed it. "How do you feel right now?"

"I feel great." I couldn't hide my smile at my words. "I'm so happy."

"No pain, anything?"

"No pain, Reid," I said as I shook my head.

He offered me a smile of relief. "That's great. I need to go to the meeting to discuss my plan regarding the poor pack bunking on the main gates. Just stay here in the pack house. I will be back after an hour or two."

"Have you made a decision? What are your plans for the pack that needs our help?" I asked curiously.

"I will take them in, Aliyah."

My eyes widened in surprise. I was totally happy and relieved that he decided to take them in just like how he did when I left my pack. I held his arm and offered him a proud smile.

"You have no idea how you will be able to change their lives with your decision, Reid."

"I can't let my dead father down, little wolf." He smirked and then ruffled my hair.

He then stood up and grabbed his black t-shirt from the couch.

"Can you bring me a vanilla ice cream when you go home?" I asked, as I instantly felt my craving for it.

"Sure, anything else you want to eat?"

"Chocolate ice cream?"

He laughed heartily, walked towards me and gave me a kiss on the lips.

"Alright, anything my mate wants, she gets."

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## REID'S POV

All sorts of emotions were still bouncing around me when I left the room. Smiling, I couldn't help but thank the Moon Goddess for letting me witness Aliyah's when she learned that she was pregnant. It was so priceless, something that I would never forget in this lifetime.

I've never been this happy before. All my worries and hesitation vanished away from that moment. I saw the sheer amount of happiness in her eyes, and I promised myself that I would do everything so I could give her the love and care she needed, and to love our child the way I love her more than anyone else.

I went to the familiar meeting hall. The elders were already gathered to hear my decision regarding the pending issue with the pack outside the borders. Everyone greeted me as I entered the place. I stood up in front of them, sliding my hand into my pocket.

"I heard from Sage that they didn't do anything suspicious over the past couple of days. Is this correct?" I asked.

Cecilia, Klaus's mother, nodded in response. "The Beta and his troops have been keeping an eye on them, Alpha Reid. No suspicious movement so far."

"That's a relief."

I inhaled and scanned the whole room. Every eye was on me, waiting for me to announce my decision. I knew they have been waiting for so long to resolve this matter, and I could only hope that my decision would result in a better outcome, not the other way around...

"I have decided to take them in," I declared.

The elders gasped, but it didn't take a while before I saw their happiness. A ghost of a smile escaped my lips at the thought that my pack valued not just their lives but even the lives of others. I couldn't let them down, as I knew that they only wanted to help.

"We're glad to know that you decided to take them in, Alpha. Those people will be happy once they learn they have a new home," Cecilia said.

I nodded my head and smiled at her, and then looked at everyone again.

"With this decision I made, I hope that we can welcome them with open arms. I will put Klaus and Sage in charge of assisting them into their new home."

My eyes found Sage among the crowd. He only nodded his head, and smirked.

I finished the meeting with the elders right away, and then I went to a mall in the town to buy ice cream for Aliyah. I wasn't that knowledgeable when it came to pregnancy as it was a woman's thing but I already had an idea she'd start to crave more for the next few days or weeks.

After buying her ice cream, I wandered around for a little bit, hoping to find something I could buy for her as a present. That's when I found a jewelry store.

There was no doubt that Aliyah would be the only woman I would like to spend my life with. She was the person that gave me new hope, strength and made me realize I was capable of loving and being loved without any boundaries. The Moon Goddess had given her to me, and I would never let her go from now on.

With that, I considered buying her something special to seal everything we have; a kind of affirmation that I intended to stay with her through everything because I love her so much; a kind of assurance that I will never let go of her, and will do everything I can to keep her with me until my last breath.

I've never been this optimistic about life, not until I found her. Even though this new life was still kind of new to me, I'd be happy to embrace it... and I think I was ready to take this to the next level, especially now that we were having a baby.

I went inside the jewelry store and a staff member immediately walked up to me to assist.

"Alpha, may I know what you are looking for?"

My eyes found the corner that had different designs of the thing I'd want to buy. My lips curled into a smile, envisioning how Aliyah would be so happy once I she learned about my plan.

"Can you please help me choose an engagement ring?"

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### **ALIYAH'S POV**

I made my way downstairs, taking it slowly so I could be sure to keep our baby safe. My hand reached my stomach, and I struggle to keep a smile from bursting forth every time I thought about our little one inside my womb.

My joy did not even slightly fade away. Thinking that I would give birth to a baby and we would have a complete family in just a few months, I could feel the joy pulsing through my veins.

I'd be able to hold our baby in my arms... I could not wait to shower our child with unconditional love, kisses, and my everything.

I promised that I'd give my best to our baby... and at the same time, become the best partner I could be for Reid.

"Aliyah!"

My eyes followed the familiar voice of a woman and saw Charlotte, who had just walked into the pack house. I carefully walked towards her, my chest being welled by positive emotions that I ended up crying in front of her.

"Charlotte, do you... do you know that I'm pregnant?" I asked.

Her eyes radiated with delight. "Oh, Reid already told you!"

I nodded as I sobbed in joy.

She caressed my hair and eyed me happily. "I already found out when you went to the clinic the last time." She giggled and then pulled me into a hug. "Congratulations. You and Reid will become parents sooner."

I chuckled and wiped my tears as we both pulled away.

“But why didn’t you tell me?” I asked curiously.

“Oh, that’s because I wanted Reid to tell you first, and I just thought it might sound more r0mantic if you heard it first from your mate,” she said truthfully and then winked at me.

I couldn’t help but laugh at Charlotte’s reason as to why she decided not to tell me about it, but she had a point. I was so happy that I was able to hear the news from Reid first.

“Thank you, Charlotte.”

“I’m so happy for you and Reid, Aliyah.” She then narrowed her eyes while looking at me. “Don’t forget to take the vitamins I prescribed for you. Balance your day from now on. You should have plenty of sleep, a balanced diet, and exercise. Avoid stressing yourself because your baby will feel it.”

I nodded at her. “I will keep that in my mind, Charlotte.”

She wiggled her eyebrows and gave me a malicious smile. “Se.x is fine though....”

My cheeks reddened at what she said. I cupped my face and could only give her a shy smile. She laughed out loud and was only interrupted when Klaus, Ellie and Dustin arrived.

“You seem to be having a good conversation, huh?” Klaus commented with a smirk.

“Oh, we do until you came.” Charlotte rolled her eyes at him.

I shook my head, smiled, and glanced over at Ellie and Dustin. They were watching us carefully and seemingly trying to behave as much as they could. I glanced back at Klaus and poked his arm to get his attention.

“Uhm, how were they at school?” I asked.

He c0cked his head to the side. “Honestly, I’m shocked that they actually behaved in school. They act like they are done being goddamn brutes.”

“Klaus, language!” Charlotte hissed at him.

He just shrugged. "Well, I'm done being their nanny for today."

Klaus walked upstairs as he'd probably want to take a rest. Charlotte then tapped my shoulder, and informed me that she'd go into the kitchen. I only nodded at her before I drew my attention to the kids.

"Did you have fun at school?" I carefully asked them.

Ellie breathed in heavily and looked up at me, with guilt evident in her eyes.

"Y—Yeah..." she replied.

Dustin let out a sigh. "We... uhm, we are sorry for everything we've done."

I gasped. I didn't expect those words to come out of his mouth, so I was caught off guard.

"We're sorry, Aliyah..." Ellie added. "We won't do bad things ever again..."

Relief washed through me. Seconds later, I found ourselves smiling at each other. I ruffled their hair to break the awkwardness.

"Don't worry, I'm not mad at both of you," I said as I let out a sigh. "But you have to apologize to the Alpha. Are we clear on this?"

"Yes," they both answered in chorus.

"Perfect!" I caressed Ellie's soft cheek and continued, "You can go to your room now to change your clothes and rest for a bit. I'll call you right up once dinner is ready."

"Thank you, Aliyah!"

My gaze followed them as they rushed upstairs. It was unexpected to turn things like this knowing how they had behaved for the past few days, but I was glad that they finally realized their mistake. It only added to my happiness.

Smiling, I went to the kitchen to cook food for dinner. While I busied myself with making seafood dishes, I felt a hot breath on my neck. I was so immersed in cooking that I didn't notice that Reid had finally arrived home.

His arms were wrapped around my waist and his head was buried in my neck. It gave me a ticklish feeling that I couldn't stop giggling.

“Stop it, Reid. I’m cooking,” I said as I bit my lower lip.

“You smell so good. I can’t help it,” he replied in his hoarse voice, which sent me all too familiar warmth all the way down to my groin.

He kissed my neck, which added to the desire building up in my body.

“Reid...” I said, trying to warn him.

He only chuckled and released me afterward. “Fine, later.”

I rolled my eyes and continued what I was doing while he just sat on the side watching me.

“How’s the meeting with the elders?” I asked curiously after putting the meat in the pot.

“It went well. They are satisfied with my decision,” he replied proudly.

“That’s great! I can’t wait to welcome the new members of the pack.”

Reid took my hand and kissed the back of it. “I know that you’re excited to meet them, but we have to prepare for a more important event that will happen this week, Aliyah.”

My brow furrowed at his statement. “What is it?”

He breathed in heavily as he stood up and stared down at me intently. All sorts of questions whirled around my head when he fell silent for a brief moment. I could see the admiration behind his eyes, and it made my heart race.

Swallowing hard, I held his arm and asked again, “What event are we expecting this week?”

Reid cupped my face with care. I must say that I like how he made me feel at this point. He made me feel like a unique lady, as if his eyes were just designed to gaze at me.

With him around, I always felt so appreciated, wanted, and safe. I would never trade this particular moment for anything else.

But still, I was still curious about what he said.

“Reid?”

He was amused. The next thing I knew, he was kneeling in front of me, and I could do nothing but gasp and stare at him with my eyes wide open. When he pulled a small box from his pocket, my heart began to beat rapidly, and by the time he opened it, I had already cried.

“I intend to perform our unification this week. But first, I must ask you, my love...” He took a deep breath and gazed up at me with love and hope emanating from his eyes. “Would you be willing to become my wife and Luna?”

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ALIYAH’S POV

My heart throbbed with happiness. I couldn’t think of a time that I felt this way before. The glimmer of hope and contentment bloomed inside of me as I stared down at Reid, who was on his bended knees, and had just asked me to be his wife and Luna.

Still in astonishment over what was happening, I covered my mouth with my hands while tears streamed down my face—this time, I could confirm that they were tears of joy.

“Reid...” I trailed off, my voice shaking, making me unable to utter another word.

He gave me the most genuine smile I’d ever seen. It was as if he’d never felt more alive than the day we met, and I could confirm that it was the same for me.

When I was in the depths of despair, he was there for me. He cheered my soul and helped me heal from the wounds of my past.

He became my sunshine. He showed me the light that I thought I’d never see in this lifetime.

And I love him... I love him so much, not because we’re mates, but because I’ve come to the point where I accepted him for who he was, every aspect of him...

“Be my wife, Aliyah. Let’s make it official,” he uttered softly.

I gasped as gratitude flowed through me. Crying in joy, I slowly nodded my head and offered him a smile.

“I’m not going to resist. I’m done with that...” I replied.

Reid chuckled. I could see in his pair of blue eyes that my answer raised his spirits. The sight of him being so happy filled me with such deep contentment.

He stood up and put the ring on my finger, and all I did was watch that priceless moment, as it would become my constant reminder that a man—an Alpha of the Jewel Pack—decided to live his life with me.

“Tell me this isn’t a dream, Reid...” I inhaled heavily and looked at him. “You made me the happiest!”

“You are my happiness, Aliyah, and I will never let you go,” he said in a heartfelt way.

Reid’s lips crashed down on mine, and just like that, I felt the searing pleasure flowing through my veins. He devoured me with his kiss, and I kissed him back with the same amount of happiness and desire. We were only interrupted by loud applause, which almost gave me a heart attack.

We both pulled away and glanced at the door frame where we saw Klaus, Liana, Sage, Alice, and Charlotte, who were smiling at us and were clearly happy to witness Reid’s proposal.

Reid wrapped his arm around my hips and I leaned my head against his hard chest while smiling at the people watching us.

“How long have you been standing right there?” Reid asked them.

“Long enough for us to realize how the both of you are smitten with each other,” Klaus remarked with a smirk. “Congratulations, engaged couple.”

Liana and Alice shrieked in glee. They both ran towards me to embrace me. I felt wonderfully alive to know that these people were so happy for us. It was something that I’d never forget, for they have become my new home.

"I'm so happy for you, Aliyah! We heard from Charlotte that you're pregnant!" Liana exclaimed.

I nodded at them to confirm it. Alice clasped her hands together and looked at me with such a joy in her eyes.

"It's been a while since this pack had a baby born, so we are very excited to meet the Alpha and Luna's first newborn!" she said.

"Thank you so much, guys..." were all the words I could say.

"So when do you plan to get married?" Klaus asked Reid curiously.

"This week," Reid answered, before he looked down at me. "And the ceremony proclaiming Aliyah's role as my Luna will follow the unification."

"That sounds fun!" Liana said happily. "If you need help with the preparation, we would be happy to lend some hands!"

"Liana is right," Alice added. "Just let us know. We want the marital unification to be perfect for both of you."

"I appreciate all your help and support," Reid said to them.

"No problem but..." Liana trailed off and then she sniffed. "Can we have our dinner first?"

All of us laughed. I then finished cooking the dinner and served it to the pack. Reid announced our engagement in front of the pack members in the dining area, and I was filled with praise and support that I never thought I'd be getting until I stumbled into this territory.

After dinner, Reid and I went back to our place. I was on the balcony, gazing at the moon and feeling the cold night breeze. I smiled, recalling all the great things that happened today, and I was so grateful to the Moon Goddess for letting me feel this kind of joy and contentment.

Just when I thought my life wasn't worth living, the Moon Goddess found a way to prove to me otherwise. The moment I set my foot on this territory, I felt alive once again. Even though a small part of me was still yearning for the love of my father, or even my brother Shawn, there was no doubt that I had become complete after meeting Reid.

I felt a soft and warm blanket engulf me. My thoughts were ripped out when I glanced over my shoulder and realized that Reid had put a blanket on my shoulders to protect me from the coldness of the night. He hugged me from behind, which made my body feel warmer, and I could only smile at his sweet gesture.

"Penny for your thoughts?" he said softly.

I drew in a breath and leaned my head against his chest. I shut my eyes for a split second, feeling the greatness of our current position.

"I just can't believe that we are finally getting married," I answered.

He pressed his lips to the side of my head. "Should I pinch your cheek then?"

I giggled like a kid, but before he could pinch me, I had already pinched him in his arm. He groaned a bit, but after that he just laughed and embraced me tighter.

"Do you think I'm capable of being your Luna?" I asked all of a sudden as the thought of becoming his Luna somehow overwhelmed me.

Being a Luna takes a lot of responsibility. I wasn't sure if I could perform my duty knowing that I was pregnant. But I don't want to disappoint any of them...

"Here you are, doubting yourself again," he uttered as he breathed in. "You don't have to think about the responsibility you have to face, Aliyah. Our priority is your health and keeping our child safe."

"But I have to do something as your Luna, isn't that correct?" I asked curiously and looked back at him.

"Yes." He smiled and kissed my cheek. "You have to be yourself. You don't need to please anyone here, Aliyah. We like you for how natural you are."

I blinked in surprise, and seconds later, I just smiled at his words.

"I love you, Reid."

He made me turn to him and responded, "I love you too, Aliyah..."

And then, under the moonlight, he kissed me, and it was more than enough to keep the negative thoughts away.

